

# CHURCH MATTERS

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## FROM THE PASTOR

Sometimes I am rather impressionable. Such as: the other Saturday I attended a Stewardship Seminar with several of our church's leaders. Dr. Clif Christopher of Horizons Stewardship was the speaker. He did an excellent job.

Charitable contributions in the US are steady over the past 30 years, but the portion going to churches has dropped significantly. One of the reasons, according to Dr. Christopher, is that many churches have low expectations of members. We take in new members with little or no preparation. We ask them a couple of questions, shake their hands, and add them to the list.

Here's where the impressionable part of me rears its head. As a pastor, I like it when people join our

church. It makes me feel like we are doing something right when people want to be a part of us. However, when I hear a stewardship expert lament the low expectations we tend to have as a church, I feel guilty, and I feel like we must do something differently.

Pentecost, sometimes referred to as "the birthday of the church," is coming up in less than 2 weeks; on May 19th. On that first day of the church's life, what expectation was put on those who joined? Some might answer that they were expected to sell everything they had and pool their resources together with the other Jesus-followers. This is what they did, but this is not a helpful description of the expectations that were put upon them.

Here is what was expected of those new members of the church: the same level of

commitment that the Apostles had. New members were expected to step up to the same level of commitment as those who were already a part.

I appreciate all Dr. Christopher had to teach us in that seminar. For more information, please feel free to ask me, or Larry Augustus, Bob Collier, or Dave Lewis.

Here is the main take-away for me, though: I want a high-expectation church. I want to pastor a church of members of whom much is expected. I believe such expectation (from God) invites us, draws us, into a deeper relationship with God. Raising expectations cannot start with new members, though. It has to start with those of us who are already here. Then, as people join we can invite them to be just as committed to what God is doing in our midst as we are.

## YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Central Texas Conference Youth in Mission (CTCYM) trip is June 16-22. And Euless First has the location of where they are going! Euless First will be in Shawnee, OK at Wesley United Methodist Church with FUMC and LifePoint UMC in Haslet! We are excited to send them off for a great week. There are currently 13 students

registered and 7 adults. Four of these adults are going as leadership. Rachel Heyduck will serve as Center Director, Steve Heyduck as Program Coordinator, Linda Lewis and Administrative Assistant, and Judy Tribble as Assistant Worksite Coordinator. We so proud to have such strong leadership.

There are a couple of ways that

you can help us get ready. The youth need 1 more adult to meet a safe ratio for CTCYM. Second, there will be a fundraiser on June 2 to help pay for the trips expenses. Buy your ticket now for the Hamburger or Hot Dog Lunch. Food donations are also needed. Contact Charlotte Halleck or Michelle Pepper if you can help.

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## BURGER/DOG LUNCH FACTS

**What:** Burgers or Dogs as a fundraiser to support CTCYM

**When:** June 2

ToGo Meals ready by 9:30 a.m.

**Where:** Family Life Center Cafe

**Cost:** \$6.00/Adults

\$4.00/Children under 10 years

Purchase Tickets now to help us prepare enough food.

