

The VISITOR

A monthly publication of St. Luke's United Methodist Church - Kilgore, Texas

Love God Live His Word Share His Grace

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THE FRIENDLY, PRAYING CHURCH

Issue 2

Can you believe it? **The East Texas Crusade for Christ**

Featuring Rev. Billy Graham's Grandson
Evangelist Jonathan Lotz
will be preaching for the upcoming crusade at
St. John's Memorial Football Stadium on
April 13, 14, and 15
at 7:00 p.m. each evening.

What an opportunity for our part of the country!
We're hoping to bring 10,000 people
to this great event!

Pray daily and Invite everyone!

*"Father, may this Crusade be the
Great Awakening of East Texas.*

In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen."

Trustees Seeking Your Skills

If you have a Talent, Skill, Gift, or just some "Know How," please call Pat Haynes, Trustee Chairperson for 2011, (903-984-2650.) Your "gift" will be a big help with jobs around the church which would be a big money-saver and offer you the chance to serve in a special way. This includes plumbing, electrical, yard, clean-up, painting, decorating - including artists, sewing, cooking, computers, etc.

Step up! Volunteer!



**LOG ON ! to the
East Texas
Crusade for Christ
website:**

easttexascrusadeforchrist.blogspot.com

A SUNDAY OF MIRACLES!

**Faith-Promise Sunday,
January 9, 2011**



When I woke up on Faith-Promise Sunday, I almost cried. The cold, and the promise of sleet and snow for the rest of the day would certainly cause poor attendance at church that morning. Jennifer Sample had traveled

from San Antonio to speak to us about the Methodist Mission Home, and sadly, the crowd would be small. However, Jennifer made her presentations as if there were 1000 present in our sanctuary! God was there, and the listeners were blessed beyond our expectations.

After the church service, Pat Rudy gave me a small slip of paper that contained the amount pledged to missions that morning: \$12,655! The amount continues to grow, so in spite of the bad weather, our congregation came through as

it always does . . . and the money keeps flowing in! The amount pledged so far is \$17,965.00. Thank You!

The luncheon after the second service was a treat. Scott Clark's barbecue was, as always, delicious. I couldn't stop going into the kitchen to get a few bites. Richelle's cheesy potatoes and her green beans were enjoyed by all, as well as the salads, desserts, and other dishes brought by our great cooks.

This mission team, though small, spends your money thoughtfully and carefully. I have been blessed beyond measure to serve on this team. My thanks goes out to this group of dedicated Christians: Yvette Dearion, Shelia Cross, Barbara Francisco, Kay McKinley, Kathe Miller, Morris and Pat Sage, and Misty Shipman. If you would like to join this team, contact Ann Rosson, 903-983-3856. Not on the team, but the two who have kept all the figures straight are Joyce Northcutt and Pat Rudy. We are indebted to these two for all their hard work.

We are looking forward to a terrific 2011!

Praise God for miracles!

Ann Rosson, Mission Team Leader

Love God! Live His Word! Share His Grace!



Dear Friends In Christ,

In many ways we have started the year with a bang. I enjoyed finishing the “God and Me” program with one of our Cub Scout Dens. They will receive their awards on Scout Sunday.

The new web site, “St. Luke’s UMC Virtual Church” is up and running (stlukesumcvirtualchurch.blogspot.com).

The purpose of this website is to give busy families opportunities to center their lives around Christ in the midst of a busy schedule. Devotional ideas are posted, camping opportunities, and soon we will include athletic and academic activities that will enable the larger congregation to enjoy the extra efforts and accomplishments of our children.

We have also begun the East Texas Crusade for Christ. In the grace of God, we believe we can be a part of an effort to bring 10,000 worshippers to R. E. Saint John’s Football Stadium for a crusade on April 13th, 14th and 15th. Our next goal is to have 200 churches committed to bringing part of their congregation to the crusade by February 15th.

If you know of someone from a church who would be interested in receiving information to share with their congregation, please call me today. There are posters available in the office and we have established a website for the event. You can get a great deal of information already on the website including the resume of Evangelist Jonathan Lotz who will be delivering the message, “God Understands”, (easttexascrusadeforchrist.blogspot.com).

We will continue to build both of these websites. If you have suggestions, please call me.

Dean Miller and I will soon be announcing a spiritual retreat in the forest outside Hot Springs, Arkansas.

I will also soon be announcing a new outdoor ministry for Junior High Youth.

I need your combined help with one other important issue. I am sure it was due to the poor weather we had on Sundays during January, but our finances suffered during the month. We did carry over \$67,000 into the New Year, but it doesn’t take long to go through that cushion. Please consider the church and help us get back on track with our finances. I promise you that Lee and I will work hard to reward your faithfulness.

God bless you, and I believe with all my heart this is going to be a year of signs and wonders.

Reverend Darwood Galaway

METHODIST MISSION HOME

Dear Darwood,

Happy New Year! Thank you for your December 2010 gift of \$857.00 to Methodist Mission Home. Your kindness renews hope in the hearts of young people challenged with disabilities, pregnant teens and young women searching for answers and families wanting to share their love through adoption.

