

CHURCH MATTERS

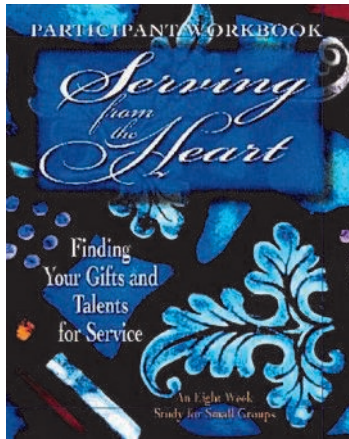
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SERVING FROM THE HEART

God's plan for the church calls for each member of the Body of Christ to play a vital role. Sometimes we think that serving God is an obligation, a duty, and that it isn't meant to be enjoyable. The truth is, though, that God wants us to find joy and fulfillment when we serve. That happens when we serve in a role that matches who God created us to be.

Serving From the Heart is a 2-day small group study designed to help each participant consider his or her own spiritual gifts, talents & abilities, individuality, dreams



and experiences to discover how they can best serve God and neighbor. Facilitated by Lee and Sandy Swann, the class will meet Saturdays, August 16

& 23, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Swor Parlor. We will have a "meet and greet" to get books and meet the group on August 2. There is a \$20 fee required to cover the cost of your personal study book. Class size is limited—first come first served. Call 817-283-4421 to register by Sunday, July 25. You can also register online at funceless.org. Click on "Register." A registration form can also be found at the welcome desk.

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What: Small group study to help persons find their spiritual gifts.

When: August 16 & 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Where: Swor Parlor

How: Register online or at the "Welcome Desk"

OPPERATION BACK 2 SCHOOL

Did you know that 54% of HEB ISD students come from homes that are economically disadvantaged? The goal of *Operation Back 2 School* is to supply these students with a new backpack, school supplies and provide their parents with resources to help all year long. You can help a student start the year off right for just \$25 or help a whole classroom full of kids for \$500. In 2013 we helped a full classroom!

Eules First's July communion offering will be going to support *Operation Back 2 School*. Eules First, in partnership with 6Stones



Mission Network, is helping HEB ISD with **Operation Back 2 School** to start the school year off right!

You too can help. To make a donation during worship on Sunday July 7th, please make checks out to Eules First UMC and put BACKPACK in the memo line. If you miss giving on communion Sunday, it is not too late. Please feel free to

give during all of July and August!

Volunteers are also needed at the two events August 16 & 23 where backpacks are distributed. To volunteer to work at the events sign-up online at 6stones.org.

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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.