# 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.

All unemployed people Austin	Dewayne Vaughn, Teresa Sprague's brother	Judith Putnam, Ethan Putnam's step-mom	Michael Mulholland, Judy Mulholland's son	Sally Foster, Candy Klasen's sister	Michael Carrigan, Brenda O'Neal's son- in-law
Beckham Moreno	Diana Teran, Caro Kenyon's friend	Judy Gratsch, Linda (Dave) Lewis' sister	Michele Heroux and family, Amber	Sam Byers, Mallory Levey's friend	Stephen Tate
Bette Hayden, Patsy Hoover's niece	Don Cox, JulieAnn Brown's father	Kathy Jackson, Kelsey Carter's mother	Hawthorne's friend	Sarah Miller	Josh Crow, Annette Kelleher's son
Betty Hawthorne, Thomas and Amber Hawthorne's grandmother	Donna Goodson, Dana Thorsell's friend	Kellsey Abbott, Sherwood and Cheri Abbott's grand-daughter	Michelle and Baker Ingram	Stan Clarke, Sue & Richard Morrow's friend	Eric Sherrer, Justin Sherrer, Patric Owen, and Alan McClelland, Grandnephews of Vic and Judy Torres
Billie Pallett	Dorothy Lamb, Doug Graham's friend	Kemp Ingram, Lauralee Arnold's brother	Mimi Maloney	Steve Doty's father, Linda Martin's friend	
Billy and Lindsey Miller	Eddie Fuller, Lynne Moffatt's friend	Kevin Maines	Mulford, Gray, and Paddick families, Pat and Phil Bailey's daughters' families	Sydney Marie Peel, Pat May's great niece	
Bree and Miranda, Mark Pilney's friends	Elizabeth May	Larry Cody, Randy Pilney's friend	Nancy Jones, Billie Bradford's cousin	Ted Foley, Audrey Coats' friend	
Brian	Family of Margarie Mayfield	Larry Harris, Stephen Pilney's co-worker's husband	Nate Taylor	Terrie Martin, Millie Richter's friend	
Bus Crash on Beltline 4/11/13	Family of Olivette Patterson, Kaye Best's Mom	Laura Henderson	Nick and Lisa Schoenberger, Ron Coat's friends	Terron Muller, Les Foley's niece	
Cade Boyle, Khiah and Nevaeh Lara-Turner's cousin	Family of Ovell Davis, David Davis' grandmother	Lawrence Haydel, Rachel Heyduck's uncle	Nolan Hardwick, Barbara Collier's father	TJ Pepper	
Carl Coley, Ann Wilson's father	Family of Ruby Henning, Nancy King's mother	Linda Sharp, Marla Williams' friend	Our government leaders	Tony and Carol Metcalfe	
Carol Rust, Dottie Rust's daughter	Gordon & Linda Roberts, Nancy Bickel's friend	London Menton Carter, Bob & Brenda Menton's granddaughter	Pat, Kate Allred's sister	Tyler Dennis, Mistie Taylor's God-son	
Cathy and Henry Giessen, Rachel Heyduck's step-mom and dad	Holly Shoulders	Loretta Doty, Linda Martin's friend	Pat Holland, Cindy Balentine's sister	Vicki Baker	
Celia, Faye Stinneford's friend	Jack Loftin, Stephen Pilney's friends' father	Lou Alice Ashby, Billie Bradford's friend	Pat Zillox, Marla Williams' friend	Vincent Gaither, Marissa Gaither's husband	
Charles Farris, Charlotte Everett's son	Jake Ortiz, Audrey Coat's cousin	Mark Pilney	Paul Brown, JulieAnn Brown's husband	Warner Muirhead	
Charlotte Everett	James Massey	Maurine Padgett, Nancy Bickel's friend	Paula Brown	Welton (Bill) Bailey, Phil Bailey's father	
Cooper family	Jennifer Hurlbut	Maxine and Bill Wallace, Kimberly Knighton's friends	People of Boston		
Cyndi Martinez and family, Amelia Coats' cousin	Jerry Gravely	Meredith Stone, Richard Stone's friend	People of Syria	In the Military:	
Darian Aeri Brown, Kaitlyn Coats' friend	Jim Carson	Michael Baker and family, Robin Bile's son and grandchildren	People of West, Texas	Carl Miller	
David Giggino, Nancy Bickel's cousin	John Martin, Tami Polenz's cousin		Pierre Tshimanga's family	Gail Worofka	
	Jonathan Skinner, Heidi Graham's cousin		Rada Hickman, Helen Davies' friend	James Fiaccone, Sue Fiaccone's grandson	
	Josephine Robertson, Carol Metcalfe's mother		Richard Stone	Jason Knighton	
			Richard Worofka	Jeffrey Stone, Lucille Link's nephew	
			Rick Warren family	Justin Knighton	
			Robbie Breaux, Audrey Coat's friend		

