

First News

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Dennis the Minister

"Pathway for the Future" CAN WE?

Some of us think we can't.

That's a fair position. Our rapid financial growth of the three previous years slowed dramatically at the end of last year. Our current situation, year to date, reflects that lingering reality as well as our usual summer slump.

At this point, however, Anne Hinkle, our Director of Finance, anticipates that we will end the year breaking even on receipts versus expenditures.

Some of us think we shouldn't.

That's an understandable position. While we're no longer in an economic freefall, the recession recovery will indeed be slow. We have a few people in our church who are out of work and others who have received cuts in pay and benefits.

We're very cognizant of these realities because the church has helped a number of people through the resources in the Pastors' Discretionary Fund and our Job Transitions Group still meets regularly.

Some of us think we can.

We're a very typical mainline congregation in that we give about 2.5% of our income to the church. Consider this data: the medium income in Coppell is \$109,000; 600 of our 800 families give to the church; using that data, 2.5% of the gross income of those 600 families is about \$2,000,000 - - and our annual operating budget is \$2,000,000. We fit the average picture!

So just imagine this - - the economic times notwithstanding - - knowing that some people give 0% and a few give 10-15% - - if **on average** we increased our giving to **5% for only 3 years**, we could cover our operating budget **and** raise about \$6,000,000 for our "Pathway for the Future" campaign.

Although this is a simplistic illustration, just looking at the numbers, it's easy to believe that we really **can** do this with God's help and if we want to.

Some of us think we should.

We have some people who are passionate about this vision and its value to our present and future ministries. They believe **it's time to find out** what we really can do. While being sensitive to those who may not be able to participate right now, they prayerfully hope those folks will recover from their losses in the near future and be able to join this effort within the next year or so. In the meantime, they are willing to boldly step forward with hope by committing their resources in a sacrificial way.

Will you help us find out what our possibilities really are?

Regardless where you are in the groups above, please "pray us forward" and sign up for an in-home gathering. Come catch the vision as you receive important information at an in-home gathering.

Let's step into our future together.

Grace and Peace,

Thank you for helping us begin to catch up on our finances! These first two Sundays back to school have been encouraging! As you are able, please help us regain our strong forward momentum on our operating budget.



Looking Ahead to Worship

Sunday, September 6th

Traditional Service

Rev. Susan Bryan, preaching
Sanctuary, 8:30 and 11:00 am

Contemporary Service

Rev. Susan Bryan, preaching
Sanctuary, 9:45 am

Sunday, September 13th

Traditional Service

Rev. Jennifer Scott, preaching
Sanctuary, 8:30 and 11:00 am

Contemporary Service

Rev. Jennifer Scott, preaching
Sanctuary, 9:45 am

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Fall 2009 Adult Study Groups



Our Adult Study Groups at FUMC, Coppell offer participants opportunities to gather together to grow in faith and discipleship through fellowship, prayer, study, reflection and small-group discussion. Brochures are available in the office or on the church website. You may register online at www.fumccoppell.org, or e-mail or call Kathy Baker at kbaker@fumccoppell.org or 972-462-0471, ext. 210 – give her your name, e-mail address and group you are signing up for. For more information about adult study groups, please contact: Rev. Susan Bryan at 972-462-0471 or sbryan@fumccoppell.org.

Short-Term and Ongoing

Pastor's Bible Study

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm, Led by Rev. Dennis Wilkinson

Women's Reading Group

Thursdays, 12:00-1:00 pm, Led by Rev. Susan Bryan

Introduction to Romans

Sundays, 6:30-8:00 pm (8 weeks), Led by Patience Hering

Morning Covenant Group

Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00 am, Led by Margaret Bryan & Debbie Schaefer

Can You Teach Me How to Pray?

