

# First News

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## Dennis the Minister

### "Re-Gifting Grace, Cont'd"



#### Nurse!!

Yes, we need one, or maybe two. Tim Allen would appreciate having a couple of medical professionals to attend to a small but important task for an hour or so every month. We have some First Aid kits in key locations around the building. It would be very helpful to Tim if a couple of nurses could periodically inventory those kits and order necessary supplies. Please contact him at [tallen@fumccoppell.org](mailto:tallen@fumccoppell.org) for more information.

#### The Doors!

No, we're not talking about the sixties rock band featuring Jim Morrison! We're talking about the metal exterior doors around the entire facility. Most of them have never been painted since they were installed so, besides looking bad, they are vulnerable to rust. Is there a Sunday School class which would take on this project for the spring? It would only take a couple of workdays (or mornings) over the next few months to 1) preserve the doors 2) improve the aesthetics of the facility 3) save the church some labor costs. Contact Tim at [tallen@fumccoppell.org](mailto:tallen@fumccoppell.org) if your class or you and some friends would be willing to do this.

#### Judge Not

In our Disciple Bible Study II class, we came across a poignant reminder of this issue which so many of us struggle with as people of faith. In citing Jesus' response to the woman caught in adultery (John 8:2-11), the lesson reminds us of the challenging balance we're called upon to keep: **Radical Imperative** on one hand, no softening of the holiness of God; **Radical Compassion** on the other hand, no limiting the mercy of God. (see also John 3:17 and 12:47)

#### Clean Up Their Mess!

If you've walked around Andy Brown or Moore Parks this winter while the vegetation is dormant, you've easily seen a great deal of trash which people have carelessly tossed. So why don't you join our Disciple II class Wednesday morning, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 am, to be kind to God's creation and our City of Coppell by doing a trash pick-up? We'll meet in the parking lot just east of the playground near the Rec Center and work until about 11:30 am. Then ... it's one Big lunch!

#### Snopes It!

Do you receive - - and forward - - a lot of those viral e-mails which most often either "reveal horrible truths" about someone (like the President, current or past) or tell unbelievable or heart rending stories? Most of the time the truths are false and the unbelievable stories are exactly that. You can check all these urban legends at [www.snopes.com](http://www.snopes.com) to get a better picture of the real story. Help curb vicious rumors, unnecessary distress and wasteful scams. Snopes ... then send.

#### Sabbath What?

Ponder this quote which Susan Walsh had attached to our weekly prayer list. And as you do, answer these questions.

How ya doin' with the "sabbath rest" stuff? Beyond a job, what else about your personal lifestyle and family involvements, especially on Sundays, is more akin to work than rest?

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### *Looking Ahead to Worship*

Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>

Traditional Service

Rev. Dennis Wilkinson, preaching  
Sanctuary, 8:30 and 11:00 am

Contemporary Service

Rev. Ashleigh Joyner, preaching  
Sanctuary, 9:45 am

Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

Holy Communion

Traditional Service

Rev. Dennis Wilkinson, preaching  
Sanctuary, 8:30 and 11:00 am

Contemporary Service

Rev. Dennis Wilkinson, preaching  
Sanctuary, 9:45 am

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"Man ... heaps up wealth, not knowing who will get it" Psalm 39:6 NIV  
We need one day in which work comes to a screeching halt. We need one twenty-four hour period in which the wheels stop grinding and the motor stops turning. We need to stop...

Slow down. If God commanded it, you need it. If Jesus modeled it, you need it... Take a day to say no to work and yes to worship.

Max Lucado

Grace and Peace,




## Lent

**Healing Service for Lent**  
Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 pm in the Rotunda

The Healing Service for the Lenten season will be a quiet and peace-filled time of prayer, readings and sharing about the hope found in God's promises to us on the journey through pain and loss.

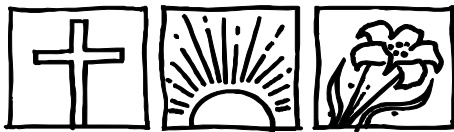


## Celebration of Life Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 am-12:00 pm



Our children are invited to bring their basket and join us for a fun time as we celebrate our risen Christ. There will be cookie decorating, face painting, balloon artistry and age level egg hunts. We will also have our second annual Scavenger Hunt for ages 7 and up. Please save the date and time for our annual celebration of the resurrection of Christ!



**Palm Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

Services at 8:30, 9:45 and 11:00 am in the sanctuary

**Maundy Thursday Service**

April 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 pm in the sanctuary

**Good Friday Tenebrae Service**

April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00 pm in the sanctuary

**Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

Services at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am in the sanctuary.

All three services will have choir and orchestra and the same order of worship. The 9:30 service will also feature the Heartfire band.

Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 am



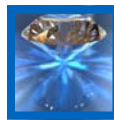
## Adults

### Men's Bible Study

Looking for a fresh way to begin your week and boost your spiritual formation? Join the Monday morning Men's Bible Study as we begin a new study book: *What's So Amazing About Grace* by Philip Yancey. Join us every (or any) Monday morning in the church library at 6:00 am for a light breakfast, study and fellowship.

### Career Transitions Group ...

for those in the church family and community who may be in job transition or underemployed. We meet every Monday at 7:00 pm in Room 301 off of Wesley Fellowship Hall. If you need immediate assistance, please contact Doug Powers ([hdpowers@tx.rr.com](mailto:hdpowers@tx.rr.com)).



### Women's Retreat April 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>

Deadline to Sign up March 7<sup>th</sup>

Plan to join us for this incredible weekend of fellowship, fun, reflection and rest! Our speaker is Lisa Hancock and music will be led by Amy Stoker! Retreat is at Prothro Center at Lake Texoma - [www.prothrocenter.org](http://www.prothrocenter.org). Deadline to sign up is March 7<sup>th</sup>. Information and forms are at the retreat table in Wesley Hall and in the welcome areas. Cost is \$150. For more information, contact Susan Bryan at the church or Ellen Diers.

### In the Garden – In the Chapel Morning Apart – Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>

Join us for prayer, reflection and silence and solitude on from 9:30–11:30 am this day. Easter Egg Hunt will be going on in the prayer garden, so we will be in the Chapel. No charge; Led by Rev. Susan Bryan. Please let Susan know you're coming – [sbryan@fumccoppell.org](mailto:sbryan@fumccoppell.org).

### Divorce Support Group

This group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month. To be added to the e-mail for this group, contact Anne Diamond, [anne.diamond@verizon.net](mailto:anne.diamond@verizon.net) or 214-478-5964



## Missions

### From the Coffee Guys

J&R's Coffee (our coffee bar in Wesley Hall on Sunday mornings) is selling Haiti bracelets. The donation of \$3, which is less than a Starbucks coffee, will be directed to Randy's friend Pete Cotting, a member of Vista Ridge UMC, who is a member of Habitat. Habitat is already in Haiti and can build a home for \$2,505. So every 835 bracelets builds a house. Contact Randy Groce ([randygroce@hotmail.com](mailto:randygroce@hotmail.com)) with questions.



## Children

### Crazy Christians Spring Retreat

It's nearly time for our annual retreat to Sky Ranch! Participants depart at 8:30 am on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> and return by 12:30 pm on Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Please arrive in the Rotunda by 8:00 am for check in. Donuts and juice will be provided for those too sleepy to eat before leaving home. We will collect medications and instruction forms at check in. Don't forget to wear your blue FUMC "Follow Me" t-shirt and athletic shoes! Questions? Contact [kwilliams@fumccoppell.org](mailto:kwilliams@fumccoppell.org).

### Kids in Mission

Please continue to save your used cell phones and INKJET cartridges (WE CANNOT TAKE THE BIG LASER JET CARTRIDGES). Please put them in the bin by the back restrooms in Wesley Hall. The money raised from this recycling project will benefit our *Pathway for the Future* campaign.

### Pastoral Care for Children in Grief or Divorce *Kids of Hope and Kids of Peace*

Please join your church family in praying for these support groups for children who have experienced divorce or the death of a loved one. For more information contact Rev. Jennifer Scott [jscott@fumccoppell.org](mailto:jscott@fumccoppell.org).

### Attention Children's Sunday School Teachers!

We're scheduling two brief chat sessions for teachers to share what's going well in Sunday School. This is an opportunity for you to learn tips from other teachers and share your own ideas. What activities do the kids like to do? What crafts have been successful? What parts of the curriculum do you use most? Please RSVP to Allison Groom ([allison.groom@verizon.net](mailto:allison.groom@verizon.net)) for one of the following dates: February 28<sup>th</sup> or March 28<sup>th</sup>. We'll meet in Smartt Hall from 9:00-9:30 am. Feel free to bring your kids with you. We'll have an activity for them to do. We'll also have OJ and muffins. We hope that you will take advantage of one of these dates to share what's going well.



### Summer Camps at Bridgeport

Camp at Bridgeport is a life-changing event! Each day at camp is filled with Christian fellowship, creative worship, dynamic music, fun games, team building activities, arts and crafts, family groups, and outdoor recreation. Children and youth will have an incredible week having fun, making life-long friends, and growing in their faith in Christ. For dates and more information, please go online to [www.bridgeportcamp.com](http://www.bridgeportcamp.com). We'd like to keep a list of our kids attending Bridgeport camp this summer, so please let Jennifer Scott know if you register for camp by contacting her at [jscott@fumccoppell.org](mailto:jscott@fumccoppell.org). PLEASE REGISTER NOW, THE CAMPS FILL QUICKLY!