## MEMORIALS

- Alton and Reta Ray/ In Memory of A.J. Morgan/ Food Pantry
- Food Pantry Volunteers/In Honor of Mike Springer/Media Team
- Alma Morgan/ In Memory of A.J. Morgan
- Alma Morgan/ In Honor of Steve and Rachel Heyduck
- Alma Morgan/ In Honor of Davis and Linda Lewis

## ATTENDANCE

- April-**  
21- 258  
28- 268
- May-**  
5-

## ANNIVERSARIES

- May-**  
3- Gary & Bridget Sparks  
16- Dale & Ginger Miller  
20- Karl & Nancy King

## BIRTHDAYS

- May**
- 7- Tiny Spurlock, Christopher Hankins
- 8- Johnny Watts
- 11- Shauna Paulk
- 12- Beth Gathings
- 15- Pat Bailey, Jim Gathings
- 17- Scott Blinch
- 18- Ken Klasen, Julie Ann Brown, Joseph Tetteh
- 19- Leland Brown, Scott Blind
- 20- Bill Bailey, Eliza Heyduck, Dana Thorsell

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Do you Tweet? Maybe you aren't really sure the point of Twitter, but Twitter is a great form of social media that is growing fast. It took Twitter more than three years, beginning in 2006, for the billionth tweet to be published on the network – now, that many tweets are submitted every 2-3 days by more than 140 million active users (growing at an astonishing million new accounts per day) across all age groups and demographics in nearly every major country around the world.

62% of users are 18-34 years of

age. This is the media that young people are using!

Tweets have their own verbage. They are short and to the point. Tweets also have what is known as a hashtag (#). Hashtags are a way to categorize Tweets. and while they started so that everyone attending an event could find each other without becoming friends with thousands of people they don't know, it has turned into its own language and form of humor.

Eules First uses Twitter in a couple of different ways. First, tweets come throughout the week looking at thoughts and

suggesting articles that are theologically challenging and thought provoking. Second, Eules First tweets during sermons, using a hashtag to categorize sermon series. This is a good way to see and share reflections on the sermons. It is also a way for people who are not able to come to worship can glean meaning from the message.

Start following us on Twitter, and tweet with us during Steve's sermon series "What if Heaven Crashed Into Earth" at #heavencrash.



Follow us at  
[Twitter.com/EulesFirstUMC](https://twitter.com/EulesFirstUMC)

## FOOD PANTRY NEWS

### May volunteer schedule:

10– Kathy Chapman, Gloria Daves, Helen Davies, Jill Schanenber

17– Phyllis Augustus, Darlene Carter, Marie Lusk

24– Doris Brown, Trish Franklin, Dottie Rust, Judy Tribble.

The Food Pantry will no longer be open on the Fifth Friday's during the year.

**Food needed:** canned soup

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is a wonderful tradition where young children are attend a week of activities and fun all to teach children more about the Bible, and help them to grow in their faith. This is accomplished through songs, games, crafts, snacks, mission annittives, and most importantly fellowship with caring and loving adults.

Eules First has a wonderful history with Vacation Bible School. In 2012, over 100 students attended, and some 40 volunteers. What a great testament to the kingdom of God!



2013 VBS is looking to even better. Leadership are already working hard. This years theme is the wild west! SonWest RoundUp will teach children about the promise of God's love. Using the Exodus story and the Gospel of John as well as practical examples in animals. Children will begin the week looking at the armadillo and

their bad eyesight as an example of our need to let God guide us, and conclude the week by looking at the prairie dog and their communal living.

Together in the community of God we see God's promise and unending love.

Children ages 3 (by September 1, 2012) thru the 5th grade are invited to join us **June 24th – 28th, 9:00 a.m. to Noon.** Students will be able to register soon. Volunteers are needed to help with great week. If you are able to help out please contact Julie Ann Brown, Director of Children's Ministries at 817-283-4421.

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## MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Attention all travelers! Whether for pleasure of business, we are asking that you ask your hotel cleaning services for extra soap, shampoo, lotion, etc each night you stay. Then please

bring those extra's to the church for an ongoing mission project. We are collecting travel size toiletry items for kits for the homeless in our community. Your donation is much appreciated, and items

can be placed in the white plastic basket in Swor Parlor.

