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NEW SERMON SERIES

For the next four Sundays we will be focusing on blessing. Some form or other of the word "bless" appears nearly 1,000 times in the Bible. Jesus' most famous single sermon, the Sermon on the Mount, begins with the Beatitudes, which start, "Blessed are...."

God intends to bless those whom God loves. God loves us. "God so loved the world..."

As you know if you were in worship last Sunday (May 4), a study was done once that compared two groups of missionaries. Both went to Thailand, but one group went with the intent to bless the people of Thailand. The



other group was focused on making converts. As you can imagine, the "blesser" missionaries made a greater positive social impact in the communities they visited. Here's the part you might not guess: the "blesser" missionaries converted people to Christianity at fifty times the rate the "converter" missionaries did.

When we seek to bless people, we help them to understand

who God is, and to want to know God for themselves.

Much of what we do as a Church Family is intended to bless people - each other and others around us. Because of this, at the conclusion of this sermon series we

will host a Blessings Ministry Fair on June 1, following each service. We have asked five different ministries in the church to be available to talk with you about how you can actively bless others.

As we look at the power of blessing this month and learn some practical insights that help us bless others, it is our hope that we become even more of a blessing to our community, our families, and

BLESSINGS MINISTRIES

What: A fair to learn more about ministries that bless people and the participants.

When: June 1, between and after the services.

Where: Swor Parlor

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SUMMER PLANS

May has begun, and that means summer is just around the corner. For many people, summer means vacations and time away from routine. At Eules First it also means busy, busy, busy. We have a wonderful summer planned with many different activities. Now is the time to set your summer calendar, so we hope this helps you plan for summer.

- Blessings Ministry Fair— June 1

- Senior Sunday— June 8
- Annual Conference — June 8-11
- Glen Lake Family camp for families with children 5-3rd grade (yet all family members are welcome) - June 15-17. There are also camps for kids 3rd grade-graduating seniors, check out the full schedule at www.glenlake.org/summer
- Senior High Mission Trip — June 15-21 to Mississippi
- Workshop of Wonders

Vacation Bible School —June 23-27 (registration for children and volunteers is currently open)

- Pastor's Book Club —one book per month
- Family Game Night —July & August
- Lord's Acre Crafting events
- and so much more.

While it won't all be routine, Eules First doesn't take a break for the summer!

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.

