FUMC Newsletter
SEPTEMBER 2014

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Haiti Missionaries: ***Matt and Sarah Rideout***

Our Church is blessed to welcome Haiti missionaries Matt and Sarah Rideout. They will be visiting Gonzales September 17 through the 22nd to talk about their special ministry with the orphans in Haiti. Originally from North Carolina, Matt and Sarah participated in the disaster response following the devastating earthquake of 2010. From those experiences came the calling to become full time missionaries. Now they operate a day retreat center for local orphans. Last June our mission team worked with the Rideouts and the orphans visiting this retreat center.

Matt and Sarah will be speaking at both our Sunday morning worship services on Sunday, September 21. A special fellowship dinner on Sunday afternoon (beginning at 5pm) will allow Matt and Sarah to offer further details about their ministry and how our congregation can support the orphans in Haiti.

Altar Flowers for September are given by:

September 7

Inez Gray
Jay and Donna Gray
Josh, Jolie, and Hays Gray
In Memory of J.D. Gray,
Linda Gray Freeman, and Ross D. Gray

September 14

Carol and Eldon Farek
Lisa and Bruce Gindler
Deanie, Leslie, and Paisley Ploeger
In Memory of Ann Farek

September 21

Royce and Sarah Farrar
In Honor of Our Children
In Memory of Mary Elizabeth Boazeman,
and Russell Farrar

September 28

John & Edith Lucas
In Honor of Our church

The Bobby Morgan Family
In Memory of Loved Ones

Staff

Rev. Andy Smith, Senior Pastor
Felicia Cantu, Church Administrator
Willa Keck, Children's Ministry Director
Shirley Goss, Wesley Nurse
Craig Aamot, Music Minister
Christina Menking, Organist
Bill Meadows, Pianist
Sandra Jandt, Happy House Director
Rosannah Green, Attendance

Monthly Communion & Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, September 17

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

ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS AND PARENTS!!

Please give us the address of where you or your student will receive mail. Call the church office at 672-8521 as soon as possible. Our Membership & Care Committee will be sending them care packages throughout the year. Thank you!

EARTH ANGELS

Once again, it is the time of year that most students dread and most mothers celebrate-BACK TO SCHOOL! We wish all involved in the educational process a wonderful, productive, and successful year.

Earth Angels continue to make quilts, to go on special retreats, to donate quilts, and to go on personal vacations. Several quilts were given to community persons needing a special gift. At our August meeting, we welcomed another new member. Also, members are working on two new fun projects: Bless This House and Scrap Buster.

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 September 8, 2014; we'd love to have you.

Thank You

First United Methodist Church,

Its so good to know warm, considerate people who try to help others in all that they do, people whose lives show the meaning of God's love. It's so good to know wonderful people like our church family. Thank you for all the prayers, phone calls, food and visits.

Jo Ann Keck

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the gifts given to me on Senior Sunday and awarding me with the Minter Family Scholarship! It has been a blessing to be a part of this church growing up. I appreciate all of the prayers and support as I begin the next chapter of my life.

Sincerely, Nathan Medellin

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your continued prayers, cards, and support. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Janet Yoakum

Dear First UMC,

Thank you so much for selecting me for the scholarship. I am beyond grateful! I cannot wait to use these funds to further my education at UT Austin.

Sincerely, Taylor Malatek

Dear FUMC,

Thank you so much for choosing me as a scholarship recipient. I will be attending Southwest Texas Junior College in Uvalde and will study Wildlife Management. Thanks again for this honor. Also thank you for the Bible, Senior Luncheon and basket of goodies for college.

Sincerely, J.T. Miller

Dear First UMC,

Thank you for the scholarship. It will be used towards my goal in life.

Zac Perez-Clack

Dear First UMC,

Bill and I really appreciate all the care we were shown during my recent surgery. We really thank everyone for the cards, phone calls, flowers, visits and especially the prays. May God bless each of you.

