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BLESSINGS FAIR

In May, Pastor Steve has been preaching on us becoming God's people in God's world through blessing others. In response to this powerful glimpse at how our relationships with others are formative to our faith and to the world, we are holding a Blessings Fair on June 1, following each service in the Swor Parlor.

What is a Blessings Fair? Well we have collected information about five different ministries that Euless First United Methodist Church participates in that consist of volunteers directly interacting with persons in our community. These are all ministries in which volunteers are blessed by their interactions with others as much as those being blessed are blessed by the

volunteer. The ministries include: Laundromat Ministry, Food Pantry, Kids Beach Club at South Euless Elementary, South Euless Elementary Mentoring, and Arlington Life Shelter. All of these ministries are looking for volunteers. Please take the time to come by and see how you might be able to bless others.

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

CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE YOUTH IN MISSION

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

We have known for some time that our CTCYM Mission Experience would lead us to Mississippi this summer, but we haven't known where exactly we would be going to serve... Now we know that our destination is Kosciusko, MS, roughly located 50 miles Northeast of Jackson, MS.

We are excited about the work in front of us to be able to serve others. However, mission experiences like CTCYM aren't important merely because they provide opportunities to serve, but because they take us out of our comfort zones (in many different ways!). These experiences create space for students (and adults) to grow in love for God and others by helping them to embrace a way of life that joins in God's Mission to transform and bring justice to the world.

We are grateful for the support that so many of you have already given us, and we

want to say thank you for your support in several ways. If you gave (or give) to our Mission-velope fundraiser, you will receive a special invitation to these events in your mailbox. So be on the lookout!

Game Night - Wednesday, May 28th @ 6:00 p.m. in the Swor Parlor. If you didn't already take a Mission-velope, we would like you to consider donating \$5 on that evening to help us out with our trip costs. Even if you can't donate, please come anyway! Come teach our students how to play dominos, beat them at Scrabble, or learn about each other in an epic game of Apples to Apples - We will be playing all kinds of fun games together!

Car Wash - Sunday, June 1st beginning at 9:45 a.m. and ending when we get all of the cars washed... While Level 2 and above Mission-velope investors will receive coupons to "move to the front of the line," we

will be accepting donations from all who come, both

church members and those who pull in while driving by. Ice Cream Social & Bunco Night - Sunday June 8th starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Bring your favorite homemade ice cream (we want to taste those special recipes) and hang out with us for a fun night of Bunco on the Sunday before we head to Mississippi to serve!

As a last note, please remember to hold all of our students and their families in your prayers as they travel this summer to see their family, work summer jobs, attend camps, serve on mission trips, and all of the many other things they will be doing - I know they will appreciate it.

-Shane Mullin



BE. LOVE. SERVE.

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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.

