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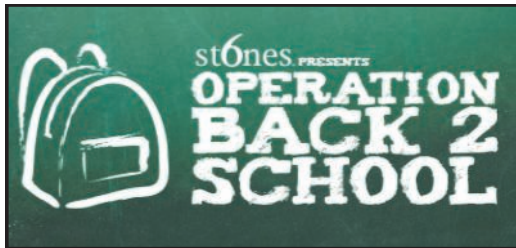
OPERATION BACK 2 SCHOOL

The August communion offering goes toward Operation Back 2 School. Euless First, in partnership with 6Stones Mission Network, is helping HEB ISD with Operation Back 2 School which assists students to start the school year off! The goal is to supply 5600 children and youth with new backpacks and school

supplies. 54% of HEB ISD students come from homes that are economically disadvantaged. A \$25 donation will provide school supplies and a backpack. Please make checks

out to Euless First UMC and put BACKPACK in the memo line. If you missed giving on communion Sunday, it is not too late. Please feel free to give during all of August!

Volunteer to work at the event online at 6stones.org.



EULESS ROUND-UP

The end of August marks the beginning of many opportunities for you at Euless First United Methodist Church. While we all will miss the summer feel of slower days, hotter weather and lighter traffic, it is time for schools to start and us all to get back into the routine.

Euless First marks this time of transition and season shift with a new sermon series, fall educational opportunities, and a pot-luck lunch. Euless First's Round-Up Sunday is August 25th.

Pastor Steve will begin his new series, "The Long and Winding Road." During this two month series, messages will explore biblical journeys; from the walk to

Emmaus or the road to Damascus where will you discover God along the path.

Fall will have an assortment of opportunities to grow and develop as disciples. Disciple I is a basis for all other studies in the Disciple family. This 34 week study covers the entire Bible. Disciple III is a 32 week study of Old Testament

Prophets and Letters of Paul. Alpha is an opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed setting over ten thought-provoking weekly sessions, with a day away retreat. God's Grand Plot is a one day class that looks at the history of Christianity, Bible basics and so much more.

Financial Peace University is a biblically based curriculum that teaches people how to handle money God's way. These and more educational opportunities

will be offered this fall. Watch for more details coming soon!

August 25 is the Round-Up Sunday Pot-Luck lunch. Bring the dish that you are assigned according to your last name, bring your appetite and enjoy the fellowship. If your last name begins with: A-F bring a salad or other side dish, G-L bring a dessert, bread, or other side dish, M-R bring a vegetable dish, and S-Z bring a meat dish.

While we declared no summer slump, many of us have gotten out of our routines. Begin your fall off right and get ready for Round-Up Sunday.

Save the date **August 25**. More information will be available soon.

OPERATION BACK 2 SCHOOL

What: Offering to help HEB ISD students with backpacks and school supplies

When: August

How: \$25 donations pay for one backpack filled with school supplies. Make checks payable to Euless First UMC and put BACKPACK in the memo line.

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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.