Love, Bill & Ann Reaves

Book Club News

The August meeting of the Book Club was an exciting one because we discussed I Am Mahala: The Girl who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban by Mahala Yousafzai and Christina Lamb. Mahala is a Pakistani girl (she just celebrated her seventeenth birthday a few weeks ago) and Christina is a noted British journalist who helped her write her amazingly brave true story. Mahala was the daughter of parents who ran a school for girls, so education was very important to her and standing up for her right to an education made her a target of the Taliban. The book is enlightening, entertaining, and inspirational. We recommend it for every age reader. A perfect book for teen-agers who need to read a biography for school. Mahala is writing a book for teen-agers which is to be out in October or November, but this book is an easy read itself. Nan Berkeley led our lively discussion.

For September, we are looking forward to reading John Grisham's Sycamore Row. His books are always entertaining and this one about a small town lawyer (that he's written about before) defending the unusual beneficiary of a wealthy landowner's will is suspenseful and heart-warming, too. Read it and join us on September 25 for a discussion led by Connie Kearns.

Martha Jo Whitt

STATISTICAL REPORT JULY, 2014

DATE	8:30	10:45	TOTAL	SS	OFFERINGS
6	92	147	239	65	$ 16,374.30
13	109	110	219	65	$ 11,842.10
20	105	161	266	95	$ 11,307.00
27	101	132	233	60	$ 7,542.75
TOTALS:	407	550	957	285	**$ 47,066.15**
AVERAGES:	***102***	***138***	***239***	***71***	

TOTAL EXPENSES FOR THE MONTH: $ 29,827.62
NET GAIN OR LOSS FOR THE MONTH: $ 17,238.53
APPORTIONMENTS PAID TO DATE: 92%

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9/01	Connie Davis
9/02	Macy Sample
9/03	Eve Waddell
	Layne Barnick
9/04	Sue Harris
	Mason Matejcek
9/05	Billy Bouldin
	Doyle Allen
	Garen Reese
9/06	Sammie Massie
	Andy Smith
	Christi Fullilove
	Cade Davis
9/08	Elenore Ehrig
	Dane Sullivan
	Deana Fink
9/09	Darren Schauer
	Eldon Farek
	Tim Gray
	Will Miller
9/11	Charles Pankey
	Stephanie Carter
	Lance Behlen
	Kelsie Remschel
	James Gacke
9/13	David Bivins
	Dustin Williams
9/14	Booty Neitsch
	Jack Finch
	Devin Bennett
9/15	Bobby Morgan
	Braden Brzozowski
9/16	Rusty Clampit
9/17	Leah Behlen
	Jay Pruett
	Cole Boothe
9/18	Lana Lucas
	Emersyn Kusak
9/19	Tammy Morgan
	Mike Vaughan
9/20	Kathy Gibson
	Keith Schauer
	Shannon Sample
	Jamie Bryant
	Kristie Seale
	Tyler Kuntschik
	Travis Malaer
	Lloyd Gacke
9/21	Charlotte Wilson
	Deanie Ploeger
	Keith Stultz
	Keith Heldarsen
	Maggie Farrar
	Brendan Yoakum
9/22	Steve Taylor
	Kathleen Borrer
9/23	Frances Ehrig
9/24	Willene Tate
	Sue Grauke
	Nancy Logan
9/25	Judy Neitsch
	Matthew Oakes
	Parker Storey
9/26	Kristi Mercer
9/27	Ludene Poe
	Chad Denman
9/28	Sherry Poe
	Tyler Campos
9/29	Blake Allen
9/30	Tim Allen
	Joseph Matejcek

9/3	Robert & Amanda Willman
9/4	Tommy & Ceason Barnick
9/10	Greg & Joan Griffin
	Clayton & Stephanie Gacke
9/11	Keeton & Jessica Ehrig
9/12	Matt & Lea Ann Wyant
9/14	Emmitt & Marie Currie
9/18	Bobby & Barbara Atkinson
9/21	Steve & Penci Petty
9/22	Larry & Patrice Gray
	David & Sascha Kardosz
9/25	Bill & Tommie McMurtry

