

THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST MIRROR
First United Methodist Church
Mexia, Texas

February 10, 2006

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Maps are important. We use maps to navigate highways when we travel in unfamiliar places. Pilots depend on maps and charts to navigate safely through the airways. Geologists use maps to determine what lies beneath the earth's surface. Sailors use maps as they traverse the ocean to avoid shallow water and underwater obstacles. The list could go on. Maps tell us which way we need to go in order to reach our destination. The only thing better than a map is to have someone go with us who knows the way. A guide is someone who has been there, knows the way to get there, and can tell you what is there when you arrive. The Christian life is not too different. Jesus came to show us the way. He came to show us how to live and how to relate to each other. He came to give his life for us and to pave the way ahead of us. God's Word is a map and the Holy Spirit is that guide that leads us in the way we need to go to find life and fulfillment. Through prayer, we seek God's will for our lives and we seek God's direction. When we spend time saturating our lives with scripture, we soon discover God leading us in places where we can be used of God to guide others to Jesus Christ. I do not like being lost. I do not like being in a strange place with no sense of direction. When I spend time in fellowship with God and with other Christian believers, I find myself seeing a more clear direction in which to go. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." --- Psalm 119:105

Max K. Burkhead

PRAYER REQUESTS

Robin Adams Cathy Bottoms Jeanie Brown
Joe Bounds Beth and Bob Bounderant
Kamrye Brown Michelda Brown Cindy Brooks
Pat Bugher Charles and Ann Burgoon
Herman and Mary Collier Brenda Greer Craft
Sherrie Dolph Roy Englebert Jeremy Ferguson
Nancy Flagg Brad Goss Penny Gray
Andrew Gordon Russell Hawkins Eloise Hart
Melissa-Heath Hill Bob Henry Rena Hodge
Ellie Hoskins Albert Hudson Debbie Johnson
Chris Kegerreis Percy Kennedy Joey Lane
Bill and Shirley Lane Henry and Dottye Lawson
Holly Lewis Karen Liddell Don McCord
Peggy Morrison Francis Owens Estalee Price
Sunday Crider-Pirkle Jim Ramsey Mike Ray
M.R. (Billy) Sterling Keith Ritz Mike Rule
Jack Sanders Cecil Stephens Buddy Stewart
Vickie Smith Nancy Spence Patti Smith
Debbie Sunday Micky Sunday Vickie Taylor
Faye, Tasha & Jackson Tacker Chad Thomas
CPL Timothy Ross Watson Cindy Williford
Richard Williams Bryan Wilson
Charlotte Wampler



Pray Without Ceasing



Birthdays

Art Nutt 1st
Jeff Ellis 4th
Karen Bounds 6th
Theda Oberholtzer 7th
Bill McClure 7th
Selma McClure 10th
Max Burkhead 11th
Chris Shivers 11th
Chris Williford 11th
Buddy Williford 13th
Roy Baccus 16th
Brook Simmons 18th
Diane Burks 20th
Billy Howze 21st
Don Lipsett 21st
Greg Goodrum 22nd
David Maner 24th
Jeremy Brooks 27th
T.G. Temples 28th
Stephanie O'Hare 28th

Anniversaries

Pat and Wendy Simmons 5th
J.R. and Loda Crutchfield 22nd

Wednesday Evening Fellowship Meal
February 15th, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.
Designated to Benefit the
People to People Student Ambassador Program to Australia

James McKeand, Jr., a 6th grade student at Mexia Junior High School, has been chosen as a Student Ambassador to represent Mexia this summer.

The objective of the program is to promote international understanding while building leadership skills among America's youth. The 15-day experience includes meetings with government officials, interaction with other students his age, educational activities and regional visits. **All contributions toward the Wednesday Evening Meal will assist James with his tuition.** If you are not able to join in the Wednesday Evening Fellowship Meal, please feel free to make a donation to the program.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower founded the organization in 1956. He believed that if people from different cultures could come together in peace and friendship, so would other countries. Since its founding, **People to People** has launched many international programs, including Sister Cities, Project HOPE and Pen Pals. **People to People Student Ambassadors** are carefully interviewed and evaluated before their acceptance.

The program tuition is \$4,729.00, which includes all transportation, accommodations, meals and educational activities. Any amount of contribution would most appreciated. The tuition deadline is March 1, 2006. Contributions can be mailed to 200 S. Canton, Mexia, TX, 76667 or you can mail it to the church and the money will be forwarded to him. Please include the name and address of the company or individual making the donation. Upon his return home, James will share his journeys while in Australia, along with photographs with all those contributing to this experience. If you need additional information, please feel free to contact James at 254-472-9686.



...from your
music director

In his first letter to the church in Corinth, Paul seems to have been dealing with a good bit of dissension in the ranks. He is constantly reminding them of their participation in the Spirit in spite of disagreements. No one way should be interpreted as the only way, and particularly if it causes a brother or sister to stumble. In the 12th chapter he says, "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit." And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord.

And there are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons. But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. These ideas guide my choices of music. There are certainly varieties of effects, or styles, but only one God, whom we all worship. There is a place in the church for the familiar music that we grew up with. There is a place in the church for the music both older and newer than what we grew up with (thankfully, since we are all different ages!).

