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8:30 am “Come As You Are” Worship  
10:45 am Traditional Worship

**July 31, 2011**

**Sermon**

Experiencing God’s Grace Through Prayer

**Pastor**

Jeff Miller

**August 7, 2011**

**Communion Sunday**

**Sermon**

Experiencing God’s Grace Through  
Communion

**Pastor**

Jeff Miller

**August 14, 2011**

**Sermon**

Experiencing God’s Grace Through Healing

**Pastor**

Jeff Miller

**August 21, 2011**

**Sermon**

Experiencing God’s Grace Through  
God’s Word

**Pastor**

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**August 28, 2011**

**Sermon**

Experiencing God’s Grace Through Baptism

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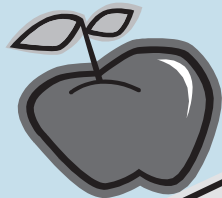
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Housekeeping

## Potluck Luncheon for Bell Choir Fundraiser

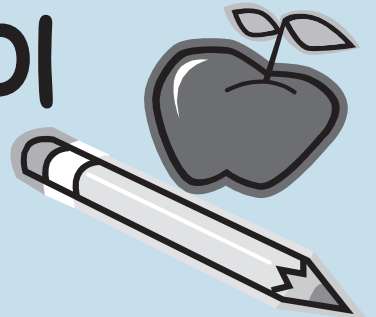
~Sunday, July 31st~

Be sure to bring your favorite dish and join us at the Potluck Luncheon held after church on July 31st. The money raised will be used to get the bells cleaned and repaired. We will also be auctioning off a donated quilt during the luncheon.



# Back to School

## Back to School Bash Sunday, August 21st



### Children’s Chest Open for Back to School

2 Saturdays in August: August 13th & 27th—9:00–Noon

## New Additions to FUMC’s Website

You can now Donate Online on the church’s website at [www.firstumcbreckenridge.org](http://www.firstumcbreckenridge.org)

Just click the link on the upper left corner of the homepage, “Click here to Give Online!” The link will lead you to FUMC Breckenridge’s account at My Giving Solutions and you are able to give to specific funds, such as General Tithes & Offerings, Building Capital Improvements, Memorial, Youth, Learning Tree, WinGS, and United Methodist Men.

Also, the newsletter you receive in the mail can be viewed and printed from the church’s website. To view the latest newsletter, click on “E-News Letter” on the right column of the homepage.

## New Sermon Series

### Beginning July 31st

Experiencing God’s Grace through:

Prayer

Communion

Healing

God’s Word

Baptism

More FUMC News On Pages 4A, 5A & 8A

## August Communion Rail Offering

Sunday, August 7th

Local Benevolence

## Give a Penny—Save A Life

(Imagine No Malaria)

There is not much one can do with a penny in today’s economy. There is no longer what we called penny-candy. The copper penny almost seems superfluous. I have heard rumors over the past years of talk of doing away with the penny. Mine usually end up in the small tray by the cash register at the convenience store. If I see a penny on the ground I leave it for someone else.

We may think there is not much one can do with a penny— BUT ONE PENNY CAN SAVE A LIFE! ACTUALLY IT CAN SAVE 100 LIVES.

Just one penny per day; (that’s only \$3.65 per year—the price of a latte) can save lives. If each person who attends worship would give just one penny per day we will be able to save over 100 lives over a three year period.

On the penny is stamped the words, “IN GOD WE TRUST.” God is trusting us to IMAGINE NO MALARIA and save lives.

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## The Family at First UMC...

Visiting our Church these recent Sundays were:

Sharon Cahill; Stephen Hope; Bryce Bufkin; Jessica & Katrina Schoenfeld of Glenn Heights; Joshua Remdon of Dallas; Wendy Reyna of Glenn Heights; Sam & Rachel Kemper, Jack, Alyssa, Lucas; Kim & Kelly Kinney, Mason; Patricia Kintz of Kenosha, Wisconsin

### Current Prayer Concerns

All prayer requests should be emailed or called in to the church office, and they will be sent out from there by both phone and e-mail to our prayer warriors. Please keep the office updated on the status of the friend or family member you have on the prayer list.

