



Members of the Odessa Chamber of Commerce hold the ribbon as Rev. Terry Tamplen and Children's Ministry Director Cindy Lewis use giant scissors to mark the official opening of the Children's Center on October 6. Turn to page 5 to see the picture of our children that was on the front page of the Odessa American the next day.

Celebration/Sharing Life Sunday November 14

Sharing Love

After seven years in the same format, Consecration Sunday will look a little different this year.

Usually, the event—which focuses on stewardship and gives FUMC-Odessa members a chance to make personal commitments for financial support of the church—has had an outside speaker and was held away from the downtown church campus.

This year, on Nov. 14, Consecration or **Celebration Sunday** will take the form of a giant celebration, featuring a combined worship service, a church-wide catered luncheon and the second installment of Sharing Life Outreach.

Sunday School will meet at 9:30 a.m. on that day, followed by the 10:30 a.m. combined worship service in the sanctuary, where Pastor Terry Tamplen will deliver the conclusion of a sermon series entitled *Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity*. This will be followed by a meal in Fellowship Hall. The meal will be catered so that all members, including those who usually cook and serve the meal, can be free to enjoy the lunch.

Continued, page 3

Welcome New Contemporary Worship Leader, Jayson Hart

Jayson Hart comes to FUMC-Odessa with experience, a passion for worship and a strong faith that is evident in his singing. In his own words, he calls himself not a Worship Leader, but a lead worshipper. Jayson and his wife Amanda, who is also a wonderful singer and the daughter of a Music Minister, met while singing in Randy Talley's choir at Odessa College. They married soon afterward, graduated from college and began teaching. Jayson is a choral director at Bonham Junior High, and Amanda is an AVID director for ECISD. They have two children, Hayley (3) and Hagen (1 1/2), who are enrolled in our FUMC Children's Center.



Jayson Hart

OUR FINANCIAL MINE HAS COLLAPSED, BUT GOD IS ENOUGH!



Terry Tamplen
Senior Pastor

Emily Dickenson once said, “I dwell in Possibility.” The miners from Chile trapped in their would-be tombs dwelled in the Possibility of hope for 17 days before finding out that the world 2,000 feet above them would “dwell in the possibility” of their rescue that came sooner than expected!

Many say that the financial crisis being experienced in the United States today is the worst since The Great Depression of the 1930’s – **THAT OUR FINANCIAL MINE HAS COLLAPSED!** How should the Church of Jesus Christ respond in this situation? I believe we should also “Dwell in Possibility!” The apostle Paul reveals four truths for living in joy and contentment no matter what the financial climate around us in Philippians 4:

1. Rejoice always! Don’t worry about anything; pray about everything!

The apostle wrote the words while imprisoned for preaching God’s love in Jesus Christ. He refused to focus on his circumstances, but chose rather to live by faith and keep his eyes on God. Take a moment now to pray something like “God, this is how I feel in my financial situation now, but here is what I believe about you...”

2. Take captive destructive thoughts!

Paul could have easily spent his time in thoughts of fear wondering what might or might not happen, but he chose instead to think about things that were true in the present moment; God’s faithfulness and provision.

3. Continue to learn!

Paul learned to be content with plenty or little. We must learn this as well. We are learning to discover joy and contentment as a Church by reading together the book “Enough.” We are making these available to every family at no cost. Please pick one up asap!

4. Avoid independence!

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!” God calls us to trust his wisdom when it comes to finances. Are you willing to do that?

I invite you to “Dwell in Possibility” for the next month and truly discover that God is Enough!

Terry

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, October 24

When Dreams Become Nightmares

Sunday, October 31

Wisdom And Finance

Sunday, November 7

Cultivating Contentment

Sunday, November 14

Defined By Generosity

Celebration Sunday

Sunday School — 9:30 a.m.

One Worship Service — 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Fellowship Meal — Noon, Fellowship Hall

Celebration Sunday, continued, from page one

After lunch, there will be a repeat of last May's community outreach project called *Sharing Life*. Sunday School classes, small groups, youth and children's groups will fan out across Odessa, bringing cheer to the elderly, friendship to the homeless, good deeds to the general public – all in the name of Christ and First United Methodist Church.

Kris Riley, Outreach Director for the church, is currently working with the various groups to help them nail down a project for the outreach event. Many will do something similar to what they did last May, but for those who want to do something different or for those who didn't participate last time, Kris has a list of suggestions.

Leading up to the celebration of Consecration Sunday, Pastor Terry has planned a series of five sermons which he hopes will bring “a more comprehensive approach to our sense of

stewardship.” He noted that many times church members run the other way when the preacher talks about stewardship and finances, but he said this series taps into the biblical model of dealing with finances and sets out very practical applications to basic financial principles.