As the old year comes to an end and the New year unfolds, we are inspired with promises of new beginnings and brighter futures. Together we are giving God’s children a faith, a family, a future.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Sample

P.S. Thanks for your warm welcome and generous honorarium, mileage and hotel contributions. St. Luke’s UMC is extravagantly generous and hospitable. I enjoyed my visit to your church very much.

(Ms Sample was our speaker at the January 9, 2011 Faith Promise Sunday.)

How Are We Doing?

Attending worship is like eating...they both keep us alive and well!

... Our Presence ...

| | |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Worship 1-02-11 | 194 |
| Worship 1-09-11 | 119 |
| Worship 1-16-11 | 192 |
| Worship 1-23-11 | 260 |
| Worship 1-30-11 | 258 |
| Weekly average | 206 |

... Sunday School ...

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|-----------------------------|-----|
| Sunday School 1-02-11 | 105 |
| Sunday School 1-09-11 | 73 |
| Sunday School 1-16-11 | 91 |
| Sunday School 1-23-11 | 155 |
| Sunday School 1-30-11 | 115 |
| Weekly average | 99 |

... St. Luke's Membership ...

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|------------------------------|-----|
| As of 1-1-2011 | 673 |
| Transfers | 0 |
| Moved to Inactive List | 0 |
| Deaths | 0 |
| New Members | 4 |
| Total as of 1-31-11 | 677 |

... Our Gifts ...

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|------------------------------------|---------------|
| 2011 Church Budget | \$ 652,733.98 |
| Balance Forward | \$ 67,566.05 |
| Income received thru 1-30-11 | \$ 60,586.02 |
| Expenses thru 1-28-11 | \$ 70,036.61 |

Head Ushers

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|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| 8:30 a.m.: | Milton Frazier (Head Usher) |
| 10:30 a.m.: | Trey Hattaway (Head Usher) |
| Greeter Coordinator | Barbara Francisco |

Church Staff

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|--|----------------------|
| Pastor | Rev. Darwood Galaway |
| Dir. of Music Min. | James Vermillion |
| Youth Director | David Peterson |
| Accompanist | Allen Simmons |
| Admin. Assist./Newsltr Ed. | Mary Lamb |
| Financial Secretary | Pat Rudy |
| Dir. of Children's Education/Nursery Dir. | Niki Chowdhury |
| Mother's Day Out Dir. | Misty Shipman |
| Custodian | Freddie Lollie |
| Custodian | Kathleen Sanders |
| Activity Center Custodian | Cecil Johnson |

Extension Ministries Related to St. Luke's

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|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Wesley Foundation Director | Amy Hodges |
| North Dist. Supt. | Rev. William Taylor |
| Bishop, TX Conference | Janice Riggle Huie |

PRAYER/PRAISE REQUEST & UPDATE FORM

The Caring Ministry of St. Luke's UMC February 2011

Prayer requests may be posted on the church website:

www.stlukesilgore.com

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| Prayer/Praise for _____ |
| Address _____ |
| Concern/Joy _____ |
| Your Name _____ |
| Relationship to you _____ Your Tel. _____ |

Joys and Concerns

In the Hospital: Wilton Jones (pace maker); Edith Williams (Regional); Joe Summers (Dallas); Margaret Grant (G.S); Peggy Medford (G.S)

Home from Hospital: Elaine Kirksey; Kenneth Gibson; Ted Hopkins

Church Family Concerns:

| | | |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Bob Cochran | Doyle/Olga Craver | J.D./Jo Hancock |
| Jerry Boone | Theresa Hearn | Marguerite Lessley |
| Jim Aills | Lois Wade | Sammy Jo Mosley |
| Wanda Chapman | Rita Peters | Tommy Freeman |
| June Ferris | Jim Williams | Marcella Harkrider |
| Carolyn Holcombe | | |

Prayers for Loved Ones (Names listed one month, unless otherwise requested)