**JENNIFER CARGAL**  
**RONNIE PENDLETON**  
**MONIQUE BROWN**  
**TERRY LANGFORD**  
**JIMMY JONES**  
**JESS LITTLEFIELD**  
**JOHN ED CONNER**  
**DORIS HOGAN**  
**JEAN HAYWORTH**  
**JOHN & EUNITA TRIMBLE**  
**BENNIE HUGHES**—mother of Lisa Patterson  
**JUNE COX**—sister of Ruth Green & aunt of Guyla White  
**BILL WOOD**—uncle of Guyla White  
**LINDA BROADIE**—aunt of Sonia Sikes  
**KARA LARGENT**—daughter in law of Teri Largent  
**PAULA CHISHOLM**—friend of Jean Beauchamp  
**CHRISTINE BENNETT**—sister of Monique Brown  
**ZOE FISCHER**—great niece of Jean Hayworth  
**KELLY VENEKAMP**—cousin of Joey Venekamp  
**MELINDA THURMON**—thyroid cancer  
**KERRY NOBLE**—cousin of Sharon Pendleton, bone lymphoma  
**JOSE GALLEGOS**—father of Valerie Gallegos—coworker of December Owen  
**ALYSON OVERMAN RODGERS**—cousin of Jerry Overman  
**EDDIE KENDRICK**—brother in law of Doris Kendrick  
**BETTY ROBERTSON DAKIN**—car accident  
**PAT SHOEMAKE**—friend of Jerry Overman's mother  
**GENE VELMAN**—friend of Ruth Green, cancer  
**KATHY JOHNSON**—friend of Pat Adams  
**JUNE BEAUCHAMP**—friend of Linda Venekamp  
**RUSTY CREECH**—uncle of Linda Venekamp's son in law  
**SIRENA OTTS**—niece of Guyla White, Lyme Disease  
**JACK MITCHELL**—brother of Sue Lodor  
**JOANN DABBS**—grandmother of Sandy Morris  
**KENDALL HAYWORTH**—grandson of Jean Hayworth  
**SHARON REED**—wife of Rev. Bill Reed, St. Paul/Eolian Pastor  
**STEVE KINNARD**—brother of Martye Underwood  
**MARTY VENEKAMP**—brother of Joey Venekamp

**RON FELTON**—father of Jannette Miller  
**IRIS PATTERSON**—mother of Lisa Langford  
**LEN WILLIAMS**  
**SHERI FORREST**—mother in law of Linda Venekamp's daughter Rachel  
**SANDRA OVERMAN**—mother of Jerry Overman  
**DALE CARY**  
**JEAN SPRAIN**—mother of Kay Warner  
**JEREMY BROWN**—nephew of Tim & Beth Byerly  
**JIM OLNEY**—former Brownwood District Superintendent  
**AREA CHURCHES**  
**PRESIDENT OBAMA, OUR NATION, AND OUR MEN & WOMEN IN THE SERVICE**  
**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**  
**WORLD PEACE**

### Those in extended care:

**MORIE EPPERSON**—Villa Haven  
**SHIRLEY REGER**  
**SYLVIA SEBELIST**—mother of Jean Hayworth  
**GERTRUDE PETTY**—mother of Sharon Toland  
**MAVIS OVERMAN**—grandmother of Jerry Overman  
**LENA MADENBURG**—aunt of Roger Tonne—Villa Haven  
**EVELYN WHITE**—mother of Wayne White, Cedar Crest

Please call the church office if you know about a member being ill or having a death in the family. We would appreciate knowing when something happens in the daily lives of our congregation.

