



## **NEWS HEADLINES**

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- ◆ Don't forget to take the online Capital Campaign Survey

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July 7, 2010

### *From Our Pastor, Rev. Tom Stephenson*

#### *Making Sense of it All*

I'm aware that some folks in our church do not understand why we are looking into a capital campaign to fund remodeling of the Fellowship Hall into office space and the Education Building for more useable space and gathering area, as well as debt reduction/elimination on the Praise Center. I'm going to use this space to try and answer all of those queries and we'll begin with the Praise Center.

The Praise Center cost approximately 3.2 million to build. FUMC members and friends pledged 1.7 million toward that cost, and you have been very faithful in the paying of those pledges. The Slade Foundation made a generous gift of \$600,000 to the effort, bringing our total raised for the Praise Center to 2.3 million. That leaves a balance of around \$900,000.

The original loan balance was \$1.5 million--pledges were still coming in when the building was financed. After all the pledges for the building are received, we are estimating that the loan balance will be around \$1,075,000. The monthly payments on the loan are around \$16,000. It's easy to see why paying off the loan is advantageous for us.

One question I hear often is "Why don't we repair the first floor of the Education Building and Fellowship Hall? The reason is simple: We don't have the money at this time. Hurricane Ike did a lot of damage to our facilities, both wind and flood damage were extensive. We've had to replace the roofs on the Malloy Center, Sanctuary and Education Buildings. We've had to pay to dry out all of our buildings. It cost just over 2 million to repair the damage to our facilities, and our insurance payments received to date are just over 1.5 million, with a few thousand more expected. That approximate \$500,000 difference was made up by both borrowing against our loan and borrowing designated Trustee funds. As the saying goes, insurance is great and it gets you close, but it won't put you back like before.

The shortfall of funds has given us the opportunity to examine the use of our entire campus, and how we will use it in the future. The Praise Center has changed how we enter and use our campus, and the leadership of the church felt this was a good opportunity to explore some remodeling options. The proposed plans that the Building Committee has published offer good opportunities for our church to make those changes.

With regard to a capital campaign, we've hired Tyler Associates from Irving, TX to help lead us through a discernment process to determine our awareness, readiness and ability to conduct a capital campaign. Jennifer Tyler and her company do something that no other capital consultant will—a due diligence process to help churches discern if indeed there is a need and how would they go about meeting that need. Part of the discernment is the fully confidential survey that is posted on our website. You can fill out this survey in a few minutes, and when you are finished the results go back to Tyler Associates. No one from our church will see the survey results until Jennifer makes her report to our congregation in early August. Jennifer has also been interviewing a cross section of our membership to try and gauge the awareness, readiness and willingness of our church to support a capital campaign.

It needs to be said very clearly so there is no misunderstanding: No capital campaign will be conducted without congregation approval. It will take a majority vote of our congregation to approve moving forward with a capital campaign to fund remodeling and debt reduction.

I hope that helps to clear up some of your questions. If you have questions not answered here, please feel free to give me a call. If I don't know the answer, I'll find someone who does. If you have not yet completed your online survey, I hope you will do so soon. If you need a hard copy of the survey, please contact the church office.

Our church has a great future, and I look forward to greater days ahead.

Blessings,

Rev. Tom Stephenson

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## Our Faithfulness

### Our Gifts

#### **Giving Report June 2010**

Our monthly needs:  
**\$65,500.00**

Receipts as of June 30:  
**\$47,300.00**

### Our Attendance

#### **Sunday Worship June 20**

10:30 a.m. 39  
8:55 a.m. 86  
11:00 a.m. 113

#### **Sunday Worship June 27**

10:30 a.m. 28  
8:55 a.m. 64  
11:00 a.m. 97

Thank you for supporting the Lord's work with your  
tithes and offerings.

**Stewardship is what a man does after he says  
"I believe".**

## Members Serving in Worship

**July 11, 2010**

### 7th Sunday After Pentecost

**Ushers:** Team #6- 8:15 – John & Beverly Hanes, Duane Anthony  
11:00 – Nelson Derrick, Barry Bates, Travis Miller, Gwen Whitehead,  
Curt Leger