<b>Elementary Camps</b>	July 17-21; July 22-26; July 27-31; August 9-13
<b>Music Camp</b>	June 8-12
<b>SEEK Camp</b>	June 8-12 (children) and June 15-19 (youth)



### Stringfellow School News

a Children's Day Out and Preschool program  
for children ages 12 months to 5 years

- ☺ The Preschool Spring Program will be on Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.
- ☺ We will be closed for Spring Break the week of March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- ☺ Spread the word that we still have openings for the 2010-2011 School year. Interested families may call the school office (972-393-0698) for more information.



## Confirmation

### Confirmation Interviews ...

will be held during the month of April. Sign up sheets for confirmand/pastor/staff visits will be available in Wesley Hall on Sunday mornings beginning on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Confirmands are expected to schedule a 30-minute visit with a pastor or staff member in order to discuss their confirmation experience and share their readiness to join the church. Confirmands will also have the opportunity to ask questions they may have regarding this important experience. During the week, confirmands may contact the church office at 972-462-0471 to schedule an interview.



## Contemporary Corner

This new addition to the newsletter will be the place to find out about what's new with the Contemporary Service. Since the Heartfire Praise Band is the heart and soul behind this service at 9:45 am each Sunday, we thought we would start off by introducing you to everyone involved in the Heartfire Band. Each newsletter will focus on one of the band members or one of those behind-the-scenes folks who keep the service going each week. This week meet:

#### Joyce Alcorn

Joyce does vocals and plays acoustic guitar and has been a member of the Heartfire Band for five years. She is a registered nurse and is the school nurse at Coppell Middle School West.

Joyce said, "The best part about being in the Heartfire Band is that it provides an opportunity to participate in worship music, personally being challenged with a genre of music I had not played before and developing friendship through a common love of music."



### Make a Request

Did you know that the Heartfire Band takes requests? If you have a favorite Christian song that you would like to hear them play, let Heartfire Band leader Mark Cozart know and he'll do his best to make it happen. Email him at [cozy052005@yahoo.com](mailto:cozy052005@yahoo.com).



# Music

## Chancel Choir...

is open to anyone, regardless of ability level, that loves to sing and be part of a warm Christian Fellowship. We laugh, we play, we sing and you surely will have a great time in the Chancel Choir. We meet Wednesday evenings from 7:15-8:45 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Nathan Frank at [nfrank@fumccoppell.org](mailto:nfrank@fumccoppell.org).

## Fine Arts Academy

### Baby Beethoven Class with Amy Stoker!



All children from birth to 4 years old are invited to participate in our Baby Beethoven Music and Movement class at FUMC Coppell on Monday or Thursday morning (March 29<sup>th</sup>-May 24<sup>th</sup>). This is a fun time for parents and children to nurture a sense of wonder and a love for music. Each session is \$120 plus \$35 registration fee. Registration forms can be found in the front office. Please contact Amy Stoker for more information: [alstoker@verizon.net](mailto:alstoker@verizon.net).

## Youth Choir

Come be a part of Youth Choir for youth ages 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Youth Choir is for youth who like to have fun by hanging with your friends, learning how to sing, and serving the church through song. We meet on Sundays from 5:00-6:00 pm in the Rotunda. If you have any questions, contact Nathan Frank.

## A Silent Auction ...

will be held in conjunction with *West Side Story* and we need your help on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup>. For every donation you can receive free tickets to *West Side Story* production.

There are many ways to help and donating and here are several ideas:

- If you have a favorite store or restaurant, you can ask the manager for a donation or gift certificate.
- Do you own a vacation home that you wouldn't mind donating for a week or so?
- You can purchase something and donate it to the auction.
- Donate the gift of service. Mowing a yard or babysitting are excellent auction items
- Do you quilt, sew, knit, paint, woodcraft? You can share your talent by making something and donating it to the auction.
- Do you have extra, unused toys and gifts stashed in your supply closet? Dig them out and donate them to the auction.




# Prayer Corner

## Lent: An Invitation from God

Lent is a season of being invited by God in a deeply personal way. "Come back to me, with all of your heart," God calls to us. Yes, of course we want to have a deeper relationship with God, we tell ourselves. We want to respond, but we aren't quite ready yet, our hearts are not prepared. We want to wait, turn away, avoid. We are not ready to get up close and personal with God and let God love us.

God calls to us again: "Come back to me, with all of your heart". This is the invitation of each of the 40 days of Lent. The Lenten season is an extraordinary invitation to each one of us to reflect on our life with God, to turn toward God, and to let God love us. Will you come?

## Prayer for Lent

Loving God, you call us back to you with all of our hearts. I feel your call for me deep in my heart and I know you want me back as much as I want to return.