A.J., Christopher Grimm's friend	Colleen Newton Daniel	Heyduck Family Hilda Vergara, Laura Henderson's grandmother	Local students killed in car accident and their families	Nick and Lisa Schoenberger, Ron Coats' friends	Terron Muller, Les Foley's niece
Al Rumpke, Madeline Church's brother-in- law	David Viggiano, Nancy Bickel's cousin	Hutchins Kairos #16 Ira "Mark" Rodriguez, Audrey Coats' cousin	Lois Weems, Joyce Humphrey's mother	Nolan Hardwick, Barbara Collier's father	Tiny Spurlock TJ Pepper
All the road construction workers	Donnie Brooks, Billie and Jay Bradford's friend	Jordan Lusk, Sheri Lusk's son	Lou Alice Ashby, Billie Bradford's friend	Pat Holland, Cindy Balentine's sister	Tom and Venice Carlisle
Amy Freeman, Vicki Smith's co-worker	Dottie Rust Dovie Pilney, Randy, Mark & Stephen Pilney's mother	James Massey Janis O'Neal, Billie Bradford's friend	Marlene Hill and John Lewis	Paula Brown	Tony Tillman, Debbie and Rodney James' uncle
Andi Huston	Ed and Barbara Nonnemacher,	Jenifer, Katy, and Elizabeth Hurlbut	Martha Wells' family in Bonham TX	People of Egypt	Warner Muirhead
Ann Burns	Eleanor Toweh Esteban Yanes, Caro Kenyon's nephew	Jordan Lusk, Sheri Lusk's son	Martin family	Pierre Tshimanga's family	Youth Ministry of Lane Memorial UMC
Billy and Lindsay Miller	Eules Track Team	Jorge Suarez, Laura Henderson's father	Maurine Padgett, Nancy Bickel's co-worker	Praise for Tara Mullin Praise for the rain!	Yvonne Gordon
Bobby Francis, Linda Fischer's friend	Evelyn Taylor, Mistie Taylor's mom	Joyce Humphries Kate Allred and family	Maxine and Bill Wallace, Kimberly Knighton's friends	Randall Monroe and Chantel Shaw,	In the Military: Carl Miller
Brandy Bishop	Family of Daniel Rodman Family of Emily Melton	Katherine Mack, Mimi Maloney's friend	Megan Long	Reta Ray	Chris Maxson
Brenda Hurlbut	Faye Stapleton	Kathy Hootens, Lucille Link's niece	Meredith Stone, Richard Stone's friend	Robbie Breaux, Audrey Coats' friend	Chris Mulford, Pat Bailey's grandson
Brooke, Brenda O'Neal's granddaughter's friend	Frank Pilney, Randy, Mark and Stephen Pilney's father	Kathy Hurt	Michael and Melissa Baker and children, Robin Biles' son and grandchildren	Robert and Iva Nail	Eric Sherrer, Justin Sherrer, Patric Owen, and Alan McClelland, Grandnephews of Vic and Judy Torres
Brooks Family, Billie & Jay Bradford's friend	Franny Springer, Mike and Beverly Springer's daughter-in-law	Kellsey Abbott, Sherwood and Cheri Abbott's granddaughter	Michael McCallum, Debbie and Rodney James' nephew	Robert Sims family	
Burton family, Eileen Mode's friends	Gabriela Troya, Caro Kenyon's sister	Kemp Ingram, Lauralee Arnold's brother	Michael Mulholland and family	Roberts' family	Ryane Barker, Jerrie Keller's friend
Carol Rust, Dottie Rust's daughter	Gloria Castillo, Sylvia Newsom's sister	Ken Klasen	Michele Heroux and family, Amber Hawthorne's friend	Ryane Barker, Jerrie Keller's friend	Sandy Garner and family, mother of Carol Bolton's foster son, Mark Garner
Charleen Coleson, Kimberly Knighton's mother	Gordon and Linda Roberts, Nancy Bickel's friends	Kendra Gamble, Audrey Coats' friend	Michelle Ingram	Sarah Miller	Sharon Kelly, Kathy Knowles' friend
Charles Gravely	Haley Knighton	Kenneth Peltier, Jo Kemp's brother-in- law	Mike Golden, Randy Pilney's friend	Sharon Kelly, Kathy Knowles' friend	Sharon Kelly, Kathy Knowles' friend
Charles Pelt	Haxton family	Kevin Maines	Miss Dicke, Marla Williams' friend	Stan Clarke, Sue & Richard Morrow's friend	Stan Clarke, Sue & Richard Morrow's friend
Chris Biles, Robin Biles' husband	Herb Miller, Dale Miller's uncle	Kimberly Knighton	Nancy Jones, Billie Bradford's cousin	Stephen Sprague	Stephen Sprague
Chris Biles, Robin Biles' husband				Sue Gilmore, Jo Kemp's friend	Sue Gilmore, Jo Kemp's friend
Clara Ines Gutierrez, Laura Henderson's mom				Sydney Marie Peel, Pat May's great niece	Sydney Marie Peel, Pat May's great niece
Claudia Dias, Rita Young's co-worker					

MISSION GIVING

Eules First UMC's Food Pantry served:	Pastor's Emergency Fund served:	Thanks to all for reaching out to those in need in our community!
May- 300 people, 122 families	May- 11 families with \$440.82	
June- 397 people, 136 families	June- 29 families with \$1661.12	
July- 398 people or 124 families	July- 16 families with \$618.84	

BIRTHDAYS

5- Liz Tewalt	Judith Putnam
6- Trey Elder, Jordan Blind	14- Lauren Barker, Abbie Lee, Julie Lemons, Reta Ray
7- Bonnie Rieman	15- Brianna Davis
8- Janice Kasten, Priscilla Toby	16- Billy Bass, Iva Nail, Beverly Springer
9- Rex Wood, Trent Hackett	17- Bob Newsom
10- Ianleen McGinnis, Judie Morris	20- Vicki Smith
11- Ella Kalbfeisch	
12- Sonia McMillon	
13- Ethan Sorley,	

