

CHURCH MATTERS

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CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE YOUTH IN MISSION

Element Students are getting ready for their summer mission trip to Kosciusko, Mississippi, about 1 1/2 hours northeast of Jackson, June 15-21. They have requested your help. If you have not already seen, there is a Christmas Tree in front of the Swor Parlor decorated with pictures of Gatorade: Thirst Quencher

Powder. Please consider helping out our youth by taking an ornament as a reminder, and leaving some Gatorade mix underneath this tree by June 8th as a contribution to our CTCYM (Central Texas Conference Youth in Mission) Living Center this summer. Any and all Gatorade mixes will be

appreciated! Thanks so much for your help!



GATORADE TREE

What: Tree decorated with Gatorade ornaments. Take an ornament and return the Gatorade for youth to take on mission trip.

When: Return Gatorade by June 8th

Where: In front of Swor Parlor

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

If it's June, then it's time for Annual Conference!

Annual Conference is as



United Methodist as the Cross and Flame. Actually, it is more United Methodist. Methodists have had

Annual Conference as long as there have been Methodists!

Annual Conference is a meeting of the presiding Bishop and laity and clergy representing each of the churches in the Central Texas Conference. Actually, it is more than that. Annual Conference can refer to either the regional body (Central Texas Conference, the organizational body thereof (Bishop and regional staff), or the yearly meeting of this group and lay and clergy representation.

This all started with John Wesley. Wesley was a priest in the Church of England -

known today as the Anglican Church. Unsatisfied with the ministry of the church in his day, Wesley organized meetings beyond the local parish. Annual Conference grew out of these meetings. While Annual Conference has changed much in the last 200+ years, it is still at the heart of what it means to be a United Methodist. If you have never attended an Annual Conference, I want to invite you to come and see some of this one. Our Annual Conference will meet this month, June 8-11, at First United Methodist Church of Mansfield. Please contact the Church office or check ctcumc.org for further information.

One of the defining characteristics of John Wesley's group meetings over the centuries, from small groups (8-12 people) up to Annual Conference (over 1000 people) is questions. Wesley liked to ask questions. Methodists, to this day, answer some of Wesley's historical questions.

And Methodists today continue to ask questions.

Some of these questions we know the answers to. Some we don't. Either way, it is part of the nature of being a United Methodist to ask and seek to answer questions.

As United Methodists we welcome questions. This is part of who we are.

Sometimes we ask questions because we don't know the answers. Sometimes, though, we ask questions to which we know the answers. The pattern of asking a question and giving an answer, though, reminds us that even the answers we have are a response to something, or to someone.

May the questions of your life, the ones you have answers to and the ones you don't, remind you that you live in response to someone. We each live in response to God; the One who created us.

