



# THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST MIRROR

*First United Methodist Church*

*Mexia, Texas*

*October 1, 2006*

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## Church Staff

*Brad Brittain, Pastor*

*Richard Morgan, Minister of Music*

*Walt Harrison, Minister of Youth*

*Wynona Lipsett, Organist*

*Martha McCain, Administrative Assistant*

*Mary Benson, Fiscal Coordinator*

*Kelly O'Hare, Building Maintenance*

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## . . . Day by Day

One thing that has impressed me most about our church is the Sunday school program. From children to adults, we have a good number of people involved in Sunday school. I recently started a new adult Sunday school class. I am a big believer in starting as many new small groups as possible in the church. New groups attract new people and that is what God calls us to do. I didn't really have a "plan" for this Sunday school class. I didn't have a specific topic to teach, nor did I have a name for the class. I just wanted to start a class and see what would happen. As things turned out, someone actually showed up! We still don't have a name but we did decide that the basis of our class would be this – anyone interested in studying the Bible in a relaxed, conversational style is welcome.

We have begun by studying the book of Acts. By "studying" I mean that we read through a book in the Bible together and talk about it as we go. Last week we were reading the second chapter of Acts when this passage jumped out at us: "Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved." (Acts 2:46-47)

We noticed immediately that the Lord added to their numbers. As long as the members of the early Christian community spent time in worship together, broke bread together, praised God, and had the goodwill of all the people, then the Lord would add to their numbers. If you want a formula for church growth then there it is. **Worship together. Eat together (communion?). Praise God together. Care for one another.** Who wouldn't want to be a part of that kind of community?

It is a joy to be a part of our loving community at FUMC Mexia, and it is a blessing to see what God is doing through us and for us. May we all remain faithful to our calling as followers of Jesus Christ.

*In Christ, Brad Brittain*

## Remembering you in our thoughts and prayers

Robin Adams Jayce Black Ballew Family  
Shirley Brown Joe Bounds James Bowe  
Cindy Brooks Dr. Buchmeyer Pat Buyer  
Olen Clary Lindsey Cotton  
Brenda Greer Craft Jeremy Ferguson  
Andrew Gordon Cindy Haltom Jimmy Hardin  
Rick Hart Russell Hawkins Hubert and Jean  
Harrison Melissa-Heath Hill Ruby Hitt  
Rena Hodge Howze Family Ellie Hoskins  
Albert Hudson Patsy Johnson  
Cassandra Jones Noreeta Lane Holly Lewis  
Cheryl Lipsett Henry and Dottye Lawson  
Don McCord Megan Mason Melody Mack  
Kyle Morgan Peggy Morrison Cathy Murray  
Jayne Jacobson Francis Owens Ann Pendleton  
Susan Pendleton Estalee Price Keith Ritz  
Sunday Crider-Pirkle Jim and Salley Ramsey  
Mike Ray Richard Reasoner Judy Ripley  
Mike Rule Beata Schueller Don Seubert  
Vickie Smith Nancy Spence Patti Smith  
Dale Stepp M.R. (Billy) Sterling  
Buddy Stewart Debbie Sunday  
Jackie Sunday Micky Sunday Chad Thomas  
Vickie Taylor Lisa Thibodaux  
Faye, Tasha & Jackson Tacker Glenda Verden  
Gordon White Cindy Williford Bryan Wilson  
Richard Williams  
Our American Troops in Iraq

(Please keep the office apprised of any changes in the prayer list.)



### *Birthdays*

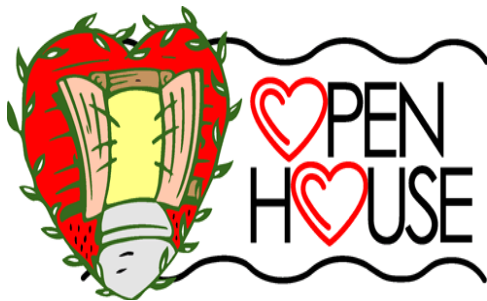
*Katy Williford 10/4*  
*Gael McKeever 10/5*  
*Kajelinn Hancock 10/6*  
*Alleen Womack 10/7*  
*Glenn Williford 10/11*  
*Kyle Hancock 10/13*  
*Elizabeth Withrow 10/19*  
*Bobbie Pendleton 10/22*  
*Cathy Ward 10/24*  
*Woodrow Wilson 10/29*

