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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 96 Cable TV.

#### Pastoral Staff

Senior Pastor Rev. Dale Chance pastordale@fumcbrenham.org

**Associate Pastor** Rev. Kay Reed pastorkay@fumcbrenham.org

## **First United Methodist Church**

408 North Baylor St. Brenham, Texas 77833-3213 January 28, 2013

#### Athlete's Mouth

As I write my first column for 2013, I cannot keep from saying once again what a loving and supportive congregation you have been during my surgery and time away. I want to thank you again for your love and friendship that have blessed me more than I can tell you. This is a great church. Great churches don't just happen. They are the result of great people who have a deep faith and commitment to Jesus Christ and a strong commitment to the work of God's kingdom in the local church.

As of this last week I have returned to work and I look forward to being back and serving and worshipping with you in this New Year. I believe the best is yet to come. God has great things for us to do and experiences that will enrich our lives and strengthen our faith. Let us continue the work that God has started in us as we begin 2013!

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The greatest sporting event in America is once again upon us: The Super Bowl! I am always amused at the intense importance we give to sports and sports figures. Locker room interviews probe the minds of sweaty athletes immediately following games, as if to glean some deep insight from their words. But seldom does wisdom come. Here are some dubious comments famous athletes have made into microphones.

From Yogi Berra (the king of all sports mis-spokesperson): "You got to be careful if you don't know where you are going, because you might not get there."

A more recent comment, "You give a hundred percent in the first half of the game, and if it isn't enough, in the second half you give what's left."

"He's a great athlete and switch hitter because he's amphibious."

"If you can't imitate him, don't copy him."

"A nickel ain't worth a dime anymore."

"Slump? I ain't in no slump. I just ain't hitting."

"We just made too many wrong mistakes."

And in response to a question about a team's dismal record: "I wish I had an answer to that question, because I'm getting tired of answering that question."

The manager of the New York Yankees analyzed baseball by saying, "Half of this game is 90% mental." When another player was asked why he hadn't grown a beard he explained, "I've been traveling so much I haven't had time to grow one." A running back for the New Orleans Saints said of his personal goals: "I want to gain 1500 or 2000 yards, whichever comes first."

And let us never forget the Rt. Rev. William T. Manning who was reported as proclaiming, "Football is one of the highest forms of spiritual exercise."

So, have a good Super Bowl, but don't take it too seriously. Don't take anybody too seriously, except the Lord!

See you Sunday,

#### METHODIST WEEKDAY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Tami Stevens, Director – 979-830-8661

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The children have enjoyed their indoor winter fun activities! In the Doodlebug class they have had sensory fun with fake snow and had snowman snacks.





#### SUNDAY January 6, 2013 **Church Attendance:**

Nursery Worship 8:15 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Celebration 9:00 a.m. **Worship Total** 239 Sunday School 108 Offering: \$23.830.50

#### SUNDAY January 13, 2013 **Church Attendance:**

Nursery 7 Worship 8:15 a.m. 61 Worship 11:00 a.m. 116 Celebration 9:00 a.m. 62 **Worship Total** 246 Sunday School 124 Offering: \$7,000.32

#### SUNDAY January 20, 2013 **Church Attendance:**

8 Nursery Worship 8:15 a.m. 80 Worship 11:00 a.m. 116 Celebration 9:00 a.m. 68 **Worship Total** 272 Sunday School 97 \$9,252.00 Offering:

#### **DECEMBER TOTALS**

Dec. Income: \$73,016.80 Dec. Expense: \$56.254.76 Dec. Total: \$16,762.04

#### PRELIMINARY YTD TOTALS

YTD Income: \$46,391.40 YTD Expense: \$34,926.94 YTD Net Total: \$11,464.46

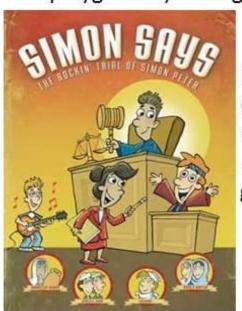
## February's Up Coming Events

\*Feb. - Pre-K and 3's go to the library every Monday at 10:30

Feb. 21st – The Zoo Man comes to visit from Austin

## A.C.T.S.

Begins Sunday, February 17 at 5:00 – 6:30 pm in Room 139 (enter at the door next to the playground). Bring a folder



and \$2 for a listening CD. This musical is a "rockin" good time!



Mark your calendars now!

Vacation Bible School is July 22-26
this year. Please note this is a later
date so please make plans to
attend and help out. This is gonna
be HUGE!

## **CONFIRMATION 2013**

There is an information meeting for confirmands, their parents and mentors on Sunday, February 10 at 3:00 PM in Room 139 (Faithbuilder's Room). Please bring your calendar. We will be planning the season's activities. Confirmation Sunday is

May 19.



### LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT

During the season of Lent we want to show our gratitude to God by serving others. This year we will be collecting items to share with soldiers serving in Afghanistan. The list of items to collect will be in the next newsletter and will be posted around the church.

