

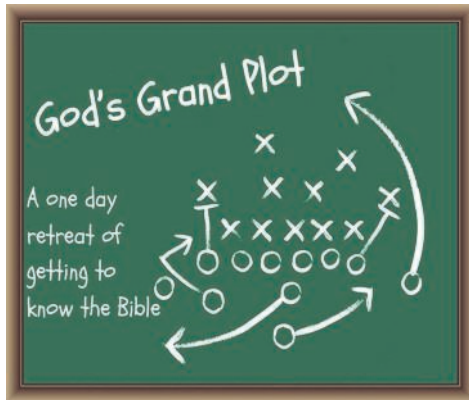
# CHURCH MATTERS

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## GOD'S GRAND PLOT

The mission of Euless First United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Our Discipleship Plan is the Discipleship Journey; an intentional process by which we guide persons via Individual Studies, Small Group Studies and Retreat Events. The hope is to move people from knowing God, to growing in relationship with God, to going forth with God to serve others, and finally, glowing for God by

witnessing to their faith. God's Grand Plot is a one day



retreat event. It provides a view of the entire Bible as one story of God's hand on the human journey. The day includes a

historical overview of the Bible, the Bible's organization, and how God's story affects the human heart. God's Grand Plot will be **Saturday, February 1**, 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. in the Swor Parlor. There is no cost, and materials will be provided, but registration is requested to ensure enough materials. Please contact the church office by Thursday, January 29, to register at 817-283-4421. Or go to [www.fumceulless.org](http://www.fumceulless.org) and click on "Register."

## ALPHA COURSE

Are you searching for more? Alpha is for everyone that wants to explore life's big questions. The Alpha Course is a 10 week small group study which includes a good dinner, a video and discussion. It explores foundational truths and beliefs of Christian faith in a caring, non-judgmental environment. There is no pressure, no follow up and no charge.

Whether you grew up a Christian or never set foot in Church, whether you are eighteen or eighty, whether you raise kids or raise



cattle... Alpha is for everyone. Is Alpha for you? In a word, yes.

Euless First United Methodist Church is beginning its next Alpha Course with a Come and See Dinner on Tuesday, January 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Weekly sessions will begin the following week, Tuesday, February 4. Classes will conclude April 15 with a Celebration Dinner.

There is no cost, but registration is required. Please call the church office at 817-283-4421 to register, or go to [www.fumceulless.org](http://www.fumceulless.org) and click "Register." This is a Discipleship Journey Event.

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**What:** One day educational retreat

**When:** February 1, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00p.m.

**Who:** For anyone that seeks to know more about the Bible

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PRAYER LIST

If your prayer request has been left off, please resubmit it. All requests are for 30 days only, and will need to be resubmitted after that time.

