

Splash Day Is So Much Fun!!!



Getting wet and having fun: Cody Janson, Clayton Blount, and Jacob Cruz delight in the cool waters of the kiddie pools set up in Noel Plaza. *Splash Day* is just one of the many activities that makes our Mother's Day Out a success. Please turn to page 4 for pictures of more cute kids and information about another important outreach.



Save The Date!

**Saturday, August 8
5:00 p.m.**

**YOUTH MINISTRY
REUNION**

**Celebrating
Rev. Donnie Williams
& 20 Years of
Youth Ministry**

Coming in August – Character Tour of the Old Testament



Terry Tamplen
Senior Pastor

I am really looking forward to preaching a new series in August. It is a series based on the lives of several Old Testament Characters and Jesus. From them we will learn how to build character in our lives as well as instill Godly character in our children and others.

The Old Testament characters we will study are:

August 2—*Noah: A Portrait of Faith*

August 9—*Josiah: A Portrait of Influence*

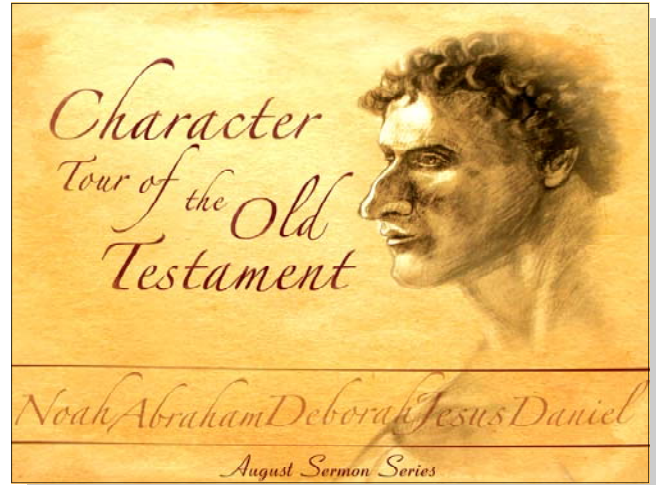
August 16—*Deborah: A Portrait of Courage*

August 23—*Abraham: A Portrait of Obedience*

August 30—*Daniel: A Portrait of Integrity*

September 6—Finally we will conclude this series over the Labor Day weekend with a look at the life of *Jesus: A Portrait of Servant Leadership*.

This is another great opportunity for us to practice our Elbow Evangelism – invite a friend, relative, associate or neighbor who does not have a church home to come with us for this series!



A new way to invite – We will soon be emailing everyone in our database an e-vite for this special sermon series. Once you receive it, you can forward it on to those as an invitation for them to join us for our **Character Tour of the Old Testament**.

Together we will move closer to the fulfillment of our vision to be a community that welcomes all people into life-changing relationships with God and others!

Terry



SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED!

The Evangelism Committee is sponsoring a drive for school supplies for children in Odessa and Presidio. The boxes will be distributed to the Children's Clothes Closet, Food Pantry, Mission Messiah, and Presidio.

We need your help with the following supplies:

1—Elmer's Washable School Glue 7 5/8 oz.

2—Elmer's Washable School Glue Sticks

2—Spiral Notebooks (70 count wide-ruled)

1—Medium Pink Beveled Eraser

1—5" Pointed Scissors

1—Filler Notebook Paper (200 count wide ruled)

6—#2 Yellow Pencils

1—School Supply Box

1—16 Count Crayons

1—Box of Kleenex

12" Ruler

Bring the supplies with you when you come to church on July 26 and August 2 and leave them at the Welcome Center. The Evangelism Committee will box them up and get them ready to be delivered.