Thursdays, 5:00-6:15 pm (4 weeks); Led by Rev. Jennifer Scott

10:17 Men's Bible Study

Sundays, 7:00-8:30 pm, Led by Scott Wilson

The Story of Christianity

Sundays, 2:30-4:00 pm (every other week), Led by Jeanne Crandall

Hungry for the Word

Sundays 6:00-7:30 pm, Led by Terry Settle

P.E.A.R.L.S. (Ongoing)

Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 am (2nd and 4th), Led by Michelle Bauer

Monday Morning Men's Bible Study (Ongoing)

Mondays, 6:00-7:00 am, Contact Ken Heffley

Long-Term Study Groups

Disciple 1

Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 am, Led by Rev. Susan Bryan & Bill Hightower

OR

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm, Led by Rev. Susan Bryan, Bob Boyles & Bill Hightower

Disciple 2

Wednesdays, 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Led by Rev. Dennis Wilkinson

Disciple 3

Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 am, Led by Ellen Diers

Divorce and Grief Workshops/Support Groups

Divorce Recovery (6 weeks)

Sundays, 5:00-6:30 pm, Led by Jeff and Pam Varnell

Grief & Healing Support Group (6 weeks)

Sundays, 5:00-6:30 pm, Led by Rev. Joan Humphries

Special Offerings

Streams of Prayer (4 weeks)

Sundays, 9:45-10:45 am, Led by Class Members

Yoga (10 sessions)

Mondays, 9:00-11:00 am, Led by Lucinda Bordonaro
OR

Mondays, 7:00-8:00 pm, Led by Patti Carpenter

In the Garden

Saturday, October 10th, 9:30-11:30 am

Led by Rev. Susan Bryan

Women's Retreat

April 9th-11th, 2010, Prothro Center, Texoma

The JOY (Older Adults) Group ...

will meet in the Rotunda at 6:30 pm on Thursday, September 17th, for a covered dish dinner. The program will feature Lane Paschal and his accompanist. Lane is a member of the First United Church of Coppell and music is a part of his ministry for churches in our area. All members and friends are welcome. For more information, contact John and Nancy Estep (972-393-7404 or jesteptx@verizon.net).

Gluten-Free Communion ...

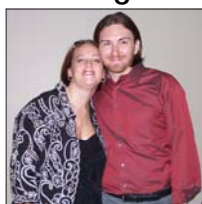
wafers and juice are now be available on communion Sunday for those who need to receive in this way. Please go to the far east/piano side of the sanctuary to receive communion and let the communion servers know that you need the gluten-free communion.

Morning Men's Bible Study

This ongoing men's group meets weekly in the Library for a light breakfast and Bible study early Monday mornings (6:00 am). Currently studying Adam Hamilton's *Christianity and World Religions* to be followed beginning September 14th with Adam Hamilton's *Christianity's Family Tree*.



Joined August 23rd



Les, Chrissy Holder
John Thomas (*not pictured*)

Joined August 30th



Bill and Suzie Cude



Rocky and Becky Wall
Taylor, Reagan, Riley and Ty



Promotion Sunday/4th Annual "Blessing of the Backpacks"

- ☺ Hey kids of all ages, if you did not get your backpack tag in worship last Sunday, please stop by one of the children's worship folder tables to pick one up today!
- ☺ Parents, if your child needs to change sections in Sunday school for any reason, please contact Jennifer Scott at jscott@fumccoppell.org or 972-462-0471, ext. 208 so we can notify the teachers and make the appropriate changes on class rosters. We would like to get these changes made as quickly as possible.

Our New Children's Library

We have set up a comfortable spot in room 101 for kids and families to spend some quality time reading together. The library is open on Sunday mornings - so if you need a resting place or if your child is having a tough time with Sunday School, come spend some Sabbath time there. Pick a good book and sit by the window and enjoy our beautiful prayer garden. There is no official check out system. Please use the honor system and be accountable for the books you borrow and good stewards of the resources that are provided by your church family.



Stringfellow School News

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

Our school year is right around the corner! Welcome back to everyone. Mark your calendars for the following dates.

- ☺ Meet the Teacher - Friday, September 4th
- ☺ First Day of School - Tuesday, September 8th

Please let your family and friends know that we have openings in our Young Toddler and Two Year Old programs. For more information, please contact the school office at 972-393-0698.

Created by God A Human Sexuality Seminar

Mark your calendars now for February 11th-13th, 2010 This is a really important (and fun!) seminar for 5th and 6th graders. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Scott at jscott@fumccoppell.org.

Vacation Bible School 2010

Please mark your calendars for June 14th-18th, 2010. We will host *Galactic Blast: A Cosmic Adventure Praising God!* Our cadets will voyage into outer space praising God. Through daily missions, they will see space like never before, gain a new perspective on our planet Earth, and learn easy "green" earth tips they can practice at home. Our kids will experience a God that is wonderful, incredible, amazing, magnificent and awesome! Please know that the church staff and VBS directors take great care in arranging the date around the school year, holidays and our church calendar. Please mark your calendar now and then arrange your summer vacations and camps around your favorite First UMC tradition!