### Please pray for our servicemen & women in harm's way:

**ZACHARY KARL**—South Korea, Camp Casey—grandson of Bobby & Elaine Goswick  
**KYLE CLEAVENGER**—Afghanistan—nephew of Tim & Beth Byerly  
**ARIC HOLLY**—son of Sherry Strickland  
**BRANDI PENDLETON**—daughter of Randy Pendleton  
**JACOB WISE**—Afghanistan—grandson of Ruth Green & nephew of Guyla White

If you are aware of any other church family and friends serving our country in harm's way that we need to include in our prayers, please contact the church office with that information.



## FUMC Youth at Glen Lake Camp



## Newsletter Deadlines

Please have information for The B'ridge Newsletter to the church office by:  
**Noon on Wednesday, August 24th**

for the September issue. The newsletter is coming out once a month now, and this will allow us to let people know what is going on sooner. Thanks!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 5:15 pm Finance Committee Mtg in Library 5:30-6:30 pm FFF	3 5:30 pm Nominating Committee Mtg in Library 7:00 pm Choir Practice	4 6:45 am UMM Breakfast 5:30-6:30 pm FFF	5	6 9:00-10:00 am FFF
7 <b>Communion</b> 8:30 am "Come as You Are" Worship 9:30 am Light Breakfast – B.I.G. Room – Mixed Nuts 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Morning Worship Service	8	9 5:30-6:30 pm FFF 6:00 pm Administrative Board Mtg in FH	10 7:00 pm Choir Practice	11 5:30 pm Meeting with Dick Young from Texas Methodist Foundation in FH 5:30-6:30 pm FFF	12	13 9:00-10:00 am FFF 9:00-Noon Children's Chest Open 10:00-12:00 pm Craft Time
14 8:30 am "Come as You Are" Worship 9:30 am Light Breakfast – B.I.G. Room – UMM 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Morning Worship Service	15	16 5:30-6:30 pm FFF	17 7:00 pm Choir Practice	18 5:30-6:30 pm FFF	19	20 9:00-10:00 am FFF
21 8:30 am "Come as You Are" Worship 9:30 am Light Breakfast- B.I.G. Room – Elementary UMYF 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Morning Worship Service Youth Back to School Bash	22 BISD Classes Start  12:00 noon WinGS Lunch Mtg in FH	23 5:30-6:30 pm FFF	24 2:00 pm WinGS B-Day Party @ VH 7:00 pm Choir Practice	25 2:00 pm WinGS B-Day Party @ Cedar Crest 5:30-6:30 pm FFF	26	27 6-9 am Angel Food Distribution in CLC 9:00-10:00 am FFF 9:00-Noon Children's Chest Open 10:00-12:00 pm Craft Time
28 8:30 am "Come as You Are" Worship 9:30 am Light Breakfast- B.I.G. Room – Mixed Nuts 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Morning Worship Service	29	30 5:30-6:30 pm FFF	31 7:00 pm Choir Practice		FFF – Faithfully Fit Forever Exercise	



## Quilting & Craft Group News

The Quilting and Craft Group will continue to meet every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 10 A.M. until noon. We are working on a wonderful mission project for our local nursing home residents. We are making lap quilts for all of the residents. If you would like to help with this project, but are unable to meet on Saturday's, please let me know and I can send you fabric to work on in your spare time. This is a special opportunity to get involved in a worthwhile project in giving back to our elderly community. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Linda Venekamp at 559-0406.

