



THE COMPASS

News and events of Davis Memorial United Methodist Church

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April 2011

What You DON'T Want To Miss in April

Friday, April 1:

Na Pau Hula Practice @ 7 pm

Saturday, April 2:

The Next Step Meeting @ 9:00 am

Sunday, April 3:

Worship @ 9:45 am
WSM Event: Church on the Slab @ 10 am
Sunday School @ 11:00 am
Stewardship Meeting @ Noon
Confirmation Class @ 3pm
WSM Worship @ 5 pm
Lenten Chapel Service @ 6 pm
Lenten Study @ 6:30 pm

Monday, April 4:

Chapps Fundraiser @ 5 pm
Boy Scouts @ 6 pm
Trustees' Meeting @ 7 pm

Tuesday, April 5:

WSM Fellowship @ 6 pm
Bible Study @ 7 pm @ Pastor's Home
So Far Band Practice @ 7 pm
Sobriety for Women @ 7 pm

Wednesday, April 6:

PrimeTimers @ 9:30 am
Chancel Choir Practice @ 6 pm
Band Practice @ 7:30 pm

Thursday, April 7:

Dave Ramsey Class @ 6 pm
Handbell Choir @ 7 pm

Friday, April 8:

Na Pau Hula Practice @ 7 pm

Saturday, April 9:

Men's Ministry @ 7 am

Sunday, April 10:

Worship @ 9:45 am
Sunday School @ 11:00 am (tithing)
Confirmation Class @ 3 pm
Niki's Fundraiser @ 5 pm
WSM Worship @ 5 pm
Lenten Chapel Service @ 6 pm
Lenten Study @ 6:30 pm

Monday, April 11:

Boy Scouts @ 6 pm
Finance Meeting @ 7 pm

Tuesday, April 12:

WSM Fellowship @ 6 pm
Girl Scouts @ 6:30 pm
Bible Study @ 7 pm @ Pastor's Home
So Far Band Practice @ 7 pm
Sobriety for Women @ 7 pm

Wednesday, April 13:

PrimeTimers @ 9:30 am
Chancel Choir Practice @ 6 pm
Band Practice @ 7:30 pm

Thursday, April 14:

Last Day To Order Angel Food @ 5 pm
Dave Ramsey Class @ 6 pm
Handbell Choir @ 7 pm

Friday, April 15:

Na Pau Hula Practice @ 7 pm

Sunday, April 17 - Palm Sunday:

Worship @ 9:45 am
Sunday School @ 11:00 am
Picnic & Easter Egg Hunt - After Service
Youth Advisory Board @ Noon
Confirmation Class @ 3pm
WSM Worship @ 5 pm
Lenten Chapel Service @ 6 pm
Lenten Study @ 6:30 pm

Monday, April 18:

Boy Scouts @ 6 pm
Scout Court of Honor @ 7 pm

Tuesday, April 19:

WSM Fellowship @ 6 pm
Bible Study @ 7 pm @ Pastor's Home
So Far Band Practice @ 7 pm
Sobriety for Women @ 7 pm

Wednesday, April 20:

PrimeTimers @ 9:30 am
Chancel Choir Practice @ 6 pm
Band Practice @ 7:30 pm

Thursday, April 21:

Dave Ramsey class @ 6 pm
Maundy Thursday Service @ 7 pm
Handbell Choir @ 7 pm

Friday, April 22 - Good Friday:

Good Friday Service @ 7 pm
Na Pau Hula Practice @ 7 pm

Saturday, April 23:

Angel Food Pick-up @ 8:30 am

Sunday, April 24 - Easter:

Worship @ 9:45 am
Sunday School @ 11:00 am

Monday, April 25:

Boy Scouts @ 6 pm

Tuesday, April 26:

WSM Fellowship @ 6 pm
Girl Scouts @ 6:30 pm
Bible Study @ 7 pm @ Pastor's Home
So Far Band Practice @ 7 pm
Sobriety for Women @ 7 pm