**Altar Guild:** 8:15 – Beverly Millsap  
11:00 – Amy Worsham/Angela Abshire

**Greeters:** 8:55– Trisha & Bobby Anderson  
11:00– Judy & Gerald Taylor

**Parking Lot Greeters:** 8:55– Jeannie & Errol Waguespack  
11:00– Bill Bailey

**Lay Reader:** 8:15 – Duane Anthony 8:55 – Kenneth Weimers  
11:00 – Sarah Boehme

**July 18, 2010**

### 8th Sunday After Pentecost

**Ushers:** Team #1- 8:15 – Billy Permenter, Bobby Anderson, Don &  
Debbie Bayliss

11:00 – Bob Izer, Ricky Harper, O'Neal Waldrop, Frank  
Beauchamp, Daniel Grooms

**Altar Guild:** 8:15 – Beverly Hanes/Glenda Whitley  
11:00 – Billie Jo Nelson/Judy Taylor

**Greeters:** 8:55– Julie & Richard Allensworth  
11:00– Wilda Hart & Jim Finklea

**Parking Lot Greeters:** 8:55– Leighia & Richard Barron  
11:00– Ken & Kathy Reeves

**Lay Reader:** 8:15 – Vernon Murray 8:55 – Barbara Dardeau  
11:00 – Mary Behnke

## Memorials

**In memory of Ollie Butler by:**  
Pat & Wanda Monogue

**In honor of Caring Ministry by:**  
H.B. Lindsey

**In memory of Nichole Cowling by:**  
Marcelle Adams  
Frank & Theresa Beauchamp  
Dick & Marilyn Powell  
Pat & Wanda Monogue

**In memory of Dean Grant by:**  
Marcelle Adams  
Frank & Theresa Beauchamp

**In memory of Sandy Sanford by:**  
Sam & Brigitte Mangham family

**In honor of the Praise Band by:**  
Tim & Joy Hughes

**In memory of Vern Campbell by:**  
Gwen Burrows

## Sympathy

Our deepest love and sympathy are **extended to the family of Dean Grant** upon his recent passing.

Our deepest love and sympathy are **extended Rick Harper & family** upon the recent passing of his mother Madie Harper.

## Youth/Christian Ed. Director

### **Search Committee Job Description for Director of Youth and Christian Education**

First United Methodist Church in Orange, TX is looking for a Full Time Director of Youth and Christian Education. The candidate should have a Bachelor Degree in Education or related field and posses experience in youth ministry and leading education programs for all ages. Candidates will oversee a comprehensive youth ministry and education programs for a historic, outreach oriented congregation in the Texas Annual Conference. Health Insurance and participation in United Methodist Pension program offered. Qualified candidates may send resumes by July 25 to [tom.stephenson@fumcorange.org](mailto:tom.stephenson@fumcorange.org).

## Visitors

Margaret Kenwood  
Corbin McLellan  
Lisa Dees  
Elizabeth Batchelor  
Randy Denson  
Addison Hague  
Mel Moreau  
Jenny, Colby & Avery O'Neal  
Jeanie & Johnny Cotton

David Hamerly  
Arnulfo Arciva  
Addie Wallace  
Shelby Vogt  
Susan Sandu  
Randy Wallen  
Cheryl Chapman  
Rose Butler  
Heather Rogers

## Prayer Garden Renewal

The Prayer Garden is located between the educational building and the sanctuary. It was established 20 years ago and has been cared for over the years by individuals in the church. A memorial fund was established in 1989 for members to designate money in memory and honor of loved ones. The garden at that time cost \$20,000 and was designed by landscape architect Rex Goode of Beaumont.

In the last few months several of our members have taken on the responsibility to renew the garden with new soil, shrubbery, plants, and cleaning of the brick walkways. So far the Methodist men have been a great help in digging up dead shrubbery and debris throughout the 110 x 50 foot area.

We hope to restore the garden to its original beauty, to once again use the garden for prayer, wedding ceremonies, and family gatherings. If you would be interested in designating money to the Prayer Garden fund, a check may be written to the church and a memo to the Garden. "Jesus went away to the garden to pray". (Mark 14:32)

## Acolyte Training

On Sunday, August 29th at 4:15 p.m., there will be an acolyte training session for all acolytes. We invite all children 3rd grade & above to join us. If you have any questions, please call Wendy Stephenson 883-3727 or Priscella Burns 883-7560. The training will take place in the sanctuary.

## LifeShare Blood Drive

The LifeShare bus will be in the church parking lot on Sunday, July 25, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please come out and give your support. Be sure to eat something before you donate blood.

## Fellowship Life Game Night

Fellowship Life will be hosting Game Night on Friday, July 9, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Praise Center. Please come out and join the fun.

## Last Blast Summer Event

It may be early, but mark your calendars now for our annual block party, Last Blast summer event. On August 21 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. the church parking lot and Praise Center will be bustling with food, fun, games, activities, community resources and music. All church members and visitors are invited and encouraged to bring friends and neighbors.

Games will be offered outside for the kids of all ages. Bingo will be offered inside with prizes awarded. Numerous community resource agencies will be on hand offering information on their services, free haircuts will be available, and local children in need will take home free socks and underwear from our Last Blast Socks & Underwear Giveaway. And of course good food will be served such as hot-off-the-grill links and hotdogs, potato salad, snow cones and more...all free.

Check the upcoming newsletters for additional details and start telling your friends to mark their calendars for this summer's Last Blast.