Pastor Terry preached the first sermon in the series this past Sunday, Oct. 17, on the subject, *Faith in the Midst of Financial Crisis*. He said that with three out of four American stressed about the economy and their personal finances, “the church needs to help its members navigate through these challenging times.”

He added that this series represents a good opportunity for members to invite friends, co-workers and others, especially those who would benefit from getting some practical tools for assessing their financial situation and developing a financial plan with a biblical foundation.

—LaDoyce Lambert

Sharing Life Outreach Projects, as of October 18

Weavers – distribute money cards at local laundromat

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

Mosaics – provide survival backpacks for homeless

Seekers – purchase and deliver 20 Thanksgiving grocery sacks to Cavazos Elementary

Characters – minor home maintenance for disabled

Risk-Taking
Mission & Service

If you have other outreach projects, please contact Kris Riley at 337-1527 or krisriley@fumcodessa.org.

The T-shirt for Celebration/Sharing Life Sunday says it all:

Stepping beyond the doors

THE CHURCH HAS LEFT THE BUILDING

Order a \$5 t-shirt by calling Kris Riley at 337-1527 or emailing her at krisriley@fumcodessa.org.

Please be sure to indicate what size you will need. You may also order a t-shirt in the Welcome Center before or after worship on Oct. 24 & Oct. 31.

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.



The Best Clown In The State

Sharing Love

Tinker the clown, also known as church member Susan Butler, was awarded the highest honor in the state by the Texas Clown Association during its annual convention earlier this month. She was named Clown Ambassador for 2010. She was honored for her dedication and love of clowning. Susan is an active member of the Contemporary Worship service and is a trained Stephen Minister. She is a teacher of the visually impaired/Orientation and Mobility Specialist for ECISD. Susan is the mother of twins and is married to Donnie Butler. Susan took time from her busy schedule to answer a few email questions for *The Cultivator*. In addition to her responses, Susan ended her email with these scriptures, proving for her that “God does have such a sense of humor.”

I will fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouts of joy.— Job 8:22
A happy heart makes the face cheerful, but heartache crushes the spirit. — Proverbs 15:13

1. When/why did you begin 'clowning?'

Thirty years ago I was attending a youth ministries workshop and there was a session on Clown Ministry. At that time, the seed was planted for a life-long love.

2. Does being a Stephen Minister help to be a clown? Does being a clown help to be a Stephen Minister?

Actually, I have been doing hospital clowning for many years, so it does tie in with my Stephen Ministry training. The difference is: Stephen Ministry is a weekly commitment, where at the hospital, hopefully they are not there week after week. Once I was

visiting a young girl with a terminal illness, and the family would call me to come more often. When she passed away, the family called me to come to the hospital to be with them, and they would call me to come to the house after that. Then, with this same family, I had clowned the granddaughter's first birthday. Last year, as a teenager, she was killed in a car wreck. At the funeral home, Tinker was in the slide show at her first birthday. You never know when you make an impact on a person.

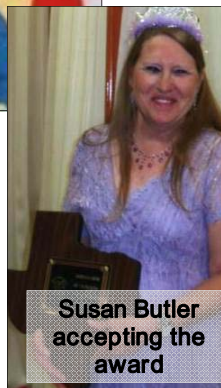
3. Being a clown is serious work. What about it brings you joy? Serious work. I have studied under some of the most famous clowns in the United States including Lou Jacobs, Buttons, Mark Anthony, and Coco. You have to continually study and grow. I know that seems pretty strange. I have been to clown school at Lacrosse, Wisconsin twice, state convention for twenty-seven years and national convention many times. At conventions it is four



Tinker with her friend



Nurse Susie Q



Susan Butler accepting the award

days of classes and competition and non-stop laughing. Once a famous clown said, “You have to bring your best to the Lord.” After I met the most

famous clowns at clown school, I knew that I am representing them every time I put on grease paint and walk out the door, so I have to be the best that I can be.

What brings me joy?

Hearing the laughter of others anywhere I go. At the hospital, a child can be crying his head off, and in a little while he starts laughing. His parents look at me with thanks in their eyes. It is important to

include the entire family as well as give the nurses a sticker and tell them a joke.

Sometimes an elderly person may hardly get a visit, and when I walk in, they really come to life. Once a man told me, “You made my room light up like a Christmas tree.” Like Stephen Ministry, I might be really tired or had a bad day, but in just a little while I am the one being blessed.

4. What are the God-given gifts that you bring to being a clown?

Well, I believe that God has given me the spiritual gifts of mercy

and giving. He has opened the doors for me to use my gifts in so many ways and places. Clowning is a fun way for me to share God's love. Someone once said, “Be compassionate, and be passionate about something.”

When I walk out of my house in clown or to a Stephen Ministry visit, I always say, “ALL GLORY AND HONOR IS YOURS FATHER.”

