

THE COMPASS

News and events of Davis Memorial United Methodist Church

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February 2011

What You DON'T Want To Miss in February

Tuesday, February 1:

Bible Study @ 7 pm @ Pastor's Home - canceled
So Far Band Practice @ 7 pm
Sobriety for Women @ 7 pm

Wednesday, February 2:

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

Thursday, February 3:

WSM Fellowship @ 6 pm
Handbell Choir @ 7 pm

Friday, February 4:

Na Pau Hula Practice @ 7 pm

Sunday, February 6:

Worship @ 9:45 am
WSM Event: Church on the Slab @ 10 am
Sunday School @ 11:00 am
Finance Meeting @ 12 Noon
WSM Worship @ 5 pm

Monday, February 7:

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

Tuesday, February 8:

Girl Scouts @ 6:30 pm
Lay Speaking Class @ 6:30 pm 1st of 3 parts
Sobriety for Women @ 7 pm
Bible Study @ 7 pm @ Pastor's Home
So Far Band Practice @ 7 pm

Wednesday, February 9:

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

Thursday, February 10:

WSM Fellowship @ 6 pm
Lay Speaking Class @ 6:30 pm 2nd of 3 parts
Dave Ramsey Preview Night @ 7 pm
Handbell Choir @ 7 pm

Friday, February 11:

Na Pau Hula Practice @ 7 pm
Valentine's Dinner @ 7:30 pm

Saturday, February 12:

Lay Speaking Class @ 7:30 am 3rd of 3 parts

Sunday, February 13:

Worship @ 9:45 am
Sunday School @ 11:00 am
Church Council @ 12 Noon
YAB @ 4 pm
WSM Worship @ 5 pm

Monday, February 14:

Valentine's Day
Boy Scouts @ 6 pm

Tuesday, February 15:

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

Wednesday, February 16:

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

Thursday, February 17:

WSM Fellowship @ 6 pm
Handbell Choir @ 7 pm

Friday, February 18:

Na Pau Hula Practice @ 7 pm

Saturday, February 19:

Last Day to Order Angel Food
Training @ 9:00 am

Sunday, February 20:

Worship @ 9:45 am
Sunday School @ 11:00 am
WSM Worship @ 5 pm

Monday, February 21:

President's Day
Boy Scouts @ 6 pm

Tuesday, February 22:

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

Wednesday, February 23:

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

Thursday, February 24:

WSM Fellowship @ 6 pm
Handbell Choir @ 7 pm

Saturday, February 26:

Angel Food Pick-up @ 8:30 am
Sisters of Aloha @ 6 pm

Sunday, February 27:

Pancake Breakfast @ 8:45 am
Worship @ 9:45 am
Prayer & Care Fundraiser
On The Border From Noon 'til Close
Sunday School @ 11:00 am
WSM Worship @ 5 pm

Monday, February 28:

Boy Scouts @ 6 pm

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Worship Times

Worship
9:45 am

Sunday
School
11:00 am

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Pastor's Prose



Sometimes I hear about the same topic several times within a few weeks. When that happens I often think that I am supposed to pay attention to something about that topic.

Recently, I seem to have been led in the last couple of months to hear speakers and read books on where Christianity is and

what is happening and what needs to happen. Two of the books that have me thinking are Phyllis Tickle's Book *The Great Emergence: How Christianity is Changing and Why*, and Adam Hamilton's book *When Christians Get it Wrong*. Both of these authors and books can help us at Davis address the changes that are happening around us, and respond to these changes.

The Great Emergence: How Christianity is Changing and Why is a look at a once every 500 year trend within Christianity where a new and "more vital" form of religion emerges. Phyllis Tickle reviews the history of Christianity since the first century and notes that every 500 years the church has a "rummage sale" and goes through major changes. The last time this happened was with the Protestant Reformation. Before that time all Christians in Western Europe was Roman Catholic. The Great Reformation allowed people to find variety within Christianity. Without the Reformation we wouldn't be United Methodists today.

