

The VISITOR

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Love God Live His Word Share His Grace

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THE FRIENDLY, PRAYING CHURCH

Issue 5

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS HONORED

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2011



High School Seniors attended the 10:30 a.m. worship service so all the congregation could share in this major accomplishment in their life. We are so proud! Congratulations!

Individuals from the Prayer Shawl Ministry hand-made each of them a throw using their upcoming college colors. The church also presented them with a Bible for college life.

Following the service, a special meal was prepared to honor the seniors and their families.

Students, don't forget that the church loves you. Keep us updated as to your progress.

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 5, at Noon
Sesquicentennial Plaza



The community is invited to the Texas Sesquicentennial Plaza (*next to City Hall & Fire Station*) to celebrate America's National Day of Prayer. Our nation always needs prayers, but this day puts a special emphasis on our faith and the asking of

God's blessings on our country and its leaders.

The mayor, the new police chief, the president of Kilgore College, a retired air force career man who is now a Pharmacist at Wal-Mart, a presentation of our flags, prayers, and special music will be there. YOU will complete the list. Chairs will be set up for you to sit. Come, lend your prayers so truly needed in our culture right now.

The Ministerial Alliance sponsors this event, chaired by Rev. Ralph Rudy of Cross Roads United Methodist Church.

United Methodist Men Sponsor Annual Ladies Night

Thursday, May 26, 6:30 pm

The men cordially invite all ladies to a banquet designed to honor them! It will be catered by Catfish Village (all you can eat of fish & chicken strips and more). This event will be in the Family Center, May 26 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7.00 each and will be available from members of the Methodist Men or the church office. If you need a ride, just call the church office, (903-984-3576). Debbie Dane & John Whitehead will do a wonderful musical program.

Buy your ticket now, so we know how to plan.

"Staying Connected" to our Military Men and Women associated with St. Luke's UMC

Do you know if the family sitting next to you has a loved one serving in our military? We have formed a new committee to help our congregation *Stay Connected* to military personnel and their families who are connected to St Luke's. We are compiling mailing and e-mail addresses, along with special dates to remember, such as birthdays, anniversaries, holidays, etc. and will make them available to anyone who is interested in showing support to our military. A free supply of donated cards that you can send are available as long as they last by contacting Mary Helen Craig or by stopping by the church office during the week.

Look for upcoming biographies in the newsletter to help you get to know these special families and service members better! If you have any questions, or wish to add names, or have comments for this new committee, please contact:

Melanie Poland, 903-258-4114, secondhawk@hotmail.com
or Mary Lamb 903-984-3576, stlukesumc@stlukeskilgore.com

Or you can simply email your service member's information (AND PHOTO IF POSSIBLE) to Melanie Poland at her email address. Please include name, branch of service, rank, age, family information, and where they are currently stationed, along with a mailing address so they may receive mail from our church.

Love God! Live His Word! Share His Grace!



Dear Friends In Christ,

Jesus said, "Remember me." I have come to understand that God's grace has a special place in our memory. God's grace enables us to fully claim His presence in our life. I discovered new and wonderful things about God and His plan for my life during the recent Crusade. The public announcement and preparation for the Crusade began January 16th. In three months we accomplished something historic in Kilgore, and rarely seen throughout the world. I remember a local evangelist, Billy Foote, who

shared his grief that crusades had become a thing of the past, and his belief that crusades were our nation's greatest hope to awaken a renewal of Christian faith in America.

We were able to provide an opportunity for all churches, big and small, to express their Christian faith. I have believed for a long time that the next Great Awakening in our country will not be in the establishment of a few mega churches that are here today and gone tomorrow, but by the revival of the tens of thousands of small churches throughout this great land. Indeed, it was amazing that often those who contributed the most to the Crusade were those who had the least resources. I remember a constant theme in the Bible that states how God lifts up the humble to shame the powerful. We wanted a miracle, and God delivered.

I remember how Jesus fed the 5000, and shortly thereafter others came looking for a sign that would prove he was the Messiah. I guess that approximately 5,000 people came over the three days. Those who attended the three evenings were filled with signs and wonders of God's saving grace. In a world filled with war and rumors of war, I never heard an angry word or saw a heavy hand. Indeed God's love lifted us up and filled us with joy. I remember how one of the young members of the band, Consumed 217, died on an operating table a week before the Crusade, but you could not hear sadness in their voice. I remember how Manny arranged for the Crusade to be streamed live over the internet so that a 92 year old Billy Graham, suffering from Parkinson's, could watch his grandson preach for the first, and perhaps the only time. I remember how Jonathan's mother, Ann Graham Lotz, was inspired to journey to a gathering in North Carolina to watch her son preach for the first time. I remember how the Kilgore Police and the Gregg and Rusk County Sheriff's offices rearranged their shifts so they could provide free security. I remember the little leaguers cancelling their games so the Crusade could go smoothly. I remember the hundreds of volunteers who devoted untold hours to making the Crusade as pleasant as possible, with few distractions, so that we all might focus on the presence of the living Christ. I remember how for three wonderful evenings we came together, not as members of various churches, but simply as lovers of Jesus Christ our Lord.