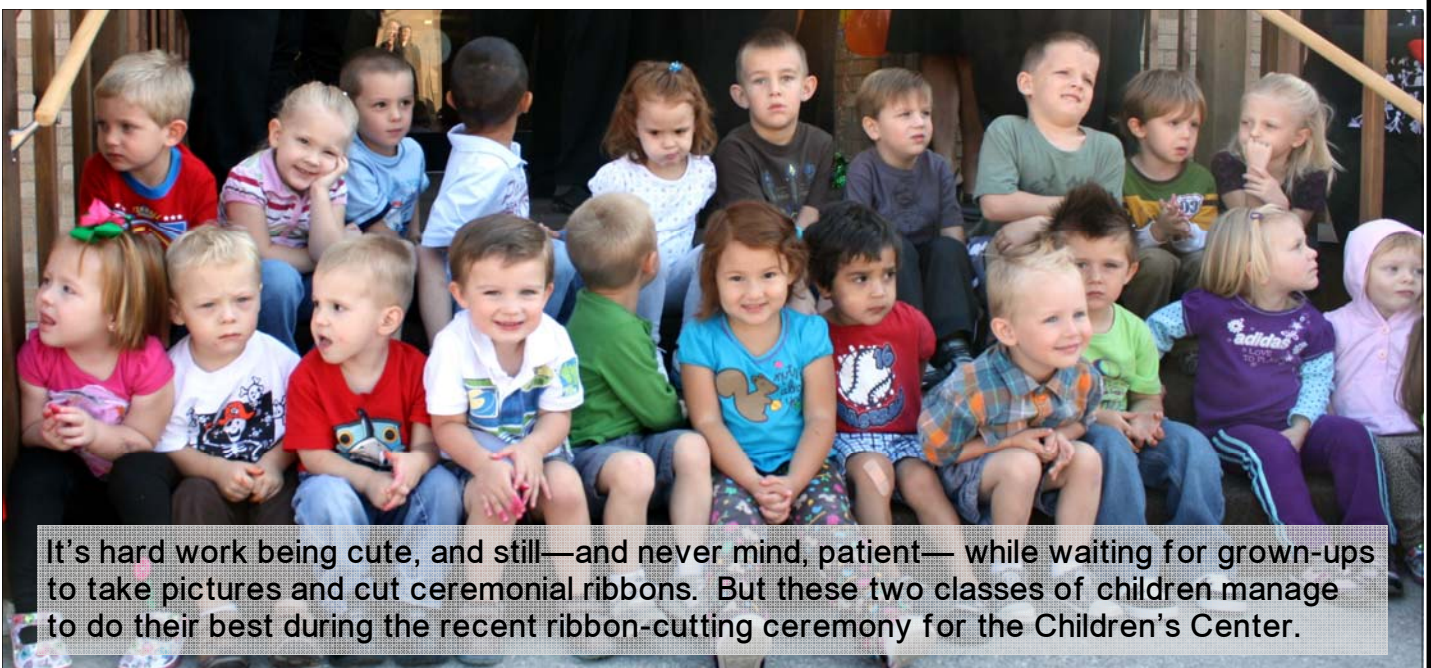
—Betsy Triplett-Hurt

Good Fences Make Good Neighbors And Safe Outdoor Play Areas

Thank you Scott Wilson and Odessa Fence for donating the fencing and bollards for the outdoor play area for the Children's Center. The fence was completed last week. This class of 3 & 4 year-olds enjoy their exercise time in the enclosed area between the fellowship hall and the main building. The children are having fun pretending to hop like a bunny, but are actually getting in 10 minutes of good exercise. Exercise is part of the daily routine at the Children's Center.



Extravagant Generosity



It's hard work being cute, and still—and never mind, patient— while waiting for grown-ups to take pictures and cut ceremonial ribbons. But these two classes of children manage to do their best during the recent ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Children's Center.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR RADICAL HOSPITALITY AT FUMC



Air One Hit Song "Hero"

Abandon



A Road Less Traveled

Sponsored By



Stand United!

November 17, 2010
7:00 P.M.

First United Methodist
Church
Fellowship Hall

415 North Lee
Odessa, TX

Tickets \$8.00

For Group Rates or More
Info Call
432-335-4682

Monday Morning Manly Meal
(a gathering of the men of the church)

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

Breakfast — biscuits, gravy, eggs, bacon, sausage, coffee.

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

Needed for
GLOW Children's Fall Fest

Bags of individually-wrapped candy

Please bring candy donations to the welcome Center, church office or the Children's Ministry office.

Free Flash Drives For Signing Up For Electronic Giving

As a token of appreciation, the church is giving everyone who signs up for electronic giving a Flash Drive. The 4G Flash Drives will be available at the church office.

Senior Pastor Terry Tamplen points out that electronic giving is convenient for the giver since checks don't have to be written, and it provides consistent income for the church to meet its expenses and obligations and fund its programs.