-Pastor Steve

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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	Dunkin and Barbara Tandy, Charlotte Everett's friend	Katie Lucas, Larry and Maggie Lucas' sister-in-law	Maxine and Bill Wallace, Kimberly Knighton's friends	Rita Rose Everett, Charlotte Everett's step-daughter	Tim and Janna Martin and family
Alton and Reta Ray	Family of Claire Parker, Kelsey Carter's friends	Kellsey Abbott, Sherwood and Cheri Abbott's granddaughter	Michele and Baker Ingram	Robbie Breaux, Audrey Coats' friend	TJ Pepper
Amanda Mayer	Gabriela Troya and family, Caro Kenyon's sister	Kelly Dugan, Lesli Cumming's friend	Michele Heroux and family, Amber Hawthorne's friend	Robert Swann	Tweedy family, Jordan Graham's friend
Ann Burns, Larry and Maggie Lucas' friend	Gordon and Linda Roberts, Nancy Bickel's friends	Ken Klases	Michele Moffatt, Alan and Lynne Moffatt's sister-in-law	Roger and Charlotte Martin	Warner Muirhead
Audrey Bradford, Jay Bradford's mother	Henrika Bradford-Gladney, Barbara Bradford's daughter	Kevin Maines	Mike Khun	Ron Hula, Stephen Pilney's friend	Wendy Swann
Becky and Woody Kemp	Homeless and Hungry everywhere	Kim and Jeremy Jones	Milford Roop	Sam Adams, Kaye Best's neighbor's son	Willie Turner and family
Billy Ray, Charlotte Everett's friend	Honor Vaughn	Kimberly Massey and Shawnee Zelis, Milford Roop's step sister and her boyfriend	Natalie's friend	Shayla Herigan, Eileen Mode's friend	
Bingenheimer family	Isabel Rosero, Caro Kenyon's mother	Kristie Coleson Young, Kimberly Knighton's sister	Nick and Lisa Schoenberger, Ron Coats' friends	Sidney Gorton, Marjori Haddock's friend	In the Military:
Brad Keskinen, Jerrie Keller's friend	Jack Loftin, Stephen Pilney's co-worker's father	Larry Farrow, Faye Stinneford's brother-in-law	Nolan Hardwick, Barbara Collier's father	Stacy Smith	Carl Miller
Brad Tribble	Jackie Robinson, Patsy Brown's daughter	Lisa and Lance Fish, Les Foley's daughter and son-in-law	Ollie O. Sallis, Sean, Steven, Latoya, and Andrea	Stan Clarke, Sue & Richard Morrow's friend	Chris Mulford, Pat Bailey's grandson
Brian Murdock, Marla Williams' brother	James Thompson	Linda Bates, Michelle Barker's friend	Pam Roorda, Johnnie Dirod's daughter	Steve Townsend, Ken and Betty Vowell's and Roger and June Ivey's friend	Colton Hardaway and Kayla Davis, son and daughter of Michael and Lore Osborn
Burton family	Jan Isbell and the Isbell family	Lisa Moffatt, Lynne and Alan Moffatt's daughter -in-law	Pat Holland, Cindy Balentine's sister	Stuart Hudsmith, Susan Henslee and family, Michelle Barker's friend	Devan DeBoyington, Robin Biles' friend
Cameron Mode	Janie Baleuw, Janice Kasten's friend	Marlene Hill and John Lewis	Patti Woodson and daughter Jessica, Dodie Davis' friend	Susan McGehee	Eric Sherrer, Justin Sherrer, Patric Owen, and Alan McClelland, Grandnephews of Vic and Judy Torres
Caro and Pierre Kenyon	Jay and Susan Suggs, Larry and Maggie Lucas' friend	Mary Bowie, Shametrius Sims' grandmother	Paul Jones	Sydney Marie Peel, Pat May's great niece	Gail Worofka
Carol Duncan	Jeff and Amber Bosher and family	Mary Fran and David Jarzenski families, Kimberly Knighton's friends	Paul Simone, Larry and Phyllis Augustus' friend	Tamara Rose, Myna Moody's great-granddaughter	James Fiaccone, Sue Fiaccone's grandson
Carol Rust, Dottie Rust's daughter	Jerry Maloney, Sr.	Mary Ledbetter, Mac Ledbetter's mother	Peter Shrake, Kathy Knowles' father	Teisha Fletcher, Kiara and Heaven	Jeffrey Stone, Lucille Link's nephew
Catherine Shrake, Kathy Knowles' grandmother	Joe Brown, Jackie Robinson's brother	Maurine Padgett, Nancy Bickel's co-worker	Pierre Tshimanga's family	Terron Muller, Les Foley's niece	Josh Crow, Annette Kelleher's son
Chery Foseburg, Randy Pilney's friend	Joe Brown		Rebecca Partain and daughter, Kristin, Billie Pallett's niece and her daughter	Those lost in addiction	Justin Knighton
Christopher Sallis	Joley Brown		Rene Harris, Lori Goodrich's friend		Sam Weatherby, Gary and Carol Turner's nephew
Cindy Balentine	Josh, Michael Mulholland's friend		Rick Miles and family		Stephen Tate
Clara Klases, Ken Klases' mother	Judy Mulholland				Travis Thomas
Daniel Davis, Blaine Davis' uncle	Kathy Woods and Shawn Alback, Milford Roop's niece and nephew				

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Dave & Linda Lewis' Mothers' Pastor's Emergency Fund: Kathy Chapman

BIRTHDAYS

June	Thomas Hawthorne
3 –Julie Crawford	
4 –Mariah Maddox	12 –Marianne Denmer
6 –Chris Gray, Nancy Thomas, Amber Williams	14 –Helen Voss
	15 –Nancy Bickel, Stephen Pilney
7 –Rita Everett	
8 –Andrea Seman	
9 – Harry Reiss, Dustin Walton	
11 –Amber Hawthorne,	

ANNIVERSARIES

June
7 –Skip & Charlotte Halleck
8 –Bob & Brenda Menton
11 –Clay & Vicki Smith

PERSONAL STORIES

I have begun to follow Jesus better than before by:

- Listening to KLTY, attending classes offered by our church and UMW, and reading devotionals and study Bible instead of just KJV.
- Understanding that worldly success is attained in the same manner as following Jesus: learn from my mistakes; trust my good mentors' advise; do my best; and don't judge my life by another's standards.

