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The celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday is the highest point of celebration in the church year. What makes it special, of course, is not just what happened at the empty tomb, but, also, our preparation during the season of Lent and Holy Week.

So, how are you making your preparations? Remember, nothing invested, nothing gained! Here are some ways of preparation you might consider:

- * Give something up for Lent. Fast one day a week; give up sweets, cola, or fried food; or forego a bad habit.
- * Take up something for Lent. Put in some volunteer service hours that help the poor, children, or another group of people. Give an extra donation to the Christian Care Center, the church, or someplace else that ministers to people in need. Make a habit of something good, positive, and potentially life changing for you. Have a daily quiet time or spend extra time in prayer.
- * Attend worship services every Sunday and on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.
- * Read a Gospel during Lent, or all the passion, crucifixion, and resurrection narratives in the four Gospels
- * Attend the Lenten Bible Study on Sunday evenings at 5:00 p.m., held in Cravens Hall.

If you invest some of your time and energy into the observation of Lent, you will reap a great benefit of inspiration and spiritual growth that will prepare you rightly for the celebration of Easter.

See you Sunday!

Pastor Dan

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Methodist Children’s Home Opens Services in Lufkin

Methodist Children’s Home of Waco has recently opened a branch office in Lufkin which will service our area. They currently offer services in two areas: Foster Care and Partnership in Parenting. There is currently a critical need for foster parents, and if there is a family in our congregation who would be inter-

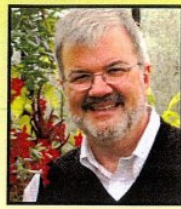
ested in providing a home for a foster child, you are encouraged to contact Marie Gateley, Community Services Caseworker, Methodist Children’s Home Community Services Outreach Office, 310 Harmony Hill Dr., Ste. 200, P.O. Box 153638, Lufkin, TX 75915, telephone: 936-632-9537.



TEXAS CONFERENCE CHOIR CLINIC
 FOR MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS
June 11-15, 2012



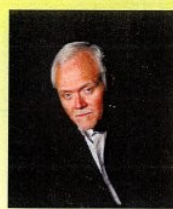
Ken Medema
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 Concert Artist



John Thornburg
 Worship Leader
 Clergy Focus



John Yarrington
 Adult Choir Clinician



Sid Davis
 High School Clinician



Jason Chavarria
 Middle School Clinician



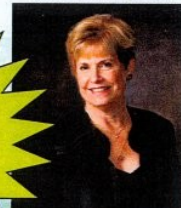
Terrie Preskitt-Brown
 Elementary Clinician



Karen Andrews
 Dance Clinician



Christine Anderson
 Handbell Clinician



Gail Land
 All-State Instructor



Cornelia Jones-Post
 All-State/Voice Instructor



Jerry Westenkuehler
 Organ Clinician



Lakeview Conference Center · Palestine TX
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Choir Camp

It is time to sign up for Choir Camp!

If you are interested in attending choir camp at Lakeview June 11-15, please stop by the church office for a registration packet.

Registration is due before April 20, 2012.

Choir Camp Counselors

If you are interested in going to Choir Camp as a counselor, we have the necessary forms and information in the church office. Please call Jennifer at 385-5568 for more information!

In Loving Memory

Iva Hart

Cecil Cain

Roy Bean

Jacqueline Read

Rev. Eugene Jonté

Jacqueline Read

Rev. George and Kathy McCarney Cathcart

Lyndon Clarn "Lyn" Hargrove

The Jack D. Jordan family

We Need You!

The Sunday School Department is looking for a teacher for the K-2nd grade class. Please consider this opportunity to plant seeds of faith in our children. Contact Joanna Watters (385-7812) if you are interested.

WE NEED YOU





Worship

Everyone really enjoyed the solo by our new Director of Music, Jenny Acord, last Sunday during the second service. This Sunday, Rebecca Darby will sing a medley entitled, "As a Deer" for our special music. The chancel choir is focusing on getting ready for the Cantata. This Sunday is communion Sunday. On March 11th in the second service it will be our joy to baptize Baylee Elise Stout. Her parents, Lynard and Amy Stout, and big sister, Brookelyn Grace, will also join the church that day.

March 18 will be Girl Scout Sunday, and we will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Girl Scouting.

Also, please join us each Sunday for my Lenten Sermon Series, entitled, "Journeying through the Valleys of Life."

