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Fine Arts **C.A.M.P.**



Children's Music

K-1st grade will be led by Tricia Cox, Kristen Perkins, and Bethany Schaffer. Brantlee Sontag and Steve Sobczak will direct the 2nd and 3rd graders. Along with singing, this group will learn basics of handbells. The 4th-6th graders are led by Susan Kheshtinejad and Kerrie Hutcheson. They will be preparing one song for Crossroads, one to sing with the Chancel Choir, plus some choreography.

August 6 through 10

**Kindergarten through 6th grade
9:00 a.m. to 12:30**

Lunch will be served.

**Children will do
age appropriate activities.**

**Kindergarten-1st 2nd & 3rd
4th, 5th, 6th**

**Register online at www.fumcd.com or
contact church office
at 972.298-6121**

Every day each age group will rotate
through all 3 fine arts areas:

music, arts & crafts, and cooking



Maggi Manning and Carol Weller are working together to present exciting arts and crafts for the kids. The younger ones will be creating portraits, mosaics, & architecture while learning new art techniques. The older ones will try their hand at watercolor seascape done with a credit card, flower arranging, jewelry and card making.



Cooking with Kids

Bob and Jeannine Valentine are responsible for the Cooking with Kids segment. On Monday they will teach the children foods to prepare for breakfast, Tuesday will be lunch day, Wednesday, dinner and Thursday, dessert. What fun they will have learning, cooking and eating.

**On Sunday, August 12, there will be a special performance by the
C.A.M.P. Kids
during the 11:00 a.m. service.**

Message from Mike

As many of you know by now, there has been considerable conversation in the church across the last couple of weeks regarding the possibility of changing our Sunday morning schedule of services. Changing attendance patterns, the availability of clergy and musical support groups, and the relationship of the services to Sunday school are among the factors that have been considered.

The matter of change of service times will come to a called meeting of our Administrative Board at noon following the 11:00 o'clock worship service on July 29th. The Board will meet in the sanctuary in the section in front of the pulpit. This will be the only matter on the agenda.

The traditional worship service, no matter what time it is held, would be comprised of elements such as The Chancel Choir, the handbell choirs, special music and all liturgy and hymns associated with our current more formal 11:00 o'clock service.

Crossroads, our more contemporary service, will continue in its current format of praise music, less liturgy, less formal setting and special music provided by The Youth Choir.

The two possibilities for the Sunday schedule are as follows:

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Service

OR

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

If you would like to register a response to these options, please contact one of the church members identified on Contact List on page 4 of the paper.

Our main concern is what is best for the whole church. We must also keep in mind the growth potential associated with our Sunday morning schedule. Please hold this important matter in your prayers.

Peace to you,
Mike Nichols

DISCOVER GOD'S CALL

Where You Are!

A Spiritual Growth Opportunity

October 12-14, 2007

Friday 6:00 pm – Sunday afternoon

Mt. Lebanon Retreat and Conference Center
Cedar Hill, Texas

“But each man has his own gift from God” 1
Corinthians 7:7b (NIV)

What are your spiritual gifts?
How is God calling you to use them?

Step into a 48-hour environment designed to help you hear God's call. There will be inspirational input by anointed speakers; searching with friendly, perceptive leaders; encouragement from people in your small group; solitude where you can be alone with God in the peacefulness of Mt. Lebanon; sharing of personal progress; fellowship and celebration in worship with other committed Christians. You will be made alive by discovering your spiritual gifts and God's call to use these gifts in your own ministry through the presence of the Holy Spirit, all in a memorable week-end of fun and fellowship.

Your anticipation will build as you commit to a 30-minute daily study for 26 days prior to the retreat. Using scripture, a workbook for your personal responses, recorded messages, moving testimonies, and completing a Spiritual gifts inventory, you will begin to sense God's will for you.

Numerous members of our congregation have attended a Discover God's Call week-end. Call the church office for the name(s) of former participants if you would like to learn more about this wonderful experience.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: August 31, 2007

Pre-retreat study begins: September 10, 2007

Call the church office for a brochure and registration form.



