

Worship Services Reflect The Glory Of Resurrection Sunday



Ilona Severance, daughter of Britani & Simon Severance, helps 8am Sunday School class members Lynn Correa and Marty Farris adorn the altar cross with flowers. After the flowers are in place, the cross is placed on the altar and draped with a black cloth. The cloth represents the darkness that descended on the sanctuary at the close of the Requiem choral presentation on Good Friday. On Easter Sunday, joyful music and radiance filled the sanctuary as Pastor Todd Salzwedel unveiled the colorful cross at the beginning of the traditional worship service.

Please turn to pages 4 & 5 for details of Holy Week observances.

National Day Of Prayer Guest Speaker Comes To 1st-UMC, May 5



Marcus Goodloe,
Ph.D

After presenting the keynote speech at The National Day Of Prayer luncheon, May 2, **Dr. Marcus "Goodie" Goodloe will speak at both worship services at 1st-UMC on Sunday, May 5.** The motivational speaker from California will be joined by the high-energy worship team of Soulfruit, which is based in Houston. Pastor Todd is excited about having his "long-time good friend, Goodie" in Odessa for

Soulfruit

several days of outstanding events.

The National Day Of Prayer luncheon on Thursday, is followed by the **Night Of Praise** service on Friday. (see back page) The musical duo of Soulfruit follows the principles of Godliness in all of their interactions. **Come enjoy and experience their commitment to live in truth, purpose and love that radiates brightly during the 9am and 11am worship services.**

Spring Cleaning At The Church



Sanctuary building, Fellowship Center, Plaza Playground, parking lots: anything and everything on the church campus was tended to with happy hands on Saturday, April 6. Building trustees chairman Colby Brazile was very pleased with the number of dedicated church members who picked up debris, swept leaves, planted plants, groomed artificial grass, changed light bulbs, cleaned the atrium and even climbed up into the steeple. Whew! Lots of good works. Thank you!

D6 Sunday School Studies for May 2019 GOD THE FATHER

ELEMENTARY THROUGH ADULT – CURIOUS QUESTIONS

This apologetic study equips students to answer common challenges about the Christian faith and defend what they believe with sound arguments. Students' faith will be strengthened by knowing there are good answers to difficult questions. "Apologetic" is Greek meaning "speaking in defense" and is the religious discipline of defending religious doctrines through systematic argumentation and discourse.

D6 2GEN CURRICULUM	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
	How can I know that God exists?	Why is every life valuable?	What makes Christianity Unique?	Why is Jesus the Only Way?
	Romans 1:20; 2:12-15; 2 Timothy 3:16-17	Gen. 1:26-27; 2:7; 9:5-6 Jeremiah 1:5; Psalm 139:13-16	1 Cor 15:1-19 Mark 1:14-20; John 21:25; Matt 8:23-27; Rom 3:21-26	John 14:6; 8:24; Rom 3:10 Galatians 2:16

PRE-SCHOOL — God Made Me Special

This unit provides an opportunity for students to explore some of the key Scriptures that emphasize and teach the truth *God Made Me Special*. Students will be challenged to recognize God's amazing love for them and respond to Him with praise and adoration.



Family Ministry Director Caleb Eckel wants the congregation to know the fabulous students active in Echo Student Ministry. This month's student is **Kylah Diane Chastain**.

Kylah Diane Chastain

Freshmen at Permian High School.

Kylah participates in dance, choir and theater.

Favorite color: Red

Future Plans: Attend Odessa College and become a nurse.

Involvement at FUMC: Kylah has attended FUMC for 5 years.

Involved in ECHO youth group for 4 years. Attended Sunday school for 4 years. Kylah has served as a greeter, usher, played an angel at the Christmas pageant and has sung with the worship band as well. Kylah was part of the confirmation class of 2017 and was also baptized at FUMC in 2017.



Claryssa Simmons and Kylah Chastain

Why do you attend ECHO Youth Group?

"I attend ECHO youth group to make friends and form a closer connection with God."

The 2016 Glorieta Camp trip:

"It was special experience for me because I got closer to people at camp that I would normally not have talked to."

How is God working in your life?

"God is hearing my prayers and making sure that I am healthy!"



We have a great new youth band! Thanks to adult volunteer Joe Williams for his hard work on putting it all together. From right to left, the members are Braeden and Luke on guitar, Joe Williams band leader, Tabitha on vocals and keys, Kallan on vocals and Marlee on drums.