August 1
Doris Baker

August 3
Rene Baza
Erin Scharlach

August 4
Kevin Cicio
Suzette Furst
Bill Heggemeier
Marlene Moss
Quentin Overby

August 5
Amy Dickerson

August 8
Debbie Bailey
Seth Tucker

August 9
Buz Browning
Michael Forrest
J.B. Latimer
Audrey Smith
Brandyn Trainor

August 10
Diane Lee

August 12
Roberta Bacon
W.S. Oats

August 13
Dan Brazelton
Shanna Flaherty
Perry Grewell

August 14
Tommy Hawkins
Steven Meador

August 16
Christine Findley
Glen Larum

August 17
Courtney Borchert
John Standifer

August 18
James Beard
Kameryn Herron

August 19
Shirley Abernethy
Elizabeth Forsyth
Reagan Latimer
Camille Vincent

August 20
Cayeleigh Drake
Benton Overby

August 22
Emily Scharlach
Ric Vickery

August 23
Clay Blount
Dianne Jones
Sally Holloway
Joyce Trower

August 24
Kim Wilkinson

August 25
Colby Brazile

August 27
Jennifer Blount
Cindy Lewis
Brett Talley

August 28
Cyd Berry
Paul Lucas
Kris Riley

August 30
Matthew Hansen
Genie Miller
Doris Rodolph
Lura Sivalls

With Sympathy to...

... Betty Kay and Les King in the loss of Betty's mother, **Marjorie Butz**

... Evelyn Reynolds in the loss of her son, **Shane Graham**

... Jeanna, Jack, Ben and Sarah Lambert in the loss of Jeanna's father, **Dee Phillips**

... Michelle, Jeff & Denton Rea in the loss of Michelle's mother, **Karen Stevens**



HONORARIA

Choir Fund
In honor of
Randy Talley
Given by
Dorothy Simpson



Pre-Conference Mission Project Fund
In honor of
Sue Wright
Given by
Lynda & Bill Fowler



To the Memorial Fund
In memory of
Louise Pipkin
Given by
Corinne Costello

In memory of
Don Flowers
Given by:
R. L. Brownlee
Jane & Bill Bynum
Shelby & Seth Flowers
Caroline Ater Howard
Gloria & LaDoyce Lambert

In memory of:
Rod Lambert
Mary Lou McCoy
Given by
Doris & John Mason

To the Youth Fund
In memory of:
Ruff Ahders
David Lee
Given by
Doris & John Mason

To the Food Pantry
In memory of
Marjorie Butz
Given by:
Boosters SS Class
Charles Clark
Susan & Beth Barham

In memory of
Joe Burchfield
Given by
Dorothy Simpson

To the Children's Clothes Closet
In memory of
Don Flowers
Given by
Georgene & Bob Miller

In memory of
Sallie Sue Young
Given by
Fidelis SS Class

In memory of
Louise Pipkin
Given by
Dorothy Simpson



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Join Us This Sunday

- 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.

Join us for
Life-Links
Membership Class
Sunday, July 26
3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
(including meal)
Fellowship Hall



Our 20- and 30-year-olds are hosting **Dinners of 8** throughout July and August. Couples and singles are encouraged to sign up for a night that works best for them. Our hope is that these dinners will help us to make new friends and enjoy an evening of dinner and fellowship together. If you would like to host one of the dinners, the church will provide a \$50 stipend to cover the food expenses.

Dinners are at 6:30
Wed., July 22
Sun., July 26
Thurs., July 30
Sun., August 2
Wed., August 5
Thurs., August 13
Sun., August 16

FUMC
SOFTBALL

**Come out & support our
Co-ed Softball Team**
UTPB Softball Fields

Friday, July 24	Friday, July 31
8:00 p.m.—Field 3	7:00 p.m.—Field 4
9:00 p.m.—Field 4	9:00 p.m.—Field 2
Friday, August 14	
7:00 p.m.—Field 6	
8:00 p.m.—Field 6	



To sign up for one of the nights, contact Christy at christylewis@fumcodessa.org or **337-1527**. There is a posting of the “Dinners of 8” schedule and host houses on the website www.fumcodessa.org under the LIFE Together Ministry page.