Give me the wisdom to know how to return to you with my whole heart. Make my journey back to you this Lent one of prayer, reflection and love. Amen.



# Youth

## Camp Pike is July 9<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> 2010 Registration

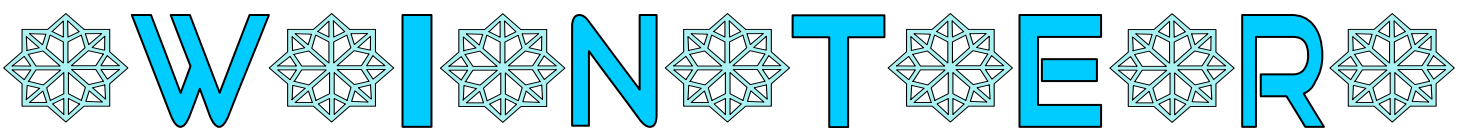
- Campers with 3 or more years on the mountain may register on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Campers with 1 to 2 years on the mountain may register the week of March 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>.
- Open registration will begin Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.

You may get and return your forms at the church office during the week and at the Camp Pike booth on Sundays in between services. Don't miss out on this awesome time in the Colorado Rockies!




# Joys

Congratulations to Marcia Moore at the birth of her granddaughter, Logan Lynn, on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Parents are Jamie and Brady Smith.





## Bits & Pieces

### Excerpts from Fred Conger's Remarks About Our "We're So Close..." Effort.

You have all heard about the new ministry opportunities the Ministry Center would make available to our youth and adults. And that it would provide needed classroom and event space. You have all seen the well designed plans and had opportunities to ask questions and get answers about this endeavor.

So today I want to speak to you about the reasons for my commitment to this project.

We need this new center to house new and expanded ministries. It truly is our future if we are to continue to be about the business of being the best church we can be.

Judy and I have supported the past building campaigns. It was dreadfully obvious that we needed a new sanctuary and classroom space in 1984 and again in 1999. Those two building campaigns were easy to support because we received direct value.

But why do we personally support this building project? We don't have young children or youth left at home. Our "baby" is a 34 year old US Naval Officer whose family lives out of state. So what personal value will we get out of this new Ministry Center?

My answer is "I'm not sure. But more importantly, it does not matter."

The Pathway to the future campaign is in response to the current and future needs of the ministry of First United Methodist Church of Coppell, my church. When I joined in 1982 I took a pledge to support the ministry of my church with my gifts. And I have repeated that vow many times with new members as they became a part of our church family.

Today I am asking you, that if you are financially able, to please complete a pledge form and make a 3 year commitment to this important project. **We are so close!** Together we can make this happen.

### Costume Committee Needs Your Help



If you have a sports coat that you no longer wear or no longer need, could you please allow the Costume Committee to borrow it? We are in need of black, beige or light blue sports coats in sizes 36 through 40. If you would like to donate it...we would love it! If you want it back, please put your name on the inside so we can

easily identify who it belongs to! Contact Judy White, [Thewhites12@verizon.net](mailto:Thewhites12@verizon.net)

### Books for Sale

We have the following books left over from studies. If you are interested in purchasing any of these, please contact the church office.

<i>Rumors</i> by Philip Yancey (4)	\$10
<i>The Language of God</i> by Francis S. Collins (1)	\$ 5
<i>Prayer</i> by Philip Yancey (1)	\$15



Mark your calendars for Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> for the FUMC Music Ministry's Annual Chili Cook-off. This year we will be adding a homemade pie feature to our event so that after you have filled up on all the yummy chilis you can take home a pie to round out your dining experience!!!

There are many ways to participate! Join the fun and prepare your best Chili recipe to share, bake your family's favorite pie for others to purchase or plan on lunch at church that day! Serving will begin at 11:00 am following the 9:45 am service and will continue until all the chili is gone after the 11:00 service. No decorating of tables required, but we are asking for a \$10 entry fee. Chilis will be "judged" in a variety of categories!

If you would like to cook chili or bake a pie please contact Kim Conner at [kim.conner@tx.rr.com](mailto:kim.conner@tx.rr.com). Please help us round out our budget by participating in this fun event! There is no charge to come eat your fill. Donations will be accepted, and pies will sell for \$10.

### Buying Scrip Cost You Nothing Extra

Scrip Sales is the primary way we fundraise for the youth ministry of our church for their summer combined youth and music mission trip. Basically the program works like this:

- You purchase gift cards or gift certificates from the church at the value of the card/certificate. Just a few examples of places are Wendy's, Wal-Mart, Tom Thumb and many more. (you pay NOTHING EXTRA).
- The company who supplies us the card rebates a portion of the proceeds back to the youth music ministry.
- Again, you pay NOTHING EXTRA and the church benefits from you purchasing your various household shopping needs through the church – it's really that easy.