I remember! I remember the faces of those who came forward to give their lives to Christ or to rededicate their lives to Christ. I remember how many of those were young. I remember the counselors who bent their knees in prayer with the searchers, and I remember how it began with 300 gathering on Sunday to pray when the heat was 92 degrees and on the field over a hundred degrees. I remember how four passed out in the heat, how the EMT's rallied to their side, and how we just continued to pray, to pray, to pray. I remember how John ends his gospel letting us know that he could never fill up enough pages to describe the three precious years of Jesus' ministry, and how I also can never express fully what the three days of the Crusade meant to me.

Because I remember, I am thankful. I am thankful to be a part of a Christian church called St. Luke's United Methodist Church where the people love Jesus and God's children so much they are willing to risk all to reveal God's glory. I am thankful for a moment in a canoe when the glory of God changed my life, and I am thankful for three precious day when that light shone bright once again. I will always remember.

Very truly yours,

Reverend Darwood Galaway

How Are We Doing?

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

... Our Presence ...

Worship 4-03-11	227
Worship 4-10-11	256
Worship 4-17-11	301
Worship 4-24-11	547
Monthly average	333

... Sunday School ...

Sunday School 4-03-11	138
Sunday School 4-10-11	149
Sunday School 4-17-11	186
Sunday School 4-24-11	149
Monthly average	156

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

As of 1-1-2011	673
Transfers	2
Moved to Inactive List	0
Deaths	4
New Members	9
Total as of 5-1-11	676

... Our Gifts ...

2011 Church Budget	\$ 652,733.98
Balance Forward 1-1-11	\$ 69,616.40
Income received YTD	\$ 195,109.01
Expenses YTD	\$ 211,439.41

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 Directors	Misty Shipman (Jr Hi) & Alice Crocker (Sr Hi)
Accompanist	Charles Galetar
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 May, 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: Joe Summers (Plano Hospital); Anthony Carroll, G.Shepherd (bro. of Bruce); Michael Hamilton, Ft. Worth Methodist Hospital, (Milton Frazier's nephew)

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	Morris Sage
Elaine Shattuck (Carol Brady's mom)		Tamara McCann
Shirley Grubbs		

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

<i>Melvin West</i>	brother-in-law of Bill Bryant
<i>Jimi Mankins & family</i>	friends of many
<i>Janie Hawkins</i>	friend of Tommy Farnham
<i>David Chambers</i>	Nathan Watson's cousin
<i>Kristin Carlisle</i>	niece of Janet Marley
<i>Barbara Bulen</i>	Jim McCann's sister
<i>Frank Farkas</i>	94 yr. old father of Amelia Heatherly
<i>Dereck Little</i>	friend of Denise Reinert
<i>Sherry Riley</i>	friend of McKenna & Kim Hurlburt
<i>Lonnie Lee, Ronnie/ John McGuire</i>	bros. of Connie Jobe
<i>Micayla Groves, Mike Brooks, Jane Brooks</i>	friends 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>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>Jodie Beall</i>	friend of Pam Davis
<i>Martha Deen</i>	sister of Bill Hale
<i>Melanie Cutrera</i>	friend's daughter of Carolina Bryant
<i>Jakey Still</i>	grandmother of Tamara McCann
<i>Laurel Good</i>	friend of Trey Hattaway
<i>Cooper Knight</i>	small friend of Marcy Huey
<i>Kinley Williamson</i>	friend of Darwood/Lee Galaway
<i>Ethan Hanks</i>	son of Laura Farnham
<i>Tracy Anderson, Joan Gaudet, Sue Gray</i>	friends of Bill & Rebecca Hale
<i>Les Loper</i>	friend of Jennifer Hattaway
<i>Terry Crenshaw</i>	stepmom of Shanna Burgess
<i>Pete Kiser</i>	friend of many
<i>Eddie Hatt</i>	son-in-law of James/Emilee Hanshaw
<i>Mary Beth Gaddy</i>	co-worker of Kathy Wheat
<i>Millis Finnegan</i>	sister of Mikki Ellis
<i>S.T. & Candie Williams</i>	friends of Jo Pickett
<i>Lisa MacLaughlin</i>	best friend's daughter of Carolina Bryant
<i>Ray Haney</i>	brother of Ludie Courtney
<i>James Donham</i>	Pam Wintermute's Dad
<i>Tiffany Hill</i>	friend of Hilary Baltz
<i>Allison Wright</i>	child friend of Kim Hurlburt
<i>The Munks</i>	friends of Gretchen Smires
<i>Susie Riley</i>	friend of Denise Reinert
<i>Ted Carroll</i>	childhood of friend of Joe White
<i>S.T. & Candie Williams</i>	friends of Jo Pickett
<i>Pam Besser</i>	friend of the church
<i>Kendall, Madisen & AJ Hays</i>	family of Gretchen Smires
<i>Harper Cauley</i>	friend of Rebecca Hale
<i>Jeanette Lawrence</i>	friend of Lefty & Cecilia Mitchell