Choir Rehearsals Resume

| Adults | | |
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| Chancel Choir | August 8 | 7:00 p.m. |
| Praise | August 20 | 6:00 p.m. |
| Wesley Ringers | September 4 | 9:00 p.m. |
| Celebration Ringers | September 5 | 6:00 p.m. |
| Legacy Choir | September 6 | 11:00 a.m. |
| Turning Points | September 10 | 7:00 p.m. |
| Messengers | September 17 | 6:00 p.m. |
| Youth | | |
| Youth Choir (7th-12th) | August 26 | 4:30 p.m. |
| Youth Choir Retreat | September 8 | 8:00 a.m. |
| Youth Handbells | September 16 | 3:30 p.m. |
| Children | | |
| Children's Choirs (K-6th) | September 5 | 4:30 p.m. |
| Alleluia Ringers (4th-6th) | September 12 | 3:45 p.m. |

Contact List

| Name | Position | Home Phone |
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| John Murray | Chair, Administrative Board | 972-617-5314 |
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| Charla Edwards | Chair, Missions | 972-780-0400 |
| Jim Shipley | Chair, Endowment | 972-217-1242 |
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to Rev. Marie Mitchell on the birth of her grandson, Jaz Duane Clayborne. Proud parents are Marie's daughter, Danielle and her husband Jas.

to Bob and Pat Daniel on the birth of their grandson, Kyle Murphy Daniel, son of Matt and Kellye Daniel.

LIBRARY HOURS

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

9:00 a.m. to noon

Sunday 8:00 a.m. to noon

The following is a list of books that are missing from the church library over the last few years. They have been check out but not returned. The total replacement cost of these books may be as high as \$500 or more. This is a significant amount and represents more than the total allowed for the library budget each year. If you have any of these books (clearly marked in several places with the "Library" stamp) please return them to the table in the church library. No questions will be asked and no fines will be required.

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| Running Around in Spiritual Circles | Disciplines of the Beautiful Woman |
| Who Is Jesus? | The Will of God |
| Chicken Soup for Little Souls | Daniel |
| Celebration of Discipline | Mark |
| Are You My Neighbor? (Veggie Tales) | The Man Caught by a Fish |
| The Bible in Pictures for Little Eyes | That's What the Man Said |
| Jeremy | The Book of Worship for Church and Home |
| Jews & Christians | The Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible Supplementary Volume |
| Mickey's Christmas Carol | Good Grief |
| Little Critter's Christmas Book | The Rhyme Bible |
| The Christmas Pageant | John Wesley, the Proud Methodist |
| A Child Called "It" | The Five People You Meet in Heaven |
| John Wesley and His World | Little Grey Rabbit's Christmas |
| Works of Martin Luther Vol II | No Wonder They Call Him the Savior |
| First & Second Timothy, Titus, and Philemon | Your Best Life Now |
| Calm My Anxious Heart | |
| The Power of a Praying Husband | |
| The Power of a Praying Wife | |
| Let Me Grieve, But Not Forever | |



All Youth Retreat AYR

Rockin' C Ranch

All Youth Retreat is our end of the summer retreat and a chance to have one last awesome trip before the school year gets underway. There are small groups, games, worship, group building activities, zip lines, blobs, swimming, canoeing, high ropes courses, ping pong, volleyball, basketball, tetherball, and much more. It's also the last retreat for the graduates. It's a great time to relax, have fellowship, grow closer to God and have fun!

We will be leaving Friday, August 10, at 5pm. We will return Sunday afternoon. The \$115 includes everything while at the ranch and a T-shirt. In addition to the \$115, you will need money for dinner on Friday night and lunch on Sunday.

If you have any questions, contact Janet at Janet@fumcd.com

Mission Camp kids put together 192 kits for troops in Afghanistan. Many items were donated by church members and were much appreciated. The CAMP Kids also participated in activities about being physically limited. They reflected on helping others in need.

DUNCANVILLE OUTREACH MINISTRIES JULY, 2007

The Missions Committee will be collecting non-perishable food items for DOM during the month of July, and collection boxes have been placed in each adult Sunday school classroom. Baskets will be in the Narthex on July 29th for church wide collection.

The needs are increasing, partially because of the price of gasoline. DOM has

been averaging 30 families per day.

This month they are in particular need of the following items:

- Hamburger Helper ● Flour ● Sugar
- Pork & Beans
- Black-eyed Peas ● Tomato Sauce
- Jelly

Thanks so much for your participation in this project!