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

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

September 7, 2014	**8:30 A.M. SERVICE**	**10:45 SERVICE**	
	Braden Clampit	Kylee Watson	**ACOLYTES**
	Cade Davis	Kiley Allen	
	Quinn Atkinson	Trace Herndon	
	Emmitt Currie (Lead)	Pal Lester (Lead)	**USHERS**
	John Whitt	Kelly Allen	
	Martha Jo Whitt	David Bird	
	Billy Boothe	Jim Benedict	
	Sue Boothe	Jenice Benedict	
	Dale Graham	Eldon Farek	**LITURGIST**
	Lisa Gindler	Lisa Gindler	**CHILDREN'S SERMON**
September 14, 2014	**8:30 A.M. SERVICE**	**10:45 SERVICE**	
	Sydney Clack	Morgan Farrar	**ACOLYTES**
	Mallory Clack	Weldon Holub	
	Ancel Atkinson	Sadie Morgan	
	Emmitt Currie (Lead)	Pal Lester (Lead)	**USHERS**
	Jimmy Borrer	Jeffery Braune	
	Erwin Ckodre	Mike Davis	
	Gary Clack	Bitsy Henderson	
	Kenneth Fink	Eldon Farek	
	Rosemary Hindman	Lisa Gindler	**LITURGIST**
	Sandy Allen	Sandy Allen	**CHILDREN'S SERMON**
September 21, 2014	**8:30 A.M. SERVICE**	**10:45 SERVICE**	
	Brendon Mercer	Ryan Kocian	**ACOLYTES**
	Ashtyn Kardosz	Faith Lester	
	Chase Heldarsen	Trent Wilkerson	
	Emmitt Currie (Lead)	Pal Lester (Lead)	**USHERS**
	Bill DeBerry	Dick Goss	
	Dena Fritz	Shirley Goss	
	Herman Grauke	Greg Griffin	
	Joe Britt Hindman	Tom Lester, Sr.	
	Bill Keck	Gene Kridler	**LITURGIST**
	Commie Hisey	Commie Hisey	**CHILDREN'S SERMON**
September 28, 2014	**8:30 A.M. SERVICE**	**10:45 SERVICE**	
	Jordan Williams	Ava Medellin	**ACOLYTES**
	Cade Davis	Grace Morgan	
	Jaylen Johnson	Kacee Fink	
	Emmitt Currie (Lead)	Pal Lester (Lead)	**USHERS**
	Commie Hisey	Beverly Malatek	
	John Lucas	Cheryl Meadows	
	Ronnie Menking	Bobby Morgan	
	Travis Schauer	Ray Neitsch	
	Emily Neuse	Dick Goss	**LITURGIST**
	Pastor Andy	Pastor Andy	**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

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

Did you know...that in 1967 Patrice Shanklin was president of the junior high MYF; Melinda Mang, vice-president; Margie Dreyer, secretary; and Tommy Bruns, sergeant-at – arms? Also, Christina Dawe was president of the senior high MYF that same year. Billy Boothe was vice-president and Larry Mercer was treasurer.

