

Confirmation Sunday



**Sunday,
April 26th
10:30 Service**

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The Spoken Word

Sunday, April 26, Rev. Paul Goodrich will be preaching a sermon entitled, ***"Take It Personally."*** The Scripture reading will be Matthew 16:13-18.

Sunday, May 3, Rev. Paul Goodrich will be preaching a sermon entitled, ***"Can There Be Grace in Noah and the Flood?"*** The Scripture reading will be Genesis 6:11-22.

I recently read in another church's newsletter an interesting story that has something to say to each of us.

It is about a carpenter who helped a farmer restore his old farmhouse. It had been a rough first day for the carpenter: a flat tire made him lose an hour of work, his electric saw broke, and then his ancient pickup refused to start. The carpenter sat in stony silence as the farmer drove him home.

The carpenter invited the farmer to meet his family. As they walked to the front door, the carpenter paused briefly at a small tree, touching its small branches. When he opened the door, he underwent an amazing transformation, as his face lit up with smiles and he warmly hugged his two children and his wife.

Afterward, he walked the farmer to his car, and as they passed the tree by the front door, the farmer asked him about what he had done



The Written Word

as they walked by the tree when they first arrived.

"That's my trouble tree," he replied. "I know I can't help having troubles on the job, but I also know that troubles don't belong in the home with my wife and children. So I just hang them up on the tree when I get home every night, and then in the morning, I pick them

up again as I leave."

"Funny thing is," he continued, "when I come out in the morning and pick them up, there are not nearly as many as I remember hanging up the night before."

I certainly think that the carpenter had a fantastic idea. Putting boundaries around our problems prevents our difficulties from spilling over onto other people who can't do anything about our problems, and we should not burden them.

I am going to find me a "trouble tree" or a "trouble plant or bush" at our house and hang my troubles on the branches whenever I get home.

How about you? *(cont'd Page 2)*

**SERVING
OUR CHURCH
ON APRIL 26, 2009**

Ushers

Chairman Co-Chair
Bill Presson Danny Clarke

8:30 Service
Davis Lowe

10:30 Service
Pulpit

Eddie Trigg (*Captain*)
Bill Rowland, Robin Young
Fred Lowder, Tim Travis
Tommy Arens

Lectern

Larry Petrash (*Captain*)
Vern Lingle, Randy Riley
Kevin Selvidge, Cord Young
Sam Kenshalo, Lamar Baer
Barbara Davis

10:30 Service Greeters
Ann & Denny Bishop
Mary Leath

Reception Desk

Pam Rushing
Mary Jane Arrington

Television Ministry

Alex Beltchev, Cameron Deal
Keith Hill, Peggy Scarlott
Jared Fadow, Glenn Barham
Ed Hammond

Drivers

Bi-the-Way Class

Acolytes

Emma Knight
Lauren Ogerly

Visitor Locators

Youth Group

Flower Delivery (Monday)

Margaret Mitchell
Ardella Johnson

As always, I look forward to seeing you the next two Sundays, especially this Sunday as we celebrate the confirmation of several of our youth, as they profess their faith in Jesus Christ and become members of our church.

—Paul Goodrich



Altar flowers Sunday, April 26th are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. J.S. Bridwell, Mr. & Mrs. W.C. Metcalf, and Teri Scott Hood given by Mr. & Mrs. Joe Bridwell Hood & Family.

Altar flowers Sunday, May 3rd are given by Jerry & Kristen Gossett to the glory of God and in honor of all who participate in the music ministry of First United Methodist Church.



the family and friends of Rev. DeForrest "De" Wiksten who died Thursday, April 16th in Dallas. The funeral was held Monday, April 20th at Northaven United Methodist Church in Dallas. De was the Senior Pastor here at FUMC from 1983-1990.

In the hospital recently. . .

**Darrold Cannan
Marilyn Darnell
Frank Lee
Lynn Silver**

Congratulations to. . .

Carl Wiersema and the Lady Raider Soccer Team on making it to the State Play-offs.



Dear FUMC Members,

Thank you very much for including River Oaks Care Center as part of the distribution of Easter Lilies. The flowers were especially nice because one of our residents had her 103rd birthday on Easter Sunday.

You are very much appreciated.

