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News and events of Davis Memorial United Methodist Church

Davis Memorial United Methodist Church is a community of grace and faith committed to serving God's people through ministry, witness and service.

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January 2012

What You DON'T Want To Miss In January

Sunday, January 1st:

Worship @ 10 am
No Sunday School

Monday, January 2nd:

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

Tuesday, January 3:

Praise Team Practice @ 7 pm
Sobriety for Women @ 7 pm

Wednesday, January 4:

PrimeTimers @ 9:30 am
Chancel Choir @ 6 pm

Thursday, January 5:

Handbell Choir @ 7 pm

Friday, January 6:

Na Pau Hula Practice @ 7 pm

Sunday, January 8:

Worship @ 9:45 am
Sunday School @ 11 am
Niki's Fundraiser @ 5 pm

Monday, January 9:

Boy Scouts @ 6 pm
Finance Meeting @ 7 pm

Tuesday, January 10:

Girl Scouts @ 6 pm
Praise Team Practice @ 7 pm
Sobriety for Women @ 7 pm

Wednesday, January 11:

PrimeTimers @ 9:30 am
Chancel Choir @ 6 pm

Thursday, January 12:

Handbell Choir @ 7 pm

Friday, January 13:

Na Pau Hula Practice @ 7 pm

Saturday, January 14:

Men's Ministry @ 7 am

Sunday, January 15:

Worship @ 9:45 am
Sunday School @ 11 am

Monday, January 16:

Boy Scouts @ 7pm

Tuesday, January 17:

Praise Team Practice @ 7 pm
Sobriety for Women @ 7 pm

Wednesday, January 18:

PrimeTimers @ 9:30 am
Chancel Choir @ 6 pm

Thursday, January 19:

Handbell Choir @ 7 pm

Friday, January 20:

Na Pau Hula Practice @ 7 pm

Sunday, January 22:

Worship @ 9:45 am
Sunday School @ 11 am

Monday, January 23:

Boy Scouts @ 6 pm

Tuesday, January 24:

Girl Scouts @ 6 pm
Praise Team Practice @ 7 pm
Sobriety for Women @ 7 pm

Wednesday, January 25:

PrimeTimers @ 9:30 am
Chancel Choir @ 6 pm

Thursday, January 26:

Handbell Choir @ 7 pm

Friday, January 27:

Na Pau Hula Practice @ 7 pm

Saturday, January 28:

Sisters of Aloha @ 7 pm

Sunday, January 29:

Worship @ 9:45 am
Sunday School @ 11 am

Monday, January 30:

Boy Scouts @ 6pm

Tuesday, January 31:

Praise Team Practice @ 7 pm
Sobriety for Women @ 7 pm

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Worship Times

Worship
9:45 am

Sunday
School
11:00 am

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Pastor's Prose



Well, by the time you read this, Christmas has come and gone. As we put away the decorations, change the playlist on the iPod, and start trying to live the resolutions we've just made, we get back to the regular routine and soon Christmas is forgotten.

Oh, we may have reminders. There's a new electronic device, or a new toy of some sort. There might be a few extra pounds showing on the scale (ouch!). And, there is the reality of the credit card bill, or bank balance. But, the fact remains that we move on. Before the stores open on Dec. 26, the Valentine candy is already on the shelves.

But, the reality of it is, is that Christmas is merely a human "marker" of something divine. God did not send down a divine declaration that we should set aside December 25 (from the human-made calendar), and celebrate the birth of God's son. In fact, God didn't ask us to celebrate the birth of Jesus at all. What God asks of us is to live and learn the ways of the kingdom that Jesus taught. God asks us to love God, and love neighbor as we love ourselves. And how did God do that? God sent Jesus.

So..... Christmas has come and gone..... *or has it?*

I look forward to sharing this wonderful ministry, and this wonderful journey with my brothers and sisters in Christ at Davis Memorial, where we are a community of grace and faith committed to serving God's people through ministry, witness, and service. I give thanks for each and every one of you, and I look forward to what God has in store for us in 2012! Happy New Year!

**Grace and peace,
Denise**

The Church Around the World

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

The Skunk Who Stole Christmas

CLEVELAND, TN - For almost two weeks, members at Chilcutt United Methodist Church in rural east Tennessee have fought the most odiferous fight. It started Dec. 3, when member H.L. Lowe opened the church doors to find an incense so intense "it looked like London fog in here." Lowe and his pastor, the Rev. Erbin Baumgardner, 69, deduced that a skunk (or skunks) had tunneled below the church. The church has been fighting the "war of the noses" since. To learn more about the church's battle, go to umc.org and search "How the skunk stole Christmas."

