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ABUNDANCE

Abundance: Giving is Receiving is our sermon series and stewardship theme. Here's the gist of it: our God is a God of abundance. We are too often determined to live lives of scarcity; worried that there is not enough. But God created the world to provide for us



(tithe) to be given back to God.

Over the next three weeks we will dive deeper into this truth. In fact, we will look at how recent science supports the biblical truth found in Proverbs 11:24, which says,

abundantly. In fact, Jesus himself said that he came "that we might have life, and have it abundantly." (John 10-10)

God invites us to learn to live our lives based on God's abundance. To do so, we have to remind ourselves who God is and that God wants to provide our needs. It also helps us to learn to look at what we have in terms of what we need, rather than what we

want.

To learn to live the lives of abundance that God intends, we have to set priorities. We are at our best when we set our priorities the way God wants us to. Here are two points regarding priorities that will help us live in the direction of God:

remember that all we have, including the talents and skills we use to succeed, are from God. God requires the first tenth

"Those who give generously receive more, but those who are stingy with what is appropriate will grow needy."

Brain science and sociology both support this ancient truth from the bible!

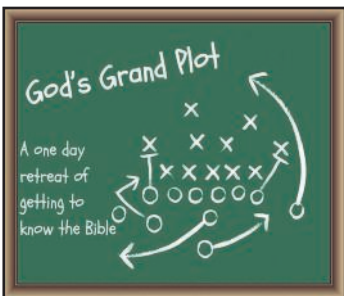


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GOD'S GRAND PLOT



The mission of Euless First United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ by following Jesus a bit better today than yesterday. Our Discipleship plan is the *Discipleship Journey*; an

intentional process by which we guide persons via Individual Studies, Small Group Studies and Retreat Events. The hope is to move people from knowing God, to growing in relationship with God, to going forth with God to serve others, and finally, glowing for God by witnessing to their faith.

God's Grand Plot is a Discipleship Journey event that takes place as a one day retreat. It provides a view of the entire Bible as one story of God's hand on the human journey. The day

includes a historical overview of the Bible, the Bible's organization, and how God's story affects the human heart. God's Grand Plot will be Saturday, Nov. 8, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in the Swor Parlor. There is no cost, and materials will be provided, but registration is requested to ensure enough materials. Please contact the church office by Thursday, November 6, to register at 817-283-4421.

GOD'S GRAND PLOT

What: A one day retreat for getting to know the Bible

When: November 8
9:00 a.m. —4:00 p.m.