Dale Miller

-Getting more involved in my church and community.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Christmas came early to the Food Pantry this year. On May 3rd, thanks to Judy Tribble's hard work and procurement, the Food Pantry received 2,921 lbs. of non-perishable food from the Southlake Relay For Life. Our trucking crew was Sherwood Abbott, Larry Lewis, Jimmy Payton, Daniel Mafileo, and Wayne Weyer. The quality control and stocking crew was

Sherwood Abbott, Marie Bean, Linda & Larry Lewis and Sharon Menix. The shelves were completely stocked and more than half of the load is still to be worked and put on the shelves. Thanks Be To God! Here is the Food Pantry volunteer schedule:

June

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

13 –Phyllis Augustus, Gloria Daves, Helen Davies, Maggie Lucas
 20 –Marie Bean, Darlene Carter, Milford Roop, Jill Schaneberg
 27 –Doris Brown, Trish Franklin, Dottie Rust, Judy Torres



Needed Food Items:

- Boxed crackers
- Boxed Mac and Cheese

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!

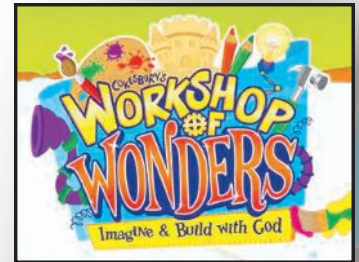
The dates are June 23-27, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Registration is open for children ages 3 (by September 1, 2013) -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.

Donations needed: Monetary donations, paint cans (preferably empty), paint trays... and more.



HIGHWAY EXPANSION UPDATE

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT HIGHWAY EXPANSION, MAY, 2014

At an All-Church meeting held May 4, 2014, we invited questions regarding the expected expansion of Airport Freeway. A document including questions, and answers provided to the best of our ability and knowledge at this time (May, 2014) is available in full in the Sunday School folders, in the office, or on the webpage. Also included are questions and answers from an earlier discussion – December 2013 – about the

same project.

Overview: Eules First United Methodist Church has watched Hwy 183 grow and expand. We have known for almost 25 years that its expansion would again affect Eules First United Methodist properties. Here is what we currently know (exact road specifications are not set at this time). An additional lane will be added on Main Street. We expect the western entrance to our parking lot to remain. On the north side of our properties, the project will take about half of our

existing office building, half of the playground, dumpster area, tall lighted blue highway sign, short masonry lighted blue sign, office parking spaces and an additional 10-20 parking spaces. We do not expect this to affect our southern property lines. We do not expect this to affect the smokehouse. We will have major utility impact, as our electrical grid is located on the edge of our property and will need to be moved. There are current markings with stakes and paint that are tentative lines for where the highway and Main Street will expand.



YOUTH MINISTRY



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E1 ELEMENT STUDENTS



Our teenagers are so thankful for all of your support of them and their endeavors, they

want to do something for you! That's why we want you to remember that Element Students will be hosting an **Ice Cream Social & Bunco Night** – Sunday June 8 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

Bring your favorite **Homemade Ice Cream** to share with everyone - we want to taste those special recipes! Since it's an Ice Cream Social, you're probably asking yourself

about how we plan to be "social" with all that ice cream, and of course the answer is: Bunco! In addition to sharing the ice cream, we will be playing Bunco together - and there will be prizes!

This event is primarily about the fellowship and the ice cream, but we will be offering some "food off the grill" in limited quantities, and of course, you are always welcome to bring your own "pre-ice cream" food with you! We really hope that you will join us on our last Sunday Night in town before we head out to Mississippi to serve with

CTCYM! If you don't make it out, we'll see you on June 22nd.

Maybe you have seen some folks around Euless First wearing one of the new Element Students "BE. LOVE. SERVE." armbands in solidarity with our youth. All of our Mission-velope investors have already received one, but if you want to wear one in solidarity with our youth too, we are selling them for \$5 each, and all of the proceeds will help to fund youth mission projects, including our trip to Mississippi in a few weeks.

#elementstudents

NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON

If you have joined the church in 2014 or have been a regular guest--we would love to invite you to a luncheon. Please join Pastor Steve and Pastor Beverly on Sunday June 8th in

the Swor Parlor after the 11:00 a.m. service for lunch and time to get to know a bit more about Euless First UMC. Children are invited and will be served a pizza lunch and

have some fun time in the Family Life Center. If you have any questions please, ask one of the Pastors or Dave Lewis. Hope to see you there!

SOCCER TOTS

Have you heard we have Soccer Tots? What is Soccer Tots? Texas Premier Youth Sports and Euless First UMC began a partnership early in 2014 with Saturday classes for 2, 3 and 4 year olds learning basic soccer skills in our Family

Life Center. They have grown from 5 in the first session, to 17 in the current sessions in 3 different sports: Soccer, Baseball and Basketball. Should you be interested in enrolling a student, or know little ones around the neighborhood,

please contact Director & Coach, Kyndra Grazetti www.texaspremieryouthsports.com or 972-978-8530. We are excited as a church to host organizations like this in our facility as an outreach to the Greater Euless Community.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Vacation Bible School is less than a month away! Have you signed your family up for a week of fun? There is still time to do so if you haven't. Also, we are still in need of a few more volunteers to lead each group to their activities for that week as well. Please consider giving your time. It will be a blast for everyone involved!