Phyllis Tickle explores the impact of several changes that are instrumental in the latest 500 year trend that is happening today. For example, she notes that the rise of the automobile and the road system led people to be on the road on Sundays rather than in church and out for Sunday afternoons instead of gathering at "grandmothers" for a discussion of what was learned in church. Phyllis Tickle also talks about the changing role of women and the influence on the church. Women were ordained in The United Methodist Church for the first time in 1956. That is a little more than 50 years ago. There are several other changes that cause us to examine what is happening today.

Adam Hamilton's *When Christians Get it Wrong* takes a look at why people are leaving the church. He notes that one of the biggest reasons people leave church is that they see Christians acting in unloving ways. One

person wrote, "I was raised Catholic and have long since left the Church, or I guess I could say the Church left me, making it abundantly clear that I was unwanted." Our churches say we want to invite everyone, but in essence we would really rather pick and choose who comes through our doors. Some people feel the lack of acceptance that is projected to them. We judge others as we don't want to be judged. In his book Adam Hamilton tells the story of the funeral of a young man who had taken his own life. The parents were experiencing shock and intense grief. One attendee asked Hamilton, "Why didn't you tell the parents that their son was in hell today?" Insensitive to say the least.

Another reason that Adam Hamilton explores is the anti-intellectual and anti-science views that some Christians hold today. Adam Hamilton says these Christians seem to fear that science will disprove or debunk their faith. He takes a different view. For Adam Hamilton, God is not threatened by science. He says, "scientists are God's docents." Science helps us understand how the universe works and gives us a proper sense of awe for nature. Adam Hamilton continues, "the impression that Christian traditionalists dismiss academic knowledge is a big part of what turns off many educated people."

Both Adam Hamilton and Phyllis Tickle understand the need for change within the Christian church. Both are sending the message to acknowledge the inevitability of change, discern the church's new shape and participate responsibly in the transformation. We had training at Davis on January 15th and had many people there who had never attended training at Davis before. It was a very good day. I sense the enthusiasm that is happening here. I sense the commitment that people have toward making this the best year yet in the life of the church.

The church is changing because life is changing. We want to be part of that change and to respond to the change by planning how and what to change instead of reacting to the change by letting others make our decisions for us. I have faith in this church and in the people of Davis Memorial UMC.

Blessings,

Linda

Dave Ramsey Financial Peace Testimonies

Jeremy and I decided to take Financial Peace University to try to make some sense of the financial mess we had created for ourselves. We are only in our mid twenties but had managed to charge up four credit cards, save nothing and owe a small fortune in student loans. To top it all off we had two kids under the age of 5 and a third on the way. I knew I would not be given paid maternity leave and if we didn't start changing our habits we would be in big trouble very soon.

When we started the class it was comforting to know that we were not the only ones that had made poor financial decisions. Dave Ramsey taught us how to budget as a couple and really put Jeremy and I on the same page. Once we knew exactly what we were working for we were able to stop using our credit cards (and cut several up) and build up our savings account! We completed the class a week after our son was born and I am proud to say that we had nearly \$2,000 in the bank to cover our bills while I'm not working. We are making small changes, continuing to save and seeing the credit card balances decrease. We are looking forward to a future that is debt free.

Blessings,
Michelle Brown

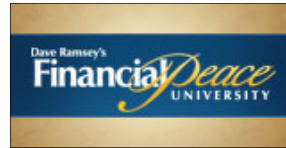


Stayton and I recently completed the Dave Ramsey, Financial Peace University course, offered at our church. It was such a beneficial use of our time. Dave Ramsey has years of experience and knowledge to share with others.

We immediately began saving money by taking a look at our life insurance policies. We learned the right questions to ask in order to get the most for our money. Dave had many other suggestions that we are implementing, as well. Our children also have a raised awareness of the importance of managing their finances because of our discussions.

Whether you are deep in debt or just want to do your very best to manage your blessings, I highly recommend considering Financial Peace University.

Blessings
Stayton and Michele PettyJohn



Davis Memorial will host Financial Peace University 13-week course beginning on February 24th. For more information please contact Tonya Minton or the church office.



