

Youth Ministry Reunites & Celebrates—Flash Back 20 Years



Coming to the table for Holy Communion, the reunion group shares the experience of being served once more by Donnie.

YOUTH MINISTRY REUNION

Current and past

youth gathered at the CAF on Saturday, August 8 along with youth sponsors from throughout the years, parents and other members of our church family. The celebration and reuniting was held to rejoice and give thanks to God for the work that He has done in each of their lives through Donnie Williams and the youth ministry program here at FUMC— Odessa.



The party began with praise and worship and Holy Communion, served

(Left) Donnie and his brother Jeff share an emotional hug during Holy Communion.



rest of the evening was filled with smiles as we reminisced and looked back at all of the good times and memories that were made in youth—laughing at pictures from youth trips and remembering what we used to look like back in our high school days. The night was topped off with a 25-minute slideshow of some great video footage and pictures from the past 20 years of youth ministry.

—Christy Lewis

(Left) Donnie gives all the glory to God and gives thanks to God and everyone for believing in him and blessing him with the opportunity to work and serve the youth of this church.



UMW turns plates of food into dollars for mission work

Please turn to page three to find out why United Methodist Women representative Harriett Berlin is making Presidio mission pastor Rev. Francisco Escalera so happy. Hint: proceeds from the recent UMW lunch will help make a big difference in Presidio.

Save The Date For A BIG DAY



Terry Tamplen
Senior Pastor

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 IS GOING TO BE A
BIG DAY!!!**

On that Sunday we are doing one **BIG** combined worship service at **10:30 a.m.** in the main building sanctuary! Why?

When you have multiple services, it's important **2 or 3 times a year to bring everyone together for one big service.** This does several things:

- It allows you to **communicate vision** to everyone at once! I am excited about all the good things God is doing at our Church. The coming year promises to be full of challenge and reward as we continue to fulfill our vision and follow our mission. On this day, you will hear about all the ways God is calling us to do that.
- It allows the attendees to see the **“entire church.”** It's **exciting** to see everyone in one place!
- It gives **momentum.** We are moving forward in a great way, but we want to continue to build our momentum for making a difference as disciples of Jesus Christ!
- It builds **connectivity** and reminds us all that we are part of something

BIGGER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Here's the schedule for our **BIG** DAY— September 13:

- 9:30 – 10:30 **BIG** SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR
- 10:30 – 12:00 **BIG** COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE IN SANCTUARY
- 12:00 NOON **BIG** ROCKIN'Q LUNCH IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
(Suggested Donation \$5 / person)

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Membership Class

Sunday, August 23

12-2 PM (meal included)

Church Parlor

(North side of main bldg)



get connected



Flag Football
Men's & Co-Rec

Men's & Co-Rec
Flag Football League
Starting in September

Games on Sundays
Men & women interested in playing
please contact Christy Lewis at
337-1527 or look for more info
and signup online
@ www.fumcodessa.org

September 1 - 7



September 1
Betty Kay King
Andrew Marshall
Tom Snoddy
Jody Wallin
Holly Weaver

September 2
Traci Coursey

September 3
Doug Shelton

September 4
Hannah Johnson

September 5
Denton Rea

September 6
Kim Tucker

September 7
Elizabeth Flathers
Kallan Grewell
Claire Osborn



To share the love of Jesus Christ through our actions,
words and deeds with a servant's heart

**Come join us
Saturday, August 29**

We will complete the demolition clean-up
from our May project
at the home at 1410 S. Sam Houston.



We are in need of financial support, prayers,
and volunteers with all skill levels

To be a part of this life-changing experience,
call Karen Ward at 770-0641 or the church office at 337-1527



**Sunday
August 30
10:00 a.m.**



Rylan Tucker
July 30, 2009
7 lbs. 14 ozs.

Proud Parents Erin and Seth Tucker
Proud Grandparents
Kim and Randy Tucker

Memorials

To the Memorial Fund
In memory of
Claude Boyd
Given by
Builders Sunday School
Class

In memory of
Don Flowers
Given by
Sandra & Herschell Atkinson

To the Children's Clothes
Closet

In memory of
Ray Edgmon
Given by
Robbie & Dan Brazelton

In memory of
Robbie Nelle Hamilton
Given by
Vicki Dublin Patrick



With Deepest Sympathy

To Ronald Allen
in the loss of his wife
Dana Allen

To Felicia Mulder
in the loss of her sister
Ann Warren



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8:00 AM	Early Bible Class
9:00 AM	Traditional Worship —Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Sunday School, all ages
11:00 AM	Contemporary Worship —Fellowship Hall

First United Methodist Church, Odessa, Texas, founded in 1890, is a community of Christians who have pledged to support this church with their presence, their service, their gifts and their prayers. We dedicate ourselves to spreading God's Word throughout our community and to providing meaningful worship experiences, fellowship, and opportunities to fulfill the teachings of Jesus Christ through a variety of ministries. As United Methodists, "our doors, our hearts and our minds are open to all those who seek God's Grace."
The *CULTIVATOR* is a bi-monthly publication whose exclusive purpose is to help FUMC-Odessa accomplish its Mission by communicating and "cultivating" the presence of Christ in the lives of this congregation.



Sign-ups begin Sunday for the fall semester Life Groups. Fall is a great time to get connected or re-connected through Life Groups—small groups that meet together for study, fellowship, sharing, and fun. If you're a new member or guest, it's a great way to meet other people in the church who share a common interest and have the same desire to grow in their journey of faith.

So try one out—come and join us for LIFE! It's easy to sign up. We will have a list of LIFE groups available on the next three Sundays, and you can sign up simply by indicating on your Connection Card on any of these Sunday mornings which group you would like to attend. After you sign up, you will be contacted by the group leader who will welcome you and give you any information you need.

Get Connected for LIFE!