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|---|---|
| <i>Melvin West</i> | brother-in-law of Bill Bryant |
| <i>The Mays family</i> | friends of Gretchen Smires |
| <i>Dereck Little</i> | friend of Denise Reinert |
| <i>Sherry Riley</i> | friend of McKenna & Kim Hurlburt |
| <i>Patsy & Cindy Haydon</i> | neighbors of Jean Gray |
| <i>Lonnie Lee, Ronnie/ John McGuire</i> | bros. of Connie Jobe |
| <i>Micayla Groves</i> | friend of Sharon McCann |
| <i>Charlotte Byrd</i> | sister of Glenda Cochran |
| <i>Linda Schmidt</i> | sister of Nancy Englund |
| <i>Mark Jobe</i> | brother of Ronnie Jobe |
| <i>Wanda Johnson</i> | niece of Martha Temple |
| <i>Sara Terranova</i> | grandmother of Carolina Bryant |
| <i>Bill Stark</i> | nephew of Dorothy Geese |
| <i>Leo Tate</i> | brother of Winnie Nicks |
| <i>Juanita Wilson</i> | mother of David Wilson |
| <i>Evelyn Blalock</i> | friend of Kay McKinley |
| <i>Family of Sarah Leach</i> | friend of Gretchen Smires |
| <i>Joel B. Shipman</i> | grandfather of Daniel Shipman |
| <i>Melanie Cutrera</i> (8 yr. old) | daughter of a friend of Carolina Bryant |
| <i>Susan Dean</i> | grandmother of Haydon Dean |
| <i>Jane Brooks</i> | friend of Sharon McCann |
| <i>Jakey Still</i> | grandmother of Tamara McCann |
| <i>Ryan Davis</i> | friend of Ami Sprayberry |
| <i>Laurel Good</i> | friend of Trey Hattaway |
| <i>Terry Crenshaw</i> | Step-mom of Shanna Burgess |
| <i>Lila MacLoughlin</i> | best friend's daughter of Carolina Bryant |
| <i>Donna & Emily Brackeen</i> | family of Ann Rosson |
| <i>Darren Hicks</i> | co-worker of Dan Cross |
| <i>Jimmy McCauley</i> | friend of Babby Carroll |
| <i>Mozelle Core</i> | sister of Don Adams |
| <i>Boyce Wood</i> | friend of Don/Cynthia Adams and many others |
| <i>Kathy Henton</i> | mother-in-law of Kristen Henton |
| <i>Jimi Mankins & family</i> | friends of Carolina Bryant |
| <i>Family of Maria Alaniz</i> (death) | friend of Cecilia & Lefty Mitchell |
| <i>Marilyn & Gil Pilz</i> | friends of Loretta Ross |
| <i>Vicki Huckabee</i> (cancer) | friend of Tommy Farnham |
| <i>Janie Hawkins</i> (cancer) | friend of Tommy Farnham |
| <i>David Chambers</i> | Nathan Watson's cousin |

Sympathy to: Family of Barbara Mabery (special aunt of Mikki Ellis) whose services were January 3 at Rader's Funeral Home.

Keep Our Military in Your Prayers

Jim Elms (Afghanistan) . . . grandson of Agnes Oliver
Josh Cantu` (Afghanistan) . . . son of Bob & Hope Cantu`
Tommy Latham (Afghanistan) . . . son-in-law of Robert & Jamie Knox
Josh Brockman, Joel Crenshaw, Shawn Decker, Candace Guzman, Brian Holcombe, Allen Milton, Kenneth Warren, III, Cody Sprayberry, Preston Bevers, Chad McAdams, Stanton Gardenhire, Robbie Reinert, John David Miller, Banyon Stephens, Robert Holder, Richard Andres, Anthony Williams, Jason L. Colbert

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2011



Sign up for altar flowers
for the 2011 worship services.

Give flowers in memory or
honor of a loved one(s).

Call Nina Fern Nichols
903-984-4338



Thanks to all the Sunday School classes, parents and friends, that have helped to provide our youth with Sunday evening dinner.

We have been feeding approximately 20 - 30 youth at our weekly UMYF.

I try not to call on the same people too often, but sometimes it seems we have more Sundays than we have volunteers.

If you would like to help feed our wonderful youth, please contact David Peterson, Youth Director, 903-571-8955, and he will gladly set you up with a date and time to feed our kids.

All you provide is the food. It can be as simple or elaborate as you would like it to be. We have all the plates, cups, silverware, drinks and a great BIG "Thank You and a SMILE."

Hope Cantu, Youth Volunteer

Editor's Note: Hope and husband, Bob, are moving to Bryan, TX (job transfer) very soon. We want to Thank Her for her work with the youth over many years here at St. Luke's. We will miss them and wish them both a smooth transition to a new home and a new church.

Hilltoppers

Wednesday, February 2, 2011



Gather at 11:00 a.m.
in the Family Center

Eat at 11:30 a.m.

Meal prepared by Richelle Rathbun
Cost: \$5.00, plus \$1.00 for Hilltopper Budget

MENU: Cranberry Chicken, Rice Pilaf,
Green Beans, Rolls, Dessert, Drinks

GREAT PROGRAM: An "unusual" music group, including dulcimers, accordian, and maybe some surprises.

If you are 50+ you are automatically a part of this group

but everyone is invited.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



We are so happy to have **Heath and Leighanne Huckaby** and children, **Wade and Graham**, join St. Luke's in membership. This young family comes to us from Broken Arrow, OK, transferring from their church there. They make their home here in Kilgore at 1112 Hillvale.

Wade and Graham were baptised during the worship service on January 23.

Please welcome the Huckabys with a warm hug and a big smile. Introduce yourself and take some time to visit with them.



A Very Special Ministry

Kathy and Richard Kimball bring to the front office (*luckily it happens to be Mary's*) flower arrangements about every two weeks. They say a front office always needs flowers to welcome the people who come in. It is so nice and (as they say) people always respond to them in a very appreciative way.

Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Kimball for this loving and thoughtful gift. It certainly does not go unnoticed!

Create A New Tradition

By Darwood Galaway

Sometimes the Christian life is like a round hole that does not seem to fit into the square peg we call the world. Christian traditions are created to apply the spiritual to the physical world; the supernatural to the natural world. Traditions are accepted by the community because the tradition was successful at uniting us to our Heavenly Father. What happens if the world changes so dramatically that traditions no longer seem to bring about the desired result? If we do not experience the presence of God anymore, we should ask, "Who moved?" The answer may be that we should reclaim our right to create new traditions that help us experience the presence of the living God. That is not as daunting as it seems and is the right of every Christian.

