

FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST  
CHURCH,  
LAKE JACKSON,  
TEXAS



First Church strives  
to be like Jesus!

- Praising God!
- Teaching God's Word!
- Loving one another!
- Strengthening families!
- Sharing the Good News!

Phone: 297-3046

Fax: 299-6612

Email:

[ljfumc@swbell.net](mailto:ljfumc@swbell.net)

Visit us Online @:

[www.ljfumc.org](http://www.ljfumc.org)

# The Messenger

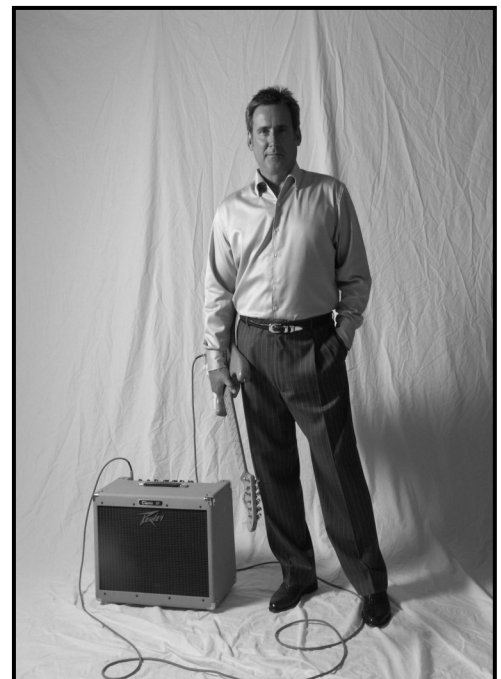
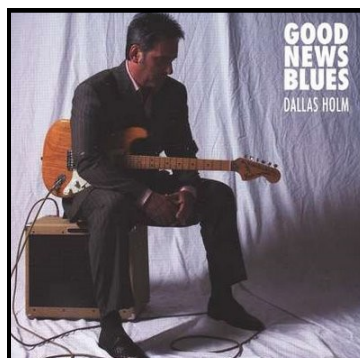
Volume 41, Issue 2

January 19, 2011

## LIVE WORSHIP WITH DALLAS HOLM!

**Sunday, January 30th  
11:00 am Worship  
Service Only**

Don't miss this very special morning of worship with Grammy nominated, Dove award-winning Christian recording artist Dallas Holm! Dallas has earned his influence in today's Christian music throughout more than 30 years of writing, singing and ministry in some 3,000 concerts in every state in the USA as well as many countries abroad. His 37 recordings have garnered gold records, multiple Dove awards, Grammy nominations, number one songs, and countless accolades. During his travels, Dallas also speaks and teaches what God has taught him in his journey. For details, call 979-297-3046.



## God's Incredible Grace

Most of us are very familiar with Larry King. In the eyes of many, he is the classic interviewer. He has interviewed a copious number of people over the years on his T.V. show. I am always fascinated when he talks with Christians. He offers questions that at times reveal his own personal perspective of spirituality.

A recent writer said, 'King has yet to become one of those who belatedly embrace faith before the final tally is taken. In fact,' he says, 'the more I interviewed religious leaders, the less religious I became, because they don't have the answer I need. I don't get the answer to why. Why is there a Holocaust? And the answer I get is: We do not question the ways of the Lord.'

I don't want to be overly simplistic, but it seems to me the answer to his question is very simple. If you believe in sin, and if you understand what it does to the human heart, it becomes obvious how and why people can do deleterious acts. It becomes clear why the world needs Jesus Christ and why we need His transformational acts upon the human heart.

**<sup>1-4</sup> "The God-rebel tunes in to sedition— all ears, eager to sin.**

**He has no regard for God,  
he stands insolent before him.**

**He has smooth-talked himself  
into believing**

**That his evil  
will never be noticed.**

**Words gutter from his mouth,  
dishwater dirty.**

**Can't remember when he  
did anything decent.**

**Every time he goes to bed,  
he fathers another evil plot.**

**When he's loose on the streets,  
nobody's safe.**

**He plays with fire**

**and doesn't care who gets burned." Ps 36:1      The Message**

My father figure (a man who lived in Edgewood, Texas) used to tell me all the time, "Charlie, outside of the grace of God, people are just no darn (cleaned up) good." Jack would always pause and say, "Note, that I said outside of the grace of God." Jack believed that within the human heart, God's grace could change even the foulest of people. The Bible teaches that the heart of a person is intrinsically selfish and deceitful. It also teaches that anyone who repents of their sin in the name of Jesus Christ can find new life and become a new creation.