Sunday School Not Just For Kids!

Longing for the good old days? Remember that special Sunday School teacher who taught you way back when? You still remember how he or she took the time to explain Bible truths to you and your friends?

Well Davis has those kinds of teachers and classes for the ADULTS too! We'd like to invite you to visit **all** of our Sunday School classes and find the place you feel most at home. Classes meet every Sunday right after service (11:00am-12:00pm). Sunday School is a great way to find new friends who care about you and value your input.

Check out the adult classes at www.dmumc.com; Sunday School.



We are in need of a permanent teacher for the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade children! No experience required; only a heart for kids and a desire to share God's Word. Will train and encourage!

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Getting To Know You...

By Joanne Gray

I would describe the persons I interviewed this month as quiet and humble, or unassuming. They both have great personalities and senses of humor and are one of the sweetest couples you will probably ever meet. The couple I am talking about “eloped” when they got married, not too long ago. Have I got your curiosity going yet? Well...let us now meet and get to knowEUNICE SODEN & BUCK THOMAS.

Eunice Eldred was born in October 10, 1936 to Norris Eldred and Nancy Estella (nee: Wright) Eldred. She was born and raised in Oneonta, New York and considered herself a “spoiled brat.” because she didn’t have any brothers or sisters. Her mother was a descendent of aviation pioneer Wilbur Wright. Eunice told me her parents divorced when she was three or four years old. After their divorce, her mother worked for a company that made military parts for a while. When she was five years old, Eunice said her mother remarried. Her stepfather’s name was Ray Goodspeed. After telling me that, Eunice’s comment was “not slow, not fast, just good speed!” © Her father and stepfather we both electricians, and even worked together for a while. Eunice’s nationality is definitely English, with maybe a little Irish thrown in, from both sides of her family.

While still living in New York, Eunice said she worked as a nurses' aide, then later worked at a drugstore, and after that, a grocery store. After moving to Texas, she told me she worked as a home care provider, until she retired.

Eunice has four children and eleven grandchildren. She also has five great-grandchildren and five stepchildren. Her eldest daughter, Joy Tracy, 56, lives in Sherburne, New York, and works for the New York Central Mutual Insurance company, and, according to Eunice, has for years. Joy has two children--son, Steven 34, and a daughter Deana, 31. Second in line is daughter Gail Anderson, 54, who lives with her significant other in Fort Worth, Texas. Gail presently works in the Federal Building in Dallas, Texas, but worked for years in medical billing prior to getting this job. Gail has four boys--Russell, 38; Brent, 35; Billy, 26 and Eric, 24. Next in line is

Eunice’s daughter, Karole Stryer, 53. Karole and her husband, Sandy, live in North Richland Hills, Texas. They have two children--Brandon, 27, and Brittany, 25. Karole is a hairdresser. Eunice’s son and youngest child, Michael Bryden, 52, lives in New Berlin, New York and is a quadriplegic. He has three children--Corey, 26, Erika, 25, and Bobbi Jean, 21.



Music, sewing, quilting, reading and crossword puzzles are Eunice’s hobbies. Her favorite color is blue; favorite food, Italian, and she said she is a chocolate fiend! She stated that “The Sound Of Music” is her favorite movie; that her favorite Scripture is “Psalm 23” and her favorite hymn is “In The Garden.”

There were two people who greatly influenced Eunice’s life--her grandmother and Reverend Lyon. Eunice stated that “she got to spend lots of time with her grandmother until she was 10 years old” and “Reverend Lyon was an exceptional minister.”

When asked what first brought her to Davis Memorial UMC, Eunice said that “her daughter, Karole, brought her; that Karole’s client was Reverend Chuck Graff’s wife.” Eunice said she joined our church shortly after coming to Davis, in 2004. She said “she likes our Church because the people are friendly and you feel welcome, there are churches you go to that people don’t speak to you.”