Let's start with the family prayer. Create your own family prayer that everyone will memorize and share over time. I suggest basing your prayer on Scripture. Praying the Scriptures makes the Word of God come alive in your life. Start off by asking yourself, "What are the characteristics that best describe our family. Not only your physical situation but attributes that articulate your families hope, dreams, ideals, etc.. Now go online and Google, "Concordance." A concordance is a biblical tool that enables you to select a word and it lists every occurrence of that word in the Bible. The Strong's is a good selection and readily available. Remember that Strong's is based on the King James Version; but there is not too much difference between it and other translations. Look up the words that describe your family and find a verse that speaks to you. You will know it when you read it. That is God talking to you.

For instance: I chose "victory."

The first references that spoke to me were those of the reference to David and Goliath. One of the references to victory was after the miracle of the stone knocking down Goliath, David stood over him and with a deep sense of affection put his hand on Goliath's sword; the tool he would use to complete the defeat of Goliath. The idea that appeals to me is that the victory had already been won with the stone; the victory was just the celebration of the fruit of faith.

The next Scripture that relates hand to victory is in Psalm 98, but this time it relates victory to the hand of God. Psalm 98:1 reads, "O sing unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvelous things; his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him victory." Now let's put the two together and write a short prayer.

"Lord, like the shepherd boy David, we place our hand upon the sword of truth; a victory won the miracle moment we gave our life to you. Great and marvelous are your ways; our champion and our protector. Our life is a new song every day. We enjoy peaceful rest under the power of your right hand and are lifted above temptation and despair by the strength of your holy arm. In Jesus' name, Amen."

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



St. Luke's Prayer Shawl ministry meets once a week to create shawls to give to persons as a symbol of comfort or joy - someone in the hospital, nursing home, homebound, terminal illness, recovering from surgery - we even make afghans for new

college students.

The shawls are given to provide comfort and peace that comes from the presence of God. As the shawls are being made (knitted or crocheted) prayers are said for the recipients that they might find comfort and joy in the warmth that comes from the love of God, and from the hands that have made the shawls. The shawls are always blessed by our minister before they are given to someone. We have

given over 150 shawls throughout Kilgore, Texas, and the United States.

You can become a member of this ministry by joining us on Wednesday nights at 6:00pm to knit or crochet with us, or by knitting/crocheting a shawl at home (see a member for a pattern).

If you do not knit or crochet you can still be a member of our team! Please let us know when someone would be comforted or lifted up in spirit by receiving a prayer shawl. Our members are not always aware of people who are in situations where one of our shawls would be appreciated.

Another way to help is to volunteer to deliver the shawls for us. Call the church office, 903-984-3576, to leave a message, and your phone number, that you can help. We will get back to you.

Music Ministry

Items Needed for Children and Junior Choir Spring Program



The Children and Junior Choir mentors request your help in gathering the items below. They will be used in the musical "We Are United" that the Hope and Angel Tones choirs are presenting this spring. Items may be brought to the music office.

Thanks for your help!

- ◆ Any plastic or silk green foliage. We need a lot - small or large (including trees)
- ◆ Tiki torches
- ◆ Wicker baskets - laundry size
- ◆ 3 medium-large flower pots
- ◆ potting soil
- ◆ small gardening tools
- ◆ 6 pair small gardening gloves
- ◆ old pair of glasses
- ◆ gold wrapping paper
- ◆ cardboard sheets or large boxes
- ◆ green and blue tissue paper
- ◆ 2 blue tarps
- ◆ stuffed jungle or ocean animals

HELPING HANDS OF KILGORE *Needs YOU !*

Helping Hands of Kilgore is a significant agency that touches the lives of families and individuals who find themselves in a difficult financial situation. If not for Helping Hands, many would go hungry, or homeless, or without utilities or essential medicines. We distribute food, prescribed medicines, and aid with utilities AND bring some spiritual warmth to those who feel hopeless.

YOU are NEEDED! This organization was founded over 25 years ago as a voluntary labor operation. It grew to one (1) employee - a Director - and remains with just one paid employee today.

Fifteen years ago we had 2 or 3 volunteers per shift for a client load of 5 to 10. Today, with the help of just 1 or 2 volunteers (sometimes none) we handle a 25 to 30 client work load. Without the help of Experience Works, a work force training organization which pays wages for people to work at places such as Helping Hands to gain experience, we would be unable to meet the work load.

This is to say: WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

We Need YOU!

Many of the faithful volunteers have passed on, some have moved away, some of us just get older. Our data base of volunteers needs to be larger AND younger AND stronger. A shift should have a minimum of four (4) volunteers. SO IF YOU COULD, please volunteer for at least one shift a month. If our base is large, no one will have to serve more than a couple times a month.

Call Susi Prater, Director, 903-984-1796, or C. R. Gordon (St. Luke's representative), 903-984-9229, for more specific details and information.