Ladies Book Club

August Book Selection:
"When Crickets Cry"

by
Charles Martin

Join us for discussion and fellowship

Monday, August 13
7:00 p.m. in the Parlor

Contact Letitia Nachtrieb for information
972-298-9007

cares and concerns

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| Jo Kalinec | Grace Brandenburg |
| Frances Cowart | Mary Dabiere |
| Art Shirley | Sandy Courville |
| Marilyn Post | Jon Kinslow |
| Myrt Airhart | Martha Leewright |
| Georgia Becker | David Knox |
| Rev. Gene Welborn | Owenda Douglass |
| Brantlee Sontag | |

memorials and honorariums

in memory of

Barbara Holloway
Barbara Holloway
Barbara Holloway
William Edwards

designated fund

Music
Music
Music
Budget

given by

Cornelia Mae Spencer
Kathleen Schlachter
Gary & Cathy Fisher
Ann Barnes

in honor of

Marie Mitchell
Mike Nichols
Sheri Hollingsworth
Marie Mitchell

Children/Youth
Budget
Budget
Budget

Ethel Gabriel
Sarah & Steve Puckett
Sarah & Steve Puckett
Sarah & Steve Puckett

Christian One Liners

He who angers you, controls you!

Many of our members are friends of past members Don and Brenda Eubank and remember their daughter Shannon Eubank John. Shannon is in need or our prayers as she has suffered with cancer for 5 years. She is in M.D. Anderson in Houston. Her leukemia is currently in remission but she is having many other serious health issues. Keep Shannon, husband Stephen, children William and Abby and parents Don and Brenda in your prayers.

Our Lending Closet is minus some wheelchairs. If you have borrowed one and no longer need it, please call Jim Carver and he will make arrangements to get it back to the church. 972-296-1238



Class Notes

Cup & Saucer

President Dan appointed the Nominating Committee for our new class officers. They are: Marcie Hughson, Chairperson; Weymond and Betty Dunn and Erv and Sara Lovdahl.

Millie was on duty at the piano Sunday and Betty Dunn led our singing. Barbara Niblo led our prayer. Our class voted to give a donation to DOM for school supplies.

Our past faithful member Bonnie Barbaree is moving back to Duncanville. We were pleased to welcome Helen Jones' daughter as our visitor Sunday.

We were thankful and pleased to welcome Grace Brandenburg back to class Sunday. Hats off to Weymond for 4 super lessons on the Prophets. Alex Pearce is our teacher for the

5th Sunday. The subject of our lesson is Getting Through the Pain scripture Jeremiah 29:1-14.

Continue to pray for our sick and needs: Grace Brandenburg, Janie Rittenberry, Helen Jones, Sara Lovdahl and Myrt Airhart.

New Horizons

Our lesson was held last Sunday by David Gregory giving the fourth lesson in unit 2: What Does God Require, entitled "Your Actions, Your Consequences." Pat Harthcock played the piano to open the class and LaTrelle Power led us in prayer.

Please keep the following in your prayers; Larry and Willa Yost, Evezyn Ammons, Heather Foose, Jeanette Strickland, Shannon John, Colton,

Carole Deffebach, Don Clark, Elizabeth Gregory, Juno Garrett, Pat Rattan, Angie Coby, Charles Cason, Gene Welborn, Sandra Coyle, Carol, Lori & James Waldrup, Billy, Mavis Mathis, Weldon Dickson, Mary Ann Lee, Jim Rogers, Shane, Chuck Weems, Ruby Edgar, Ada Hart, Gordon Guinn, Karen Roberts, Karen Kelly, Kathleen Godwin, and Karlin Seitz.

On July 29th, our lesson will be "Getting Through the Pain" taught by Mary Nelson. This lesson is the fifth in Unit 2, What Does God Require? The scripture background for the lesson is Jeremiah 29:1-14. Jeremiah 29:11 "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." So read your

Bible this week and we will see you next Sunday.

UNITED CLASS

Mike and Gary brought our lessons, and we are grateful for their excellent treatment of the Old Testament prophets warnings as they continue to apply to our current world.

We had reports on our ill, Juno, Ruth, Gene W., Martha and Ruth Cross.

Roberta has worked at the Women's International Peace Conference and their work should be in our prayers.

Mark August 15, Wednesday, for our next class social--location to be confirmed.

PEOPLE OF FAITH

The Adult Singles Class and The Women of Faith have merged. The new name of the group is People of Faith. We are meeting in the Bob Tanner Room used by Women of Faith in the southeast corner of the gym.

The class is made up of singles, spouses who attend without a mate, and couples. All are invited to attend. Currently, the class is being led by Lou Craig Bundrick and Dave Bundrick. Class starts at 10:00 am so we can attend Crossroads, the alternative 9:00 am service in Aldersgate.

Various speakers are now on the schedule through August, including Sam Martin, Elaine Schneider, and Mardi Miller in July. Activities include dinner out the first Wednesday and a Movie/Popcorn Night at Lou and Dave's the last Friday of this month.

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