# August Birthdays

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| 2—Angela Overman    | 16—Sarah Anderson   |
| 3—Eloise Guerrant   | 17—Doug Goswick     |
| 3—Janice Stueart    | 17—Mark Hanna       |
| 4—Mark Eden         | 17—Susan Pendleton  |
| 4—Jinger McConnell  | 19—Bobby Garrett    |
| 5—Ike Pesch         | 20—Doris Hogan      |
| 7—Austin Clay       | 20—Madison Parks    |
| 7—Tate Hudson       | 20—Kutter Trammel   |
| 8—Bobby Bentley     | 21—Dwight Tribble   |
| 8—Elizabeth Trammel | 23—Charles Taylor   |
| 9—Karen Duggan      | 24—Lisa Langford    |
| 10—Miley Ramirez    | 24—Truett Trammel   |
| 10—Kellie Merritt   | 24—Eunita Trimble   |
| 10—Nathaniel Pugh   | 25—Fallon Duggan    |
| 12—DeEdra Boon      | 25—Daron Neeld      |
| 12—Stetson Taylor   | 27—Joe Jimenez      |
| 13—Magnolia Dunlap  | 28—Aaron Brown      |
| 13—Brittany Hay     | 29—Barry Goswick    |
| 14—David Maxey      | 29—Jane Ann Pichler |
| 14—Micah Morehart   | 30—Zach Karl        |
| 15—Ky Ash           | 31—Sharon Pendleton |
| 15—Laura Wilson     |                     |

# Visitor's Ministry

We are looking for volunteers to help with our Visitor's ministry. We need people who are willing to deliver a small gift to our visitors after they visit our church for the first time instead of handing them out after the service. If you are willing to serve in this manner please let the church office know.



# Pastor's Column

## "Sermon From The Mound"

Through the innovation of "XM" Radio, I have the occasional opportunity of listening to Detroit Tiger baseball. (It is on XM 178 if any of you are interested J)

Since I only get XM radio in the car, I rarely get to listed to a full game, but I do get to catch an inning or two here and there. I tuned into the game during the bottom of the seventh-inning. Detroit was winning, the opposing team the Toronto Blue Jays had not scored a run.



The announcers were commenting about the possibility of Justin Verlander (Detroit pitcher) pitching a perfect game, that is no one even getting on base.

In the top of the eighth-inning, Justin Verlander got to a full count, three balls and two strikes. Even though I was almost two thousand miles away, I could virtually feel the tension. The wind up, the pitch, ball four. And with that one pitch, just missing the plate, the batter walked and the perfect game was no longer. After seven plus innings of perfection, it was gone. I noticed Justin Verlander had about forty seconds to bemoan the loss of a perfect game. He had to get over it quickly, get it out of his head and pitch to the next batter with the same drive and intensity he had used up to this point. He didn't even have a full minute to get over it. I am sure you can draw the analogies to life from this.

Pitching a perfect game is a rarity. But there was still reason to cheer and be optimistic. He was still pitching a no hitter. He completed the no hitter, a great achievement. Yet, even if someone would've gotten a hit off of Verlander, he still could've pitched a shutout. This too is a great achievement.

And even if Toronto would've scored a couple of runs, Verlander still could receive a win—still an achievement.

I wonder if we at times hold each other to impossible standards and if someone doesn't pitch the perfect game, we put it in the loss column. Jesus had some cutting words for people who impose such high standards on others. He said, "Don't judge, so that you won't be judged. You'll receive the same judgment you give. Whatever you deal out will be dealt out to you." (Matthew 7:1-2 Common English Bible) Or put another way, "Don't expect others to pitch a perfect game when you haven't even won a game."

See you at the place where a save is as good as a win,  
Pastor Jeff

# New Ladies Bible Study

Guyla White will be leading new Ladies' Bible Study on Beth Moore's book, "David: Man After God's Own Heart." The study will meet Thursdays at 10:00 am in the Library beginning on September 8th. Books may be ordered through the church office with a pre-payment of \$14.95 or may be purchased on your own.



# Congratulations!

Congratulations to Greg & Nichole Broyles on the birth of their daughter, Ramilee Gale Broyles, born July 16th. Ramilee weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz. and was 21½ inches long. Proud family members are big brother Adam, grandmother Sandy Broyles, aunt Cheri Bates and cousins Breck & Maggie Bates.

