



# First United Methodist Church

408 North Baylor \* Brenham, Texas 77833-3213

September 1, 2010

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTORS

The following is excerpted from an article written by Rev. Joe Fort, District Superintendent of the West District. In the article, Rev. Fort outlines what he believes are the core functions of ministry emphasis that God will use to deepen every congregation. The full article can be found on the district's website [www.west-district.org](http://www.west-district.org) or at the church office.

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*Open Hearts . . .*

*Open Minds . . .*

*Open Doors . . .*

### SUNDAY MORNINGS AT FUMC

- 8:15 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast in the Activity Center
- 8:45 a.m. Refreshments in the Parlor
- 9:00 a.m. Celebration Service in the Activity Center
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School classes for all ages
- 11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

*Nursery care provided*

*The 11:00 a.m. service is broadcast each Sunday on Brenham radio KWHI/AM 1280 and Channel 10 Cable TV.*

### Pastoral Staff

Senior Pastor  
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### Blueprint item no. 1: Prayer Focus

The house of God must be a house of prayer. It is only by means of prayer that we open ourselves to God's being. There are many excellent books on prayer; therefore it is not necessary to discuss how to pray here. However, at all levels prayer should be embedded in the life of the congregation.

### Blueprint item no. 2: Engagement with the Word of God

The second window to God's power that you must open in the life of the congregation is a deep and widespread engagement with scripture. The Bible is the living Word of God. God is present and offers wisdom and power for us through the vehicle of the Word. Therefore, every Christian must avail themselves of the opportunity for spiritual strength and blessing that the scriptures provide.

### Blueprint item no. 3: Meaningful Worship

The heart of the congregation's life is its gathering for worship. Again, the purpose of this article is not to provide a detailed manual for worship design, but simply to point out that worship is central to the Church and that it must spiritually engage those who attend.

### Blueprint item no. 4: A Heart for Missions

A missional church is more than a church that simply takes up several communion offerings each year and sends them in to the denomination. While giving is important, it is also essential that a congregation be involved in hands-on mission experiences.

### Blueprint item no. 5: Personal Evangelism

In order to effectively reach persons for the sake of Jesus Christ, evangelism must be a personal commitment of each member of the Body of Christ. Study after study has demonstrated that over 80% of all persons attend a church for the first time based upon the personal invitation given to them by some member.

These blueprints will help to guide our ministry planning as we enter into a new year.

### Newsletter Deadline and Other Information

Your next newsletter deadline will be **Thursday, September 9, at 10:00 a.m.**

If you have a submission for the newsletter, please email your written article to [fumc@fumcbrenham.org](mailto:fumc@fumcbrenham.org) or please submit a handwritten article to the church office. This is the best way to make sure that all the information for your article is accurate. Thank you.



# METHODIST WEEKDAY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Ashley Abbey, Interim Director – 979-830-8661

**SUNDAY August 15, 2010**

**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	0
Worship 8:15 a.m.	78
Worship 11:00 a.m.	122
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	61
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>261</b>
Sunday School	111
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$ 7,532.46</b>

**SUNDAY August 22, 2010**

**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	4
Worship 8:15 a.m.	77
Worship 11:00 a.m.	169
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	76
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>326</b>
Sunday School	151
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$ 8,214.29</b>

**SUNDAY August 2, 2010**

**Church Attendance:**

Nursery	3
Worship 8:15 a.m.	66
Worship 11:00 a.m.	149
Celebration 9:00 a.m.	67
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>285</b>
Sunday School	119
<b>Offering:</b>	<b>\$ 5,126.06</b>

## The Beginning of a New Year!



Ms. Tami's pre-K class enjoy an afternoon snack.

It is that time of year again, school is back in session.

This past week volunteers from the church gracefully gave time from their busy schedules to come help freshen up the school. Each classroom has new paint and a touch of color was added. They look wonderful. We, the staff, would like to thank Rev. Terry Dougherty, Jerry Stratton, Joyce and Michael Brown, Jennifer Patrick, Clifford Brisbin, Barbara Murphy, Barbara Killgore, Jim Forsythe, JoAnna and Paul Reyna, Chris Rogers, Holly Carlile, Tino Alcala', and Jo and Red Powell for making this project possible. We would also like to thank the Methodist Women for donating pillows to go in the classroom reading centers.

