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July 2011

What You DON'T Want To Miss In July

Friday, July 1:

Na Pau Hula Practice @ 7 pm

Sunday, July 3:

Worship @ 9:45 am

Sunday School @ 11:00 am

WSM Worship @ 5 pm

Monday, July 4 - Independence Day:

Office Closed

Chapps Fundraiser @ 5 pm

Boy Scouts @ 6 pm

Tuesday, July 5:

So Far Band Practice @ 7 pm

Sobriety for Women @ 7 pm

Wednesday, July 6:

PrimeTimers @ 9:30 am

Chancel Choir Practice - Summer Break

Band Practice @ 7:30 pm

Thursday, July 7:

Handbell Choir - Summer Break

Friday, July 8:

Na Pau Hula Practice @ 7 pm

Saturday, July 9:

Men's Ministry @ 7 am

Sunday, July 10:

Worship @ 9:45 am

Sunday School @ 11:00 am

Niki's Fundraiser @ 5 pm

WSM Worship @ 5 pm

Monday, July 11:

Vacation Bible School @ 6:30 pm

Boy Scouts - canceled

Trustees Meeting @ 7 pm

Tuesday, July 12:

Vacation Bible School @ 6:30 pm

Girl Scouts - canceled

So Far Band Practice - canceled

Sobriety for Women - canceled

Wednesday, July 13:

PrimeTimers @ 9:30 am

Vacation Bible School @ 6:30 pm

Chancel Choir Practice - Summer Break

Band Practice - canceled

Thursday, July 14:

Vacation Bible School @ 6:30 pm

Handbell Choir - canceled

Friday, June 15:

Vacation Bible School @ 6:30 pm

Na Pau Hula Practice - canceled

Sunday, July 17:

Worship @ 9:45 am

Sunday School @ 11:00 am

Robert's Wedding @ 7 pm

Monday, July 18:

Boy Scouts @ 6 pm

Tuesday, July 19:

So Far Band Practice @ 7 pm

Sobriety for Women @ 7 pm

Wednesday, July 20:

PrimeTimers @ 9:30 am

Chancel Choir Practice - Summer Break

Band Practice @ 7:30 pm

Thursday, July 21:

Last Day to Order Angel Food

Handbell Choir - Summer Break

Friday, July 22:

Na Pau Hula Practice @ 7 pm

Sunday, July 24:

Worship @ 9:45 am

Sunday School @ 11:00 am

WSM Worship @ 5 pm

Monday, July 25:

Boy Scouts @ 6 pm

Court of Honor @ 7 pm

Tuesday, July 26:

Girl Scouts @ 6:30 pm

So Far Band Practice @ 7 pm

Sobriety for Women @ 7 pm

Wednesday, July 27:

PrimeTimers @ 9:30 am

Chancel Choir Practice - Summer Break

Band Practice @ 7:30 pm

Thursday, July 28:

Handbell Choir - Summer Break

Saturday, July 30:

Angel Food Pick-up @ 8:30 am

Sunday, July 31:

Worship @ 9:45 am

Sunday School @ 11:00 am

WSM Worship @ 5 pm

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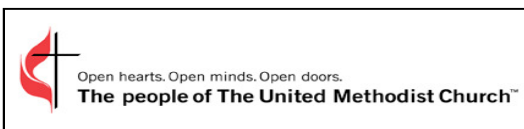


Worship Times

Worship 9:45 am

Sunday School 11:00 am

5301 Davis Blvd
North Richland Hills



Pastor's Prose



If you have ever moved, you know that it takes forever to get things organized and settled. Seems that life has to go on, even if you're still living out of boxes and, worse yet, the unfamiliar! Double that when one moves their office as well as their home. How do things get lost despite our best efforts to keep up with them? And, why do they show up years later, **OR**, the minute you go out and buy a replacement? There are probably theological lessons that we could learn here..... but I'm not sure what they are right now. Let me get back to you on that one!