Aaron Bunn, Cindy Gillard's son-in-law	Diana Teran, Caro Kenyon's friend	Jim Gathings	Maxine and Bill Wallace, Kimberly Knighton's friends	Rita Rose Everett, Charlotte Everett's step-daughter	In the Military: Carl Miller Chris Mulford, Pat Bailey's grandson Colton Hardaway and Kayla Davis, son and daughter of Michael and Lore Osborn Devan DeBoyington, Robin Biles' friend Eric Sherrer, Justin Sherrer, Patric Owen, and Alan McClelland, Grandnephews of Vic and Judy Torres Gail Worofka James Fiaccone, Sue Fiaccone's grandson Jeffrey Stone, Lucille Link's nephew Josh Crow, Annette Kelleher's son Justin Knighton Sam Weatherby, Gary and Carol Turner's nephew Stephen Tate Travis Thomas
Amanda Robertson	Don Bell, Lee and Sandy Swann's son-in-law	Joe Brown	Michele Heroux and family, Amber Hawthorne's friend	Rob Dunn, Les and Denise Foley's friend	
Barry Waters, Rita Young's friend	Donna Thorsell, Lauren Thorsell's grandmother	Jordan Laminack	Michele Moffatt, Alan and Lynne Moffatt's sister-in-law	Robbie Breaux, Audrey Coats' friend	
Bettye Hardwick, Barbara Collier's aunt	Doug and Annette Chappell, Marla Williams' relative	Judy Mulholland	Michelle and Baker Ingram, Vic and Judy Torres' daughter and grandson	Ron Hula, Stephen Pilney's friend	
Bill Gonzales	Doug Graham	Kathe Houk, Kathy Chapman's friend	Milford Roop	Sarah Marshall, Charley & Aiden, Teri Navarrete's daughter and grandchildren	
Billy and Lindsay Miller	Dunkin and Barbara Tandy, Charlotte Everett's friend	Katie Ritchie, Don and Ann Wilson's niece	Nick and Lisa Schoenberger, Ron Coats' friends	Shayla Herigan, Eileen Mode's friend	
Billy Ray, Charlotte Everett's friend	Family of "Granny" Reeves, Jessie Cox Thompson's (Carol Bolton's daughter) friend	Kellsey Abbott, Sherwood and Cheri Abbott's granddaughter	Nolan Hardwick, Barbara Collier's father	Stan Clarke, Sue & Richard Morrow's friend	
Bonnie Rishavay, Randy Pilney's friend	Family of Ed Nonnemacher	Ken Klasen	Ollie O'Sallis	Steve Townsend, Ken and Betty Vowell and Roger and June Ivey's friend	
Brad Bradbury, Janice Kasten's friend	Family of Jim Tompkins, Carol Bolton's daughter, Jessica Tompkins', grandfather-in-law	Kevin Maines	Pam Kehoe, Doug Graham's sister	Sue Williams, Cherinell Abbott's friend	
Brad Keskinen, Jerrie Keller's friend	Ginger Williams	Kim Kelly	Pat Holland, Cindy Balentine's sister	Sydney Marie Peel, Pat May's great niece	
Brian Vaughn	Gordon and Linda Roberts, Nancy Bickel's friends	Kimberly Massey and Shawnee Zelis, Milford Roop's step-sister and brother-in-law	Patti Woodson and daughter Jessica, Dodie Davis' friend	Ted Foley, Ron and Audrey Coats' friend	
Burton Family	Helen Dering, Marla Williams' friend	Kristen Hammitt	People of Syria	Teresa Hull, Jessie Cox Thompson's (Carol Bolton's daughter) friend	
Cameron Mode	Homeless people everywhere	Kristie Coleson Young, Kimberly Knighton's sister	Peter Shrake, Kathy Knowles father	Terron Muller, Les Foley's niece	
Carl Coley, Ann Wilson's father	Hungry people everywhere	Larry Farrow, Faye Stinneford's brother-in-law	Pierre Tshimanga's family	Those lost in addiction	
Caro and Pierre Kenyon	Isabel Rosero, Caro Kenyon's mother	Leah Bennett	Piper Rose Koran, Tiffany Morrow's newborn cousin	Tim Roop, Milford Roop's brother	
Carol Rust, Dottie Rust's daughter	Jack Loftin, Stephen Pilney's co-worker's father	Lia Maloney's friend	Rebecca Partain and daughter, Kristin, Billie Pallett's niece and her daughter	TJ Pepper	
Carrie Kinney and family, Dodie Davis' sister	Jackie Robinson, Patsy Brown's granddaughter	Lisa Moffatt, Lynne and Alan Moffatt's daughter-in-law	Rene Harris, Lori Goodrich's friend	Treetops School staff and students	
Charlene Coleson, Kimberly Knighton's mother	Jan Isbell	Lou Alice Ashby, Billie Bradford's friend		Vera Bohnet-Farmer Warner Muirhead	
Colleen Waters and Christy & Andrea	Jane Holt-Duecaster, Janice Kasten's friend	Mary Fran and David Jarzenski families, Kimberly Knighton's friends			
Connie, Jordan and Claire Parker, Kelsey Carter's friends		Maurine Padgett, Nancy Bickel's co-worker			
David Viggiano, Nancy Bickel's cousin					
Dawnita Grimes, Heidi Graham's friend					
Deborah Lynch, Charlotte Everett's step-sister					