I wish Larry King could understand this simple but undeniable reality. God loves to change the human heart with His powerful love because He knows what the human heart is capable of without this transformation!

Peace - Pastor Geller



Pastor  
Charles Geller

Find Pastor  
Geller and  
First Church on  
Facebook!



*Taking the Word to the World... a Café Bible Study*



Come share a cup of coffee and study God's Word with Pastor Geller!

Every Tuesday - 10 am @ Hardback Café in Hastings Bookstore:

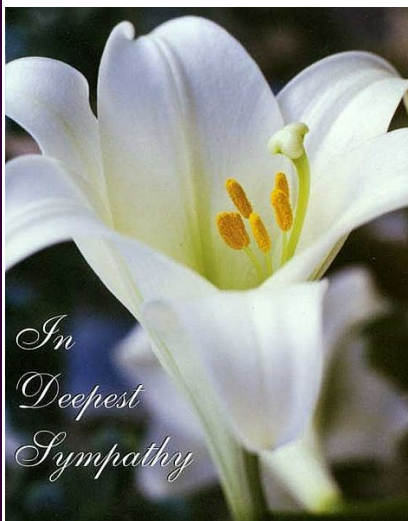
208 W. HWY 332 Lake Jackson, TX 77566

For more info, email Pastor Geller at [cggeller@aol.com](mailto:cggeller@aol.com)



**First Church has two members who are each in serious need of a vehicle.**  
If you are able to help, please contact Suzanne Sargent at 979-824-4894 for more information.

*Sympathies & Memorials*



**SYMPATHIES**

To Clell & Mary Sechrest in the death of Clell's daughter, Elaine Roebuck

**MEMORIALS**

In memory of Russell Anders from: Lee & Laura Huebel

In memory of Dema Pearson from: Keith & Susan Plowman

In memory of Gloria Sexton from: Gloria Filippi, Doyle & Wachtstetter, Inc.

In memory of Gerry Snyder from: Delores McDougal, Marge Stewart, Barbara & Pinky Anders, Sybil Thompson, Mary Helen Israel, Jean Good

## First Church on Facebook:



### Join the First Church Community on Facebook!

All you have to do is search for **“First UMC - Lake Jackson”** from your Facebook account to find our page and then click **“Like.”** Come and join us on Facebook and connect with your church family online!



The Highway Department has moved traffic onto the Hwy 332 service road. There will be ongoing changes in the months to come. Please use extra care when visiting the church, as traffic will increase on Yaupon & Azalea streets. Please, report any unusual incidents to the church office, Pastor Bill, or the Trustees.



Thank you to all that faithfully participated in the First Church work day on January 15th. Our fellowship hall windows, sanctuary pews, were cleaned, sidewalks were power-washed, and sod laid to reclaim boulevard bare spots. Your Trustees

## Joy Ministry - Care for Children with Special Needs



**JOY MINISTRY WISHES EVERYONE A JOYFUL NEW YEAR!!**

**May God bless you with love, peace and JOY in 2011!**

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.



# KIDS SHINE & Little Lights

JOIN US SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10 AM!!

JANUARY Virtue:  
DETERMINATION!

## Mark your Calendar!!

Easter Egg Hunt  
Saturday, April 23

Vacation Bible School  
July 11-15, 2011

Sunday, April 10th  
**Children's Sunday  
at the 9 & 11 Services**

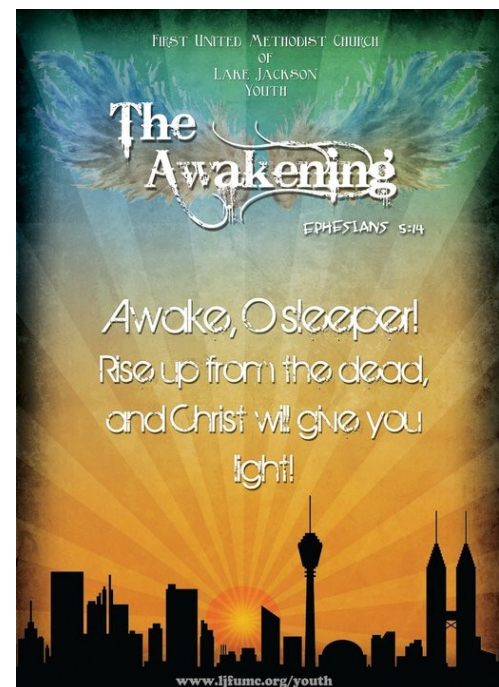
All the children will be a part of a  
special Sunday morning worship and  
they will be the ones to lead!