Friday, August 20 was Mrs. Carole Horton's last day at the Methodist CDC. I am Ashley Abbey and I will be stepping in to fill her shoes. I have been a teacher and assistant director at the CDC for the past three years. For four years Mrs. Carole had managed the preschool, hosted fundraisers to support the school, and started up the WCCA chapter for preschool teachers to continue their education, along with many other accomplishments. We appreciate everything she has done for the school and wish her the best.

It is going to be an exciting year here at Methodist CDC. We have new and old faces to welcome back.

### Dates To Remember for the CDC

*Thursday, Sept 9*

*Friday, Sept 17*

*Friday, Sept 24*

*Wednesday, Sept 29*

*Parent Orientation*

*Three's & Pre -K Field Trip  
to the County Fair*

*Fall Picture Day*

*Fall Drive Thru Dinner*

### Prayer Concerns



Bettie Biggs  
Sig Fossdal  
Ruth Ann Marshall  
Tricia Gustafson  
Frank Tyson

Adam Muckleroy as he begins  
seminary this semester

Our homebound members  
Those serving in the military



Ashley Abbey, Interim Director

Holly Carlile  
added some fun  
to the walls of  
the infant room.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Jennifer Patrick, Program Coordinator, [Jennifer@FUMCBrenham.org](mailto:Jennifer@FUMCBrenham.org)

# KIDS CORNER

Can you hear me now?

Don't miss the fun!

September 12<sup>th</sup>

10:00am



Get Connected @FUMCBrenham

brunch

crafts

face painting

games

Bring a friend!!

Dunking Booth

## EDUCATION SUNDAY



Thanks to everyone who made Education Sunday such a memorable day for everyone!

Children & Youth @FUMCBrenham

# YOUTH "H.A.L.O" NEWS

Rick Ruiz, Youth Director [rcruiz1020@yahoo.com](mailto:rcruiz1020@yahoo.com)

## ...YOUTH IS GROWING!!!

We welcomed several junior high youth last Saturday at our Back to School Party. The senior high youth used their cooking skills acquired over this summer and I would say they made a GREAT meal!!! Because of the "new additions" to youth, we have established a separate youth meeting time for junior high youth, which will be on Sundays from 4:30pm-6pm, followed by dinner with the senior high from 6-6:30pm. Senior high youth will then follow until 8pm. Remember junior high youth – Spread the Word!!!



### August/September Calendar

Sun., August 29<sup>th</sup> – 4:30-6pm - Jr. hi youth, 6-6:30pm – Dinner (Jr. & Sr.), 6:30-8pm - Sr. hi youth  
Sun., September 5<sup>th</sup> – 4:30-6pm - Jr. hi youth, 6-6:30pm – Dinner (Jr. & Sr.), 6:30-8pm - Sr. hi youth  
Sun., September 12<sup>th</sup> – 4:30-6pm - Jr. hi youth, 6-6:30pm – Dinner (Jr. & Sr.), 6:30-8pm - Sr. hi youth  
Sun., September 19<sup>th</sup> – No Youth  
Sun., September 26<sup>th</sup> – 4:30-8pm Combined Jr. & Sr. Hi Youth



### SAVE THE DATE!!!

**On October 8<sup>th</sup>, the youth and their parents will be holding a dinner with youth entertainment in the FUMC Brenham Activity Center. Tickets will go on sale Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for more details.**

### ADOPT A BLINN STUDENT

It's once again time for Blinn to start up another great year. At FUMC Brenham we've had students come and worship with us from time to time. We have even had one join our choir as an intern and had a wonderful experience having her with us.

With Blinn College right here in our community, it is time to reach out to them like we've never done before. So, FUMC is sponsoring, "Adopt A Blinn Student". Working closely with our youth minister, Rick Ruiz, we will obtain names of students starting this Fall 2010 semester. They will be young adults he meets through his wonderful work at the Wesley Foundation and that are interested in being in this program. We will match up one student with church members that want to "adopt" them.

What this really means is taking an interest in one special student. An occasional phone call or email, possibly a home cooked meal now and then, remembering them on their birthday, and maybe providing a small goody bag, or care package around final time would all be things you could do. Of course inviting them to church and sit with them and hopefully meeting their real parents if they come to town would be great too. You would be another adult in their life they could count on in case of emergencies.

We're planning a special Sunday in late Sept/ early Oct. to invite these special students to service and then go out to eat with them after church. More on that coming soon.

So if this is something you might be interested in, let us know. We'll get back with you later in September to give you your students name and information. Please contact either the church office or Michele Smith at 979 251-9840 or [michelestamps@sbcglobal.net](mailto:michelestamps@sbcglobal.net).

