



FUMC Newsletter

AUGUST 2015

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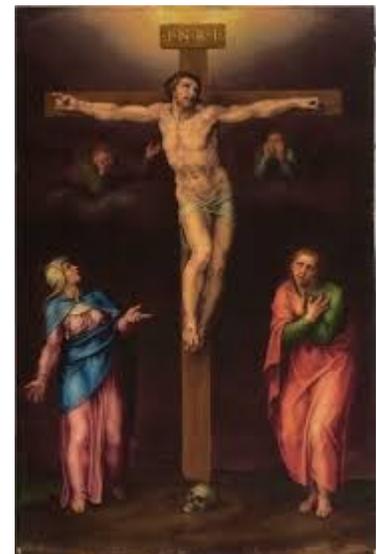
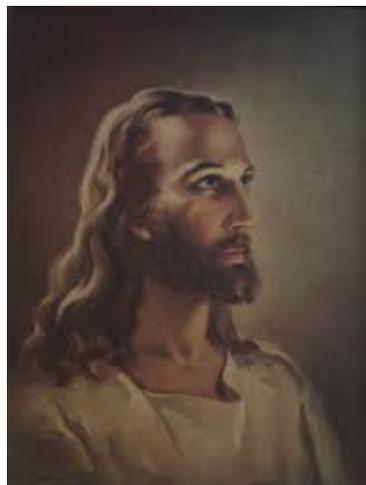
Did you ever watch TV episodes of *The Lone Ranger*? (or perhaps you saw the recent big screen movie.) If you remember, at the end of each episode the hero would ride off into the sunset with his trusty companion Tonto. Someone would then ask the question, "*Who is that masked man?*" No one knew his real name, or where he came from, or why he did what he did. He just went wandering about, anonymously fighting the bad guys and doing good.

Starting August 2, we're going to start a new sermon series on Jesus Christ. We'll be looking at who Jesus is in the Gospels and exploring the goodness and salvation He brought from heaven. My hope in this sermon series is for you to deepen your trust and commitment to the Son of God.

We all have our assumptions and opinions about Jesus, and sometimes we place Jesus in our own little box of expectations. But over the next couple of months we will let scripture and the Holy Spirit guide us as join the disciple Peter in answering Jesus' question, "*But who do YOU say that I am?*"

Jesus is not *The Lone Ranger*. Jesus is not some masked crusader that leaves His identity a secret. Nor does Jesus exclude us from the work that is to be done in this world. I invite you to come to church and to grow in your Christian faith. Come to worship so that we all might claim the same answer as Peter gave to Jesus: "*You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God!*"

See You Sunday,
Pastor Andy



New Sermon Series: *Who is Jesus?*



*Altar Flowers for August
are given by:*

August 2

Barbara N. Blanchard
In Memory of My Darling Husband, Robert

Charlotte and Harold Wilson

August 9

Terry and Royce Towns, Jr.
In Honor of Belle Witt
In Memory of Royce Towns, III

Percy and Arline Pettus

August 16

Connie Davis
Tanner Davis
Taylor, Blaine and Bowen Davis
In Memory of John Henderson, Wilma Teel,
and Clarice and Marvin Hood

August 23

Mona and David Bivins
In Memory of Blaxton and Melva DuBose

August 30

Jay and Donna Gray
Josh, Jolie, and Hays Gray
In Memory of Ross D. Gray

Bill and Cheryl Meadows
In Honor of Our Grandchildren

Book Club News

The Homecoming of Samuel Lake by Jennie Wingfield was our July book selection. Judy Gentry did an excellent job of leading our discussion, emphasizing the many themes of the book: perseverance, family, community, good vs. evil, man's inhumanity to man and nature, redemption and grace. Wingfield who lives in Texas now grew up as a Methodist minister's daughter in Louisiana, so she writes this novel from out of that experience. The main character, Samuel Lake, is a Methodist minister who is not given an appointment one year at annual conference, so he has to move his family in with his wife's somewhat eccentric family in Arkansas. The novel includes much humor and wit and a few miracles but also painful portrayals of abuse and violence. Most of the characters are memorable and many-dimensional. The discussion included what it means to be a "church" and what constitutes a "miracle". The group generally agreed that it was a good "read" and hope Wingfield writes more.

For our August 27 meeting, we will be reading The Yada Yada Prayer Group by Nita Jackson. This is a lively story of an unlikely group of women thrown together in a prayer group, which experiences many changes, much growth, and amazing relationships. It is the first of a series by this same name. We're looking forward to the discussion in August. Join us if you would like! One of our members pointed out that I should mention that men are welcome, too! So true! We meet at 9:30 on the fourth Thursday in the church library, and I think most people would enjoy the meetings even if you have not read the book. Stay cool!



