

First United Methodist News

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Rev. Stephen Dickinson

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Rev. William Cheyne

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April 1, 2010

ACROSS DAVID'S DESK

Nothing compares to Easter. This week we journey through the most demanding and meaningful days of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. We remember how he was betrayed, rejected, mocked, beaten, robbed, crucified and buried in a borrowed grave. This is a week that causes us to tremble; tremble; tremble.

The rigors and the horrors of Jesus' final days are enough to cause us to stand in complete, unreserved awe and respect for who he was as a man. His strength and determination alone would have won him the respect of General Patton.

And, then came the dawn of the new week and a complete transformation of life for everyone. The tomb is found empty and the Lord is alive.

As a teacher, Jesus is exceptional. As a leader, Jesus is proven. As a man of devotion, Jesus is without peer. As a man, Jesus takes second to no man. But those are not the reasons we are Christians today. We are Christians today because God raised Jesus from death. We call our observance of that eternal act Easter.

Nothing compares to Easter.

Two identical services in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday: 8:30 and 11:00.
The Connexion (contemporary worship) service is 11:00 in the Family Life Center.

Bring your family and neighbors and friends.
Sunday School is @ 9:45 for all ages.

April 11th the children of the Weekday School and the Child Enrichment Center will bring their spring music to the Connexion service! April 11th we will commission our Rio Bravo Mission team in the 11:00 Sanctuary service. Easter puts us in motion - and we are following the Risen Lord.

Easter is The Day. See you on Easter,
David Orr



-EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2010, AT FIRST CHURCH-

Rev. David Orr will preach at the 8:30a.m. and 11:00 a.m. traditional services in the Sanctuary. His sermon is entitled, "Alive" and his scripture text is John 20:1-18. Rev. Stephen Dickinson will preach at the 11:00 a.m. Connexion service. Rev. Janice Sudbrink and Rev. Claire Caldwell will be Liturgists. Acolytes will be Stephanie Clyde, Kate Truitt, Eve Jagers, Kara Kimes and Elizabeth Hinshaw. Lay Readers are: 8:30, Ron Powell, 11:00, David Staggs.

The Chancel Choir's anthems are "Christ Rising Again" by K. Lee Scott, "Jesus Lives!" by David Lantz, III and the Hallelujah Chorus from *Messiah*, all accompanied by a Brass Quartet.



As of Monday, March 29, 2010, the following members were known to be in the hospital.

Sparks:
Glen Lively

St.Edward:
Naomi Gregg
James Furlow
Denise Jones

BY YOUR GIFTS . . .

Rec'd this week.....\$30,809
Rec'd to date.....\$443,465
Budgeted to date.....\$432,276

Please pray for the following who are serving in our U. S. Military:

Doug Wilderman, Robert Henley, Jack Dunn, Josh McKinney, Wade Hendrickson

Foundation Information

Consider transferring the ownership of some of your life insurance to the church. The cash value, when given, plus the annual premium, can qualify for a federal income tax deduction.

Methodist Men's Clubs

Thursday Noon Lunch/Bible Study, April 8, 2010 - Bob Hawkins will teach Acts 18

Friday Morning Breakfast/Bible Study, 6:30 a.m., April 9, 2010.

Destination Station Bible Verse for April

Luke 24:31-34

At once they knew who he was. The Lord has risen indeed!



Altar Flower Openings

We have the following openings for altar flowers: **May 2 & 23.** If you would like to put flowers on the altar, call 782-5068.

Rio Bravo Mission Trip 2010 is April 12-18

We are in need of the following items to take on our trip:

- Fast food toys still in the packages
- Toothbrushes & toothpaste
- Adult vitamins
- Children's Chewable vitamins (not gummie ones)
- Chewable Antacids
- Motrin or Ibuprofen
- Knitted or crocheted dishcloths made with cotton yarn.
- Crayons
- Circular Saws (7 1/4)
- Saw Blades
- Hammers
- Extension cords (25 ft.)
- Chalk Lines
- Pencils
- 24 inch levels
- Cord Drills

Any questions, call Janice at the church, 782-5068.



CHANGE for CHANGE

Please support our own missionaries to Rio Bravo, Mexico. Bring in your loose change that is collecting in your car, your desk drawer, or in the sofa.

Collection cans are located throughout the church. Just look for the cans with the piggy bank.

