

CHURCH MATTERS

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CULTIVATING OUR CALL

At the end of last year Steve hosted 4 small group meetings, chatting with members, to review 2013 and plan for 2014 and beyond. We are holding 4 more sessions the last two weeks of January. The sessions are informal, but always a



great way to meet other church members and talk about our church! You choose the date-Jan. 21 at 6:00 p.m., Jan. 23 at 6:00 p.m., Jan. 25 at 10:00 a.m. or Jan 29. at 10:00 a.m. If you missed a meeting in 2013, please join us now!

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- What:** Meetings with Pastor Steve to discuss the life and future of Eules First UMC
- When:** Jan. 21 at 6:00 p.m.
Jan. 23 at 6:00 p.m.
Jan. 25 at 10:00 a.m.
Jan 29. at 10:00 a.m.
- Who:** Anyone that missed a meeting in the fall.

VISIONING 2014

After 25 years, it appears that Airport Freeway will indeed be widened, and that this will begin within the next year and a half.

What does this mean for Eules First UMC? We know it means dust, traffic and questions. But what will it mean for worship and ministry? There is so much good happening within the life of our congregation!

We had an All-Church Meeting on Sunday, January 12 between worship services. We talked about the highway project, finances, organization, and vision. We also talked about following Jesus and sang together that "The Church's One Foundation Is Jesus Christ Her Lord."

Where there is no vision, the people perish. (Proverbs 29:18, KJV) Here is a

current version of the vision Pastor Steve believes God has for us as Eules First United Methodist Church:

Like Esther, we ought to consider that we are here together "for such a time as this." Our congregation can not only face today's challenges together, we can help those around us to do so as well.

We are a diverse part of the Body of Christ. We span generations, genders, races, and religious backgrounds. Diverse as we are, we share this Church and this corner in a way that represents the power of Jesus to restore the broken connections between God and God's people.

We exhibit a strong sense of belonging. Whether you grew up in Eules or just got off a plane at DFW, our congregation welcomes you with genuinely open arms.

We are committed to trying to follow Jesus a bit better today than we did yesterday. We don't make it every day, but we do some days; and we strive to help one another, because we all know we don't have the strength or focus to follow Jesus on our own.

No one knows exactly what the future holds for our Church, the city of Eules, or Airport Freeway, but we do know that the God who has called us to follow is with us in the midst of the moment.

Trusting in God's presence, faithfulness, and leadership, we have exciting times before us!