'Favorable' Impression Of United Methodists

NASHVILLE, TN - About 62 percent of adult Americans have a favorable impression of United Methodists. That's according to a [new survey from LifeWay Research](#), the Southern Baptist Convention's research arm. The survey looks at perceptions of faith groups among adults in the United States. United Methodists had the highest percentage of favorable impressions among the faith groups listed in the survey - which also included Roman Catholics, Southern Baptists, Mormons and Muslims - with 15 percent of respondents reporting very favorable impressions and 47 percent reporting somewhat favorable.

Congress On Evangelism Jan. 3-6

NASHVILLE, TN - The 2012 Congress on Evangelism will be Jan. 3-6 at the Gaylord Opryland Convention Center in Nashville. The gathering, sponsored by the United Methodist Board of Discipleship and Foundation for Evangelism, offers speakers and workshops that will present tools for drawing more people into the church. For more information, go to congressonevangelism.org.

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Anita Brannon, Randy Ickert and Susan Meador for shepherding Sunday School.

Wayne Brannon, Duane Davis, David Gray, Carol Mabry, Diane Richardson and Bill Schott for all the help with N.E.E.D.

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

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.

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

Carlos Baker for changing the sign in front.

Steve Barber and Carlos Baker for assisting in leading worship.

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.

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

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

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.

I wanted to thank you so very much for taking part in our Prayer & Care Bazaar. Thanks to everyone who helped put it together, baked the desserts and brought certificates for the dishes. All the food and desserts were delicious.

A special thank you to Joanne Gray for the hard work in planning and organizing the crafters. They were well placed and enjoyed themselves.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the pot luck lunch. Barbara Russell and her team did a great job both with lunch and in the kitchen. To the men who set-up the tables and chairs for the event; ya'll did a great job and we couldn't have done it without you.

Thanks to Denise for giving us an opportunity to learn more about the ministries within our church family.

So many did so much and it helped make the day and event a huge success. God bless each and everyone of you. We will be able to assist more families from your generosity.

Anita Brannon

Congratulations Taylor Ramsey!

Taylor has been awarded a Texas United Methodist College Association scholarship for this academic year. Way to go Taylor!!

2012 Flower Calendar

The 2012 flower calendar is now on bulletin board in the Foyer. Flowers are a beautiful addition to the altar each week and are also a way of remembering loves ones on an anniversary, birthday, etc.

If you would like to order, list your name and the occasion on the calendar. The \$50 may be placed in the offering, along with a notation for flowers ordered. The cost of the flowers may be divided between families.

Welcoming Congregation

Davis Memorial United Methodist Church has once again been recognized by the conference as a "Certified Welcoming Congregation." Thanks to everyone who has ever been a part of making someone feel welcomed, and like an "insider" here at Davis. And, thanks to Trisha Baker for seeing us through this certification, making sure that all our t's were crossed and i's were dotted!



Getting To Know You...

By Joanne Gray

The couple I had the privilege of interviewing this month is relatively new to our Church. I thought when I first met them that they were newlyweds, but was surprised to learn that they have been married for 23 years! They are a quiet and unassuming couple until you get to know them, but once you do their personalities and senses of humor really shine through. Is your curiosity aroused yet? Well.....let's now meet and get to know.....

JOANNA & BERT MALCOM!

Joanna Malcom was born in the Panama Canal Zone, in 1966. She told me that she thinks of New York City, New York as her "hometown," but she actually lived in many places before moving to this area in 1980. Her father was career Army, but now has a home repair business. Her mother was mostly a stay-at-home mom, but also worked various jobs. Joanna has three older sisters. Her nationality is Panamanian, Irish and American Indian.



Joanna currently works full-time as a Maintenance Technician at an optical lab. She also currently attends college at LeTourneau University, which is a private non-denominational Christian University, where she is studying Business Administration. Before her current job, Joanna worked as an Aircraft Maintenance Technician.

Bert was born in Gurdon, Arkansas, on May 24, 1948, to Peggy (nee: Howard) Malcom and Wilbert Malcom. He grew up in Arkadelphia, Arkansas until he was in his senior year of high school, when his family moved to Euless, Texas. Bert told me that he "majored in getting out of high school." He graduated from L. D. Bell High School in Hurst, in 1967, because Euless didn't have its own high school yet.

Bert's parents were married in Curtis Junction, Arkansas on September 13, 1947. His father was a machinist and his mother was a hairdresser. Bert has one sister. His nationality is Scottish, Black Dutch, American Indian and probably English.

Bert worked as a Machinist until an injury forced him into retirement in 1992. After that he became a stay-at-home Dad until his children grew up, and then a house-husband.

Bert was a customer in the hardware store Joanna was working at when they met. Joanna and Bert married on October 24, 1988 in Roanoke, Texas, even though they were both living in North Richland Hills at the time. They originally planned on marrying one week later, on Halloween, but changed their minds. (See attached photo of Bert & Joanna in their Halloween costumes.) Since they married, they lived in North Richland Hills, Grand Prairie and then Arlington, before they moved to Watauga almost seven years ago.