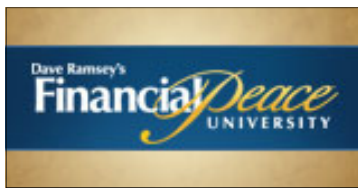
Buck Thomas was born on March 26, 1920 to William Jess Thomas and Reba (nee: Merrill) Thomas in Abernathy, Texas. He was raised in Abernathy until he moved to Carlsbad, New Mexico in 1927, with his mother, when his parents divorced. During the summers, he would go back to Abernathy to work with his father on his farm. He had one brother and one sister, Troy and Millie, who are both deceased now. He also has three half sisters. His mother’s nationality was Irish and father’s nationality was Choctaw Indian and Irish. Buck told me that he traveled in a covered wagon from Lubbock to New Mexico and back one time with his grandparents! (A picture of the actual covered wagon he traveled in is included with this article.)

**PANCAKE
BREAKFAST**



There will be a pancake breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, February 27th from 8:45 am to 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall to benefit Children's Ministry.

Be sure to make plans to attend!



**Davis Memorial will host a
Preview Night on**

**Thursday, February 10th
@ 7 pm**

**For more information please contact
Tonya Minton or the church office.**



**FEBRUARY
SERMONS**

- February 6 The Minor Prophets
Various Scripture
- February 13 Boy Scout Sunday
- February 20 "What Is It You Want Me To Do
For You?"
Mark 10:35-45
- February 27 "The Road To Discipleship"
1 Peter 2:18-25



**Solidarity
by Katie Koppang**

A minister friend of mine recently told me that when he was a kid, his parents took in his paternal grandmother and my maternal grandfather to live with his family when their spouses died. He told me that his mother and father taught him a number of things from what family might look like as well as what care looks like.

He then told me of a sermon he heard from [FUMC Hurst](#), and how one of the lines in it struck home for him. He now understood his parents' motivation for taking in his grandparents. His mother and father did not want anyone taking care of their parents. It is not that that his parents did not love their parents, rather it is that they did not find (at the time) a place that would care for their parents. The places they found were equipped to take care of my grandparents, but not care for them.

As I listen to our culture, we are really good at taking care of people. We feed the hungry rather well, but we are not good at addressing the root causes of hunger. We take care of the hungry, but we are not really caring for them. We are really good at taking care of kids and getting them to become expert test takers, but caring for their overall development is something we are not very good at. We take care of our physical selves but do not care for spirits.

Perhaps in a culture in which basic altruism and the profit sector can take care of people, the Church can also begin to take up the slack and care for people. What would it look like if the Church pushed to reconsider the way in which the food subsidies program works in the USA? What if the Church worked to be a voice in the holistic development of children so schools allowed spiritual development as well as football development?

What would it look like if we, the Church of Jesus Christ, began to take seriously the call to care for people in a culture that believes taking care of people is good enough?

Many hopes,
Katie

WILDFIRE

romans 12:2

student ministries

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Happy February!

First, I'd like to say how very happy I am to be at Davis Memorial. You have been like a family to me and I am so thankful for every experience and every person I've met. Especially the youth. The youth of Davis Memorial are a FANTASTIC group of students. They are a bright future for the church and I feel honored to guide their spiritual journey into a mature faith and watch them experience the living Christ.

That being said, whew February is here! That can only mean one thing... **Valentines Day Dinner!**

This year's Valentines Day Dinner will be held Friday, **February 11th at 7:30**. The cost is **\$15 per person** which gets you a choice between Outback (yeah, legitimate Outback Steak House is catering!) steak or chicken, salad, baked potato, rolls, and dessert. All proceeds from the dinner directly benefit this summer's Senior High mission trip through Central Texas Conference Youth in Mission to the Gulf Shore Louisiana. If you can show me one place that gives you such a great meal with amazing service for such a great cause all for \$15, I'll give you your meal for free! Don't forget the FREE child care! You won't find a better way to spend Valentines Day! Sign up Sunday morning in the narthex or email me to reserve your spot today!

I am also excited to announce that the youth group has started going through the Disciple I curriculum. Check out the blog at www.dmumcdisciple.blogspot.com

See you all on February 11th at 7:30PM!