## *Serving our Community*



Members of FUMC Brenham and Faith Mission staff gathered on Monday Morning to dedicate an apartment on Botts Street that will be used for transitional housing. The entire apartment received a make-over during the past few months thanks to hard-working volunteers and generous donations from our church.



### *Memorials*

**Rosalie Sidebottom**

by Art and Ruthelyn Hinners

**Rosalie Sidebottom**

by Gary and Kay Ivy

**Miriam Pound**

by Felton and Brenda Beasley

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by Gary and Kay Ivy

**Miriam Pound**

by Don and Mary Wilhelm

**Miriam Pound**

by Rev. Larry and Mary Embry

**Gary Harris**

by Ivan and Faye Wubbenhorst

**Cynthia Hendricks**

by Ivan and Faye Wubbenhorst

*In Honor of*

**Michael Brown**

by James and Dena Miller

### **Disciple Bible Study**

Plans are being made to begin a Disciple Bible Study group. Disciple Bible Studies are available in short (8 week) and long-term (34 week) studies. Anyone interested in joining this group, please contact the church office at 836-2008. Let us know if you are interested in the short or long program and the days and times that would suit your schedule. A starting date will be announced soon. Mike and Carolyn Baker, trained DBS facilitators, will lead the group.



## Harvest Festival News

It's hard to believe but our annual Harvest Festival is just a few weeks away on October 26<sup>th</sup>. This marks our 40<sup>th</sup> year of the Harvest Festival and Silent Auction and we are so honored to be continuing a wonderful church tradition with success each year. Preparations are well underway with much more to be discussed and planned. The UMW meeting on September 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 in the activity center is one I encourage all members and ladies of the church to attend for all the latest details. Now is a good time to start thinking about items for our Silent Auction. You may have items around your home for the auction and don't even know it. Our country store is always looking for donations of pies, cakes, cookies, and other homemade items. Please keep this in mind in the coming weeks. There are many ways to help with our Harvest Festival, so I encourage anyone who would like to participate to give me a call and be watching the newsletter for more updates. Mark your calendars now and come help us celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Festival. Traditions do live on!!!

Kim Limmer: 836-9119

### Church Kitchen Committee

Our Church now has a kitchen committee. The goal of this committee is to ensure a safe, clean, organized, well stocked kitchen for the use of our members. Each member of the committee represents a program area that often uses the kitchen:

UMW	June Ross
Methodist Men	Robert Smith
Evangelism	Michelle Smith
Missions	Pat and Bobby Clark
Celebration	Patrice Summerour and Paul (Chico) Reyna
Youth	Rick Ruiz and Ann Miller
Child Development	Ashley Abbey

The new KITCHEN USE GUIDELINES have been approved by the committee. These guidelines as well as a check list to be filled out and signed by each user have been posted in the kitchen. Rick Ruiz will oversee safe use of our refrigerator and freezer. Michele Smith will keep our pantry stocked.

The committee is asking all our church members to be a part of keeping our kitchen clean and neat. Our fellowship is always enriched by gathering around good food!

A kitchen workday will be held on Saturday, September 11, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We will be organizing cabinets and drawers and cleaning all those spots that are often missed. If you are free that day, join us, or just drop by to say hello.

**Invite Someone to Church!**

**Can you hear me now?**

Don't miss out!!

**Sunday**

**September 12**



**Get Connected  
@FUMCBrenham**

Join us for 'Get Connected' Sunday  
September 12 at 10:00 a.m. in the AC  
**BRING A COVERED DISH for BRUNCH**