Aaron Bunn, Cindy Gillard's son-in-law	Donna Thorsell, Lauren Thorsell's grandmother	Jay and Susan Suggs, Larry and Maggie Lucas' friend	Mary Fran and David Jarzenski families, Kimberly Knighton's friends	Pierre Tshimanga's family	TJ Pepper
Amanda Robertson	Doris Alexander	Lucas' friend			Treetops School staff and students
Ann Burns, Larry and Maggie Lucas' friend	Doug Graham	Jeff and Amber Boshier and family	Mary Ledbetter, Mac Ledbetter's mother	Piper Rose Koran, Tiffany Morrow's newborn cousin	Tweedy family, Jordan Graham's friend
Becky and Woody Kemp	Dunkin and Barbara Tandy, Charlotte Everett's friend	Jim Gathings	Maurine Padgett, Nancy Bickel's co-worker	Rebecca Partain and daughter, Kristin, Billie Pallett's niece and her daughter	Warner Muirhead
Bill Gonzales	Family of Claire Parker, Kelsey Carter's friends	Joe Brown	Maxine and Bill Wallace, Kimberly Knighton's friends	Rene Harris, Lori Goodrich's friend	In the Military: Carl Miller
Billy Ray, Charlotte Everett's friend	Family of "Granny" Reeves, Jessie Cox Thompson's (Carol Bolton's daughter) friend	Kathe Houk, Kathy Chapman's friend	Michele Heroux and family, Amber Hawthorne's friend	Rick Miles and family	Chris Mulford, Pat Bailey's grandson
Brad Bradbury, Janice Kasten's friend	Family of Jim Tompkins, Carol Bolton's daughter, Jessica Tompkins', grandfather-in-law	Katie Lucas, Larry and Maggie Lucas' sister-in-law	Michele Moffatt, Alan and Lynne Moffatt's sister-in-law	Rita Rose Everett, Charlotte Everett's step-daughter	Colton Hardaway and Kayla Davis, son and daughter of Michael and Lore Osborn
Brad Keskinen, Jerrie Keller's friend	Ginger Williams	Katie Ritchie, Don and Ann Wilson's niece	Michelle and Baker Ingram, Vic and Judy Torres' daughter and grandson	Robbie Breaux, Audrey Coats' friend	Devan DeBoyington, Robin Biles' friend
Brad Tribble	Gordon and Linda Roberts, Nancy Bickel's friends	Kellsey Abbott, Sherwood and Cheri Abbott's granddaughter	Natalie, Payton's friend	Roger and Charlotte Martin	Eric Sherrer, Justin Sherrer, Patric Owen, and Alan McClelland, Grandnephews of Vic and Judy Torres
Burton family	Henrika Bradford-Gladney, Barbara Bradford's daughter	Ken Klasen	Nick and Lisa Schoenberger, Ron Coats' friends	Shayla Herigan, Eileen Mode's friend	Gail Worofka
C. Foseburg, Randy Pilney's friend	Isabel Rosero, Caro Kenyon's mother	Kevin Maines	Nolan Hardwick, Barbara Collier's father	Sidney Gorton, Marjori Haddock's friend	James Fiaccone, Sue Fiaccone's grandson
Cameron Mode	Jack Loftin, Stephen Pilney's co-worker's father	Kim and Jeremy Jones	Ollie O'Sallis	Stan Clarke, Sue & Richard Morrow's friend	Jeffrey Stone, Lucille Link's nephew
Carl Coley, Ann Wilson's father	Jackie Robinson, Patsy Brown's daughter	Kimberly Massey and Shawnee Zelis, Milford Roop's step-sister and brother-in-law	Pam Kehoe, Doug Graham's sister	Steve Townsend, Ken and Betty Vowell and Roger and June Ivey's friend	Josh Crow, Annette Kelleher's son
Caro and Pierre Kenyon	James Thompson	Kristen Hammitt	Pat Holland, Cindy Balentine's sister	Sue Williams, Cherinell Abbott's friend	Justin Knighton
Carol Rust, Dottie Rust's daughter	Jan Isbell and the Isbell family	Kristie Coleson Young, Kimberly Knighton's sister	Patti Woodson and daughter Jessica, Dodie Davis' friend	Sydney Marie Peel, Pat May's great niece	Sam Weatherby, Gary and Carol Turner's nephew
Cindy Balentine	Jane Holt-Duecaster, Janice Kasten's friend	Larry Farrow, Faye Stinneford's brother-in-law	Paul Jones	Teisha Fletcher, Kiara and Heaven	Stephen Tate
Clara Klasen, Ken Klasen's mother	Janie Baleuw, Janice Kasten's friend	Lisa Moffatt, Lynne and Alan Moffatt's daughter-in-law	People of Syria	Terron Muller, Les Foley's niece	Travis Thomas
Connie, Jordan and Claire Parker, Kelsey Carter's friends		Marlene Hill and John Lewis	Peter Shrake, Kathy Knowles father	Tim and Janna Martin	Deaths: Tiny Spurlock 04/04/2014 Ed Nonnemacher 04/18/2014
Daniel Davis, Blaine Davis' uncle		Mary Bowie, Shametrius Sims' grandmother			
David Viggiano, Nancy Bickel's cousin					
Dawnita Grimes, Heidi Graham's friend					
Deborah Lynch, Charlotte Everett's step-sister					

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Ed Nonnemacher/
Memorial Fund:
Dennis & Emily Burk

BIRTHDAYS

May

- 21 –Christopher Grimm, Milford Roop
- 22 –Amy Laney, Charlotte Everett
- 24 –Katie Utz
- 26 –Jake Bowen, Julie Ratliff
- 28 –Kyle Lewis, Ken Vowell, Nevaeh Lara-Turner