College Ministry Intern Needed

We are seeking a bright, enthusiastic, responsible individual to serve in a 10 month college ministry internship from August 1 - May 31. The intern will work closely with The Bridge UM Campus Ministry, an outreach ministry of First UMC to the UAFS campus. The position requires a minimum of 20 hours, that include Sunday mornings. Applicants should have completed at least their freshman year of college and live in the Fort Smith area. Contact Todd Vick @ tvick@fsfumc.org for more information or call 782-5068.



Dorothy Brown and family on the death of her husband, Van Brown.

Michael Mitchell and family on the death of his daughter, Stephanie Nicole Mitchell.

Neta Williams and family on the death of her mother, Shirley Broyles.

Rev. George and Doris Ivey and family on the death of their son, Frank Ivey.

Carrie Vick and family on the death of her grandfather, Forrest C. Steven.



Senior Recognition Day

set for May 16, 2010

We will be recognizing our graduating seniors on Sunday, May 16, 2010, in a very special way and we don't want to miss anyone. If you are a senior or you know of a senior, please call the church office and give us your name.



Easter Sunday - April 4

8:15 a.m.

Holy Grounds Cafe will open in the Narthex. Stop by and have a cup of coffee and a pastry.

8:30 a.m.

Traditional Easter Services in the Sanctuary, led by Rev. David Orr

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Contemporary Easter Services in the Family Life Center Connexion service, led by Rev. Stephen Dickinson

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
 ATTENDANCE
 March 28, 2010**

Class	Attendance
Infants	9
Toddlers	
2 yr. olds	
3 yr. olds	
4 yr. olds	8
Kindergarten	7
Grade 1	
Grade 2	
Grade 3 and	
Grade 4	38
Grade 5 and	
Grade 6	12
CHILDREN'S DIV.	74
Grade 7, 8, 9,	
Grade 10,11, & 12	
YOUTH DIV.	15
Aldersgate(Room M105)	27
Believers (Room M302)	1
Builders (RoomM209)	22
Chapel Class (Roebuck Chapel)	37
Cornerstones (Room M311)	24
Disciples Room M312)	13
Discussion*(Room M301)	45
Encouragers (Room M303)	3
Friends (Room M103)	12
Gleaners (Room M201)	29
Good News (Room M202)	7
Le Menage (Room M306)	4
Roundtable (Room M213)	22
Seekers (Room M107)	7
Uplifters*(Room M205)	33
ADULT TOTALS	286
General Officers	4
*Made their quota	
TOTALS	379
Ethnos Youth	33
Worship:	
8:30	66
11:00 FLC	139
11:00 Sanctuary	367
Communion	46
TOTALS	618

OPPORTUNITIES of the WEEK

Sunday, April 4

8:30 - Holy Grounds Café Open
 8:30 - Worship, Roebuck Chapel
 9:45 - Sunday School
 9:45 - Bible Study, Fireside Rm.
 11:00 - Worship, Sanctuary
 11:00 - Worship, Family Life Center

Wednesday, April 7

10:00 - Ladybells, Bayliss Hall
 10:00 - Children's Directors, Conf. Rm.
 12:00 - Psalms Bible Study, M200
 3:30 - Children's Choirs, Bayliss Hall
 5:30 - Communion, Roebuck Chapel
 6:00 - Praise Team, Gym
 6:00 - Sign Language, M200
 6:00 - Chancel Ringers, Bayliss Hall
 6:00 - Bible Study, Fireside Rm.
 6:30 - Bridge Gathering, 605 N. 47th
 7:00 - Core Bible Study, Narthex
 7:00 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Monday, April 5

Offices Closed

Thursday, April 8

10:00 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Narthex
 12:00 - UMM Lunch/Bible Study, FLC
 6:00 - Girl Scouts, 3rd Floor
 6:30 - Young Adult Group

Tuesday, April 6

9:00 - Staff Meets, Conf. Rm.
 1:30 - Archives Room Open, M204
 6:00 - Disciple III, M200

Friday, April 9

6:30 - UMM Breakfast/Bible Study, FLC
 4-6 - Angel Food Sign-up, FLC
 5:30 - Parents' Night Out, FLC

Saturday, April 10

9-11 - Angel Food Sign-up, FLC

Our 10:00 a.m. Uplifters Class and our 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service are broadcast over KFPW 1230 AM.

Vision:

A complete church – always under construction.

Mission:

Fort Smith First United Methodist Church is here to follow the Shepherd, to seek the lost, to feed the sheep, all to the glory of God.

**Rev. Stephen Dickinson
 Emergency
 on call Minister for
 April 2-5
 Phone: 459-5060**