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## LORD'S ACRE

October is here! We have been advertising for months to let you know of all the opportunities that you can participate in this month. Yet you still may be wondering what is all of the fuss about.

Eules First United Methodist Church has a Lord's Acre annually to raise funds for missions. Last year the Lord's Acre raised approximately \$30,000. 80% went to apportionments (sometimes called Connectional Mission Giving), our church's annual offering to global church ministries and missions. The remaining 20% of funds went to local missions. Including the Food Pantry and the Pastor's Emergency Fund. This year we are hoping to raise \$32,000, and need your help.

Pastor Steve has reminded us many times that our generosity is contagious. When we become stingy, we feel the



effects in all aspects of our life. The Lord's Acre is an opportunity for second mile (above our tithe) giving in a fun way, with the hopes of making a big impact on ministries, and thus peoples lives.

There will be many fun attractions to check out at the Lord's Acre on October 18th. The children's area will have a bounce house, crafts, and a petting zoo.

There will be a silent auction throughout the morning for guest to peruse, as well as a Lord's Acre Shoppe full of hand crafted items for the home.

You will have to stop by and purchase a frozen casserole. They

have a tendency to go fast, but what a great thing to have in the freezer for a quick great meal.

Lunch this year will be a chicken, gravy and green beans. We will be hotdogs for kids. Dessert will be available for

purchase.

Finally, the day will conclude with the live auction.

Volunteers are still needed for the day, particularly in the children's area.

What will you be contributing to Eules First United Methodist's Church Lord's Acre? auction items are desperately needed! Please be sure to get your items in.

Finally, invite your friends and families to this wonderful community event.

## LORD'S ACRE

**What:** Community Festival for all to raise money for missions

**When:** October 18, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

**Where:** Family Life Center

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## GOLF TOURNAMENT

The annual golf tournament, hosted by Eules First United Methodist Church, has been re-scheduled for November 15, 2014 at Meadowbrook Golf Course in Fort Worth with an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start. The format is 4 person scramble, best ball. The entry fee per

person is \$70 which includes round of golf, cart, lunch and a chance for door prizes. Prizes and gift card donations will be accepted and used as prizes at the end of the tournament.

Hole sponsors are encouraged at a sum of \$100 each. All proceeds will benefit the 2014 Lord's

Acre.

Registration forms are available online, or from the church office. If you have questions, ask Kent Polenz or Rob McMillon.

Get your team together now!