ANNIVERSARIES

August
19- Roger & June
Ivey

CHOIR

Lalalalalaaa, lalalalalaaa, lalalalalalaaa. Who doesn't love praising God through song? Music speaks to us all in a different way and is a powerful part of worship. Eules First UMC has an exciting music ministry under the

direction of Mark Baker and Dr. Vicki Baker. After taking the summer off, it is time for the choir to get back into the swing. **Bell Choir**, under the direction of Carol Bolton, resumes practices **Monday, Aug. 12 at 6:30 p.m.**

Chancel Choir begins rehearsing on **Wednesday, August 14 at 7:00 p.m.** Choir will sing in worship beginning August 25.

SPR UPDATE

Your Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) has started a search for our Director of Children's Ministry. At this time, we are using various forms of social media and church venues to recruit applicants for this position. We will hopefully begin to interview applicants soon.

Please pray that the right person will be sent our way soon. Our Children's Ministry is a very important part of our church, and we are hoping to fill this position in a timely manner. In the meantime, we want to thank Reverend Beverly Springer for her leadership and for those that have

stepped up to help with the Children's area. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the ministry at Eules First, please contact your SPRC.

Thanks so much for your patience and support.

Janna Hamm
SPRC Chairman

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Our next Tarrant County Area Food Bank workday will be August 21.

We are always in need of volunteers for this monthly trip to the Food Bank and volunteers for our weekly Food Pantry. Feel free to call Sharon Menix at home (817-581-9144) for more information.

Items needed: saltine crackers, jelly, dried pinto beans, boxed cereal

Here is the Volunteer Schedule for:

August

2- Brenda Hurlbut, Linda Lewis, Hedy Taylor, Judy Tribble

9- Kathy Chapman, Gloria Daves, Helen Davies, Sheri Roberts

16- Phyllis Augustus, Darlene Carter, Brenda Hurlbut, Joe Roberts

23- Doris Brown, Trish Franklin, Dottie Rust, Yvonne Rohlfing

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Special thanks to the 107 families that have had pictures taken for our churches new directory. Round 2 is coming up Thursday August 8 thru Saturday August 10th. We have a few open

appointments should you need to sign up. Please contact the church office or Dave Lewis at david46814@aol.com.

A complete church pictorial directory is a big help to all our

members to use as a reference to get to know our church family. Please don't miss out on being part of this project.



BOOK CLUB

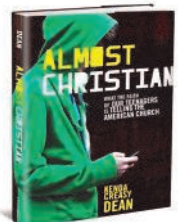
Last month's Book Club meeting was a great discussion about Carl Medearis's book Speaking of Jesus. Medearis invites us to invite people into discussions of Jesus himself rather than church

history, doctrines, or any of those other topics that often bog us down.

This month we will be meeting after the second service on Aug. 18 to discuss Kenda Creasy Dean's

book Almost Christian. Come, join us!

**READ FOR
AUGUST 18**



FROM THE PASTOR

All summer long, we have been in Summer School. Sometimes people go to summer school because they didn't make the grade during the regular school year.

Honestly, in terms of following Jesus, few if any of us ever feel that we did make the grade. It's called sin: brokenness, failure, etc. One of the best known Bible verses is Romans 3:23: "all have sinned and fallen short of God's glory."

We get that we fall short of God's glory. We get how very far above and beyond us God is.

What we too easily lose sight of, though, is that even in all our brokenness, sin, and failure, we still are made in God's image.

Look at it this way: we have learned to start the story with Adam, Eve, and the snake in the garden. We have, sometimes, forgotten that the story actually begins with creation. At the end of the 6th day, the day God created humans, God looked at all creation and pronounced it "very good."

"Original sin" is a theological term many of us are familiar with. It is deceiving; it does not

mean that our original connection is in sin.

Humanity's original condition, though, is "very good."

God comes before humanity. Creation comes before sin. There was, originally, a "very good" before there was sin. Before there was failure, there was success.

If you ever catch yourself overwhelmed by sin, failure, brokenness, remember that beneath, behind, before all that, God sees you and remembers the "very good."

