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## ABUNDANCE

What is the first thing you think of when you hear the word "abundance?" The dictionary defines abundance as "rich in multitude." We think of it, primarily, in terms of how much stuff we have, not an attitude.

Abundance is a way of thinking. Abundance comes from God, the way God made the world, and the way God intends for his people to live in the world.

The Promised Land was also called the "Land flowing with milk and honey."

Abundance. Jesus said, in John 10, that he came so that we could have abundant life. God is about abundance. The opposite of abundance is scarcity. We usually live somewhere in between - too

often feeling like scarcity is what we have, and abundance is what we want.

Too many of us have learned that it isn't Christian to want more - to seek abundance, so we mope along, telling ourselves that God



doesn't really want us to have much, so we are wrong to want. What if there is a different way to look at abundance and scarcity? What if God's desire is really for

God's people to live in abundance?

How would we do this? Where do I sign up?

For the next five Sundays, through November 23, the Sunday before

Thanksgiving, we will be focusing on abundance as you may have never thought of abundance before. This is all part of our Annual Stewardship campaign. So while we will be asking for you to pledge to support the powerful ministries at Euless First, everything will be asked in reflection of our abundance from

God.

You won't want to miss this!

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## TRUNK-OR-TREAT

October has begun, and Halloween is just around the corner. That means it is time for Euless First to host their Annual Trunk-or-Treat as a safe alternative to Trick-or-Treating for the children of our church and the community. This is an event that is open for us to share the love and grace of God with the community through fellowship and hospitality.

Here is how you can help: we are asking each Sunday School



class to provide at least one trunk - maybe more! If you would like, you can decorate your trunk and dress in costume. Have fun! Be creative! You can also help by donating candy or

prizes, providing a financial gift, or volunteering to work.

This year we will be giving a trophy to the best decorated trunk! Join us for all the fun.

Trunk-or-Treat will be on **October 31, 5:30-7:00 p.m.** in the church's East parking lot. If you are able to have your trunk available, please let the church office know, or register online.

## TRUNK-OR-TREAT

**What:** Trunks with candy and games to share with the community

**When:** October 31, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

**Where:** East Parking Lot

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 in active addiction	Dylan Whitten, Jo Kemp's friend	Kevin Maines Kim and Jeremy Jones	Mike Sweeden, Jo Kemp's nephew	Roger and Charlotte Martin	<b>Military:</b> Carl Miller Chris Mulford, Pat Bailey's grandson Colton Hardaway and Kayla Davis, son and daughter of Michael and Lore Osborn Devan DeBoyington, Robin Biles' friend Dirk Van Ingen, Katie Lucas' friend Eric Sherrer, Justin Sherrer, Patric Owen, and Alan McClelland, Grandnephews of Vic and Judy Torres Gail Worofka James Fiaccone, Sue Fiaccone's grandson Josh Crow, Annette Kelleher's son Justin Knighton Sam Weatherby, Gary and Carol Turner's nephew Stephen Tate Travis Thomas William Crowder, Yvonne Rohlfling's son
All those who have come into contact with Ebola	Families dealing with elderly parents and wholeness issues	Kim McLain Lisa Moffatt, Lynne Moffatt's daughter-in-law	Milford Roop Myrtle Wood, Rex Wood's mother	Roger Slaughter Rosie Krieger Roxanna Berg, Eileen Mode's friend	
Alton and Reta Ray	Family of Brian Gilby	Lois Weems, Joyce Humphrey's mother	Nick and Lisa Schoenberger, Ron Coats' friends	Ryan Hoxie, Shanna Roggow's friend	
Amber and Jeff Boshier and family	Family of Peter Shrake, Kathy Knowles father	Margaret Kenyon, Pierre Kenyon's mother	Nolan Hardwick, Barbara Collier's father	Shayla Herigan, Eileen Mode's friend	
Amelia Krempa, Billy Krempa's mother	Family of Roy Hardwick, Barbara Collier's uncle	Maria Shrake, Kathy Knowles mother	Norgaard family, Ellen Garcia's friend	Shelly and Shane Zelis	
Baker Ingram	Family of Sherry Musselwhite, David Davis' aunt	Marilyn McDonald	Norman Ponce, Aubree Marlow's uncle	Stan Clarke, Sue & Richard Morrow's friend	
Bob Wordinger, Alan and Lynne Moffatt's friend	Fred and Billie Pallett	Marjori Haddock	North Central Texas College Softball team	Steven Lewis, Blaine Davis' friend	
Brenda Pepper, TJ Pepper's mother	Gordon and Linda Roberts, Nancy Bickel's friends	Marlene Hill	Ollie O. Sallis, Christopher, Sean, Steven, Latoya, and Andrea	Susan Downey Susan McGehee	
Burton family	Honor Vaughn, Teresa Sprague's mother	Mary Heyduck, Steve Heyduck's mom	Pat Holland, Cindy Balentine's sister	Sydney Marie Peel, Pat May's great niece	
Calvin, Rita Young's co-worker	Isabel Rosero, Caro Kenyon's sister	Maurine Padgett, Nancy Bickel's co-worker	Paul Jones	Terri Marlow, Aubree Marlow's mother	
Cameron Mode	James Thompson	Maxine and Bill Wallace, Kimberly Knighton's friends	Peter Shrake, Kathy Knowles' father	Terron Muller, Les Foley's niece	
Carol Duncan, Lee Swann's sister	Jimmy Davis, David Davis' father	Methodist Children's Home	Pierre Tshimanga's family	Tim and Janna Martin and family	
Carol Rust, Dottie Rust's daughter	Joe, Rita Young's friend	Michele Heroux and family, Amber Hawthorne's friend	Praise Marjori and Jason Haddock on the birth of their son, Maxwell	TJ Pepper	
Cristi Honea, Bill Farmer's close friend	Joe Musselwhite, David Davis' uncle	Michelle	Robbie Breaux, Audrey Coats' friend	Warner Muirhead	
Dana Hibler	John Lewis, Vic and Judy Torres' friend	Michelle and Baker Ingram	Robert Swann, Lee Swann's brother	Wes Cummings, Lesli Cumming's brother	
David Viggiano, Nancy Bickel's cousin	Karen and John Dendy	Michelle Cooney and his family			
Donna Smith, Denise Foley's sister	Kay Wasuten and family	Mike Sprague, Stephen Sprague's granddaughter			
Donna Turner, Dottie Rust's friend	Kellsey Abbott, Sherwood and Cheri Abbott's granddaughter				
Doris Alexander, Dottie Rust's sister					