But all the frustration and anxiety of moving faded into insignificance on our first Sunday at Davis Memorial..... a day of warm welcome and wonderful worship! You have all welcomed Steve and I with outstretched arms, hugs, notes, e-mails, offers of help, and FOOD! The wonderful breakfast/brunch that we shared together on that first Sunday morning was a wonderful time of introductions and beginning the process of getting to know each other. Steve and I look forward to sharing this journey of learning and discovery with our Davis Memorial family. We look forward to partnering together as we nurture one another's growth in God's grace as we learn the ways of God that Jesus taught. I am proud to be the pastor of Davis Memorial United Methodist Church!

Grace and peace,
Denise

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CHILDREN'S CORNER CONFERENCE

This is the month for Vacation Bible School! We are excited to announce that this year we will be having VBS in the evening! VBS will be held July 11th through July 15th from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Please invite your children, grandchildren, neighbors, and friends to attend this awesome week of learning about God! The theme is Pandamania: Where God is Wild About You! If you are interested about volunteering, please call the church office or Amy Ramsey at 817-988-7954 or email at amy-ramsey@sbcglobal.net.

There are many opportunities both the week of VBS and before VBS as well as behind the scene. We are so excited about this great time of year. Hope to see everyone there!



Blessings,

Amy Ramsey
Children Council Chair

Davis Memorial Recognized As A Centennial Church

The Central Texas Conference offered all churches the opportunity to achieve recognition at the Annual Conference, held June 5-8, as a Centennial Church as part of the Central Texas Conference 100-year celebration. Davis Memorial was one of eighteen churches throughout the conference that fulfilled the requirements (100 pts). We were presented with a certificate and recognized during the report from the Commission on Church Growth & Development. Thanks to all who helped with completing our requirements.





Thank you to everyone who participated in the Day of Caring on June 5th.

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

Randy Ikert and Marti Powles for shepherding Sunday School.

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

Barbara Russell for being an awesome supporter.

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

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.

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.

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

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



Getting To Know You...

By Joanne Gray

I believe this is the only couple I have interviewed thus far who are true native Texans! Since we live in such a transient area, I guess I would call that a first. A second would be that they have been members of our church for 22 years and most of you probably have met them or at least heard their names by now. A third would be that they are very family oriented. I could go on and on, but I won't keep you in suspense any longer. So, let's now meet and get to know JUDY & WAYNE CROSS.

Judith Elaine Herndon (nickname "Judy") was born on July 27, 1942, in Forth Worth, Texas, to Alva Geneva (nee: Richardson) and Clarence Edward Herndon. Judy has one younger brother and one younger sister. Her brother, James Herndon, lives in Mansfield, Texas. Her sister, Linda Harmon, lives in Euless, Texas. Both siblings are married; neither have children.

Judy has had a somewhat unique childhood. Her father was in the Service and her mother worked outside the home. Her mother first worked for William & Dickies Company, probably sewing for them. Later, during the war, she test drove amphibious ducks after they were manufactured for the military. Judy's grandparents originally lived across the street from her parents, so they babysat her while her mother and father worked. Her grandparents later bought a farm in Grapevine, Texas, and Judy moved in with them. She told me she grew up with them, that they raised her. She continued to live with her grandparents until she married Wayne. Judy says her nationality is "mixed up." She is part English, Irish and Scotch.

Judy attended Grapevine Elementary School and then Grapevine High School, from which she graduated in 1960. She attended college for only one semester. She had to drive back and forth from Grapevine to Dallas, which was just too hard for her, since she was working at the same time. Judy worked for Allstate Insurance Company for 45 1/2 years and retired four years ago, having worked lastly in their Mortgage Relations Department.

Cyril Wayne Barnett was born on March 10, 1941, in Dallas, Texas, to Georgia Belle Frank and Bernice Wayne Barnett. His mother worked as a beautician. She had her own beauty shop inside her home in Grapevine,

Texas. His father was in the Navy in California. Wayne and his mother lived with his grandparents when he was little. After getting out of the Navy, his father moved to New Mexico. Wayne lived with his father during the summer and with his mother, in Denton, Texas, during the school year. Wayne's parents divorced when he was 10 years old and his sister was five years old. Wayne's nationality is Cherokee India, with some German thrown in.