You can choose to designate your purchases to a specific youth or simply choose to have your purchases go toward general scholarships for students in need. If you can't stop by the table in Wesley Hall on Sunday mornings then simply fill out the order form in the church office (or on your *First News* online) and submit it to the Nathan Frank [nfrank@fumccoppell.org](mailto:nfrank@fumccoppell.org). All orders received by 6:00 pm on Sundays are generally available the following Sunday.

Make SCRIP part of the way you support the youth ministry of our church.



### Chancel Flowers for 2010

There is still time to sign up for the donation of chancel flowers for Sunday morning worship in 2010. Call the church office during regular business hours. The cost of each arrangement is \$55 and the church will bill you directly.

Available Dates		
March 14	May 16	October 24
May 2	September 26	



## Children's Sabbath

Many thanks to the children who helped make our Children's Sabbath special by doing a great job of leading worship. Please bring your gently used Children's clothing, baby items and car seats. We are also collecting DIAPERS, WIPES, FORMULA and BABY FOOD. The beneficiaries of these items will be CCA-sponsored New Hope Learning Center in Lewisville and Captain's Hope kids, an organization serving homeless children in North Texas. **\*\*PLEASE BRING YOUR ITEMS TO WESLEY HALL BY THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28<sup>th</sup>.**

*We need your faith stories from kids! Anything you feel like you'd like to share about a child blessing your life or leading us along the journey of faith. Please email [jscott@fumccoppell.org](mailto:jscott@fumccoppell.org).*

## And A Little Child Shall Lead Them...

Towards the end of the week of VBS last year one of our youth helpers had been in there with me each morning as we fed the coin counter and totaled up the \$ collected for the mission offering, and he said the cutest thing.

He said, "Miss Kristi, do you think I could have some of the money?" I politely explained why we were collecting it and that people who gave to this cause would be most unhappy if we allowed anyone else to have a part of the money they worked hard for and then chose to give for the cause of helping those in Africa get clean water. Then he said, "Yes, I understand...but I really like money and would like to have some of this." It makes me smile each time I see him or even have his thoughts cross my mind. Too funny! Gotta love the honesty, for sure! I used this as a "teaching moment" with my 2 kids so they would never get any ideas about skimming some off the top of any collection.

*Submitted by Kristi V*

## Valentine's Day Packages

*A group of dedicated volunteers sent valentines to our college-aged youth. Read below one response we received.*

Howdy!

I have been at college for only a semester so far, but I've already learned a few things:

- First: If you are not studying, you are in class or trying to manage getting at least four hours of sleep during the weekdays.
- Second: Sundays and school nights are time for work.
- Third: Its very easy to forget about church or religion while studying plate tectonics or the dreaded microeconomics.

I had forgotten my church family until today, February tenth, when I found a large package crammed into my P.O box. This package was filled to the brim with candies, notes, encouragement, and reminders from the people i had left at home less than six months ago. I cannot express how nice it is to read these notes and to remember what was once such a major part of my life, which now lies cast aside behind academics.

Thanks for the reminder of what's most important in life!

*Martin Dungan, Aggieland, Class of '13*

## Ordination

"The friendly postman just delivered a certified mail letter notifying me that I will "be among that number" of folks ordained by Bishop Leeland of the Alabama - West Florida Conference at Annual Conference (June 6-9) in Montgomery, Alabama! I am thrilled and truly grateful that the folks at FUMC Coppell have been part of this process and journey!"

*Rev. Kathy Knight*



Join us each Wednesday evening in Wesley Hall from 6:00-7:00 pm. Reservations required. You can pay on Sunday morning in Wesley Hall or call the church office (972-462-0471) by 5:00 pm on Monday. Price is adults-\$5, children-\$4, maximum family amount-\$15.

## Have a Craft Project? Need Inspiration?

The next Crafts & Fellowship is Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-10:00 pm in FUMC Wesley Hall. Come and take a much needed break and work on whatever craft project you have going on. We will have tables set up for you to work on scrapbooks, photo albums, knitting, or whatever your hobby may be! Please feel free to bring a friend! This is a come and go event so come whenever you can! Please feel free to bring your own snacks. RSVP to Jen Bunting at [jen.bunting@verizon.net](mailto:jen.bunting@verizon.net) to let us know you're coming!

## Bakers Needed

The Bread Ministry delivers bread and information packets to our first time visitors. Please help us keep our bread ministry stocked with your **homemade bread**. If you could bake some loaves and bring them to the church, we have freezer space available in the small kitchen off of Wesley Hall.