# ALTAR FLOWERS— FRESH OR SILK

The flower calendar posted in the narthex is available for you to sign up for a Sunday to place fresh flowers in the Sanctuary in memory or in honor of a loved one or friend, and there are dates still open. It doesn't matter if someone else is signed up for the same date, as more flowers are always a blessing. You may purchase from any florist, but will need to provide the church information for the bulletin about the person being honored or remembered and the special occasion for which the flowers are provided, such as a birthday, anniversary, etc. Nominal donations (no specified amount or minimum) to the silk flower fund are also acceptable, if you choose to use some of our silk flower arrangements rather than ordering fresh flowers. Your continued support of this ministry is appreciated.

At this time, we have only a few silk or other artificial arrangements. Your assistance would be very welcome if you're interested in creating some new ones, and materials would be paid for from the flower fund.

**If you have a mail pocket outside the church office, please check it often.**

# The Bishop's Blog

To subscribe to the latest posts from Bishop Mike Lowry, please visit [www.BishopMikeLowry.com/subscribe](http://www.BishopMikeLowry.com/subscribe)

# Financial Update

## Our Gifts

Budget for 2011	\$335,892.00
Needed each month	\$27,991.00
Brought forward from Dec 31, 2010	\$194.19
YTD Received through 7/25/2011	\$131,680.20
YTD Paid out through 7/25/2011	\$164,639.61
Standing Funds transferred to Budget	\$1,047.00
Behind in Budget Account as of 7/25/11	\$(31,718.22)

# Faithfully Fit Forever

**Evening class: T Th—5:30pm—6:30pm**  
**Morning class: Sat—9:00am—10:00am**

If you aren't familiar with FFF, it is an exercise class, hosted by FUMC Breckenridge that focuses on the health of the body, mind and spirit.

Classes are held 3 times per week, and each session has 3 parts:

- 40 minutes of exercise (aerobic type activity to music)
- 10 minutes of health education
- 10 minutes of faith and devotion

**This is a great way to invite others to church. Come join us for Fun, Fellowship and Fitness! It's never too late to start.**



# Sunday Morning Breakfast Calendar

- August 7th—Mixed Nuts
- August 14th—United Methodist Men
- August 21th—Elementary UMYF
- August 28th—Mixed Nuts

# Vitality Scoreboard for FUMC

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2011</u>
<b>Disciples in Worship</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>132</b>
<b>New Disciples</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Growing as a Disciple</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Engaging in Mission</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>89</b>
<b>Giving to Mission</b>	<b>\$48,623</b>	<b>\$57,516</b>	<b>\$18,026</b>

**Disciples in Worship:** average worship attendance  
**New Disciples:** number of people who joined by profession of faith

**Growing as a Disciple:** number of small groups  
**Engaging in Mission:** number of people engaged in local mission

**Giving to Mission:** total amount given by local to church to other organizations

# Acolyte Rotation Schedule

Below is the new rotation schedule for the acolytes. If you are unable to be at church on your Sunday, please call the Overman's at (254) 549-3507 and you can trade for a different Sunday.

- 1st Sunday—Russell Overman and Nick Speer**
- 2nd Sunday—Maggie Bates and Coy Harris**
- 3rd Sunday—Levi Lechner and Zach Willis**
- 4th Sunday—Luke Morris and Brady Tennison**
- 5th Sunday—July (Maggie & Zach)/  
October (Coy & Levi)**

# Lot for Sale at The Cliffs

The church has a lot for sale at The Cliffs on Possum Kingdom Lake. Several amenities are included with the purchase of the lot, such as access to the pools and free rounds of golf throughout the year. If you or someone you know is interested please contact the church office.

# Children's Chest Director Needed

Nancy Carter is resigning as the Children's Chest Director effective May 2011. If you are interested in volunteering for this position please contact Linda Venekamp or the church office. Nancy has done an outstanding job to get things organized and we hope to continue that!