

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 3

Can you believe our small town
Kilgore will have this huge
crusade coming our way?

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!
It is hoped that 10,000 people will attend
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."

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

easttexascrusadeforchrist.blogspot.com

Easter Is Coming: Let Us Prepare Shrove Tuesday - then and now

The day before Ash Wednesday is Shrove Tuesday, sometimes called "Fat Tuesday." Centuries ago Christians often stuffed themselves with food before beginning 40 days of fasting for Lent. In those days, many Christians used up all the food containing fat, including dairy products. Because so many foods, including pancakes, used those fat products, many churches had huge feasts. A lot of people ate until they could hold no more - the beginnings of all-you-can-eat dinners.

Today many congregations still keep at least a semblance of the tradition. In communities around the world, churches serve pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. But today the purpose is to have Christian fellowship, not to devour everything in sight.

Ash Wednesday: March 9, 2011

From this day until Easter we will be into the 40 days of Lent. You are invited to a special service in the sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. to observe Ash Wednesday--a time the pastor will put the sign of the cross on your forehead with ashes and a personal prayer. The children's choir and supper will precede this event and they, too, will join us in the sanctuary.

Lent Begins March 13 this year.

For centuries Christians have used the 40 days of Lent to seek spiritual growth. Sincere repentance, a changing of heart, casting off old sinful practices and seeking to commune with our Creator help us go in the right direction. Spending serious time in silence and prayer focuses our attention. Reading spiritual literature, becoming more knowledgeable about the New Testament, meeting in small groups with other Christians to share personal stories of faith can all be immensely stimulating. Joining with others to serve the helpless and hopeless can strengthen our spiritual life.

Lent is a time to let God do "spring cleaning" within us. It's our opportunity to allow God to help us toss out the "stuff" that hinders us, and then freshen up the "new creature" we are meant to be as followers of Christ.

Love God! Live His Word! Share His Grace!



Dear Friends In Christ,

Our children are Wonderful! Help us help the church family celebrate their achievements. You can do this by dropping their sports schedules, UIL dates, recital dates, and any other planned activity by the church. We are going to build a bulletin board where our church family can look at upcoming events and perhaps attend. Let us know if your child is receiving special recognition and we would like to communicate that joy through newsletters,

prayers, and sometimes with a mention during the worship hour. I know you know that your children are special, let the grace of God shine through them and fill all our lives with a blessing.

Very truly yours,

Reverend Darwood Galaway

FUN DAY With the Pastor

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

A trip to the
Historic Aviation Memorial Museum
and Air Show in
Tyler--Call Kay McKinley
(903) 984-7055)



Shoes in church

I showered and shaved..... I adjusted my tie.
I got there and sat..... In a pew just in time.
Bowing my head in prayer..... As I closed my eyes.
I saw the shoe of the man next to me..... Touching my own.
I sighed. With plenty of room on either side..... I thought, 'Why must our soles touch?'
It bothered me, his shoe touching mine... But it didn't bother him much.
A prayer began: 'Our Father'..... I thought, 'This man with the shoes, has no pride.
They're dusty, worn, and scratched. Even worse, there are holes on the side!'
'Thank You for blessings,' the prayer went on. The shoe man said..... A quiet 'Amen.'
I tried to focus on the prayer..... But my thoughts were on his shoes again.
Aren't we supposed to look our best. When walking through that door?
'Well, this certainly isn't it,' I thought, Glancing toward the floor.
Then the prayer was ended..... And the songs of praise began.
The shoe man was certainly loud..... Sounding proud as he sang.