MOTHER'S DAY OUT



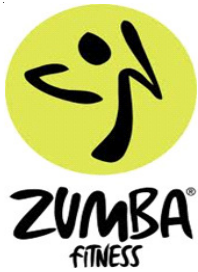
We have wrapped up another exciting school year! The Pre-K had their graduation on April 29th. It is always a bittersweet moment when we say goodbye to our Pre-K class. Many of the children have been with us since they were

infants, so we have had the honor of watching them grow. We wish these children and their families the best of luck.

Mother's Day Out will be on summer break until August 24th. We currently have openings in many of our classes. All of our classes are staffed with two teachers who are Safe Sanctuary trained and CPR/First Aid certified. If you are interested in more information about the program, please contact me at 903-240-4609.

Please remember to keep the cans and cartridges coming!

In His Service with Misty Shipman



Sherri Ware has volunteered to lead a Zumba dance/ exercise class at St. Luke's. Time is 5:30 -6:30 pm in the Acitivity Center Gym. Dates are:

April 25, 27, & 28th. May days are 2, 3, 5, 9, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 23, 25, 26, 30 (?), 31, & June 2. Classes are free!! Get fit while having a blast!! Fantastic opportunity!!!

Our Deepest Sympathy to the families of . . .

Glenn Barron who died April 17, 2011. His graveside service was in Waco Memorial Cemetery on April 20, with Rev. Darwood Galaway officiating.

Pam Butters, daughter of Olga & Doyle Craver whose memorial service was April 9, 2011.

Alan Waite, who died in Tennessee. Brother of Kevin Brady.

Katherine Barber, grandmother of Shannon Perry, died in Memphis, TN, on April 9, 2011.

Mason Rawls, family of Kalynn Harrison, died March 27, 2011 in a car accident.

Jamie Sue Smallwood, step-sister of Dennis Ellis, died near Houston on March 22, 2011.

Hilltoppers

Wednesday, May 4, 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: Baked Pork Chops, Sweet Potatoes,
Dessert, Drinks

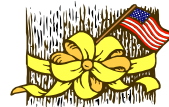
GREAT PROGRAM: Vickie Harvey of
Hospice of East Texas will present the
program including a slide show.

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2011



Sign up for altar flowers for the
2011 worship services. Give
flowers in memory/in honor of
loved one(s), appreciation or
special celebrations.

Call Nina Fern Nichols, 903-984-4338.



Keep Praying for Our Military

Remember Our Members in the Military
Spec. US Army Allen Milton
(Korea)..... *Melanie Poland's son*
Brian Holcombe (Afghanistan) . .
son of Wendell & Carolyn Holcombe

Todd Cecil (Afghanistan Medic) grandson of
Hyahwanah Cecil

JOYS: Tommy Latham, son-in-law of Robert &
Jamie Knox has returned from his tour in
Afghanistan; and *Josh Cantu`* is on his way back to
America from Afghanistan. He is the son of Bob &
Hope Cantu`.

*Josh Brockman, Joel Crenshaw, Shawn Decker,
Candace Guzman, Kenneth Warren, III, Cody
Sprayberry, Preston Bevers, Tim Elms, Chad
McAdams, Stanton Gardenhire, Robbie Reinert, John
David Miller, Banyon Stephens, Richard Andrews,
Anthony Williams, Jason L. Colbert, Sgt Robert
Shane Shurgart*



**Not Just for Methodists!
Friends Welcome!
Every Sunday from
5:00-7:00 pm in the Gym**

Come join us each week for an exciting and different experience with Christ.