Who: Anyone who has a desire to know more about the Bible

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	Family of Brian Gilby	Lois Weems, Joyce Humphrey's mother	Milford Roop	Shain Zelis	Military: 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 Rohlfing's son
Alton and Reta Ray	Family of Greg Keown	Lori Outlaw and family, Dodie Davis' friends	Myrtle Wood, Rex Wood's mother	Shayla Herigan, Eileen Mode's friend	
Amelia Krempa, Billy Krempa's mother	Family of Peter Shrake, Kathy Knowles' father	Margaret Kenyon, Pierre Kenyon's mother	Natalie Payton and family	Stan Clarke, Sue & Richard Morrow's friend	
Baby Thomas Hummison	Fred and Billie Pallett	Maria Shrake, Kathy Knowles' mother	Nick and Lisa Schoenberger, Ron Coats' friends	Steven Lewis, Blaine Davis' friend	
Barbara Bradford	Gordon and Linda Roberts, Nancy Bickel's friends	Marlene Hill	Nita Keown	Susan Downey	
Bill Farmer	Honor Vaughn, Teresa Sprague's mother	Mary Heyduck, Steve Heyduck's mom	Nolan Hardwick, Barbara Collier's father	Susan McGehee	
Bonilla family	Iris Elliott	Maurine Padgett, Nancy Bickel's co-worker	Norman Ponce, Aubree Marlow's uncle	Sydney Marie Peel, Pat May's great niece	
Brenda Pepper, TJ Pepper's mother	Isabel Rosero, Caro Kenyon's sister	Maxine and Bill Wallace, Kimberly Knighton's friends	Ollie O. Sallis, Christopher, Sean, Steven, Latoya, and Andrea	Ted Foley	
Burton family	James Thompson	Methodist Children's Home	Pat Holland, Cindy Balentine's sister	Terri Marlow, Aubree Marlow's mother	
Calvin, Rita Young's co-worker	Jane Ford, Dottie Rust's friend	Michael Thompson	Peace	Terron Muller, Les Foley's niece	
Cameron Mode	Jeanette Jentsch	Michaela and Cody Thomas, Carol Bolton's daughter and son-in-law	Pierre Tshimanga's family	TJ Pepper	
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	Vicki Baum, Linda and Don Martin's friend	
Carrie Kinney, Dodie Davis' sister	John Walz, Dottie Rust's friend	Michelle and Baker Ingram	Robbie Breaux, Audrey Coats' friend	Virgil Kersey, Darlene Carter's brother	
Dana Hibler	Johnnie Girod	Mike Sprague, Stephen Sprague's brother	Rosie Krieger	Warner Muirhead	
David Viggiano, Nancy Bickel's cousin	Julie Delgado	Miles, Layla Coats' friend	Roxanna Berg, Eileen Mode's friend	Wes Cummings, Lesli Cummings' brother	
Don Lade, Pat May's brother	Kay Wasuten and family		Ryan Hoxie, Shanna Roggow's friend		
Donna Smith, Denise Foley's sister	Kellsey Abbott, Sherwood and Cheri Abbott's granddaughter				
Donna Turner, Dottie Rust's friend	Kevin Maines				
Doris Alexander, Dottie Rust's sister	Kim McLain				
Edward Hill	Kyle Andrews				
Esteban Yanes, Caro Kenyon's nephew	Lisa Moffatt, Lynne and Alan Moffatt's daughter-in-law				

MEMORIALS

In memory of Brian Gilby/CTCYM: Julie & Randy Bryant; David & Lorrie Butts; Kristi Conort; Amy Davis, Andrew & Lori Delfos; Angie, Darla, Karen, Stacey, Morgan & Jenni Diorio; Tony & Tina Dunlop; Linda Grado; William & Sarah Guilkey; Roy & Sheryl Hodges; Sherri & Mike	Honza; Jeffrey & Sherry Jennings; Clifford & Cheryl Johnson; Lisa & Andrew Kesler; Neil & Noni Kirk; James, Lauri & Macy Kunke; Bruce & Gay Leake; Vicki McCollum; Rob & Toni McMillon; Robert & Sonia McMillon; Kay Powell; James & Rhonda Schafer; Todd & Nancy Smith; Mike & Beverly Springer;	Scott, Brent & Monica Wicke; Beverly Wood, Rita Young; Texas Xtreme '03 Boys White; Bear Creek Elementary PTA; Bear Creek Elementary Sunshine Committee
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BIRTHDAYS

November	15 –Elizabeth Penland
4 –Jeff Mayer	16 –Kimberly Knighton
5 –Trent Daves	
6 –Carla Fink	
7 –Ric Grant	
9 –Ruth Hight	
10 –Brianna Ingram, Mike McGehee, Don Wilson	
11 –Austin Witt, Stephen Tate, Marla Williams	
14 –Kevin Maines	

ANNIVERSARIES

November
8 –Rob & Toni McMillon
12 –Doug & Faye Stapleton
15 –Joe & Sheri Roberts

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

The Eules First Food Pantry is gearing up for a holiday season with more and more people needing help. They asked for your help with collecting 200 Thanksgiving Bags and you have been wonderfully generous. To date, we have 138 bags. Thanks for your help, **but we need more!**

The November trip to the Tarrant Area Food Bank workday is scheduled for **November**

19. The group will leave the church parking lot at 8:15 a.m. and will be back at approximately 12:30 p.m. Call the church office or Sharon Menix at 817-581-9144 so we can be expecting you.