September 2014

September 2014

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28	29	30				

October 2014

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26	27	28	29	30	31	

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Aug 31 - Sep 6	Aug 31	Sep 1 Labor Day-Office Closed	2 10:00am Shut-In-Visitation 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC	3 8:30am Happy House 10:00am Bible Study-CO 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 5:30pm Children's Ministry Meeting 5:30pm Praise Band Practice-S 6:30pm Choir Practice-CR	4 9:30am Communion at Care Centers 11:00am Flex & Tone 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 4:00pm Reunion Group-PR 5:30pm Pioneer Club Registration-FC	5	6
Sep 7 - 13	7 COMMUNION SUNDAY 8:30am Worship-S 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Worship-S 12:00pm Children's Choir Practice-CR 2:30pm Communion @ Romberg House 5:00pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth	8 8:30am Happy House 10:30am Staff Mtg.-L 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 5:30pm Pioneer Club Registration-FC 5:30pm Prayer Shawl-PR 6:00pm Dominoes-N 7:00pm Bible Study-CO	9 10:00am Shut-In-Visitation 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 5:30pm Wesleyan Circle-N 6:00pm Quilt Group-FC	10 8:30am Happy House 10:00am Bible Study-CO 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 5:30pm Praise Band Practice-S 5:30pm Worship Committee Mtg-CR 6:30pm Choir Practice-CR	11 11:00am Flex & Tone 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 4:00pm Reunion Group-PR	12	13
Sep 14 - 20	14 8:30am Worship-S 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Worship-S 12:00pm Children's Choir Practice-CR 5:00pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth	15 8:30am Happy House-Fall Pictures-N 10:30am Staff Mtg.-L 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 5:30pm Prayer Shawl-PR 6:00pm Dominoes-N 7:00pm Bible Study-CO	16 9:45am Lenore Boothe Circle-N 10:00am Shut-In-Visitation 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC	17 Missionaries From Haiti 8:30am Happy House 10:00am Bible Study-CO 12:00pm Communion Prayer Service-N & C 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 3:30pm Pioneer Club 5:30pm Praise Band Practice-S 6:30pm Choir Practice-CR	18 Missionaries From Haiti 11:00am Flex & Tone 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 4:00pm Reunion Group-PR	19 Missionaries From Haiti	20 Missionaries From Haiti 10:00am DAR Luncheon-N
Sep 21 - 27	21 Missionaries From Haiti 8:30am Worship-S 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Worship-S 5:00pm Dinner & Program with the Rideout's	22 Missionaries From Haiti 8:30am Happy House 10:30am Staff Mtg.-L 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 5:30pm Prayer Shawl-PR 6:00pm Dominoes-N 7:00pm Bible Study-CO	23 10:00am Shut-In-Visitation 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC	24 8:30am Happy House 10:00am Bible Study-CO 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 3:30pm Pioneer Club 5:30pm Praise Band Practice-S 6:30pm Choir Practice-CR	25 9:30am Book Club-L 11:00am Flex & Tone 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 4:00pm Reunion Group-PR 6:30pm Finance Committee Mtg.-PSS 7:00pm Ad Council-CR	26	27
Sep 28 - Oct 4	28 8:30am Worship-S 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Worship-S 12:00pm Acolyte Training-S 1:00pm Set up C&TI Food Booths 5:00pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth	29 8:30am Happy House 10:30am Staff Mtg.-L 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 5:30pm Prayer Shawl-PR 6:00pm Dominoes-N 7:00pm Bible Study-CO	30 10:00am Shut-In-Visitation 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC	Oct 1	2	3	4

Children's Corner

About Pioneer Club, Registration dates are Sept 4th and 8th in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm. Bring copies (front and back) of insurance cards. Registration fee remains at $50/year. This fee covers cost of afternoon snacks. Starting date is Sept 17 as long as I have all the volunteer positions filled. Volunteers are always welcome and needed as there are several areas that I still need help with--classroom assistants, teachers, van drivers, and additional kitchen help. The Pioneer Club program reaches so many children in the community, but only works smoothly if the volunteers are present. Prayerfully consider helping with this rewarding program on Wednesday afternoons. You will learn and have fun as much as the children! Please contact me at 672-8521, 830-857-6630, or wkeck@gvec.net if you can help or have questions!

Come and Take It News: Come and Take It will be here before you know it!! The plans for the Children and Youth Come and Take It Food Booth are under way!! **Parents, children and youth are all asked to work on the square in the food booth! We need workers in every shift!!** The sign up board will go up soon in the Narthex! Remember that the food booths are a major fundraising event for youth and children and we are providing a service for the community by hosting the food booths. I use the fundraising monies towards Pioneer Club activities, Christmas Craft Fair, Rocky Creek Maze Trip, and other events. Come and Take It weekend is very busy for everyone, filled with many activities, but as long as we all share the food booth workload, everyone still has time for family and fun too! The menu includes the ever so popular turkey legs, sausage wraps, roasted corn and sweets!