Wayne's mother later remarried. His stepfather, Cecil Ray Cross, adopted him and changed his name to Cyril Wayne Cross. His stepfather worked on the pipelines, so Wayne and his mother got to travel a lot. Wayne said he attended Grapevine High School "most of the time" and graduated the same year as Judy in 1960).



Judy and Wayne said they went to school together, but didn't start dating until after they had graduated from high school.

Wayne's sister, Jo Faeth Davis, lives in California. He also has a half-sister, Rita Miller, who is 18 years younger than him. She lives in Abilene, Texas. Both siblings are married with children.

After high school, Wayne joined the service. He was in the Marine Corp. for three years, where he became an Aircraft Engine Mechanic. After the Marines, Wayne attended Arlington State College (now UTA) for two years, where he also took some Engineering courses, but not as a minor. He then transferred to North Texas State University (now UNT), was there for two and a half years and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. He minored in both Math and Science at the same time. Wayne taught school for two years. For the first year, he was a full-time Substitute Teacher in the Fort Worth/Birdville ISD, and the second year, he taught History in the Dallas ISD. He quit teaching after that and got a job with Bell Helicopter, starting out as a Mechanical Engineer. He had numerous jobs within the company, while moving up the ladder, and after 38 years with them, retired as a Contractual Engineer four years ago; just two days after Judy retired.

Getting to Know You continued...

Wayne and Judy were married in McKinney, Texas on August 31, 1964, after he left the Marine Corp. They have one daughter, Pat Ritchie, age 46, and one grandson, Michael Wayne Ritchie, who will be 16 years old on August 31st. Pat is married to Gary Lee. They reside in Keller, Texas. Pat followed in her Dad's footsteps and teaches 7th Grade History in the Keller ISD. When she's not teaching, Pat shows horses.

Michael Wayne attends Fort Worth Christian High School. He is very active in the Boy Scouts, with the troop that meets weekly at our Church. He present rank in the Boy Scouts is "LIFE." He is currently working on an Eagle project, which entails building a decorative fence with the rest of his troop for our Community Garden. Once that project is complete, Michael Wayne will be finished with the Boy Scouts.

Judy's hobby is reading. She likes reading mysteries best, but will read just about anything that holds her attention. Her favorite color changes as she ages. In her younger years, she liked pink, but she is now into red. Her favorite movie is "The King & I." Judy told me she will eat just about any type of food, but her favorites are Mexican, Italian and good old Southern cooking. Her favorite dessert is made-from-scratch banana pudding. Christmas is Judy's favorite holiday, "because of the joy that the children have the family get-together." "The Old rugged Cross" is Judy's favorite hymn.

When I asked Judy who the greatest influence in her life was, she replied, "I would have to say my grandmother. She taught me the value of always trying to do what is right. If you say you will do something, you should try to do what you say. You are only as good as your word."

Judy told me that her God moment came when she was looking at her grandson for the first time and thinking "What a miracle God has given our family!" Judy would like to be known or remembered for "being a caring person." She says she is happiest when she has her family around her.

Wayne's hobby is hunting. His interest is world history. His favorite food is lobster, and favorite dessert, pecan pie. "Gone With The Wind" is Wayne's favorite movie; "Rock and Roll" is his favorite music. Wayne's favorite hymn, like Judy, is "The Old Rugged Cross." "Psalm 23" is his favorite Scripture and "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you!" is his favorite quote. He feels what people like most about him is his honesty.

The thing that makes Wayne the person today, he says is "my family."

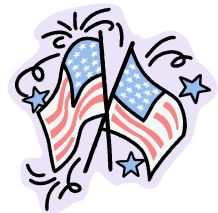
When I asked Wayne who the greatest influence in his life was, his replay was "My mother, because she taught me a lot, and she had nursing training, so I learned a lot about first aid from her." Wayne said he would like to be known or remembered for his "integrity." What makes him happy is "having plans work out the way he wants."