Don't forget we still need calendars and Christmas decorations.

Needed Food Items: Canned Chicken, Pet Food.

Here is the Food Pantry schedule:

November

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

14 –Darlene Carter, Gloria Daves, Maggie Lucas, Jill Schaneberg

21 –Phyllis Augustus, Marie Bean, Kathy Chapman, Sheri Roberts

28 –Closed for Thanksgiving holiday.



DISCOUNT TRUCKLOAD SALE

The Food Pantry invites you to come out and support them on Nov. 5-8 and Nov. 12-15. Allen Wholesale Foods will be here for a Special discount truckload sale. 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 available for 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!

WINTER COAT COLLECTION

Founded more than 100 years ago, United Community Centers began with a group of visionary individuals who wanted to serve and empower their community. Local ministers and representatives from the Women's Home Mission Society established the City Mission

Board in 1908 at First United Methodist Church in Fort Worth, Texas, employing a missionary to conduct evangelism and relief programs. United Community Centers today is asking for your help. Their three centers: the Welsey Center, Polytechnic Center, and Bethlehem Center,

are in need of coats and sweaters. To help the United Methodist local mission opportunity there is a white tub in the Swor Parlor for donations from now through January. The Eules First United Methodist Women thank you for your help.



VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

Eules First United Methodist Church would like to thank all of its veterans. In honor of Veterans Day on November 11, Eules

First would like to invite any veterans, their spouses, or widows to join us for a meal in their honor on **November 16, at 12:15 p.m.**

in the Swor Parlor. If you are able to attend, please RSVP to the church office at 817-283-4421 by Friday November 10.



YOUTH MINISTRY



Hey Everyone!
Have you noticed that E1ement Students are busy serving?!?! Our students are awesome. They don't just attend school, they take college classes before they are in college, they play sports, they sing, dance, act, and play instruments. Some of them even manage to hold down jobs in the

midst of all of those things... And they still make time to serve! In fact, SERVE is one of our core values and we'd like to invite you to serve alongside us!

In addition to Food Pantry Sunday Night coming up on November 16, E1ement Students will be serving this Saturday morning, November 8, at Project-44 Farm in Granbury ([www.project-](http://www.project-44.org)

[44.org](http://www.project-44.org)), and we would love to have YOU join us! This is a great way our church family can serve others together, plus you can spend time with our awesome students! Please contact me for details.

Blessings,
Shane

PRESCHOOL



The Preschool had a very successful Rita's Celebrity Scoop night Tuesday, October 28! The kids were adorable coming dressed in their costumes. It was a great time for the Preschool staff and the Preschool families to mingle and enjoy each other's company, while raising money for the preschool.

We had our annual "Pumpkin Parades" on Thursday and Friday. Once again the kids dressed in their costumes and paraded around the Family Life Center. Each class was able to stand on the stage and perform a Halloween/Fall song for their parents. What a joy to see children singing and having fun.

The Preschool Board met on October 28. During our meeting we voted to pledge \$1500 towards *Burn the Debt* and increased our monthly fees to Eules First by \$100. Our enrollment is the highest in years with 150 students. Thank you for your continued support.

LAY LEADER UPDATE



These last few weeks have been filled with ministries and activities in full swing every single day. Our church has evolved into a 7 day a week ministry/community meeting place.

The all church Thanksgiving celebration will be held in the Family Life Center at 12:15pm November 23rd. We will be assigning food categories in the coming days. We have so much to celebrate and so much to look forward to. The "Burn Our Debt" campaign has been another example of your

extravagant generosity. As of October 1, our outstanding church building debt was \$216,000, with a 10 year planned payoff. As of today we have \$197,500 pledged to be paid by December, 2015. That leaves only \$18,500 left for pledge commitments. If you wish to make a pledge to erase this debt, please pick up a card in the church office or Swor Hallway or just call the church office. If you have already pledged, thank you. Remember our philosophy is not equal dollars given but equal sacrifice. Each and every dollar counts, and the earlier it is paid less interest expense we are being charged. If you have

questions, please see Thomas Hawthorne, Dave Lewis, Bob Collier or Steve Heyduck. I can visualize the debt free celebration in 2015. Hmmm....I wonder what date it will be!!!