Congregation-Once again I am asking for the congregations help. Can you supply the children and youth booth with great desserts again? You have always provided us with so many delicious desserts-cakes, pies, cookies, brownies, rice krispy treats and more!! And we always sell just about everything you bake! Our congregation is known for what great cooks we have! Thank you for always helping us out!

I do ask that if you provide a dessert; do not use peanuts or peanut butter or bake anything that requires refrigeration. Bring sweets to the kitchen as each item must be logged in. Items will be cut and packaged in the church kitchen. I have to keep count of every piece of dessert that goes to the food booth!

On Sept 28, the food booths must be set up, starting around 1:00pm. Youth, children and parents are needed to assemble, clean the booths and to help our neighbors on the square with their booths too. Let's have a great showing of Methodists to help that afternoon!

The Hosanna Choir (Children's choir) is starting again! Practice on Sunday, Sept. 7 and Sunday, Sept. 14 immediately after the 2nd service in the choir room and practice on Wed, Sept 17 in the Sanctuary. (time to be determined for this Wed practice) The Hosanna choir will sing at both services on Sept 21.

Do you have a **Sunday School** class? Ask about the different classes we have for children and adults! Classes begin at 9:45am. If you need help in finding a class, don't hesitate to ask. Children and youth meet upstairs in the education building. The 2-4 year olds meet downstairs of the education building, next to the nursery. Sunday School is where you can really get into the Bible story and lesson and discuss and ask questions! And sometimes you even get to play with puzzles or go to Dairy Queen!

Fall Calendar:

***Mon, Sept 1* -** Labor Day, **office closed.**
***Wed, Sept 3* – Children's Ministry Committee meeting** at 5:30pm in the Progressive SS room.
Thur, Sept 4 – **Pioneer Club Registration** in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm.
Sun, Sept 7 – Hosanna Choir practice in choir room immediately after 2nd service.
Sun, Sept 7 - **Come and Take It Sign Up** Board-Start signing up to work the Food Booth.
Sun, Sept 7 – Help Pastor Andy with Communion at Romberg.
Mon, Sept 8 - **Pioneer Club Registration** in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm.
Sun, Sept 14 – Hosanna Choir practice in choir room immediately after 2nd service.
***Wed, Sept 17* – Pioneer Club starts! (If all volunteer positions filled)**
***Wed, Sept 17* – Hosanna Choir practice** in the Sanctuary. Time to be determined.
Sun, Sept 21 – **Hosanna choirs sings at both services**.
***Sun, Sept. 28* - Acolyte Training in the Sanctuary** immediately after 2nd service. For 2nd–6th graders.
Sun, Sept 28 - Help is needed to **set up food booths on the square at 1:00pm.** Help Set up the Methodist booths and help our neighbors set up their booths too!

United Methodist Women

The first Rio Grande & Southwest Texas Joint Mission u was held on July 11-13 at Mt. Wesley in Kerrville. 174 women, children and youth attended. There were 17 attendees for the Saturday One-Day class entitled, 'How is it With my Soul?" Each conference were represented on the teaching staff. Barbara Dorff, Andrea Gibbud, Nancy Maples, Vikki Schwarz represented the SWTX Conference while the Rio Grande leaders included Raqel Mariscal, Rev. Ella Luna, and Rev. Lilliana Padilla.

Cheryl Meadows & her grandson, Sawyer Boothe attended the 3-day event. Cheryl was one of the co-deans; so for her there was never a dull moment. Sawyer enjoyed attending the children's class activities.

Units from the Victoria District UMW contributed the following number of "birthing kits' – Columbus-25, Gonzales-22, Port Lavace-9, Victoria-23, and Webster Chapel-4 for a total of 83 kits from our district. Shipping monies collected were $154.00.

As a group, the Rio Grande and Southwest Texas Conferences collected a total of 1,086 kits along with $4,738.

