FUMC Newsletter

MAY 2015

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Do you enjoy classic hits? Music that I grew up with is now considered classic. *(say it isn't so!)* I guess the music from my parent's generation is now considered *'ancient.' (just kidding!)* This all reminds me of summer afternoons at my Aunt's house in Dallas. As a teenager I enjoyed her swimming pool, hammocks and outdoor grilling. Every gathering also included classic music from 98.7FM K-LUV. It was never an option to listen to anything else...always K-LUV and classic hits from the Beach Boys, The Drifters, and perhaps a few from The King!

I hope you enjoy classic hits because that is going to be our theme for the month of May. I'm going to pull some of my favorite sermons that I've preached over the past 6 years and give them another go round. I'll change some things up, but I thought we might enjoy some of the "hits" from our time together. Of course, if you have a "special request" please let me know!

Children's Clothes for Haiti

During the month of May, the church is asking for special donations for our trip to Haiti. We will be collecting new or gently used children's clothes *(underwear, shorts, t-shirts ~ remember this is a tropic environment)* You can also make monetary donations and the church will purchase the clothing for you. This idea comes from last year's mission team who witnessed many orphans lacking adequate clothing.

Thank you for your support as we return to work with missionaries Matt and Sarah Rideout.

In Christ's Service,

Andy

New Donation Program!

The General Council on Finance and Administration of the United Methodist Church is pleased to present UMCmarket, a tremendously rewarding opportunity to earn money for our church. UMCmarket makes it possible for our church to receive donations from retailers every time you make an online purchase. The best thing is that you don't need to change anything from how you shop today, and every small donation makes a difference. This allows our church family to do together what we cannot do alone

How it Works.

Every store at UMCmarket is happy to pay a percentage of the purchased amount as a donation. There is no additional cost or charge for either you or our church. The stores send UMCmarket the contributions within a variable time frame of 30-90 days. Once our church reaches $100 in total donations, a check will be mailed.

Thank You

Thank you so much to the Fist United Methodist Church members and Pastor Andy for God's gift of money.

The funds you provided for the building of the wheel chair ramp for John Boyd covered the lumber.

It makes us all thankful for the many blessings God gives us every day when we see how people reach out to help others, as you did for this family.

Thank you Shirley, for the kindness, caring, and support you gave to me when I called with a request for help.

On behalf of John & Kathy Boyd,
Jeanie Noack

The John Boyd Family would like to thank the Bereavement Committee for all they did for John's service. The food was wonderful and made a nice ending of the day.

Thank you so much,
Kathy, Crystal, Chance Boyd
Lou Ann Parsley, Orvan Freeman, Walter Taylor

Prayer Shawl Ministry,

My apologies for the delay in sending this message. Thank you so very much for the beautiful prayer shawl and for all the love, support and prayers that went into it's creation.

It has been a true comfort during this time of healing and has warmed both my heart and my body. Thanks again!

Love & Blessings,
Lisa Barnick

Class of 2015

Alexis Cerda

Bailey Connell

Isabella Crawford

Logan Hurt

Hannah Keck

Joshua Malaer

Ashton Miller

Madelyne Parr

Kristen Pearson

Nicki Schauer

Travis Schauer

Bryce Watts

Camden Wilson

STATISTICAL REPORT MARCH, 2015

DATE	8:30	10:45	TOTAL	SS	OFFERINGS
1	104	109	213	80	$ 13,800.78
8	57	124	181	60	$ 10,108.00
15	93	147	240	86	$ 10,500.50
22	145	205	340	104	$ 11,224.50
29	151	150	301	107	$ 8,4524.92
TOTALS:	550	735	1285	438	**$ 54,058.70**
AVERAGES:	***110***	***147***	***257***	***88***	

TOTAL EXPENSES FOR THE MONTH: $ 35,124.32
NET GAIN OR LOSS FOR THE MONTH: $ 18,934.38
APPORTIONMENTS PAID TO DATE: 25%

Altar Flowers for May are given by:

May 3

Amanda Reed and Dewey Smith
Kyle, Allyson, and Emersyn Kusak
In Honor of Gene and Teresa Reed's
Anniversary, May 8

