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- Teaching God's Word!
- Loving one another!
- Strengthening families!
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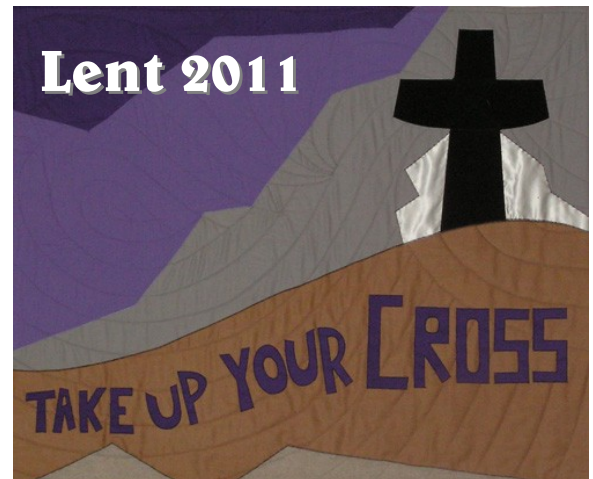
The Messenger

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~ Ladies' Lenten Luncheon ~ Sunday March, 6th Wilson Parlor ~ 12 - 2 pm

Ladies of First Church... join us next Sunday for our annual Lenten Luncheon. We will meet on March 6th from 12:00 - 2:00 pm in Wilsons Parlor. Following our theme, Extraordinary Women of the Bible, we will learn about Mary Magdalene. She was the first person who Christ Jesus appeared to after His resurrection.



Ash Wednesday Service March 9th - 7:00 pm

The early Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection. Before the Easter celebration, the Church began the custom of a forty-day season of spiritual preparation.

To make a right beginning of turning from our sin, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us bow before our Creator and Redeemer.



Now - Light One Candle Today



Pastor
Charles Geller

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Geller and
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It's Thursday...Praise the Lord! One of my most favorite days of the week is Thursday. Why Thursday? Simple, I get to go to Rasco School during my lunch break and mentor a remarkable young man. I am pouring my life into this young lad, and I pray that he is being blessed by our mentoring relationship. The strangest thing happens each Thursday as I walk away from Rasco. I bet you can guess it. You're right! I am the one who gets the greatest blessing. Seeing the progress that my young friend is making, seeing the positive effort he is making, and enjoying our simple yet profound conversations just blesses my heart. In just a few weeks we have developed a great relationship. We trust each other more and more each week.

Have you ever considered being a mentor to a young man or woman? It does not take anything but time and interest. Trust me; I have few academic skills that will bless this young man. The academic work they are doing in the 5th grade causes me to wonder how I ever got out of high school. These young people live in such a challenging age. As we sat there today, I could not help but reflect to myself on the world that my young friend will inherit. Egypt is in a mess, Qaddafi is killing his own people, America is in moral decline, a man was plotting to kill President George W. Bush, babies are being needlessly aborted each hour, and people are dying all around the world from hunger. Temptation is on every newsstand, the television begs for us to lust after riches and glory, and our idols are falling off Humpty Dumpty's wall each day.

Wow! Why don't we all just give up? No! God has called us to be salt and light in this dark world. I have a simple goal. I try to be used by the Holy Spirit to light one candle each day; knowing that if we do that the world will never be completely dark. Light is contagious. Each day we have the opportunity to spread light throughout the world. Remember the song, "It only takes a spark to get a fire going." There you go. Let's go out and light a candle.

Peace!
Pastor Geller

Taking the Word to the World Bible Study



121 Highway 332 W # A
Lake Jackson, TX 77566

Join us for the "Taking the Word to the World" Bible Study at the Lake Jackson Chick-fil-A every Tuesday morning at 9:30 am. Enjoy breakfast and study God's Word with Pastor Geller

For more information, email
Pastor Geller at cggeller@aol.com

The Power of Studying God's Word!



Mike and I have been attending the Bible Study that Pastor Geller has been giving for some time now. We have always attended church all our lives, but never to a Bible Study. Now, for the first time in our lives, we're in a Bible Study group discussing the Bible and asking questions". It is great!

I have never felt so good about something in my life - getting to know God better. It feels great to be closer to God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Our lives have changed for the better, and it's because we have let Jesus into our hearts. I know that the feeling that I feel is warm, loving, and makes me feel great! Also, since that time, we are taking our Bibles to Church to follow along with the sermon and reading the Bible at home together.

I don't know if I could have said the above had I not made an effort to attend the Bible Study and let my feelings be known. Thank you God for being in our midst at Bible Study and filling our souls with joy.