The 2015 Lay Leadership Committee (aka nominations committee) is currently working to fill our 2015 leadership team. Please consider helping on a committee.

Finally, the Lewis family also wish to thank the church council for unanimously approving Katie's journey into ordained ministry in our called charge conference.

Warmly, Dave Lewis

FROM THE PASTOR

This is the fourth and final in a series on sharing your faith. Since I had to look to make sure I remembered the first three and I wrote them, I will not assume you remember them. Here is a summary of the series so far:

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 other's 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.

Watch for intersections. You have fleshed out your own

story. You have practiced listening to the stories of friends, co-workers, family members. You will likely find places where something in their story sounds like something in your story.

The fourth and final step: Tell your story!

If you have thought through your story then you will notice an increased awareness of God's involvement in your life. This likely means that you have re-thought some of your story. Your story is as alive as you are: as long as you live, your experiences will effect the way you look back on your life, and the way you tell your story.

Being familiar with your own story should make you more interested in hearing the stories of others. As you listen, you will probably think about some of the discoveries you made about yourself in learning your own story. These discoveries will naturally lead to asking questions - thought provoking, sensitive

questions - to ask of others to make sure you are hearing their story well.

As you listen to someone else's story, you will hear intersections or overlaps with your own story. These are the perfect places to share your own story with that person.

Remember: don't interrupt. Listen well, ask questions, and respond to their story with how yours connects.

I can almost guarantee that if you listen to someone else's story first, they will listen to yours. This is true even if the other person is not religious at all. It will likely even work if the other person feels that "organized religion" has hurt them at some point.

That may even be where your story and theirs intersect.

Jesus's grace, love, and forgiveness can overcome any obstacle!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Trunk or Treat was wonderful! Thank you to everyone who came out to help and make this night so special. We had a lot of excited kiddos and even some very fancily dressed dogs walking around! All of the trunks were decorated wonderfully! And the trophy goes to... Sharon Menix!

It is November already, can you believe it? That means there are only 7 more Sundays until Christmas! November is packed full of all kinds of things to do, including the 11th annual Freeze Fest at the Gaylord Texan Resort. This year's theme is The Nutcracker! It will be open

starting November 13-January 3rd. There are tons of other things to do around the metroplex this month, if you would like to find more go to www.dallas.about.com.

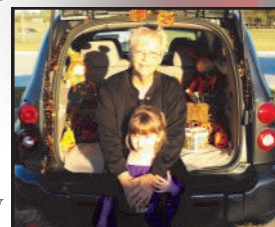
The kids at Eules First are also gearing up for this fun time of year. The Children's Choir will be singing with the Chancel Choir during the Hanging of the Greens on November 30, and during the Christmas Cantata on December 14.

In Sunday School, kids are continuing to learn about the legacy of Abraham through his

descendants. In December, we will be preparing for the birth of Christ with our Advent study. Keep an eye out for our Jesus Birthday Party!

I'm looking forward to this next month, and want you all to know that in this season of thankfulness that I am very thankful for all of you and your wonderful children!

-Aubree Marlow





NIGHT OF WONDER

Advent is quickly approaching. It is a time to prepare our hearts and lives for the coming of our Lord. Best of all, it is a great time to share the love of Christ with others.

Eules First United Methodist works closely with neighboring churches and others in our community to care for our neighborhood families, primarily with the assistance of 6 Stones Mission Network. This year is no different. Together, the Night of Wonder's goal is to share the joy of Christmas to over 3200 children in the HEB School

District. Eules First United Methodist has agreed to help with this endeavor in two ways: providing gifts for children, and sponsoring a Christmas party at South Eules Elementary School, our Adopted school, on Monday, December 15 at 6:00 p.m.

