



Prayer Lists

Newly Added:

Alonzo & Sylvia Sosa-home fire
 Donald Anderson (father of Dennis Anderson)
 Family of Oneida Clifton
 Family of Milton Engle (Lucy Potts' brother)
 Family of Elaine Jones (wife of Charlie, ret. TAMUC physics prof.)

Continued Prayers for Church Family

Clifton Julian	Donna Cottle
Kelsey Hall	Janet Skauge
Fred Tarpley	Gene McKenzie
Helen Dickson	Peggy Fox
Jean Ward	Robert Seay

Continued Prayers Family & Friends

Larry Chaloupka	Johnny Davis (Sue Davis' son)
Marie Inman	Jane Otani (Sue Porter's friend)
Danny Lunsford	Bill Cole (Judy Anderson's father)
Dee Faires	James Culp (Terry Brater's father)
Chance Thornton	Wayne Billups (Hayley Jobe's father)

Haiti Earthquake victims
 Jewell Stovall (Helen's Rowe's sister)
 Mary Sue Walker (Helen Rowe's sister)
 Joan Littlejohn (Judy Rudoff's friend)
 Steve Jones (Rockdale Baptist Church Pastor)
 Ruth Robinson (UMW Conference President)
 Whitney Bramitt (Danny Shepherd's daughter)
 Kenneth Durand (Eileen Faulkenberry's uncle)
 Sam Duckworth (Jessica Duckworth's young son)
 Walker Rainey (Sharon & Lanny Rainey's grandson)
 Sarah Shein (Lamont & Sarah Cunningham's granddaughter)
 Mary Woodley (Ruth Ann White's mother-in-law & Anna Knutson's Grandmother)

If you have someone you would like to add or remove from the prayer list, please let the church office know (903-886-3220).



Remembering those serving in our military.

Our Troops and their families
 Robert Starkey-Haiti (Wanda Beane's brother)
 Travis Miller (in *Afghanistan*)-Lena Faulkner's great-grandson
 Aaron K. Brister-son of Eddie and Roberta Brister
 Alex Dech (in *Afghanistan*)-Pastor Ron Dech's son
 Chris Hall-Kelsey Hall's brother
 1st Lt. Daniel Robnett-Wanda Robnett's grandson
 Nathan Grove
 David Wheat- Edna O'Quinn's nephew
 Sgt. Stephen Smith & Denise Smith
 Lt. Col. Richard Bailey
 Lt. Col. Peter Bailey
 Lt. Col. Keith Williams
 Rusty Webb-son of Margaret & Tommy Overturf
 Dwayne Hooe-neighbor of Margaret & Tommy Overturf
 Brian Richards- nephew of Judy Rudoff
 Derik Johnson
 Keith L. Boone-former Associate Pastor
 Terry & Robert Starkey - brothers of Wanda Beane
 Lt. Dan Barton
 Kris Yoder-son-in-law of John & Rebecca Sneed
 Staff Sgt. Geoff Abbe & Sgt. Eric Abbe-cousins of Ladonna & Chris Patterson
 Garrett Johnson



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Life is a Journey
 And every journey has its twists & turns!

Pastors Aleze & Lisa are leading a Tuesday Noon Brown Bag Bible Study Starting February 23rd
 in the Family Ministries Center

This Lent, we're following Jesus on his journey and taking a closer look at his human side. Each week we'll delve deeper into the sermon text from Sunday. Bring a lunch. Come one week or every week. Invite a friend or come alone. Make it a discipline. Enjoy the company. It will be great fun!

Join us as we explore these aspects of Jesus' journey:

- Temptation
- Rejection
- Loneliness
- Anger
- Despair



Health Kits Needed for Haiti Relief

FUMC-Commerce is collecting supplies and monetary donations to make UMCOR health kits for earthquake survivors. The kits will be distributed through the Sager Brown Depot of United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) in Baldwin, LA.



Here's how you can help:

1. Drop supplies in the collection bin located outside the Family Ministries Center. We need the following:

- hand towels (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27", no kitchen towels)
- Washcloths
- combs (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- nail files or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- bath-size bars of soap (3 oz. and up)
- toothbrushes (single brushes only in original wrapper; no child-size brushes)
- adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages

2. Put a check in the offering plate with "Haiti Health Kit" in memo line.

Mission and More (M&M) children will assemble kits on February 24.

Questions? Contact Angela Roberts at 903-886-2142 / aqroberts@hotmail.com

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Dear Church Family,

This week marks the beginning of the season of Lent, the 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter (not including Sundays). During these weeks we will be traveling with Jesus. That may seem an obvious statement to make—of course, we’re traveling with Jesus. He’s on his way to the cross and we’re following. Isn’t that what we do during Lent?



Yes, we’ll be journeying with Jesus to the cross, but we’ll be looking at particular scriptures along the way... the moments in which Jesus reveals the depth of his humanity. We know Jesus is the Son of God, and is in fact one with God. And it is precisely because Jesus is God that his humanity is such a paradox to us. And yet there are very poignant stories in the Gospels that reveal to us the very real nature of Jesus’ human emotions and impulses.