30 –Marilyn Long

June

- 1 –Christopher Arnold
- 2 –Linda Martin, Travis Thomas

ANNIVERSARIES

May

- 23 –Ken & Betty Vowell
- 24 –Gary & Carol Turner
- 26 –Sherwood & Cheri Abbott, Alan & Lynne Moffatt
- 30 –Johnny & Teresa Watts

31 –Michael & Kathryn McGee

June

1—Mike & Beverly Springer

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

23 –Phyllis Augustus, Trish Franklin, Dottie Rust, Jill

Schaneberg
30 –Closed

June

6 –Linda Lewis, Hedy Taylor, Judy Tribble, Jill Schaneberg, Kathy Chapman

13 –Phyllis Augustus, Gloria Daves, Helen Davies, Maggie Lucas

20 –Marie Bean, Darlene Carter, Sheri Roberts, Milford Roop

27 –Doris Brown, Trish Franklin,

Dottie Rust, Judy Torres

Needed Food Items:

- Boxed crackers
- Boxed Mac and Cheese

Next workday at Tarrant County Area Food Bank is this next Wednesday, May 21st. 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! At 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, snacks.

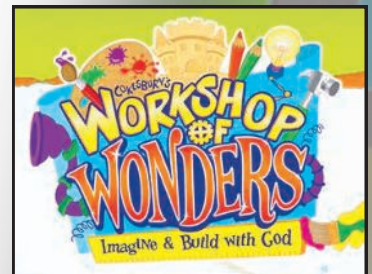
Our overall theme verse is Psalm 77:14a, "You are the God who works wonders."

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.-12:00 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.



GLEN LAKE CAMP

Glen Lake Camp is the Central Texas Conference camp and retreat center. Join us this summer to "Get real and find your true self in Jesus."

Here is the schedule:

Family Camp

(K-3rd Grade & families)

June 15-17

3rd & 4th Grade

June 17-20

7th, 8th, & 9th Grade

June 22-27

9th-12th Grade

June 29-July 3

2014 HS Graduates

June 29-July 3

4th, 5th, & 6th Grade

July 6-11

4th, 5th, & 6th Grade

July 13-18

6th, 7th, & 8th Grade

July 20-25

For cost and registration go to glenlake.org.



PRESCHOOL



Angel News:

What an amazing year we have had! Last week we had our annual spring program "Goin' Buggy!," an adorable musical program about

insects. The kids had fun learning all about bugs with our bug unit. A special thanks to Mike Springer for assisting us in the media department and Jana Johnson for accompanying us. The

program was followed by a reception and art show

featuring artwork by our students. What a wonderful couple of evenings was had by all.

On Friday, we held our 2nd annual Cultural Day. The

parents helped teach our students about the countries of England, Iran, Greece and Mexico. There was food, art, pictures, music and more. It is a blessing to be able to broaden the world of our children.

The week of May 19, the last week of school, students will have "Play Days" with a treat provided by Rita's Italian Ice. We will have Team Spirit Days and recognize our PK2 students who will be going on to Kindergarten next year. The week will conclude as we honor our Kindergarten graduates and their parents with a breakfast and

Graduation Ceremony. All classes will end at 11:30 a.m. Friday, so we can honor our teachers with an appreciation luncheon provided by the parents.

Just in case you can make it, the Preschool is having a fundraiser at Rita's Italian Ice in Bedford on Tuesday, May 20 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Rita's is donating 15% of sales back to the preschool. Staff members will be there to serve and visit. Please plan to stop by and enjoy some Rita's while helping the preschool out. Rita's is located on Industrial Blvd., across from Trinity High School and next to Dickey's Barbecue. Hope to see you there.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



After explaining the commandment to honor your father and mother, a Sunday school teacher asked her class if there was a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters. One boy, the oldest of his family, immediately answered, "Thou shalt not kill!" Another Sunday school teacher was describing that when Lot's wife looked back at Sodom she turned into a pillar of salt, when Bobby interrupted, "My mommy looked back once while she was driving," he announced, "and she turned into a

telephone pole."

I came across these jokes the other day and wanted to share them with you. We have some pretty hilarious kids of our own on Sundays. I absolutely adore each and every one of them, and I know you will too, when you volunteer a Sunday morning to spend some time with them and teach God's word! Please consider giving your time. Vacation Bible School is approaching!