Dinner is served at 5:00 pm and our devotional and activities follow. We often have special plans for the day.

Special Days when we will not meet:

May 8: Mother's Day

May 29: Memorial Sunday

June 12: UM ARMY leaves for Mission Trip

June 12: Father's Day

July 3: Independence Day Holiday

Wonderful Wednesday sessions will be suspended for the summer after May 4. . . **BUT, exciting dates to mark on your calendar:**

June 12-18: UM ARMY leaves for New Boston

June 27-July 1: Church Camp at Lakeview

We are required to have one adult counselor for every five youth. We have some. If you can be a reserve, please call me at 903-985-0280, or Mary Lamb or Misty Shipman at the church office, 903-984-3576.

Plans have all been worked out and we are eager to let God use our hands to do His work in New Boston.

There are a lot of ways parents and other adults can help with our Youth program:

✚ Provide or help with Sunday Evening Meals

✚ Chaperone as we travel for Special Events

✚ Sunday School Teachers: for both Sr. Hi & Jr. Hi age youth

Volunteer to help lead this fine group of youth to know and understand the grace and love of Jesus Christ as they grow in faith. *Prayerfully consider your response.*

Our chicken spaghetti fundraiser was a HUGE success. We owe thanks to so many people that I am afraid I will leave someone out if I try to list them all. But Richelle, girl, you outdid yourself once again. Thank you to you and your team. I don't have the exact figures yet, but it was definitely a successful venture. And who was that awesome auctioneer??? Oh yeah, thanks Mr. Milton Hattaway. We can always count on you.

Maundy Thursday was our time to shine and I am so proud of our kids, both Sr. and Jr. High. They pulled it off considering they had so many other events going on in their lives. Thank you so much to Ami Sprayberry for the beautiful signing. I remember when she was a youth in our UMYF and it makes all of us "older" folks so proud to call her one of our own. The youth did a wonderful job. Thank you, Art and Pat Morchat, for the beautiful backdrop and thanks to the Kinseys and the Fraziers for all of your tireless efforts.

Past Tense: The senior luncheon was held on May 1 and we are excited to honor the wonderful young men and women of our church who graduate this year. (*see insert*)

I am honored and pleased to be working with our youth. I look forward to working with YOU, too, as we all "grow in faith".

Remembering God's Love With You,
Alice Crocker, Sr Hi Youth Director

Get to Know Our Youth and They'll Get to Know You

Volunteer to provide a snack supper on a Sunday Night! (Drinks and paper goods ARE provided.) This invitation is open to all St. Luke's parents, Sunday School classes, individuals, Women's Circles or Men's Groups, Choir, Arise Band, groups of friends or just about anyone! If interested, please check the box below and return to the church office, put in the collection plate, or give me a call or e-mail me. Lisafrazier09@gmail.com or 903-812-4336 or 903-984-6554.