We are going to explore these aspects of Jesus’ journey: when he was tempted, rejected, lonely, angry, filled with despair. I have felt those things. We all have. They are a part of every journey of life at some point along the way. Could it be that we believe in a God who has felt them, too? Really?

Truthfully, the whole Jesus Event (birth, life, death, resurrection) has no meaning if he didn’t feel those things. If he just dabbled in humanity, felt no pain, rose above it all... then where’s the miracle in that story? But the Gospel story is a miracle... a miracle of the greatest love ever given: God to all humanity... God to us.

For God so loved the whole world that God decided to come among us as one of us, the word made flesh, so that we might believe in the unconditional and boundless love that God had to offer us and in believing be made whole and even holy.

This year during Lent you will be given a gift: a faith ribbon. The first Sunday you will receive a ribbon and the first of the cards to thread onto your ribbon. Each week you will receive a new card with words of hope and encouragement as we face yet another struggle on our journey. I hope you will be in worship these weeks ahead. And I hope you will invite a friend who you believe would benefit from a word of hope in the midst of a hurting world.

See you in church on Sunday!

Lisa

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Worship

February 21, 2010

Rev. Lisa Greenwood will begin the Lenten Series: Life is a Journey

Please join us during this Lenten Season!

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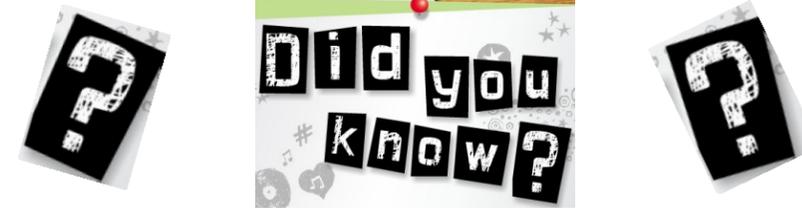
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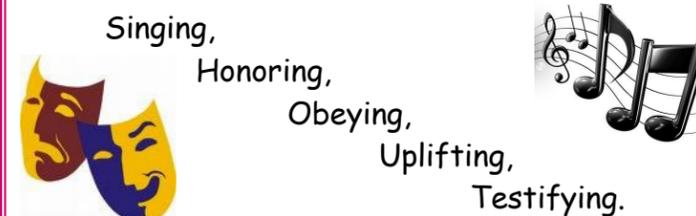
- According to Federal statistics released in December, 16.3% of Texas households lack regular access to adequate nutrition?
- The percentage of “food” insecure households in Texas is 4% higher than the national average ranking Texas ahead of only Mississippi?
- The recession can be blamed for part of this low standing. A decade ago when the economy was booming, the percentage of food insecure families was 15.2%?

Please prayerfully consider giving to the Special Lenten Offering.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY CORNER

SHOUT! is a new creative arts ministry beginning March 3. It will be Wednesdays 5:00-6:00pm.

It stands for:



At SHOUT! children use their creative gifts to praise God. Some of the things they will be participating in are:

- ✦ Playing Orff instruments
- ✦ Dramatics
- ✦ Movement
- ✦ Hand drumming
- ✦ Hymn and scripture memory
- ✦ Fun games
- ✦ Leading worship

Each week we will provide meaningful spiritual and musical activities to bring the children enjoyment, achievement, discipline, and social enrichment, and—most importantly—to draw them closer to God.

Spring Break Mission Trip

We will team up with FUMC-Bridgeport to go to Juarez. The cost is \$200. Everyone will need a passport. We will leave Sunday, March 14 and return Friday, March 19. Please contact Judy Rudoff this week if you are interested in going.



Reading the Bible Daily

As you seek to grow closer to God through daily prayer and Bible study, you may have your own favorite daily readings. If not, you will find Scriptures for each day listed below. We hope you’ll read daily and ask yourself: “How will I be different today because of what I just read?” Some other questions you might ask are: What does this text say about who God is? “What does this text say about who I am/who we are as human beings?” “What does this text say about our relationship with God?” You may want to reflect on paper with a journal or note pad. We hope this will become a part of your daily prayer time.

Daily Scripture Readings:

Sunday, Feb 21	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Monday, Feb 22	Genesis 15:1-6
Tuesday, Feb 23	Genesis 15:7-12, 17-18
Wednesday, Feb 24	Psalm 27:1-6
Thursday, Feb 25	Psalm 27:7-14
Friday, Feb 26	Luke 13:31-35
Saturday, Feb 27	Philippians 3:17-19
Sunday, Feb 28	Philippians 3:20-4:1
Monday, Mar 1	Isaiah 55:1-9
Tuesday, Mar 2	Luke 13:1-9
Wednesday, Mar 3	Luke 13:1-9
Thursday, Mar 4	Isaiah 55:1-9
Friday, Mar 5	1 Corinthians 10:12-13
Saturday, Mar 6	1 Corinthians 10:1-13