His voice lifted the rafters..... His hands were raised high.
The Lord could surely hear the shoe man's voice from the sky.
It was time for the offering..... And what I threw in was steep.
I watched as the shoe man reached.... Into his pockets so deep.
I saw what was pulled out..... What the shoe man put in.
Then I heard a soft 'clink' . As when silver hits tin.
The sermon really bored me..... To tears, and that's no lie.
It was the same for the shoe man... For tears fell from his eyes..
At the end of the service..... As is the custom here.
We must greet new visitors, And show them all good cheer.
But I felt moved somehow..... And wanted to meet the shoe man.
So after the closing prayer..... I reached over and shook his hand.
He was old and his skin was dark..... And his hair was truly a mess.
But I thanked him for coming..... For being our guest.
He said, 'My names' Charlie..... I'm glad to meet you, my friend.'

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How Are We Doing?

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

... Our Presence ...

Worship 2-06-11	216
Worship 2-13-11	287
Worship 2-20-11	251
Worship 2-27-11	230
Monthly average	246

... Sunday School ...

Sunday School 2-06-11	124
Sunday School 2-13-11	133
Sunday School 2-20-11	171
Sunday School 2-27-11	146
Monthly average	144

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

As of 1-1-2011	673
Transfers	0
Moved to Inactive List	0
Deaths	2
New Members	6
Total as of 1-31-11	677

... Our Gifts ...

2011 Church Budget	\$ 652,733.98
Balance Forward 2-1-11	\$ 62,000.01
Income received February	\$ 45,704.22
Expenses February	\$ 56,648.64

Head Ushers

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

Church Staff

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

Wesley Foundation Director	Amy Hodges
NorthDist. Supt.	Rev. William Taylor
Bishop, TX Conference	Janice Riggle Huie

PRAYER/PRAISE REQUEST & UPDATE FORM

The Caring Ministry of St. Luke's UMC March, 2011

Prayer requests may be posted on the church website:
www.stlukeskilgore.com

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

Joys and Concerns

In the Hospital: Joel B. Shipman (Daniel's grandfather, Purcell, OK); Joe Summers (Dallas Meth. Hospital); Eddie Hatt (surgery next week)

Home from Hospital:

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/Edith Williams	Kenneth Gibson
Marcella Harkrider	Carolyn Holcombe	Birdie Barron
Joe Summers	Wanda Renshaw	

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

Melvin West..... brother-in-law of Bill Bryant

Darren Hicks..... .co-worker of Dan Cross

Jimmy McCauley..... friend of Babby Carroll

Mozelle Core..... sister of Don Adams

Boyce Wood..... friend of Don/Cynthia Adams

Kathy Henton..... mother-in-law of Kristen Henton

Jimi Mankins & family..... friends of Carolina Bryant

Marilyn Pilz..... friend of Loretta Ross

Vicki Huckabee (cancer)..... friend of Tommy Farnham

Janie Hawkins (cancer)..... friend of Tommy Farnham

David Chambers..... Nathan Watson's cousin

Kristin Carlisle..... niece of Janet Marley

Barbara Bulen..... Jim McCann's sister

Frank Farkas..... 94 yr. old father of Amelia Heatherly

Dereck Little..... friend of Denise Reinert

Sherry Riley..... friend of McKenna & Kim Hurlburt

Lonnie Lee, Ronnie/ John McGuire.....

..... bros. of Connie Jobe

Micayla Groves..... friend of Sharon McCann

Charlotte Byrd..... sister of Glenda Cochran

Linda Schmidt..... sister of Nancy Englund

Mark Jobe..... brother of Ronnie Jobe

Sara Terranova..... grandmother of Carolina Bryant

Bill Stark..... nephew of Dorothy Geese

Leo Tate..... brother of Winnie Nicks

Juanita Wilson..... mother of David Wilson

Evelyn Blalock..... friend of Kay McKinley

Susie Riley..... co-worker of Denise Reiner

Jodie Beall..... friend of Pam Davis

Joan Gaudet..... friend of Bill & Rebecca Hale

Martha Deen..... sister of Bill Hale

Debbie Morris..... niece of Joyce Morris

Lila MacLoughlin.....