Children's Sunday School Room Cleanup

Many thanks to all of the families who helped us get the children's classrooms ready for Promotion Sunday. Your hard work really shows and is much appreciated by the teachers and the children!

Kids in Mission



begins Wednesday, September 9th. This is a group of 1st - 4th grade children who meet each week with Jennifer Scott and fabulous youth helpers. We learn about important ways to serve God through serving our family and friends, church, community and world. We participate in fun and meaningful projects each Wednesday from 4:30-5:30 pm in room 303. No need to sign up ahead of time, just come join us!

Crazy Christians and Jumpin' Jehoshaphats

A new season of fun and fellowship awaits our 2nd - 5th grade children! Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 20th from 3:30-5:00 pm as the kick off date for CC's and JJ's. The children will enjoy a variety of inflatable games in Smartt Hall while their parents gather for an orientation meeting in room 207.

Crazy Christians are 4th and 5th grade children meeting together bi-monthly during the school year for recreation, fellowship and mission. One monthly meeting is held at the church in conjunction with the Jumpin' Jehoshaphats and the other monthly meeting for CC's is purely for fellowship at an offsite location. CC's also enjoy an annual retreat to Sky Ranch in the spring.

Jumpin' Jehoshaphats are 2nd and 3rd grade children meeting together on a monthly basis at the church for recreation, fellowship and mission. Although meeting at the same time as the Crazy Christians in the Rotunda and Smartt Hall, the JJ's and CC's rotate separately through the recreation and mission activities.

Registration packets will be mailed to all 2nd - 5th grade children in early September. Watch your mailboxes for the calendars and registration forms! Friends are always welcome to attend, so please contact the church office at 972-462-0471 if you wish to include a child on our CC's and JJ's mailing list.



Mentors Needed

Several of our Confirmands are seeking mentors to share in their faith journey. A mentor is an adult member of our church who has a solid faith in God, a commitment to the tenets of the United Methodist Church, and a desire to encourage a youth throughout the confirmation experience. Please contact Kelly Williams (kwilliams@fumccoppell.org or 972-393-0069) if you are willing to serve as a mentor to one of our sixth grade Confirmands.

Mentor Meeting

Mentors are asked to attend a brief training meeting on Sunday, September 13th at 6:15 pm in Wesley Hall followed by the Confirmation Covenant Service at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Together Confirmands, parents, and mentors will share in this special worship experience.



Youth Music Rehearsals

Open to all 6th-12th graders. Please take note of the following schedule:

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| • First Church Orchestra | 3:00-4:00 pm | Choir Loft |
| • Youth Handbells | 4:00-5:00 pm | Choir Loft |
| • Youth Choir | 5:00-6:00 pm | Rotunda |



Sing, Serve and Celebrate

With Us in Children's Choirs This Year!

We have an exciting curriculum for all age levels and hope that everyone will join us in choir this year! Mark your calendars! The Children's Choirs Kick-Off is Wednesday, September 2nd, 5:30-6:30 pm in Wesley Hall. Make plans now to come register for choir, meet your choir director and eat some free pizza! Children's choirs are available for four-year-olds (by September 1st) through 5th Grades. Parents are encouraged to come and stay for this brief introduction to choir.

Then, our first full choir rehearsal is Wednesday, September 9th, from 5:30-6:15 pm. Join us as we *Sing, Serve and Celebrate* this year in choir! Please contact Deanna Goodman at 817-416-9439 or dgoodman@fumccoppell.org for more information.

Children's Handbells

Attention all children who are 4th-6th Grade! We are looking for some people to play handbells! Our children's handbell groups begin rehearsals Wednesday, September 9th in the Choir Loft. The beginner group, Alpha Ringers, rehearse from 4:30-5:15 pm. The intermediate group, Celebration Ringers, rehearse from 6:30-7:15 pm. Please contact Deanna Goodman at 817-416-9439 or dgoodman@fumccoppell.org for more information. Come and ring handbells with us!



School of Fine Arts ...

has opened its doors. It functions under the umbrella of the Music Ministry. It is our desire to provide the best in fine arts instruction to both students and adults. We are dedicated to creating an atmosphere where students and adults can learn fine arts, grow spiritually, and use their talents to glorify our Creator. Private study will be offered in piano, voice, guitar, trumpet, clarinet and violin. Group lessons will be offered in music appreciation/theory, voice, piano and guitar.