~Sally McGaha



Would you believe. . . Robby Press received 2nd in Social Studies and 4th in Science in this years TAPPS Academic/ Speech State Competition. *Congratulations!*

DAILY

Saturday, April 25
I Kings 9-11
Sunday, April 26
I Kings 12-13
Monday, April 27
I Kings 14-15
Tuesday, April 28
I Kings 16-18
Wednesday, April 29
I Kings 19-20

BIBLE

Thursday, April 30
I Kings 21-22
Friday, May 1
II Kings 1-3
Saturday, May 2
II Kings 4-5
Sunday, May 3
II Kings 6-8

READING

Monday, May 4
II Kings 9-10
Tuesday, May 5
II Kings 11-13
Wednesday, May 6
II Kings 14-15
Thursday, May 7
II Kings 16-17
Friday, May 8
II Kings 18-20

Young Energetic Seniors (YES)

Senior Adult Luncheon

The 35th annual Senior Adult Luncheon honoring "the most esteemed members" of FUMC will be held at 11:30am, Sunday, May 3rd in Fellowship Hall immediately following the morning worship service.

The complimentary luncheon will feature presentation of recipients of the Joyce and J.B Barham volunteer award, which recognizes those FUMC seniors who have given outstanding volunteer service to the church.

A musical program will be featured.

Deadline for luncheon reservations for senior members is Sunday, April 26th. Call the church 766-4231 for your reservation.



Granbury Trip

A trip to the Granbury (TX) Opera House to hear a lively musical about America has been scheduled by the YES Committee for Saturday, June 27th. Registration deadline is Sunday, May 17th and no refunds can be given after this date.

"America the Beautiful" is the show title with lyrics and music proclaiming a patriotic theme telling, "What's right about America." The historic Granbury Opera House on the square is a favorite theatre trip for YES travelers.

Cost of the trip will be \$35.00, which includes ticket cost and transportation on the church bus. Lunch will be "on your own" at your choice of restaurants on the square.

Time of departure will be at 9am. The show is a matinee.



SERVING OUR CHURCH ON MAY 3, 2009

Ushers

Chairman Co-Chair
Bill Presson Danny Clarke

8:30 Service

Mike & Patty Crocker

10:30 Service

Pulpit

Robin Young (*Captain*)
Dewayne Bell, Doug Bomer
Rick Bowersock, Gary Butler
David Farabee,
Brad Featherston

Lectern

George Knause (*Captain*)
Dick Dudley, Gant Grimes
Lisa Hill, Harold Lerew
Vern Lingle, Larry Petrash
Barbara Davis

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Valerie Cook
Sandra Meaders

Reception Desk

Evelyn Staten
Rosie Wilson

Television Ministry

Joan Gray, Anne Kring
Tyler Travis, Keith Hill
Peggy Scarlott, Glenn Barham
Ross Hammond

Drivers

Exodus Class

Acolytes

Kelsi Saenz
Hope Rouse

Visitor Locators

Jessica Contreras
Aaron Saldana

Flower Delivery (Monday)

Earl & Sandy Denney

Children's Ministries



Hey Kids: Memorize this verse, tell it to Lydia, & get 5 Good Bucks!

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations"

Matthew 28:19 NRSV



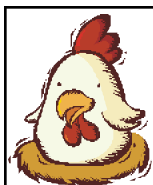
"In Joseph's Lovely Garden"

By: Cherub and Trinity Choirs
 Located in the stairway near the Education entrance.



"In Joseph's Lovely Garden"

By: Wesley Choir
 Located in the Undercroft.



Chickens for Missions!!

During the month of April, the children's Sunday School Department is giving our Sunday morning offerings to Heifer Project, International. An egg is a symbol of new life, and in the Easter spirit our goal is to give a "Flock of Chicks" to a help a family. Don't forget to bring your Sunday School offering this Sunday!!

↘ This Week's Children's Activities! ↙

- Pre-School Sunday School:**
(9:15-10:15am) - Meet in Rm 204
- K-5th Grade Sunday School:**
(9:15-10:15am) - Gather in Rm 216
- Children's Church:**
(10:30 worship) Rec Lobby

"Oh, Jonah" - May 6th Rehearsal Schedule for "Oh, Jonah"

- Wednesday, April 29th**
 - 4:00-5:30pm Trinity/Wesley rehearsal
 - 4:00-4:45pm Cherub Choir rehearsal
 - 4:45-5:30pm Cherub Choir "More"
- Sunday, May 3rd—Choir Appreciation Day**
 - 9:00am Rehearsal in Sanctuary
 - 10:30am All Choirs Sing for Worship
 - 1:30pm Rehearsal in Fellowship Hall
- Monday, May 4th**
 - 4-5:30pm Rehearsal in Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday, May 5th**
 - 4-5:30pm Rehearsal in Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday, May 6th**
 - 4:00pm Rehearsal
 - 6:00pm Dinner in Fellowship Hall 630pm
 - "Oh, Jonah"