Sometimes the new gives God an opportunity to speak to us with a fresh voice. Are we ready to consider some new words to an old hymn tune? Think of the tune Come, Thou fount of many blessings, and consider these words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette instead of the ones we usually sing:



**January 1 —
February 8, 2006**

Arland Allbright - Velma Asher, Pat Bolton, Beene Motor Sales, John T. Duke, Haven Nursing Home, Jean and Hubert Harrison, Holloway and Louise Martin, Sherry Manning, Carl and Jean Williford

Aileen Carter (*Sister of Wilma Wilson*) - Bette Thetford, Upper Room Class

Lillian Dunn - Ruby Bailey

F.E. Hawkins - Lillie Mae Atkins, Tad and Ima Burroughs

Sidney Johnston - Lillie Mae Atkins, Tad and Ima Burroughs, Martha Carlson, Holloway and Louise Martin, Alleen Womack.

Estes Shivers (*Sister of James Shivers*) - Upper Room Class

Leo Stuver - Tad and Ima Burroughs, Don and Wynona Lipsett

Jerry Willett - Ruby Bailey, Adult Fellowship, Tad and Ima Burroughs, Upper Room Class, Alleen Womack

All the music sung and played here is a gift, O God, from you.
 For as long as we have prayed here, we've been blessed by music, too.
 By your Spirit, each musician finds new depths of faith to share.
 Music is a gift you've given, and becomes our thankful prayer.

All creation sings your glory; in the Psalms are pain and praise.
 Mary sang your saving story in her long, expectant days.
 Through the years, with great emotion, some have reached to you in song.
 May we sing with such devotion; music helps Your church grow strong!
 I can't help but hear the tune when I read these words, and the old familiar tune gives added life to these new words.

Remember always, along with the Psalmist, to "make a joyful noise, sing to the Lord a new song!" And Paul reminds us in the 3rd chapter of I Corinthians, that "neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes growth."

Blessings to all, Richard

NEXT STEP
Saturday, February 25, 2006
1:00-4:00 p.m.
Central United Methodist Church

Next Step is an event for high school juniors and seniors, parents of these juniors and seniors and church staff or volunteers looking for ways to support college students. United Methodist Universities and Wesley Foundations from all over the Jurisdiction have been invited to take part in the "College Fair." Those attending are: McMurry University, Project Transformation, SMU Wesley Foundation, Lon Morris College, Texas Wesleyan University and Centenary University.

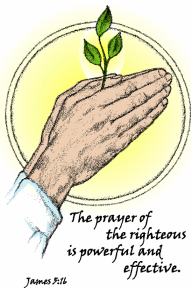
This event is absolutely **FREE!!!** *** Just need to give your **TIME!!!**

- 1:00 p.m. **Registration**
 - 1:30 p.m. **Workshops** - "411" for students - led by Katy Slaten; Scholarships, Financial Aid and Hometown Support for parents and church leaders.
 - 2:30 p.m. **College Fair**
 - 3:15 p.m. **Worship**- led by Robert Flowers of Baylor Wesley Foundation.
 - 4:00 p.m. **Head home**
- Contact Walt Harrison at 903-388-7014 by February 22nd, if you are interested in attending.

Welcome our Newest Members



Roger, Michelda
and Kamrye
Brown
684 LCR 450
Mexia, TX 76667



Men's Prayer
Breakfast
Thursday's
6:30 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church
February 16, 2005
February 23, 2006

Financial Stewardship

Needed each week:

\$4,649.88

Needed to date: (as of Feb 5)

\$27,899.28

Received to date:

\$25,073.64

Shortfall:

\$2,825.64

Attendance

Sunday School

Jan 29 59

Feb 05 60

Worship

Jan 29 102

Feb 05 110

General Board of Global Ministries
The United Methodist Church
475 Riverside Drive
New York, NY 10115

To the First United Methodist Church,

Thank you for your gift to missions. We acknowledge with gratitude your gift of \$2,814.00 for the Hurricane Katrina Relief Effort that was received recently in this office.

And again, thanks for your generous support to missions.

Roland Fernandes, General Treasurer
General Board of Global

Epiphany Benefit Luncheon

February 19th, 2006

FUMC Fellowship Hall

12:00 noon



immediately following the morning worship service. All are invited for the luncheon. All donations are welcome and encouraged. Please also remember to pray for the leaders, workers and those that will be in attendance for the Epiphany.



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Don't let your worries get the best of you. Remember, Moses started out as a basket case.



ATTENTION!

The next issue of the Mirror will be on Friday, February 24, 2006. The deadline for information to be included in the edition will be 12:00 noon Monday, February 20, 2006.

Financial Stewards
 Feb 12: T.D. Shivers and Gael McKeever
 Feb 19: Gael McKeever and Jay Posey
 Feb 26: Jay Posey and Lowell Posey
 Mar 05: Lowell Posey and John Burks



Monday—Friday
 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

For Emergencies, call:
 Pastor's Cell Phone:
 903-388-9207