___ My Sunday School Class or Group would like to help.

___ I would like to volunteer to provide a snack supper. (You could team up without someone to reduce the cost.)

___ I cannot help at this time but I would like to donate money for a snack supper. (Any amount is appreciated.)

Contact Name _____

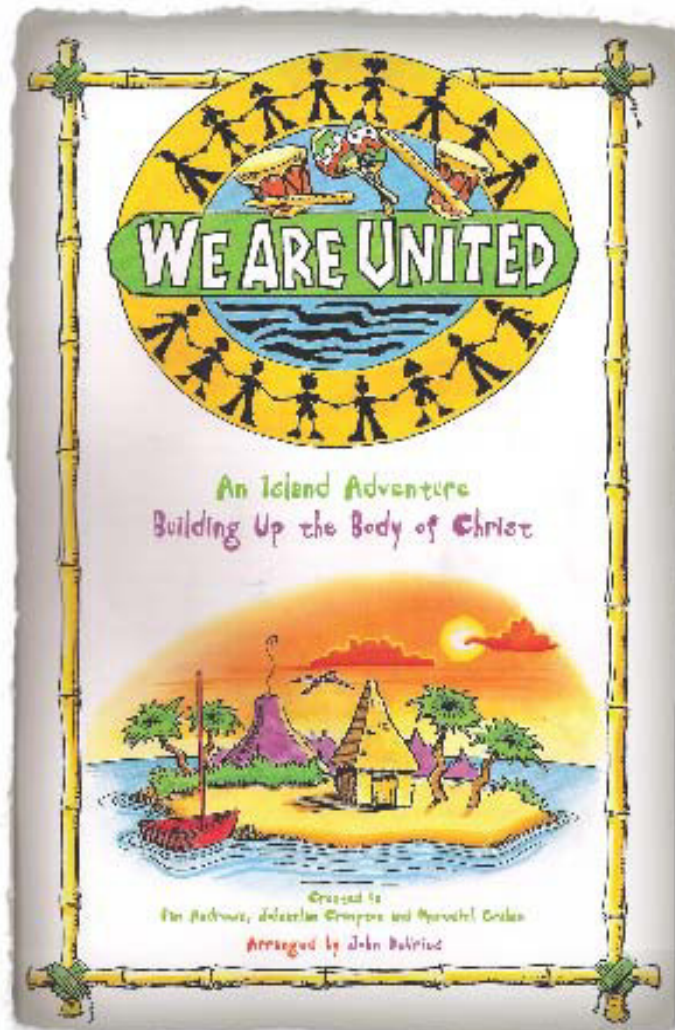
Phone number _____

E-Mail _____

Class/Group Name _____



Music Worship and Activities



BASED ON THE
1 CORINTHIANS
12:12-27
THEME "ONE
BODY, MANY
PARTS," SIX
CASTAWAYS
COMPETE ON
THE ISLAND TO
WIN THE
"GRAND PRIZE,"
ONLY TO
DISCOVER THAT
THE REAL WAY
TO WIN IS TO
WORK
TOGETHER AS
ONE IN CHRIST.

PRESENTED BY THE HOPE AND ANGEL TONES
CHOIRS OF ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF KILGORE
SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2011 AT 6:00 PM IN THE
ACTIVITY CENTER

WELCOME to Our NEW MEMBERS



ELIZABETH BRADSHAW

Elizabeth Bradshaw transferred her membership from another denomination on 3-27-11. She is a student at Kilgore College and lives at 506 Corrigan.

Welcome, Elizabeth. We are proud to have you choose St. Luke's as your church home.



DARRALYN SCOBEE

Darralyn Scobee recently joined with St. Luke's church membership, by transfer from another denomination.

She is employed by Edko Vegetation Managers, LLC. She has an Associate Degree in Business from Kilgore College and a BA degree from Stephen F. Austin. Darralyn is widowed and has four grown children: Joy, Matthew, Josh, and Elizabeth. We look

forward to getting acquainted with Darralyn. Be sure to greet and talk with her.



MACKENZIE CHOWDHURY

attends Sunday School and sings in the children's choir. What a blessing to welcome this young lady to membership in her new commitment to God.

Mackenzie Chowdhury, daughter of E.J. & Niki Chowdhury, made her decision at the recent Crusade for Christ to accept Jesus Christ as her Savior. As a step in this decision she joined St. Luke's membership and received baptism on Palm Sunday, April 17.

MacKenzie is in 4th grade, active as an Acolyte, participates with MYMU,

MAY BIRTHDAYS 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.**



<u>May 1</u> Michael Allen Guy Howell, Sr.	<u>May 10</u> Alma Casey Michael Jobe	<u>May 20</u> Robert Davidson Christine George Logan Gilbreath Alicia Latham Kaela Young
<u>May 2</u> Jo Pickett	<u>May 11</u> Stanton Gardenhire	<u>May 21</u> Deedy Adams Jennifer James Rita Peters Coy Stephenson Ty Francisco
<u>May 3</u> Eddie Breashears Brandi Herricks Vivian Patton Shaunna Moore Jeannie Rathbun Benton Wink	<u>May 12</u> Pamela Robertson Alyssa Johnson Pam Ryle <u>May 13</u> Valerie Brennan Lisa Whetzel Renee Pickett	<u>May 24</u> Marilyn Summers
<u>May 4</u> LeaAnn Theriot Bill Lawson Jacob Mooney Carter Nettles Xsavier Ortiz	<u>May 14</u> Sami Holley <u>May 15</u> Hyahwanah Cecil Pat Collins Misty Shipman Maxine Thomas	<u>May 25</u> Aaron Duncan Matt Henderson <u>May 27</u> Seth Adams Josh Cantu`
<u>May 5</u> Andy Adamez, Jr Sloan Berger Jennifer Wheat	<u>May 17</u> Madison Dean Matthew Huey Alan Nettles Zaida Ortiz Ray Reinert	<u>May 30</u> Janie Sweeney
<u>May 6</u> Kennedy Buyher	<u>May 18</u> Emersyn Beets Graham Huckaby Kaylon Jackson Florence Rowland	<u>May 31</u> Jennifer Hankins Lynda Lawson Cecilia Mitchell Nancy Reif Glyn Stone
<u>May 7</u> Leon Courtney Stanley Davis Kathy Wheat	<u>May 8</u> Rebecca Hale Valerie Brennan Bill Bryant Dennis Ellis Jack Johnston Robert Smith Ramona Still	