VBS

July 13-17, 2009

It's time to begin signing up!! I need a leader for crafts and music as soon as possible so we can start ordering our supplies. Please contact Lydia if you are willing to help with our Vacation Bible School in any way!! Call Lydia at 766-2431 or e-mail at lpellikan@fumcwf.org.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

THE ROCK

Youth Music Notes

- **Sunday, April 26** - Last Sunday afternoon rehearsal for the year
4:45pm Chapel Choir
5:30pm Chapel Ringers
- **Sunday, May 3rd** - Chapel Choir and Ringers will sing and play for the 8:30 and 10:30 services for Choir Appreciation
- **Wednesday, May 6** - The Choir Award Dinner will be Wednesday, May 6 at 6:00pm. Chapel Choir and Ringers eat free but please make a reservation
Tickets: Adult: \$6 Child: \$3

Sign-up Deadline Sun. May 3

SIGN UP NOW!
GALVESTON
YOUTH
MISSION
TRIP 2009



DATE: JUNE 21-26
\$50 DEPOSIT DUE!

HS SENIORS! Sunday, May 24 is High School Graduation Sunday. FUMC Wichita Falls would like to recognize all our graduating seniors. If you are a senior in high school and you have not been contacted please let us know! Call Mr. Ginn @ 766 - 4231.

What's Goin' On?

Sunday, April 26

- Sunday School - 9:15am
- **SYM** Auditions! - 1-4pm
- Praise Band - 3:30pm
- Chapel Choir - 4:45pm
- Chapel Ringers - 5:30pm
- Youth Fellowship - 6:00pm

Wednesday, April 15

Bible Study

- Jr. High 5:30-6:45pm
- Sr. High 7:00-8:30pm

Sunday, May 3

- Chapel Choir & Ringers perform @ both services
- Sunday School - 9:15am
- Praise Band - 3:30pm
- Chapel Choir - 4:45pm
- Chapel Ringers - 5:30pm
- Youth Fellowship - 6:00pm

Sunday, May 3

Sign-up deadline for youth mission trip to Galveston. \$50 deposits due.

Wednesday, May 6

Bible Study

- Jr. High 5:30-6:45pm
- Sr. High 7:00-8:30pm
(Power Packs 3rd floor)

Sunday, May 24

HS Graduation Sunday.

Summer Youth Musical

BYEBYE BIRDIE

Auditions!

Sunday, April 26
1-4pm @ FUMC

Come join the cast
and join the fun!



Thank you to all the teams who joined us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship on Friday, April 17.

CONGRATULATIONS! Team Goodrich

Winner of the 1st Annual Genesis Cup





Now, however, you should forgive him and encourage him,
in order to keep him from becoming so sad as to give up completely.
2 Corinthians 2:7 (GNT)

ADULT MINISTRIES

↘ Ongoing Activities for Adults! ↙

- 📖 **Library:** Sundays (8:30-10:15am)
- Check a book out on Sunday!
- 📖 **Sunday School:** Sundays (9:15-10:15am)
- Contact Troy (tsims@fumcwf.org) to find a class!
- 📖 **First Light Study:** Sundays (4:30-6:00pm)
- April 26: Session 11: "Resurrection as Resistance"
- May 3: Session 12: "America as the New Rome"
- 🎵 **Asbury Ringers:** Sundays (5:00-6:30pm)
- Handbell Room 17-U (in the Undercroft)
- 📖 **Young Adult Singles:** Sundays (6:30-8:30pm)
- April 26: Bible Study at 2002 Speedway
- May 3: NO CLASS due to camping trip.
- 👋 **YES Tutoring:** Mondays (3:00pm)
- Meet at FUMC; tutor at Southern Hills Elementary.
- 📖 **Financial Peace University:** Tuesdays (10:30am)
- Sweeton Room
- 📖 **Men's Breakfast:** Wednesdays (7:00-7:45am)
- at Pioneer Restaurant (4545 Maplewood Ave)
- 🎵 **Chancel Choir:** Wednesdays (7:00pm)
- Rehearse in the Choir Room (in the Undercroft)
- 📖 **Jesus in the Gospels Bible Study:**
Thu (10:30-12:00pm)
- April 30: Session 29, "Mission Completed"
- May 7: Session 30, "Looking Back at Jesus' Future"



Upcoming Men's Retreat:

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: We are going to have a Men's Day Retreat on Saturday, May 16. If you plan to attend, contact Rev. Troy Sims: (tsims@fumcwf.org or 940-766-4231).

