

## Out With Asphalt In With A Playground And Plaza



### It's official!

The highly anticipated construction began September 30. This second phase of the *Imagine More* campaign will create a plaza and playground between the Fellowship Hall and the main building. A new entrance into the Fellowship Hall is also part of the project. If there are no major delays, the project will be finished before Christmas.

**T**exting on cell phones may be getting a bad rap. Many think teenagers do it to excess, and most think it ought to be against the law to do it while driving.

But Christy Lewis, Communications and Family Life Director for FUMC-Odesa, has come up with a way to use texting for a good purpose. You can now get regular updates on church news, events and activities on your cell phone. And it

doesn't have to be a "smart phone," it can be any cell phone with texting capabilities.

"Almost everyone has a cell phone," Christy said, "and they have it with them wherever they go, so this is a good way to keep current on what's going on at First United Methodist Church-Odesa."

Christy has set it up so that interested parties can get general weekly church updates such as what the next

sermon topic will be, parents and youth can zero in on youth activities, or those with children in children's ministry or daycare can get specific texts for that area. Or,

Christy emphasizes, you can sign up for all three.

Signing up for this new service is as easy as voting for your favorite on "Dancing with the Stars." For general weekly updates, text "Life" to 62953. For youth updates, text "Boathouse" to

62953, and for children's ministry updates, text "BibleZone" to 62953. Text messages will come automatically and subscribers can unsubscribe by texting "stop" on the sites.

As another way of communicating this service, Christy has put the information on the church's website at [www.fumcodessa.org](http://www.fumcodessa.org).

—LaDoyce Lambert

**Get FUMC Updates On Your Phone!**



For FUMC ODESSA UPDATES.....

**Text LIFE to 62953**

For STUDENT MINISTRY UPDATES.....

**Text BOATHOUSE to 62953**

For CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATES.....

**Text BIBLEZONE to 62953**

## Parenting Without Losing Your Mind



Parenting Seminar speaker Scott Peebles is one of Southern California's leading experts on children, teens, and how to parent them.



Jayme Wilson and Kelly and Adam Allgood welcome guests at the registration table before the Saturday morning session on *Parenting Toddlers and Young Children Without Losing Your Mind*.

Parents arrived at First United Methodist on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, anxious to learn from Scott Peebles, a licensed marriage, family and child counselor. Scott shared ideas on dealing with everything from temper tantrums to teenage driving. His humorous, "slightly off the wall parenting" tools and tips were very practical and easy to begin immediately. He told us that the three most important rules of parenting are consistency, consistency, and consistency. Parents need to say it once and follow through so children get the message that you mean what you say. He encouraged us all to have fun with parenting; after all we will be doing this job for a long time. We were also given tips to help us encourage our kids by using a "joy jar," having a "star of the evening," and by

asking our kids each day, "What have you done today that you are proud of?" Parents who attended the event have already reported back that the ideas they received from Scott really work. They have seen a difference in their kids in just 1 week. Scott also urged parents to continue to be lovers first and parents second. He said to do whatever it takes to find time to spend with each other. It will make us happier people and better parents. That is ultimately the goal for all of us who have been blessed to be parents. We will continue to follow up on the tools we learned from Scott and learn even more about parenting in our Sunday evening Bible Study called *Value-packed Parenting*. Please join us in the Chapel from 6-8 pm to participate.

*Kris Riley, Outreach Director*

### Intentional Faith Development

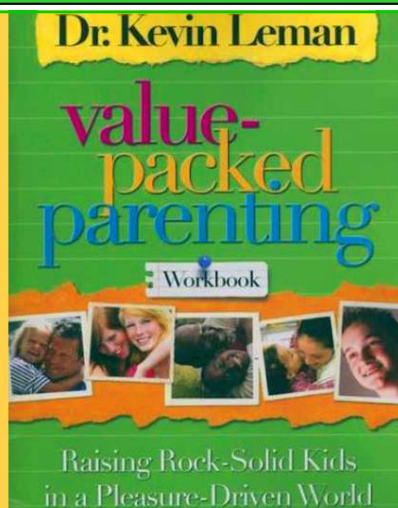
#### *New Bible Study for Parents*

**Sundays - 6-8 p.m.**

**Chapel**

**Now Through Dec. 11**

*Childcare available*



- The ten best gifts you will ever give your kids
- How to listen so kids will talk and how to talk so kids will listen
- Discipline isn't spelled P-U-N-I-S-H-M-E-N-T
- Ten ways to improve your child's self-confidence
- Caution: Anger ahead!
- Birth order – and what you need to know about it
- Standing up to the new Goliath (internet, media, technology)