Wednesday, April 27:

PrimeTimers @ 9:30 am
Chancel Choir Practice @ 6 pm
Band Practice @ 7:30 pm

Thursday, April 28:

Dave Ramsey @ 6 pm
Handbell Choir @ 7 pm

Saturday, April 30:

Sisters of Aloha @ 6 pm

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Worship Times

Worship 9:45 am

Sunday School 11:00 am

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Pastor's Prose



There is an expression "if March comes in like a lion, it goes out like a lamb. Likewise, if March comes in like a lamb, it goes out like a lion." Personally, March started like a lion. The first Sunday in March I had to announce to Davis that I was taking a family leave of absence and would be leaving. That is

one of the most difficult announcements I have ever had to make.

Davis has become my family in the almost three years that I have been here. Leaving family is always difficult. Sometimes we leave family when we get a job that takes us to another city. Sometimes we leave family when we go to college. And sometimes we leave family when we marry and our spouse lives in another city or state. In my case, I am leaving family because Richard's family needs extra care.

It is interesting that this happened during Lent. I have been talking about soul searching, and this leave and a move to California are causing me to do a great deal of soul searching. I was called by God to enter ministry. In the United Methodist Church entering ministry means going to seminary which is a three or four year commitment. Seminary was one of the best experiences in my life. I love learning. Seminary also made me feel so much closer to God. I came to appreciate different views expressed by the writers I read and by the other students in my classes.

At the same time a person is in seminary, they also proceed along the path of ordination. The path starts with exploring ministry and goes through becoming a certified candidate. After being a candidate, a person is commissioned and enters a residency. When I was commissioned it was a minimum of three years from commissioning to ordination. Since then it is a minimum of two years. During these years there are studies to complete, seminars to attend, papers to write, and interviews to attend. From the time I started pursuing the call to ministry until the time I was ordained, it was 7 years.

It is a long process, but because God is calling, a person is sustained in the process. I felt God so close to me for

much of the time. I knew that everything previously in my life had prepared me to be in ministry. And now I am leaving ministry at Davis.

Many of you have asked will I be in ministry in California. The answer is absolutely. God calls each and every one of us into ministry. However, initially my ministry may be caring for Richard's mother. I love preaching and I love being a pastor and being with individuals and families in their spiritual walks. I will miss preaching and pastoring, and will especially missed preaching and pastoring with you at Davis. When I stand in front on Sunday mornings and see you looking at me, I see you as individuals.

Many times in our lives, just when we think we know the next step, we get a surprise and have to go in a different direction. I thought I would be staying in the Central Texas Conference and being in a church. Now I am headed to California and I may or may not be in a church. I am excited about the possibilities and opportunities. At the same time, I have some anxiety. I know that no matter what happens, God will be with me. God will guide me and lead me to the next step in my spiritual journey.

During this Lenten season I invite you to take the opportunity to recall the call on your life. Where is God calling you to be? Is God calling you to make a difficult decision? Is God calling you to go in another direction? No matter what God calling you to do, know that God will be present and never leave you. God will give you strength to meet the challenges you have in your life. You are God's beloved and God will be there for you always.

Grace and Peace,

Linda

HOLY WEEK

Easter is April 24, 2011.

Easter is the day that makes us Christians. It is the day of Christ's resurrection. We greet one another with "He is Risen!"



Leading up to Easter is Holy Week. Holy Week begins with **Palm Sunday**. On Palm Sunday we celebrate Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. When Jesus entered Jerusalem people waved branches and put their cloaks on the streets. We wave palm fronds to commemorate the day.

At Davis we also put three crosses in front of the church to remember Jesus and the two thieves on the crosses. After Sunday School we will hold a picnic lunch and Easter Egg hunt.

Thursday of Holy Week is called **Maundy Thursday**. It is the day we remember Jesus' last supper with his disciples. At the last supper Jesus put a towel around his waist and washed the feet of his disciples. Our service will include Holy Communion and a foot washing for those who want to have their feet washed.

