

Hundreds Of Families Have A GLOWING Good Time



"Wow!" That's how one young Tinkerbell described what she saw when she entered the Fellowship Plaza on Saturday, Oct. 30. Dozens of games, jumpers, pony rides, cotton candy, free coats, lots of prizes and tons of smiles made for another successful community outreach by our Children's Ministry. These pictures show a small sampling of the families and volunteers who came out for a fun evening. Please turn to page 5 for pictures of a visit by the children from the FUMC Children's Center to Lincoln Tower and of our annual youth community outreach, Pumpkinfest.

Special Schedule For November 14 *CELEBRATION/SHARING LIFE SUNDAY*

Sunday School — 9:30 a.m.
One Worship Service — 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Free Catered Fellowship Meal — 12:00 noon, Fellowship Hall
**Sharing Life Outreach as we leave
the church to serve our community.**

Love At First Sight



Terry Tamplen
Senior Pastor

He had it all! He was rich... he was healthy... he was powerful... he was the rich young ruler! And to top it off, he had kept all the commandments since he was a boy! When Jesus encountered this young man, the Bible records (Mark 10) that "he looked at him and loved him." Do you believe in love at first sight?

Jesus loved this young man for at least four reasons:

1. Because, like every young person, Jesus saw the potential and possibilities for the best life ever in this young man through total commitment! Just like a sculptor sees the image in a piece of marble, God sees the potential in each of our lives, when we allow God to direct us and shape us.

2. Because of his questioning mind. The young man had a *very important* question, "Good Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He had it "all," but something was missing, and he believed Jesus could provide the answer. So he came with the question that was reverent - Good Master; he came with the question that was personal - what must I do? Sometimes we forget that God's grace is not automatic - we receive God's grace by participating in God's invitations to us. Those invitations come in many ways, but primarily through daily Bible reading and prayer, weekly worship, giving to God, serving others, and living

in relationship with other Christians. God speaks to us and invites us to follow him as we participate in these means of grace.

3. Because of his strong will. This young man had kept all the commandments, and that was a very admirable achievement. He was a decent person before he ever met Christ, but again, something was missing. Have you ever felt like that?

4. Because of his hungry heart. Jesus knew that this young man's money and possessions were keeping him from discovering true joy, peace and contentment in his life, and so he told him exactly what he needed to hear. "Go sell all your possessions; give the money to the poor, and you will have riches in heaven; then come follow me." Jesus didn't tell this to everyone he encountered, but he did say it to this young man, and he will say to each of us just what we need to hear in order for us to participate fully in eternal life now and forever! Mark 10 says, "The young man went away sad and grieved in his heart, because he had many possessions."

Jesus loved this young man enough to listen to him, enough to wound him, enough to let him go... he loves us the same way!

What is Jesus speaking to you and me today?
What will be our response to his love?

Terry

Remembering Our Saints Who Have Gone Before Us

James	Nancy
Allen	Jones
Calvin	Woodrow
Allmond	Leach
Len Edgar	Ash Jay
Jim Ellis	McVeay
Don Farris	W.S. Oats
Jean Jones	Buck Ogilvy



All Saint's Day, was commemorated on Sunday, October 31 during the traditional worship service.

In the United Methodist Church, All Saints Day is a day of remembrance for the saints, with the New Testament meaning of all Christian people of every time and place. We celebrate the communion of the saints as we remember the dead, both of the Church universal and our local congregation. For this reason, the names of persons in the congregation who have died during the past year were read and candles lighted to honor each person.

Sharing Life Outreach Projects, as of November 5

- 8:00 Class – adopt a room at Hope House for the year to stock with needed supplies
- Boosters – host ice cream social at Parks Sears Methodist Retirement Village
- Builders – deliver bud vases to Sherwood Place Retirement Home
- Challengers – invite all FUMC members to help them purchase and deliver 50 Thanksgiving grocery sacks to Landmark Apartments
- Characters – do minor home maintenance for disabled person
- Cornerstones – make emergency food kits that can be given to homeless or others in need
- Mosaics – provide survival backpacks for homeless
- Samaritans by Grace & Cornerstones – serve hot meal to 30 homeless
- Seekers – purchase and deliver 20 Thanksgiving grocery sacks to Cavazos Elementary
- Weavers – distribute money cards at local laundromat
- Wesley Couples – make baked goods for Cavazos teachers; write thank you notes to community group serving the elderly, pray for other groups

If you are not in a Sunday School class, please sign up for a project in the Welcome Center on Sunday, Nov. 7 or contact Kris Riley at 337-1527; krisriley@fumcodessa.org.