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 those who have come into contact with Ebola	Cristi Honea, Bill Farmer's close friend	John Turner, Rex Wood's friend	Michelle and Baker Ingram	Pierre Tshimanga's family	Willie Turner and Family
Alton and Reta Ray	David Powell, Millie Richter's daughter-in-law's brother	Karen and John Dendy	Mike Cooney and his family	Renee Robinson and sons	<b>Military:</b>
Amber and Jeff Boshier and family	David Viggiano, Nancy Bickel's cousin	Kellsey Abbott, Sherwood and Cheri Abbott's granddaughter	Mike Sprague, Stephen Sprague's brother	Robbie Breaux, Audrey Coats' friend	Carl Miller
Arnold Murdock, Marla Williams' brother	Doris Alexander, Dottie Rust's sister	Kevin Maines	Mike Sweeden, Jo Kemp's nephew	Robert Swann, Lee Swann's brother	Chris Mulford, Pat Bailey's grandson
Audrey Bradford, Jay Bradford's Mother	Dottie Rust	Kim and Jeremy Jones	Milford Roop	Roger and Charlotte Martin	Colton Hardaway and Kayla Davis, son and daughter of Michael and Lore Osborn
Baker Ingram	Dylan Whitten, Jo Kemp's friend	Lauren Thibodeau	Mimi Maloney	Roger Slaughter	
Becky and Woody Kemp	Families dealing with elderly parents and wholeness issues	Lisa Moffatt, Lynne Moffatt's daughter-in-law	Myrtle Wood, Rex Wood's mother	Roxanna Berg, Eileen Mode's friend	Devan DeBoyington, Robin Biles' friend
Beverly Brooks and daughters Jennifer Lawrence, Kristi Davis, and Heather Blansit	Family of Roy Hardwick, Barbara Collier's uncle	Lois Weems, Joyce Humphrey's mother	Nancy Pilgrim	Shayla Herigan, Eileen Mode's friend	Eric Sherrer, Justin Sherrer, Patric Owen, and Alan McClelland, Grandnephews of Vic and Judy Torres
Bob Wordinger, Alan and Lynne Moffatt's friend	Family of Sherry Musselwhite, David Davis' aunt	Marilyn McDonald	Nick and Lisa Schoenberger, Ron Coats' friends	Shelly and Shane Zelis	Gail Worofka
Brian Gibbs, Tami Polenz' brother-in-law	Gordon and Linda Roberts, Nancy Bickel's friends	Marlene Hill	Nolan Hardwick, Barbara Collier's father	Sonny Gibson, Joe Roberts' uncle	James Fiaccone, Sue Fiaccone's grandson
Burton family	James Thompson Jimmy	Mary Bowie, Shametrious Sims' grandmother	Norgaard family, Ellen Garcia's friend	Stan Clarke, Sue & Richard Morrow's friend	Josh Crow, Annette Kelleher's son
Cameron Mode	Jimmy Davis, David Davis' father	Maurine Padgett, Nancy Bickel's co-worker	North Central Texas College Softball team	Susan McGehee	Justin Knighton
Carol Duncan, Lee Swann's sister	Joe Brown, Jackie Robinson's brother	Maxine and Bill Wallace, Kimberly Knighton's friends	Ollie O. Sallis, Christopher, Sean, Steven, Latoya, and Andrea	Sydney Marie Peel, Pat May's great niece	Sam Weatherby, Gary and Carol Turner's nephew
Carol Rust, Dottie Rust's daughter	Joe Musselwhite, David Davis' uncle	Michaela Thomas, Carol Bolton's daughter	Our Country	Terron Muller, Les Foley's niece	Stephen Tate
Cheryl Mossburg, Randy Pilney's friend	John Lewis, Vic and Judy Torres' friend	Michele Heroux and family, Amber Hawthorne's friend	Pat Holland, Cindy Balentine's sister	Tim and Janna Martin and family	Travis Thomas
		Michelle	Paul Jones	TJ Pepper	William Crowder, Yvonne Rohlffing's son
			Paula Brown	Warner Muirhead	
			Pierre and Caro Kenyon		

CONGRATS

Great big congrats to Ric and Shelly Grant for the arrival of a new grandson, Justin Lewis Bela Kelner born September 11, at 11:18 a.m. weighing 8 lbs, 7.3 oz and 20 1/2 in. Mom, Summer, did great! Congratulations to the entire family.

BIRTHDAYS

- October**
- 7 –Joe Tindle
  - 8 –Bob Collier, Steve Heyduck
  - 9 –Chloe Teague
  - 10 –Mistie Taylor, Linda Bishop, Kimberly Jones, Abigail Duncan
  - 11 –Chris Ballard
  - 13 –Dannie Sue Sloan
  - 14 –Karlie Broome
  - 15 –Charlotte Halleck, Michelle Barker
  - 16 –Michael Hadley, Ryane Barker
  - 17 –Bob Menton, Al Hankins

- 18 –Denise Butler, Michaela Thomas, Elizabeth Hurlbut
- 19 –Angela Ferguson
- 20 –Nana Troupe, Chris Hadley

ANNIVERSARIES

- October**
- 10 –John & Jenni Elder
  - 11 –James Judith Putnam
  - 13 –David & Susan Downey
  - 19 –Jimmy & Helen Payton
  - 21 –Phil & Pat Bailey

## FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Here is the Food Pantry schedule:

### October

10 –Darlene Carter, Gloria Daves, Maggie Lucas, Sheri Roberts

17 –Phyllis Augustus, Helen Davies, Judy Torres

24 –Marie Bean, Trish Franklin, Dottie Rust, Jill Schaneberg

Our Food Pantry is now providing pet food due to the generosity of Dr. Barry Hendon, DVM, Ft. Myers, Fla. He is the brother-in-law of Joe & Sherri Roberts, members of our Church. Dr. Hendon donated

\$100 to the Food Pantry to get the pet food program started. He has challenged all of the other members to donate and keep the program going. We are asking for either cans or small bags of food to be donated. If it is more convenient for you, donate money to the Food Pantry and we will purchase for you. Please mark the donation for Pet Food. All of our Pets say "Thank You".

A former member, Lucille Link, just had a birthday so, Sharon Menix and Lucille went on thier annual food pantry shopping trip. Lucille purchased 78 cans of

needed food for our pantry, one for each year of her life. God bless you, Lucille.

Don't forget the Thanksgiving Bags! Please have them at the church by **Oct. 19th**. If you are not able to do the shopping please contact one of the Food Pantry volunteers and I will guarantee that we will do the shopping for you, if need be.

God is great, God is good, let us thank him for our food. AMEN

**Needed Food Items:** Tuna Helper, canned Spaghetti Sauce, Pet Food.

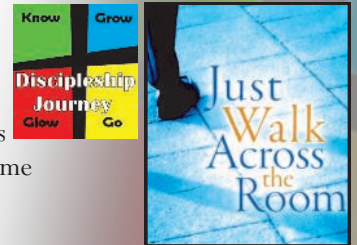


## JUST WALK ACROSS THE ROOM

Just Walk Across the Room is a 4 week Disciple Journey course, beginning on October 14 that looks at the power of sharing our story with others. During this

course, participants will learn to share their own story in 100 words or less. For more information, ask Bob or Brenda Menton, or refer to the website,

[www.fumceless.org](http://www.fumceless.org). Registration is currently available online, or sheets are available at the welcome desk.



## MAVERICKS

The Dallas Mavericks are proud to announce our first two Faith and Family Nights for the 2014 season. As part of these special nights, anyone who comes out to the game as part of a church group will have an opportunity to

take a post-game shot at the basket on the court. Dates are Sunday, November 9th for Mavericks vs. Miami Heat (6:30 p.m. tip off) or Monday, November 24th for Mavericks vs. Indiana Pacers (7:30 p.m. tip off). Tickets are \$14 or

\$23 for the upper levels, or \$68 for lower levels. Get your Sunday School Class together for a fun night out. For group ticket sales contact Matt Fontana at 214-658-7609. Tickets must be reserved a month in advance.

## SPECIAL CALLED CHARGE CONFERENCE

You are invited to a special Called Charge Conference on October 20th at 8:00 p.m. in the Swor Parlor. This is a special meeting for us to support and recommend Katie Lewis for her next step in ministry.

Katie Lewis has just begun her first year of at Perkins School of Theology at SMU in Dallas.

Within the United Methodist Church, when a person is called by God into ministry their local

congregation votes to support and encourage this person and for them to go to the next level. From our church, a person would then go on to the District Committee on Ministry for interviews. There she will be given assignments and evaluated by the group. This group will support and uplift her for several years. After she has finished all of their requirements, she will be recommended to go before the

Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. The entire process could take as little as 4 years to complete.

Katie's next step is Charge Conference recommendation by Euleess Firs. Because we are part of a cluster Charge Conference on November 16, our District Superintendent has authorized this special Charge Conference prior to that for the express purpose of recommending Katie.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

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### Finding God in the Movies

One of the newer things happening during our regular meetings of the E1ement Table is *God in the Movies*. Here's a little more about it.