Ronnie and Christina Menking

May 10

Your Loving Wife and Family
In Memory of Terry D. Bowman

Joe Britt and Rosemary Hindman
In Memory of Joe W. Hindman
and Evelyn Tieken

May 17

Parents of the 2015 Confirmation Class
In Honor of Their Children
Being Confirmed Today

Linda and Jim Arledge
In Memory of Audrey and Jim Maher

May 24

The Bobby Morgan Family
In Honor of Tom and Pam Lester

Kenneth and Laverne Brzozowski
Stephen and Kenna Lucas
Matt and Lea Ann Wyant

May 31

Byron and Julie Lester
In Honor of Pal and Bethel Lester
In Memory of Thomas and Jewel Cassell

Monthly Communion & Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, May 20

Meet in the small chapel at Noon for a 30 minute service. It is a great to renew yourself during the work week. Afterwards we eat lunch in the narthex. All are welcome!

If you would like to help by fixing the meal served at the Prayer Luncheons please contact the Felicia at 672-8521.

EARTH ANGELS

Earth Angels continue to create projects to benefit others. Our latest endeavors include quilts being displayed at Pioneer Village, a Gonzales-themed quilt project, and a summer retreat as well as continuing to produce quilts for sharing. We have also donated several quilts in the past month for those who needed an extra hug.

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. Earth Angels also enjoy going on road trips to area quilt shops and quilt shows. Fellowship and sharing play a major role in Earth Angels. Feel free to visit our next meeting on May 12, 2015; we'd love to have you.

Staff

Rev. Andy Smith, Senior Pastor
Ruth Smith, Youth Pastor
Willa Keck, Children's Ministry Director
Felicia Cantu, Office Manager
Rosemary Hindman, Business Manager
Shirley Goss, Wesley Nurse
Craig Aamot, Music Minister
Christina Menking, Organist
Bill Meadows, Pianist
Sandra Jandt, Happy House Director
Rosannah Green, Attendance
Lupe Longoria, Custodian

MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/1	Zilpha Dolezal
	Billie Spohler
	Kirstie Hull
5/2	Ashley Daniel
	Kristen Pearson
5/3	Nan Berkley
5/4	Laverne Brzozowski
	Christine Weaver
5/6	Sue Penney
	John Lucas
5/7	Jackie Kridler
	Teri Johnson
5/8	Pat Wilburn
	Darvin Dieringer
5/9	Jeff Massie
	John Boothe
	Sawyer Boothe
5/11	Bobby Atkinson
	Jo Ann Mercer
	Tammy Lester
	Austin Brown
5/12	Clint Fairchild
	Frank Lee Atkinson
5/13	Jerry Kay DuBose
	Jack Ehrig
	Coltin Russell
5/14	Brittany Avant
	Kacee Fink
5/15	Ceason Barnick
	Emily Fogle
5/16	Brian Pirkle
5/17	Bill Oliver
	Kelly Lester
	Julie Hurt
5/18	Molly Lucas
	Kalli Davis
	Harley Whitfield
5/19	Billie Bruns
	Kylee Watson
5/20	Monica Smith
	Tinsley Gray
5/21	Aline Bryant
	Clifford Bryant
5/22	Bill Walker
	Leslie Bird
	Ancel Atkinson
5/23	Balinda Malaer
	Garrick Davis
5/24	Ray Neitsch
	Beverly Malatek
	Emily Currie
5/25	Greg Griffin
	Tiffany Lester
	Jewel Short
	Erin McCray
	Barbara Brandon
5/26	Lauren Boothe
	Judy Schauer
	Morgan Farrar
5/27	Roy Staton
	Kenna Lucas
5/28	Lana Dubose
	Dwayne Petras
	Christopher Cerda
5/29	Belle Witt
	Barbara Friedrich
	Brendon Mercer
	David Eppright
5/30	Mark Strozier
	Keith Borrer
	Tanner Davis
5/31	Stacy Fogle
	Manda Leal