Friday of Holy Week is called **Good Friday**. It is the day of the crucifixion. We will remember the events of the day with a service of Tenebrae. This is a service of extinguishing candles as the passion account is read.

Holy Week is a special week for Christians. I invite you to attend Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday services so that you are prepared to proclaim "He is Risen!" on Easter Sunday.



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

In the days when kings ruled the world, these kings would appoint stewards to manage parts of their lands. The stewards were responsible for making the land fruitful and taking care of that land to keep their king happy.

Similarly, our King has blessed our church family with a church to manage. He has appointed us His stewards of our church home. From this home, He expects us to make disciples, baptizing them in the name of our God, His Son and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything that has been commanded by our King (Matthew 28:19, 20). We go about this task in MANY

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ways at Davis Memorial United Methodist Church. Did you know there are well over 35 ministries here at Davis? And there are more that we have discussed starting! The point being, there is something here for Davis' current family and for even more of God's people! As United Methodists, we pledge to support these ministries with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness...in other words through our own stewardship efforts.

Stewardship is often thought of only in terms of money. A church full of money but without prayer support is hollow. A church with a full attendance every week but with inadequate financial support cannot fund its other ministries and begins to die on the vine. A church full of prayer but with no one serving as needs arise can be viewed as empty or even hypocritical. A church without witness is difficult to grow. The five facets of our pledge as United Methodists are what make stewardship a reality. Without a healthy understanding and exercise of stewardship, we are letting our King down serving as stewards of Davis.

Starting April 10th, Davis will embark on a spring stewardship campaign. The campaign will be as follows:

April 10th – Introduction of the campaign and a discussion of the stewardship element of prayer.

April 17th – Discussion of the stewardship element of presence. Also, during Sunday School we will offer a tithing class.

May 1st – Discussion of the stewardship concept of giving. Also, during Sunday School we will have a "Tour of Davis"... a look at the many ministries that your stewardship supports at Davis.

May 8th – Discussion of the stewardship concepts of service and witness.

May 15th – Consecration Sunday for our stewardship campaign.

Our goal is to take the church on an educational journey of what stewardship is about and help everyone in our church family maximize their stewardship potential. Please join us for this journey!

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Getting To Know You...

By Joanne Gray

I would describe the person I interviewed for my column this month as quiet, humble and very sweet. When you see her, she always has a beautiful smile, a twinkle in her eyes and a positive attitude. She does a lot of volunteer work and is right there whenever anyone needs a helping hand. If you are still wondering whom I am talking about, you need not wonder any more. Let's now meet and get to know...DIANE RICHARDSON.

Diane was born on June 1, 1942 to Glessner and Dorothy (nee: Trimble) Berry. Diane had one brother, Jack, who was four years older than her. Her parents and brother are now deceased. Diane said she never knew her grandparents on either side of her family. Her paternal lineage is Dutch and English and her maternal lineage is English and German.

Diane was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. She attended Amundsen High School and graduated in 1960. During her high school years, she worked at a hospital, delivering food to patients, and then at a 5 & 10 Cent Store. After graduation, Diane worked at an advertising agency and then Borg-Warner International, until she got a job with the Santa Fe Railway. She worked full-time for the railroad during the day and attended college at night, where she took various courses at Amundsen Junior College, Truman Junior College and Loyola University. Diane moved to Texas in January, 1996 on New Year's day, during the merger of the Santa Fe Railway with the Burlington Northern Railroad (now known as BNSF). She worked for BNSF for a total of 40 years, until she retired seven years ago, as a Manager of its Intermodal Business Unit. Diane was married for 25 years to Donald Richardson. He passed away in 1998. Like Diane, Donald was also born in Chicago, Illinois. They had no children.

Although her parents had no formal training, Diane told me that her mother was a great singer, who sang in her church Choir, and that her father sang in a "barbershop quartet." She added that "her mother was Baptist and her father went to whatever church her mother wanted."