A.M. Kelleher, Matt Kelleher's brother	Charleen Coleson, Kimberly Knighton's mother	Helen Dering, Mary Williams' friend	Lou Alice Ashby, Billie Bradford's friend	Paula McLane, Jerrie Keller's sister	Wilma-Jean Wills, Mistie Taylor's future mother-in-law
Ahsam and Abeer Zizrilbash	Charles H.	Howie Evans, Sally Rhymer's neighbor	Mac Ledbetter	Pierre Tshimanga's family	Woody and Becky Kemp, Kim Jones' family
Alan LaMarche, Larry and Phyllis Augustus' friend	Cindy McKinnis, Vicky Smith's friend	Jack Loftin, Stephen Pilney's co-worker's father	Mary Ann Guy, Dale and Derexa Wooley's friend	Robbie Breaux, Audrey Coats' friend	
Alison Felton, Teresa Watt's friend	David Viggiano, Nancy Bickel's cousin	Jan Isbell	Maurine Padgett, Nancy Bickel's co-worker	Roger and Charlotte Martin, Kim Jones' family	<b>In the Military:</b> Carl Miller
All those fighting colds or flu	Denise Foley	Jim Loveless	Maxine and Bill Wallace, Kimberly Knighton's friends	Ron Hula, Stephen Pilney's friend	Chris Mulford, Pat Bailey's grandson
All those lost in addiction	Elaine Bell, Lynne Moffatt's friend	Joan Robins and family, Dottie Rust's friend	Melanie Sparks, Meri and Michael Sparks grandmother	Sandy Denny, Judy Mulholland's friend	Colton Hardaway and Kayla Davis, son and daughter-in-law of Michael and Lore Osborn
All those recovering from stresses	Elisse Gordon, Ginger Miller's niece	Jobb Miller and his mom Kristen, Lauren Gilby's friend	Michael Mulholland	Sharon Menix	Devan DeBoyington, Robin Biles' friend
Alma Morgan	Families of Mitch and Jamesybaby Watson, Chris and Heather Grimm's uncle and grandfather	John , Kristine, and Gianna Dickson, TJ Pepper's friend	Michael Thompson	Sondi Albro and family, Vic and Judy Torres' friend	Eric Sherrer, Justin Sherrer, Patric Owen, and Alan McClelland, Grandnephews of Vic and Judy Torres
Amanda Mayer and Rob Richards and family	Family and friends of Maddy Bowen	John and Cindy Mullie	Michele Heroux and family, Amber Hawthorne's friend	Sonya Brehem, Steve and Karen Phillips' friend	Gail Worofka
Amber and Jeff Bosher and kids, Kim Jones' family	Family of Frances Hodo	Judy Chittum, Ann Burns' friend	Michele Moffatt, Alan and Lynne Moffatt's sister-in-law	Stan Clarke, Sue & Richard Morrow's friend	James Fiaccone, Sue Fiaccone's grandson
Andy Chasney	Family of Gene West, Peggy Robertson's brother	Judy Mulholland	Michelle and Baker Ingram	Tim and Janna Martin and kids, Kim Jones' family	Jeffrey Stone, Lucille Link's nephew
Angela Waldrip, Brekeley Wren's friend	family of Ialeen McGinnis	Kari Mason, Kaitlin Coats' mother	Milford Roop	TJ Pepper	Josh Crow, Annette Kelleher's son
Bobby and Debi Francis	Fran Medenwalld, Judy Mulholland's friend	Kathy Hootens, Lucille Link's niece	Nancy Jones, Billie Bradford's cousin	Tom, Khiah's friend's grandpa	Justin Knighton Stephen Tate
Bobby and Virginia Williams, Robin Biles' friend	Franny Springer, Mike and Beverly Springer's daughter-in-law	Kellsey Abbott, Sherwood and Cheri Abbott's granddaughter	Nick and Lisa Schoenberger, Ron Coats' friends	Vinece Carlisle, Eileen Mode's friend	<b>Deaths:</b> Ialeen McGinnis- 12/27 Ella Kalbfleisch- 12/30
Brandon Hale, Lia Maloney's friend	Gordon and Linda Roberts, Nancy Bickel's friends	Kevin Maines	Nolan Hardwick, Barbara Collier's father	Warner Muirhead	
Burton family, Eileen Mode's friends	Grandma Katy Ott and Kathy Knowles & family	Kim and Jeremy Jones	Paisley Benavidez, Vicky Smith's friend		
Cameron Mode		Leah Bennett on the death of her sister, Mary	Pat Holland, Cindy Balentine's sister		
Carol Hail, Dale Cox's aunt		Leland, Les and Denise Foley's grandson	Paul Jones, Kim Jones' family		
Carol Rust, Dottie Rust's daughter					

MEMORIALS

- Barbara Ledbetter/  
Memorial Fund/In  
Memory of Paula  
Wood's Father
- Dale Miller/  
Methodist  
Children's Home  
Waco/ In Honor  
of Sarah Miller
- Doug & Faye  
Stapleton/  
Memorial Fund/ In  
Memory of Carol  
Francoise
- Steven Ray/  
Memorial Fund/ In  
Memory of Carol  
Francoise
- Alma Morgan/  
Memorial Fund/ In  
Memory of A.J.  
Morgan, Bill  
Heyduck, and  
Carol Francoise
- The Harmony  
Class/ Memorial  
Fund/ In Honor of  
Jimmy and Helen  
Payton
- Tommy & Diane  
Morrison/ Pastors  
Emergency Fund/ In  
Honor of Ken and  
Betty Vowell

BIRTHDAYS

- January** 19 -Lynne Moffatt
- 1 -Melba Taylor 21 -Emily Tarrh
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- 2 -Michael Henderson, Don  
Martin, Doris  
Rieman
- 3 -Bill Byers
- 5 -Emily Halleck,  
Shirley Mercer,  
Judy Torres
- 9 -O.D. Lively
- 15 -Stephanie  
Barrineau
- 17 -Toni McMillon,  
Grady Tindel
- 
- ANNIVERSARIES**
- December**
- 9 -Shane & Tara  
Mullin
- 10 -Michael & Laura  
Henderson
- 
- BIRTHS**
- Laura Parsons  
welcomed a new  
grandson, Jasper  
Robert Garner on  
Dec. 27.