**More information coming soon,
but you can expect
GREAT food, a LOT of fun,
and FULFILLING inspiration.**



Habitat for Humanity Opportunities for YOU to volunteer!

- 👋 **Women Only Build on May 2, 2009:**
Contact Beverly Bryant (940-716-9300 or hfhwf-beb@sbcglobal.net) at Habitat for more information on times and location.
- 👋 **Day Volunteers:**
Are you free during the daytime through the week? Maybe this would be a good time for you to volunteer. Contact Beverly Bryant (940-716-9300 or hfhwf-beb@sbcglobal.net) at Habitat for more information on times and location.
- 👋 **FUMC Work Day on May 30, 2009:**
More info coming soon, but you can go ahead and sign-up for this event at the church or online (www.fumcwf.org).
Contact Rev. Sims (tsims@fumcwf.org or 940-766-4231, x229) or Kyle Knight (940-689-9037 or kyleknight@sw.rr.com) for more info.

YOUNG ADULT SINGLES: Upcoming Events!

- ☺ **Sunday, April 26, 6:30pm**
The study of Jesus' last week continues at Will & Matt's place (2002 Speedway).
- ☺ **May 1-3 (rescheduled from April 17-19)**
Camping trip to the Wichita Mountains. For more info or to sign up to go, contact Alexys Maxwell at armaxwell84@yahoo.com or 540-842-3624.
- ☺ **Sunday, May 10, 6:30pm**
Bible Study at Johnathan's place:
2423 Cambridge, 76308.

ADULT MINISTRIES CONT'D



RELAY FOR LIFE

YOU CAN BE ON THE TEAM!

THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE IS A FUN-FILLED, OVERNIGHT EXPERIENCE YOU'LL NEVER FORGET! RELAY MOBILIZES COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY TO CELEBRATE CANCER SURVIVORS, REMEMBER LOVED ONES, AND RAISE MONEY TO SUPPORT THE MISSION OF THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY, WHICH PROVIDES SUPPORT FOR PATIENTS AND FAMILIES WHILE SEEKING A CURE FOR CANCER.

THIS YEAR, FUMC WILL HAVE A TEAM PARTICIPATING IN THE LOCAL RELAY FOR LIFE, TO BE HELD:

- 👉 JUNE 5-6, 2009
- 👉 AT MCNIEL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS TO BE INVOLVED IN THIS WORTHY CAUSE:

- 👉 YOU CAN SIGN UP TO BE ON THE FUMC TEAM;
- 👉 YOU CAN BUY A LUMINARIA IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE TO LINE THE TRACK ON THE NIGHT OF THE RELAY;
- 👉 ANY CANCER SURVIVOR CAN ATTEND A DINNER BEFORE THE EVENT AND PARTICIPATE IN THE SURVIVOR'S LAP;
- 👉 SPONSOR A TEAM MEMBER BY DONATING MONEY; OR
- 👉 PROVIDING SNACKS FOR THE TEAM MEMBERS FOR THE NIGHT OF THE RELAY.

TEAM REGISTRATION FORMS, LUMINARIA FORMS, AND OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE RELAY MAY BE PICKED UP IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

OR

VISIT www.fumcwf.org TO REGISTER ON-LINE!

DID YOU KNOW THAT YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY CAN MAKE DONATIONS IN YOUR NAME ON-LINE?

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT TEAM LEADER, TRUDY WILCOX (ONIEBETH@SBCGLOBAL.NET OR 691-5647) OR TROY SIMS (TSIMS@FUMCWF.ORG OR 766-4231)



Hopefully, you have had the chance to see the new layout of the church website (www.fumcwf.org)! The goal has been to make it more user-friendly, so if you have feedback on that, contact Rev. Troy Sims (tsims@fumcwf.org or 766-4231, x229).

Also, now that THE FIRST WORD only comes out every other week, the website has a feature to keep you in the know. On the left-hand side of the site, you can sign-up for e-mail or personal homepage reminders when new content has been added to the site. Give it a try, and let us know what you think!



First United Methodist Church
909 10th St (at Travis)
P.O. Box 2125
Wichita Falls, TX 76307-2125



We are accessible to all.

Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.
Worship Services: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Our worship service is broadcast at 10:30 a.m.
on UPN 35, Time Warner Cable Channel 7.
Rebroadcast of last week's service on Sunday
on Fox 18 and Cable 9 at 9:00 a.m.

FUMC CHILDREN'S MUSICAL & DINNER

OH, JONAH!

Wednesday, May 6, 6:00PM

**First United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall**

TICKETS ARE ON SALE AT CHURCH OFFICE

\$6 / ADULT
\$3 / CHILD

