



## Prayer Lists

### Newly Added:

Joy in the birth of Mackenzie Rae (Gabe & Alicia Wittkopf's niece)  
Helen Dickson

### Continued Prayers for Church Family

Mary Dagenhart	Elizabeth Ragsdale
Buddy Gregg	Sally Grove
Ahtrell Dalton	Pete Robinson
Sherie Kao	Clay Yeager
Gary Kibler	Jan Vowell
Jean Ward	Robert Seay

### Continued Prayers Family & Friends

Carolyn Howard  
Martha Wolcott (Matt Wolcott's mother)  
Betty Gossett (M&M 1<sup>st</sup> grader)  
Gabe Conner (CHS student)  
Victims of the tornados  
Lou McIntyre  
People of Japan  
Judy Greenwood  
Cleon Flanagan, Sr.  
Fred Ohsick  
Oma Thomas (Ron Thomas' mother)  
Janet Skauge  
Peggy Aguilar (Otha Spencer's friend)  
Deborah Brown (Diane McDowell's friend)  
Kay Webber  
George O'Kelley  
Doris Sanders (Susan Bruton's friend)  
Pat McClung (Chris & Donna White's friend)  
Becca Smith (Mike Smith's mother)  
Chance Thornton  
David Crenshaw  
Sam Duckworth (Jessica Duckworth's young son)

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.

HM1 Robert Starkey (Afghanistan)-Wanda Beane's brother and Tom Starkey's son  
Sgt. Jason Schmidlen (Iraq)-Jim and Debby Heitholt's son  
Jim Hunsicker (Afghanistan)-Carolyn Miller's brother  
Travis Miller-Lena Faulkner's great-grandson  
Alex Dech (Afghanistan)-Pastor Ron Dech's son  
Captain Daniel Robnett-Clyde and Wanda Robnett's grandson  
Nathan Grove  
David Wheat-Edna O'Quinn's nephew  
Sgt. Stephen Smith & Denise Smith  
Lt. Col. Peter Bailey  
Lt. Col. Richard Bailey  
Lt. Col. Keith Williams  
Keith L. Boone-former Associate Pastor  
Terry Starkey-Wanda Beane's brother and Tom Starkey's son  
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



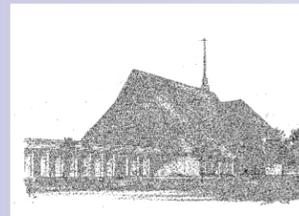
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## Participate in *Close the Gap* Hunger Relief Campaign benefitting the North Texas Food Bank!

During the month of **May**, every \$1 bill placed in the offering plate will go to help the **North Texas Food Bank (NTFB)** *close the gap* on hunger.

### Did you know?

- The NTFB **Food 4 Kids** backpack program provides food-insecure children kid-friendly meal items to last throughout the weekend. Approximately **100 Commerce children** at CES and AC Williams participate in this program.
- NTFB member agency Word of Life Family Church in Commerce has seen the number of **families** it serves rise to **200** on recent give-away days. Word of Life operates the **Commerce Food Distribution** and **Manna Movers**.
- \$1** donated to NTFB = **3 meals**.
- 94 cents from every dollar** donated goes directly to **hunger relief**.

In addition to drop-a-dollar, we are conducting a **Virtual Food Drive**. Below is a screen shot of what the online tool looks like. You pay the NTFB Price – not the Retail Price. Using your credit card, you can shop from your own computer during May or at a computer in the Gathering Area on May 15 and 22. Access the Virtual Food Drive from the Featured News and Events section on the Welcome Page of the church's website: [www.fumcccommerce.org](http://www.fumcccommerce.org).

Description	Retail Price	Price	Units	Qty.	Total
Green Beans	\$22.80	\$9.11	24/14.5 oz.	1	\$9.11
Pork & Beans	\$23.76	\$11.88	72/15 oz.	0	\$0.00
Tuna	\$42.72	\$19.70	48/6 oz.	0	\$0.00
Peanut Butter	\$23.88	\$10.25	12/18 oz.	1	\$10.25
Beef Stew	\$21.48	\$13.04	24/15 oz.	0	\$0.00
Ground Beef	\$72.00	\$36.00	40 lbs.	0	\$0.00
Macaroni & Cheese	\$24.00	\$12.50	48/10.75 oz.	0	\$0.00
\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	1	0	\$0.00
\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	1	0	\$0.00
\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	1	0	\$0.00

Alternatively, look for a NTFB shopping list on orange paper in upcoming bulletins. You may use this to shop and write a check to FUMC-Commerce with NTFB in the memo line. Contact Angela Roberts for more information.



A Member of Feeding America

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Dear FUMC Friends:

As I write this, I am recalling where I was about this time last weekend (Sunday evening around 8:30 pm). The news had begun to filter out that US Navy SEALs had raided the compound of Al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden; the terrorist mastermind was killed in that raid. I was attending a continuing education event with a group of clergywomen from our Annual Conference. As the evening session wound down, the talk turned toward the news. People popped out their iPhones and laptops, seeking more details of the event. As we chatted, we breathed sighs of relief, and wondered about the extensive planning and training – not to mention courage -- that must have gone into the execution of that mission. The outcome of the raid felt pretty darn good.