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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	David Viggiano, Nancy Bickel's cousin	John and Beverly Moore, Darlene Carter's friends	Mark Baker Marlene Hill and John Lewis	Pierre Tshimanga's family	Wilma-Jean Wills, Mistie Taylor's future mother-in-law
Alison Felton, Teresa Watt's friend	Dawnita Grimes' father, Heidi Graham's friend	John and Cindy Mullie Judy Mulholland	Mary Ann Guy, Dale and Dereco Wooley's friend	Robbie Breaux, Audrey Coats' friend	Woody and Becky Kemp, Kim Jones' family
All cancer patients, young and old	Denise Foley	Julia LaGrone, Paula Wood's friends' mother	Maurine Padgett, Nancy Bickel's co-worker	Robert Nail	Yvonne Gordon's husband and family
All those fighting colds or flu	Elizabeth Polenz Penland	Julia McFarland, Billie Bradford's friend	Maxine and Bill Wallace, Kimberly Knighton's friends	Roger and Charlotte Martin, Kim Jones' family	In the Military: Carl Miller
All those lost in addiction	Families of Mitch and Jamesybaby Watson, Chris and Heather Grimm's uncle and grandfather	Julie Ratliff	Melanie Sparks, Meri and Michael Sparks' grandmother	Sandy Denny, Judy Mulholland's friend	Chris Mulford, Pat Bailey's grandson
All those recovering from stresses	Family and friends of Maddy Bowen	Kari Mason, Kaitlin Coats' mother	Michael Mulholland	Sharon Menix	Colton Hardaway and Kayla Davis, son and daughter of Michael and Lore Osborn
Alma Morgan	Family of Gene West, Peggy Robertson's brother	Katy Ott, Kathy Knowles grandmother	Michael Thompson	Sherry White, David Davis' aunt	Devan DeBoyington, Robin Biles' friend
Amanda Mayer and Rob Richards and family	Family of Ialeen McGinnis	Kellsey Abbott, Sherwood and Cheri Abbott's granddaughter	Michele Heroux and family, Amber Hawthorne's friend	Sonya Brehem, Steve and Karen Phillips' friend	Eric Sherrer, Justin Sherrer, Patric Owen, and Alan McClelland, Grandnephews of Vic and Judy Torres
Amber and Jeff Boshier and kids, Kim Jones' family	Family of Iva Nail	Kevin and Lisa Balentine on the birth of their adopted son, Adam, Cindy Balentine's son and daughter-in- law	Michele and Baker Ingram	Stan Clarke, Sue & Richard Morrow's friend	Gail Worofka
Andy Chasney	Family of Johnathan Skinner, Heidi Graham's cousin	Kevin Maines	Milford Roop	Steve Dupree, Dale Miller's co-worker	James Fiaccone, Sue Fiaccone's grandson
Angela Waldrip, Berkley Wren's friend	Fran Medenwald, Judy Mulholland's friend	Kim and Jeremy Jones	Nancy Jones, Billie Bradford's cousin	Students going back to college	Jeffrey Stone, Lucille Link's nephew
Artith, Ryane Barker's aunt	Gary and Kett Sprinkle	Kim Knighton	Nick and Lisa Schoenberger, Ron Coats' friends	Sydney Marie Peel, Pat May's great niece	Josh Crow, Annette Kelleher's son
Bobby and Debi Francis	Gordon and Linda Roberts, Nancy Bickel's friends	Leah Bennett	Nolan Hardwick, Barbara Collier's father	Terron Muller, Les Foley's niece	Justin Knighton
Bobby and Virginia Williams, Robin Biles' friends	Isobel Rosero, Caro Kenyon's mother	Lee Swann	Pat Holland, Cindy Balentine's sister	The unemployed	Stephen Tate
Brooke Barrow	Jim Loveless	Leland, Les and Denise Foley's grandson	Paul Jones, Kim Jones' family	Tim and Janna Martin and kids, Kim Jones' family	Travis Thomas
Cameron Mode	Joan Robins and family, Dottie Rust's friend	Leslee, The Tyler's friend	Paula McLane, Jerrie Keller's sister	TJ Pepper	Deaths: Ialeen McGinnis— 12/27
Carol Rust, Dottie Rust's daughter	Joe Musse, David Davis' uncle	Linda Lett	People of Syria and Egypt	Troya family	Ella Kalbfleisch— 12/30
Charleen Coleson, Kimberly Knighton's mother	Joeb Miller and his mom Kristen, Lauren Gilby's friends	Lou Alice Ashby, Billie Bradford's friend		Vinece Carlisle, Eileen Mode's friend	Iva Nail—01/18
Charles H.		Mac Ledbetter		Warner Muirhead	
Chris Manzo		Madeline Wermuth			
Daniel Davis, David Davis' brother		Marcie Dauphine			
David Gordon's aunt					

MEMORIALS

- Weldon Cannon/
Memorial Fund/
In Memory of
Frances Hodo
- Doug Stapleton/
Memorial Fund/
In Memorial of
Ialeen McGinnis

FUNERAL

Services for Iva Nail
will be here at
Euleess First on
Friday, January 24th
at 2:00 p.m.
Visitation will be
Thursday, January
23rd, 6:00-8:00
p.m. at Lucas
Funeral Home on
Precinct Line.

BIRTHDAYS

- January**
- 22 –Nancy King,
Isaac Putnam
 - 24 –Barbara Collier
 - 25 –Merideth
Sparks
 - 26 –Robert Nail
 - 27 –Joe Jordan,
Richard

- Morrow, Clay
Smith
- 30 –Larry Lucas,
Dale Miller,
Marcie Snelson
- 31 –Alex Maloney,
Jerry Walrup

February

- 1 –Sheri Roberts
- 2 –Lauren Gilby,
Robert
McMillon
- 3 –Richard
Worofka
- 5 –Caitlin Kramer

ANNIVERSARIES

- February**
- 5 –Jim & Beth
Gathings

MISSION TRIP

Join in the Bishop's Mission Trip to Kenya. Bishop Lowry and Rev. Dawne Phillips, CTC Director of Missions, will lead the journey to join and serve the people of Maua, Kenya. The trip is set for Sept. 18-30, preceded

by two team meetings at 6:30 p.m., April 29 and Aug. 4, at the Central Texas Conference Service Center. Visit the Conference Mission Opportunities page on ctcunc.org to view a PowerPoint presentation on the

trip and to download all the required paperwork.

Pastor Steve is planning on attending this trip and would love for you to come along. Please contact him if you are interested.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

The Food Pantry Volunteers will be going to the Tarrant Area Food Bank on **Wednesday February 19th**, for fun and work. They are always in need of additional help. Please consider joining them. They leave the church at 8:30 a.m. and return around 1:00 p.m.

Here is the volunteer schedule:

January

24 –Doris Brown, Trish Franklin, Brenda Hurlbut, Marie Lusk, Dottie Rust

31 –Pantry closed.

