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## First United Methodist Church

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

**May 29, 2011**

**Sermon**—Top Secret: Risky Investment

**Scripture**—Matthew 13:44–45

**Pastor**—Jeff Miller

**June 5, 2011**

**Communion Sunday**

**Sermon**—The Wrong Focus

**Scripture**—Acts 1:1–11

**Pastor**—Jeff Miller

**June 12, 2011**

**Sermon**—G\*R\*A\*C\*E\*

Relationships to God & Others Are Vital

**Scripture**—John 9:1–15, 24–27

**Pastor**—Jeff Miller

**June 19, 2011**

**Sermon**—G\*R\*A\*C\*E\*

Accepting People for Who God Made Them

**Scripture**—Joshua 2:1–14

**Pastor**—Jeff Miller

**June 26, 2011**

**Sermon**—G\*R\*A\*C\*E\*

Christ's Total Forgiveness

**Scripture**—Luke 17:11–19

**Pastor**—Jeff Miller

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## 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.



## Congratulations to our 2011 Graduating Seniors!

Landi Anderson  
Zach McClymond  
Natalie Wilson

Nicole Hart  
Aly Pesch

## June Communion Rail Offering

Giving Back and Giving Forward ...  
Annual Conference Offering

Glen Lake Camp & Retreat Center has been named recipient of the 2011 Central Texas Annual Conference Offering. More than 18,000 children, youth and adults come to the campsite each year for meetings, retreats and as part of the summer and mid-year camping and retreat programs.

## 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.

The Local Benevolence fund is below \$200.  
This fund is used to help local families  
with their utilities.

You're invited  
to a  
Wedding Shower  
honoring  
**Sandy Morris**  
Bride Elect of Jay Walker

Sunday, June 5, 2011  
1:30–3:00 pm  
Atrium of FUMC

*Selections at: Thurmon Furniture,  
Dillard's, & Bed, Bath & Beyond*

*Hosted by: WinGS*

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

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Those Scheduled to Serve

**Sunday, May 29**

Ushers: **BOBBY GOSWICK, CAPTAIN;**  
**JERRY TOLAND, TOMMY DITTMAR**  
 Greeters: **SHARON & VIRGINIA**  
**TOLAND**  
 Acolytes: **COY HARRIS & LEVI LECHNER**  
 Sound System: **ERNIE UNDERWOOD**  
 Liturgist: **GUYLA WHITE**  
 Children's Church Teacher: **CHERI BATES**

**Sunday, June 5**

Ushers: **DAVID DUGGAN, CAPTAIN;**  
**WELDON EDWARDS, ERIC VENEKAMP**  
 Acolytes: **RUSSELL OVERMAN & NICK**  
**SPEER**  
 Sound System: **ERNIE UNDERWOOD**

Visiting our Church these recent Sundays were:

Robin & Kevin McCarthy; Dwayne & Sandra Overman; Chris Sexton of Grand Prairie; Rick Hallon; Suzanne David of Grand Prairie; Margie Salas; Jettie McClymond; Lavada Hitch; Josh Anderson; Anginette Gilbreath; Kaddie Holman; Austyn Anderson; Joe Ed & Samantha Pesch; Sally Satterwhite; and Marti & Bill Hollis

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.

**TERRY LANGFORD**  
**JIMMY JONES**  
**JESS LITTLEFIELD**  
**O.H. REAUGH**  
**JOHN ED CONNER**  
**DORIS HOGAN**  
**JEAN HAYWORTH**  
**JOHN & EUNITA TRIMBLE**  
**MILDRED WILLIAMS**—aunt of Bobby Goswick  
**EDDIE KENDRICK**—brother in law of Doris Kendrick  
**FRED OVERMAN**—grandfather of Jerry Overman  
**BETTY ROBERTSON DAKIN**—car accident  
**PAT SHOEMAKE**—friend of Jerry Overman's mother  
**GENE VELMAN**—friend of Ruth Green, cancer  
**JOE ED PESCH**—father of Tim Pesch  
**KATHY JOHNSON**—friend of Pat Adams  
**DAVLYN SPEER**—niece of Roy & Eileen Speer, cousin to Pendleton's and Gipson's  
**JUNE BEAUCHAMP**—friend of Linda Venekamp  
**BILLIE JEAN WHITE**—grandmother of Jaclyn Morehart & Jay White  
**RUSTY CREECH**—uncle of Linda Venekamp's son in law  
**SIRENA OTTS**—niece of Guyla White, Lyme Disease  
**TOM BURDEN**—friend of Rick Pendleton  
**WILBUR HIGHT**—friend of Rick Pendleton  
**JACK MITCHELL**—brother of Sue Lodor  
**BILLY REID**—son in law of Jean Hayworth  
**JOANN DABBS**—grandmother of Sandy Morris  
**KEVIN TURNIPSEED**—friend of Susan Pendleton  
**KENDALL HAYWORTH**— grandson of Jean Hayworth  
**SHARON REED**—wife of Rev. Bill Reed, St. Paul/Eolian Pastor  
**STEVE HASSAR**—brother in law of Elaine Goswick's sister, Glenda Boyd Hassar  
**STEVE KINNARD**—brother of Martye Underwood  
**MARTY VENEKAMP**—brother of Joey Venekamp  
**RON FELTON**—father of Jannette Miller  
**LEN WILLIAMS**  
**LARRY BRADFORD**—father of Lara Townson  
**SHERI FORREST**—mother in law of Linda Venekamp's daughter Rachel

**SANDRA OVERMAN**—mother of Jerry Overman  
**DALE CARY**  
**EVELYN GRIMES**—aunt of Susan Pendleton  
**JEAN SPRAIN**—mother of Kay Warner  
**JEREMY BROWN**—nephew of Tim & Beth Byerly  
**JIM OLNEY**—former Brownwood District Superintendent  
**IRIS PATTERSON**—mother of Lisa Langford  
**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  
**BRITTON HOWELL**—Iraq— nephew of Julie Harris—is now home  
**ARIC HOLLY**—son of Sherry Strickland  
**BRANDI PENDLETON**—daughter of Randy Pendleton

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.