Alton and Reta Ray	Cody Baldree	James L. Gravely, III,	Marucci family	Peter Shrake, Kathy	Thomas Atlee
Amelia and her mother, Latonja Oforoduru's friend	Cooper Craig, Judy Mulholland's grandson	Bernardo Schirmer's grandfather	Marucci family's newborn nephew/cousin	Knowles' father	Those in active addiction
Anabella de la Fuente and family, Caro Kenyon's sister	Danny Bindel family	James Massey	Mary Bowie, Shametrius Sims' grandmother	Pierre Tshimanga's family	Tim Schaneberg
Ann Burns	David Viggiano, Nancy Bickel's cousin	James Thompson	Maurine Padgett, Nancy Bickel's co-worker	Praise for our VBS Volunteers	TJ Pepper
Audrey Bradford, Jay Bradford's mother	David White, Heidi Graham's co-worker	Janie Baleu, Janice Kasten's friend	Maxine and Bill Wallace, Kimberly Knighton's friends	Rita Rose Everett, Charlotte Everett's daughter	Tom and JoAnn, Polenz family friends
Barbara Cody, Randy Pilney's friend	Dawnita Grimes' family, Heidi Graham's friend	Jeff Blackman, Pat Wilson's son	Mel Beach	Robbie Breaux, Audrey Coats' friend	Tom Woods and Janet Rhino, Lewis and Linda Moore's friends
Bergdahl family	Dendy family	Jo Kemp	Michaela, Cody, & Carson Thomas, Carol Bolton's daughter	Coats' friend	Warner Muirhead
Bill Ray, Charlotte Everett's friend	Devan DeBoyington	Joe Brown, Jackie Robinson's brother	Michele and Baker Ingram	Roland Bohnet, Vera Farmer's son	In the Military:
Bill Roach	Don Martin	Joe Musselwhite, David Davis' uncle	Michele Heroux and family, Amber Hawthorne's friend	Ron Hula, Stephen Pilney's friend	Carl Miller
Bingenheimer family	Don Wilson	Joley Brown	Michele Moffatt, Alan and Lynne Moffatt's sister-in- law	Ronnie Armone	Chris Mulford, Pat Bailey's grandson
Brad Bradbury, Janice Kasten's friend	Donna Bertram	Josh, Michael Mulholland's friend	Mike and Michaelen Watts, Teresa Watt's friends	Sam Adams, Kaye Best's neighbor's son	Colton Hardaway and Kayla Davis, son and daughter of Michael and Lore Osborn
Bruce Meek, Kent Polenz' friend	Doris Alexander, Dottie Rust's sister	Judy Mulholland	Mike Sprague, Stephen Sprague's brother	Santos Gonzales, Bill Farmers co-worker's husband	Devan DeBoyington, Robin Biles' friend
Burton family	Doug Graham	Kari Carter, Kaitlin Coats' mother	Milford Roop	Sarah, Madi Church's granddaughter	Eric Sherrer, Justin Sherrer, Patric Owen, and Alan McClelland, Grandnephews of Vic and Judy Torres
Cameron Mode	Esther Rogers	Kathey Woods and Shawn Alback, Milford Roop's niece and nephew	Minnie Romero, Valerie Romero's mother	Shayla Herigan, Eileen Mode's friend	Gail Worofka
Carla McDonald, Maggie Lucas' friend	Family of Carl Coley, Ann Wilson's father	Kelsey Abbott, Sherwood and Cheri Abbott's granddaughter	Nick and Lisa Schoenberger, Ron Coats' friends	Stan Clarke, Sue & Richard Morrow's friend	James Fiaccone, Sue Fiaccone's grandson
Carol Bolton's grandson due Dec. 3 Joy,	Family of Catherine Shrake, Kathy Knowles' grandmother	Kelly Dugan, Lesli Cumming's friend	Nolan Hardwick, Barbara Collier's father	Steve Townsend, Ken and Betty Vowell's and Roger and June Ivey's friend	Jeffrey Stone, Lucille Link's nephew
Carol Rust, Dottie Rust's daughter	Gabriela Troya and family, Caro Kenyon's sister	Kevin Maines	Ollie O. Sallis, Sean, Steven, Latoya, and Andrea,	Sybil Harrell, Lauralee Arnold's grandmother	Josh Crow, Annette Kelleher's son
Charleen Coleson, Kimberly Knighton's mother	Greg Koch, Madi Church's son	Kristen Hammit (praise)	Our Youth	Sydney Marie Peel, Pat May's great niece	Justin Knighton
Cheryl Mossburg, Randy Pilney's friend	Harriet Roop, Milford Roop's mother	Latonja Oforoduru & family	Pat Holland, Cindy Balentine's sister	Tanisha Edwards, Lauralee Arnold's friend	Sam Weatherby, Gary and Carol Turner's nephew
Children's Ministry at Euleus First	Herbert T. Roop II & family	Lisa Moffatt, Lynne and Alan Moffatt's daughter- in-law	Paul Simone, Larry and Phyllis Augustus' friend	Terri Marlow	Stephen Tate
Chris Coley and Katie Ritchie, Ann Wilson's brother and niece	Homeless and Hungry everywhere	Lorraine Tatarevick	Paula Brown	Terron Muller, Les Foley's niece	Travis Thomas
Christopher Sallis	Hutchins Kairos #18	Marge Schinlaub and family, Carla Fink's aunt and cousins	Peggy Sanders and Brianna		
Christy Lawhorn	Isabel Rosero, Caro Kenyon's mother	Marilyn McDonald, Kathy Chapman's friend			
Cindy Balentine	Jack Loftin, Stephen Pilney's co-worker's father	Marlene Hill and John Lewis			
Clarese Spence, Pat Wilson's friend	James, Caro Kenyon's neighbor	Martha Wells			

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Gary Rutherford/ Memorial Fund:
David and Susan Rutherford