If you would like your child to  
participate, contact Mindy Standlee  
at 297-3046 ext 108 or  
[mindystandlee@yahoo.com](mailto:mindystandlee@yahoo.com)

## 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 @ 6 - We will be studying "The Great Divorce" by C.S. Lewis

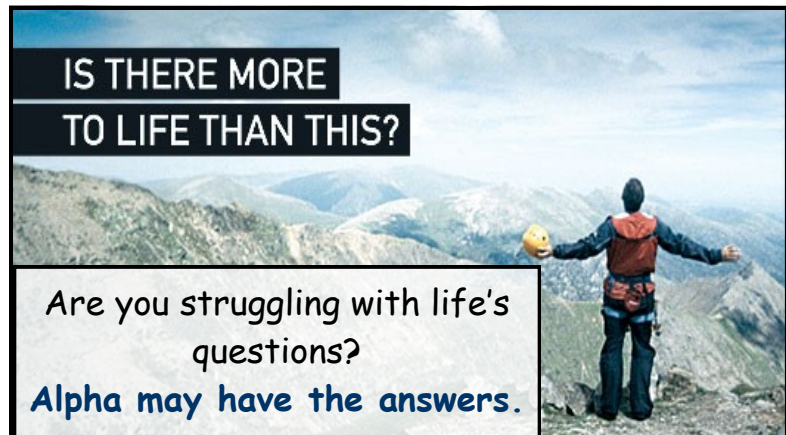


## Additional First Church Activities!

### 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. Small groups give you a chance to discuss issues raised during the talks and to share life and faith together while making new lasting friendships.

Join us every Wednesday at 6pm beginning January 19th 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](mailto:billstell@swbell.net).



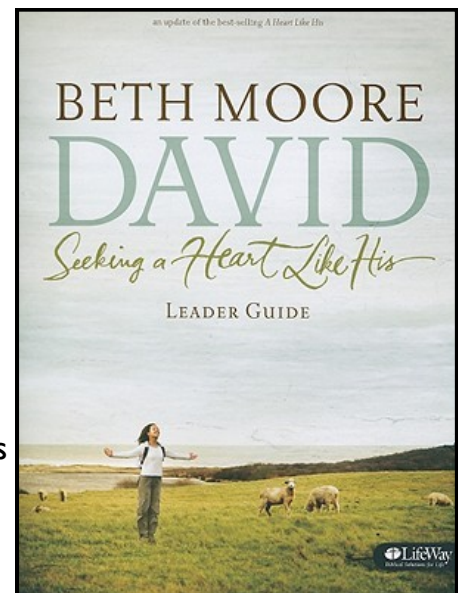
**IS THERE MORE  
TO LIFE THAN THIS?**

Are you struggling with life's questions?  
**Alpha may have the answers.**

### 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!



### In Our Prayers...

Chloe Taylor  
Jay & Lisa Gibson  
Ryan Vollemaere  
Brad & Jenny McCoy  
Faye & Don Woodward  
Jennifer San Miguel

Buck & Margaret Pennington  
Cleo Osterman  
Tom & Angela Pearson Family  
Tina & Eugene Moore & Family  
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, January 19, 2011

9:00 am - SLP Chapel  
 6:00 pm - Beginners Alpha Study [AR]  
 6:00 pm - Small Group Study [VWP]  
 6:00 pm - Youth Bible Study [YC]  
 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts District Nominating  
 Committee [Rm. 30]  
 7:30 pm- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal [Choir  
 Rm]

### Thursday, January 20, 2011

9:00 am - SLP Chapel  
 9:00 am - Beth Moore Bible Study  
 6:00 pm - Pack 325 Tiger Den Mtg. [WH]  
 6:30 pm - Barber Shop Group [Rm. 23]  
 6:30 pm - Praise Team Practice  
 [Sanctuary]  
 7:00 pm - Pack 325 Mtg. [WH]

### Friday, January 21, 2011

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

### Sunday, January 23, 2011

8:00 am - Traditional Worship [Chapel]  
 8:30 am - First's Foods [WH]  
 9:00 am - Contemporary Worship [Sanctuary]  
 10:00 am - Sunday School for all ages  
 11:00 am - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]  
 4:30 pm - Submerge Youth Group [AR]  
 5:00 pm - Jr. High & Sr. High MYF [YC]