MAY 2011 WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Names</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Years</u>
Dan/Shelia Cross	5-07-1979	32
Kraig/Tonya DeKoker	5-22-2004	7
Robecca/Bill Hale	5-22-2009	2
Bill/Scotti Holda	5-20-2001	10
James/Sharon McCann	5-04-1968	43
Michael/Melanie Poland	5-10-2006	5

Methodist Youth Moving Up (MYMU)

(all fourth & fifth graders)

May 22rd, 2:00-5:00 pm



We will have a pool party at the Chowdhury's house for all fourth and fifth graders. Meet at church at 2:00 p.m. and we will leave from there in the church vans. Don't forget to bring your swim suit, towels, and sunscreen.

You are welcome to bring a friend. We will return to the church for pick up

ε you may pick them up earlier at the house: 7334 CR 296 E.

Easter Egg Hunt

Thank you to EVERYONE that helped with the Easter Egg Hunt and donated eggs and candy. Special thank you to Marcy Huey, Rick Huey, Matthew Huey, Sharron French, Nancy Bullock, April Watson, Richelle Rathbun, Abby Horst, Anna Horst, and to the Easter bunny's closest friend, Sam Holley!

Wonderful Wednesdays

The last day for the kids' Wonderful Wednesdays/Children's Choir will be May 4th. We will have an end of year party this day at the Kilgore Bowling Alley. This will also be the last day for dinner on Wednesday nights until the fall. The kids have learned a lot this year and had a lot of fun! Our church is blessed to have a wonderful group of children!



Promotion Sunday

Mark your calendar for Sunday, June 5th as Promotion Sunday. This year we are going to have Promotion Sunday at the beginning of summer instead of the end. The children will be recognized for their attendance in Sunday school during worship. They will promote to new classrooms and meet their new teachers. Sunday school is a place where we can grow in our knowledge of God which will also strengthen our faith. Hope to see you this Sunday in SUNDAY SCHOOL.

**BIG Thank You for the wonderful awning over the playground.
The kids love having a cool place to play!**

Darwood's Action Shots



Isabell Witt



Matthew Huey



**Youth Spaghetti Dinner with Dessert Auctioneer
Milton Hattaway and Helpers**

"Thank You!"

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thank you for the lovely afghan. I really appreciate it, but most of all, I miss being at St. Luke's. You are very special to me. God Bless!

Corinne Kallenberger

Student Ministry

Dear St. Luke's,
Thank you very much for the gift card. It will provide for a nice break for me during *finals* week. Thank you for thinking about me.

-Lynsey Howell

. . . continued next column

Have You Noticed . . .

Mack Monday & Lefty Mitchell removed all the old soil from the geranium bed attached to the chapel-the Kennedy Garden. They replaced it with a better soil mixture and then planted brand new beautiful geraniums. **Beautiful!** Thank you both!

Speaking of flowers, Pat Haynes, chairman of our Trustees, has been on hands and knees planting the flower beds by the pastor's office and the Kerr garden by the Family Center. And how about those Roses that have been planted around the church premises! **Beautiful!** Thank you, Pat!

Stop by the front office and see the creative arrangements that Kathy & Richard Kimball place on Mary Lamb's desk for all to enjoy. Believe me, they are noticed and appreciated! **Beautiful!** Thank you, Kimballs!

The playground awning is now in place for the young children. The children will enjoy being out in this shady, cooler place to play. Thank you, Trustees, for completing this project.

Keep your eyes open because there is more to come. Thank you, all, for taking care of our campus.

Thank you for your donation to the Center.

We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

Linda Ponders

Kilgore Crisis Center

Dear Friend,

Newgate Mission is extremely grateful for your generous contribution to our community of faith. Your support will help to make a difference in the lives of the marginalized and low income citizens in our Newgate family and the greater community.

If you have never been to Newgate mission, we enthusiastically invite you to come by 207 S. Mobberly Ave. in Longview to visit us. May God richly bless you as you have blessed others.

Peace and grace to you as we approach Holy Week.

The Rev. Jennene Laurinec
Executive Director

Dear Prayer Shawl Ministry,

Thank you for the beautiful shawl Barbara Francisco brought me. The colors are perfect for my house. This is a great ministry for St. Luke's.