BIRTHDAYS

July	8 –Linda Lewis
1 –Allie Young	9 –David Black, Jordan Lusk
2 –Diane Greene, Judy Mulholland	10 –Nita Keown
3 –Helen Davies	11 –Kathleen Chapman, James Fuller, Rosie Krieger
5 –Caro Kenyon, Ella Kelleher	12 –Josie Laster, Justin Knighton
7 –Michael Halleck, Julie Keown, Jill Martin, Randell Ray, Nancy Payton	13 –Jay Bradford, Jared Deisinger,

Colton
&Garrison
Abernathy

ANNIVERSARIES

July
2 –James and Kathy Knowles, James & Betty Fuller
14 –Ross & Yazmin Payne

THANK YOU

I want to thank everyone who helped make decorations, donate supplies and put things up around our church. Rob McMillan always helps by cutting out all the great cardboard figures for us to paint. We had several kids who helped and they did such a good job. All of you did a wonderful job!! I also have good news to share: Jo Kemp found another church that is also doing we will be passing on to for another VBS! Thanks everyone, Robin Biles

PARENTING CLASS

Keeping it Simple: Learn the simple techniques you can use for Toddlers through Teens: Communicate with a K.I.S.S., Resolve conflicts with a H.U.G., Cultivate responsibility with a High Five, Tuesdays July 15, 22, 29, 7pm- 8pm, in Swor Parlor. \$45.00 per family. Register by email to: iamayankeetexan@gmail.com or by phone: 817-323-5745 *No child care available. Please make arrangements for children. Adults only please.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

The Food Pantry had a wonderful trip to the Food Bank in June. On June 18th there were 14 volunteers who worked to help subsidize our Food Bank expenses. With that crowd, we were able to credit \$216.30 to our account at the Food Bank. Thanks for all the volunteer help. If you have any questions please contact Sharon Menix.

Here is the Food Pantry schedule:
July

3 –**Note the Pantry will be open Thursday, due to the July 4th holiday!** Phyllis Augustus, Linda Lewis, Judy Tribble

11 –Gloria Daves, Helen Davies, Jill Schaneberg, Tami Polenz

18 –Maggie Lucas, Doris Brown , Darlene Carter, Tami Polenz,

Jill Schaneberg
25 –Tami Polenz , Trish Franklin, Dottie Rust, Judy Torres

Needed Food Items:

- Chicken and Tuna Helper



LORD'S ACRE

Lord's Acre is coming once again. Historically, farmers would harvest their crops and save one acre of crops, or the profit from that acre, to give to the church above and beyond their normal annual tithe. Euless First continues that tradition with a Lord's Acre event—the church's annual mission fundraiser. Local businesses are solicited for donations of new items, services, or gift certificates which are sold at Silent and Live Auctions. This year it will be held on

October 18. Our theme is "Sharing the Spirit through Missions." Thus the proceeds will benefit both local and global missions. Our local missions are Euless First United Methodist Church Pastor's Emergency Fund, the Euless First Food Pantry, and the Arlington Life Shelter. Global Missions are supported through the Connectional Church Giving. The Lord's Acre will include the LA Shoppe (full of homemade crafts in time to buy Christmas

Gifts), silent auction, live auction, lunch, kids fun area and more. Keep an eye out for information about the Golf Tournament

benefiting the Lord's Acre. Mark your calendars!

The Lord's Acre Crafting committee would like your help. Please fill out a Crafting Survey, located at the church exits, and help us determine our next steps.



BOOK CLUB

The first summer Book Club was a great success. They met on June 29 to discuss Malcolm Gladwell's *David and Goliath*. But it is now time to look forward to next month.

In **July** we will be discussing 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? We will meet July 27th at noon. In August we will discuss N.T. Wright's *Simply Christian*. See you there!



HIGHWAY EXPANSION UPDATE

With the slower summer days, changes with the highway expansion have also slowed. We have no new news to report. Please be sure that you check out

the questions and answers on the website. Please also know, if you have any questions, please contact Pastor Steve. Rumors can be harmful to

the process, if you hear something that is not in the Questions/Answers online, please help us stop falsehoods!