CONGRATS

Great big congrats to Jason and Marjori Haddock on the birth of Maxwell Graham born October 16, weighing 8 lb. 2 oz. and 20 1/2 inches long. Blessings for the addition!

BIRTHDAYS

<b>October</b>	26 –Sarah Hale
22 –Faye Stapleton, Jenifer Hurlbut, Rachel VanVleet	27 –Betty Vowell, Rob McMillon
23 –Beth Worofka	28 –Mac Ledbetter
24 –Pat Hoover, Arabella Hurlbut	29 –Jenna Nowlin, Melissa Montoya
	31 –Khiah Lara-Turner

ANNIVERSARIES

**October**  
23 –Neal & Rosie Krieger

## FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Here is the Food Pantry schedule:

### October

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

### November

7 –Doris Brown, Linda Lewis,  
Hedy Taylor, Judy Torres

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

21 –Phyllis Augustus, Marie  
Bean, Kathy Chapman, Jill

Schaneberg

28 –Closed for Thanksgiving  
holiday.

It is time again to donate calendars to the Food Pantry. Annually we give families a calendar to help them plan appointments and more. If you have 2015 calendars please donate them.

While the deadline for Thanksgiving Bags has passed, if you did not get yours in, please bring it up to the church. We will

never turn one away.

Finally, in December the Food Pantry will be giving away Christmas decorations, trees, lights, stockings, and stocking fillers for kids. Any donation you can bring is helpful.

**Needed Food Items:** Canned Chicken, Pet Food.



## DISCOUNT TRUCKLOAD SALE

The Food Pantry invites you to come out and support them on Nov. 5-8 and Nov. 12-15 when Allen Wholesale Foods is excited to bring you this Special event. Items will be for sale from 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. for those two weeks. Come and purchase 20 ribeyes for \$30. There will also

be a large variety of steaks, seafood, chicken and pork at huge discounts.

There will be a large trailer in the church parking lot on these dates to come and shop in. Come by and check out all the selection of meat for the public to purchase.

Our Food Pantry is a wonderful ministry here at Eules First, come out and support them and get a great deal also.

## STAFF APPRECIATION

Have you thanked the Eules First staff lately? For that matter, have you even met all of the Eules First staff? The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) will be hosting an appreciation

reception in their honor on Sunday, November 16th at 9:30 in the Swor parlor.

There will be a basket for staff appreciation cards at the reception. Come by between the

services to let the staff know how grateful you are for their hard work, and write them a nice note of thanks!

## ADOPT-A-SCHOOL

South Eules Elementary is looking for help. As Eules First UMC's Adopt-A-School they have turned to us.