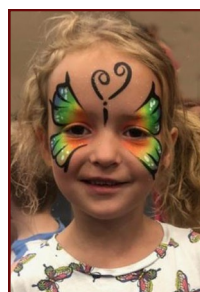
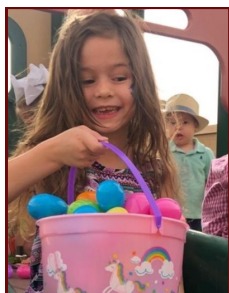
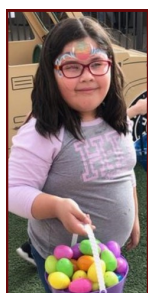


We had at least 50 youth and a estimated 250 people visit our church for our first **Family Egg Hunt**. It was a great time of fellowship and fun! The youth stuffed and hid 3,000 eggs, served popcorn and cotton candy. A big thank you to all of our volunteers. Pictured from left to right Caleb & Eleanor Eckel, Grace Henry—the Easter Bunny—and Becky Eckel.



Some youth talked with Pastor Todd during the Sunday school hour. Pastor Todd opened up about some of the challenges he faced growing up.

The Lighter Side Of Easter



The Family Egg Hunt, Wednesday, April 10, was an amazing night for the whole family. The children never stopped

moving by having fun with finding eggs, getting their faces painted, playing on jumpers, and enjoying art and crafts! It was truly wonderful!

- I say a heartfelt thank you to everyone

for making this event possible, for giving your time and donations! — *Melanie Taylor, FoundationKids Assistant Family Ministry Director*

Holy Week Inspirations: Palm Sunday,



FoundationKids are pictured at the Fellowship service on **Palm Sunday**.

The children processed into the worship service waving branches and singing songs.



Maundy Thursday was remembered with handwashing, prayers, praise and communion.



Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Resurrection Sunday



Good Friday's musical presentation of the Requiem by Maurice Duruflé was a feast for the heart, soul and ears. The somber and haunting music was performed by more than 90 performers, comprised of our sanctuary choir, choral students from UTPB, and a chamber orchestra from the Midland-Odessa Symphony.



The transition from the darkness of Good Friday to the light of **Resurrection Sunday** is symbolized by the cross adorned with flowers centered in the sanctuary on the altar. As is our church's musical tradition, the sanctuary choir summed up the glorious week with Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus*. As a reflection of God's love, the sun shone radiantly through the stained glass windows, illuminating the cross and blessing the service.



Save These Dates In The Merry Month Of May

SENIOR NIGHT!
MAY 8

Congratulate our
graduates!

Enjoy a meal & fellowship 6pm



All are welcome!



**MOTHER'S DAY
TEA PARTY**

*United Methodist
Women*

*Invite You To
Mother Day
Tea Party*

May 12

10:00—11:00

Church Parlor



**CELEBRATE
RECOVERY**

6th year Celebration!
Monday, May 27

Meal 6:00pm followed by movie,
War Room

Come and join the celebration



Women/s Bible Study

June 5—July 17

9:30-11:00 AM

**Wednesdays in
Fellowship Hall**

Materials = \$14

Child care = \$75

**Register on-line:
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Infant Dedication



Eleanor Marie Eckel was dedicated in the Traditional Service on Easter Sunder. She is pictured here with her parents Becky and Caleb Eckel .



To the friends and family of
Georgene "Genie" Miller

Memorials

**In Memory of
Genie Miller
Given by
Stephanie & John Latimer**

**In Memory of
Sara Bennie
Given by
Moselle Ford**

**In Memory of
Mary Williams
Given by
Barbara & Rick Browning**

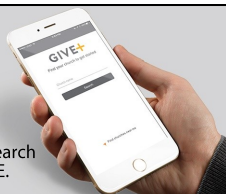
**Children's Clothes Closet
In Memory of
Gloria Lambert
Given by
Tammy & Tommy Hawkins**



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8:00 AM	Adult Bible Class
9:00 AM	Traditional Worship —Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Sunday School, all ages
10:16 AM	The Bridge Worship, —3901 E. Yukon
11:00 AM	Fellowship Worship —Fellowship Center

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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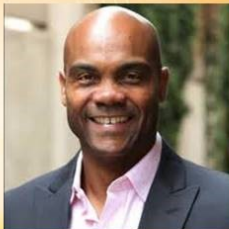
First United Methodist Church-Odessa Mission Statement

*We exist for **LIFE**...*

*To **L**ove others, **I**nvite them to join us as we **F**ollow Christ,
who **E**mpowers us to make a difference.*

**Practice Radical Hospitality
Invite Your Family, Friends and Neighbors
To This Inspirational Evening**

"Beloved Community"



**Guest Speaker:
Dr. Marcus Goodloe**

Night of Praise!

**Friday, May 3, 2019
7:00pm**

**First United Methodist
Church**

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