NURSERY SHOWER

July 14 was a wonderful celebration in honor of the Eules First's nursery and nursery staff. Thank you for your generosity. We received numerous toys and supplies as well as \$510 in gifts. Thank you for all of your support. It is so

important for young children to be safe and to feel welcome.



SHRED-IT TIME

Get your sensitive documents shredded!

It is time for the church to get rid of sensitive office documents and financial papers, and we thought you might have some documents that need to be shredded as well.

If you have documents that need to be shredded and you want it

done quickly, bring them to the church office from August 25, through September 3, 2013.

The shred service provider will accept documents in boxes or just individual pieces of paper. We do suggest that you pack the boxes as full as possible. There will be a large tub available at the church office for any non-

boxed documents. All documents will be secured until the day they are shredded.

To help defray the expense, a small donation of \$10 to \$20 will certainly be welcomed.

If you have questions please call the church office (817-283-4421) or Bob Collier at 817-571-2325.

CRAFTING

We are getting ready for our October of Opportunities, where there will be several chances for you to participate in fun and fundraising for missions. We need your help now to make items for the Kountry Store at October 26's

Lord's Acre. The Lord's Acre committee will be hosting crafting sessions on Sundays in August from 3-5 p.m. beginning August 11th. We need your help everyone can participate, we need your help. Materials and

instructions will be provided, so no skills are needed. If you have any questions please contact Charlotte Halleck, at cphalleck@yahoo.com.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Angel News:

Summer will be over before we know it, and school will start soon. Euless First UMC's Preschool and Kindergarten will host their parents' night on

Tuesday, August 27. Our first day will be Thursday, August 29. We will have three new staff this fall: Cindy Knotts, Sue Jouzdanifar and Lindsay Sanchez. We have one familiar staff that is returning to the preschool: Naomi Lara-

Turner. We still have openings for students in most classes. So please refer us to your friends and families. We have programs for students 2 years old thru kindergarten.

YOUTH NEWS

Please join the youth and me support the youth for Vision Night, August 18. Vision Night is a very important night in the life of our Youth Ministry! At

Vision Night, we will worship together, look at the coming year's emphases, and go over many nuts and bolts issues. Consider it an update meeting for both students

and parents. If you plan to be involved in any part of your youth ministry this school year, you do not want to miss this meetings!

WHY TITHE?

Tithing brings God's wisdom to our finances, exercising a healthy spiritual discipline over them, and help us combat the destructive materialism and greed that destroys the lives of many. Although credit may have become a necessary "evil" for today's living, God never intended for us to spend more than we earn. When we plan to put God first in our lives, we plan to control destructive spending and borrowing.

Tithing provides the means to keep our pastors and

missionaries in full-time service to God. The call to full-time ministry as employment is not given to many of us, but we all are called with the opportunity to participate in ministry through our financial support. Tithing makes that participation possible. It's one of the ways we are joined with other Christians around the world as the family of God.

Tithing strengthens the ministry, outreach and health of our congregations, molding us into true Christian communities of faith, love, and grace. This

congregational strength is an important building block in our fulfillment of the greatest commandment, "Love your neighbor as yourself." When we stand together, we stand a chance of reaching and changing the world with the Gospel.

So there you have it. Tithing is an ancient model. Tithing builds trust in God. Tithing brings God's wisdom to finances. Tithing provides ministry support. Tithing builds congregational strength. Tithing. Try it. You'll like it!

OCTOBER OF OPPORTUNITIES

Euless First's October of Opportunity is approaching faster than you realize. Culmination of this wonderful month will be the Lord's Acre (Euless' fall festival) on October 26th. Yet there are several other opportunities for you to give or participate in during the month. One such event is the Golf Tournament on October 19 at Meadowbrook Golf Course.

This four person scramble is \$80 to play. There is also an opportunity for individuals or groups to sponsor a hole for \$100. Hole sponsorship can be in honor or memory of a family or even a school. Last year, there were holes honoring many colleges or Sunday School Classes. This is a great way for anyone, even those of us that don't play golf, to support the October of Opportunities Golf Tournament.

So get friends together to play golf in the name of giving to missions for Christ.

Stay tuned for future articles that will highlight other opportunities in October.



NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

A new Sunday School Class is forming. Sunday school attendance is a wonderful place for furthering discipleship and

developing community. More information about this new class will be coming soon. Keep an eye out and be praying for this new

class. They are meeting in room 205.



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