Enrollment continues throughout the school year. Enrollment forms can be located in the church office and on the church website (www.fumccoppell.org). For more information about the FUMC School of Fine Arts, please contact Elizabeth Parker at eparker@fumccoppell.org.

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.



A Great Big "THANK YOU" ...

goes out to all of our adult leaders who helped to make this summer in youth ministries a great one. This includes our chaperones for the middle school and high school mission trips, the adults who went on the youth choir tour, the adult staff at Camp Pike 2009, those who hosted Poolside Parables, and those who helped with chaperoning or driving during Youth Week. Without your dedication and support the youth ministries of First UMC would not be able to do what we do working to continually "create lifelong disciples of Jesus Christ." Thank you for your investment into the life of our teens and for being who you are.

Sunday School Classes for 7th-12th Graders

- Sunday, September 6th (Labor Day Weekend) all high school students (9th-12th graders) will meet in room 205 and all middle school students (7th-8th graders) will meet in the Rotunda for Sunday School. Classes will be combined due to the Back to School Retreat happening this same weekend at Sky Ranch.
- On normal Sunday mornings, we will all gather together in the Rotunda at 9:45 am for a time of fellowship with donuts and announcements for upcoming opportunities. We will ask for prayer requests, pray together as a large group, and then head to our different classrooms.

Monday Night High School Cell Group ...

meets at the home of Kevin and Elizabeth Adkins from 8:00-9:00 pm. We will not meet on September 7th but come join us on September 14th for a time of sharing in prayer, digging into God's word, and homemade milkshakes. Woohoo!!!

Faith Exploration

This is a new Bible study for curious, inquisitive, thoughtful high schoolers. It examines and explores a wide variety of our beliefs, emphasizing what they mean and how we got them. This study will be led by Chris Mobley. We will have an introductory meeting September 9th, 7:00-9:00 pm in the Rotunda. Contact Chris (christopher.mobley@gmail.com, 214-280-1031 or on Facebook) for more information.



UMYF

Begins Sunday, September 13th.
We meet from 6:00-7:00 pm.
Open to all youth in grades 6-12.



UMCOR Disaster Relief

FUMC Coppell will host an UMCOR sanctioned Early Response Training session tentatively scheduled for Saturday, September 5th. The class will be held in Wesley Hall from 9:00 am-4:00 pm. The only prerequisite is a desire to help others. If you want to attend or want more information, please contact Mike Ridgley at 214-498-8371 or email martoo@verizon.net.

UMCOR recently established new policies regarding those who might wish to respond to a call to assist in a disaster relief effort. This new policy requires that those wishing to respond to an UMCOR relief effort have completed the UMCOR Early Response Team training.

Students completing the class will receive UMCOR credentials, in the form of an ID badge, recognized by most disaster response agencies. This badge will allow you into disaster areas that are usually restricted to the general public. Participating in the class does NOT commit you to respond; however if you ever feel a desire to respond to a call for help you can because you will already have the required credentials.

Intergenerational Mission Retreat

Please mark October 23rd-25th on your calendars for an intergenerational mission retreat to Bridgeport. The purpose is three-fold:

- (1) we will be doing simple and needed work around our conference UMC campground (remember the Aaron Wilkinson memorial playground is there)
- (2) get kids excited about going there for summer camp
- (3) foster relationships between church friends young and old.

Our hope is to get several individuals and families of all shapes and ages. We will leave after work on Friday and return Sunday afternoon. Please consider joining us for this special time of RETURNING TO SIMPLE THINGS. We will have a time of SHARING, SERVING, EATING, PRAYING, WORSHIPING AND PLAYING together.

Cost for 2 nights lodging and 5 meals is: \$80 for 8 and older; \$40 for 4-7 years; free for 3 and under. Scholarships are available. Please email Jennifer Scott jscott@fumccoppell.org to sign up.

Kids Eat Free is Over

We spent 60 man hours and fed 450 lunches. I am so proud of us! That is just our Tuesday group. Our church also bought some school supplies (pens, pencils, folders, markers, glue, etc and some after school snacks).