..... best friend's daughter of Carolina Bryant

Melanie Cutrera..... friend's daughter of Carolina Bryant

Kay Dyson..... relative of Dorothy Geese

Alee Mata..... relative of Joe, Ann, & Donna White

Susan Dean..... grandmother of Haydon Dean

Jane Brooks..... friend of Sharon McCann

Jakey Still..... grandmother of Tamara McCann

Laurel Good..... friend of Trey Hattaway

Cooper Knight..... small friend of Marcy Huey

Patricia Kiser..... aunt of Laura Farnham

Cassie Roberts..... daughter of Steve/Judy Herron

Ron Owen..... friend of Hope Cantu

Kinley Williamson..... friend of Darwood/Lee Galaway

Mary Ann Geiger..... friend of Dot & Bill Denham

Births:

Willow Annabella Guzman, granddaughter of Melanie Poland, 2-17-11 (7'7"). Parents are SSGT Candace Guzman (USAF) and James Guzman of Langley Air Force Base in Virginia. Sisters are Ahliyah (6) & Madison (4)

Kylee Joe Gideon, born 1-31-11 weighing 7 lb 19.5 oz. Parents: Alli & Austen Gideon. Proud grandparents: Bruce & Babby Carroll

Noah Thomas Hooks, born Saturday, Feb. 5, weighing 8 lbs 9 ozs (21.5 inches) Big sister is Madilyn Jane & parents are Brandon & Jessica Hooks. Proud grandparents are Keith & Paula Hooks.

MOTHER'S DAY OUT

The children have had a fun month complete with Valentine's Day parties and snow days! Our chapel lessons have continued to focus on love and caring for others. The children really absorb the lessons and put them into action. It is a blessing to hear the children reminding each other to be kind.



On March 9th, the children will celebrate Texas Independence Day with games and a hot dog lunch. We will be closed on March 11th, 16th and 18th for Spring Break. Classes will resume on March 23rd.

We are still focusing on stewardship through our recycling program. It is a joy to see the children searching for items to recycle throughout the day. They have reminded me to recycle when I forget and throw away a sheet of paper.

Please remember to keep the cans and printer cartridges coming! The proceeds from the cans and cartridges are used to grow the MDO scholarship fund.

In His Service,
Misty Shipman

Keep Praying for Our Military

Spec. US Army Allen Milton (Korea) Melanie Poland's son

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, Kenneth Warren, III, Cody Sprayberry, Preston Bevers, Tim Elms, Chad McAdams, Stanton Gardenhire, Robbie Reinert, John David Miller, Banyon Stephens, Richard Andres, Anthony Williams, Jason L. Colbert

Hilltoppers

Wednesday, March 2, 2011

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

Eat at 11:30 a.m.

Meal prepared and catered by Richelle Rathbun

Cost: \$5.00, plus \$1.00 for Hilltopper Budget

MENU: Irish Meal with Meat & Potatoes and other surprises, Dessert, Drinks

GREAT PROGRAM: Sandy Siler's piano group from KC. If interested, they ask for donations to help defray music trip

Guests are always invited.



ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2011

Sign up for altar flowers for the 2011 worship services. Give flowers in memory or in honor of loved one(s). Call Nina Fern Nichols 903-984-4338.

In deepest Sympathy

The family of *Liz Ott Jodry-Gatons* who died 2-11-11. She was a special friend of the Rathbun family.

The family of *Margaret Grant* who died 2-13-11. Her services were in our sanctuary 2-16-11. She was the mother of Alice Crocker.

The family of *Daphne Burkett (97 years & long time member)* who died February 19. Funeral services were at Rader Funeral Home on February 23rd.

The family & church of *Dr. Ken Diehm* of Grapevine. He was Kevin Mitchell's family pastor and died unexpectedly 2-19-11.

The family of *Anel McDaniel (92 years)* who died 2-23-11. Graveside services were Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at Gladewater Memorial Park. Hospice Chaplain Carey Ponder led the service. She was the grandmother of Jacki Hargrove.