EDITORS NOTE: St. Luke's mission outreach includes this organization of HELPING HANDS - (God's hands at work)!

NEXT PASTOR'S DAY OUT

Mark your calendar for
FRIDAY, MARCH 11
for a trip to the
Historic Aviation Memorial
Museum
Tyler, Texas
More details later -
but save the date!



United Methodist Women

Cynthia Adams was hostess for our January meeting which was attended by twenty-three (23) ladies!!

After the business meeting, Pat Rudy conducted our annual Pledge Service to support our budget. Kay McKinley then completed the study on "Human Trafficking".

Upcoming Events Are (or were):

Meals On Wheels Jan. 24 - Feb. 18

Kilgore Church Women Jan. 28

Serve Wesley Foundation Lunch Feb. 9

The next General meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 1, at 10:30 a.m. in the Fireplace Room. Toby Monday and Pat Rudy will present the "Week of Prayer and Self-Denial" program. Each lady attending is asked to prepare a prayer to share with the group during this program. *(Don't let this scare you away! We all know prayer keeps the day from unraveling.)*

A lunch of soup and sandwiches, prepared by Richelle Rathbun, will follow the program.

JoAnn Samford

Recording Secretary

Richelle's Breakfast Casserole

(9" x 13" pan)

- 12 slices bread
- 2 sticks margerine or butter
- 2 lb. breakfast sausage, browned, drained
- 1 lg. can (or 2 small) diced green chili peppers
- 2 c shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 8 oz pkg. cream cheese, cubed
- 1 doz. eggs
- 1/2 pint heavy cream
- 1 tsp. Tony Chachere's Seasoning

Pre-heat to 350 degrees. Spray pan with non-stick cooking spray.

Spread one side of each slice of bread with butter. Place 6 slices (You may have to cut up to fit) butter side down. Layer with sausage, green chili's, cream cheese, then shredded cheese. Top with other six slices of bread, butter side up.

Beat eggs, cream & Tony's until mixed. Pour over bread mixture soaking bread. Melt remaining butter. Pour over mixture. Bake at 350 degrees 30-40 minutes until eggs are set. (Best if you let it soak overnight in refrigerator.)

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY PRAYER CALENDAR

Praying for our St. Luke's Family. Please say a prayer for our church family on their special birthday.
If we missed your date, please call the church office.



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| February 1 | February 12 | February 23 |
| Randy Crocker | Cynthia Siebert | Daniel Briers |
| Robert Holder | Joe White | Jennifer Dowell |
| Karen Jobe | February 13 | Erin James |
| Brad Lawson | Connie Jobe | Pat Sage |
| February 2 | February 14 | Kate Smires |
| Bob Cantu` | February 15 | February 24 |
| Karol Kirksey | Kriston Clayton | Bailey Marley |
| SyRena Witt | Jo Hancock | Aubree McCann |
| February 3 | Doc Tannehill | February 25 |
| February 4 | February 16 | Jason McCann |
| Hannah Holmgren | Judy Burns | Sharon McCann |
| Holly Morchat | Milton Frazier | Scott Suydam |
| February 5 | Morgan Hankins | February 26 |
| Lynn Holt | Rebecca Stephenson | Kathleen Adams |
| February 6 | February 17 | Darlene Chasteen |
| Kameron Davidson | Carter Boone | Milton Hattaway |
| Sally Holder | February 18 | Tyler Moss |
| February 7 | Krystal Johnson | Morris Sage |
| Julie Collins | February 19 | Theresa Zorn |
| C.R. Gordon | Lee Briers | February 27 |
| Trent Jackson | Jacque Gibbs | Dixie Duncan |
| Barbara Johnson | Jennifer Reif Fried | Ray Miller |
| February 8 | February 20 | February 28 |
| Jim Williams | Cody Gunby | Peggy Bennett |
| Fred Zorn | Bob Lawson | Jake Brantley |
| February 9 | February 21 | Keith Gibson |
| Bailey Chapman | Elaine Kirksey | Mickey Smith |
| Ty Midkiff | Cathie Porter | February 29 |
| February 10 | Barbara Singletary | Yvette Dearion |
| Carol Walker | February 22 | <i>(our Leap Year lady)</i> |
| February 11 | Beverly Nicholson | |
| Karin Gunby | Tori Dheil | |
| Nelda Turner | | |

February Wedding Anniversaries

| Names | Date | Years |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-------|
| Scott & Laura Clark | Feb. 02, 1985 | 26 |
| Steven & Judy Herron | Feb. 26, 1972 | 39 |
| Charles & Carol Hinton, Jr. | Feb. 18, 1989 | 22 |
| Connie & Virginia Hudson | Feb. 19, 1965 | 46 |
| Rhett & Anna Rohde | Feb. 05, 1983 | 28 |
| Tom & Iva Ryle | Feb. 14, 2006 | 5 |
| Nathan & April Watson | Feb. 23, 1980 | 31 |

CORRECTION: Dan & Janel Brown were married January 5, 1963 (forty-eight years.) There was a mistake in the data of the membership program. If there are others omitted, please call the church office, (903-984-3576).