#### Rick Ruiz, Youth Director rick@fumcbrenham.org





### February 2013 Youth Calendar

\*subject to change\*

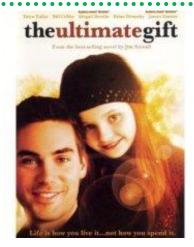
**Sun., Jan. 27** – Youth 2-8pm trip to Beuscher State Park for Rainbow Trout Fishing

**Sat., Feb. 2** – Youth 2:30-8pm trip to Bryan College Station for Popovich Pet Comedy Show

Sun., Feb. 10 – Youth 5-7:30pm, meet in the AC

Sun., Feb. 17 - No Youth

Fri., Feb. 22- Sun., Feb. 24 – Midwinter at Lakeview



## An invitation from the youth...

The youth and I two summers ago on one of our summer trips, watched the movie "The Ultimate Gift", and we did the study as well. It was very powerful for everyone and showed us to always be thankful for the many blessings we have, even though sometimes we may forget. It's a great reminder for anyone. I decided during that trip that I would show the youth this movie

periodically as a reminder of that lesson and also for those who are new to youth. On behalf of the youth and myself, we would like to offer this DVD to lend to anyone who is interested in seeing it. Please contact me if you're interested. Blessings, Rick



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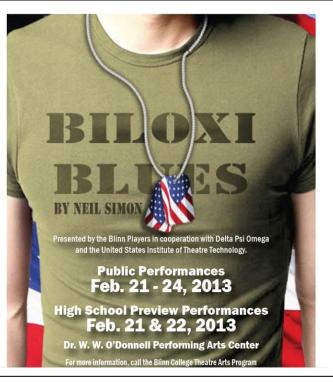
#### **Prayer Concerns**

**Taylor Tubbs** Kathy Revenaugh Yvonne Moore **Grant Cook Greg Willey** Ann Talley Leroy Polk Jim Hickey Kathy Rote Bob Perry **Justin Davis** Ruby Knobs Angie Spencer Marnie Whitmarsh Walt Fortune Marilynn Wrigley Kathy Rote Elaine Walberg Gene Moss **Taylor Tubb** Joe Curl

Our homebound members and those serving in the military

## J.O.Y.

JOIN US FRIDAY. FEBRUARY 22 FOR LUNCH AND A SHOW AT BLINN COLLEGE. LUNCH IS AT 11:30AM IN THE BLINN CAFETERIA (IN THE STUDENT CENTER) THE COST IS UNDER \$8. THE SHOW, BILOX **BLUES**, BEGINS AT 1:00PM AT THE WW O'DONNELL THEATER ACROSS THE STREET. THE SHOW IS FREE! INVITE YOUR FRIENDS.



### Thanks!

We would like to thank all those who prayed, sent cards or just kept us in mind during our trip to Kansas and the death of my brother, Earl Goodrich. Your concern was touching.

Frank & Louise Goodrich

## Donations Received

# **9n memory of**Eugene Vanderworth

By Art and Smitty Hinners

## **In memory of**Earl Goodrich

By Art & Smitty Hinners

## **Un memory of**Ray Andrew Barrett

By Art & Smitty Hinners

# **Un memory of**Virginia Lee Stratton

By Ron and Nynvia Mills

## **Un memory of**Mamie Imhoff

By Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Becker

### Thanks FUMC!

To the members of Brenham, First UMC,

On behalf of the West District and the Texas Annual Conference, I wish to express my deep gratitude to your congregation for fully supporting their 2012 Conference and District apportionments. I know that for many churches reaching this milestone right now presented a challenge that required much generosity and sacrifice. Your faithfulness permits ministry and mission to be continued both close to home and around the world through the West District, the Texas Conference, and the United Methodist Church.

I truly thankful and am proud of you for your efforts. May God bless your church and its witness for Christ in this New Year.

Grace and Peace, Rev. Joe Fort, Jr. West District Superintendent



#### **Newsletter Deadline and Other Information**

Your next newsletter deadline will be Fri., Feb. 8, 2013 at 10:00 am.

Your next new

If you have a submit fumc@fumcbrenham
office. This is the bits accurate. Thank

If you have a submission for the newsletter, please email your <u>written</u> article to <u>fumc@fumcbrenham.org</u> 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.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY 1	SATURDAY 2
					9:00 Emmaus/ Parlor Kids leave for Confirmation Camp	8:00 Epiphany Training/ AC 2:00 Youth-Pet Comedy Show/ College Station
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	10:00 FSG/FH 12:00 Wesley/Blinn	<b>9:30</b> UMW/ AC	6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal/ Choir Room	<b>9:00</b> Yoga/ AC	9:00 Emmaus/ Parlor	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
12:00 Confirmation Meeting/ Rm. 139 5:00 Youth/ AC	10:00 FSG/FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn 1:00 CDC Board/ Library	9:00 Card Group/ MH 6:00 Evangelism/ FR	<b>7:00</b> Ash Wednesday Service/ Sanctuary	9:00 Yoga/ AC 6:30 UMM/ AC	<b>9:00</b> Emmaus/ Parlor	<b>8:00</b> Epiphany Training/ AC
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
3:00 Confirmation/ FH 5:00 Youth/ AC ACTS/ Rm. 139	10:00 FSG/FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn	9:30 Post Circle/ House Goodman Circle- Hinners / FH Reiland Circle- Fortune/ MH 12:00 Susanna Circle/ House 6:30 Wesleyan Circle- Meschwitz-Chance/ FH	11:45 Lenten Luncheon 1:00 Council on Ministries/ Library 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal/ Choir Room	<b>9:00</b> Yoga/ AC	9:00 Emmaus/Parlor 11:30 JOY Trip/ Blinn Youth leave for Lakeview	
24	25	26	27	28	1	2
<b>5:00</b> ACTS/ Rm. 139	10:00 FSG/FH 12:00 Wesley/ Blinn	9:00 Card Group/ MH Yoga/ AC	11:45 Lenten Luncheon 1:00 Care Team/ Library 6:30 Celebration Band/ AC 7:00 Choir Rehearsal/ Choir Room	1:00 Bluebonnet Garden Club Flower Show/ AC	<b>9:00</b> Emmaus/ Parlor	
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Return Service Requested

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