ANNIVERSARIES IN MAY

5/1	*Jason & Stephanie Carter*
5/2	*Brian & Leigh Pirkle*
	Tim & Crystal Gray
5/3	*Bill & Bonnie Hyman*
5/4	*Jack & Brandy Ehrig*
5/8	*Sidney & Carolyn Dex*
	Gene & Teresa Reed
5/9	*Melvin & Jackie Hodgkiss*
5/10	*Lee & Dana Williams*
5/14	*Bill & Virginia Hallmark*
5/15	*Mark & Kimberly Strozier*
5/16	*Percy & Arline Pettus*
	Don & Jo Ann Leifeste
5/17	*Travis & Megan Keck*
5/18	*Bill & Barbara DeBerry*
	Billy & Kathy Ploetz
5/21	*Kenneth & Sue Gottwald*
5/22	*Ray & Judy Neitsch*
5/25	*Kevin & Angela DuBose*
5/26	*Bill & Chris Weaver*
5/27	*Mike & Mary Lena Kosser*
5/28	*Dick & Shirley Goss*
5/29	*Monty & Kelly McGuffin*
5/30	*Byron & Julie Lester*

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

MAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

May 3, 2015	8:30 A.M. SERVICE	10:45 A.M. SERVICE	
	Ashtyn Kardosz	Peyton Ruddock	**ACOLYTES**
	Brendon Mercer	Weston Ruddock	
	Natalie Tenberg	Weldon Holub	
	Emmitt Currie (Lead)	Pal Lester (Lead)	**USHERS**
	John Whitt	Tom Lester, Sr.	
	Martha Jo Whitt	Greg Griffin	
	Billy Boothe	Cheryl Meadows	
	Sue Boothe	Bobby Morgan	
	Rosemary Hindman	David Bird	**LITURGIST**
	Willa Keck	Willa Keck	**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

May 10, 2015	8:30 A.M. SERVICE	10:45 A.M. SERVICE	
	Megan Tenberg	Macy Sample	**ACOLYTES**
	Jordan Williams	Parker Storey	
	Ancel Atkinson	Sadie Morgan	
	Emmitt Currie (Lead)	Pal Lester (Lead)	**USHERS**
	Jimmy Borrer	Beverly Malatek	
	Erwin Ckodre	Ray Neitsch	
	Gary Clack	Leslie Ploeger	
	Kenneth Fink	Kelly Allen	
	Commie Hisey	Eldon Farek	**LITURGIST**
	Lisa Gindler	Lisa Gindler	**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

May 17, 2015	8:30 A.M. SERVICE	10:45 A.M. SERVICE	
	Cole Boothe	Kylee Watson	**ACOLYTES**
	Morgan Boothe	Kiley Allen	
	Sydney Clack	Sadie Thibodeaux	
	Emmitt Currie (Lead)	Pal Lester (Lead)	**USHERS**
	Bill DeBerry	Mary Tomas	
	Dena Fritz	Justin Pope	
	Herman Grauke	Jim Benedict	
	Joe Britt Hindman	Jenice Benedict	
	Bill Keck	Lisa Gindler	**LITURGIST**
	Commie Hisey	Commie Hisey	**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

May 24, 2015	8:30 A.M. SERVICE	10:45 A.M. SERVICE	
	Mallory Clack	Baron DuBose	**ACOLYTES**
	Braden Clampit	Morgan Farrar	
	Cade Davis	Trent Wilkerson	
	Emmitt Currie (Lead)	Pal Lester (Lead)	**USHERS**
	John Lucas	David Bird	
	Ronnie Menking	Jeffery Braune	
	Travis Schauer	Eldon Farek	
	Greg Sengelmann	Dick Goss	
	Emily Neuse	Shirley Goss	**LITURGIST**
	Kristi Mercer	Kristi Mercer	**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

May 31, 2015	10:45 A.M. SERVICE		
	Slone Gibson		**ACOLYTES**
	Landon Holub		
	Nicholas Casares		
	Emmitt Currie		**USHERS**
	Pal Lester		
	Shirley Goss		
	Mike Davis		
	Bitsy Henderson		
	Dick Goss		**LITURGIST**
	Pastor Andy		**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

Our Church Family

Church Family Reunion Sunday
Combined Service

If you are unable to serve on the date scheduled, please contact the church office, 672-8521.