Victoria District UMW Annual Meeting

September 13, 2014
Yoakum First United Methodist Church
Registration Deadline September 5, 2014
Study topics: "How is it With Your Soul?" led by Andrea Gibbud
The Roma of Europe led by Nancy Maples
The Church and People with Disabilities led byMarsha Priesmeyer
Mission Project is to bring canned goods, peanut butter and cereal of any kind for the Yoakum Food Bank
Please let Cheryl Meadows know if you would like to attend.

40th Southwest Texas Conference UMW Annual Meeting

Friday- Sunday, October 10-12, 2014 at Embassy Suites Northwest I-10
At 7750 Briaridge, San Antonio, Texas 78230
Dinner Night Dinner $32.00
Saturday – Sunday Registration includes 2 Meals on Saturday -- $95.00
Meeting Deadline Registration is Wednesday, September 22, 2014
Embassy Suites Northwest 1-210-340-5421
$119.00per night -- Room would accommodate 6 persons; Hotel Deadline: Sept. 10, 2014

Wesley Nurse News

"Test me O LORD, and try me, examine my heart and my mind." -Psalm 26:2

Research shows that heart disease impacts men and women differently. Women tend to display heart disease 10 years later than men but with a more serious outcome. In either sex it is important to know the signs of a heart attack. 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 been blessed with the anonymous donation of an AED, "Automatic External Defibrillator". The EMS demonstrated the AED at a recent Administrative Board meeting. After determining that an unconscious person has no pulse beat, and after CPR has been started, then the AED device is accessed to "shock the heart" to return to normal rhythm. This AED is available in our Narthex and a permanent "box" is being built to display it in a convenient location. Instruction on CPR and use of the AED are topics to be addressed in the future.

For interest and further information, contact Shirley Goss, RN, Wesley Nurse at 672-1031.

NEW MEETING DAY AND TIME!

Starting September 7, our weekly Youth Group gatherings will be on Sunday afternoons!

5pm to 7pm

(dinner will be served at 5pm)

Both Jr. and Sr. High Youth are invited to come to our new youth gatherings on Sunday afternoon. We will have dinner, fellowship, games, and Bible studies.

To all of our Youth we want to say that your church family loves you very much and we want you to enjoy the blessings that come from a Youth Ministry program. Please allow yourself this time to come to Youth! We are going to have FUN and learn more about God and our Christian faith!

Melissa Schauer is coordinating our Youth Group dinners. If you would like to provide (or help fund) one of the dinners, please contact Melissa or Pastor Andy. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

Sunday School ~ every Sunday morning upstairs in the education building!

September 7 ~ Youth Group resumes on Sunday afternoons: 5pm to 7pm.

Oct. 3 - 5 ~ Come & Take It weekend! (see the announcement on this page!)

October 26 ~ Trunk or Treat! Youth create and lead children's games in our parking lot! Tammy Morgan will be coordinating this event.

Fifth Quarter Party ~ Date TBA. Mia and Melissa Schauer will be coordinating this event. More info to come!

With the absence of a Youth Director the food booth at this year's ***Come & Take It*** festival will especially need your support. This fund raiser cannot be Willa's sole responsibility so we want to outline some specific ways Parents and other Adults can help with this year's event:

1. We need a volunteer to coordinate the Youth sign up board. This task is about encouraging people to volunteer for the different time slots and reminding people of their selected work times.

2. Instead of asking for one volunteer to coordinate the whole weekend, we can break this responsibility up into 6 shifts. These volunteers will be thoroughly trained and informed about the particulars of running the booth so that they can be the leader and resource person for the booth during the morning or afternoon shifts. (note: it's not always necessary for the coordinator to be in the booth.)

All Youth are invited to come to Sunday School! We meet up-stairs in the education building!

Matt & Sarah Rideout will be visiting Gonzales Sept. 17 - 22. Members of the mission team will be coordinating some special gatherings with the Rideouts. This info will be sent to the team members.

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For in him every one of God's promises is a "Yes."
For this reason it is through him that we say the "Amen," to the glory of God.