I have made some great friends and I always get more out of these things than I feel like I give. That is Gods doing. Thank you all so much for your fellowship and friendship. It is my hope to work with these kids in their after school program this school year. Let me know if any of you have ideas. We can have our kids go over and just have playtime, basketball games, video game challenges.

submitted by Leslie Hicks



The Greeter Ministry

is looking for volunteers to give a friendly hello and warm welcome at each of our Sunday services. If you are interested in joining a greeter team for the service in which you attend, please use our new sign-up link www.mysignup.com/monthly_greeting or contact Katie Kilcoyne at thekilcoynes@earthlink.net or 817-914-5003. It only takes 15 minutes per month.

Volunteers Needed for 15 Minutes!

If you love children we need you. Story Tellers are needed in our church nursery Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:00 am. Everything is provided we just need a smiling face to read to our nursery class. If you have been looking for a way to give service to our church, please consider being a Story Teller volunteer once a month for 15 minutes. Please contact Deborah Eberhardt DebEberhardt2@yahoo.com or 972-462-8480 to start enjoying this very rewarding experience.



Kids of Hope/Kids of Peace

Pastoral Care for Children in Grief or Divorce

If your child has experienced divorce or the death of a loved one, please plan on enrolling them in our 6-week session beginning in the fall. The sessions will be separate groups, but will both meet on Sunday evenings 5:00-6:30 pm from October 4th-November 15th (no class October 11th). We ask that the children be able to commit to most of the sessions. Please contact Jennifer Scott at jscott@fumccoppell.org or 972-462-0471, ext. 208. These groups will be held at the same time as the adult Grief and Divorce Support groups. For more information on the adult groups, please contact Susan Bryan at sbryan@fumccoppell.org or 972-462-0471, ext. 215.



Join us each Wednesday evening beginning September 9th 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.

Calling all cooks, dish washers and record keepers! Are you looking for a way to serve your church? Volunteers needed for the *Good to Go Cafe* on Sundays and Wednesdays! There are many ways to get involved.

- Help take reservations on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:00 am and 10:30-11:00 am.
- Help with meal preparations and set up on Wednesdays, 5:00-6:15 pm.
- Help with meal service and cleanup on Wednesdays, 6:15-7:45 pm.

Contact Susie Briscoe at timnsusiebriscoe@verizon.net or 972-745-4610 to discuss how you would like to get involved in this vital, important ministry of our church!

Women, Mark your Calendars!

- **United Methodist Women Fall Kickoff Dinner** - The event is scheduled for September 10th at 6:30 pm in Wesley Hall. We will have a fashion show and lots of great fellowship. All women are invited--you do not have to be a member. Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased Sunday, September 6th in Wesley Hall as well as at the door the night of the event. You can also make reservations by contacting Sandra Crawford at sandra.crawford@verizon.net or 972-939-4799.
- **Women's Retreat** - Prothro Center on Lake Texoma
April 9th – 11th, 2010 (Friday dinner – after worship Sunday)

We Need All Upcoming 5th Graders!!

We would like for you to assist in worship by serving as an acolyte in our services each week. You and one parent will need to attend a training session. The first Sunday of new acolytes will be Sunday, September 6th. Acolyte Dedication Sunday will be September 13th. If you would like more information, please call Jennifer Scott, 972-462-0471, ext. 208 (jscott@fumccoppell.org) or Heather Shaw hshaw73@yahoo.com or (972) 304-5219.

Babies, Babies Everywhere!

Are you a church member or visitor who is expecting a precious and beautiful miracle from God? Are you hoping for a beautiful blessing through adoption? Your church family would love to know about it so that we can be in prayer for your family. Please contact Jennifer Scott (jscott@fumccoppell.org or 972-462-0471, ext. 208) and let us know if you'd like to be put on the prayer list. It would also be helpful to know the due date or anticipated adoption date so that we can be in fervent prayer as the big day approaches! Congratulations and blessings on your family!

What is Loving Hands?



Loving Hands is a ministry in our church that provides buddies for special needs children. If you have a special needs child that would like to go to Sunday School, but you're not sure if they can make it on their own, we can help. If you would like to have a few hours to yourselves, but don't know who to ask to watch over your child. We can help. Loving Hands has a Saturday Night of rest once a month.

Our next Evening of Rest will be September 26th. We not only would love to have more children join us, but we also need more Loving people to volunteer. If you would like to help us play and have fun with our special friends please contact me. Kathy Braem, kbraem@msn.com, 972-743-4133 or 972-462-7320. I would love to give you more information regarding participation or volunteering.