## The Bread Ministry Bakers Corner



### Nestle's Chocolate Nut Bread

4 cups all-purpose flour	1 3/4 cup milk
1 cup granulated sugar	2/3 cup vegetable oil
1 tsp baking powder	12 oz. Nestle Toll House semi-sweet morsels
1 tbsp baking soda	1 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
1 tsp salt	
2 large eggs	

### Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease two 9 X 5 loaf pans. Combine flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt in a large bowl. Combine eggs, milk and oil in medium bowl. Add to flour mixture, mixing until just moistened. Stir in 1 1/2 cups morsels and nuts. Spoon into prepared loaf pans. Bake for 55 to 60 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Cool in pans 10 minutes on wire racks. Remove from pans to cool completely.

Then microwave remaining morsels in a heavy-duty plastic bag on HIGH power for 45 seconds; knead the bag to mix. Microwave at additional 10 to 20 second intervals and knead each time until smooth. Cut one of the corners off the bag and squeeze to drizzle over bread. Sprinkle with remaining nuts.



## Calendar for February 24<sup>th</sup> - March 9<sup>th</sup>

### Wednesday, February 24

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School  
 10:00 am-12:00 pm Disciple 2  
 4:30 pm-5:15 pm Alpha Ringers  
 4:30 pm-5:30 pm Kids in Mission  
 5:30 pm-6:30 pm Children's Choirs  
 6:00 pm-7:00 pm Good to Go Caf e  
 6:30 pm-7:15 pm Celebration Ringers  
 6:30 pm-8:00 pm Pastor's Study Grp  
 6:40 pm-7:15 pm Revelation Choir  
 7:00 pm-8:00 pm 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Bible Study  
 7:00 pm-9:00 pm Youth Faith Exploration  
 7:15 pm-8:45 pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday, February 25

7:15 am-8:00 am Youth Prayer Breakfast  
 9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School  
 9:30 am-11:30 am Disciple 3  
 9:30 am-11:30 am P.E.A.R.L.S.  
 12:00 pm-1:00 pm Women's Reading Grp  
 1:30 pm-2:30 pm Voices in Prayer  
 2:00 pm-8:30 pm Fine Arts Lessons  
 6:00 pm-7:30 pm Texas Creative Arts  
 7:00 pm-10:00 pm Musical Rehearsals

### Friday, February 26

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School  
 2:00 pm-6:30 pm Fine Arts Lessons  
 5:00 pm-10:00 pm JD Williams Cotillion

### Saturday, February 27

4:15 am-6:45 am Austin Street Centre  
 8:00 am-9:00 am Men's Basketball  
 10:30 am-2:30 pm Texas Creative Arts  
 10:00 am-4:00 pm Musical Rehearsals

### Sunday, February 28

8:30 am, 9:45 am and 11:00 am  
 Worship Services  
 9:45 am-10:45 am Sunday School  
 10:45 am-1:00 pm Chili Cook-off  
 1:00 pm-2:30 pm Hungry for the Word  
 2:00 pm-3:30 pm Knitting Grp  
 2:30 pm-4:00 pm Story of Christianity  
 3:00 pm-4:00 pm VBS Leadership Mtg  
 3:00 pm-4:00 pm First Church Orchestra  
 3:30 pm-5:00 pm Beginning Knitting  
 4:00 pm-5:00 pm Youth Bells  
 5:00 pm-6:00 pm Youth Choir  
 5:00 pm-6:00 pm Shalom Ringers  
 5:00 pm-6:30 pm Kids of Hope/Kids of Peace  
 5:00 pm-6:30 pm Grief & Healing Support Grp  
 5:30 pm-7:00 pm Adult Sunday School  
 Leader Mtg  
 6:00 pm-7:30 pm UMYF  
 7:30 pm-9:00 pm 10:17 Men's Bible Study

### Monday, March 1

6:00 am-7:00 am Men's Study Grp  
 9:00 am-10:00 am Yoga  
 12:00 pm-2:30 pm Texas Creative Arts  
 2:00 pm-8:30 pm Fine Arts Lessons  
 7:00 pm-8:00 pm Yoga  
 7:00 pm-8:00 pm UMW Lydia Circle  
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Career Transitions Grp  
 7:00 pm-10:00 pm Musical Rehearsals  
 8:00 pm-9:00 pm High School Cell Grp

### Tuesday, March 2

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School  
 9:30 am-11:00 am Morning Covenant Grp  
 10:45 am-12:00 pm Staff Mtg  
 2:00 pm-8:30 pm Fine Arts Lessons  
 5:00 pm-8:30 pm Texas Creative Arts  
 6:30 pm-7:30 pm SPRC Mtg  
 6:30 pm-9:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 842  
 7:00 pm-8:00 pm 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Cell Grp  
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Heartfire Band Rehearsal  
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm UMW Rachel Circle  
 7:00 pm-10:00 pm Musical Rehearsals