Jo Pickett

Our St. Luke's youth say "thank you" to everyone who supported the Spaghetti Fundraiser and Dessert Auction. The profits will help fund this summer's mission trips.

MAY 2011 CALENDAR

Sunday, May 1 Youth Camp deposits due & Hi School

- Senior Luncheon**
- 8:30 a.m. Arise Worship, Sanctuary *
- 9:30-10:15 a.m. Sunday School *
- 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary *
- 11:30 a.m. Hi School Senior Honor Luncheon
- 2:00 p.m. Scouts Pack Graduation, Family Center
- 3:30-6:00 p.m. Angel Tones/Hope Choirs Dress Rehearsal & light supper provided for the children
- 4:30-7:00 p.m. UMYF
- 6:00 p.m. Angel Tones/Hope Choirs' Spring Program, "We Are United", gym

Monday, May 2

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

Tuesday, May 3

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Conference
- 9:30 a.m. UMW Meeting, Fireplace Room, Mission Study
- 5:30-6:30 p.m. Zumba Dance/Exercise, gym
- 6:00 p.m. Mission Team, Myrtle Andrews Room

Wednesday, May 4

- 9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center
- 11:00 a.m. Hilltoppers, Catered Meal--\$5 & \$1 for expenses, (Baked pork chops, sweet potatoes, salad, rolls, dessert) Family Center, Program is Vickie Harvey speaking and presenting a slide show of Hospice of East Texas
- 3:15- 5:15 Children's Choirs *End of School party at Kilgore Bowling Alley. Pick up your children at the bowling alley at 5:15 p.m.*
- 4:30 p.m. End of Wednesday activities until fall for youth, choir, & children
- 5:30 p.m. Last Supper until next fall: taco salad and nachos, dessert, drinks
- 6:00 p.m. Rohde/Carroll Bible Study (James 1st -- 2nd Peter), Seekers Room*
- 6:00 p.m. Rev. Galaway Bible Study, Parlor*
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, Family Center*
- 6:00-7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal* Sanctuary

Thursday, May 5

- 12:00 noon National Day of Prayer at the Texas Sesquicentennial Plaza (near City Hall)
- 5:30-6:30 p.m. Handbells Rehearsal, Handbell Room. **
- 5:30-6:30 p.m. Zumba Dance/Exercise, gym
- 6:30-8:00 p.m. Arise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary**
- 6:30 p.m. Kilgore Together, Family Center

Friday, May 6

- 9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center

Saturday, May 7

- 2:00-5:00 p.m. Haley Morrison & Bryan LeBlanc wedding reception, Family Center

Sunday, May 8 Mother's Day

- 8:30 a.m. Arise Worship, Sanctuary *
- 9:30-10:15 a.m. Sunday School *
- 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary *
- 4:30-7:00 p.m. NO UMYF

Monday, May 9

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

Tuesday, May 10

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

Wednesday, May 11

- 9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center
- 5:30-6:30 p.m. Zumba Dance/Exercise, gym
- 6:00 p.m. Rohde/Carroll Bible Study (1st, 2nd & 3rd John), Seekers Room*
- 6:00 p.m. Rev. Galaway Bible Study, Parlor*
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, Family Center*
- 6:00-7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal* Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting, Wesley/Griffin Room

Thursday, May 12

- 5:30-6:30 p.m. Handbells Rehearsal, Handbell Room. **
- 5:30-6:30 p.m. Zumba Dance/Exercise, gym
- 6:30-8:00 p.m. Arise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary**

Friday, May 13

- 9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center

Saturday, May 14

- 2:00 p.m. Billie Kathrine Lowe's memorial service in the Sanctuary

FUN DAY With the Pastor

Ranger Ball Game

May 25, 2011

Vans leave church at 9:30 a.m.

Eat at the stadium concession.

Call Kay McKinley to reserve ticket.

903-984-7055

\$25.00 (van gas, parking, game ticket)

Friends Welcome, too!