Have You Experienced the Loss of a Baby?

Many families in our church and community have suffered the devastating loss of a child through miscarriage, stillbirth or early infant loss. You do not have to grieve alone. There are many families who have expressed their willingness to support you in your journey. Your church pastors want to pray for you and provide a special gift to remind you of your precious child who died too soon. Confidentiality will be maintained and names of support persons will be given to you to contact in your own time. Please contact any of the pastors.

And A Little Child Shall Lead Them...

Sunday night when we were eating dinner, Steve asked the girls what was their favorite thing they had done all weekend. Morgan replied "Sunday School. I wish we had it every day!"



submitted by Jill Chambless

**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.

Hey Yall!

School is about to start and that means Homecoming is just around the corner! Stock up on your Michaels SCRIP gift cards to fulfill all your mum and garter needs. Order now!

Special Fall Dates

August 30 th - September 20 th	Prayer Series
September 13 th	Acolyte and Teacher Dedication
September 27 th	130 th Birthday Celebration
October 4 th	UMW and World Communion Sunday
October 18 th	Laity Sunday
October 25 th	Commitment Sunday
November 1 st	Requiem/Musical
November 15 th	Bible Sunday
December 6 th	Fellowship Meal and Christmas POPS!
December 12 th	Christmas Cantata (Handel's <i>Messiah</i>) and Birthday Party for Jesus
December 27 th	Intergenerational Sunday school



In-Home Gatherings

Let us know we can count on you to attend one of the in-home gatherings. This is a time for fellowship, information, inspiration and challenge. No gifts will be made at the gatherings.

- **Thursday, September 10th at 7:00 pm**
Steve and Julia Moomau, 719 Cambridge Manor Ln
- **Sunday, September 13th at 4:00 pm**
Steve and Kim Mobley, 313 Dunlin Ln
- **Monday, September 14th at Noon**
Thom and Kelly Hulme, 126 Ridgewood Dr
- **Monday, September 14th at 7:00 pm**
Harvey and Lisa Cunov, 413 E. Bethel School Rd
- **Thursday, September 24th at 7:00 pm**
Del and Lisa Dunham, 500 Harris St
- **Monday, September 28th at 7:00 pm**
Ray and Suzie Larson, 260 W. Bethel Rd

Please RSVP to JanetLaCaze@aol.com, call the church at 972-462-0471, or go to the Capital Campaign page on the church website. Childcare may be requested.



Congratulations to Jonathan and Laura Osbaldeston at the birth of their daughter, Juliana Olivia, on May 29th. Proud sister is Isabella.



Calendar for September 2nd - 15th

Wednesday, September 2

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow In-Service
 10:00 am-12:00 pm Disciple 2
 3:30 pm-8:30 pm Texas Theatre Academy
 5:30 pm-6:30 pm Children's Choir Kick-Off
 6:30 pm-8:00 pm Pastor's Study Group
 5:30 pm-8:30 pm Coppell Youth Cheerleaders Association
 6:40 pm-7:15 pm Revelation Choir
 7:15 pm-8:45 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 3

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow In-Service
 1:30 pm-2:30 pm Voices in Prayer
 2:00 pm-5:30 pm Fine Arts Grp Lessons
 3:30 pm-8:30 pm Texas Creative Arts
 4:30 pm-8:30 pm Fine Arts Private Lessons
 5:30 pm-8:30 pm Coppell Youth Cheerleaders Association

Friday, September 4

9:00 am-12:00 pm Stringfellow Meet the Teacher
 2:00 pm-5:30 pm Fine Arts Grp Lessons
 4:30 pm-8:30 pm Fine Arts Private Lessons

Saturday, September 5

4:15 am-6:45 am Austin Street Centre
 8:00 am-Monday Youth BTS Retreat
 8:00 am-9:00 am Men's Basketball
 8:30 am-2:30 pm Texas Creative Arts
 9:00 am-4:00 pm UMCOR Early Response Training

Sunday, September 6

8:30 am, 9:45 am and 11:00 am
 Worship Services
 9:30 am-10:30 am Sunday School
 2:00 pm-3:30 pm Knitting
 3:00 pm-4:00 pm First Church Orchestra
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm 10:17 Men's Bible Study