### Wednesday, March 3

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School  
 10:00 am-12:00 pm Disciple 2  
 4:30 pm-5:15 pm Alpha Ringers  
 4:30 pm-5:30 pm Kids in Mission  
 5:30 pm-6:30 pm Children's Choirs  
 6:00 pm-7:00 pm Good to Go Caf e  
 6:00 pm-7:30 pm Women's Retreat Mtg  
 6:30 pm-7:15 pm Celebration Ringers  
 6:30 pm-8:00 pm Pastor's Study Grp  
 6:40 pm-7:15 pm Revelation Choir  
 7:00 pm-8:00 pm Heroes Support Grp  
 7:00 pm-8:00 pm 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Guys Cell Grp  
 7:00 pm-8:00 pm 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Bible Study  
 7:00 pm-9:00 pm Youth Faith Exploration  
 7:15 pm-8:45 pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday, March 4

7:15 am-8:00 am Youth Prayer Breakfast  
 9:00 am-12:00 pm Stringfellow Board Mtg  
 9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School  
 9:30 am-11:30 am Disciple 3  
 12:00 pm-1:00 pm Women's Reading Grp  
 1:30 pm-2:30 pm Voices in Prayer  
 2:00 pm-8:30 pm Fine Arts Lessons  
 6:00 pm-7:30 pm Texas Creative Arts  
 7:00 pm-10:00 pm Musical Rehearsals

### Friday, March 5

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School  
 2:00 pm-6:30 pm Fine Arts Lessons

### Saturday, March 6

4:15 am-6:45 am Austin Street Centre  
 8:00 am-9:00 am Men's Basketball  
 8:00 am-Sunday Crazy Christian Spring  
 Retreat  
 10:00 am-4:00 pm Musical Rehearsals  
 10:30 am-2:30 pm Texas Creative Arts

### Sunday, March 7

8:30 am, 9:45 am and 11:00 am  
 Worship Services  
 9:45 am-10:45 am Sunday School  
 1:00 pm-2:30 pm Hungry for the Word  
 2:00 pm-3:30 pm Knitting Grp  
 2:30 pm-4:00 pm Story of Christianity  
 3:00 pm-4:00 pm First Church Orchestra  
 3:00 pm-5:00 pm Girl Scout Troop #590  
 4:00 pm-5:00 pm Youth Bells  
 5:00 pm-6:00 pm Youth Choir  
 5:00 pm-6:00 pm Shalom Ringers  
 5:00 pm-6:30 pm Kids of Hope/Kids of Peace  
 5:00 pm-6:30 pm Grief & Healing Support Grp  
 6:00 pm-7:30 pm UMYF  
 7:30 pm-9:00 pm 10:17 Men's Bible Study

### Monday, March 8

6:00 am-7:00 am Men's Study Grp  
 9:00 am-10:00 am Yoga  
 9:30 am-11:30 am UMW Hannah Circle  
 10:00 am-12:00 pm Coppell Moms Grp  
 12:00 pm-2:30 pm Texas Creative Arts  
 2:00 pm-8:30 pm Fine Arts Lessons  
 6:30 pm-8:00 pm Komen 3-Day for the  
 Cure Mtg  
 6:30 pm-9:00 pm Stephen Ministry  
 7:00 pm-8:00 pm Yoga  
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Career Transitions Grp  
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Evangelism Mtg  
 7:00 pm-10:00 pm Musical Rehearsals  
 8:00 pm-9:00 pm High School Cell Grp

### Tuesday, March 9

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School  
 9:30 am-11:00 am Morning Covenant Grp  
 10:45 am-12:00 pm Staff Mtg  
 2:00 pm-8:30 pm Fine Arts Lessons  
 5:00 pm-8:30 pm Texas Creative Arts  
 6:00 pm-8:00 pm Spiritual Direction  
 6:30 pm-9:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 842  
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Trustees Mtg  
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Heartfire Band Rehearsal  
 7:00 pm-10:00 pm Musical Rehearsals

**Note:** Be sure to check the weekly calendar in the Sunday bulletin or church website for any additions and/or changes to the calendar.



## First Church Finances At a Glance

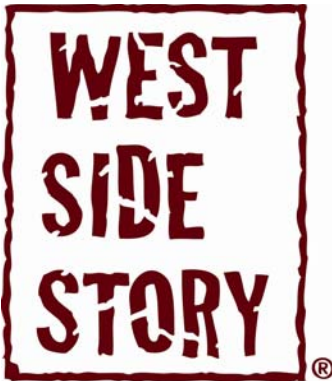
### Year to Date at February 19<sup>th</sup>

	2010	2009	2008
Offerings and Other Income	\$ 324,941	\$ 297,042	\$ 332,755
Balance, Unrestricted Cash and Savings Accounts	\$ 298,539	\$ 387,989	\$ 397,762

*Thank you for your generous support!*



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### Tickets Now on Sale

Early bird prices through February 26<sup>th</sup> range from \$7.50 to \$15.00, after that \$7.50 to \$20.00.