The family of *Wanda Johnson*, niece of Martha Temple, died recently after a long illness.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!



Hope, Cynthia, and Scott Stebbins

The Stebbins family live at SQ14 Lake Cherokee, Henderson, Tx 75652. Hope is 13 years old. We are so happy to have them in our faith family.



Mpofu Ropafadzo lives at 1100 Broadway (Box 479) at Kilgore College as a student from Zimbabwe. She joined in the 8:30 worship on January 31, 2011. We rejoice in this student's action to become a part of St. Luke's.

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There were tears in his eyes..... But he had a large, wide grin.
 'Let me explain,' he said..... Wiping tears from his eyes.
 'I've been coming here for months.... And you're the first to say 'Hi..''
 'I know that my appearance.....'Is not like all the rest.
 'But I really do try.....To always look my best.'
 'I always clean and polish my shoes.....'Before my very long walk.
 'But by the time I get here.....'They're dirty and dusty, like chalk.'
 My heart filled with pain..... And I swallowed to hide my tears..
 As he continued to apologize..... For daring to sit so near
 He said, 'When I get here.....'I know I must look a sight.
 But I thought if I could touch you.....'Then maybe our souls might unite.'
 I was silent for a moment..... Knowing whatever was said would pale in comparison..
 I spoke from my heart, not my head. 'Oh, you've touched me,' I said.....
 'And taught me, in part; 'That the best of any man.....Is what is found in his heart.'
 The rest, I thought,..... This shoe man will never know.
 Like just how thankful I really am... That his dirty old shoe had touched my soul
 You are special to me and you have made a difference in my life.
 I now respect you, and truly cherish you.
 (Live each day as your last, ***it could be!!!!***)
 (Submitted by Hope Cantu)

Stop, Look, and Listen

Why should we observe Lent? It begins in 2011 on March 13 and ends with Palm Sunday on March 17.

We observe Lent because it causes us to STOP. Lent says, "Stop and rest awhile." Lent says, "Stop doing wrong."

We observe Lent because it tells us to LOOK. Look inward for an honest self-examination. Look upward to see the cross of Christ with healing and love. Look forward to the hope of the Resurrection.

We observe Lent because it tells us to LISTEN. Listen to the words of Christ. Listen to the voice of God. Listen to the winds of the Spirit of God.

Stop, look and listen. These three words are important for our safety in travel, but they may also be helpful for our journey through the days of Lent.

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 !

The doors do not open some days because there are no volunteers and many people do not get help

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 by the Kilgore Ministerial Alliance. 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-these times the facility cannot open) 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 are now deceased, some have moved away, some 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.

Trustees ARE 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!

2011 Wedding Anniversaries

Name	Date	Years
Don/Cynthia Adams	3-01-1957	54
Michael/Charlotte Allen	3-14-1997	14
Anthony/Kristi Boone	3-08-2003	8
Michael/Valerie Brennan	3-13-2004	7
Pat/Julie Collins	3-16-1974	37
J.D/Jo Hancock	3-03-1956	55
Keith/Paula Hooks	3-18-1978	33
Garry/Cathy Mount	3-02-1979	32

United Methodist Women

The UMW meeting was held on February 8, 2011, with Sue Jones presiding.

The program, "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial" was given by Toby Monday and Pat Rudy. Each person read her written prayer as a part of the program. A special collection was taken for the support of children, youth and women's ministry.

A lunch of soup and sandwiches and dessert was served by Richelle Rathbun.

The Wesley Foundation luncheon was served to Kilgore College students on February 9. Richelle Rathbun prepared enchiladas. Salad and dessert were donated by UMW members.

Delivering Meals on Wheels continued through February 18.

March 9 will be another Wesley Foundation luncheon.

March 16: UMW will do a Willows birthday party at 2:30 p.m.

Ann Rosson will begin the program, "Joy to the World" --Mission in the Age of Global Christianity on March 1, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireplace Room. Yvonne Kennedy will be hostess.