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Tiny Spurlock/ Pastors Emergency Fund: Darlene Carter, Fred & Billie Pallett	In Memory of Tiny Spurlock/ Youth: Buddy & Janna Hamm
In Memory of Tiny Spurlock/ Food Pantry: Rex & Paula Wood	In Memory of Tiny Spurlock/ Memorial Fund: Alton & Reta Ray
In Memory of Francis Hodo/ Youth: Buddy & Janna Hamm	In Honor of Jimmy Payton's Birthday/ General Budget: Helen Payton
In Memory of Iva Nail/ Youth: Buddy & Janna Hamm	

BIRTHDAYS

May

6 –Devon Wooley

8 –Christopher Hankins, Johnny Watts

11 –Heather Grimm

12 –Beth Gathings

15 –Pat Bailey, Jim Gathings

17 –London Menton

18 –Ken Klasen,

19 –Leland Brown

20 –Bill Bailey, Emily Knowles, Eliza Heyduck, Dana Thorsell

ANNIVERSARIES

May-

16 –Dale & Ginger Miller

20 –Karl & Nancy King

CALENDAR

Oops, our humanity is showing. We missed a couple of events on the May Calendar in the last newsletter:	12 –UMW Executive Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
	17 –Kid's Paint Party, 2:00 p.m.
	18 –Blood Pressure Screening, 9:30 a.m.
May	
6 –Harmony of Hope, 10:00 a.m.	
8 –Thoughtful Friends, 6:00 p.m.	

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Eules First UMC Food Pantry's Mission Statement is to reach out in the spirit of Christ to feed the physically hungry in our community. Hope you will lend us a hand by picking up some food the next time you are at the store, or by volunteering. Here is the Food Pantry volunteer schedule:

May

2 –Linda Lewis, Hedy Taylor, Judy Torres, Sheri Roberts

9 –Gloria Daves, Helen Davies, Judy Tribble, Doris Brown
 16 –Marie Bean, Darlene Carter, Kathy Chapman, Maggie Lucas
 23 –Phyllis Augustus, Trish Franklin, Dottie Rust, Jill Schaneberg
 30 –Closed

Needed Food Items:

- Boxed crackers
- Boxed cake mixes

Next workday at Tarrant County Area Food Bank is May 21. Volunteers are needed! Meet at the church at 8:15 a.m. to carpool. If you have more questions, please contact Sharon Menix.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Grab a hammer, find a paintbrush and put on your creative thinking cap! Workshop of Wonders (WOW) VBS, kids will discover how to imagine and build with God!

At WOW VBS, discover how the ordinary becomes extraordinary with God.

Experience the love of Jesus. Start an adventure. Use your imagination and creativity to build your faith.

Meet people from the Bible who used what they had to produce something amazing with God. Use your heart, mind, and imagination to participate in the creative life of God, the one who works wonders.

The adventure toolbox at the Workshop of Wonders includes the following activity centers that will WOW your children: interactive Bible storytelling, crafts, science, recreation, music, snack.

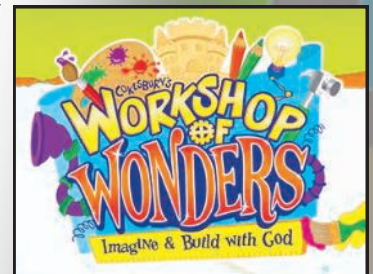
Our overall theme verse is Psalm 77:14a, "You are the God who works wonders."

Through WOW VBS, it is our hope that children will realize that they are capable of great things when they use their hearts, minds, and imaginations to follow the example of God, the one who works wonders!

The dates are June 23-27, 9:00 a.m.-12: p.m. Registration is

open for children ages 3-4th grade! Vacation Bible School very much needs volunteers to guide kids. In years past, Eules First has hosted 150 kids for this great week. That takes a good number of volunteers.

Registration for children and volunteers is now available online at fumceules.org/ registration. If you have any questions, please ask Aubree Marlow.