#### Performance Dates and Times

Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm  
 Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm  
 Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm  
 Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm



### Heads Up!

Daylight Savings "Spring Forward" is March 14<sup>th</sup>



### Hearing Assistance Devices ...

are available in the sanctuary. Pick one up at the sound booth or ask an usher if you are in need of one.

## Staff Directory

(972) 462-0471

Rev. Dennis Wilkinson	Senior Pastor	(213)
Rev. Jennifer Scott	Pastor (Children's Ministries)	(208)
Rev. Susan Bryan	Pastor	(215)
Rev. Ashleigh Joyner	Pastor	(214)
Nathan Frank	Director of Music	(216)
Elizabeth Parker	Associate Director of Music	(203)
Deanna Goodman	Director of Children's Music	(228)
Tiffany Ogdon	Accompanist	
Mark Cozart	Heartfire Band Leader	
Drew Sher	Director of Youth Ministries	(217)
TJ Zimmerman	Associate Director of Youth Ministries	(237)
Kelly Williams	Assistant to Children's Ministries	
Kathy Braem	Assistant to Children's Ministries	
Dena Nichols	Stringfellow School	(972-393-0698)
Karen Rodriguez	Nursery Director	
Anne Hinkle	Director of Finance	(212)
Amy Richardson	Financial Assistant	
Susan Walsh	Exec. Administrative Manager	(200)
Kay Thomas	Administrative Assistant	(211)
Kathy Baker	Administrative Assistant	(210)
Tim Allen	Operations Manager	(234)
Matt Shinn	Operations Assistant	

Childcare Reservation Note: Please call 972-462-0471, ext. 226 to make or cancel reservations for childcare at least 48 hours in advance.

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**Retail Stores**

Ace Hardware		\$ 25		4%	
AMC		\$ 25		7%	
Amazon.com		\$ 25		4%	
American Eagle Outfitters		\$ 25		8%	
American Express		\$ 100		1.25%	
American Express		\$ 200		1.25%	
Barnes & Noble/B. Dalton		\$ 10		9%	
Barnes & Noble/B. Dalton		\$ 25		9%	
Bass Pro		\$ 25		7%	
Bath & Body Works		\$ 10		17%	
Bath & Body Works		\$ 25		17%	
Bed, Bath and Beyond		\$ 25		7%	
Best Buy		\$ 25		2%	
Best Buy		\$ 100		2%	
Blockbuster Video		\$ 4		15%	
Blockbuster Video		\$ 10		7%	
Borders/Waldenbooks		\$ 10		8%	
Borders/Waldenbooks		\$ 25		8%	
Build A Bear		\$ 25		8%	
Cinemark Theatres		\$ 25		14%	
Claire's		\$ 10		7%	
Container Store		\$ 25		9%	
Crate and Barrel		\$ 25		8%	
CVS Pharmacy		\$ 25		2%	
Dillard's		\$ 25		9%	
Dillard's		\$ 100		9%	
Express/Structure		\$ 25		13%	
Family Christian Stores		\$ 25		9%	
GameStop		\$ 25		3%	
Home Depot		\$ 25		4%	
Home Depot		\$ 100		4%	
Home Depot		\$ 500		4%	
iTunes		\$ 15		4%	
J C Penney		\$ 25		5%	
J C Penney		\$ 100		5%	

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Jo Ann Fabrics		\$ 20		6%	
Kohl's		\$ 25		4%	
Kohl's		\$ 100		4%	
Land's End		\$ 25		9%	
Limited		\$ 25		9%	
L.L. Bean		\$ 25		15%	
Lowe's		\$ 25		4%	
Lowe's		\$ 100		4%	
Macy's		\$ 25		9%	
Macy's		\$ 100		9%	
Men's Warehouse		\$ 25		7%	
Michaels		\$ 25		4%	
Office Depot		\$ 25		4%	
Office Max		\$ 25		4%	
Old Navy/Gap/Banana Republic		\$ 25		9%	
Payless Shoes		\$ 20		13%	
Pier 1		\$ 25		9%	
Pottery Barn/Williams-Sonoma		\$ 25		8%	
Radio Shack		\$ 25		4%	
Regal/ United Artist		\$ 25		8%	
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Sally Beauty		\$ 25		8%	
Sears		\$ 25		4%	
Sears		\$ 100		4%	
Sephora		\$ 20		4%	
Sports Authority		\$ 25		8%	
Staples		\$ 25		5%	
Talbots		\$ 25		8%	
TJMaxx/Marshalls/HomeGoods		\$ 25		7%	
Toys "R" Us/Kids "R" Us/ Babies		\$ 20		1.5%	
Wal-Mart		\$ 25		2%	
Wal-Mart		\$ 100		2%	
Walgreens		\$ 25		2%	