* Child Care provided ** Child Care provided by reservation, call Niki Chowdhury at 903-643-2469

MAY, 2011 CALENDAR

Sunday, May 15

8:30 a.m. Arise Worship, Sanctuary *
 9:30-10:15 a.m. Sunday School *
 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary *
 4:30-5:30 p.m. UMYF, gym

Monday, May 16

9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center
 5:30-6:30 p.m. TOPS (Take off pounds sensibly)
 Redwood Room
 5:30-6:30 p.m. Zumba Dance/Exercise, gym
 6:00 p.m. Finance Team, Myrtle Andrews Room

Tuesday, May 17

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Conference Room
 5:30-6:30 p.m. Zumba Dance/Exercise, gym
 6:00 p.m. Education Team, Conference Room
 Hi School Baseball Banquet, Family Center

Wednesday, May 18

9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center
 5:30-6:30 p.m. Zumba Dance/Exercise, gym
 6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, Family Center*
 6:00 p.m. Babby Carroll & Anna Rohde's
 BibleStudy for all (Jude & Rev. 1-11)*
 6:00-7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal* Sanctuary

Thursday, May 19

5:30-6:30 p.m. Handbells Rehearsal, Handbell Room. **
 6:30-8:00 p.m. Arise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary**

Friday, May 20

9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center

Saturday, May 21

7:00 p.m. Drylanders, gym

Sunday, May 22

8:30 a.m. Arise Worship, Sanctuary *
 9:30-10:15 a.m. Sunday School *
 9:30 a.m. Handbell Rehearsal*
 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary *
 Handbells ring
 2:00-5:00 p.m. MYMU (4th-5th graders) Swim Party at
 the Niki Chowdhury home
 4:30-7:00 p.m. UMYF, gym

Monday, May 23

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

Tuesday, May 24

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

Wednesday, May 25

9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center
 5:30-6:30 p.m. Zumba Dance/Exercise, gym
 9:30 a.m. Pastor's Day Out Ranger Game, Arlington
 6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, Family Center*
 6:00 p.m. Babby Carroll & Anna Rohde's Bible Study
 for all (Rev. 12-22)*
 6:00 p.m. No Rev. Galaway's Bible Study
 6:00-7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal* Sanctuary

Thursday, May 26

5:30-6:30 p.m. Handbells Rehearsal, Handbell Room. **
 5:30-6:30 p.m. Zumba Dance/Exercise, gym
 6:30-8:00 p.m. Arise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary**
 6:00 p.m. Ladies Banquet by the Methodist Men

Friday, May 27

9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center
 School Reunion, Family Center

Saturday, May 28

NO United Methodist Men's Breakfast

Sunday, May 29

8:30 a.m. Arise Worship, Sanctuary *
 9:30-10:15 a.m. Sunday School *
 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary *
 4:30-5:30 p.m. NO UMYF, gym

Monday, May 30

Offices Closed for Memorial Day

(?)5:30-6:30 p.m. Zumba Dance/Exercise, gym

Tuesday, May 31

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Conference Room
 5:30-6:30 p.m. Zumba Dance/Exercise, gym

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MOVED & NEW ADDRESSES

Corinne Kallenberger has moved to Country Place
 #204 2103 Chandler, Kilgore, Tx. 75662
 903-988-1898 Give her a visit or drop her a card.
 She would be so pleased.

Jerry Boone has moved to Gregg Home #12E
 FM 1252. Kilgore, TX 75662. She loves company & cards.

Memorial Service for Billie Katherine Lowe **Saturday, May 14, 2:00 p.m.**

in the Sanctuary of St. Luke's. She died 3-12-11.
 Burial was beside her husband, James, in Powderly, Tx.



Jr Hi Youth

It is an honor to be working with the Jr. High Youth group. I am amazed by their willingness to dig deep and work hard. They did an

amazing job with the youth fundraiser and the Maundy Thursday service! These young people have a true thirst for God and it is wonderful to see them so enthusiastic about Bible study.

Our Wednesday afternoon activities will end on May 4th. I would like to thank Alice and Randy Crocker and Angela Horst for working with the Jr. High youth on Wednesday afternoon.

We will not have youth on Sunday, May 8th, so that the youth can spend the day with their moms. Watch the bulletins and upcoming newsletters for more activities.

In His Service,
Misty Shipman

**Be the kind of woman that when your feet hit
the floor each morning the devil says~~
"Oh Crud, She's up!"**

United Methodist Women

**Tuesday, May 3, 9:30 A.M.
Fireplace Room**

The United Methodist Women will meet on Tuesday, May 3, for fellowship, study, prayer and business.

Donna Shupe will present a program on her job with ETCADA, a drug and alcohol prevention agency working with our youth here in Kilgore.

Donna's office is here at St. Luke's and we want to hear more about what she does.

Our UMW program purpose focuses on children, youth and women. Donna's program will address how ETCADA helps these same people on a local basis.

Ladies, plan to be with us. You do not have to "belong" to UMW to enjoy this group. Come, listen, get acquainted.

**I've learned that people are more influenced by
how much I care than by how much I know.
-Anonymous**

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UMYF (youth) 4:30 PM

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