YOUTH MINISTRY

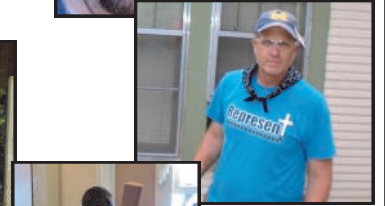


By now, most of you know that Element Students had an amazingly

successful trip to Kosciusko, Mississippi. Thank you so much church family for all of your support by keeping us in prayer, helping with Gatorade Mix, and supporting us financially through our



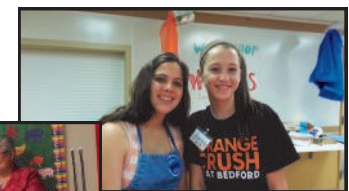
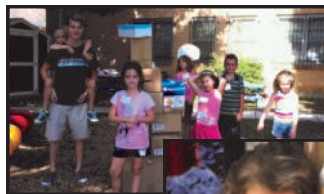
Mission-velopes. While we were in Mississippi, our CTCYM Living Center completed over



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Workshop of Wonders Vacation Bible School was amazing! We had 95 children spend their week with us at VBS. They learned how to imagine, build, grow, and most importantly work with God. They collected 323 items for the Food Pantry weighing 268 lb. I would like to say thank you to all of the teachers, shepherds, decorators, snack providers and prayers we received this week. Prayerful support and joyful service are a few of the many things I love about this church, and the love for our children was evident through all of the planning and of course during the big week! I felt very honored to be a part of it. In fact, I was so excited about this week that I am already dreaming about next year! Again, thank you so much for all of your help and support! -Aubree Marlow



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

The Fourth of July has come to mean a lot of things to Americans. It means baseball, hotdogs and Chevrolet to some. To others it is a day off to lay around the pool or beach. The Fourth is a time for us to relax and spend time with our families, to eat and to watch parades and fireworks. Sometimes we forget the real meaning of the holiday, to celebrate the fact that our Founding Father's risked their lives so that we can be free. Down through the years there have been many countless sacrifices to maintain our freedom. From Valley Forge, to Gettysburg, to San Juan Hill, to WWI, to the beaches of Normandy and Okinawa, to Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan,

brave men and women serve so that we can eat hotdogs and ice cream in peace and freedom.

As we look at the rows of white tombstones in our cemeteries we are reminded that freedom isn't free. It was bought with the blood of patriots and kept by the sacrifice of countless men and women who serve around the globe.

We have an even greater freedom today than the freedom's our nation grants us. We are free in Christ. To date we have kept pace with our missions and ministry needs. I am writing you again to encourage your continued support of this crucial endeavor.

We are half way through summer with still many more exciting things to accomplish so

we must not stop now. Please prayerfully consider continuing to give to Euless First United Methodist Church.

Every gift goes to continue our work of sharing hope not only to our community but literally around the world.

Our desire is to see many more experience the hope we have as a result of being free in Christ.

Thanks for your consideration and faithfulness in giving. Your gifts are making a difference.

Your pastor,
Steve Heyduck

PS. Remember you can give online by going to our website at www.fumceuless.org, under "Online Giving"

PSS. The QR code has been corrected!



FROM THE PASTOR

Once upon a time, the church bothered me. Not any particular church - well, honestly, all of them. What bothered me, though, was that it seemed to me, as a new Christian, a high school student of about 15, that the church was standing between people and Jesus.

Much of the church, I thought, was more about fellowship and events than about study and prayer.

This bothered me.

While I still want the church to

be about study and prayer, I no longer believe that fellowship and events stand in the way.

In fact, fellowship, events, friendships, etc., are often the means by which people begin a relationship with Jesus.

One thing many people in our society crave is a sense of belonging. Loneliness plagues people. Like the song says:

Everyday they pass me by,
I can see it in their eyes.
Empty people filled with care,
Headed who knows where?

On they go through private pain,

Living fear to fear.

Laughter hides their silent cries,
Only Jesus hears.

Our God hears. The way people mired in loneliness know our God hears is through God's people. We welcome people into fellowship because God has welcomed us.

What used to bother me about the church I have come to see as one of our strengths.

May you welcome people as God has welcomed you.

NEW MEMBERS

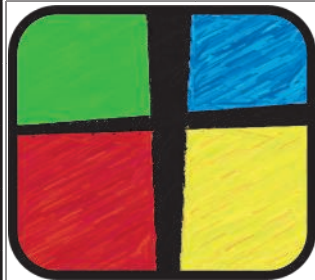
Euless First United Methodist is excited to welcome our new members. Be sure to stop and welcome them to our family. With them in our presence, we will never be the same.



Lewie & Linda Moore joined 6/29



Ted Foley, Mekailyo & Loki joined 6/29



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