On October 25 from 12:00 p.m.-4:00p.m. South Eules will be hosting their Fall Carnival. They could use any help that we are able to provide, from anyone. There are several places where a chair can be pulled up and the volunteer can sit and collect tickets. There are also some areas

where it would be a little more physical (like the concession stand). Help is needed beginning with setting up at 11:00 a.m., help running the booths from 12-4, and then break down and clean up following. The more helpers we have for that, the faster it goes! Clean up is usually done by 5:15 p.m.

If you are able to help please let Stacy Cave, school counselor, know times you are available and

how you would like to help. While it is definitely more efficient to know who is coming so they can be assigned a place to serve ahead of time, walk-ins will be appreciated, too! Thanks for your help!

## YOUTH MINISTRY



As a church we need each other to be reminded that we are all in this together.

E1ement Students needs you. In the coming months there are several opportunities for you to come alongside our young people and help them serve. On the 3rd Sunday of every month, we will be opening the Eules First Food Pantry from 5:00 to 7:00

p.m. - this would be a great way to serve alongside our teenagers! Also, here are some other opportunities that we have coming up:

- October 29th - Tarrant Area Food Bank - 'Backpacks for Kids' program
- November 8th - Project-44 Farm Workday

- November 19th - Tarrant Area Food Bank - 'Backpacks for Kids' program.

Please contact me if you are willing and able to serve with us during one of these times.

Blessings, Shane

## PRESCHOOL



October is fire safety month so the fire department came to visit us, accompanied by our own mayor, Linda Martin. Funny story - they got called for an emergency and Linda was left with us! Our PK1 classes are learning about Community Helpers and also had a visit from Dr. Lee, a local dentist.



The students made an appearance at the Lord's Acre and sang some fun songs. Choir member, Anicia Brown, is our new music teacher, and she is

doing a fabulous job!

We collect Labels for Education and Box Tops all year long - so PLEASE don't throw them away. Each Box Top is worth \$.10. With the whole church and school saving them - it will add up! Two of our classes collected over 800 labels and were treated to a Rita's Italian Ice Party.

October 24 from 5:30-9:30 is our first Parents' Night Out of the Year. Parents may have a date night while we watch their little ones for \$20 each.



Tuesday, October 28, please join us for a Rita's

Celebrity Scoop Night. Preschool Staff will be on hand to help serve and Rita's will donate 20% of the profits. Tuesday, October 28 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Rita's Italian Ice, located across from Trinity High School and next to Dickey's BBQ on Industrial Blvd. We hope to see you there!

## 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 a 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.

The following businesses 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

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!

## FROM THE PASTOR

This is the third in a series on "How to Share Your Faith." Let me summarize the first two points:

Know your story. Remember, it is your faith that you want to share; your faith is really the only faith that you can share, so remember your story. How did you come to faith in Christ? What storms has God carried you through? When have you doubted or walked away or taken time off, and how did you come back to your faith?

Listen to others' stories. Not everyone's story includes a relationship with God through Jesus, but everyone does have a story. We can only really expect people to listen to our story if and when we have shown them that their stories matter to us.

Here is the third point I want to make. Watch for intersections.

I hope you noticed, as you proceeded into step one, knowing your own story, that you felt closer to God. When we pause to reflect on how God has affected our lives, on close times and distant times, on stormy weeks and calm-sea weeks, we make ourselves more open to God's presence now. We are more able to accept God's free offer of love and forgiveness now.

Then, as you practiced listening to other people's stories, I hope you found yourself looking at people differently. In our culture we all learn to wear masks, especially in public. This is both good and bad. Wearing masks is good in that none of us have time

to deal with everyone else's stuff. It is bad because we get good at hiding our stuff from people - even those who care about us. As we listen to the stories of others, we are reminded that everyone has a story; that everyone has hurts and dreams that we don't see.

As you listen to someone's story, and you know your own story, you will likely find places where your story and theirs intersect. You may have faced similar storms. You may have similar hopes, similar dreams, similar hurts, similar fears.

Somewhere along the way, you will probably find some intersection with anyone whose story you take the time to hear.

This week, watch for the intersections.

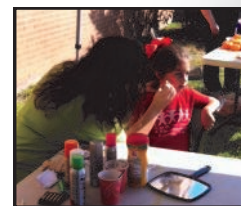
## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Lord's Acre was a wonderful success! Thank you to everyone who helped and prayed for the children's area. It was such a beautiful day and everyone had a great time. Our next big event is Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 31 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. If your kiddo didn't get the chance to experience the

bounce house at Lord's Acre, there will be one at the Trunk or Treat! Also, this year is the First Annual Trunk Decorating Contest. If you would like to enter or simply have a trunk and enjoy the trunk or treaters, please email me, [children@fumceuleless.org](mailto:children@fumceuleless.org) or call the office for information.