## SUCCESSFUL NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON

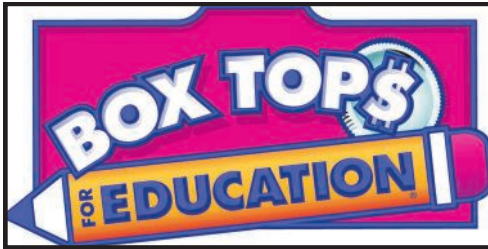
Sunday April 14th, your Radical Hospitality Committee hosted a New Member/ Guest Luncheon in the Swor Parlor. The purpose of this time together is to insure that our new members and regular guests become assimilated into the life of the church.

We shared the history of the congregation, discussed where the church is, and shared some of our dreams for the future.

It was a wonderful lunch with 13 honored guests. Mike and Beverly Springer and Steve and Rachel Heyduck were on

hand to answer questions and welcome families. A special thanks you to the Augustus's, Polenz's, Moffats and both Lewis's for helping host the event.

## BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



Box Tops for Education has helped America's schools earn over \$475 million since 1996.

Eules First United Methodist Preschool and Kindergarten is

one of these schools.

There are hundreds of participating brand names. So it is super easy. You buy your favorite products at the store, cut off the Box Tops for Education logo, bring them up to the church Preschool, and they receive money. Each Bow Top is worth \$.10. They

really do add up. Look for updates in the Preschool's newsletter article to see where the money goes.

If you have any questions please ask Linda Lewis, Director of the Preschool.

## NEW MUGS

Eules First has gotten new mugs! Mugs you say, yes mugs for "muggers"

In an effort to update to a new logo, Dave Lewis and Hospitality team have purchase new mugs. They are a stylish black and green. These mugs will be delivered to first time visitors by what are

called "Muggers". This is a loving way for us to welcome new people. To let them know we noticed they were here.

If you would like to help out with giving away mugs, please let Dave Lewis know.

We will also have mugs avail-

able for sale for all members, \$5 each, coming soon. Check with Dave for more information.

New name tags are also in the works.



## FUN NUMBERS

Here are some fun numbers. Since the beginning of the year March 31, Eules First UMC's giving for 2013 is up 21% over 2012. This is great!

This goes along with our annual budget which was up 20% from 2012 budget. Attendance is up 20% at worship as well. Special

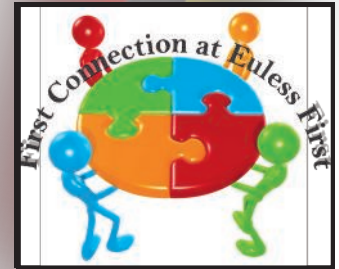
thanks for your generosity and help in growing Eules First United Methodist.

## FIRST CONNECTION @ EULESS FIRST

Have you recently joined Eules First, are you a regular visitor, or are just curious about the ministries of Eules First and the United Methodist Church? Join Pastor Steve for four weeks of

First Connection at Eules First. Classes will be Wednesdays, May 8, 15, 22, and 29, 6:30 p.m. in the Swor Parlor. For more information please contact the office at 817-283-4421.

Childcare is available. Please let the office know you will need it.



## BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

Baptism is a time for a community to welcome a new member, for a community to remember their own baptism, and for us to celebrate God's love and grace in individual's lives. While we normally baptize individuals in worship on Sunday morning by sprinkling, when someone wishes to be immersed we make special arrangements.

You are invited to a Baptism service Tuesday, May 7 (note the date change!) at Dave and Linda Lewis' house, 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in immersion, please contact Pastor Steve.

After these wonderful students are baptized, they, along with other Confirmands will be ready for Confirmation.

Confirmation is a time in the

United Methodist Church where students are claim their faith as their own, and become full members of Eules First United Methodist. Students will be Confirmed Pentecost Sunday, May 19, during the 11:00 a.m. service. A reception will be in the Swor Parlor beginning at 9:30 a.m. Please come by and give your regards to these young people.