### *Anniversaries*

*Seth and Wilma Wilson 1st*  
*Mike and Mary Ann Ray 15th*  
*Bob and Pam Crider 18th*  
*John and Diane Burke 21st*  
*Jack and Ina Beth Forrest 21st*

## Confirmation Class Forming

If you have children who have not been through Confirmation Class and would like to be included, please contact Brad at the church office 562-5567. The class will consist of kids from the 5th grade and up. We will set a time for the class once we see who is interested and when you would be available. Confirmation is that special time when we learn more about our faith and come to accept the gift of God's salvation through Jesus Christ for ourselves. Once the group is assembled, we will have an orientation session with the children and parents to answer any questions you may have.



Everyone is invited to come to the parsonage of FUMC Mexia for an Open House on Sunday, October 15th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Our address is 903 Hillandale Mexia, TX. We will have punch and cookies and would be glad to show you around the house. You have been so gracious in welcoming us into your homes and we would like to return the favor by welcoming you into ours. We are blessed to live in such a nice home. Brad will even pick up his shoes from the living room floor before you come over! See you on the 15th.

Alisha, Brad, Benjamin, and Andrew Brittain



## EMAIL, EMAIL, EMAIL!

In an effort to Be more efficient and Distribute more information throughout our church, we are requesting the email addresses of all our members. If you would like to have information about the Church emailed to you, simply email us your email address at [admin@fumcmexia.org](mailto:admin@fumcmexia.org). Also, if you would like the newsletter emailed to you instead of mailed to you, Please make a note of that in your email. Just a reminder – Check out our website for additional information about the Church – [www.fumcmexia.org](http://www.fumcmexia.org). Thanks!



## RELAY FOR LIFE

**Saturday, October 7, 2006**

IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING ON THE RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM, PLEASE CALL DAWN MCKEAND AT 472-9686 OR ANN NEILL AT 562-7961. TEAM MEMBERS WILL BE COLLECTING \$100.00 FOR CANCER RESEARCH. SO, GET YOUR WALKING SHOES ON AND HELP OUR TEAM WALK LAPS AT THE MEXIA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELD. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW AS THIS EVENT GETS CLOSER.

October 3, 2006. . .  
Trustees, 6:00 p.m.  
Finance, 6:00 p.m.  
Administrative Board, 7:00



FALL FESTIVAL IS JUST  
AROUND THE CORNER. . .

JUST 4 WEEKS AWAY AND  
WE NEED YOUR HELP.

THERE WILL BE A SILENT AUCTION AND  
A LIVE AUCTION. WE ARE STILL IN  
NEED OF ITEMS TO BE DONATED FOR  
THIS EVENT.

IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING THAT YOU  
WOULD LIKE TO DONATE, PLEASE CON-  
TACT THE CHURCH OFFICE OR DIANE  
BURKS AT 562-2003 OR 562-7241.



Church  
Conference



*We will be having our annual Church Conference on Sunday, October 29th at 2:00 p.m. This is the time when we elect our officers and leaders for the upcoming year, as well as discuss our goals as a church and reflect on what we have accomplished the previous year. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.*



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

**First Presbyterian—Oct 05  
Calvary Baptist—Oct 12  
Calvary Baptist—Oct 19  
First Baptist—Oct 26**



- Nathaniel, Angel, Elijah, and Malachi Nance
- Brenda Woodruff
- Barbara Owens

**Attendance for the  
Month of September**

	<b><u>SS</u></b>	<b><u>Worship</u></b>
09/03	89	131
09/10	44	160
09/17	75	174
09/24	80	143

T-SHIRT ORDER FORM  
First United Methodist Church  
Mexia, Texas

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

I WOULD LIKE TO ORDER A

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MEXIA, TEXAS

T-SHIRT

Order deadline is Wednesday, October 11th

You can place your order at the office of First United Methodist Preschool any-time during the week now through October 11th.

Please check size below and enclose \$6.00 to cover the cost of the shirt. They will be delivered and ready for you to pick up after October 21st. You may pick them up at the First Methodist Preschool or on Wednesday Nights or Sunday Mornings in the Fellowship Hall.

The colors are Kelly Green with Khaki letters with the church name on the left front side.