May 2015

May 2015

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31						

June 2015

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28	29	30				

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Apr 26 - May 2	Apr 26	27	28	29	30	May 1 6:30pm Cub Scout Mtg-PSS	2
May 3 - 9	3 COMMUNION SUNDAY 8:30am Worship-S 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Worship-S 2:00pm Choral Workshop 2:30pm Communion @ Romberg House 7:00pm 7:30pm Vocalibre Concert-S	4 8:30am Happy House 10:30am Staff Mtg-L 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 5:30pm Prayer Shawl-BP 6:00pm Dominoes-N 7:00pm Bible Study-CO	5 10:00am Shut-In-Visitation 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 6:00pm Girl Scout Mtg-PSS	6 8:30am Happy House 10:00am Bible Study-CO 1:00pm Alzheimer Support Group 2:00pm WN Exercise-F 5:30pm Jr. High Youth 5:30pm Praise Band Pr 6:30pm Choir Practice- 6:30pm Sr. High Youth	7 9:30am Communion @ Care Centers 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 4:00pm Reunion Group-CO 6:30pm Cub Scouts Mtg-EB	8 10:00am Seniors in Action Banquet-FC 6:30pm Cub Scout Mtg-PSS	9
May 10 - 16	10 Graduating Senior Sund 8:00am Blood Drive 8:30am Worship-S 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Worship-S	11 8:30am Happy House 10:30am Staff Mtg-L 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 5:30pm Prayer Shawl-BP 6:00pm Dominoes-N 7:00pm Bible Study-CO	12 10:00am Shut-In-Visitation 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 5:30pm Wesleyan Circle 6:00pm Girl Scout Mtg- 6:00pm Happy House G 6:00pm Quilt Group-CR	13 8:30am Happy House-Last Day Pizza Party- 10:00am Bible Study-CO 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 5:30pm Jr. High Youth 5:30pm Praise Band Pr 6:30pm Choir Practice- 6:30pm Sr. High Youth	14 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 4:00pm Reunion Group-CO 6:30pm Cub Scouts Mtg-EB	15 6:30pm Cub Scout Mtg-PSS	16 Confirmation Retreat at I 1:00pm Private Event-N
May 17 - 23	17 Confirmation Sunday 8:30am Worship-S 9:30am Brunch Honoring Confirmands 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Worship-S	18 10:30am Staff Mtg-L 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 5:30pm Prayer Shawl-BP 6:00pm Dominoes-N 6:00pm Education Foundation Banquet- 7:00pm Bible Study-CO 7:30pm 8:00pm	19 10:00am Shut-In-Visitation 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 6:00pm Girl Scout Mtg-PSS	20 10:00am Bible Study-CO 12:00pm Communion Prayer Service-N & C 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 5:30pm Jr. High Youth 5:30pm Praise Band Pr 6:30pm Choir Practice- 6:30pm Sr. High Youth	21 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 4:00pm Reunion Group-CO 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting-FC	22	23
May 24 - 30	24 8:30am Worship-S 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Worship-S 2:00pm 2:30pm Baccalaureate Service-Jr. High Auditorium	25 Memorial Day-Office Clo	26 10:00am Shut-In-Visitation 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC	27 10:00am Bible Study-CO 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 5:30pm Jr. High Youth 5:30pm Praise Band Practice-S 6:30pm Choir Practice-CR 6:30pm Sr. High Youth	28 9:30am Book Club-L 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 4:00pm Reunion Group-CO 6:30pm Cub Scouts Mtg 6:30pm Finance Commi 7:00pm Ad Council-CR	29 6:30pm Cub Scout Mtg-PSS 8:00pm Private Event-FC	30 10:00am Private Event-N
May 31 - Jun 6	31 5th Sunday Family Reur 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Worship-S 12:00pm 12:30pm Church-wide Luncheon-FC	Jun 1	2	3	4	5	6

Children's Corner

Thank you to everyone for your prayers and well wishes for recovery!! And for taking care of me with food! This really did me in this time, but will be back on my feet soon! Thank you again for being my church family! God Bless you and thank you.

I also want to say Thank you to everyone for stepping up to help with Spaghetti Supper!! It is such a huge undertaking and appreciate so many helping hands and donations!

Thank you to Rosemary Hindman for making all the beautiful quilted hanging banners for the education building. She has been so busy for the past few months! The kids love all of the banners! Be sure to take a look in the education building, downstairs and upstairs!! Thank you again for providing beautiful artwork for the walls brightening the space up!