Children's Praises



The 4th and 5th grade Sunday school room is looking awesome! Anna Rohde has done a wonderful job arranging new tables and accessories to make the room more inviting. Our dream is to create a room that looks like you are stepping right into a setting from the Bible. Thank you Ms. Anna for your inspiration and dedication to our children. All of our Sunday school teachers go over and beyond to spread God's word to their classes.

Thank you to our SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS!

God bless, Niki Chowdhury

Rev. Galaway will start Confirmation class after Ash Wednesday, March 13.

It will be on Sundays at 4:00pm.

All 6th grade students and older are welcome to join him.

Please call either Niki, 903-235-9401, or Rev. Galaway, 903-984-3576

This is a class for preparation to become a member of the church.

MYMU - Methodist Youth Moving Up

Where – Meet at Kilgore Bowling Center on 2004 S Henderson Blvd in Kilgore

When – Sunday, February 6, 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Cost – \$5

For Questions Contact Niki Chowdhury 903-235-9401

Friends always welcome!



Stupendous Sunday School Student Isabell Witt

Isabell Starr Witt is our Stupendous Sunday School Student this month. Isabell is involved in a lot of church activities including Sunday School, children's choir, and children's church. This little kindergartener loves school. Her favorite thing to do is to draw and color. When she is not at school she enjoys playing baby dolls with her mommy and sister, Maurine. She is also involved in dance and gymnastics classes. This outgoing 6 year old is definitely a busy girl. She lights up everyone's faces that she meets.

♥ Memorials ♥

General Memorial Fund

In memory of . . .

Virginia Griffin by Betty Mobley

Cabell Hale by Alfred & Norma Lacy

Jean Clayton by Dr. & Mrs. Larry Covin

Music Ministry

In memory of . . .

Retha Tate (James Vermillion's grandmother) by St. Luke's Chancel Choir

Bibles

In memory of . . .

Danny Woolley by Dr. and Mrs. Larry Covin

Love Offering

In memory of . . .

Fulton Johnston by Darwood & Lee Galaway

Permanent Maintenance Endowment

In memory of . . .

Fulton Johnston by Dr. and Mrs. Gus Browning, Barbara Cowman

Maintenance Endowment

In memory of . . .

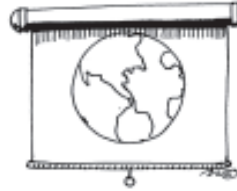
Fulton Johnston by Don and Debbie Nicholson, Chris Little, Meredith Lowery, Dr. and Mrs. Larry Covin, Steven and Barbara Conly, Bill and Angela Ball, Sally Brown, Russ Brown, Margaret Martin, J and Kaye Geiser, Howard and Peggy Coghlan, Don and Cynthia Adams, Dan and Janel Brown, C.R. and Vivian Gordon, Chapman Ranch Wildlife Enterprises, William C. Chapman, Laird Insurance, James and Helen Padgett

Ballard Activity Center Endowment

In memory of . . .

Annie Lou Ballard by Dr. and Mrs. Larry Covin, Wilbur and Kay Yates, Barbara Rossman, Mrs. John Turk, Jr., Jack Coker Family

IS IT THAT TIME, ALREADY? HANDS-ON MISSION TRIP



Last summer, ten St. Luke's members made the trip to the United Methodist Committee on Relief warehouse in Baldwin, LA, where we worked checking and assembling health kits, school kits, and birthing kits. Some helped paint buildings on the UMCOR campus. We worked in the community repairing and painting homes. We also helped load health and other kits into two containers which were shipped to other countries for distribution.

The wonderful thing about this particular mission trip is that regardless of one's abilities or health problems, there is always something that a person can do. The group stays together in one place, and our evenings are filled with fun, games, and great fellowship!

We have marked the week of August 7 - 12, 2011, for another wonderful hands-on work week at UMCOR. The cost of \$205 each includes lodging, food (*great meals*), and a terrific atmosphere. You can't beat it!

A \$20 processing fee (included in the \$205) must be sent in by February 11 to reserve the lodge for our week. If you are interested in joining a hands-on mission event on the above dates, please call me at 903-983-3856, right away.

Make checks for the \$20 processing fee to St. Luke's UMC designating Baldwin Mission Trip. The balance of \$185 will be due shortly before we leave on August 7. Forms will be available in a few days.

I may also be reached at: arosson@cablelynx.com

Ann Rosson

Mission Team Leader

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY MEALS

FEB. 2: Taco Salad, Nachos, Chips & Salsa

Helpers: "Seekers & Parlor Pals" SS Classes

FEB. 9: Pot Roast, Salad, Garlic Bread, Peanut Butter/Jelly Sandwiches, Drinks

Helpers: "Caring Christian" SS Class

FEB. 16: Chicken Strips, Biscuits & Gravy, Corn, Salad, Drinks

Helpers: "Lost & Found" SS Classes

FEB. 23: Beef Spaghetti, Steamed Italian Veggies, Salad Garlic Bread

Helpers: "UMYF Youth"

Eat Together as a Family

Cost is only \$5.00 for adults & \$2.00 under 12 yrs.

Children's Choirs before dinner.