Bert's son and Joanna's stepson, Bert, Jr., age 41, lives in the Houston, Texas area with his wife and two daughters. Bert and Joanna's son, A.J., age 27, lives in Seattle, Washington, with his new wife, Rosaura, whom he married in August this year. Rosaura recently graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics, and A.J. holds a Master's Degree in Mathematics and is currently a doctoral student at the University of Washington.

Joanna's hobbies are "motorcycling, traveling and reading." Her favorite color is "red," and favorite movies are "comedies." Joanna told me that she loves a good quote and that she has many favorites, but the one that comes to mind right now is: "View your life with kindness: Stop beating yourself up about things from your past. Instead of slapping your forehead and asking: 'What was I thinking?' breathe and ask yourself 'What was I learning?' --by Karen Salmansohn."

When I asked Joanna what she feels people like most about her, she answered by saying "her forthrightness." She stated that she will talk openly and honestly on just about any subject once she feels comfortable in her surroundings. When I asked her who the greatest influence in her life is, Joanna's response was "my husband and my son, because they have taught me a lot about love, forgiveness and patience." When asked what makes her the person she is today, Joanna replied "All the things that happened yesterday, good and bad."

Bert's hobbies are "watches" and "watching TV and movies." He also loves motorcycling, but is unable to ride anymore. Bert's favorite food is "Mexican," and favorite dessert "banana pudding." His favorite movies

Getting to Know You continued...

are “action movies,” and favorite music is “Elvis, the Beatles, Rod Stewart and Queen.” Bert told me that his favorite holiday is “my birthday, because I celebrate it the whole month of May.”

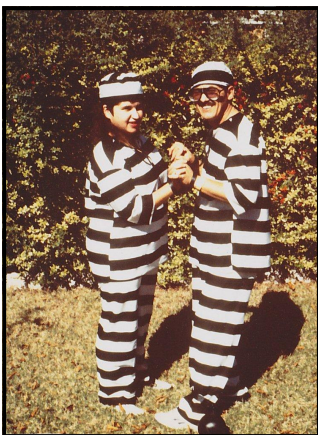
Bert’s favorite Scripture is “John 3:16.” What makes him really happy Bert says “is spending time with my family.” Bert feels that the thing people like most about him is “his sense of humor.” When I asked Bert who the greatest influence in his life was, his response was “my parents.”

Joanna was raised in the Roman Catholic Church and Bert was raised in the Assembly of God Church. Bert says he has been a member of Davis Memorial UMC for a few months now. The thing that brought them to our Church, Bert told me was “the Dave Ramsey Course.” They wanted Tonya Minton and Sean Raich to know that they give props to them, because they really do a great service by teaching this class! What Joanna and Bert say they like most about our Church are “the friendly people.”

Two things people might be surprised to know about Joanna is that she owns her own motorcycle and that she loves to take long motorcycle rides to unwind. Something people might be surprised to know about Bert is that “he was born at seven months in a hospital that had previously been a mule barn.”

Please take the time after the Church Service one Sunday to meet Joanna and Bert. I guarantee you will find them to be a very interesting and fascinating couple.

Thank you Joanna and Bert for allowing me interview you both. I really enjoyed getting to know you...better... and am sure our Church family will feel the same way! Are you positive that you aren’t still newlyweds?



**HAVE A HAPPY NEW
YEAR, EVERYBODY!**

The Church Around The World Continued...

What United Methodists Did In 2011

NASHVILLE, TN - This week United Methodist Communications looked back at some of the big stories and powerful images from 2011. From disaster aid to helping the jobless, United Methodists around the world were there. Included in this package are:

- ◆ The year relived through the pictures and videos that told the stories of United Methodists working around the world.
- ◆ United Methodists gave their money, labor and prayers in organized relief efforts after the tsunami in Japan and natural disasters in the United States.
- ◆ The milestones reached by United Methodists.
- ◆ How United Methodists were - and continue to be - there to help and give hope to people affected by famine, joblessness and all the challenges of poverty.
- ◆ A church trial in Wisconsin was just one of many flashpoints this year in the ongoing debate about how the church should minister to gays and lesbians, a debate headed for General Conference.
- ◆ The plan for a restructured United Methodist Church, which took shape in 2011, heads toward 2012 General Conference with the hopes of some and the concerns of others.
- ◆ The United Methodist Church has yearned to bring more young people into its pews and its pulpits, and if events of this year are any indication, it may be happening.

To look back at 2011 and forward to 2012, go to umc.org/yearend/.



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JANUARY EVENTS

Prayer & Care Fundraisers

Monday, January 2nd
Chapps Hamburger Cafe
5 pm

Sunday, January 8th
Niki's Italian Bistro
5 pm