UMW EVENT TO SUPPORT MISSIONS

On Sunday, April 27th, fun was had by all making jewelry and God's Eyes for Carla Fink to take to Russia as she and the "Allies for Youth" ministry group travel to let the orphans know that they are loved. We had all ages and all genders come and join this UMW group in sharing the love of

Jesus. Thanks to all for sharing your time and love. Carla leaves on May 16th, so please keep her and her group in your prayers and thoughts.

You can still get kits to make bracelets for the orphans, just ask Carla for a kit and have fun sharing your love. We must have these to

Carla by May 14th so she can take them with her.



PRESCHOOL



Angel News:

Eules First Preschool and Kindergarten had several of our students perform at Arbor Daze last Saturday. All those who performed were treated to a free cup of Rita's Italian Ice. Students gave the community a sneak peek at our Spring program, "Going Buggy" and some of our Team Spirit songs. Special thanks to those who participated.

Eules FUMC Preschool and Kindergarten present "Going Buggy!" An adorable musical about a classroom of bugs who are preparing for their Buggy Wuggy Ball! Come see the cutest collection of bugs you'll ever see! Join us Wednesday and/or Thursday, May 14 & 15



at 7:00 p.m. There will be an Art Show and Reception to follow in the Family Life Center.

Please invite your grandkids or neighbors for Summer Camp! Summer Camps are June 2-6 for *Let's Go on a Safari* and/or June 9-13 for *Out of this World* – a study of outer space. Camp is 9:00 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday. The cost is \$75 for 1 week or \$140 for both weeks.

But before that, we have Cultural Day for the Kindergarten and PK2 on Friday, May 16, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. We have a very culturally diverse school and love for the students to learn about each other's native

countries. Families are invited to share information, a craft, a bite-size snack, the native dress of your country, a song – anything to let kids learn about different countries and cultures.

Finally, join the Eules First Preschool and Kindergarten staff for a **Celebrity Scoop** night at Rita's Italian Ice, 501 N. Industrial, Bedford, TX 76021 (Across from Trinity High School and next to Dickey's Barbecue), on Tuesday, May 20, from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. 15% of all sales will go towards Eules FUMC Preschool and Kindergarten. Come join in the fun!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Pablo Picasso said that "every child is an artist." I completely agree. On March 17 your child will have an opportunity to express their inner artist. At 2pm they're invited to come and paint some pictures! This is a time of fellowship and just pure fun. All of the pictures painted by the kids will be framed and displayed in the hallway or Sunday school classes. I think it is important for our kids to take ownership of the Children's Ministry and to have a sense of pride and accomplishment when they see their work on the walls. I know this is going to be a great time for all!

Can you believe it's May already? I'm always looking for fun things to do with my

family. Sometimes its just going to the park, or the museum. In my search, I found a few things I thought I would share. They all look like so much fun! If you're a runner, there is the Run or Dye 5K on Saturday, May 24. Who doesn't like brightly colored corn starch thrown at them? I know I do! (You can register here:

www.runordye.com/locations/Dallas.) There is also a Samurai exhibit at the Kimbell Art Museum, it runs through August 17, go to kimbellart.org for more information. If you're more of an insect type, the Fort Worth Zoo has their "Gigantabug" Exhibit open through July 6. I just love this time of year! There is so much to do! For

more events and information go to www.dfwchild.com. Next month is Vacation Bible School! June 23-27 is going to be a great week! Are you free? We are still in need of volunteers that week, please give your time. You can also register your child to attend and they are encouraged to invite friends. If you don't think you will be able to give your time that week, but are still interested in volunteering, we are always looking for helpers and teachers in our Sunday school rooms! They're great kids and you'll have a blast! Contact Aubree Marlow for more information or if you have any questions.