Electronic giving can be done through automatic debits from checking and savings accounts or by credit card and debit card. An Authorization Form, and help in filling it out, can be obtained from Financial Manager Mary Blain in the church office.



Electronic giving can also be set up online by going to the church website, www.fumcodessa.org and clicking "Online Giving" at the top of the home page.

The online method of authorization is the most flexible, since after providing one-time information, the donor can set up and manage donations and track donation history. One-time or recurring

donations can be made online.

Pastor Terry emphasizes that electronic giving is being offered strictly as an option. "Those who feel more comfortable and like to put a check in the offering plate or mail it to the office may certainly continue to do so," he said.



November 2
Wanda Shugart
Keija Turner

November 4
Holly Forrest
Katheryn Howell
Susie Schnaubert

November 5
Vicki Wright

November 6
Jim Brown

November 8
Paul Heard
Connor Nall

November 9
Danny Schnaubert
Cara Ziriach

November 10
Terry Cawthron
Eleanor Edmondson

November 11
Kesslie Gilbert
Randal Grice
Steve Withrow
November 12

Joe Hansen
Sarah Lambert
Shelby McLemore
Bo Meek

November 13
Dick Sivalls
Donna Ziriach

November 14
Cindy Fouche
Brandi Taliaferro

November 15
Betty Norton

November 16
Marlene Rogers

November 17
Jack Duke
Gloria Lambert
Pamela Mounts
Jason Phillips

November 18
Blake Estep
Victoria Galindo
Gene Johnson
James Lee
Joshua Lewis
Mark Mounts
Nancy Sims
Vickie Watson

November 19
Eric Heard

November 22
Kylie Kirkland
Amanda Overby
Preslee Wood

November 23
James McAdams

November 24
Jim Harper
Charlie Strackbein

November 25
Mike Mazur
Sue Wright

November 26
Brooks White

November 27
Tom Elrod

November 29
Greg Stephens

November 30
Ken Jones
Stephanie Stanley



New Arrivals

Lanie Grace Guerrero
September 30, 2010
8 lbs. 1 oz. - 19 1/2 inches long
Proud parents
Casey and Johnny Guerrero
Proud grandparents
Marcy and Chas Weatherby

Charis Annette Torres
October 17, 2010
8 lbs. 5 oz. - 21 inches long
Proud grandparents
Shirley and Robert Abernethy

Peyton Gage Overby
October 19, 2010
6 lbs. 5 oz. - 20 inches long
Proud parents
Amanda and Benton Overby
Proud big brother
Quentin Overby
Proud grandparents
Mary Jane and Gary Malone



With Deepest Sympathy

To Judy and James Morrell
for the loss of Judy's uncle
Fred Butler

To Anne and Clark Dickson
for the loss of Anne's sister
Dicie Parker

To Pastor Terry and Vicki Tamplen
for the loss of Terry's uncle
Leon Speer

Memorials



Youth Fund
In memory of
Nick Johnson
Given by
Doris & John Mason

In memory of
Buck Ogilvy
Given by:
Eddie Guilbeau
Doris & John Mason

Kim & Randy Tucker

Children's Clothes Closet

In memory of:
George Belcheff
Nick Johnson
Louise Shireman
Given by
Robbie & Dan Brazelton

In memory of
George Belcheff
Given by
Julie & Jim Brown

In memory of
Marvin Smith

Given by
Betty Dale

Memorial Fund
In memory of
Nick Johnson
Given by
Susie & Nick Williams

In memory of:
Buck Ogilvy
Woodrow Leach
Given by
Sheri Carson

In memory of
Buck Ogilvy

Given by:
Sherry & Richard Buck
Ethelda Oakley

Shared Ministries
In memory of
Buck Ogilvy
Given by
Builders SS Class

Children's Ministry
In memory of
Buck Ogilvy
Given by
Liz & Mike Shelton

Music Ministry



**RETURN
SERVICE
REQUESTED**

NON-PROFIT ORG
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT NO. 43
ODESSA, TEXAS
79761

www.fumcodessa.org
Enjoy The Cultivator On-line

- 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.

FALL FEST 2010

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 30
6:00-8:00 p.m.**

Games, prizes, candy
and more!
Invite your friends and
come join the fun!

Volunteers Needed!
CONTACT: CINDY LEWIS
337-1527

pumpkinfest
October 27

Ector County Coliseum - Barn D
Wednesday, October 27
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
\$5.00

Activities will include:
Costume Contest
Pumpkin Hockey
Pumpkin Golf
Pumpkin Volleyball
Pumpkin Pie Eating Contest
Hamburgers and Hot Dogs
Friends
Worship
And so much more!

If you would like to help with this youth outreach, please contact Donnie at 337-1527.