Mike and Shirley Rylander

Sympathies & Memorials

SYMPATHIES:

To Ginger Mitchamore and family in the loss of Ginger's father, Jack Morgan.

MEMORIALS:

In memory of Gene Franklin from:

Kenneth Evans, Dale Proctor, Lee & Nancy Berry, Gene & Ann Taylor, Bill & Curly Leshikar, Andy & Deana Wheeler, Dennis & Eileen Davenport, A.G. & Frances Snelgrove

In memory of Jo Kaski (mother of Kim Wendel) from:

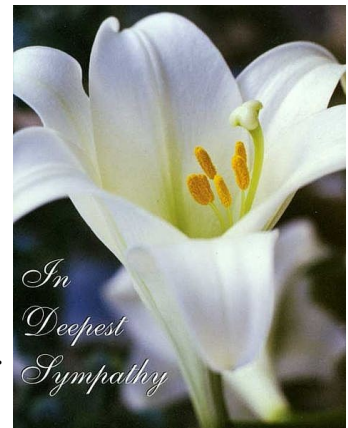
Clydene & Bill Kees

In memory of Gerry Snyder from:

Gene & Ann Taylor, A.G. & Frances Snelgrove

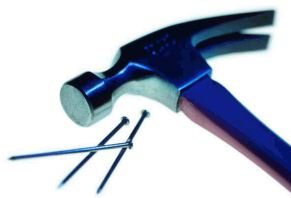
In memory of John Chambers from:

Andy & Deana Wheeler, Gene & Ann Taylor, A.G. & Frances Snelgrove



Notes From Your Trustees:

We are currently working on repairing items and catching up on some cleaning. To help us be aware of items which need to be repaired or cleaned, we need your help. If you notice something that needs to be brought to the attention of the Trustees, please fill out a Maintenance Request form. These forms are located in the rack, on the wall in the Narthex. Once the form is filled out, please turn it into the office. **Thank you!**



We Are Accepting Donations for Three Pianos!

The Trustees are accepting free will donations for one baby grand, two upright pianos and an organ.

** Buyer is responsible for moving... Please contact the church office or any Trustee for more information.*



Joy Ministry - Care for Children with Special Needs



Our children are growing up and need some new things! Any toys/games for our classroom and Fun Fridays are appreciated. Examples of needed items include: board games, electronic games, action games (volleyball, balls, etc...), any game devices/games (we have TV's, and no game systems). Call Kimberly Bowers at 979-236-9427 for more information on supporting JOY Ministry.



Thank you for helping us help our Children!

Youth Ministry Opportunity - Sunday Night Meals

Our Youth Program needs some church members to help out with supper for our youth on Sunday nights. This meal provides a time for our youth to eat and fellowship together.

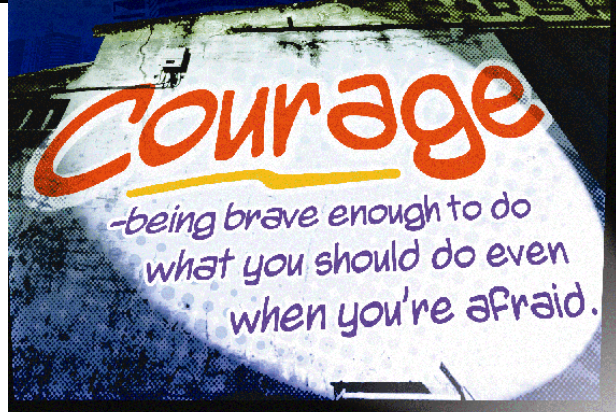
We would like to have two adults responsible for one Sunday each month (for example, the second Sunday of each month). We make SIMPLE meals and occasionally just order pizza. There is a budget for expenses so it does not come out of your pocket. We are very flexible with scheduling, and are more than willing to work around any conflicts you might have.

Please consider this opportunity as an fun and easy way to support our very appreciative and growing youth ministry program. Please give Roberta Hemphill a call at 979-265-0755 if you are interested in helping out!

KIDS SHINE & Little Lights

JOIN US SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10 AM!!

March Virtue:
COURAGE



Coming up soon!!

Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 17

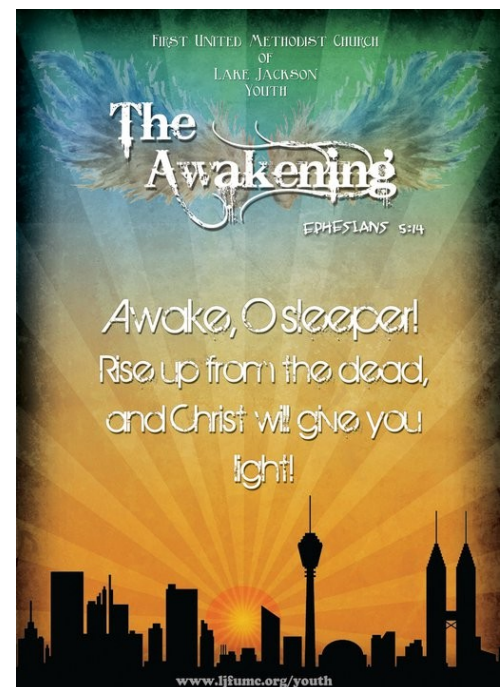
Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 23



Youth Ministries

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

- Join us on Facebook! Search for “The Awakening FUMC Youth” to find us, then click “Like” to join!
- Sundays 5–7pm: MYF – Games, Devotional & Snack Supper (\$2)
- Wednesday Bible Study & Coffee Shop: Meet @ the Youth Center @ 6pm – We will be studying “The Great Divorce”

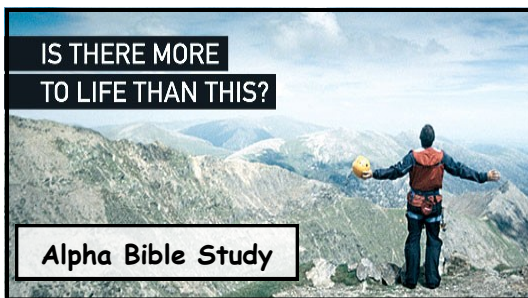


Additional First Church Activities!

Alpha Bible Study

Come discover that it's possible to learn about the Christian faith and to have fun at the same time. Alpha is a great opportunity to get to know people of a similar age and interests who are struggling with many of the same problems.

Join us every **Wednesday at 6pm** in the **Asbury Room** for a meal, video and an interesting discussion time. For more information or to register for the course, please contact **Bill Stell** at **979-297-3046** or billstell@swbell.net.

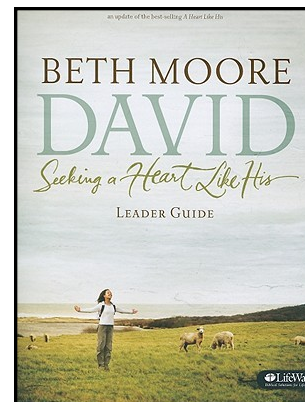


Beth Moore Thursday Morning Bible Study "A Heart Like His"

Ladies of FUMC: The Spring 2011 Beth Moore Bible Study started at First Church on January 20th! The newly updated version of the video and book "Seeking A Heart Like His," released in November, is our guide.

For additional information, please contact Bobbie Nell Higgins at 979-798-7122 or Trena Moses at 979-297-2829.

Come join us and bring a friend, you will be blessed!



Restoring Sight Ministry:

Give the gift of sight! Bring your old glasses to the church to be recycled. This is a beautiful way to share the love of Christ by helping out those who are in need of glasses.



If you would like to send cards or other mail to Buck and Margaret Pennington, their son, Jerry, is receiving mail for them at:

**437 Magnolia Blossom
League City, Texas 77573**



In Our Prayers...

Glenn Galloway
Margaret & Buck Pennington
Faye & Don Woodward
Jay & Lisa Gibson
Gladys Miller
Pamela Kirk Giangrosso
Phyllis Motes
Brad & Jenny McCoy

I.G. Finley
Ryan Vollemaere
Nancy Smith
Bob & Eleanor Walker
Patsy & John Jack
Ginger Mitchamore
First Church Staff Members
First Church Volunteers

If you or someone you know would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact the church office.