FUNDS FOR MISSIONS TEAM



Mary Helen Craig, through her non-profit organization, has created a special treat for the St. Luke's congregation: Handcrafted paper boxes suitable for any occasion.

Each box reveals a wonderful surprise and words of wisdom when opened. These treasures are available for \$10 each and proceeds will be donated to our Missions Team (*they have an upcoming mission trip to the UMCOR depot in Baldwin, LA*).

For information and purchase call Mary Helen at 903-983-4965, or see her after the second service in the coming weeks.



February ALREADY?! I didn't think it was possible for time to pass so quickly!

We have kicked things off really nicely back here in the Youth department.

Well, new month, new goals and activities. We have loads going on this month!

I have listed our special events that we have coming up.

We are gonna' have all these ON TOP of all of our normal events!!!

Like I said, a crazy, action packed, fun-filled, non-stop month!

I am super excited!

Regular Events

- Sunday School in the Gym at 9:30 AM
- UMYF on Sundays from 4:30-7:00
- Wonderful Wednesdays from 4:30-7:00

Special Events

- Feb 6, 6:00pm: Super Bowl Party!!!
- Feb 13, 4:30-7:00pm: Minute to Win It Competition during UMYF
- Feb 26, 6 - 8 pm Youth Rally in the Gym

In addition, I am really looking for more volunteers and teachers! I need volunteers for UMYF and Wonderful Wednesdays, and potential teachers to rotate in with Sunday School. Let me know if you have even the SLIGHTEST interest in any of the above!

I can't wait to hear from you all! I hope you are having a fantastic day, and have a BLESSED month!

God bless,
David Peterson, Youth Minister
 (903-571-8955)

THURSDAY YOUTH LUNCH MENU

- FEB. 3:** Chicken Fettuccini Alfredo, Salad, Garlic Bread, Drinks
- FEB. 10:** Sloppy Joes, Salad, Potato Chips, Drinks
- FEB. 17:** Brisket Soft Tacos, Salad, Drinks
- FEB. 24:** Beef Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Drinks

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- Arise Service 8:30 AM
- Sunday School 9:30 AM
- Traditional Service 10:30 AM
- UMYF (youth) 4:30 PM

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FEBRUARY 2011 CALENDAR

Tuesday, February 1

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Conference Room
10:30 a.m. UMW, Fireplace Rm. followed by
Lunch, Fam. Center

Wednesday, February 2

9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center
9:00-2:00 p.m. Mother's Day Out
11:00 a.m. Hilltoppers, Family Center
3:15-5:30 p.m. Children and Junior Choirs
3:15-5:00 p.m. Cherubs (4 year olds - Kind.)
Angel Tones (1st-3rd grades)
Hope (4th-8th grades)
5:30 p.m. Light supper (\$5 for adults; \$2 for children)
6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, Family Center
6:00 p.m. Babby Carroll & Anna Rohde Bible Study,
Seekers Class in FC (Acts 1-14)
6:00 p.m. Rev. Galaway Bible Study, Parlor
6:00-7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary*

Thursday, February 3

Noon Youth Thursday Lunch in Gym Cafe
5:30-6:30 p.m. Handbells, Myrtle Andrews Room
6:30-8:00 p.m. Arise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary**

Friday, February 4

9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center
9:00-2:00 p.m. Mother's Day Out

Saturday, February 5

8:30-4:00 Emmaus Team Meeting, Family Center

Sunday, February 6

8:30 a.m. Arise Worship, Sanctuary *
9:30-10:15 a.m. Sunday School *
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary *
2:00-4:00 p.m. MYMU Bowling
4:30-7:00 p.m. UMYF, Gym
6:00 p.m. SUPER BOWL PARTY at home of Barrett York
Meet at 708 Woodway Dr., Kilgore

Monday, February 7

9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center
5:30-6:30 p.m. TOPS (Take off pounds sensibly)
Redwood Room
4:00-5:00 p.m. Emmaus Reunion Meeting, Parlor

Tuesday, February 8

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Conference Room
Noon Ministerial Alliance, Kilgore Bible Church

Wednesday, February 9

9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center
9:00-2:00 p.m. Mother's Day Out
3:15-5:30 p.m. Children and Junior Choirs
3:15-5:00 p.m. Cherubs (4 year olds - Kind.)
Angel Tones (1st-3rd grades)
Hope (4th-8th grades)
5:30 p.m. Light supper (\$5 for adults; \$2 for children)
6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, Family Center
6:00 p.m. Babby Carroll & Anna Rohde Bible Study,
Seekers Class in FC (Acts 15-28)
6:00 p.m. Rev. Galaway Bible Study, Parlor
6:00-7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary*

Thursday, February 10

Noon Youth Thursday Lunch in Gym
5:30-6:30 p.m. Handbells, Myrtle Andrews Room
6:30-8:00 p.m. Arise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary**

Friday, February 11

9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center
9:00-2:00 p.m. Mother's Day Out

Saturday, February 12

7:00 a.m. Newgate Breakfast
2:00-8:00 p.m. Blue & Gold Banquet Set-up, Family Center
6:30 p.m. Caring Christians "Bunco Bash", Parlor