February

7 –Helen Davies, Linda Lewis, Maggie Lucas, Hedy Taylor, Judy Tribble

14 –Gloria Daves, Brenda Hurlbut, Joe Roberts, Sherri Roberts

21 –Darlene Carter, Kathy Chapman, Marie Lusk, Judy Torres

28 –Doris Brown, Trish Franklin, Dottie Rust, Jill Schaneberg

Needed Food Items:

- canned soups
- canned chicken
- boxed cereal

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 to eat and visit!

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 Euleess First UMC. Childcare is provided upon request. Be on the lookout for your invitation!

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."

Pastor Steve has been collecting questions and is asking for your help to narrow down the possible questions. If you are able to help,

please go to www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZF5XP8G?c and complete the survey. Thanks for your help.



PRESCHOOL

Angel News:

We were pleased to host Pete the Cat author, Eric Litwin, last Friday night. We had a great crowd and lots of people went home with autographed books. A special thanks to Mike Springer and Clay Smith for helping run sound for the concert. Speaking of Mike, the preschool made a donation to the church media fund in honor of all the times he has helped the preschool with programming and events.

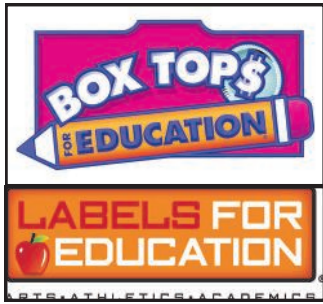
The Preschool and Kindergarten was privileged

to have the Euless Public Library come and present a winter program for the school. We have some fun events coming up in the last part of January: Pajama Day, pony pictures, rodeo and Team Spirit Days.

We are busy getting ready for our Family Dinner and Auction. We have changed our event to a Saturday this year: Saturday, Feb. 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. We are adding children's events, vendors and a live auction. If you are interested in having

vendor space for your business, please contact Linda Lewis at the preschool, 817-283-0129. Please mark your calendars now for this special event. The Preschool appreciates your support.

Euless First Preschool and Kindergarten collected \$626 from Box Tops over the last 6 months. Please continue to collect these labels and place in the container near the Preschool door. It's a great way to get FREE money for the school. We thank you!



CHILDREN'S

Spring is just around the corner! I don't know about you, but I am very ready for butterflies, flowers, and green leaves. But before we get to that, there is one special day coming that should serve as a

wonderful reminder of how God love us. Valentine's Day! The Sunday School classes will be having a Valentine's Day party on Sunday, February 9. We will play games, have a fun snack, and enjoy learning

about the many ways God loves us, and the special ways we can show love to our families, friends, and everyone else! I look forward to seeing you there! -Aubree Marlow, Director of Children's



YOUTH



It's hard to believe we're halfway through January 2014 already. By the time you read

this, we will have already shared in a feast of chili, cornbread, and soups! Thanks to everyone who participated in such a tasty fundraiser!

As I've shared before, the vision statement for E1EMENT STUDENTS is:

To help students discover who God is calling them to BE. LOVE. and SERVE.

If everything we do helps students discover who God is

calling them to Be. Love. & Serve., then we believe that students will become disciples of Jesus Christ empowered to transform the world. This vision filters everything we do in our ministry - if something doesn't line up with these purposes, then we really don't plan to spend much time on it. Over the next few newsletters, I'd like to expand what it means to BE, LOVE, and SERVE, but for now, I want to share with you that this vision is also our process for living into the call of "making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation

of the world." We want our students to be people who understand themselves as necessary to God's mission of transforming the world. We want them to be passionate about and involved with God's amazing work of redemption, reconciliation, and restoration of the world and all that is in it. It is a call to BE. LOVE. And SERVE. I look forward to sharing more about it with you...

Blessings,
Shane +

FROM THE PASTOR

Some people say no one likes change.

Other people say the only constant in the world is change.

Most of us are not totally against change. If we were, we wouldn't have children.

What we don't like is the kind of change that leaves us struggling, out of control, separated from the people and way of life we once knew and found comfort in.

I say the REAL constant is God, and that we know God first and best in and through Jesus. I believe it is helpful to remember

that the bible tells us that Jesus Christ "is the same yesterday, today, and forever."

I believe Jesus is especially helpful for us because of the way he lived his life. Jesus connected with people. He listened closely and paid attention to them. I believe this is one of the main reasons people were drawn to Jesus whether they liked him or hated him.

Notice this comparison. Change angers, frustrates, or otherwise upsets us when it separates us from the people, places, and

circumstances in which we find comfort, Jesus helps us by connecting us with the God who made us.

Separation. Connection. It is no coincidence that one of the most basic understandings of sin is "what separates us from God."

As you face change in your life and family, as we face change in the Church, let us do all we can to help one another keep our focus on the God who made us, and who sent Jesus to restore the connection.