October 1  
Mitchell Estep

October 2  
Joe Dee Thompson  
Wesley Estep  
Finlay Patterson

October 4  
Scott Coulter

October 7  
Lucille Brown  
Axtin Villa

October 8  
Joe Burroughs

October 9  
Christy Lewis

October 10  
Evelyn Bauman  
Ronald Baker  
Kerry Giesler  
Earl Shaw

October 11  
Paula Pool  
Jimmy Bursleson  
Jonnie Hackleman

October 12  
James Trower  
Jennifer Myers  
Tommy Sheen  
Davis Browning

October 13  
Mike Robinson  
Gabby Escalera  
Holly McAdams

October 14  
Geraldine Swindler  
Lonnie Sims  
Karin Carlson  
Bobby White

October 15  
Ruth Searls  
Anthony Vickery  
Jace Ahrllett

October 16  
Mary Lou Kiphart

October 17  
Morris Bates

October 18  
Jeanna Lambert  
Nell Smith  
Marcy Shugart

October 19  
Richard Buck  
Randy Grice  
Kennedi Cox  
Peyton Overby

October 20  
Jonell Sims  
Cameron Curry  
Braxton White

October 21  
Helen Coffin  
Sara Bennie  
Donna Patton  
Maudie Winn  
Kalpana Christian

October 22  
Amy Young  
Clyde Shugart

October 23  
May Copley  
Graham Thompson

October 24  
Jane Reid  
Mary Jane Wright  
Karen Olson  
Yadi Ainsworth

October 26  
Thomas Ainsworth

October 27  
Connie Nichols  
Emily Allbright

October 28  
Kay Bramley  
Hugh Williams  
Greg Wood  
Taylor Coursey  
Amanda Houser

October 29  
Reba Bailey  
Joel Roberts  
Wanda Chenault  
Arleene Loyd  
Ann Smith

October 30  
Debbie Morgan

October 31  
Gabe Grewell



Children's Clothes Closet  
In memory of  
**Hoyt Parrish**  
Given by  
Mike & Joe Forrest

In memory of  
**Gerry Bearden**  
Given by  
Dan & Robbie Brazelton

In memory of  
**Bob Miller**  
Given by:  
Minnette Goodman  
Mary Lu Shaw

In memory of  
**Bill Heggemeier**  
Given by  
Mary Jo & Michael Hill

Memorial Fund  
In memory of  
**Bob Miller**  
Given by  
Dr. & Mrs. Jimmy Goates

Choir Fund  
In memory of  
**Henry McEntyre**  
Given by  
Gary & Mary Jane Malone

Imagine More Fund  
In memory of  
**Bob Miller**  
Given by  
Don & Sue Wright

Food Pantry  
In memory of  
**Arther Adair**  
Given by  
Boosters SS Class



**Rev. David Weyant**  
Given by  
Jerry & Monica Parrish,  
Susan Kalb & families



Deepest sympathy to Georgene Miller  
for the loss of her husband  
**Bob Miller**

Deepest sympathy to Ken Ketron  
for the loss of his wife  
**Dona Ketron**



*Evan Michael Nall*

October 10  
6 lbs., 10 oz.

*Proud parents are Kyrsten and William Nall  
Proud sister and brother are Aubrey and Connor Nall  
Proud grandparents are Corlyce and Mike Barth  
and Pamela Nall*



**Monday, October 31**  
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
**Chapel**  
RSVP to 337-1527 for meal



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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 —Sanctuary

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.”

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**FALL FEST 2011**  
**SUNDAY, Oct. 30**  
**6:00-8:00 p.m.**

**Games, Prizes,  
Candy and more!**

**Kids—invite your friends  
to join the fun!**

**Needed: Individually  
wrapped candy**

**Radical Hospitality**



**Beau Wright instructs a little pirate on how to bowl during last year’s GLOW! Fall Fest.**

Beau was one of the dozens of volunteers who made Fall Fest a fun time for the hundreds of children and their parents who attended. Please contact Cindy Lewis, Children’s Ministry Director, at 337-1527 or at [cindylewis@fumcodessa.org](mailto:cindylewis@fumcodessa.org) to spend a couple of hours serving at this fun community outreach event!