

# THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST MIRROR

*First United Methodist Church*

*Mexia, Texas*

*March 24, 2006*

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## Church Staff

*Dr. Max K. Burkhead, Pastor*

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*Walt Harrison, Minister of Youth*

*Martha McCain, Administrative Assistant*

*Wynona Lipsett, Organist*

*Mary Benson, Fiscal Coordinator*

*Michael Robbins, Building Superintendent*

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*. . . a note from your pastor*

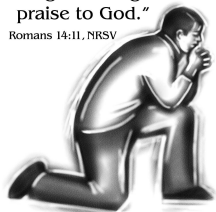
For faith to be genuine, it has to be our own. Harry Emerson Fosdick once said, "So many church members are second-hand Christians. They have inherited it from their families, borrowed it from their friends, married it, taken it over like the cut of their clothes from the fashion of their group." Jesus calls us to be first-hand Christians whose faith is as alive as our Savior. Perhaps the best way to describe this column is that it will sound like a note of thanks. As your pastor, I would like to thank you for your faithfulness in giving and attendance. 2006 is off to a good start and there is an excitement in the air. The Holy Spirit is moving in the lives of people; especially our youth. It is always a joy to be a part of a church that possesses enthusiasm and a vision for the future. This church is full of first-hand Christians who seem to have experienced faith in a personal way and put it into practice on a daily basis. But all churches possess folks who somehow believe that they can live on the faith of their parents or because their name is on a church roll somewhere. How about you? Do your prayers, presence, gifts, and service reveal that you are a first or second-hand Christian? See you Sunday as we continue our journey to the cross and the empty tomb.

*Max K. Burkhead*

*Remembering you in  
our thoughts and prayers*

Robin Adams Jayce Black Kathy Bowe  
 Jeanie Brown Shirley Brown Joe Bounds  
 Cindy Brooks Dr. Buchmeyer Pat Buyher  
 Olen Clary Herman Collier Lindsey Cotton  
 Brenda Greer Craft Sherrie Dolph Roy Englebert  
 Jeremy Ferguson Nancy Flagg Lisa Findley  
 Andrew Gordon Russell Hawkins Eloise Hart  
 Melissa-Heath Hill Bob Henry Rena Hodge  
 Ellie Hoskins Albert Hudson Debbie Johnson  
 Gladys Jones Bill and Shirley Lane  
 Henry and Dottie Lawson Holly Lewis  
 Karen Liddell Don McCord Jerry McKeand  
 Kyle Morgan Peggy Morrison Francis Owens  
 Estalee Price Sunday Crider-Pirkle Jim Ramsey  
 Keith Ritz Mike Ray Robert Redding Marty Rial  
 Wayne Robbins Mike Rule Jack Sanders  
 Beata Schueller Linda Sims Vickie Smith  
 Nancy Spence Patti Smith M.R. (Billy) Sterling  
 Debbie Sunday Jackie Sunday Micky Sunday  
 Faye, Tasha & Jackson Tacker Chad Thomas  
 Vickie Taylor J.W. Tyner Cindy Williford  
 Richard Williams Bryan Wilson Charlotte Wampler

"As I live,  
says the Lord,  
every knee shall bow  
to me, and every  
tongue shall give  
praise to God."  
Romans 14:11, NRSV



**Birthdays**

1st—Connie Carter, Kay Goodrum  
 2nd—Jack Forrest  
 4th—Brittany Fulmer, Joey Lane  
 5th—Austin Beard, Kenneth Paschal,  
 Lowell Posey  
 9th—Dawn McKeand, Zane Ward  
 10th—T.D. Shivers  
 12th—John Burks, Tracy Machacek,  
 Lane Neill  
 14th—Carol Ann Dawley  
 16th—Tad Burroughs  
 21st—Ann Neill  
 22nd—Colton Brady, Kamrye Brown,  
 Patsy Henry  
 27th—Annie V. Britt, Loda Crutchfield  
 28th—Wynona Lipsett  
 30th—Bob Fain

**Anniversaries**

9th—Joe and Kathy Paschal  
 16th—Allen and Joy Johnston  
 16th—Cecil and Helen Stephens  
 22nd—Craig and Linda Kegerreis

## From the Trench

FUMC Youth News



Greetings from the trench!

As we approach the Acquire the Fire event, I ask for your prayers, for our youth, for our parents, and for our schools. It is my prayer that the youth who attend this event are impacted and become great warriors for Christ. As the Body of Christ, I must ask a favor of all you. We must win back this generation from the World. We cannot stand by and let the evil one take our future. It's up to all of us, not just parents. It will begin with prayer. But, we have get out of our comfort zone and go out of our way to get the Youth of our community in the doors of our Church on Sunday.