JoAnn Samford
Recording Secretary

Pretzels for Lent

The common pretzel was originally designed for use during Lent. Sometime during the Middle Ages, when Lent was accompanied by strict bans on dairy products and meat, people subsisted largely on breads, pastries, soups and vegetables.

Bakers in Germany decided to create a food that would even look religious - the pretzel. The crossed arms of a pretzel represent a Christian in prayer.

Place the palm of each hand on the opposite shoulder, so that your forearms cross. That's the shape of a pretzel.

MARCH BIRTHDAY 2011 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.**



March 2:	Juanita Riley	Abby Fears
Paul Adams	March 12:	Jadean Roberts
Beth Johnson	Cetrue Linahan	Hugh Wink
Andrew Frazier	Heidi Trey	March 23:
Joe Summers	March 13:	Dorothy Geese
Cindy Venable	Guy Howell, Jr.	Bryan Johnston
Lori Fitzpatrick	Angela Horst	Jimmy Haynes
Lori Shelton	David Reeves	Charles Wheat
March 3:	March 14:	Garrett Wood
Anel McDaniel	Rusty Chapman	March 24:
March 5:	Cy Moore	Denise Reinert
Amelia Heatherly	Dylan Veneable	March 25:
Chris Mount	March 15:	Holly Boone
Doyle O'Neal	Laura Robinson	Juanita Jarrett
March 6	March 16:	Danny Morchat
TJ Gillen-Hall	Philip Reed	Maxine Seidel
James Smith	Anna M. Rohde	Hunter Wood
March 7:	Laura Vermillion	March 26:
Randy Holder	March 17:	Trent Francisco
Art Morchat	Garry Mount	Guy Howell
March 8:	March 18:	Rose M. Johnston
Brandon Hooks	Buddy Jobe	Clarke Thurmon
Cody Sprayberry	Chase Stewart	March 27:
Rachael Haynes	March 19:	Kathy Brown
March 9:	Gary Blanks	Jen Cabbage
Kellie Bailey	Anel McDaniel	Peggy Medford
Amy Carroll	March 20:	Keith Meyers
Marcos Escobar	Megan Henderson	March 29:
Robyn Nettles	Mack Monday	Frances Adams
Laura Guzman	March 21:	Sam Witt
Clyde Buyher III	Michael Cavazos	March 31:
March 10:	Jay Dean	Jesse Meyers
Billie Barton	Dean Jackson	Cole Ritter
Robert Hatchett	Joyce Morris	Glenn Tryon
J. Woolley	Brenda Thornhill	Dylan Venable
March 11:	March 22:	Joel Vermillion
Hope Cantu'	Pam Davis	

Joys--We're Proud! Robert Poland

2010-2011 THSCA Academic All State Football Team; Academic Player of the Year
KHS Football Team 2010; Most Improved Defensive Player of the Year (2010)--Son of Robert & Jamie Knox; Mike & Melanie Poland and grandson of Pat Haynes

Children's Praises

BIG thank you to the mystery person who left a huge box of adorable **handmade blankets** for the babies in the nursery. What a wonderful surprise! You are AWESOME!

**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.
Confirmation Sunday will be June 5.**

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.

This year for **Easter**, the education committee would like to reach more people in the community. So we have decided to host an Easter egg hunt in the city park along with the First Baptist Church. With our combined efforts, hopefully we can spread God's love to more children in our city. We will really need your help with donations of LOTS of plastic eggs and candy. Our church has always been so generous with giving to the children that I know this will be a fantastic outreach to all children in the area. Thank you for your support.

God bless, Niki Chowdhury

MYMU (Methodist Youth Moving Up – 4th & 5th Graders)

is going to Putt-Putt Golf in Longview on Sunday, March 6. Meet at the church at 2:00. We will ride the vans and return at 4:00. Cost is \$5 which includes a round of golf and tokens. They also have snacks and drinks to purchase if you would like to bring a little extra. Invite a friend! Hope to see you there. Contact Niki Chowdhury if you have questions (903-235-9401).