Here is how you can help:

1- Adopt a child. You can choose how many you wish to shop for. It is suggested that each child receive 2 gifts: 1 practical gift and 1 fun gift. Sizes will be provided. Please limit to \$60 per child.

You can also sponsor a family, by making a donation to 6 Stones and

they will do the shopping for you. To adopt a family please go to 6stones.org/now.

2- Volunteer to help with the Christmas Party, "Night of Wonder", on December 15. Volunteers are needed to help with refreshments, decorations, crafts and distribution of gifts and food.

To adopt/sponsor children or to volunteer sign up at 6stones.org/now.

If you have any further questions, please contact Rev. Beverly Springer at 817-283-4421. More details coming soon.



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!

HIGHWAY UPDATE

At this month's Trustee's meeting (November 3), about 20 of us met with attorneys Dan Foster and Sue Wall, who will be representing us.

What followed was almost 2 hours of conversation. I think I speak for everyone in attendance in sharing that we feel we are well represented. Mr. Foster represents a wealth of knowledge and experience in dealing with exactly this type of issue.

There are still many issues to be worked out. Mr. Foster told us that he had spoken with the man

in charge of TxDOT's property acquisition earlier in the day to learn the latest. Lines are still not exactly set, nor is the timetable, though the best guess is that we can expect the negotiation to begin in the spring of 2015.

We know, and have known for years, that our office building will fall victim to the project. We still do not know exactly how our other buildings and parking lots will be affected.

When they take property like this, TxDOT is required to 'make us whole.' Our negotiations with

them will hinge on the precise meaning and interpretation of this phrase. But we know that it is truly God and God alone that can "make us whole." This present uncertainty actually creates space for God to work in us, making us whole, stretching our ministry to the community around us.

If you have any questions or concerns about any of this, please contact Pastor Steve. He'll be glad to listen to your questions, and to answer them as much as possible.



ADVENT PREPERATION

Christmas is only 49 days away, as of November 5th. This year, once again, we will be creating an Advent Devotional booklet with daily devotionals written by members from our congregation. Sign up for certain dates and scriptures has begun. The deadline to submit devotionals is Sunday, November 16.

If you would like to write a devotional, please contact Pastor Beverly.

Our Advent theme this year will be "Mary Did You Know?"

Have you ever seen the stick figure families that some of us put on the rear windows of our vehicles. We are all trying to show the world the kind of people we are, yet in the Christmas story we are repeatedly struck that Mary had less than ideal situations on multiple facets. We wonder, did Mary know what her son would do? Did Mary know how much her son would change the world? Thus leading us to wonder what would Mary's rear window potentially look like? While we wonder about Mary, we will find

how this relates to our lives today. How is your life different with Christ? How is the world different because of Christ? Does any of this genuinely change how we interact in the world? We hope you will join us as we explore the transformative mysteries of the season.

A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM

Eules First has been invited to participate in *A Night in Bethlehem*, December 13, 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 817-571-0231 or email the Memorial Christian church office at unmemfam@sbcglobal.net. Please include a name, phone number or email where you can be reached. They look forward to

FLOWER CALENDAR

The flowers that grace our sanctuary each Sunday are a beautiful contribution to worship as well as a special way to honor or remember your loved ones, or special events.

Now is the time to make your reservations for the 2015 Flower Calendar. Please contact the church office to reserve your special dates, request a special kind of arrangement, and designate who

you want to honor/remember in 2015. You can also send an email to: church-office@fumceules.org.

NEW MEMBERS

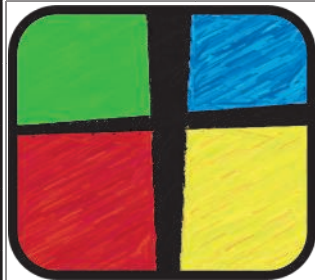
Eules First United Methodist is excited to welcome our new members. Be sure to stop and welcome them to our family. With them in our presence, we will never be the same.



Gwen Manjoe joined October 19



Chad Weisinger joined August 17



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