*Worship*

**May 15, 2011**  
**“When the Rules  
 Have Changed”**  
 Please join us  
 this Sunday when  
**Rev. Valarie Englert**  
 preaches on  
**John 10:1-10**  
**“Ear Training”**

**8:45am ~ Chapel**  
**9:45am ~ Chapel**  
**10:50am ~ Sanctuary**

But a voice began to whisper in my head – almost imperceptible at first, but growing in its insistence to be heard:

*“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.”*

One of the former teaching colleagues of my mother-in-law – a dear family friend -- lost her brother in the World Trade Center attacks. He called his wife that morning of September 11, telling her that he had survived and was okay, that he was heading down the stairwell of one of the towers with a crowd of other survivors as quickly as he could. He promised to call her back when he was on the ground. Shortly after that conversation, his wife turned to the TV screen and watched the tower in which her husband was racing down the stairs crumble to the ground, its outer structure peeling away like a banana skin.

*“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.”*

The memorial service for our friend’s brother was held months later – there was no body present.

*“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”*

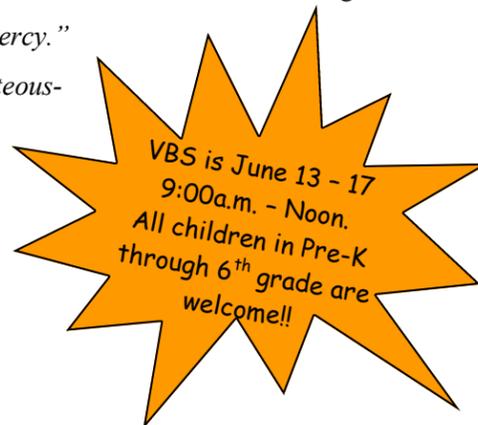
As a citizen of the United States – the country of my birth and a land that I love – and a follower of Jesus’ Way, I find myself bouncing between two poles: is my (our) relief well-founded? Or are we any safer than we were before? For us citizens who are Christian, what does it say about us that we would exult in the death of another human being?

*“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.”*

*“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.”*

Which comes first – our loyalty? Or our faith?

May God’s Spirit of discernment be with us all –  
*Valarie*



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**Helping Hands Hosted Yard Sale**

The hard work of Helping Hands volunteers paid off last Saturday. A yard sale of the estate items of longtime church member Mildred Davis topped \$1,000. Mildred, who recently moved to an assisted living home in Greenville, was most appreciative that members of her church family wanted to organize this event for her benefit. Helping Hands became involved when Sarah Cunningham identified the need as part of her role as Stephen’s minister to Mildred.



Sarah Cunningham brought Mildred Davis to the sale for brief visit.



Janet Latham, Cheryl Zelhart, Anne Mills, and Laura Milligan worked the sale all day.

Special thanks to Laura Milligan who organized all the Helping Hands volunteers to prep, price, shuttle and sell the items: Sarah & Lamont Cunningham, Tricia Dempsey, Mimi Dobbs, Do & Bill Heitholt, Janet & Jim Latham, Laura & Joe Milligan, Anne & Bob Mills, Jamie, Erin & Emma Moore, Jim Patton, Angela Roberts, Judy

Rudoff, Sharon Smith, and Cheryl Zelhart. AND thanks to church members who came out and shopped the sale!

Please contact Laura Milligan if you’d like to join the Helping Hands crew or if you know of someone whom may benefit from Helping Hands services and care. Helping Hands performs odd jobs, home repairs, and maintenance for low-income, elderly and disabled homeowners who are physically or financially unable to do the work themselves. Helping Hands clients may be church members or people who live in our community.



Shoppers, including our own nursery worker Cindy Klingbeil, sought and found treasures.

*In memory of...*

**Nita Clark**

By: Edna O’Quinn  
 Bobby & Kathy Hill  
 Pete Robinson  
 Clyde & Wanda Robnett

**Charles Atnip**

By: Donna & Jim Tavener

**Faye Peek**

By: Jim & Donna Tavener  
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**Bill Cole**

By: Dixie Turman  
 Ted & Ellen Oats

**Carolyn Humphries**

By: Tish & Clark Mulkey

**John Robertson**

By: Wyman & Harriet Williams



**Daily Scripture Readings:**

Sunday, May 15	John 10:1-10
Monday, May 16	Psalms 31:1-5
Tuesday, May 17	Psalms 31:15-16
Wednesday, May 18	Acts 7:55-60
Thursday, May 19	1 Peter 2:2-3
Friday, May 20	1 Peter 2:4-10
Saturday, May 21	John 14:1-7
Sunday, May 22	John 14:8-14
Monday, May 23	Acts 17:22-25
Tuesday, May 24	1 Peter 3:18-22
Wednesday, May 25	John 14:15-20
Thursday, May 26	Psalms 66:8-20
	1 Peter 3:16b-17
Friday, May 27	1 Peter 3:13-22
Saturday, May 28	Acts 17:26-31

**Financial Update**

General Operating Fund		
as of April 30, 2011	Year-to-Date	
Income: \$ 47,467	\$134,421	Early 9:45
Expenses: \$ 38,918	\$127,148	Late 169
Fund Balance: \$-14,758		SS 89
(includes negative carryover from 2010)		May 8 31
		May 8 17
		May 8 176
		May 8 94

**Attendance**

May 1	May 8
36	31
11	17
169	176
89	94

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