June 23-27 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. If you're not available Sunday mornings, are you available that week? We're

still looking for volunteers and kids to register!

Spring and summer are great times to be outside and spend some time with family! Maybe you're looking for a mini road trip? How about the 48th Annual National Polka Festival on Friday and Saturday May 23/24 in Ennis, TX! There are tons of other festivals and events listed at www.dfwandbeyond.com. Enjoy!

-Aubree Marlow

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Components of a Wesleyan Stewardship

1. Christian stewardship begins with a gifting God who owns everything and who is present in the world as grace.
2. Christian stewardship is our vocation to share in God's mission of compassion, generosity, and justice.
3. Christian stewardship is an expression of love for God and neighbor, a necessary component of being a disciple of Jesus Christ, and integral to the church's preaching and teaching.
4. Community with, compassion for, and commitment to the vulnerable and those who live in economic poverty are constitutive of discipleship and stewardship in the Wesleyan tradition; and economic justice is measured by what happens to the under-resourced and the most vulnerable.
5. Stewardship includes generous personal sharing and the development and support of institutions, structures, public policies, and strategies that provide for the holistic needs of one's family, the under-resourced, and the global community.
6. Stewardship includes vocational choices that contribute to life and the health and well-being of the human family and God's creation.
7. Christian stewardship requires simplified living by choosing necessities for everyone over excesses for the few.
8. Leaders who model stewardship in the Wesleyan tradition in personal practices and institutional involvement are critical to the Wesleyan movement.
9. Economy is a spiritual issue and all economic systems, policies, and practices must be critiqued in the light of the Bible's understanding of creation as a gift to be nurtured and shared rather than a commodity to be exploited.
10. Christian stewardship is empowered by God's grace in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit who binds us in covenant with one another in anticipation of God's coming reign of compassion, justice, generosity, and joy.

BOOK CLUB

Summer is almost here again, and the Summer Book Club is returning as well...

Join Pastor Steve for a book a month.

June: Malcolm Gladwell's *David and Goliath*. In *David and Goliath*, Malcolm Gladwell challenges how we think about obstacles and disadvantages, offering a new interpretation of what it means to be discriminated against, or cope with a disability, or lose a parent, or attend a mediocre school, or suffer from any number of other apparent setbacks.

July: Barbara Brown Taylor's

Learning to Walk in the Dark. In this long awaited follow-up to the best-selling *An Altar in the World*, Barbara Brown Taylor explores 'the treasures of darkness' that the Bible speaks about. What can we learn about the ways of God when we cannot see the way ahead, are lost, alone, frightened, not in control or when the world around us seems to have descended into darkness?

August: N.T. Wright's *Simply Christian*. Why is justice fair? Why are so many people pursuing spirituality? Why do we crave relationship? And why is beauty so beautiful? N. T. Wright argues that each of these questions takes us into the mystery of who God is

and what he wants from us. For two thousand years Christianity has claimed to answer these mysteries, and this renowned biblical scholar and Anglican bishop shows that it still does today. Wright makes the case for Christian faith from the ground up, assuming that the reader is starting from ground zero with no predisposition to and perhaps even some negativity toward religion in general and Christianity in particular. His goal is to describe Christianity in as simple and accessible, yet hopefully attractive and exciting, a way as possible.

We'll meet the last Sunday of each month following the second service to discuss.