Sunday, February 13 Boy Scout Sunday

8:00 a.m. Hope/Angel Tones Choirs rehearsal
8:30 a.m. Arise Worship, Sanctuary *
Hope/Angel Tone sing
9:30-10:15 a.m. Sunday School *
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary *
Noon Blue & Gold Banquet, Family Ctr.
1:00-5:00 p.m. Pinewood Derby, Gym
4:30-7:00 p.m. UMYF, "Minute-to-Win-It" competition

Monday, February 14

9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center
5:30-6:30 p.m. TOPS (Take off pounds sensibly)
Redwood Room
4:00-5:00 p.m. Emmaus Meeting, Parlor

Tuesday, February 15

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Conference Room
6:00 p.m. Beta Sigma Phi meeting, gym cafe
6:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, Myrtle Andrews Rm.
7:00 p.m. ETCC (Evangelism), Sanctuary

Wednesday, February 16

9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center
9:00-2:00 p.m. Mother's Day Out
3:15-5:30 p.m. Children and Junior Choirs
3:15-5:00 p.m. Cherubs (4 year olds - Kind.)
Angel Tones (1st-3rd grades)
Hope (4th-8th grades)

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FEBRUARY, 2011 CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 16 continued:

5:30 p.m. Light supper (\$5 for adults; \$2 for children)
 6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, Family Center
 6:00 p.m. Babby Carroll & Anna Rohde Bible Study,
 Seekers Class in Family Center, (Romans)
 6:00 p.m. Rev. Galaway Bible Study (Mark), Parlor
 6:00-7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary*

Thursday, February 17

Noon Youth Thursday Lunch in Gym
 5:30-6:30 p.m. Handbells, Myrtle Andrews Room
 6:30-8:00 p.m. Arise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary**

Friday, February 18

9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center
 9:00-2:00 p.m. Mother's Day Out

Saturday, February 19

7:00 p.m. Drylanders, gym

Sunday, February 20

8:30 a.m. Arise Worship, Sanctuary *
 9:30-10:15 a.m. Sunday School *
 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary *
 2:00-3:30 p.m. "We are United" MAIN CHARACTER
 REHEARSAL in Family Center
 4:30-7:00 p.m. UMYF, gym

Monday, February 21: PRESIDENTS DAY

9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center
 5:30-6:30 p.m. TOPS (Take off pounds sensibly)
 Redwood Room
 4:00-5:00 p.m. Emmaus Reunion Meeting, Parlor

Tuesday, February 22

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Conference Room

Wednesday, February 23

9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center
 9:00-2:00 p.m. Mother's Day Out
 3:15-5:30 p.m. Children and Junior Choirs
 3:15-5:00 p.m. Cherubs (4 year olds - Kind.)
 Angel Tones (1st-3rd grades)
 Hope (4th-8th grades)
 5:30 p.m. Light supper (\$5 for adults; \$2 for children)
 6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, Family Center
 6:00 p.m. Babby Carroll & Anna Rohde Bible Study,
 Seekers Class in FC (1st Cor.)
 6:00 p.m. Rev. Galaway Bible Study, Parlor
 6:00-7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary*

Thursday, February 24

Noon Youth Thursday Lunch in Gym
 5:30-6:30 p.m. Handbells, Myrtle Andrews Room
 6:30-8:00 p.m. Arise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary**

Friday, February 25

9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center
 9:00-2:00 p.m. Mother's Day Out

Saturday, February 26: YOUTH RALLY for the surrounding COMMUNITY

6:00-8:00 p.m. Big Youth Rally in the Gym
Speaker: Oluwafemi Balogun
Special Music, Arise Singers and More
(see article below)
Everyone Invited.

Sunday, February 27

8:30 a.m. Arise Worship, Sanctuary *
 9:30-10:15 a.m. Sunday School *
 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary *
 2:00-3:30 p.m. "We Are United" MAIN CHARACTER
 REHEARSAL in Family Center
 2:00-4:30 p.m. Kate Smires Birthday Party, Gym
 4:30-7:00 p.m. UMYF

Monday, February 28

9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center
 5:30-6:30 p.m. TOPS (Take off pounds sensibly)
 Redwood Room
 4:00-5:00 p.m. Emmaus Reunion Meeting, Parlor
 6:15 p.m. Pastor's Day Out Trip to see
"Mamma Mia" at Cowan Center, Tyler
(The church vans will leave at 6:15 p.m. to arrive in time for the 7:30 p.m. show)

YOUTH RALLY

February 26, 2011

Oluwafemi S. Balogun

Guest Speaker
 "Empowering Youth"

"Olu" (*as we call him*) is from Nigeria, Africa. He has a BS degree in Philosophy from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

His message for youth focuses on a relationship with God and what God's call might be to them. He brings a message of empowerment for faith in God, weaving his experience and calling from God as a witness to all youth.

Olu is the youngest of six children and grew up the church in his hometown of Lagos, Nigeria.

This is a non-denomination rally for all the youth of the Kilgore and surrounding communities

Mom's and Dad's are Invite, too!
Music (Arise Band, Solos) and Message!