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GOD'S LOVE  
AND GRACE  
IN  
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LIVES**

## ALL TOGETHER CHRISTIAN CHILDREN

The Central Texas Conference is excited to have Kenda Creasy Dean as their speaker this year for Annual Conference at Aurborlawn United Methodist in Fort Worth June 9-12.

In conjunction with this annual event, the Conference is inviting all parents of children, grandparents, youth workers, and children workers to come and hear

Dr. Dean Sunday June 9, 3:30-5:00 p.m. at First UMC Fort Worth. She will be speaking on raising all together Christian children in an almost Christian world.

Please join us for this wonderful speaker. Dr. Dean is a speaker, author, professor at Princeton, and an Ordained Elder. This will be a great event for anyone that loves children and has a



passion for them knowing God.

Look for more details as the event approaches about a group going together.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>May 2013</b>			<b>1</b> 6:00 VBS MEETING 7:00 CHANCEL CHOIR	<b>2</b> 10:00 TIME OF PRAYER 6:00 KIDS CLUB APT. MINISTRY	<b>3</b> 9:00 FOOD PANTRY OPEN	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 7:45 SONRISE CAFE 8:00 LIBRARY OPENS 8:30 WORSHIP 9:45 ASSEMBLIN' & SINGIN' 9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00 WORSHIP 12:30 RANGER GAME AND TAILGATE 5:30 DISCIPLE I BIBLE STUDY	<b>6</b> 6:30 HANDBELL CHOIR 7:00 TRUSTEE MEETING	<b>7</b> 10:00 HARMONY HOPE CIRCL 6:00 YOUTH BIBLE STUDY	<b>8</b> 6:30 FIRST CONNECTION @ EULESS FIRST 7:00 CHANCEL CHOIR	<b>9</b> 10:00 TIME OF PRAYER 6:00 KIDS CLUB APT. MINISTRY	<b>10</b> 9:00 FOOD PANTRY OPEN 7:00 SERVING FROM THE HEART	<b>11</b>
<b>12 MOTHER'S DAY</b> 8:00 LIBRARY OPENS 8:30 WORSHIP 9:45 ASSEMBLIN' & SINGIN' 9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00 WORSHIP 12:00 NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON 1:00 SERVING FROM THE HEART 5:00 YOUTH ACTIVITIES 5:30 DISCIPLE I BIBLE STUDY	<b>13</b> 6:00 UMW EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 6:30 HANDBELL CHOIR 7:00 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING	<b>14</b> 6:00 YOUTH BIBLE STUDY	<b>15</b> 9:00 TARRANT AREA FOOD BANK WORK DAY 6:30 FIRST CONNECTION @ EULESS FIRST 7:00 CHOIR PRACTICE	<b>16</b> 10:00 TIME OF PRAYER 6:00 KIDS CLUB APT. MINISTRY	<b>17</b> 9:00 FOOD PANTRY OPEN	<b>18</b>
<b>19 PENTECOST</b> 8:00 LIBRARY OPENS 8:30 WORSHIP 9:45 ASSEMBLIN' & SINGIN' 9:30 CONFIRMATION RECEPTION 9:45 BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING 9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00 WORSHIP- CONFIRMATION 5:00 EAST DISTRICT CONFERENCE 5:00 YOUTH ACTIVITIES 5:30 DISCIPLE I BIBLE STUDY	<b>20</b> 6:30 HANDBELL CHOIR 7:00 CHURCH COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING	<b>21</b> 6:00 YOUTH BIBLE STUDY 6:30 UMM MEETING	<b>22</b> 6:30 FIRST CONNECTION @ EULESS FIRST 7:00 CHANCEL CHOIR	<b>23</b> 10:00 TIME OF PRAYER 6:00 KIDS CLUB APT. MINISTRY 6:00 THOUGHTFUL FRIENDS CIRCLE	<b>24</b> 9:00 FOOD PANTRY OPEN	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 8:00 LIBRARY OPENS 8:30 WORSHIP 9:30 SENIOR SUNDAY RECEPTION 9:45 ASSEMBLIN' & SINGIN' 9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00 WORSHIP 5:00 YOUTH ACTIVITIES 5:30 DISCIPLE I BIBLE STUDY	<b>27</b> 6:30 HANDBELL CHOIR 7:00 LORD'S ACRE COMMITTEE MEETING	<b>28</b> 6:00 YOUTH BIBLE STUDY	<b>29</b> 6:30 FIRST CONNECTION @ EULESS FIRST 6:00 VBS MEETING	<b>30</b> 10:00 TIME OF PRAYER	<b>31</b>	