Diane is passionate about three things - music, sign language and helping deaf children in Honduras. She loves singing (alto) in our Chancel Choir and teaching sign language to children. On top of that, she also really enjoys running the Angel Food Ministry at our Church and volunteering at N.E.E.D. Diane is a member of our Signing choir and was a member of the Lord's Acre Committee at our church.

Something Diane feels people would be surprised to know about her is that she went to Tegucigalpa in 2005, which is the

capital of Honduras, to help with a school for deaf children! The school has just recently become operational with three children, but now has more than 50 deaf students and they are in the process of building a high school. The school was started with private donations, because the public schools did not have the facilities to teach deaf children. She requested that I let all of you know that the school really needs donations! (I know this is a plug, but if you feel so led, please contact Diane for more information about this!) Diane said she personally sponsors a deaf child herself each month so that one little girl can go to school. Diane's favorite color is "purple," favorite

food, "pizza" and favorite dessert, "cheesecake." Her favorite movies are "Blade Runner" and "Citizen Kane," favorite music, "rock and roll" and favorite song, "The rose." Her favorite hymns are "It Is Well With My Soul" and "Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone."



The following is Diane's favorite quote: "Scars are minus of where we've been. They do not have to dictate where we're going." She also has a favorite Scripture,

Isaiah 55:8-9, which reads: "this plan of mine is not what you would workout, neither are my thoughts the same as yours. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than yours, and my thoughts than yours." Diane told me that this Scripture always helps her so much whenever horrific events occur.

Having had many God moments throughout her life, Diane explained that "the whole Emmaus experience" is one that stands out the most with her. At one of the communion services, the pilgrims were asked to place their troubles, heartaches and sins at the cross of Jesus and "leave them there." This was such an awesome experience for Diane and one which she will never forget! I also learned that Diane's favorite holiday is Easter, because "it is a rebirth and the most important holiday of her Christian faith!"

During our interview, I discovered that there are two things that make Diane really happy. The first, when she visits her friend in Chicago and she has the opportunity to walk around the lakefront of Lake Michigan because it is so peaceful and, the second, when children connect with sign language.

Diane explained to me that there were three people who greatly influenced her life - Grady Brittain and her parents. She stated that "Grady had a big impact on her because he brought her to understand the grace of Jesus," and added "he was so wise, in a simple way."

Diane joined Davis Memorial UMC 14 years ago. She said she wanted to find a church for her mother. What she likes most



FUNDRAISER FOR DAVIS MEMORIAL UMC

The Finance Committee at Davis Memorial UMC is looking for ways to raise money to cover our shortfalls. One of the venues people use today to raise extra cash is via eBay. It is simple and all you need is an account and something to sell. What we need from our membership are items that we can sell and make money for our church. In a few weeks, we will ask you to bring your items to the Narthex where a digital picture will be made. We will then research eBay to see if the item is saleable. If so, we will be contacting you to pick up the item and list it on eBay. Below is a list of things that sell as well as items that can not be put up for auction.

ITEMS THAT GENERALLY SELL WELL ARE:

(Remember small is better, easier to pack/ship. It needs to be smaller than a bread box.)

Antiques	Authentic Military Collectibles
Book Collections	Coins
Collectibles	Collectible Toys & Dolls
Designer Watches	Electronics
Fine Jewelry	Movie Memorabilia
Musical Instruments	Music Memorabilia
Paintings	Purses
Rare Books	Rare LPs & 45s
Sculptures	Sporting Equipment
Stamps	Unique Home Decor
Vintage Items	

ITEMS THAT GENERALLY DO NOT SELL WELL ARE:

Anything from Franklin Mint or Danbury Mint
Beanie Babies
Cabbage Patch Dolls
Garbage Pail Kids
Items in extremely poor condition
Items that can be found at a Dollar Store
Items that can be purchased inexpensively at any departments store.
Sports cards that are newer than 1980
Tools from Harbor Freight
Toys that are made in the last 15 years

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about our church she told me "are the people."