YOUTH MINISTRY

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

We would like to send out a big "Thank You" to all who participated to help make the Element Students booth at Arbor Daze such a great success! With their hard work and some help from some fabulous adults, our teenagers raised over \$1200 to help fund Mission and Service projects! This is exciting as we gear up for the CTCYM trip to Mississippi, from June 15th to

21st!

Don't forget that, if you've invested in their Mission Projects through the Mission-velopes, your dividends are coming! Two events to be looking for as part of the dividends package that have been planned by students for sharing, fun, and fellowship with investors are a Game Night on Wednesday, May 28th and Bunco Night/Ice Cream Social on the evening of Sunday, June 8th. If you are an investor, you will be receiving specific information in the mail about these events, but the events will be open



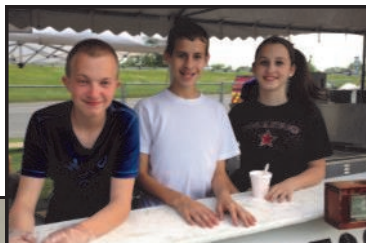
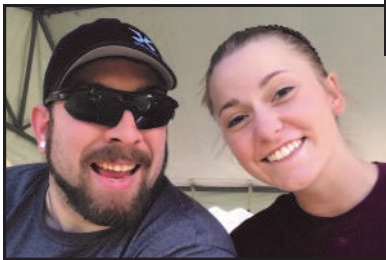
to anyone who wants to donate on the day of the event. Watch this space for more information as our kids finalize the details.

Also, mark your calendars to help us celebrate Senior Sunday on the morning of June 8th.

Stay safe out there! May is a BUSY month!

ARBOR DAZE

The annual Euless Festival April 25 & 26 was a huge success. Thanks for all that came out to support the city, see the preschool and support the youth!



2014 TEXAS TRASH OFF THANKS

April 8, 2014

Dear Euless First United Methodist Church,

On behalf of the City of Euless Parks and Community Services Department, I would like to thank the Euless First United Methodist Church members for helping with the 2014 Texas Trash Off event, which took

place on Saturday, April 5th. This was another very special and successful event, and it was all due to your effort and your willingness to help and be a part of this grand family event.

As always, our staff considers ourselves fortunate to have people like you, who are willing to step up to the plate and help their

community. Thanks again for your hard work, enthusiastic attitude, and your eagerness to be a part of our event. Your effort helps to make the City of Euless a better place to live.

Sincerely, Jerry Poteet
Parks and Community Services
Department Volunteer and Events
Coordinator

HIGHWAY EXPANSION UPDATE



The expansion of Airport Freeway continues to progress. Here's the latest that we know about the project:

Three 'Developers' have submitted bids for the project.

The winning bid is due to be selected May 29.

Following this selection, that Developer will have until approximately the end of the year to prove their ability to complete

the project and then receive a 'notice to proceed.'

Around this time (the first of 2015), the Developer will likely begin contacting property owners.

We also remind you that Euless First UMC has already begun preparation for this eventuality. More than 50 of you are participating on various committees.

In addition, we have begun work

on an "FAQ" for the highway expansion. There are already some rumors out there! The next few years will present enough challenges for us without us making up scenarios based on fear or fantasy. If you hear anything, or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Church Office and let us know.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

ALL BELONGS TO OUR CREATOR

*by Mary Hambrick, Covenant UMC,
Fort Wayne, IN*

We have many roles in life: husband, wife, father, mother, son, daughter, employee, employer, citizen, friend, neighbor. The list goes on and on. As Christians, sometimes we forget to include our role as stewards. We get so involved in all the other roles that we fail to recognize a basic tenet of our faith:

All

**Belongs to our
Creator God**

By definition, a steward is someone given the responsibility of caring for someone else's stuff. In the circumstances presented in Genesis, God has put mankind in charge of God's stuff, and that includes all that God created. God's creation is so large that caring for it all sounds rather scary. Because of that, we sometimes throw up our hands asking, "What can I do?"