We begin the night by watching a movie together. The movie is always a surprise - it's part of the fun! Following the film we

discuss where God can be found in the film, and how we can find God in our everyday lives - God is often present in places we don't expect and in ways we don't always consider. By viewing films together and discussing them through the lens of following Jesus, we will all grow in our faith and further develop the skill of spiritual discernment.

If you're reading this and you are

someone who loves movies, we would love to have you come and participate with us on one of these incredible nights! Our next few *God in the Movies* take place October 12th, November 9th, & December 14th - please consider joining us for some fun and discernment!  
Blessings, Shane

## PRESCHOOL



### Angels News:

Eules FUMC preschool has been busy reviewing shapes and colors and learning letters. Anicia Brown has joined our team as the new music teacher and she is preparing the students for their first performance of the year at the Lord's Acre.

The children's librarians from the Mary Lib Saleh Eules Public Library visited us last Friday for a special story time. The students are mesmerized by their stories and songs.

Thank you to UMW for collecting and donating 700 *BoxTops* for the preschool. 70

*BoxTops* is worth \$70. We encourage everyone to save *Labels for Education* and *BoxTops*. There is a bin for collection near the preschool office.

## FROM THE PASTOR

For the last newsletter I wrote the first in a series about sharing your faith. The first point was to get your own faith story in order so you could share it. People are far more likely to listen to a faith you are actually living than one you've read about or been coached on sharing.

Be able to tell your own story of following Jesus.

Now you've wrestled with your own story, and maybe even written it out. But wait; it may not be time to interrupt other conversations to start telling your faith story.

You may or may not be ready to go door-to-door just yet.

In fact, try this. Before you really set out intently to share your story with others, think about who you might be telling the story of your faith in Jesus. Who are they? Co-workers? Family members? The family in line behind you at the grocery store?

Does how you tell your story depend on who you are telling it to?

Yes, I believe it does.

Jesus didn't say exactly the same thing to everyone he met with. Sure, the message was ultimately the same, but the way he told it varied with the people and the circumstances.

So, this week, before you go full-bore into shouting your faith from the mountain-top, take some time to listen.

Listen to the stories of the people you'd like to share your story with.

As you listen, I am pretty sure you'll find that the other person's story will overlap with yours.

That overlap? That's where you start.

Listen to the stories of others this week. Just actually, patiently listening could change their life, and it could change yours, too.



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Did you know that Christmas is a little over 11 weeks away?

Sometimes I get so surprised that time passes as fast as it does. It seems like I was shopping for school supplies just yesterday, and here we are in fall looking straight into the holiday season! But first, we have some great things planned in October that need mentioning:

October 11 at 12:30 in the Family Life Center kids are invited to come and **paint a picture for the Lord's Acre Silent Auction**. The paintings on the wall were such a hit with everyone that our little artists were asked to do some special work for Lord's Acre! I hope

everyone will be able to contribute!

October 12 is **Children's Sunday**. We will be celebrating our children and highlighting the needs of other children around the world! There will not be Kids Connection that day, as the children will be incorporated into the service.

October 18 is the **Lord's Acre!** We have many fun things planned for the children's area! There will be games, face painting, a petting zoo from 10-12:30, a bounce house, and the Eules Fire and Police Department will be there from 10-12 to show us their fire trucks and patrol cars! There is still a

need for volunteers to ensure that the children's area runs smoothly for all. Please help us out and give an hour of your time! We're going to have a great time!

October 31 is **Trunk or Treat** from 5:30-7:30. This year there will be a trunk decorating contest and the winner will receive a super cool trophy and the title of Best Trunk Decorator! There is no charge to enter, and it should be super fun! Even if you don't participate in the contest, please think about being a part of this fun event! Look out for more information very soon!

-Aubree Marlow



## ADOPT-A-SCHOOL: STUDENT MENTORS

It's Back to School time for all of you who'd like to mentor a student at our HEB Adopt-A-School partner-South Eules Elementary. Again this year the school is requesting volunteers to go and eat lunch with an assigned student. The counselor will match you up with a child and you simply show up 1x a week

(or whatever works for you) and spend 30 minutes with the student while (s)he eats lunch.