Martha Jo Whitt

Staff

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Lupe Longoria, Custodian

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/01	Glenna Reese Haley Clampit Melissa Clampit	8/16	Barbara Bowen Gracie Ploetz Greg Peterek Josie Stowers Hayden Hull	8/27	Bitsy Henderson Bethel Lester Allison Davis Stephanie Gacke Madalin Kocian
8/02	McKenzie McGuffin	8/17	Leann Wilkerson	8/28	Donna Hisey Marian Gindler Erwin Ckudre Debbie Robinson Dana Williams
8/03	Randall Gindler Houston Keck	8/18	Bryce Watts Wade Miller Paige Cantu	8/29	Terry Towns Mary Carter
8/04	Travis Fairchild James Gottwald	8/19	Scott Keck James Dreyer Natalie Tenberg Gary Clack	8/30	Bill May Ray Logan Clayton Baker Jon Dawe Kenneth Hodges Michael Mercer
8/06	Emily Neuse Kevin DuBose	8/20	Thomas Stulting Lee Williams	8/31	E.T. Gibson Frank Hurt
8/07	Teresa Reed Stewart Frazier Sascha Kardosz	8/21	Stacey Dawson Rick Frazier		
8/08	Jo Ann Leifeste Stacey Havel	8/23	Kathy Jurek Ricky Lester Roxanne Boyd		
8/09	Crystal Gray	8/24	Tracey Neitsch Taylor Davis		
8/10	John B. Lester Larry Gray Cody Dickey	8/25	Herbert Thigpen Nancy Burns Mike Davis Sue Boothe Dylan Mills Keri Hornung		
8/11	Caeleigh Riedel	8/26	William Ploetz Bill DeBerry Kamrynn Zella		
8/12	Barbara Atkinson Norma Jean DuBose Tom Lester Jr. Cortney Tuch				
8/13	Donnie Tenberg Mia Schauer				
8/14	Tara Carleton Blaine Davis				
8/15	Ann Keck John Daniel Faith Lester				



8/2	Steve & Laurie Taylor Andy & Monica Smith	8/17	Tom & Tammy Lester Kenneth & Doreen Fink John & Edith Lucas John & Leslie Whiteside
8/8	James & Janie Massey	8/19	Vic & Sally Brown
8/9	Dwayne & Kaylin Petras	8/20	Bill & Coylene Oliver
8/10	Daniel & Tiffany Lester	8/22	Ralph & Lori Raabe
8/13	Jerry & Julia Oakes Kurt & Heather Ramsey Kenneth & Elsie Mosher Bill & Ann Reaves	8/23	Houston & Peggy Munson
		8/25	Derrick & Janelle Lester
		8/26	Herbert & Barbara Thigpen
		8/27	Bill & Gracie Ploetz

Please contact Felicia at the church office, 672-8521, if your information is missing or incorrect.

AUGUST WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

<p>August 2, 2015</p> 	<p>8:30 A.M. SERVICE</p> <p>Mallory Clack Braden Clampit Sydney Clack Emmitt Currie (Lead) Commie Hisey John Lucas Ronnie Menking Greg Sengelmann Dale Graham Willa Keck</p>	<p>10:45 SERVICE</p> <p>Ava Medellin Grace Morgan Trent Wilkerson Pal Lester (Lead) Jeffery Braune Mike Davis Bitsy Henderson Eldon Farek David Bird Willa Keck</p>	<p><u>ACOLYTES</u></p> <p><u>USHERS</u></p> <p><u>LITURGIST</u> <u>CHILDREN'S SERMON</u></p>
<p>August 9, 2015</p>	<p>8:30 A.M. SERVICE</p> <p>Ashtyn Kardosz Brendon Mercer Cade Davis Emmitt Currie (Lead) Travis Schauer Steve Taylor John Whitt Martha Jo Whitt Rosemary Hindman Lisa Gindler</p>	<p>10:45 SERVICE</p> <p>Paisley Ploeger Macy Sample Weldon Holub Pal Lester (Lead) Dick Goss Shirley Goss Greg Griffin Tom Lester Sr. Eldon Farek Lisa Gindler</p>	<p><u>ACOLYTES</u></p> <p><u>USHERS</u></p> <p><u>LITURGIST</u> <u>CHILDREN'S SERMON</u></p>
<p>August 16, 2015 8:30 A.M. SERVICE 10:45 SERVICE</p>  <h2 style="text-align: center;">UMW Sunday</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Worship Assistants to be announced.</p>			
<p>August 23, 2015</p>	<p>8:30 A.M. SERVICE</p> <p>Brody Borrer Hadley Borrer Chase Heldarsen Emmitt Currie (Lead) Billy Boothe Sue Boothe Jimmy Borrer Erwin Ckudre Commie Hisey Allison Davis</p>	<p>10:45 SERVICE</p> <p>Peyton Ruddock Weston Ruddock Sadie Morgan Pal Lester (Lead) Beverly Malatek Cheryl Meadows Bobby Morgan Ray Neitsch Lisa Gindler Allison Davis</p>	<p><u>ACOLYTES</u></p> <p><u>USHERS</u></p> <p><u>LITURGIST</u> <u>CHILDREN'S SERMON</u></p>
<p>August 30, 2015</p> 	<p>10:45 A.M. SERVICE</p> <p>Megan Tenberg Parker Storey Jaylen Johnson Pal Lester Emmitt Currie Gary Clack Leslie Ploeger Kelly Allen Dick Goss Pastor Andy</p>		<p><u>ACOLYTES</u></p> <p><u>USHERS</u></p> <p><u>LITURGIST</u> <u>CHILDREN'S SERMON</u></p>