Stupendous Sunday School Student

Andrew Frazier

Andrew Frazier is our Stupendous Sunday School Student this month. Andrew is one of the first ones through the doors in Sunday school each Sunday. He is also in children's choir. He will be playing for the Phillies in T-ball for the second year and can't wait to play basketball next year. He attends kindergarten at Kilgore Heights. He is excitedly waiting for March 2nd when he will be turning 6 years old! Thank you Andrew for being an amazing Sunday School student.

♥ Memorials ♥

General Memorial Fund

In memory of . . .

Marjorie Lewis by John & Ann Mobley

John Spradley by John & Ann Mobley

Jackie Riley by Glyn & Jane Ann Stone

Billy Ashley by Johnny & Peggy Vaughn, Sammy G. Dishman, Jr.

Faith-Promise Fund

In memory of . . .

Jack & Annie Lou Ballard by Willie & Ima Roberts

Cabell Hale by Willie & Ima Roberts

Fulton Johnston by Willie & Ima Roberts

Maintenance Endowment

In memory of . . .

Fulton Johnston by Lloyd and Evelyn Bolding; Richard & Mary Bass; Ronald J. Shore; Dr. Larry & Mrs. Walker; Gary Danlinger & Margaret McCollum

Mother's Day Out Scholarship

In memory of . . .

Dr. Eddie Jo Little by Tudy & Bo Stewart

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY MEALS

Mar. 2: Super Corn Flake Chicken, Salad, Biscuits, Corn, Dessert, Drinks

Helpers: "Seekers & Parlor Pals" SS Classes

Mar. 9: Chopped Beef Sandwiches, Macaroni, Salad, Drinks, Dessert

Helpers: "Caring Christian" SS Class

Mar. 16: NO Meal (Spring Break)

Mar. 23: Ham, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Dessert, Drinks

Helpers: "UMYF Youth"

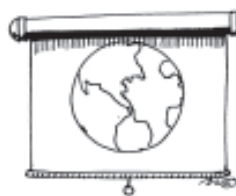
Mar. 30: Chicken Enchilada Casserole, Salad, Chips/Salsa, Drinks, Dessert

Helpers: McDavid/McKinley SS Class

Eat Together as a Family

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

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: arossan@cablynx.com

Ann Rosson

Mission Team Leader

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.

Don't give God instructions - just report to God for duty.

The only trouble with Easter coming soon is that we have to walk through a graveyard to get there.

-Barbara Brown Taylor

A well-used Bible ...

A well-used Bible that is falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn't.

MARCH 2011 CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 1

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Conference Room
 12:00 noon Ministerial Alliance
 6:00 p.m. Mission Team, Myrtle Andrews Room
 7:00 p.m. ET Crusade for Christ Meeting, Sanctuary

Wednesday, March 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--Program: Sandy Siler's Piano students of KC: Meal Irish meal of beef & potatoes plus surprises
 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)-
 Corn Flake Chicken, salad, biscuits, drinks, corn, dessert
 6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, Family Center
 6:00 p.m. Babby Carroll & Anna Rohde Bible Study, Seekers Class in FC (II Cor)
 6:00 p.m. Rev. Galaway Bible Study, Parlor
 6:00-7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary*

Thursday, March 3

10:00 - 11:30 Grief Support, Parlor
 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**
 6:30 p.m. Kilgore Together, Family Center

Friday, March 4

9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center
 9:00-2:00 p.m. Mother's Day Out
 4:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal of Matt Blair & Yan Cheng

Saturday, March 5

12:00 noon Pirtle UMC Official Texas Gumbo Cook-Off
 4:00 p.m. Blair/Cheng wedding, sanctuary
 Reception in the Family Center