Diane told me that the one thing she would like to be known for or remembered for is "being kind and caring about other people."

Thank you so much, Diane, for allowing me to interview you and for letting us all get to know you...better!

I enjoyed our interview immensely!

HAVE A BLESSED & HAPPY EASTER, EVERYONE!

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Wow! I can't believe it's April already! The children have had some fun last couple of months. In February we had our first pancake breakfast. The children served pancakes and sausage as well as drinks. The breakfast was a HUGE success! I would like to thank all of the parents and volunteers who helped make the breakfast a success. I would like to give a big thank you to John Ramsey and Jeremy Brown for flipping the pancakes for us! They did a great job. We were very proud of how the children learned how to serve others. If you missed the breakfast, please join us for our next one!



As you are reading this article, the children have just planted the crops in our garden plot in the community garden. On March 27th (barring any bad weather) the children had lunch after church then proceeded to the garden to prep it and plant. Please make time to come by and see what our precious children in the garden.

In April, please join us for an Easter egg hunt on Palm Sunday April 17th. We will have more details to come later.

We have decided VBS will be July 11-15th this year from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. We will serve a light supper snack during this time. If you are interested in volunteering this year, please e-mail me at amy-ramsey@sbcglobal.net or call me at 817-988-7954.

As you can tell, we are off to a great year! We have wonderful children here at Davis all eager to learn about God while having some fun along the way.

Blessings,
Amy Ramsey
Children Council Chair



Solidarity by Katie Parris

This month is unusual because it is filled to the brim with Lent. Usually Easter falls somewhere at the beginning of April, but this year we are celebrating it all month long!

When I was trying to find inspiration for an article about lent, I came upon a great article by Rev. Richard Garland. Instead of trying to be any more elegant than this article, I just thought I would share it with you. The article is entitled "Lent: Don't Just Do Something, Sit There!" from www.gbod.org (General Board of Discipleship). I hope you enjoy it as much as I have.

"I am not fond of Lent. There is for me a burdensome quality to a season that begins with ashes and ends with a tomb. It has for me the heavy feel of dark duty. So, I tend to approach Lent with an attitude that I need to do something, or give something up. By the end of Lent I have often been exhausted and aching for some decadent "death by chocolate" dessert.

But I need Lent. I need the disciplines that we associate with the season. I need the insights those disciplines typically reveal. I need the transforming power of the Spirit that the insight calls forth.

Twentieth century mystic Evelyn Underhill reminds us that "Lent is a good moment for a spiritual stocktaking; a pause, a retreat from life's busy surface to its solemn depths." Pointedly, she observes that "There are few who cannot benefit by a bit by bit examination" of the resources that each baptized Christian has, a discernment of those things which "must be treasured and kept in good order," as opposed to the "spiritual odds and ends" "which we have accumulated for ourselves."

Important as the discipline of stocktaking may be, taking the time to do it is often a luxury that it seems few can afford. The schedules of families with young children or teenagers are daunting. The demands of employment and careers are unceasing. Adding another thing to do in Lent seems unrealistic at best. But, true as that is, the cost of not doing it may be greater.

I am a recovering workaholic. I learned it from my father; and it was honed to a fine art by guilt-driven expectations of a 24/7 ministry. It took me a very long time to figure out that I was chronically exhausted and depressed. I've spent a small fortune on therapy trying to deal with it. It all came to a head almost twenty years ago when I ended up in a hospital emergency room with chest pains. After a battery of tests, my doctor sat me down for a "heart to heart" talk. "Well, Dick," he began, "as we thought, your heart is OK. It's probably just stress." Then he smiled and said, "But, of course, you know that stress can kill you. Let's talk about your life." It was the beginning of a long, difficult process of recovering from an addiction to doing things.