Monday, September 7

6:00 am-7:00 am Men's Study Grp
 Church Office Closed
 2:00 pm-5:30 pm Fine Arts Group Lessons
 4:30 pm-8:30 pm Fine Arts Private Lessons
 6:30 pm-7:30 pm Hearthstone Worship
 7:00 pm-8:00 pm Men's Basketball

Tuesday, September 8

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School
 10:45 am-12:00 pm Staff Mtg
 2:00 pm-5:30 pm Fine Arts Group Lessons
 3:30 pm-8:30 pm Texas Creative Arts
 4:30 pm-8:30 pm Fine Arts Private Lessons
 6:30 pm-8:30 pm Capital Campaign Mtg
 6:30 pm-9:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 842
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Heartfire Band Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 9

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School
 9:30 am-11:30 am Disciple 1
 10:00 am-12:00 pm Disciple 2
 3:30 pm-8:30 pm Texas Creative Arts
 4:30 pm-5:15 pm Alpha Ringers
 4:30 pm-5:30 pm Kids in Mission
 5:30 pm-6:15 pm Children's Choir
 6:00 pm-7:00 pm Good to Go Cafe
 6:00 pm-7:30 pm UMW Board Mtg
 6:30 pm-7:15 pm Celebration Ringers
 6:30 pm-8:00 pm Pastor's Study Grp
 6:30 pm-8:30 pm Disciple 1
 6:40 pm-7:15 pm Revelation Choir
 7:00 pm-9:00 pm Youth Bible Study
 7:15 pm-8:45 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 10

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.
 1:30 pm-2:30 pm Voices in Prayer
 2:00 pm-5:30 pm Fine Arts Group Lessons
 3:30 pm-8:30 pm Texas Creative Arts
 4:30 pm-8:30 pm Fine Arts Private Lessons
 6:00 pm-11:00 pm Coppell Scout Night
 6:30 pm-8:30 pm UMW Fall Dinner
 7:00 pm-9:30 pm Pathway For the Future In-Home Gathering #3

Friday, September 11

9:00 am-2:00 pm Stringfellow School
 2:00 pm-5:30 pm Fine Arts Group Lessons
 4:30 pm-8:30 pm Fine Arts Private Lessons

Saturday, September 12

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

Sunday, September 13

8:30 am, 9:45 am and 11:00 am
 Worship Services
 9:45 am-10:45 am Sunday School
 12:00 pm-1:30 pm Mustard Seed Orientation
 2:00 pm-3:30 pm Knitting
 3:00 pm-4:00 pm First Church Orchestra
 4:00 pm-5:00 pm Youth Bells
 4:00 pm-5:30 pm Pathway For the Future In-Home Gathering #4
 5:00 pm-6:00 pm Shalom Ringers
 5:00 pm-6:00 pm Youth Choir
 6:00 pm-7:00 pm UMYF
 6:15 pm-6:45 pm Confirmation Mentor Mtg
 7:00 pm-8:00 pm Confirmation Covenant Service
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm 10:17 Men's Bible Study

Monday, September 14

6:00 am-7:00 am Men's Study Grp
 9:00 am-10:00 am Yoga
 12:00 pm-1:30 pm Pathway For the Future In-Home Gathering #5
 2:00 pm-5:30 pm Fine Arts Group Lessons
 3:30 pm-8:30 pm Texas Creative Arts
 4:30 pm-8:30 pm Fine Arts Private Lessons
 6:30 pm-9:00 pm Stephen Ministry
 7:00 pm-8:00 pm Men's Basketball
 7:00 pm-8:00 pm Yoga
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Pathway For the Future In-home Mtg #6
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Career Transition Grp
 8:00 pm-9:00 pm Youth Cell Grp

Tuesday, September 15

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-5:30 pm Fine Arts Group Lessons
 3:30 pm-8:30 pm Texas Creative Arts
 4:30 pm-8:30 pm Fine Arts Private Lessons
 6:30 pm-8:00 pm Depression Support Grp
 6:30 pm-8:30 pm Capital Campaign Mtg
 6:30 pm-9:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 842
 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Heartfire Band Rehearsal

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

	Preliminary Year to Date @ 8/31/09	2008 Actual Year to Date @ 8/31/08	Variance
Offerings and Other Income	\$ 1,282,563	\$ 1,295,758	\$ (13,195)
Operating Expenditures	(1,375,489)	(1,376,184)	695
Surplus (Shortfall)	\$ (92,926)	\$ (80,426)	\$ (12,500)
Balance, Unrestricted Cash and Savings Accounts	\$ 238,409	\$ 288,535	\$ (50,126)



Online Giving -
 Gifts can be made for our general church budget and/ or other donation purposes (excluding program or event fees or retreat payments) through your checking account, savings account or credit card on-line through our website, www.fumccoppell.org. Go to "Membership" and select "Donations".