## Camp EDGE VBS is Coming!

It's that time again to start preparing for Vacation Bible School! This year's theme is an extreme adventure camp where children Experience and Discover God Everywhere (EDGE). Camp E.D.G.E. VBS is not your typical stroll through the woods. It's an action-packed, adrenaline-filled expedition that teaches kids their strength and might come from God. Through rockin' contemporary music, larger-than-life recreation games, mind-boggling science activities, extreme sports videos, and cool, challenging crafts, kids will learn how to live on the E.D.G.E. in their faith.

Camp Edge will be held from July 11–15th at FUMC. Please contact April Lechner or Jay Walker for more info or to volunteer!

### Supplies Needed for VBS:

Undecorated artificial Christmas trees  
Tree stumps  
Large logs or driftwood  
Pine needles or dried leaves  
Pinecones  
Artificial flowers  
River rocks  
Outdoor folding chairs  
Camp stools  
Camp stoves  
Metal plates, bowls & utensils  
Coolers  
Canteens  
Marshmallow roasting tongs  
Small plastic swimming pools  
Lanterns  
Flashlights  
Binoculars  
Maps  
Mountain bikes  
Skateboards  
Snowboards  
Skis or ski poles  
Ropes  
Carabiners  
Hiking boots  
Inflatable raft  
Oars  
Kayak or canoe  
Helmets  
Compasses  
Butcher paper—green, brown, dark blue, light blue, black white  
Tissue paper—various solid colors  
Posterboard—white, green, yellow, blue, red  
King sized sheets—blue, brown, green, white  
Large sheets of cardboard  
Foam board  
Blue cellophane  
Sheets of Styrofoam  
Green pool noodles  
Brown paper bags  
Newspaper  
White cotton batting  
Mini lights—white & colored  
Plastic tablecloths  
White votive candles  
Battery operated tea lights

## 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—May (Coy & Levi)**

## Need Your Carpets Cleaned?

J Williams of *Essential Carpet Care* has been cleaning carpets in Breckenridge for the past 9 years. J's husband, Len Williams, is currently undergoing chemo therapy treatments and is unable to work. Please give J a call at 254-246-0277. Any work is greatly appreciated!



## Faithfully Fit Forever

FFF's schedule—

**Evening class: T Th—5:30pm–6:30pm**

**Morning class: Sat—9:00am–10:00am**

**Sign up in the office. Invite your friends and neighbors.**

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

FFF is designed for all ages and women and men of all exercise backgrounds.

FFF is meant to bring exercise to you with as few barriers as possible. It is a great chance for fellowship and gives us a chance to "present our bodies as a living sacrifice" to the Lord.

**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.**

If you are interested, please contact the church office at 559-8208 or catch Linda Venekamp or Jannette Miller at church. All participants must complete a questionnaire prior to attending classes.



## Sunday Morning Breakfast Calendar

May 29th—Donut Sunday  
June 5th—Mixed Nuts  
June 12th—United Methodist Men  
June 19th—Jr. High UMYF  
June 26th—Mixed Nuts

## Sunday, July 31st

### 5th Sunday Fundraiser Luncheon for Bell Choir

The money raised will be used to get the bells cleaned and repaired. It will cost about \$1000 to have 3 octaves cleaned. This should be done every 8–10 years. We have had the bells at least 15 years and they have never been serviced.

## 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!

## 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.

## Secret Pal Revealing

### College Student:

Danielle Wilson  
Nathan Tonne  
Sara Tonne  
Julissa Parrack  
Ali Strickland  
Lexi Strickland

### Secret Pal:

Sheila Tonne  
Dickie Gray  
Deana Owen  
Sandy Broyles  
Dorene Parrack  
J. Williams

## 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)

Here is a sample of the Bishop's Blog:

### Changing the World

May 18, 2011

I am finishing reading Mike Slaughter's *Change the World: Recovering the Message and Mission of Jesus*. I confess that it is one of those books I read 1/2 of and then put down. Picking it back up again, I am once again engaged in an ongoing theme that is playing itself out across the church.

Outwardly focused churches thrive. They don't just believe in Christ; they live Christ. Inwardly focused churches die. There are a number of challenging aspects to Slaughter's book, but perhaps most impressive is how serious Ginghamburg UMC takes discipleship formation. They have clear high expectations. In writing about membership he comments on those who join Ginghamburg. "They commit to regular worship attendance, a cell community for accountability and growth, a place of service, and the biblical tithe. They commit to grow as disciples—not remain attendees" (Mike Slaughter, *Change the World*, p. 41).

All this looks like concrete living out of the vows of prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. It looks like living out radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission and service, and extravagant generosity. It might make for a very fruitful and faithful Administrative Council discussion to examine how your church is doing implementing practical discipleship. This is, after all, our mission—"to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

## 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>2</b>
<b>Growing as a Disciple</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Engaging in Mission</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>80</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