Percy Ainsworth has written: "I am afraid that too often we leave the deeps of life untouched, not because we remember they are sacred, but because we forget they are there." From time to time we are called to the deep places of our lives where the very image of God abides. It is a holy place that, in our busy-ness, we don't often visit. Perhaps the reason why we are reluctant to go there is because of the risk involved. Instinctively we know that when we do finally stop, we will come face to face with God, who is holding up a mirror so that we can see ourselves more clearly. That is where the stocktaking begins, as we move in the Presence of God from our life's busy surface into its solemn depths.

At its best, Lent offers an invitation to the practice of stillness where, amid the bustle of our days, we can pause to let God take the measure of our lives. The great benefits of this encounter, says Evelyn Underhill, is "a return to first principles," where we find "all the essentials for feeding that inner life of which we talk so much and understand so very little."

Don't just do something, sit there!"

Many hopes,

Katie

WILDFIRE

romans 12:2

student ministries

“A man named Jesus made a paste and rubbed it on my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' I did what he said. When I washed, I saw.” - John 9:11

I am amazed at how quickly March flew by! Just yesterday I sat down with my calendar and got REALLY excited that it's almost summer! Then I got really nervous because this summer is going to be so busy! But let's take it one month at a time here.

April will bring a lot more awesome things than just showers at DMUMC. We are continuing our Disciple 1 Bible Study on Sunday nights as well as Confirmation class on Sunday afternoons. They are both going SO well!

We have a couple of fundraisers in the works. The coolest one is at Yogurt Patch in North Richland Hills. The youth group loves the Yogurt Patch and we are so excited to be sponsored by them! Check your calendars to find out the dates.

I'm most excited about April 17th. During worship on that Sunday night, we are going to be participating in a Walk to the Cross. This amazing experience takes you right into the last few days of Jesus' life with the disciples. We will begin at 5pm as usual and will end at 7pm. This will be a truly moving evening that all are welcome to participate in.

I'm getting really excited about this summer! If you want to volunteer in any way, please don't hesitate to let me know. You are ALWAYS welcome to join!

Looking forward to a great month!

**Blessings,
Katie**

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Happening in APRIL!

Disciple Bible Study
every sunday @ 5pm
(except april 24)

Confirmation Class
every sunday @ 3pm
(except april 24)

Sunday School
every sunday @ 10am

Fellowship Dinner
every tues @ 6pm

Youth Advisory Board
april 17 @ 12 pm - 1 pm
**time change for
confirmation class*

Good Friday
april 22

Easter Sunday
april 24

The Church Around the World

from United Methodist News Service – <http://umns.umc.org>

Missionaries in Japan cope with quake's toll

NASUSHIOBARA, Japan - The Sunday after the biggest earthquake in Japan's history was a time of fellowship and thanksgiving for the staff at the Asian Rural Institute. All United Methodist missionaries and volunteers in Japan are safe, according to the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries. But, along with everyone else in Japan, they are feeling the aftereffects of the March 11 disaster. The United Methodist Committee on Relief is [collecting donations for Japanese earthquake relief](http://new.gbmg-umc.org) at new.gbmg-umc.org.

Worship resources on Japan available

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - The United Methodist Board of Discipleship has put together prayers for churches seeking God's guidance in the aftermath of the Japan earthquake and tsunami. The board also has assembled a list of books and other resources to help children cope with disasters. The resources are at www.gbod.org.

Cleanup kits offer relief for N.J. flood victims

WARETOWN, N.J. - The Greater New Jersey Annual (regional) Conference is coordinating efforts to provide cleanup kits to those affected by weekend floods in the northern part of the state. The conference also is working with the Baltimore-Washington Conference to organize early-response teams for flood recovery, said the Rev. Derrick Doherty, the conference's disaster-response coordinator. Doherty said the best thing United Methodists outside the state can do to help is assemble cleanup kits for the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

Churchgoers prepare for Red River floods

FARGO, N.D. - United Methodists from the Dakotas Annual (regional) Conference have completed the first step in their flood fight: filling sandbags. Operations at a warehouse dubbed Sandbag Central wrapped up March 11 as volunteers put the finishing touches on about 2.5 million bags. The National Weather Service is predicting a third straight year of major Red River flooding in the Fargo and Moorhead, Minn., area, prompting officials to begin making sandbags a month earlier than last year. The river is expected to crest in late March or early April.