Thank You

Dear First UMC,

Thank you so much for allowing us to use your van for our summer camp.

Lighthouse 2911 Leaders and Campers

Dear FUMC Scholarship Committee,

Thank y'all so much for awarding me with the Traeger Scholarship! I am so blessed to have y'all as my church family & thank you for your support. I am honored and can not thank y'all enough.

Much love and thanks, Hannah Keck

Earth Angels & FUMC,

Thank you for the beautiful animal quilt for Camden and pampers diapers. We love the quilt and will for sure use the diapers.

Thanks again,

Cliff, Jamie, Cody and Camden Bryant

Dear FUMC,

Thank you for the use of the fellowship hall for our 4-H Banquet. We had a wonderful turn out for our dinner and banquet. We appreciate your kindness.

Sincerely,

Gonzales County 4-H

Melissa Clampit, Haley Clampit

Dear Members of the Bereavement Committee,

Thank you so much for providing food (and support) for Herman's service gathering. We appreciate your kindness and generosity.

In gratitude, The Family of Herman Harris

Dear 1st Methodist Ladies,

Thank you so much for the sweet throw given to Herman. It is comforting to have such gracious friends.

Sue Harris

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for supporting Matt & Sarah Rideout as well as the Chadasha organization. Our mission trip to Haiti was possible because of your support, prayers, and donations. Though there were only 32 people who physically went on the trip, I will say that each and every one of you were there in spirit.

Having grown up in this church, I am so blessed to know God's love. To witness an entire country so poor, with little to no hope for change was shocking, but getting to know the people and spending time with the orphans my eyes were opened to how rich they are with the love they share for Christ.

Despite the language barrier, each of us were shown that God's love knows no bounds. Your love was shown there as well through your donations of clothes, contributions to fundraisers and bake sales, and your trust in all of us to represent FUMC Gonzales.

Your prayers and generosity were heartfelt!

Love,

Rebekah Morgan

& the 2015 Haiti Mission Team

Earth Angels

Summer is upon us! Therefore, Earth Angels will not have a meeting in July, but will resume our normal meeting time on August 11.

Women who are interested in quilting make up our group called Earth Angels. Meetings are usually held at 6:00 PM on the second Tuesday of each month, in the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Center. A typical meeting involves an inspirational reading followed by the mentioning of persons who may be in need of prayers or in need of being "wrapped in God's love" by the presentation of a quilt. Members share ideas, show quilts they have made, and engage in quilting projects. Fellowship and sharing play a major role in Earth Angels. Feel free to visit our next meeting on August 11, 2015; we'd love to have you.

STATISTICAL REPORT JUNE, 2015

DATE	8:30	10:45	TOTAL	SS	OFFERINGS
7	105	134	239	72	\$ 13,649.00
14	85	100	185	60	\$ 6,395.50
21	119	119	238	80	\$ 7,971.65
28	64	100	164	50	\$ 6,230.00
TOTALS:	373	453	826	262	\$ 34,246.15
AVERAGES:	93	113	207	66	

TOTAL EXPENSES FOR THE MONTH: \$ 39,089.13

NET GAIN OR LOSS FOR THE MONTH: \$ 3,842.98

APPORTIONMENTS PAID TO DATE: 50%

United Methodist Women

August Luncheon

We welcome **all** ladies of the church to come join us for the August Salad Luncheon in the Narthex at noon on August 3rd. This will be a time of fellowship and sharing food and faith.