June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 7:30 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING 8:00 LIBRARY OPENS 8:30 WORSHIP 9:00 SONRISE CAFE 9:45 CHILDREN'S MUSIC 9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 BLESSINGS MINISTRY FAIR 11:00 WORSHIP 12:00 BLESSINGS MINISTRY FAIR 5:00 ELEMENT STUDENTS 5:30 DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY III	2 7:00 HANDBELL REHEARSAL 7:00 KIDS MONDAY MUSIC 7:00 TRUSTEES MEETING	3	4 7:00 CHOIR PRACTICE	5 10:00 TIME OF PRAYER	6 9:00 FOOD PANTRY OPEN	7
8 SENIOR SUNDAY 8:00 LIBRARY OPENS 8:30 WORSHIP 9:45 CHILDREN'S MUSIC 9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 SENIOR RECEPTION 11:00 WORSHIP 12:00 NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON 6:00 ELEMENT BUNCO & ICE CREAM SOCIAL	9 6:00 UMW EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 7:00 KIDS MONDAY MUSIC 7:00 HANDBELL REHEARSAL 7:00 FINANCE MEETING	10 6:30 ALPHA REUNION GROUP	11 7:00 CHOIR PRACTICE	12 10:00 TIME OF PRAYER	13 9:00 FOOD PANTRY OPEN	14
15 CTCYM 8:00 LIBRARY OPENS 8:30 WORSHIP 9:30 BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING 9:45 CHILDREN'S MUSIC 9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00 WORSHIP 5:00 ELEMENT STUDENTS	16 CTCYM 7:00 KIDS MONDAY MUSIC 7:00 HANDBELL REHEARSAL 7:00 CHURCH COUNCIL	17 CTCYM	18 CTCYM 8:30 FOOD BANK WORKDAY 7:00 CHOIR PRACTICE	19 CTCYM 10:00 TIME OF PRAYER 7:00 LORD ACRE MEETING	20 CTCYM 9:00 FOOD PANTRY OPEN	21 CTCYM
22 8:00 LIBRARY OPENS 8:30 WORSHIP 9:45 CHILDREN'S MUSIC 9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00 WORSHIP 5:00 ELEMENT STUDENTS	23 9:00 VBS 7:00 KIDS MONDAY MUSIC 7:00 HANDBELL REHEARSAL	24 9:00 VBS	25 9:00 VBS 7:00 CHOIR PRACTICE	26 9:00 VBS 10:00 TIME OF PRAYER	27 9:00 VBS 9:00 FOOD PANTRY OPEN	28 9:00 LAUNDROMAT MINISTRY
29 8:00 LIBRARY OPENS 8:30 WORSHIP 9:45 CHILDREN'S MUSIC 9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00 WORSHIP 5:00 ELEMENT STUDENTS	30 7:00 KIDS MONDAY MUSIC 7:00 HANDBELL REHEARSAL					

HIGHWAY EXPANSION UPDATE

Thank you for your questions from the All-Church meeting May 4. We are working on the answers and will make every effort to have answers out to you by the end of May.

There is no information to report at this time that has not already been shared. TxDOT (Texas

Department of Transportation) is due to select the winning bid from contractors bidding to construct the highway expansion project on May 29th. The work could possibly begin around the first of 2015. Exactly when

this will affect our land and buildings, we do not know. We will continue to prepare for the eventual negotiations of our land. If you have any questions, please ask Pastor Steve, who will do his best to find the answer if he does not know.



FROM THE PASTOR

When I was in school, summer vacation didn't seem so much like time off as time to do something different.

During my college and seminary years especially, summer was time to work. I worked enough hours during each summer that going back to school felt a bit like a vacation.

I hope you'll join me in thinking about this summer differently.

Sure, school is out so there is more time and flexibility for vacations. But church isn't really something that one takes a vacation from. At least, if one cares about one's spiritual life, or about one's relationship with God, one doesn't simply ignore it for three months.

So I invite you to do this summer differently, but not to take the summer off. We will have plenty

going on throughout the summer, and I encourage you to find your place and be a part.

Here is something we will be doing differently this summer: A break from sermon series!

That's right; rather than having a sermon series or two through the summer, we will be working through a single book of the Bible.

Our choice: First Corinthians. We will begin our study of 1 Corinthians on June 8th and conclude August 17.

I chose 1 Corinthians because I have come to think of our purpose as a church to make the good news of Jesus Christ credible in our lives, work, and relationships. In my reading of this letter by the Apostle Paul, this is the kind of thing he attempted to get the Church in

Corinth to do.

Here is another good reason for us to spend the summer in 1 Corinthians: Eulless is similar to Corinth. N.T. Wright called Corinth: "A lively seaport where cultures of every sort jostled together." Though Eulless is far from any large body of water, DFW Airport serves today in similar ways to a seaport of the first century.

Cultures are "jostled together" here like, and perhaps even more than, they were in Corinth when Paul wrote this letter.

Since we, as God's people, are called to be a blessing to all people, I believe 1 Corinthians offers us insights as to how we might bless those around us, on God's behalf, whether or not they share our cultural heritage.

-Pastor Steve

NEW MEMBERS

Eulless 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.



Jason, Marjorie, Ian, and Bonnie Haddock joined May 11.



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