First Church Calendar of Events

Wednesday, March 2, 2011

7:00 am - Emmaus Group Meeting [Lib]
 7:00 am - Methodist Men's Breakfast [VH]
 9:00 am - SLP Chapel
 6:00 pm - Beginners Alpha Study [AR]
 6:00 pm - Small Group Study [VWP]
 6:00 pm - Youth Study/Game Time [YC]
 7:30 pm - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal [Choir Rm]

Thursday, March 3, 2011

9:00 am - Beth Moore Bible Study
 9:00 am - SLP Chapel
 5:00 pm - SLP Open House
 6:00 pm - Pack 325 Webelo 1 Mtg [AR]
 6:30 pm - Barber Shop Group [Rm. 23]
 6:30 pm - Praise Team Practice [Sanctuary]

Friday, March 4, 2011

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
 6:00 am - Men's Friday Morning Prayer Breakfast [VH]

Sunday, March 6, 2011

8:00 am - Traditional Worship [Chapel]
 8:30 am - First's Foods [VH]
 9:00 am - Contemporary Worship [Sanctuary]
 10:00 am - Sunday School for all ages
 11:00 am - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]
 12:00 pm - Ladies' Lenten Luncheon [VWP]
 3:30 pm - Confirmation [AR]
 5:00 pm - The Awakening Youth Group [YC]
 6:00 pm - Carpenter's Hands [Rm. 14]

Monday, March 7, 2011

6:00 pm - Pack 325 Bear Den Mtg. [AR]
 6:30 pm - Stephen's Ministry Mtg. [Lib]
 7:00 pm - Cub Scout Pack 325 Committee Mtg. [Rm. 14]
 7:00 pm - Troop 325 Mtg. [VH]
 7:00 pm - Venturing Crew [YC]

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

9:00 am - Chapel Intercessory Prayer
 9:30 am - Taking the Word to the World Bible Study [Chick-Fil-A]
 4:00 pm - Women Leave for Beth Moore
 Live Study @ HFBC
 7:00 pm - Boy Scout Committee Mtg. [Lib]

Wednesday, March 9, 2011

7:00 am - Emmaus Group Meeting [Lib]
 9:00 am - SLP Chapel
 6:00 pm - Beginners Alpha Study [AR]
 6:00 pm - Small Group Study [VWP]
 6:00 pm - Youth Study/Game Time [YC]
 7:00 pm - Ash Wednesday Service [Sanctuary]
 7:30 pm - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal [Choir Rm]

Thursday, March 10, 2011

9:00 am - SLP Chapel
 9:00 am - Beth Moore Bible Study
 6:00 pm - Finance Committee Mtg. [Lib]
 6:00 pm - Pack 325 Tiger Den Mtg. [VH]
 6:30 pm - Barbershop Group [Rm 23]
 6:30 pm - Praise Team Practice [Sanctuary]
 7:00 pm - Pack 325 Mtg. [VH]

Friday, March 11, 2011

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
 6:00 am - Men's Friday Morning Prayer Breakfast [VH]

Saturday, March 12, 2011

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
 8:00 am - First Church Landscaping

Sunday, March 13, 2011

8:00 am - Traditional Worship [Chapel]
 8:30 am - First's Foods [VH]
 9:00 am - Contemporary Worship [Sanctuary]
 10:00 am - Sunday School for all ages
 11:00 am - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]
 5:00 pm - The Awakening Youth Group [VH]

Monday, March 14, 2011

7:00 pm - Troop 325 Mtg. [VH]
 7:00 pm - Venturing Crew [YC]

Tuesday, March 15, 2011

9:00 am - Chapel Intercessory Prayer
 9:30 am - Taking the Word to the World Bible Study [Chick-Fil-A]

Wednesday, March 16, 2011

7:00 am - Emmaus Group Meeting [Lib]
 6:00 pm - Beginner's Alpha Bible Study [AR]
 6:00 pm - Small Group Study [VWP]
 6:00 pm - Youth Study/Game Time [YC]
 7:30 pm - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal [Choir Rm]

Thursday, March 17, 2011

9:00 am - Beth Moore Bible Study
 6:30 pm - Barbershop Group [Rm 23]
 6:30 pm - Praise Team Practice [Sanctuary]

Friday, March 18, 2011

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
 6:00 am - Men's Friday Morning Prayer Breakfast [VH]

Sunday, March 20, 2011

8:00 am - Traditional Worship [Chapel]
 8:30 am - First's Foods [VH]
 9:00 am - Contemporary Worship [Sanctuary]
 10:00 am - Sunday School for all ages
 11:00 am - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]
 2:00 pm - Trustee Mtg. [Lib]
 5:00 pm - The Awakening Youth Group [YC]

First Church Attendance

| Dates | February 13 | February 20 |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Sunday Services | 318 | 307 |
| Sunday School | 192 | 154 |

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your Facebook account to find our page
and then click “**Like.**” Come and join
us on Facebook and connect with your
church family online!

First Church Landscaping (March 12th 8-12am installation)

Come join our Trustees and Troop 325 scouts as they put in
new landscaping for our highway-side campus. For more info
call Jim Snyder at 258-9918