Invite a guest; bring a friend! Bring your favorite salad and its recipe if you would like to share.

UMW Sunday August 16, 2015

Victoria District UMW Annual Meeting

September 19, 2015

TBA

More details to follow in September Newsletter.

Rio Texas Conference Annual Meeting

Friday and Saturday, October 16-17, 2015 to be hosted by the Capital District.

More details to follow in September Newsletter.



Wesley Nurse News

August 2015 "Life Transitions"

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! 2 Corinthians 5:17"

Life never stays the same. There are several stages with unique challenges that make each one memorable. As new parents you add new responsibilities and a baby to your life while trying to establish yourselves as a couple. This new role means sharing your partner with someone else so make sure you talk to each other, have a date night, and share your struggles. Adjustment is easier when you know what challenges exist. *"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."* Sending your first child off to school can be scary for everyone. As a parent, try to put your fears aside and look for the positives: your child is beginning an adventure that will teach him many new things. Before school starts, go to the school and arrange a tour if possible to take the fear out of the new surroundings, remind him/her that others will be nervous about school and there will be many new friends to meet. Talk about the exciting things he/she will be doing during the school day and make it an adventure for both of you. If you have worries about his/her health, be sure to meet with the school. *"The Lord detests double standards; he is not pleased by dishonest scales."* *Proverbs 20:23* Gender differences of size, weight, and cellular structure impact the absorption of all types of medications. So the next time you experience a medication adjustment or have your weight recorded at the doctor's office, know it is part of the process to determine the best prescription for you. *"Test me O LORD, and try me, examine my heart and my mind."* *Psalms 26:2* Research shows that heart disease impacts men and women differently. Men tend to have the classic symptoms of severe chest pain, a squeezing sensation in the chest for 5-10 minutes, profuse sweating, pain radiating to the left arm, and/or a feeling of depression. Women tend to have atypical symptoms of shortness of breath, indigestion, heart palpitations of more than 10 minutes, jaw/shoulder/back pain in excess of 5-10 minutes, nausea, or extreme fatigue. In either case, seek help immediately and call 911. The quicker the response of professional help, the better the outcome for both. Our church has an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) in the Narthex shelving. It is for use if needed for a victim experiencing a heart attack. I encourage you to become familiar with it as you may be able to save a life until EMS arrives.

Wesley Nurse, Shirley Goss 672-1031

Children's Corner



Well this year at Everest Bible School was amazing! We had a great group of kids (200) and families and many, many, volunteers participating! The main point of VBS was that God is so powerful! God has the power to provide for our needs, comfort us, heal us, forgive us and love us forever! We experienced great Bible Stories, fun games, wonderful food, awesome music and crazy and fun experiments and crafts! The awesome decorations make it an inviting place to come each and every night.

My heartfelt thanks to each and everyone that played a part in making VBS happen. Wow, Such great volunteers working weeks ahead, during, and after! Through your hard work we are able to reach so many children and their families in our community. God bless each one of you!

Thank you for your generous donations to UMCOR Disaster Relief Buckets, Help Nepal Heal, and Food drive for GCAM. The children, families and volunteers donated many cleaning supplies and buckets to help UMCOR restock their warehouses with cleaning supplies, donated \$900+ for UMCOR disaster recovery and relief in Nepal, and donated many canned goods, pastas, beans, and cereals for GCAM. Thank you again for supporting the mission projects of VBS! Great Job!!

August Calendar

- **Play Well Lego Camp Aug 3-7.** A camp with 100,000 Legos! Learn basic engineering, architecture, and physics terms and concepts through building with Legos! **For ages 5-12.** Forms in Narthex and office. Visit www.play-well.org. We still have room for more kids! Call me 857-6630 for more information! Camp will be held in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall.
- **Sunday School every Sunday at 9:45am.** Sunday School classes start with age 2+ in downstairs Education Building next to nursery. All of the other children's classes are located on the 2nd floor of the Education Building. Adult Classes for all ages available too!
- **Communion and Worship at Romberg House on the first Sunday of every month at 2:30pm.** Children are invited to come help Pastor Andy with this service. Residents love to see you and so rewarding for the kids!
- **Back to School Teacher Luncheon-Wednesday, Aug 19, 11:00am – 1:00pm-** Children help serve at the Annual Teachers Luncheon. Meet your new teacher and tell your old one hello!
Sunday School Promotion, Sunday, August 30. This is Family Reunion Sunday so one service with a luncheon to follow. Watch for more details in the bulletin. Sunday School promotion in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School time. Incoming 3rd graders receive their Bibles during Worship Service. This is a Special and fun time for these 3rd graders and their parents. Be sure to attend and bring your camera!
- **Pioneer Club information** will go out at the end of August or First of September.