### Monday, January 24, 2011

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

### Tuesday, January 25, 2011

9:00 am - 8:00 pm - Chapel Intercessory  
 Prayer  
 10:00 am - Taking the Word to the World  
 Bible Study [Hastings]  
 4:15 pm - Women Leave for Beth Moore  
 Live Study @ HFBC

### Wednesday, January 26, 2011

9:00 am - SLP Chapel  
 10:00 am - Friendship Club [WH]  
 6:00 pm - Beginners Alpha Study [AR]  
 6:00 pm - Small Group Study [WP]  
 6:00 pm - Youth Bible Study [YC]  
 7:30 pm- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal [Choir  
 Rm]

### Thursday, January 27, 2011

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

### Friday, January 28, 2011

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

### Saturday, January 29, 2011

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**  
 1:00 pm - Cub Scout Pack 325 Pinewood  
 Derby [WH]

### Sunday, January 30, 2011

8:00 am - Traditional Worship [Chapel]  
 8:30 am - First's Foods [WH]  
 9:00 am - Contemporary Worship  
 [Sanctuary]  
 10:00 am - Sunday School for all ages  
**11:00 am - Dallas Holm Live Worship**  
 [Sanctuary]  
 5:00 pm - Jr. High & Sr. High MYF [YC]

### Monday, January 31, 2011

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

### Tuesday, February 1, 2011

9:00 am - 8:00 pm - Chapel Intercessory  
 Prayer  
 10:00 am - Taking the Word to the  
 World Bible Study [Hastings]  
 4:15 pm - Women Leave for Beth Moore  
 Live Study @ HFBC  
 6:30 pm - Ministry Coordinating Team  
 (MCT) [WP]

### Wednesday, February 2, 2011

7:00 am - Methodist Men's Breakfast  
 [WH]  
 9:00 am - SLP Chapel  
 6:00 pm - Beginner's Alpha Bible  
 Study [AR]  
 6:00 pm - Small Group Study [WP]  
 6:00 pm - Youth Bible Study [YC]  
 7:30 pm- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
 [Choir Rm]

### Thursday, February 3, 2011

No SLP - Teacher Training  
 9:00 am - Beth Moore Bible Study  
 6:30 pm - Barbershop Group [Rm 23]  
 6:30 pm - Praise Team Practice  
 [Sanctuary]

### Friday, February 4, 2011

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**  
 No SLP - Teacher Training  
 6:00 am - Men's Friday Morning Prayer  
 Breakfast [WH]

### Sunday, February 6, 2011

8:00 am - Traditional Worship [Chapel]  
 8:30 am - First's Foods [WH]  
 9:00 am - Contemporary Worship  
 [Sanctuary]  
 10:00 am - Sunday School for all ages  
 11:00 am - Traditional Worship  
 [Sanctuary]  
 5:00 pm - Jr. High & Sr. High MYF [YC]

## First Church Attendance

<u>Dates</u>	<u>January 2</u>	<u>January 9</u>
<b>Sunday Services</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>306</b>
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>175</b>

FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST  
CHURCH,  
LAKE JACKSON,  
TEXAS



## Experience the Journey!

First United Methodist Church  
404 Azalea  
Lake Jackson, Texas 77566

Periodicals  
#954360  
Lake Jackson, TX 77566

Visit us at [www.ljfumc.org](http://www.ljfumc.org)

Address Service Requested

The Messenger is published bi-weekly by the First United Methodist Church, Lake Jackson, TX 77566.  
Second Class Postage Paid at Lake Jackson, TX 77566. Send address changes to FUMC, Lake Jackson, TX 77566

## First Church Women's Ministries Presents: "Extraordinary Women of the Bible" ~ Annual Women's Retreat ~ February 11-13 at the Danbury Lodge

### Presenters:

Kalyn Hemphill, Laura Mays  
Melissa Johnson, Sharron Knox, and Delia Hoskins

Passionate Worship With: Kalyn Hemphill,  
Sharron Knox, and Joshua Johnson

For more information and to register, please call

**979-297-3046**

**Overnight: \$100 per person**

(Includes weekend conference, overnight accommodations and meals)

**Day only: \$50 per person**

(Includes weekend conference and meals— no overnight accommodations)