*In Christ, Walt*



*March 9th—March 23rd, 2006*

**Mary Collier—Bob and Lady Carter-Fain**

**Sidney Johnston—Bob and Lady Carter-Fain**

**Myrtle Stepp—Bob and Lady Carter-Fain, Upper Room, Adult Fellowship  
Cecil Stephens—Bob and Lady Carter-Fain, Bug and Joan Paschal, Upper Room,  
Adult Fellowship, Tad and Ima Burroughs, Lewis and Jean Blunt,**

**Billy and Louise Howze, Dorcas Class**

**Leo Stuver—Bob and Lady Carter-Fain**

**Nan Wasson—Dorcas Class**

**Jerry Willett—Bob and Lady Carter-Fain, Bug and Joan Paschal**



**I just spoke with the doctor's office and there is absolutely nothing in Karen's lungs!!!!!! Our God is an awesome God! We thank you so much for your prayers and your thoughts. You know the crazy part of this when I spoke to the nurse I already was believing and expecting a Miracle from God so when she told me I was not surprised just thankful. I hope that all you have a wonderful and blessed weekend! We love you and thank you again. God Bless you all!**

**Karen and Walt**



Newest Arrival at FUMC

**Michael and Shayna Robbins are proud parents of:  
Joaquin Michael Robbins  
Born February 18th, 2006  
8 lbs. 14 oz.  
Navarro Regional Hospital  
at 2:09 a.m.**



...from your  
music director

We who are musicians for the Church walk a very fine line. On the one hand, we work hard to perfect our presentations, striving for the highest artistic standards. Sometimes we get closer than other times, but the challenge is constant. As a result, we enjoy the congregation's approval shown in applause or verbal "amens."

On the other hand, we recognize that our higher calling is to create an environment in which the congregant can experience a worshipful connection with the Almighty, the Creator, the Savior, the Spirit Who lives in us all. Sometimes the quality of our performance has little to do with our success as worship leaders.

I do feel, however, that the better the presentation, the more likely we will be successful in worship. Also, God does indeed deserve our very best. When we hear your applause, we do love it. Our challenge is to receive your approval in a worshipful context, remembering always that we sing or play for God's glory, not ours.

We hope that when you applaud, you feel that you have been elevated to a higher spiritual plane, and are not merely impressed by our efforts.

The great composer Johann Sebastian Bach signed all his compositions with the letters S.D.G., which stood for "sui deo gloria," and translates as "to the glory of God." May we perform and may you applaud "sui deo gloria."

*Blessings, Richard*

**Join a fellowship of Christians  
As we celebrate the events of Holy Week  
In Worship at First United Methodist Church**

**Maundy Thursday, April 13**

6:00 p.m. *"Disciples Share a Meal."* Supper together in Fellowship Hall begins our observance of Jesus' final evening of anguish and betrayal. All are welcome to share this sacred meal. Join us for the meal, or join us for the service at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

7:00 p.m. *"O Come and Mourn With Me Awhile."* In the Sanctuary, we celebrate Jesus' Last Supper, concluding with the dramatic stripping of the altar, symbolic of preparations for the Crucifixion.

**Good Friday, April 14**

7:00 p.m. *"I Survey the Wondrous Cross."* In prayer, scripture and music, we celebrate a Service of Tenebrae (darkness and shadows). Candles are progressively extinguished as Jesus' death on the Cross approaches.

**Easter Sunday, April 16**

10:30 a.m. *"The Cross Transformed."* We celebrate Jesus' resurrection with the flowering of the cross, restoration of the altar, pealing of bells, and the Easter Proclamation: He Is Risen! The Lord Is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!



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

**First Methodist Church  
March 30, 2006  
April 06, 2006**

**Financial Stewardship**

**Needed each week:**

**\$4,649.88**

**Needed to date: (as of Mar 19th)**

**\$55,798.56**

**Received to date:**

**\$49,355.58**

**Shortfall:**

**-\$11,092.86**

**Attendance**

**Sunday School**

**Mar 12 45**

**Mar 19 49**

**Worship**

**Mar 12 123**

**Mar 19 107**

**Sunday, March 26th**  
**Immediately following the morning worship**  
**service in the**  
**Fellowship Hall.**  
**Join us for Hamburgers and all the fixins'.**  
**Then. . . around 1:00 p.m. for the**  
**First Ever**



## **Iron Man Competition**



## Six Flags Over Texas



**Hey  
Kids!!**

**Mark your Calendars. . .**  
**for Six Flags**  
**April 15th, 2006**  
**We will leave the church parking lot**  
**at 8:00 a.m.**  
**More details later!!!**



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**It is easier to preach ten  
sermons, than it is to live  
just one.**



The next issue of the  
Mirror will be on  
Friday, April 7th, 2006.  
The deadline for information  
to be included in the edition  
will be 12:00 noon  
Monday, April 3rd, 2006.

**Financial Stewards**

Mar 26: Kathy Paschal and Craig Kegerreis  
Apr 02: Craig Kegerreis and Diane Burks  
Apr 09: Diane Burks and Ken Christian  
Apr 16: Ken Christian and Becky Brady



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

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