Be ready for *Celebration/Sharing Life Sunday* by ordering your t-shirt that says:

Stepping beyond the doors

THE CHURCH HAS LEFT THE BUILDING

Order a \$5 t-shirt in the Welcome Center on Sunday or by contacting Kris Riley at 337-1527 or krisriley@fumcodessa.org.

Please be sure to indicate what size t-shirt you will need.

T-shirts will be distributed on Nov. 14 during the 9:30 Sunday School time, with class team leaders accepting payment for the shirts at that time.



ENOUGH

Discovering Joy Through
Simplicity and Generosity

Our church is providing each family with the book *Enough*. Get yours before or after worship services on Sunday.



Sunday, November 7
Cultivating Contentment

Sunday, November 14
Defined By Generosity

Celebration/Sharing Life Sunday
Sunday School — 9:30 a.m.
One Worship Service — 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Fellowship Meal — Noon, Fellowship Hall
Sharing Life Outreach

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Church News

On Wednesday, October 20, these people were approved at the Annual Charge Conference to positions of leadership. The terms of office begin January 1, 2011.

2011 LAY LEADERSHIP

Church Council Chair	Jim Carlson
Church Council Vice-Chair	Barbara Browning
Lay Leader	Brian Whytlaw
UMW Representative	Sue Wright
Annual Conference Delegate	Julie Garrett
Member At-Large	Kay Bramley
Member At-Large	William Nall
Member At-Large	Larry Hackleman

Board of Trustees

2011	2012	2013
Russell Kimble	Jay Stovall	Lori Nelson
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2011	2012	2013
Mike Parker	Chris Johnson	Colby Brazile
Susie Schnaubert	John Mark Weaver	Shirley Abernethy
Arleene Loyd, chair	Amanda Overby	Adam Allgood

Finance Committee

2011	2012	2013
Lynda Fowler, chair	Dan Brazelton	Robert Abernethy
Glenn Smith	Betsy Triplett-Hurt	Toby Latham
Dale Holloway	Bruce Lindley	Chris Garrett

Lay Leadership Committee

2011	2012	2013
Dorothy Gibson	Peggy Wallin	Reagan Whytlaw
David Nelson	Nancy Sims	Jack Lambert

Parsonage Committee

Melody Gilbert, chair	Susie Williams	Jonnie Hackleman
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The Annual Charge Conference is the 'business' meeting each church has with the District Superintendent, Rev. Steve McElroy. Many reports are presented. The most encouraging report for us reflects growth for our church. Last year, we had 1,070 members. This year, we have 1088 members.

The increase came even though 20 members were lost—14 due to deaths and 6 by transfer to other churches.

In other business, the candidacy for ministry was affirmed for Karin Carlson, and Jody Wallin was affirmed to pursue his lay speaker certification.

Toddlers To Teens: Tickled To Trick-Or-Treat



Sharing Love



Bunny Laynie watches as Superman Jaxon gets a treat from one of the residents at Lincoln Tower on Friday, October 29. Center: twins Nadia and Voss enjoy being treated to the sight of their teachers dressed as a bumblebee and a ladybug, while Puppy Dog Caleb shows off his fruit snacks. Top right: Julie Brown passes out treats at the church to delighted children.



Pumpkinfest 2010



Good Stewardship Of Your Stewardship



Receptionist Judy Morrell shows how to use the secure drop box that is in the hallway near the door to the church offices.

A goal of Finance Committee chair Lynda Fowler was achieved recently with the installation of secure drop boxes in the sanctuary building and in the fellowship hall. The drop boxes are slots in the wall with a keyed box on the other side. Any donation, payment, tithe, or contribution of any kind can be placed in the drop boxes at any time. Envelopes are on nearby tables. Lynda reminds donors to write your name somewhere on the donation and designate what the money is for so Finance Manager Mary Blain will be able to give proper credit as a deductible donation. According to Lynda, "Not only does the Methodist Discipline require that we have secure lock boxes for our offerings to be placed until deposited, it is just good sense for the church to accommodate and protect the money given to the church."