Sunday, March 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. MUMU go play Putt Putt
 3:00 p.m. Kilgore Softball Draft, Family Center
 4:30-7:00 p.m. UMYF, gym

Monday, March 7

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

Tuesday, March 8

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Conference Room
 6:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, Wesley-Griffin Room
 6:00 p.m. Education Meeting, Conference Room

Wednesday, March 9 Ash Wednesday

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 -Kindergarten)
 Angel Tones (1st-3rd grades)
 Hope (4th-8th grades)
 5:30 p.m. Light supper (\$5 for adults; \$2 for children)-
 dessert, drinks--Chopped Beef
 Sandwiches, macaroni, salad, dessert
 6:00 p.m. All groups & congregation to go to
 Sanctuary for Ash Wednesday service
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary*

Thursday, March 10

10:00-11:30 Grief Support, Parlor
 noon Youth luncheon in gym cafe
 5:30-6:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal, Handbell Room**
 6:30-8:00 p.m. Arise Band Rehearsal. Sanctuary**
 6:30 p.m. SPRC meeting in Myrtle Andrews Room

Friday, March 11

Pastor's Day Out at the Memorial Museum and air show in Tyler \$5 for adult \$4 for senior citizens, and \$2 children
 9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center
 9:00-2:00 p.m. NO Mothers' Day Out

Saturday, March 12

Sunday, March 13 1st Sunday in Lent

Daylight Savings Time--Spring Forward

8:30 a.m. Arise Worship, Sanctuary *
 9:30-10:15 a.m. Sunday School *
 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary *
 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class, Family Center
 4:30-7:00 p.m. UMYF, Gym

Monday, March 14 KISD Spring Break

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

Tuesday, March 15 KISD Spring Break

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Conference Room
 6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting, Myrtle Andrews
 7:00 p.m. Administrative Council, Family Center

Wednesday, March 16 KISD Spring Break

9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center
 9:00-2:00 p.m. NO Mother's Day Out
 3:15 p.m. NO Wonderful Wednesdays Activities Or
 food Or Children's Choir
 6:00-7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary*

Thursday, March 17 KISD Spring Break

10:00-11:30 a.m. Grief Support, Parlor
 Noon Youth lunch in gym cafe

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5:30-6:30 p.m. Handbells Rehearsal, Myrtle Andrews Room**
 6:00 p.m. Sorority Meeting, Gym
 6:30-8:00 p.m. Arise Band Rehearsal. Sanctuary**

Friday, March 18 KISD Spring Break

9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center
 9:00-2:00 p.m. NO Mothers' Day Out

Saturday, March 19

Sunday, March 20 2nd Sunday in Lent

8:30 a.m. Arise Worship, Sanctuary *
 9:30-10:15 a.m. Sunday School *
 9:30 a.m. Handbell rehearsal, Sanctuary
 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary * Handbells play
 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class, Family Center
 4:30-7:00 p.m. UMYF, gym

Monday, March 21

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

Tuesday, March 22

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Conference Room
 6:00 p.m. Den Meeting, Laird Hall

Wednesday, March 23

9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center
 9:00-2:00 p.m. Mother's Day Out
 3:15 p.m. Children's & Junior Choirs
 3:15-5:00 p.m. Cherubs (4 year olds - Kindergarten),
 3:15-5:15 p.m. Angel Tones (1st-3rd grades),
 3:15-5:30 p.m. Hope (4th-8th grades)
 5:30 p.m. Light supper (\$5 for adults; \$2 for children)-
 Ham, Cheesy potatoes, green beans, rolls, dessert, drinks
 6:00 p.m. Children & youth activities
 6:00 p.m. Bible Study with Rev. Galaway (Mark)
 6:00 p.m. Bible Study with Babby Wise & Anna Rohde (Ephesians)
 6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, Family Center
 6:00-7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary*