**SHARING OF MINISTRIES  
BRUNCH  
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES**

# September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 1:00 CARE / Library 7:00 Choir Practice	2 9:00 Yoga A/C	3 9:00 Emmaus / Library	4
5 4:30-8:00 Youth Group / AC 2:30 Worship @ Argent Court 3:30 Worship at Gazebo Terrace	6 Labor Day Office Closed	7 8:50 UMW Exec / Library 9:30 UMW / AC	8 6:00 Stewardship / FR 7:00 Choir Practice	9 9:00 Yoga / AC 10:00 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 6:30 UMM / AC	10 9:00 Emmaus / Library <b>JOY Day Trip Deadline</b>	11 10:00-12:00 Kitchen clean-up day
12 10:00 Get Connected (Coming Home Sunday) 4:30-8:00 Youth Group / AC	13 9:00 Bible Study / FH 1:00 CDC Board / Library	14 9:00 Card / MH	15 7:00 Choir Practice	16 9:00 Yoga / AC 6:00 Girl Scouts / AC	17 9:00 Emmaus / Library	18 8:00 Epiphany / AC
19 West District Conference 2:00 Confirmation Meeting / FH	20 9:00 Bible Study / FH	21 9:30 Hinners / Fortune Post / Goodman Rogers / Rogers 12:00 Susanna / AC 6:30 Wesleyan / FH	22 10:00 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 7:00 Choir Practice	23 9:00 Yoga / AC	24 8:00 JOY Day Trip 9:00 Emmaus / Library	25
26 1:00 Confirmation / FH 4:30-8:00 Youth Group / AC 5:30 ACTS practice begins	27 9:00 Bible Study / FH 3:00 42 / Mission	28 5:30 Evangelism / FR 6:30 Trustee / FR Bishop Huie visits West District	29 1:00 CARE / Library 7:00 Choir Practice	30 9:00 Yoga / AC		

## YOGA CLASSES at FUMC Brenham

**WHEN:** Thursday mornings, 9 a.m.  
Beginning September 2, 2010

**LOCATION:** Activity Center

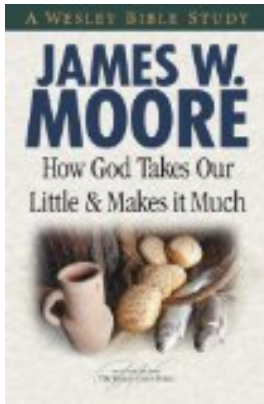
Hatha yoga classes will again be offered at FUMC Brenham this fall. Classes are on Thursday mornings at 9 a.m. in the Activity Center and last about 90 minutes. Anyone is welcome and there will be no charge. Pat Clark, a certified Hatha yoga instructor, leads the class.

This yoga class is mainly designed to help older adults improve their flexibility, strengthen muscles and increase their energy levels, but is open to all ages. By doing regular yoga postures, you protect yourself from conditions such as arthritis and back pain, as well as preventing falls (possible osteoporotic fractures).

Come check out the class, dress casually, bring a yoga mat or towel for the floor, and bring a friend, if you'd like. You'll be more relaxed and it won't take long before you notice how much better you feel doing yoga.

Pat Clark, 979-830-1950 / pclark6629@gmail.com





## New Bible Study begins on Monday, September 13 at 9 a.m.

Pastor Dale will lead this 6 session, video-based study on Monday mornings. Dr. Moore uses key Scriptures that distinctively shape the beliefs of United Methodists. The group will meet in the Fellowship House (across the street from the church offices on Baylor St.) Everyone is welcome!

*Celebrating Our Methodist Heritage  
At the Celebration Service on Sundays at  
9 a.m. in the Activity Center*

*Beginning on September 5...*

*What's in Your Backback?*

*Tools for learning about God's will for your life.*

*Scripture – Tradition – Experience – Reason  
(otherwise known as the Wesleyan quadrilateral)*

***NOW AVAILABLE  
ON DVD!***

The 11:00 service is recorded each Sunday. Copies of the DVDs are available upon request. Please contact the church office for more information. Dan Jurden is providing this service for our church.

## Confirmation Class

One of the most exciting ministries the Church participates in as a family is the Baptismal Journey. This process of Christian discipleship, begun at Baptism with vows made on behalf of the children, is completed at Confirmation when we are made accountable to those vows by instructing our young people in the basics of our Faith. Confirmation is offered to our young people when they reach sixth grade. Persons who have not been confirmed, who are at least 12 years of age, also are welcomed to join the class. The class will be held on Sunday afternoons, beginning in late September and continuing to June 5, 2011. The students will then be recognized on Confirmation Sunday at the end of their confirmation journey.

**ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2010 AT 2:00 P.M. THERE WILL BE A MEETING FOR ALL CONFIRMATION STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENT(S) AT THE FELLOWSHIP HOUSE ON N. BAYLOR ST. PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND.**



**Join us for J.O.Y.'s BIG  
Day Trip of the Year to...**



**The Brookwood Community**

**Friday, September 24**

Meet at the Church at 8:00 a.m.  
Tour of the facilities, gourmet lunch and an opportunity to shop  
We will return by 3:00 p.m.

***You must RSVP for this trip by September 10 because of meal availability.  
Registration forms can be found in the church office, Sunday School classes, in  
the Narthex of the Sanctuary and Activity Center***

***Bring a Friend to this inspiring community!***

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