Thank you for your generous support!



Mark Your Calendars

September 27th

130th Birthday Celebration/Pathway for the Future Kickoff

Scheduled events: 9:15 am Sunday school
 10:30 am Worship Service
 11:45 am Historical Marker Dedication
 12:00-1:30 pm 130th Celebration (food and activities)

Dress: Casual (shorts, t-shirts, and tennis shoes)

What to bring: Picnic lunch, lawn chairs, blankets, and pop up tents if you want extra shade (church will provide hot dogs, chips, and drinks for those who do not bring a lunch)

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.



First United Methodist Church
 420 S Hartz Rd
 Coppell, TX 75019

Return Service Requested

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)
Christina Cavener	Youth/Missions Intern	
Kelly Williams	Assistant to Children's Ministries	
Kathy Braem	Assistant to Children's Ministries	
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)
Rusty Nickols	Operations Manager	(234)
Dena Nichols	Stringfellow School	(972-393-0698)

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

SCRIP ORDER FORM

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Name _____

Phone # _____

Singer to be Credited _____

Today's Date _____

Total Order \$ _____ Check # _____

Please make checks payable to "First United Methodist Church" with "SCRIP" in the memo section.

You may mail your order directly to the church office c/o Nathan Frank (420 S Hertz, Coppell 75019). If you would like your order mailed back to you, please include a stamped self-addressed envelope with your order.

*For Assistance with scrip:
Contact the church office at 972-462-0471.

All orders must be received by 6:00 pm on Sunday to be able to pick up the following Sunday.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Amt Each</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Choir Profit</u>	<u>Rcvd</u>
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Automotive

Chevron		\$ 50		1.5%	
Exxon/Mobil		\$ 50		1.5%	
Shell		\$ 25		1.5%	

Travel

American Airlines		\$ 100		8%	
American Airlines		\$ 250		8%	
Choice Hotels		\$ 25			
Hyatt		\$ 25		9%	
Hyatt		\$ 100		9%	
Marriott		\$ 50		12%	
Marriott		\$ 100		12%	

Grocery Stores

HEB		\$ 25		3%	
Kroger		\$ 25		5%	
Kroger		\$ 100		5%	
Tom Thumb		\$ 25		5%	
Tom Thumb		\$ 100		5%	

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Restaurants

Applebee's		\$ 25		8%	
Arby's		\$ 10		8%	
Boston Market		\$ 10		12%	
Burger King		\$ 10		4%	
California Pizza Kitchen		\$ 10		4%	
Cheesecake Factory		\$ 25		5%	
Chili's		\$ 25		11%	
Chipotle		\$ 10		6%	
Chuck E Cheese		\$ 10		8%	
Cracker Barrel		\$ 10		9%	
Dave & Buster's		\$ 25		8%	
Denny's		\$ 10		7%	
Domino's		\$ 5		5%	
Fat Daddy's		\$ 10		20%	
Fat Daddy's		\$ 25		20%	
Honey Baked Ham		\$ 10		12%	
Jack in the Box		\$ 10		4%	
Kentucky Fried Chicken		\$ 5		9%	
Mimis Cafe		\$ 25		5%	
Ole's Tex-Mex		any size		15%	
Olive Garden/Red Lobster		\$ 25		9%	
On The Border		\$ 25		11%	
Outback Steakhouse/Carraba's		\$ 25		4%	
Panera Bread		\$ 10		9%	
Papa John's		\$ 10		6%	
P.F. Chang/Pei Wei		\$ 25		7%	
Pizza Hut		\$ 10		9%	
Ruth's Chris Steakhouse		\$ 50		10%	
Saltgrass/Rainforest Café/Landry's		\$ 25		9%	
Starbucks Coffee		\$ 10		7%	
Starbucks Coffee		\$ 25		7%	
Subway		\$ 10		3%	
TGI Fridays		\$ 25		8%	
Wendy's		\$ 10		4%	

Vendor Qty Amt Total Choir Rcvd
Each Profit

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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Each Profit

Retail Stores

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%	
Ross		\$ 25		8%	
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%	