The following people are already signed up and will be assigned soon: Kathy Chapman, David Davis, Maggie Lucas, Mike McGehee, Dottie Rust, Mary Lib Saleh, Doug Stapleton, Dianne

Weyer & Ann Wilson. THANK YOU!!!

If you'd like more information or wish to join in supporting a student please call Risk-Taking Missions Chairperson Lynne Moffatt at 817-571-2420 or email her at fanintofire@yahoo.com.

## BOX TOPS

Check your trash!!!!!! You're throwing away money!!!!!!

Okay we all understand recycling our trash, but did you know you are still throwing away money, money that can be used to help our school kid? There are SO MANY products that have Box Tops for School and labels for education on them. Some we don't even realize until we look. So as you are unfolding that box or package to put in the

recycle, take an extra second to look for these labels and cut them out and place in the green Box Tops for Education container found in the Swor Parlor setting on the Book cart. We were able to give 700 labels to Linda Lewis for the school this past Sunday and that folks is \$70.00. And you say it is just trash?

We also were able to send the same amount to the McCurdy

School in New Mexico so they can purchase items that they might not otherwise be able to get. So check that trash. Be a good steward of God's earth and be the hands of Christ at the same time being a servant. UMW thanks you for being a good steward.

-Sandy Swann,  
Learning how to serve, without getting credit or recognition!

## LORD'S ACRE BAKE SHOPPE

Calling all you great bakers out there! Remember one of the fun ways to support our Lord's Acre is to bake something wonderful, bring it priced and wrapped to sell, and then buy someone else's yummy items either for dessert after a

wonderful lunch, or something to take home to enjoy. All items are welcome: breakfast breads and muffins, pies, cakes, (whole or individually sliced for dessert items), muffins, cookies, candy, lemon bars, what ever your favorite sweet might be, just let us

help you share the goodies from all of our kitchens. The more of us who bake, the more there is for all of us to enjoy.

## LORD'S ACRE SPONSORS

The following businesses have graciously donated and agreed to help sponsor part of the Lord's Acre to date. Thank you for all of your support:

- ALDI, 2500 Westcourt Road, Denton
- Billy Bob's Texas, 2520 Rodeo Plaza, FTW
- CAE, 2929 W. Airfield Drive, DFW Airport
- CiCi's Pizza, 2101 Harwood Drive, Bedford
- City Garage, 240 W. Harwood Road, Euless
- Dallas Mavericks
- Dallas Zoo, 650 S. R.L. Thornton Freeway, Dallas
- Domino's Pizza, 1808 Harwood Court, Hurst
- Fort Worth Zoo, 1989 Colonial Parkway, Fort Worth
- Frisco Rough Riders, 7300 Rough Riders Trail, Frisco
- Grand Prairie Air Hogs Baseball Club, 1600 Lone Star Parkway, Grand Prairie
- Home Depot, 251 S. Industrial Blvd, Euless
- Joe's Coffee Shop, 425 W. Irving Blvd, Irving
- Mesquite Rodeo, 1818 Rodeo Drive, Mesquite
- NRH2O Water Park, 9001 Boulevard 26, N. Richland Hills
- North Main BBQ, 406 N. Main Street, Euless
- Perot Museum, 2201 N. Field Street, Dallas
- Republic Tire & Supply, 125 Vine, Euless
- Salon Studio – Sheila, 3001 N. Main Street, Ste 150, Euless
- Texas Motor Speedway
- Texas Rangers Baseball, P.O. Box 9011, Arlington
- Texas Star Golf Course, 1400 Texas Star Parkway, Euless
- Trinity Family Dental, 800 N. Industrial #103, Euless
- Verna's Café, 607 W. Euless Blvd, Euless
- Walmart Store #1178, 4101 Highway 121, Bedford

## LORD'S ACRE GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORS



The following business have graciously

sponsored a hole at the 2014 Lord's Acre Golf tournament on November 15.