Thursday, March 24

10:00-11:30 a.m. Grief Support, Parlor
 Noon Youth luncheon in gym cafe
 5:30-6:30 p.m. Handbells Rehearsal, Myrtle Andrews Room**
 6:30-8:00 p.m. Arise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary**
 7:00 p.m. Pack Meeting, Family Center

Friday, March 25

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

Saturday, March 26

8:00 a.m. United Methodist Men's Breakfast, Family

Center
 4:00-8:00 p.m. Shelia Rollins/Kenneth Ray Chumley wedding reception, Family Center

Sunday, March 27 3rd Sunday in Lent

8:30 a.m. Arise Worship, Sanctuary *
 9:30-10:15 a.m. Sunday School *
 9:30 a.m. Cherubs, Angel Tones & Hope Choirs Rehearsal
 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary* three children's choirs sing
 2:00-3:30 p.m. "We are United" main character rehearsal in FC
 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class, Family Center
 4:30-7:00 p.m. UMYF, gym

Monday, March 28

9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center
 5:30-6:30 p.m. TOPS (Take off pounds sensibly) Redwood Room
 6:00 p.m. UMW night circle, Fireplace Room

Tuesday, March 29

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Conference Room
 6:00 p.m. Den Meeting, Laird Hall

Wednesday, March 30

9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center
 9:00-2:00 p.m. Mother's Day Out
 3:15 p.m. Children's & Junior Choirs
 3:15-5:00 p.m. Cherubs (4 year olds - Kind)
 3:15-5:15 p.m. Angel Tones (1st-3rd grades)
 3:15-5:30 p.m. Hope (4th-8th grades)
 5:30 p.m. Light supper (\$5 for adults; \$2 for children)-
 Chicken Enchilada Casserole, salad, chips/salsa, dessert, drinks
 6:00 p.m. Activities for children & youth
 6:00 p.m. Bible Study with Rev. Galaway (Mark)
 6:00 p.m. Bible Study with Babby Wise & Anna Rohde (Philippians)
 6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, Family Center
 7:00-8:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal *Sanctuary

Thursday, March 31

10:00-11:30 a.m. Grief Support, Parlor
 Noon Youth luncheon in gym cafe--Shredded beef soft tacos
 5:30-6:30 p.m. Handbells Rehearsal, Myrtle Andrews Room**
 6:30-8:00 p.m. Arise Band Rehearsal. Sanctuary**

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February is going to be a great month! We have so much.....whoa. Wait. MARCH?! ALREADY?! Wow. Time is FLYING by. February was a fantastic month. Started making some changes, started teaching some new stuff, had some crazy events. You know how it goes. March is gonna be fantastic as well! I am sure all the students only have one thing on their minds though. "Spring break. Spring break. Spring break." Ha ha. Use the break wisely, and come back refreshed and ready for more. More youth group. More worship. More friends. And more change! Brace yourselves. The Spirit of God is moving in this youth group.

Please continue to pray daily for the students in this youth group. Pray that God would open their eyes. Pray that God would work radically in all of us.

UMYF – Sundays: 4:30-7:00
Wednesdays: 4:30-7:00
Sunday School – Sunday morning at 9:30
Thursday Lunches (for Jr. and Sr. students) –
Thursday during A and B lunch

NOTE: There will be NO Youth group on Wednesday, March 16 because of spring break. There will also be NO Thursday Lunch on Thursday, March 17 because of spring break.

I am looking for volunteers! I need people who would be willing to come hang out with kids one Sunday or Wednesday evening a month for 2 hours. I ALSO need people who would be willing to provide dinner for the students on Sunday evenings. PLEASE contact me ASAP if you would be willing to do EITHER of those two things. Thanks, and God bless.

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THURSDAY LUNCH MEALS

MAR. 3: Sloppy Joes, Salad, Potato Chips
MAR. 10: Chicken Enchilada Casserole, Salad
MAR. 24: No Meal--Spring Break
MAR. 31: Shredded Beef Soft Tacos

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