We are hoping all our members will wear this shirt on Fall Festival Day — October 28th - as well as through out the year to show our "church spirit"! (certainly not required!)

Indicate quantity and size below: PREPAY - \$6.00 PER SHIRT

SIZES:

ADULT

CHILDREN

\_\_\_\_ SMALL

\_\_\_\_ X SMALL (2-4)

\_\_\_\_ MEDIUM

\_\_\_\_ SMALL (6-8)

\_\_\_\_ LARGE

\_\_\_\_ MEDIUM (10-12)

\_\_\_\_ X LARGE

\_\_\_\_ LARGE (14-16)

\_\_\_\_ 2 X LARGE

\_\_\_\_ 3 X LARGE

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Questions: Call Sherry Miller at 562-7286/562-7822

or Ina Beth Forrest at 562-5284.

# Memorials

Dan Capehart

Bradley and Bradley, Attorney at  
Law

*Thank you so much for the memorials given in honor of our daddy. We appreciate the wonderful meal that was prepared for us. Daddy loved his Sunday School class very much. We appreciate all of your love, care and support for both of our parents.*

*Blessings to you,*

*The Ramseys, Chaffins, Mauer and Capeharts*

Dear First United Methodist Church Family,

Thank you so much for the financial help given to me for this semester. The money provided to me will help with some of the financial burdens that I have while attending Texas A & M. I am very thankful to have such a loving church family back home that supports my education.

Thanks again, and GIG'EM.

Scott Bolton

**thank you!**  




First United Methodist Church  
Scholarship Committee

First off, I would like to thank the church and everyone involved with the scholarship committee. This money is helping me pay for the education I need in order to fulfill my hopes of becoming a pharmacist. I really want to help my community by becoming a pharmacist and this scholarship is putting me that much closer to reaching my goal.

Sincerely, John Irwin

Dear FUMC Staff,

Thanks for the beautiful plant! It has a special place here at home and I'll enjoy it for a long time. Like the little frog on front of this card—I'm going to be "hopping" around soon.



Only 5 weeks to Fall Festival, I'd better get to "Hopping" soon! Take care and love you all.

Sherry Miller

To the Methodist Church,

Thank you for your support in my high school graduation. I have enjoyed attending your church and will always have fond memories of our great youth. I will always have such a great family if God to go to whenever I need him. Once again, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Keith





## TEXAS CHAPTERS OF THE NATIONAL UNITED METHODIST CAMPERS, INC.



### **Who are the National United Methodist Campers?**

We are a national family camping organization created by United Methodists in Connecticut in 1975. We felt the need for camping a Christian atmosphere, where Christians would be welcome and no member of the family would be excluded.



**This is our father's world, we enjoy it, we share it, we celebrate it as members of NUMC.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO  
[WWW.UMCAMPERS.ORG](http://WWW.UMCAMPERS.ORG)

### **HOW Can a new Chapter Be Created?**

A new chapter can be created with five members. Go to the website [www.umcampers.org](http://www.umcampers.org) and contact the National Coordinator for assistance in organizing a new chapter. Five members are required to keep a chapter active. One membership is a family unit.



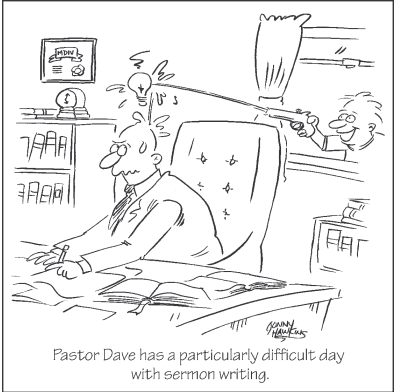



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*People are funny. . .they want  
 the front of the bus, the middle  
 of the road and the back of the  
 church.*

The next issue of the  
 Mirror will be on  
 Friday, Nov 03, 2006.  
 The deadline for informa-  
 tion to be included in the  
 edition will be 12:00 noon  
 Monday, Oct 30, 2006.

**Financial Stewards**

Oct 01 Ann Pendleton, Diane Burks  
 Oct 09 Diane Burks, Ken Christian  
 Oct 15 Ken Christian, Becky Brady  
 Oct 22 Becky Brady, Vickie Beard  
 Oct 29 Vickie Beard, Frances Williams



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

For Emergencies, call:  
 Brad's Cell Phone:  
 903-879-0481