Now that Pioneer Club has ended, Vacation Bible School preparations begin! Vacation Bible School theme is Everest-Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power. VBS is July 13-17, evenings 5:30pm-8:30pm. Registration forms will go out soon. Register Early. And please prayerfully consider volunteering this week of VBS. This event takes many volunteers to work in all the different stations, crews, kitchen, and preschool! Contact me now if you know where you would like to help 857-6630.

May 3–Vocalibre Choral Workshop 2-5pm, for 3rd–12th grade. Craig Aamot Directing. Concert @ 7pm in Sanctuary! Check out the flyers posted around church! Open to the community! Vocalibre is singing at the 10:45am Service! Registration starts at 1pm in the Narthex and is free. See Craig for more info.
Tues, May 12 – Happy House Graduation in the Fellowship Hall at 6pm.
Sun, May 17 – Confirmation Sunday. Join us in meeting and honoring our Confirmands with brunch between services! Congregations is asked to bring their favorite breakfast dish.

Camping Opportunities
June 1–June 4 and June 8–June 11 Palmetto State Park Day camps; For ages 8-12. $119 Contact Rena Gray at 857-3889 for more information and registration.
June 8-12–First Baptist Church VBS
July 13-17-SAVE THE DATE for VBS!! Start thinking about how you can help with this awesome community outreach program! Let me know now if you can volunteer! Remember how many kids we reach each summer and how many helping hands the program requires!
July 26-29 - **Cathedral Oaks Basic Training Camp** for exiting 3rd-5th. If your child is interested, call me.
Aug 3-7 - Play-Well Lego Day Camp at First UMC. 3 different camps offered this year-Solar, Jedi, and Engineering!! Learn Engineering and Physics! 2 age groups, ages 5-7 (9:00am-noon) and ages 8-12 (1:00pm – 4:00pm). **Registration starts in May for Congregation--Limited spaces so register early**. Registration open to everyone June 15. Forms available soon. Registration Fee $85.00 wkeck@gvec.net 857-6630

Book Club News

April is traditionally poetry month at our book club; this year we learned that the powers-that-be also have named April National Poetry Month, so we are in tune. Each member brings a poem to share with the group, and we always end up with a variety...funny, serious, religious. Some are familiar and some are not. It is a good time to share. Also, in April, we choose our selections for the next six months, and here are our choices and the leader for each month:

May–David Kokernot: Rogue Soldier of the TX Revolution by Alan Barber- Norma
June -The Train to Crystal City by Jan Jarboe Russell-Nan
July–The Homecoming of Samuel Lake by Jennie Wingfield – Judy
August –Yada Yada Prayer Group -Martha Jo
September–Getting Life: An Innocent Man's Journey from Prison to Peace by Michael Morton - Fran
October–The Nightingale by Kristen Hannah - Madeline

We are excited about this list and had a difficult time deciding because we had many other suggestions. If any (or all) of these titles interest you, read them and come discuss with us on the fourth Thursday of the month at 9:30 in the church library. If you do not read them, just come for the discussion; I think you will find it interesting, enlightening, and just plain fun!

Martha Jo Whitt

Wesley Nurse News - "WOMEN'S HEALTH"

At any age, a woman stays healthy through good nutrition, not smoking, regular exercise, and cultivation of friends. The Centers for Disease Control recommend steps that a woman should take to live a safe and healthy life and include emphasis on intake of a variety of fruits, vegetables, and whole grains daily, limiting foods and drinks high in calories, sugar, salt, fat, and alcohol and eating a balanced diet to support a healthy weight. Active exercise consists of 2 ½ hours a week including activities that raise your breathing and heart rate and strengthening your muscles. By being active we are reducing our risk for type two diabetes, heart attack, stroke, and several forms of cancer. Reduction in arthritis pain and associated disability with reduced risk for osteoporosis and falls along with reduced symptoms of depression and anxiety are also noted. It is important for women to maintain annual medical checkups even in the senior years. As women live longer, their risk for cardiovascular disease, cancer, and depression increases. Regular monitoring will diagnosis these issues before a concern becomes severe or debilitating. It is equally important to maintain healthy relationships with family and friends to prevent issues of depression or social isolation. Socialization gives us a sense of belonging, of being a part of the community. Remember to laugh together! *"Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last; but a woman who fears the Lord will be greatly praised." Proverbs 31:30* Aging can increase the risk for some diseases therefore it is important to have regular health screenings. Included in the health screenings are blood pressure assessment, lipid profile, breast cancer screening, colonoscopy exam, cervical cancer screening, and any other evaluations your primary care provider recommends for your specific condition. Bone density assessments are also recommended for women as screening for osteoporosis. If you are feeling 'down', sad, hopeless, or just uninterested in things for more than two weeks you may need screening for depression. Being proactive is very important for your overall health and well-being. Your Wesley Nurse offers free exercise classes and periodical health education programs. Schedules and announcements are listed in weekly church bulletins. I invite and encourage you to participate.