God our Creator put into each of us a bit of creative ability. That spark of creativity is ours to use under God's direction to accomplish some terrific results in

this world. Who? Me? Creative? I don't think so.

In spite of all our denials, God does not excuse any one of us from using the time, talents, and financial resources God has given us to care for His creation over which He has granted us authority to rule. After God created man and woman in His image, God blessed them and spoke a command to them: "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground" (Genesis 1:28, NIV).

In the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30), the person who failed to turn his one talent into multiple talents faced the very daunting outcome of being cast away from his master into darkness. Talent in this parable is a measure of money, but our Master, Jesus Christ, expects us to sharpen whatever skills and abilities God has given us. Then He counts on us to use our time and resources for furthering His purposes on this earth. Jesus expects this from us just as the

master in the parable expected his servants to make additional money with the original gift he entrusted to them.

Excusing our failure to use our time, abilities, and resources for God just because we have been gifted with less than our friends or associates is not a valid reason at all. God expects us to work with whatever He has entrusted to us so that He can help us multiply our gifts to serve the needs of the world.

As we continue our life journey, we must remember always that All Belongs to our Creator God. May we so live that one day He will say to us, "Well done, good and faithful servant. . . . Come and share your master's happiness!" (Matt. 25:21, NIV.)

BIG THANK YOU

To my Church Family,
Thank you for all your prayers
and thoughtfulness sent my way.

I'm feeling better and will
be very happy when I can
return to church.

Love,
Robin Biles

FROM THE PASTOR

"Trust in the Lord with all your
heart; don't rely on your own
intelligence."

Proverbs 3:5

There is this saying that "we all
put our pants on one leg at a
time." The point is that when it
comes right down to it, we're all
the same. Wealth, poverty,
family, job, age, gender, faith, no
faith; all the categories one can
think of explain some differences
between us, but, beneath all of
these, we are all human
individuals. We all put our pants
on one leg at a time.

Except not really.

My little boy doesn't put his pants
on one leg at a time. I, or Rachel,
put his pants on him while he is
lying down.

Perhaps saying "we all put our
pants on one leg at a time" doesn't
just explain how we are all
equal. Maybe it actually
illustrates the drive for
independence we all have.

No one wants to need
help. Many of us have trouble
accepting help; too many of us
would rather fail on our own than
ask for help.

Please understand; my little boy
is learning this desire for
independence. One of his
favorite things to say last month
was "Do self!" This was his
shortened version of "I want to
do it myself!"

So we are caught in this strange
place; we all crave independence
and self-reliance, yet too many of
us are overwhelmed by
loneliness.

How do we get through this?
Where do we look to find a way
to balance our craving for
independence with our need for
relationship? We look the same
place the writer of Proverbs
would have us look to "trust in
God with all our heart."

From the beginning, God called a
people - not an individual. God
knows we are social beings. Of

course God knows this; God
created us this way!

One of the main values of the
Church, and of our church
particularly, is in the relationship
we offer one another. It is IN our
relationships with one another that
we learn, that we gain the skills to
have a relationship with God.

How does one "trust in the Lord
with your heart"? We do so by
becoming trustworthy people, and
by practicing trusting one another.
It isn't always easy, and it doesn't
always work. But it's all we've
got.

May you and I be there for one
another, and, in doing so,
representing our God who we
believe is always there for us!

-Pastor Steve

NEW MEMBERS

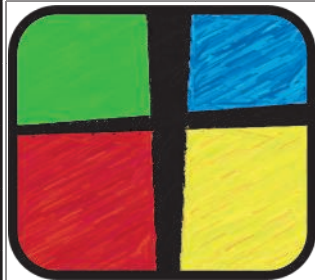
Eules First United Methodist is
excited to welcome our new
members. Be sure to stop and
welcome them to our family.
With them in our presence, we
will never be the same.



Tracy Provorst, joined April 20



Nancy Pilgram, joined April 27



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