\*Bingo prizes are needed. If you have any new or gently used gift items or gift certificates that you'd like to donate, please bring to the old Supply Room across from the Parlor, first floor of the Education Building and place on the shelf marked Bingo Prizes.

## Socks & Underwear Drive

Beginning this Sunday and running through the middle of August monetary donations will be collected for the Last Blast Socks & Underwear Giveaway. Children of all ages in need will receive free socks and underwear when they attend Last Blast on August 21 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.



You may donate by check or cash during any of the three church services or send your check directly to the church office. Please note on your check or cash envelope Last Blast Socks & Underwear. The Last Blast committee will purchase the socks and underwear in order to ensure consistent packaging and ample sizes are purchased.

Your donations are greatly appreciated by the Last Blast committee and by the parents who are unable to provide new socks and underwear for the children for the new school year.

## Men's Breakfast



Saturday, July 10, 2010  
8:00 a.m. in the Praise Center

# Youth Ministry



**6TH-12TH GRADE**  
**Sundays**  
**at 5:00-7:00p.m.**  
**in the Praise Center**

## Upcoming Events

- July 9** Family Game night in the Praise Center 6-9pm.  
Come join the fun!
- July 11** Sunday School teachers: Kenneth and Ellen Wiemers  
Swim Party at the Domas Home. 5-7pm.
- July 14** Youth Hang Out Night. Praise Center 6-8pm Volleyball,  
Basketball, Wii Just Dance and other stuff. Bring friends!
- July 18** Sunday School teachers: ???? (need volunteer).  
5-7pm Scavenger Hunt for OCS. Food????(need volunteer)  
Devotional: Tori Butler
- July 19 -23** Lakeview Camp. Trip coordinator: Dina Defrates
- July 25** Sunday School teacher: ???? (need volunteer) 5-7pm.  
Road clean-up service project. Wear Tennis shoes and bring  
\$\$ for a fast food meal. (need adult drivers)
- July 28** Tentative Youth Hang Out Night 6-8pm. (I may be out of town)

# Children's Ministry

## Summer Sunday School



K-5th grade Sunday School is taking place in "Egypt" this summer. We are learning about Joseph and his journey from prison to palace. Come and enjoy games, crafts, drama and more as we learn together. We meet in Tow Inn (upstairs in the Education Building) at 9:50 a.m. each Sunday morning.

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## Mark your calendars for 2 upcoming special events:

- August 22** - "Back to Sunday School"  
Party at 9:50 a.m. along with  
Blessing of the Backpacks in worship
- August 29** - 5th Sunday Game Day

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**Traditional Service  
in Chapel  
8:15 a.m.**

**Celebration Service  
in Praise Center  
8:55 a.m.**

**Sunday School  
9:50 a.m.**

**Traditional Service  
In the Sanctuary  
11:00 a.m.**

**Office Hours  
M-Th 8:30-4:30  
Fri 8:30-Noon**

**REMINDER:**

If you have not taken the online Capital Campaign Survey please do so in the next day or so. Your input is important in assisting Tyler Associates to form meaningful observations about our church & recommendations for the future. The link to the survey is on the homepage of our website at [www.fumcorange.org](http://www.fumcorange.org).

## Calendar of Events

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| <p><b>Friday, July 9</b><br/>6:00-9:00pm Fellowship Life Game Night</p> <p><b>Saturday, July 10</b><br/>8:00am UMM Breakfast</p> <p><b>Sunday, July 11</b><br/>8:15am Traditional Service in Chapel<br/>8:55am Celebration Service<br/>9:50am Sunday School<br/>11:00am Traditional Service in Sanctuary<br/>3:30pm Praise Team<br/>5:00pm Youth/1<sup>st</sup> Kids<br/>5:00pm 3G Committee</p> <p><b>Monday, July 12</b><br/>10:00am Intercessory Prayer<br/>10:00am Caring Ministry<br/>6:30pm Evangelism</p> <p><b>Tuesday, July 13</b><br/>5:00pm Missions<br/>6:00pm Finance</p> <p><b>Wednesday, July 14</b><br/>2:00pm Staff Meeting<br/>7:00pm Choir</p> | <p><b>Sunday, July 18</b><br/>8:15am Traditional Service in Chapel<br/>8:55am Celebration Service<br/>9:50am Sunday School<br/>11:00am Traditional Service in Sanctuary<br/>3:30pm Praise Team<br/>5:00pm Youth/1<sup>st</sup> Kids</p> <p><b>Monday, July 19</b><br/>10:00am Intercessory Prayer<br/>6:00pm Worship Meeting<br/>Lakeview Camp July 19th - 23rd</p> <p><b>Tuesday, July 20</b><br/>6:00pm Admin Council</p> <p><b>Wednesday, July 21</b><br/>2:00pm Staff Meeting</p> <p><b>Thursday, July 22</b><br/>Emmaus Walk #130 July 22nd - 25th</p> |
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