- Geo Shack
- Always Air-Jim Smith
- Jones Allstate Insurance
- Mid-Cities Service
- Lucas Funeral Home
- Partner Engineering
- EMG
- Enercon
- Toni McMillon-KW Realty
- Rita's Italian Ice
- FUMC Preschool

If you would be willing to sponsor a hole and support the Lord's Acre, sponsorships are still available. For more information please refer to [www.fumceules.org](http://www.fumceules.org). Golfers are still needed!

## BURN OUR DEBT UPDATE

Altruism—including kindness, generosity, and compassion—are keys to the social connections that are so important to our happiness. Research finds that acts of kindness—especially spontaneous, out-of-the ordinary ones—can boost happiness in the person doing the good deed.

Reasons why acts of kindness make people happier:

- Being generous leads us to perceive others more compassionately; we typically find good qualities in people to whom we are kind
- Being kind promotes a sense of connection and community with others, which is one of the strongest factors in increasing happiness
- Being generous helps us appreciate and feel grateful for

our own good fortune

- Being generous boosts our self-image; it helps us feel useful and gives us a way to use our strengths and talents in a meaningful way
- Being kind can start a chain reaction of positivity; being kind to others may lead them to be grateful and generous to others, who in turn are grateful and kind to others

Eules First United Methodist Church is full of altruism. The all church meeting on October 5, provided great evidence of this altruistic nature.

During the meeting, we received an update on our current budget. Which we still have an expected \$40,000 deficit for this year. On a positive note, this was originally expected to be a \$68,000 deficit.

Second, we were given an update on the highway expansion. While we do not have a definitive idea of how our property will be affected, please rest assured that we are positioned perfectly to face this change.

Finally, we were informed of the current pledges for the Burn our Debt. As of Sunday afternoon, we had received a total of 65 pledges totaling just under \$72,000. With barely more than half the total number of pledges we anticipate, we are at almost 70% of our goal!

If you have already pledged, thank you. If not, remember, it is not too late: please prayerfully consider what part God might be leading you to play in this great opportunity



Online Giving Link

## HIGHWAY UPDATE

We are current on our efforts to prepare for the negotiations ahead of us.

Our attorney, whose firm only does this kind of law, has represented other churches in highway expansion cases similar to ours.

He has assured us that we are as prepared as we could expect to be at this point in the process.

You may wonder what "this

point in the process" is. The state announced the winning bidder in May, A group called "Southgate Mobility Partners" won the bid and is currently focused on two significant parts of the project. First, they are proving to TxDOT that they have ability to do the job, and second, they are completing the plans.

Once these two steps are satisfied, they can expect to receive

permission to proceed.

Exactly when and exactly how this impacts us is unknown. Should they start at our section of the highway, this could begin as soon as early next year.

As we wait, let us continue to seek God's direction for how we can be in ministry to the community around us.



## A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM

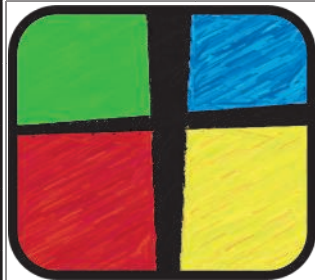
An invitation came this week for Eules First to participate in A Night in Bethlehem, December 13 at 6:30-9:00 p.m. at United Memorial Christian Church, 1404 N. Main St. 76039. They are seeking shopkeepers, shepherds, tour guides, choir participants, storytellers and

village keepers. Most of the shops will be enclosed in a 30' x 30' (revival style) tent. The bakery and village home will be in the fellowship hall, and the nativity will be in an outdoor stable.

Those who would like to participate in this wonderful event

can call or email the church office at unmemfam@sbcglobal.net. Please include a name, phone number or email where you can be reached. We look forward to hearing from you !

Mark your calendars and plan to join them!



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