## CHURCH DONATIONS

Eules First has been given several pieces of furniture and televisions recently. While these are very considerate gifts, they have not been able to be moved and do not have a use. If you

would like to claim and move any of this furniture, please contact the Church office at 817-283-4421. If you have a donation of an in-kind gift, please contact the church office prior to bringing it

to the church so that we can ensure there is a use for the item. In many cases other charities need items more than we do. Thank you for your consideration.

## ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR

The flowers that grace our sanctuary each Sunday are a beautiful contribution to worship as well as a special way to honor your loved ones.

Now is the time to reserve flowers in recognition of special people or events in 2014. Please contact the church office to reserve your special date, request

a special kind of arrangement, and let us know who you would like to honor/remember in 2014.

## FOOD PANTRY NEWS

The Food Pantry Volunteers will be going to the Tarrant Area Food Bank on **Wed. Jan. 15th**, for fun and work.

Here is the volunteer schedule:

### January

10 –Helen Davies, Gloria Daves, Linda Lewis, Maggie Lucas, Yvonne Rohlfing

17 –Darlene Carter, Kathy Chapman, Jill Schaneberg, Judy Torres

24 –Doris Brown, Trish Franklin, Brenda Hurlbut, Marie Lusk, Dottie Rust  
31 –Pantry closed.

### Needed Food Items:

- Boxed Cereals
- Canned Soup
- Tuna Helper
- Canned Chicken

December 2013 received 900 pounds of produce and canned goods from 6 Stones Ministries. Sherwood Abbott picked up and delivered the entire donation! Thanks Sherwood for going way above and beyond!

## NEW NAME TAGS

Have you noticed the new name tags? They are pretty nice! They have the church logo, pretty colors, and our names nice and clear! For some of us the small things are pretty great! Special thanks to Sally, Beverly and our great office volunteers for modernizing our name tag boards

in the entrance hallway to the sanctuary.

Studies show that if your church has more than 120 attenders, one can no longer know everyone's name. Well Eules First meets that criteria. There are a lot of people that you may not know

their names. Name tags make a wonderful way to make guests and new (and old) members get to know each other better. Together community is cultivated, and we encourage further growth. Please help do your part, and diligently wear your name tag!



## NEXT SERMON SERIES

In February, we will be doing a series in worship that needs your input. The series title is "FAQ," which, as many of you know, stands for "Frequently Asked Questions."

Over the next 6 weeks, I will be looking for the most frequently asked questions about Christianity, religion, our faith, etc. I will take questions from anyone, so invite your friends, and even your enemies, to pose

questions.

Share your questions with me any way you choose.

Thanks for participating!

-Pastor Steve



## CULTIVATING THE CALL

During the month of November, Pastor Steve hosted over 50 church members reflecting on 2013 and clarifying our mission in

our community. If you missed a meeting and would still like to participate in the conversation, we will begin organizing additional small

group meetings to continue these discussions in January. More information to come.

## DINNER FOR 8

Your Hospitality Team is organizing Dinners for 8 which is a chance to get to join other church members for dinner at an area restaurant once a

month for 3 months.

It is as easy at 1, 2, 3:

1. Sign up with the church office or contact Dave Lewis.

2. Group Captain will contact you to decide on date and place.

3. You meet your group and Eat and Visit!

## EULESS FIRST KIDS

Happy New Year! We had a wonderful Christmas season and I am looking forward so much to what the Lord has in store for the children's ministry this year! Also, I would like to say a big thank you to all of the volunteers and parents, the children's program would not be what it

is without all of you. Keep an eye out for some fun activities planned in the next coming months! First up, is our Valentines Day party on Sunday, February 9. We will play some games and learn about God's love for us!

If you are not currently involved, please prayerfully

consider giving your time one Sunday morning to spend time with and help teach our wonderful kids! It's a great time to get to know not only the current teachers, but the children as well. They're a super fun bunch and I know you would be greatly blessed!