Blessings,
Katie

Happening in FEBRUARY!

Worship
every sunday @5pm

Bible Study
every sunday @10am

Fellowship Dinner
every thurs @6pm

Valentines Dinner
feb 11
set up @4:30pm
seating @7:30pm

**Youth Advisory
Board Meeting**
feb 13 @4pm
*changed for midwinter

MidWinter Retreat
feb 19 - feb 20
depart dmumc @7:30am
arrive dmumc @5pm



To **Clydia Askew** and **Barbara Russell** for providing dinners on Sunday nights for the youth group.

Barbara Russell, Gregg Tooley and Marti Powles for being Shepherds to the youth group.

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 Younkers - 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 childrens program while being in school.

To **Steve Barber** for leading the training workshops.

To **all who attended** the training sessions. We're off to a wonderful start for 2011

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 **Tricia Raich** for coordinating our first pot luck lunch in 2011.

To **Cindy Shannon** for being Sunday School superintendent and getting us revitalized in Sunday School.

To **Cindy Shannon** for delivering flowers.

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

A special thank you to Anita Brannon and Joan for the delicious meals you graciously delivered after my husband got home from the hospital.

Your kindness and thoughtfulness
is
appreciated.

May God bless you, as you blessed us.

Shirley Rardin

Bishop Mike Lowry announces changes in superintendents effective at annual conference in June.

Dr. Bob Holloway will be Davis Memorial's new superintendent for the East District.

The Church Around the World

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UM college president honored in Ebony

ROCK, Ark. — Last year, Walter M. Kimbrough searched Ebony magazine's Power 100 for potential speakers to invite to lecture series at Philander Smith College, a historically black, United Methodist-affiliated institution. This year, the college's 43-year-old president was on the list himself. Since Kimbrough's installation in December 2004 as the college's 12th president, Philander Smith has seen its retention and graduation rates increase, more high-achieving students enter, and its national profile rise.

Church's Eagle Scouts soar into history

DALLAS — Twelve African-American teens in Troop 914 recently were promoted to the rank of Eagle Scout at St. Luke "Community" United Methodist Church. The ceremony marked the second time ever that this many African-American Boy Scouts were bestowed the Eagle Scout rank at one time, according to the Boy Scouts of America National Council. Just 2 percent of Scouts worldwide achieve the rank.

UMCOR offers Haiti anniversary resources

NEW YORK - The United Methodist Committee on Relief has prepared a set of resources to help congregations mark the first anniversary of relief and recovery work in Haiti following the Jan. 12, 2010, earthquake. UMCOR's Haiti Digest provides a monthly recap of recovery efforts by the agency and its partners in Haiti and the United States. Subscribe to the digest or look for it each month at www.umcor.org.

Angolan church supports domestic violence law

LUANDA, Angola - United Methodists in Angola marched on Jan. 8 in support of a new law against domestic violence that received general approval in December by that West African country's national assembly, according to a local press report. Under the banner, "United Methodist Church says no to every type of violence," the march started in front of the United Methodist Church Centre of Luanda and ended at the Family and Women Promotion Ministry building.

Foundation for Evangelism names interim director

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N.C. — The Foundation for Evangelism board of trustees has appointed Jane Boatwright Wood as interim executive director, succeeding John "Jack" Ewing, who is the new executive director for Lake Junaluska Assembly, Inc. Wood has served as vice president at the Foundation, an affiliate of the United Methodist Board of Discipleship, for the past six years.

Church exposes hidden domestic abuse

NEW YORK — To raise awareness about the issue of domestic violence, United Methodist Women has joined with an interfaith collaboration to produce an hour-long documentary "I Believe You: Faiths' Response to Intimate Partner Violence". The documentary will begin airing on ABC affiliates Jan. 9, and will be available for air through March 6.



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February Events

Valentine's Dinner
Friday, February 11th
7:30 pm

Training for Committee
Members & Leaders
January 19th
9 am - 12:30 pm