October has been great so far, and I am excited to see it get even better!

-Aubree Marlow



## HIGHWAY UPDATE

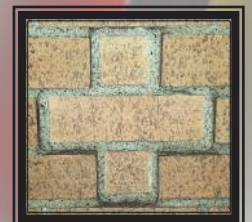
We actually have some news this week. Southgate Mobility Partners, were the winners of the bid process announced last May. They project that the project will begin in "early 2015," as we suspected. You can find out more about the project at [southgatemobilitypartners.com](http://southgatemobilitypartners.com).

This week we have had surveyors on the property once again. We also received a request for "Right Of Entry" for others involved in the project to enter the church property to take measurements, do environmental studies, etc. Both our attorney and our Board of Trustees are leading us in our response to this and every

other communication with the state and or the developer.

While all this is happening, we go on with serving God and our community by seeking to follow Jesus better today than yesterday!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Steve.



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## STEWARDSHIP

### The Good Steward

Wesley gave many passionate sermons on stewardship. In 1768, Wesley gave a powerful sermon in Edinburgh titled "The Good Steward" that posed the question, "In what respects are we now God's stewards?" In this sermon, Wesley states that since God entrusts us with all we have, we should "dispose of all as God pleases." The sermon goes on to define four things God entrusts to us as stewards:

1. God entrusts us with our immortal soul. Made in the image of God, together with all the powers and faculties of understanding, imagination, memory, and will. When we seek the peace of God and do His will we "secure our own happiness."
2. God entrusts us with our bodies. Use these "exquisitely wrought machines" to honor God as stewards, not as proprietors, "as instruments of righteousness unto God."
3. God entrusts us with a portion of worldly goods. The most valuable worldly good is money, for which God expects us to be wise and faithful stewards, employing every part "for purposes as our blessed Lord has commanded us to do."

4. God entrusts us with several talents. All other gifts God has given us including bodily strength, health, our personality, time, knowledge, and education - all to be used to do good to others and not harm.

Wesley ends this section of the sermon by reminding us that the most precious gifts from God are not the blessings we receive, but the "grace of God, the power of his Holy Spirit, which alone works in us all" to help us on our journey to be good stewards of the blessings and talents with which we are entrusted.

### Use of Money

Wesley understood what it was to be poor. His mother had 19 children with only 10 surviving to adulthood. He watched his mother struggle to feed and clothe her children when her husband was in debtors' prison. These memories caused Wesley to have a deep respect for the poor and a passion to provide for their spiritual and physical needs.

Wesley noted that people outside of the church freely discussed financial issues and debated the best way to invest and use money. However, rarely was "Christian wisdom" consulted when discussing the "right use of money." Wesley decided to

address this issue in a sermon he gave in 1760 titled "The Use of Money." The following three major points from this sermon provide a concise summary of Wesley's vision for how Christians should view money.

**Gain All You Can.** However, do this without hurting your neighbor. We cannot ruin our neighbor's trade to advance our own.

**Save All You Can.** Do not throw precious money and talent away in idle expenses, which is the same as throwing it into the sea.

**Give All You Can.** First, provide things needed for yourself, your wife, children, and any others who are part of your household including whatever is moderately required to maintain health and strength. If you have a surplus, then "do good to them that are part of the household of faith." If there is still a surplus, "as you have opportunity, do good unto all men."

Instead of trusting riches, Wesley encourages us to "trust in the living God; then we will be safe under the shadow of the Almighty; his faithfulness and truth shall be our shield and buckler."



Online Giving Link

## BURN OUR DEBT UPDATE

Eules First is at a great place in ministry! We had a wonderful all church meeting on October 5 where we announced the results of the Burn Our Debt campaign. To date we have 68 pledges for \$77,359 pledged.

If you have not yet responded, or have not transferred your Forward in Faith pledge, it is not

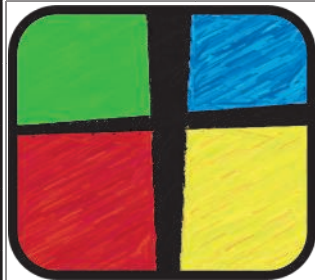
too late.

We invite you to respond now to this opportunity to Burn the Debt by December 31, 2015. Pledge cards are available in the office if you need one. Whether your pledge is \$50 or \$25,000 we need as many of our flock to step up to achieve this milestone together. Should you have

questions, Please reach out to Pastor Steve, Thomas Hawthorne, or Dave Lewis.

Thank you for all the great response! We are going to burn this debt together!





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