There are two things that may surprise you about Wayne. The first is that he used to play football and when he played, he was right-handed, until he broke his arm and had to become a lefty. He has remained a lefty ever since! The second is that he flew a T34 Trainer plane! (You'll have to ask him more about that.) Something that may surprise you about Judy is that she used to go camping and hunting with Wayne. Wayne told me that she was a good hunter and that she would even cook the deer they shot! They also tried deep sea fishing together and caught some red snapper, but they only did that once. They have also done quite a bit of traveling together, including a cruise to Alaska and three trips to Hawaii.

Judy and Wayne joined Davis Memorial UMC in 1989. Judy told me that she started coming to Davis because she knew some people who came here and they spoke highly of us. She said she likes the feeling of family that she gets at Davis; everyone seems to care about one another. Wayne told me he started coming to Davis because he wanted their daughter to learn about God. The thing he likes most about Davis is the fellowship. They have been and continue to be very active in our church. Judy has been a member of the Trustees committee, the SRP Committee and the Lord's Acre committee. She is currently the chairperson of the Finance committee and Co-Chairperson of Angel Food with Diane Richardson. She also sings alto in the chancel choir. Wayne has been a member of the Lord's Acre Committee. He is currently an Usher, volunteers with Angel Food, and is a member of the Men's Group.

You couldn't meet a more dedicated or nicer couple! When you get the chance, please stop and say "Hello" to them next time you see them in church. Thank you, Judy and Wayne, for allowing me to interview you, especially on such short notice. I have really enjoyed getting to know you...better. I have no doubt our other church members will, too!

HAVE A HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY, EVERYBODY!



The Church Around the World

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Church musician sets Guinness record

CUMBEST BLUFF, MS - About a hundred people gathered June 5 to celebrate Ida Mae Cumbest's 90th birthday, and, in the process, learned that she holds a world record. Her 69-year tenure as pianist and organist at Caswell United Methodist Church landed her in Guinness World Records, the Mississippi Press-News reports.

Calling all Phil Campbells!

JUNEAU, AK - How many United Methodists will get the chance to travel 3,600 miles this summer to a town bearing their name and do good at the same time? At least one will. The Rev. Phil Campbell of Juneau will join others who share his name to build a Habitat for Humanity house in tornado-ravaged Phil Campbell, Ala.

Sierra Leone women condemn tribal divisions

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone - Women of The United Methodist Church in Sierra Leone, meeting at a School of Christian Mission in Brookfields, western Freetown, have condemned tribalism as unjust, divisive and detrimental to national cohesion. All 71 participants signed a declaration, which was widely publicized in the local media.

Massachusetts churches join tornado response

MONSON, MA - Both Monson and Springfield, Mass., suffered major damage when three tornados struck 19 communities in the state on June 1, leaving three dead and dozens injured. The United Methodist New England Annual (regional) Conference began an immediate response, assisted by an initial \$10,000 grant from the United Methodist Committee on Relief, which is collecting donations for this year's spring storms.

School of Congregational Development set

The annual School of Congregational Development, aimed at helping United Methodists transform church life, will be July 27-31 in Dallas. Participants at School of Congregational Development, sponsored by the United Methodist Board of Discipleship, Board of Global Ministries and Path 1, can choose from a variety of learning experiences related to congregational development in new and existing churches. Register for the School of Congregational Development at www.scdumc.org.

Joplin tornado hits UM Churches, members

JOPLIN, MO - Several United Methodist churches in and around Joplin, Mo., are scrambling to provide shelter for church members and others whose homes were damaged by a May 22 tornado. At least 132 people lost their lives in the storm. Among the dead were three members of Central United Methodist Church in Webb City - a husband who protected his wife from the storm and a mother and her 14-month-old. The United Methodist Committee on Relief is collecting donations for 2011 storm relief under Advance number 3021326.