## NIGHT OF WONDER

Thanks to all who supported Night of Wonder – 2013 through volunteering, sponsoring children and prayers. The South Euless Night of Wonder Party which Euless First hosted was a great success. We served 72 families with 242 children with love, gifts, refreshments, crafts, and the true Christmas Story. Here are just a few of the responses received:

“Thank you for all your help. Your generosity is a blessing.”

“I have never been part of anything like this. You have

really touched me.”

“This was truly a blessing and I am truly grateful. Thank you!”

“Thanks for bringing the real reason for Christmas to the school.”

“This is my first time here and

it is so great that people still care and give to others.”

“Thank you for giving me and my girls a Merry Christmas full of joy and happiness.”

“Les agradezco de corason todo lo que hacen por nosatros. Gracias & Feliz Navidad.”



## PRESCHOOL

### Angel News:

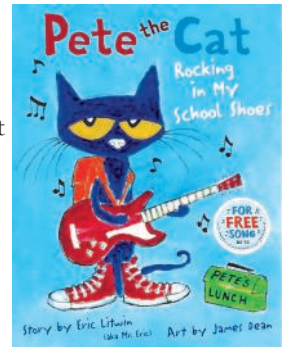
Euless First Preschool and Kindergarten students were precious as they performed their musical, "Let's Dress Up for Christmas," for their family and friends. We have had a wonderful break and returned to school Monday, Jan. 6. To kick the new year off the children will begin their winter and rodeo units.

We are excited to welcome children's author of *Pete the Cat*, Eric Litwin, for a concert on Jan. 17 at 7:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. All are welcome and young children are sure to be entertained. He will be available to sign copies of his books as well.

The next Parents' Night Out is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 31, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Cost is \$20 per child. Please share with

others who may be interested. Children 6 months and up are welcome. We are taking donations to help offset the cost of this program.

Euless First Preschool and Kindergarten are excited to welcome Soccer Tots. Classes are for 18 month and up and will be held in the gym Thursdays 3 to 6 PM and Saturdays 9 to noon. More info should be coming soon!



## VISION 2014

You are invited to an all church meeting we are calling Vision 2014, **Sunday, January 12 at**

**9:45 a.m.** in the Family Life Center. Join us for a time to update everyone on the church's

vision, finances, and the impact of the Highway 183 expansion that is slated to start this year.

## FROM THE PASTOR

Happy new year!

A new year can be a tricky thing. For some, it is an opportunity to start over. For others, it feels like a cruel reminder that time marches ever so slowly on, and that on its march, it flattens people who get in the way.

Whether either or neither of these two suits you, or you are somewhere in between, 2014 holds promise for us all.

I write that cautiously. I do not lightly claim this year holds great promise because I know we are encouraged to live each day as it

is given; not to worry about tomorrow or the next day or 4 months from now.

Yet, I believe that 2014 holds great promise for us. Not so much for us as individuals, but for us as the Body of Christ, this year beckons us forward, upward.

We have been seeking to follow Jesus better today than yesterday for many, many days now. This year, let us set ourselves to pursue God not simply day by day, but together.

One of the great camp songs I

remember singing as a youth in the 70s was "They'll know we are Christians by our love." The song was actually written by a Catholic priest named Peter Scholtes in 1968 and inspired by John 13:35 - "By this everyone will know you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Some may feel it is enough for a person to try alone to follow Jesus; I didn't believe we cannot follow Jesus as well alone as we can together.

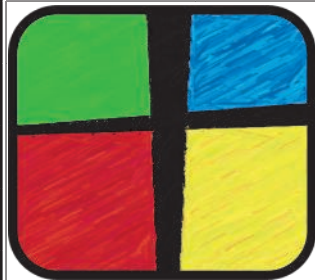
Will you join me this year, 2014, on the great adventure of following Jesus together?

## NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON

A Welcome Luncheon is scheduled for **Sunday January 26 12:15p.m. -2:00 p.m.** Your Hospitality Committee is preparing for this great event for new members and regular guests

in the Swor Parlor. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend time with Pastor Steve and Pastor Beverly and learn a bit more about Euless First UMC. Childcare is provided, upon

request. Be on the lookout for your invitation!



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**Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.**

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**Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**

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