If Sunday mornings work better for you, there are positions open in the preschool and older elementary classrooms waiting to be filled. If you are part of an adult Sunday school class, I think it would be a neat idea to sponsor a children's Sunday school room! That way everyone could help out!

We are also hiring in the nursery! If you or someone you know is looking for a part time job this summer, contact Aubree Marlow in the church office for more information!

-Aubree Marlow



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

WHEN WE GIVE THE GIFT OF PRESENCE

by Ken Sloane

When I joined the United Methodist Church, I promised to support the church with my prayers, presence, gifts, and service. In recent years, the church has added the pledge of witness as well. I remember this promise often (especially when I renew my vows), and I think I live up to them -- although I know there is always room for improvement. Most of us can pray more. Most of us could probably give more sacrificially. There are always more places we could serve -- although I'm aware many of you reading this probably feel you spend more time serving in your local church than you do at home! How are we at witnessing? I'm sure almost all

of us could find more opportunities to share and live out our faith, to be not only a witness for Christ, but a witness for justice and compassion.

The vow of presence, I thought, was always the easiest. You just have to show up, right? OK, no problem -- once a week I can make an appearance: potluck suppers, good people doing good things, worship, fun times and fellowship -- presence is a breeze! I don't have to worry about living up to that promise.

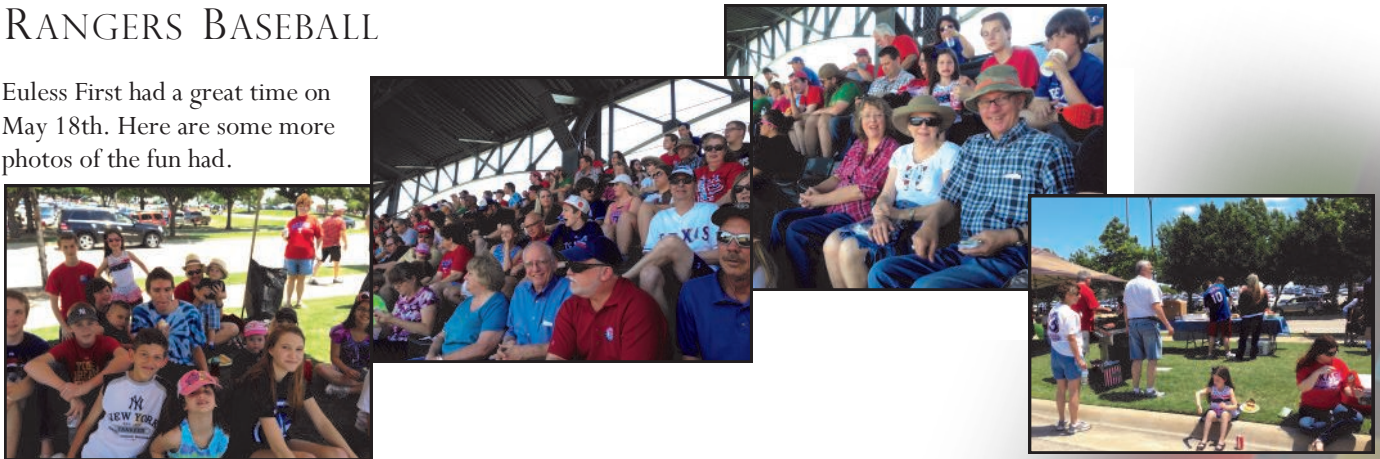
As the years have progressed, I've realized that my promise of supporting the church with my presence is about more than showing up. The main question asked is if you will "faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness." While potluck supper

and fun activities fall in that category, there are times when offering presence is more challenging. When someone has lost a loved one (a parent, a spouse, child, or sibling), words seem so inadequate; but we can give the gift of presence. When violence or dishonesty has shattered a family, we can give the gift of presence. When natural disasters have ripped through a community, whether it is a flood 10 miles away, or a tornado 1000 miles away, or a typhoon 5000 miles away; we can give the gift of presence.

By responding in love to those we don't know and may never meet, we experience a different kind of generosity -- a way for us to make real the love of the Savior we profess as Lord of our lives. Yes, we offer the gift of presence!

RANGERS BASEBALL

Eules First had a great time on May 18th. Here are some more photos of the fun had.



BOOK CLUB

Summer is almost here again, and the Summer Book Club is returning as well... Don't forget to read your June Book Club book!

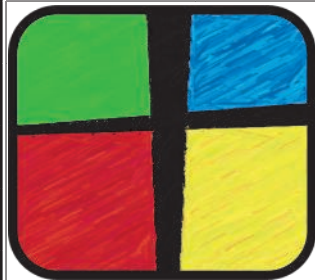
June: Malcolm Gladwell's *David and Goliath*. In *David and*

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.

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





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