UM Men support clergywomen

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The National Association of Conference Presidents of United Methodist Men confessed that some churches have not always been supportive of women clergy. Meeting March 3-6 in Nashville, the men sent a resolution to the 2012 General Conference, the denomination's top lawmaking body, urging men to welcome women to the pulpits of their churches, and asked local chapters of United Methodist Men to invite clergywomen to share in their studies and activities.

Worship & Song' blends old, new tunes

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — From the rousing “Jesus, Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child” to the prayerful “Open the Eyes of My Heart,” the newly released “Worship & Song” collection offers something for just about everyone.



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To the **Wayne and Anita Brannon, Ron and Margaret Bachman and Duane and Rita Davis** for providing dinners on Sunday nights for the youth group.

Marti Powles for shepherding Sunday School.

Stayton PettyJohn, Dayna Tooley, Gregg Tooley and Steve Barber for being Shepherds on Sunday Nights.

Duane Davis, David and Joanne Gray for being confirmation mentors.

All the confirmation support.

Barbara Russell for being an awesome supporter.

To **all who volunteer to distribute Angel Food**. This is a great service to the community.

To **Susan Meador** who gives us joy in the altars she prepares.

To **Anita Brannon, Joanne Gray, and others** who prepare food for people. There is comfort in food.

To the **Methodist men** who come faithfully every second Saturday.

To **all who teach a Sunday School Class**. Sunday School is an important contribution to the faith development of individuals.

Shirley Blalock- for all that you do mailing the newsletter so we all know what is going on.

Jeremy Brown, Michelle Brown, Gwen Barnett, Rita Davis, Amy Shupp, Susan Younkens - for all the time, effort and energy that you put into keeping the nursery well staffed with loving people.

To **Wayne Brannon** for being at the church every time there is a problem.

To **Carlos Baker** for changing the sign in front.

To **Amy Shupp** for all your hard work in supporting the children's program while being in school.

To **Jim & Gloria Wallace, Wayne Brannon, Jacob Powles, Caity Shannon, Kelsey McDonough, Errol Faeth, Homer Ludiker, Gene Blalock, John & Amy Ramsey, Michael Smith and Carlos Baker** for ushering.

To **Michelle and Jeremy Brown** for having child care during the training session.

To **Deb Brown, Diane Richardson and Cindy Shannon**, for delivering flowers.

To **Steve Barber and Carlos Baker** for assisting in leading worship.

Davis Memorial Family,

You are an AMAZING church family! Words cannot express enough heartfelt thanks for the thoughts, prayers, food, & phone calls given to our family on the death of my dad, Bob Kruger. He was such an amazing man and loved everyone he met. Although his declining health prevented him from being in church each week he did continue reading his bible (10 times since 2009) and enjoyed watching services on TV.

Special thanks to Anita, Wayne, Joann, Nancy, Betty, Dana Tooley & family, and Pastor Linda for all the hospital and home visits you made to see him through the last few months, he loved your visits and the time you spent with him.

Bobbi Arthur

April Sermons

April 3rd	TMI Ephesians 5:8-14 Looking at our lives.
April 10th	The topic is prayer. The first part of the vow we take as members.
April 17th	Palm Sunday The topic is Presence. The second part of the vow we take as members.
April 24th	Easter Sunday Christ is risen!

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April Events

Lenten Chapel Service

April 3rd, 10th & 17th @ 6 pm

Lenten Study

April 3rd, 10th, & 17th @ 6:30 pm

Maunday Thursday Service

April 21st @ 7:00 pm

Good Friday Service

April 22nd @ 7:00 pm

Easter Service

April 24th @ 9:45 am