The secure drop box in the Fellowship Hall is behind the east entrance doors.

Extravagant Generosity

**What's that big brick building at the corner of 5th & Lee Street?
The new sign says it all:**



We all know where our church is located, but not *everyone* knows where we are. To help resolve that issue, a beautiful bronze plaque was recently installed on the Lee Street corner. Installing the sign is one of the final visibility-improvement goals adopted by our church leadership in 2008. Other signage includes directional signs at the entrances.

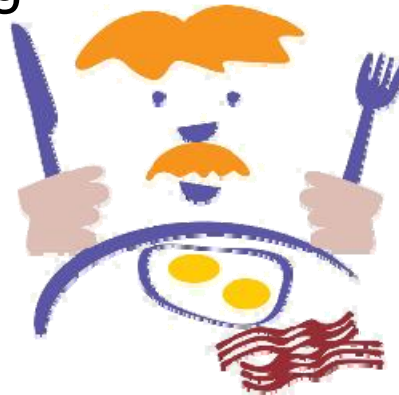
New Role For Pastor Donnie



Rev. Donnie Williams is congratulated by Rev. Terry Tamplen on Sunday, October 24 after telling the congregation about becoming a foster parent. Donnie asked everyone to pray for him and the young boy placed in his care. Being a father is a new role for Donnie, but one that he is grateful to accept.

Monday Morning Manly Meal

Every Monday
6:30 - 7:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall



Start your work week off right with a great inter-generational fellowship time for all men.

Sign up with Judy in the church office, 337-1527



Faith Circle Bake Sale Sunday November 21

Tables will be set up in the hallway near the Boosters Classroom and in the Fellowship Hall entry.

Stop by before and after worship services to purchase delicious home-baked treats for Thanksgiving!

All proceeds benefit Missions.



Welcome New Custodian



Oscar Hernandez

Oscar Hernandez is now the fulltime caretaker for the sanctuary building, including daily maintenance for the Children's Center. Oscar brings with him 18 years of experience working for ECISD and a ready smile. He says he likes working at the church because of the nice people. Oscar likes to pay attention to the little details and keep things in order. When asked if he's married, he quickly answers, "Yes, to my beautiful wife, Sylvia." Oscar's two daughters live here in Odessa. His three sons are scattered from Midland to Germany to Iraq. Thirteen grandchildren also keep him very busy. Oscar works at the church in the afternoons and on Sunday.

In Loving Memory

Methodist Children's Home

In memory of
Woodrow Leach
Given by
Ms. D'Lois M. Bryson

Memorial Fund

In memory of:
Don Farris
Buck Ogilvy
Given by
Corinne Costello

In memory of
Buck Ogilvy

Given by:
Mr. & Mrs. Baxter Breaux
Edwin Magruder, Jr.
Sue & Buddy McDonald

Shared Ministries

In memory of:
Don Farris
Woodrow Leach
Marvin Smith
Given by
Doris & John Mason

Sanctuary Renovation

In memory of
Buck Ogilvy
Given by
Gloria & LaDoyce Lambert

Children's Clothes Closet

In memory of
Nick Johnson
Given by
Julie & Jim Brown

In memory of
Buck Ogilvy



Sympathy to...

...Gwendolyn Oats for the loss of her husband, **W.S. Oats**



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- Bring A Friend 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.

Time Change This Sunday, Nov. 7

REMEMBER
Set Your
Clocks
BACK!

Air One Hit Song "Hero"

Help us grow

Electronic Giving

A convenient,
consistent way to help
our church grow

FUMC is offering a free 4G Flash Drive for choosing the electronic option of making regular offerings. Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card by turning in an authorization form in the church office or by going to the church website, www.fumcodessa.org. If you would like more information, please call our Finance Manager, Mary Blain, at 337-1527 or stop by the church office. Authorization forms are available in the church office and in the Welcome Centers.

A Road Less Traveled

Abandon

Stand United!

November 17, 2010
7:00 P.M.

First United Methodist
Church
Fellowship Hall

415 North Lee
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Tickets \$8.00

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