Churches help storm-weary heartland

PIEDMONT, OK - Just two days after the deadliest tornado in U.S. records devastated Joplin, Mo., another line of twisters battered Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas and Texas. As in Missouri, United Methodists in the most recently pummeled states are doing what they can to pick up the pieces. They are providing neighbors with emergency provisions, salvaging whatever they can and joining together to pray and mourn lost loved ones.



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CENTRAL TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

We want to thank you all for the opportunity to attend Annual Conference as your lay delegates. It was a great experience. We came away with a deeper appreciation of the Central Texas Conference, the connectional ministry, Bishop Lowry, and the United Methodist Church as a whole.

The keynote speaker for the conference this year was the Reverend Adam Hamilton, Senior Pastor of the Church of the Resurrection, Leawood, Kansas. The Church of the Resurrection is the largest Methodist church in the US with a membership of around 18,000 and an average of 8,000 in worship each week. Reverend Hamilton gave us some very startling statistics. He said the Methodist Church suffered a decline in membership of over 300,000 just from the years 2005-2009. Since the average age of a Methodist is 57, he said it was not so much people leaving the denomination as it was members dying. Then he hit us with the statistic that at that rate the Methodist Church itself would cease to exist in 53 years. He spoke at the Sunday night worship service and the conference sessions Monday morning and afternoon. He focused on what we need to do as a church to reach young families and the unchurched.

In addition to Rev. Hamilton speaking at the Sunday night service, on Monday night we attended a memorial service for clergy and laity that had passed away last year. Bill Fowler, Bob Kruger, and Elsie McQueen were remembered as members of the Mid-Cities District. During the session Tuesday afternoon, they held a retirement service for retiring clergy, and Tuesday night was the ordination service. They were all beautiful and moving services.

The business sessions of the conference were packed full and on a very tight schedule. During the presentation of the Council on Church Growth and Development, our church was recognized as one of 18 churches in the entire conference to receive the Centennial Award. We also elected 6 clergy and 6 laity to attend the General Conference and 6 clergy and 6 laity to attend the Jurisdictional Conference. The Conference approved a budget of \$10,008,892 for the coming year. That was a decrease of just over 13% from last year. The decrease stems from the implementation of the Exodus Project and the fact that clergy health benefits and pension were removed from the apportionments and will be directly billed to each church starting in 2012.

The Exodus project which was approved last year is a restructuring of the Central Texas Conference. The number of districts was reduced from 7 to 5. There is no longer a Mid Cities District. We are now in the East District, and our new DS is Rev. Bob Holloway. Conference programs were consolidated into 3 centers, the Center for Leadership, the Center for Evangelism and Church Growth, and the Center for Mission Support. As part of the Exodus Project, each church has been put into a cluster group with other churches facing similar challenges. We had an opportunity to meet with the lay delegates from the other churches in our cluster group on Monday morning. It was a time of sharing challenges and ideas, and we came away from that meeting thinking that cluster group meetings will be beneficial for each of our churches.

On Sunday evening, Rev. Kay Hawkins, Director of Glen Lake Camp, presented a plea for financial aid to replace some and recover all of the mattresses at the camp. It had been many years since anything had been done to the mattresses, and there was a definite need. She told us that \$23,000 was needed to take care of this, and that Glen Lake Camp would be the recipient of the offerings taken during the Conference. When we adjourned on Wednesday evening, the total offerings taken for Glen Lake totaled over \$36,000, with an additional \$4,000 raised in special offerings for this spring's tornado victims.

Again, we just want to say thank you for allowing us to serve as your lay delegates to the Annual Conference.

Sincerely,
Duane and Rita Davis



Mark Your Calendar

**On Sunday, August 14th we will begin a
13-week Dave Ramsey Course
from 3 - 5 pm.**

**More information on registration will
be posted in our newsletter, bulletin
and website.**

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July Events

Vacation Bible School

July 11-15

6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Prayer & Care Fundraisers

Monday, July 4 @ 5 pm @ Chapps

Sunday, July 10 @ 5 pm @ Niki's