Wesley Nurse, Shirley Goss

United Methodist Women News

Clothing Drive for Children in Haiti

We are so blessed here in the United States and in Gonzales. We have what we need and more. We have nice clothes to wear. We have good shoes often new ones that fit our feet. But in Haiti the children at the orphanage, don't even have clothes of their own. They share clothes that have been donated and often times it doesn't even fit.

Just think what it would be like to see the smiles on the faces of these children when they are handed a set of clothes just their size. Our goal is to collect a new pair of underwear, a new shirt and a new pair of pants or shorts <u>for as many children as possible</u>.

On May 3rd the "Sock Tree" will be set up in the Narthex once again –this time it will have size tags clothes-pinned to it. Take one or several tags, purchase underwear, the shirt, pants or shorts and return it to the tree or church office.

After communicating with Sarah Rideout, the missionary in Haiti, these are the sizes we need -- newborn to small/medium in men's and women's. Come by the tree to check for exact sizes.

A Note from the Church Kitchen…

Please check the table in the Narthex for dishes left in the kitchen. We currently have an abundance of nice dishes that have been left. If not claimed, they will be donated to GCAM.

All things YOUTH

Hey everyone! I greet y'all now as MRS. SMITH! As you all know David and I were gone for the last few weeks getting married and going on our honeymoon. The past two weeks have flown by and now we are back in Gonzales as Mr. and Mrs. Smith! We are so thankful for what God has done in each of our lives and now as husband and wife we want to thank y'all for all that you have done to celebrate this time with us!

Celebrating the month of May

This month we as a church have the opportunity to celebrate our high school seniors. As they graduate and begin to prepare for a new season outside of high school lets take the month of May and celebrate all that God has done, and is continuing to do in their lives. In the short time that David and I have been in Gonzales we have been blessed to get to know and love these seniors and will miss them as they embark on a new journey. As I reflect on this group of students I am reminded of **Philippians 1:3-10**. That, "he who began a GOOD work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."-Philippians 1:6. As sad as I am to see these students leave Gonzales I am so thankful that wherever they go God goes with them and is continuing to do amazing and beautiful things in their life.

IMPORTANT DATES & ACTIVITES:

May 10th Senior Recognition at both services
May 13th Updating Youth Room (come ready to paint, clean and eat!)
May 24th Baccalaureate service @ 2:00PM for seniors at the JR High Auditorium.

QUICK REMINDER:

Sunday School is EVERY Sunday at 9:45AM and Wednesday night is still JR HIGH 5:30-6:30PM, Dinner at 6:30 and SR High 6:30-8:00!

CONFIRMATION BRUNCH

May 17th between services we will honor our Confirmands.
Please join us in welcoming these new members into our Church Family.
Please bring your favorite breakfast item to share during this time.

2015 Confirmation Class: Samantha Barnick, Nicholas Casares, Braden Clampit, Cade Davis, Bella DuBose, Jake Hardcastle, Weldon Holub, Ashtyn Kardosz, Ryan Kocian, Peyton Ruddock, Hayley Sample, Natalie Tenberg, Jordan Williams

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Gonzales Singing Festival
For Children & Youth
First United Methodist Church
Sunday, May 3 from 2–8 p.m.
First UMC Fellowship Hall
Registration begins at 1 p.m.

Featuring VocaLibre, Texas State's a capella singing sensation

Join Texas State's favorite a cappella singing sensation VocaLibre under the direction of Craig Aamot for an inspiring and engaging day of music making in Gonzales. This free half-day festival welcomes singers in grades 3-12 for a day of fun and learning, culminating in an evening performance featuring VocaLibre and the "Festival Choir" at 7 p.m. The day will be interactive, with members of VocaLibre working with the singers.