Back to School for all GISD and other area schools!! Good luck and have a great year!!

Love Your Enemies



²⁷ “But I say to you that listen, **Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.** ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.” -Luke 6:27-33

When we look at the teachings of Jesus and we see what it looks like to be one of his followers, we see some “radical” sayings. I only use the term, “radical,” because that’s what it comes across as to the culture we live in. In all actuality, Jesus never taught us anything “radical.” All he taught us was simply the way we are to live in the reality of a life transformed by God. When Jesus tells us, then, to “love” our enemies, he isn’t saying this just to give us something to strive for. He is saying that one mark of the life transformed by grace is that we will love our enemies. And it isn’t just a word of encouragement—Jesus commands us to do so.

One might ask, “How am I supposed to love my enemies?” The incredible thing about this passage is Jesus tells us how to love them! He first gives us this simple idea: love your enemies. He goes on to describe in detail how we are to love them in action: *do good* to those hate you, *bless* those who curse you, *pray* for those who abuse you. When is the last time you actually prayed for someone who didn’t like you, someone who slandered your name, someone who gossiped about you? I’m not talking about praying for them in a way that’s actually punishing them: “Lord, rid the sin in this person’s life and help them not to be so awful.” When was the last time you prayed that God would *bless* them? Or that they would more and more come to know how much they are loved by Jesus? Or that they would experience the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives?

Jesus called us to be “radical” according to the world’s standards, but we forget that what the world calls radical, Christ calls being His disciple. If we claim to love God, then we must strive to follow *everything* he said, not just the parts we like and make us feel good.



Disciple Bible Study has come out with a new course built upon their original study material but modified for busy lives. This Bible study is a 24 week exploration of the Old and New Testaments.

There will be two weekly opportunities to participate in Disciple Fast Track: Monday nights at 7pm. Or Wednesday mornings at 10am. Please sign up through the church office. Student books are \$32.

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MISSION TRIP



All things YOUTH

As summer is wrapping up I want to share with y'all the highlights of Summer 2015. Starting in May our church and community recognized and celebrated our graduating seniors. Also in May our youth group gave our youth room a much needed paint job! We kicked off the month of June with our UM Army Basic camp, where David and I had the privilege of taking Sadie Morgan and Quinn Atkinson to Johnson City. There we painted a community pool house, built picnic tables and made new friends. On June 25th through July 1st, we went on our Haiti Mission Trip where we were able to work alongside missionaries Matt and Sarah Rideout. We served through VBS, construction and medical teams. During July we had our Monday night bible studies, took a JR High and SR High trip to Six Flags, volunteered in VBS, went on a JR High day retreat to Natural Bridge Caverns and participated in a youth movie night. So much has happened these past three months and before a new school year starts we want to thank everyone who helped out and made this summer possible. Reflecting over the summer it is evident from prayers, acts of service and countless words of encouragement that God used our church to impact His kingdom. I am truly thankful for our church and our youth! Let's start this school year off celebrating and recognizing all God has done this summer and all He will do this fall.

MAY



JUNE



JULY



IMPORTANT DATES & ACTIVITIES:

There will be NO youth activities the first TWO weeks of August, except Sunday School at 9:45AM

- **August 19th:** **BACK TO SCHOOL KICK OFF!!!** 6:00-7:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. Families and students (7th-12th grade) are invited to come out for an hour of food, fellowship and games. Our Fall calendar and youth information will be passed out at this time.
- **August 26th:** **Kicks off our first night of Youth-JR HIGH: 4:00-5:15PM, DINNER: 6:30-7:00PM, SR HIGH: 7:00-8:00PM**

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Annual Educator Appreciation Luncheon Wednesday, August 19th

We will be treating the Gonzales Independent School District Employees and other area educators to an appreciation luncheon in our fellowship hall. We will serve from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and anticipate approximately 400 guests.

**The menu will include:
Sandwiches, Salads, Chips, Crackers, Relishes
Lemonade, Tea, Coffee & Sherbet**

We're asking the congregation to provide salads and we need volunteers to work in the kitchen. Call the church office if you can help.