SUPPORT FOR MARK AND VICKI BAKER

On January 16, the day after Mark Baker's (Eules First Choir Director) birthday, he was diagnosed with leukemia. While medical teams are working with Mark, and feel his diagnosis is very treatable, we as a congregation are taking efforts to

support Mark and Vicki through this time of struggle. One small way that we can help is to join our team and walk or run the Be The Match® 5K on March 1 in Grand Prairie, TX. We are currently putting together a team, and would love for you to

join us. We will have more information soon about how you register and can join our team. For more info about the event and Be The Match, go to www.bethematchfoundation.org.

SPR UPDATE

The Staff Parish Relations Committee and staff met on January 5th to have a time to reflect on each area of ministry in 2013. Each staff member also shared goals they would like to work towards in 2014. The SPR Committee feels that Eules First is very blessed to have such a dedicated staff and one that is

always looking for ways to further the spiritual journey for each member and surrounding community.

The SPRC is chaired by Janna Hamm. Members of the committee are Lauralee Arnold, Ron Coats, Cheri Abbott, Ric Grant, Tami Polenz, Jared Deisinger, Ellen Garcia, and

Amber Hawthorne

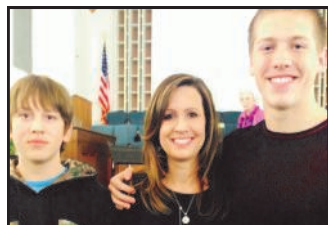
If you have any concerns or questions regarding the SPRC or the staff please contact Janna Hamm or any member of the committee.

As always, thanks for your prayers and support for the staff and for Eules First

Janna Hamm

NEW MEMBERS

Eules First United Methodist is excited to welcome our new members. Be sure to stop and welcome them to our family. With them in our presence, we will never be the same.



Becky Bowen, Luke and Jake joined 1/12/14



Ryane Barker was baptized 1/12/14

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:00 GOD'S GRAND PLOT
2 8:00 LIBRARY OPENS 8:30 WORSHIP 9:00 SONRISE CAFE 9:45 CHILDREN'S MUSIC 9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00 WORSHIP 5:00 ARLINGTON LIFE SHELTER 5:00 ELEMENT STUDENTS 5:30 DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY III	3 7:00 HANDBELL REHEARSAL 7:00 TRUSTEES MEETING	4 10:00 HARMONY HOPE 6:30 ALPHA	5 7:00 CHOIR PRACTICE	6 10:00 TIME OF PRAYER	7 9:00 FOOD PANTRY OPEN	8
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23 8:00 LIBRARY OPENS 8:30 WORSHIP 9:45 CHILDREN'S MUSIC 9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00 WORSHIP 5:00 ELEMENT STUDENTS 5:30 DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY III	24 7:00 HANDBELL REHEARSAL	25 6:30 UMM MEETING 6:30 ALPHA	26 7:00 CHOIR PRACTICE	27	28 9:00 FOOD PANTRY OPEN	

GOD'S GRAND PLOT

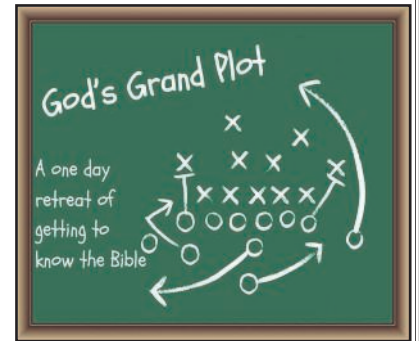
The mission of Euleless First United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Our Discipleship Plan is the Discipleship Journey; an intentional process by which we guide persons via Individual Studies, Small Group Studies and Retreat Events. The hope is to move people from knowing God, 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.fumceuleless.org and click on "Register."



ALPHA

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 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. Euleless 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.fumceuleless.org and click "Register" by Sunday January, 26.** This is a Discipleship Journey Event.



SOCCOR TOTS

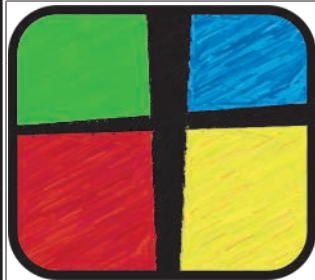
Texas Premier Youth Sports (also known as Soccer Tots) is a company that provides child development classes for thousands of kids in the Dallas area. Our age specific professionally designed curriculum is designed for toddlers, pre-school and school aged children. We are a child development company that uses Soccer, Basketball and

Baseball as the vehicle to teach kids physical fitness and social skills.

Texas Premier Youth programs (Premier Jr's) are designed to use a series of make believe games that encourage kids to develop motor skills and physical fitness. Kids will participate with more confidence and gusto if the objectives are pure fun.

Soccer Tots is coming to Euleless First United Methodist Church. For more information, visit their website at www.texaspremieryouthsports.com, look under locations for the west side and there you will find the Euleless option.





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