## EULESS FIRST UMC PRESCHOOL NEWS

### Angel News:

Preschool and Kindergarten is winding down. It's hard to believe we only have 1 month of school left. Our spring program is entitled, "At the Zoo." The children are learning about Zoo Animals in the classroom. It will be presented on Wednesday and Thursday, May 15 and 16 at 7 PM in the sanctuary.

The children gave their parents and community a small preview of their show at Arbor Daze last Saturday, and they did a great

job. Our last day of school will be May 24 and Kindergarten Graduation will also be on that day at 10 a.m.

To kick off the summer the Preschool and Kindergarten will be offering 2 weeks of summer camp. Week 1, is June 3-7 and will be entitled, "Ahoy Mates" as the students will enjoy being pirates for the week and searching for buried treasure.

Week 2, will be June 10-14 and will be a study of the layers and animals of the "Rainforest."

There is a \$10 registration fee

and the cost is \$75 for 1 week, \$140 for 2 weeks. Summer Camp will run from 9 a.m. to noon. It is for children who will be 2 by Sept. 1, 2013 and are toilet trained, to 6 year olds and have just completed Kindergarten. Forms can be downloaded from our website at [www.fumceless.org](http://www.fumceless.org) and click on the preschool link, then forms. We would love to host some new faces!

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### NEW WEB SITE

Eules First has a brand new look, online that is. Please help us out and go to our site, check it out and let the office know if you see any corrections that

need to be made.

Thanks for all your support, and please let others know that we are working to fix all the little quirks that arise with a new

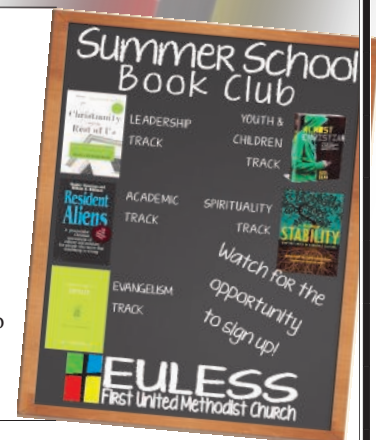
webpage. Thanks to Bob Collier and Rachel Heyduck for all of their hard work.

## UPCOMING SERMONS— SUMMER SCHOOL

Join Pastor Steve this summer as he preaches a new series called "Summer School". As part of his summer series he is also hosting a Summer School Book Club. Pastor Steve will have several different tracks each reading a different book. It includes: Christianity for the Rest of Us by

Diana Buttler Bass as the Leadership Track, Almost Christian by Kenda Creasy Dean as the Youth & Children Track, Resident Aliens by Stanley Hauerwas and William Willimon as the Academic Track, The Wisdom of Stability by Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove as the

Spirituality Track, and Speaking of Jesus by Carl Medearis as the Evangelism Track. In you have any interest to join in this time to read and reflect on God and the Church, stay tuned as the opportunity to sign up is coming soon.

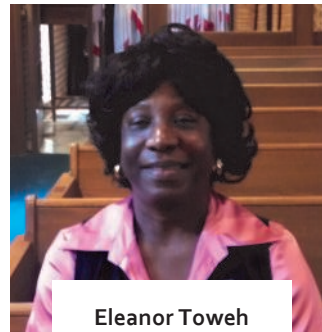


### NEW MEMBERS

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



Dale Cox joined 4/28/13



Eleanor Toweh joined 4/21/13



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