- * Sunday, March 4th, "Dealing with Suffering" Mark 8:31-38
- * Sunday, March 11th, "Dealing with Anger," John 2:13-22
- * Sunday, March 18th, "Dealing with Guilt," John 3:14-21
- * Sunday, March 25th, "Dealing with Depression," John 12:20-36
- * Palm/Passion Sunday, April 1st, "Dealing with Tragedy and Grief" Mark 15:21-47
- * Maundy Thursday, April 4, 7:00 p.m., "Dealing with Self-Centeredness," John 13:1-35
- * Good Friday, April 5, 7:00 p.m., Tenebrae Service
- * Easter Sunday, April 8th "Journey to Victory" (Includes our Choir Cantata at the 11:00 a.m. service), Mark 16:1-8

New Member Class



There is a class for new and prospective members during the Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. for six weeks beginning on Sunday, Feb. 26. It will be held in Cra-

vens #207. Anyone interested in joining the church, or learning more about the church is invited to attend. Basic issues will be covered such as what it means to be a Christian, the history of the Church and of the Methodist Movement, the ministries of our local church, what we believe as Methodist Christians, and many other topics. Although the class has already started, it is not too late to join!

Presence

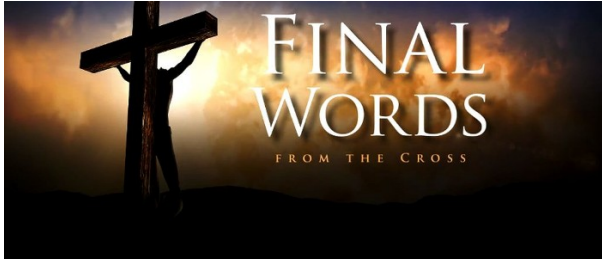
<u>Worship</u>		<u>Sunday School</u>	
02/19	174	02/19	97
02/26	159	02/26	107

Gifts

02/19/2012
\$9,852.00

02/26/2012
\$4,819.00

Lenten Study



In life and in death, Jesus' words were powerful and meaningful. Despite the serious effort and increased pain required for Jesus to speak as he hung on the cross, Jesus spoke seven "final words"—statements that have much to teach us about Jesus, his Father, and ourselves: Father Forgive Them, Behold Your Son...Behold Your Mother, My God,

Why Have You Forsaken Me?, Today You Will Be with Me in Paradise, I Thirst, It Is Finished, and Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit

In *Final Words from the Cross*, Adam Hamilton explores these final words as seen and heard through the eyes and ears of those who stood near the cross. Each chapter begins with the biblical account followed by a first-person story as might have been told from the viewpoint of one of the characters at the cross. Then the chapter explores the meaning of Jesus' dying words for our lives today. Following the last statement, a postscript recounts the words Jesus spoke following his resurrection, including what truly were the final words Jesus spoke while walking this earth.

Join us each Sunday evening beginning February 26 for a 6 week Lenten study. We will meet each week in Cravens Hall at 5:00 pm for a time of study, prayer, and fellowship. Nursery will be provided.

Thank you so very much for the greeting cards you all brought to send to St. Jude's Ranch for Children. Please continue to save your greeting cards throughout the year and take them to the church office. I will be sending another package this time next year.

Also, please save and take the following two items to the church office for Faith Weaver Friends craft projects:

- 1. Paper towel cardboard tubes*
- 2. Crystal Light, or any brand or shape plastic container*

Thanks so much!

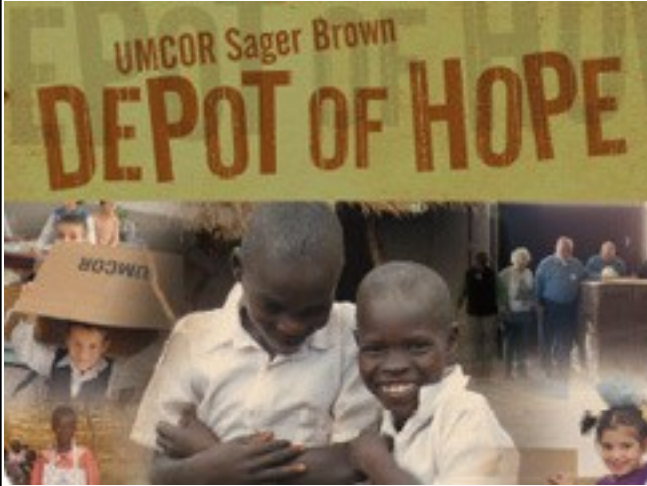
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Woodworker Needed!



Many of the Chrismon ornaments that hang on the tree in the sanctuary each year are in bad shape, and need replacement. The altar guild is looking for someone that can craft some wooden ornaments for the tree, ornaments that will last for years to come. If you have a woodworking talent, and are willing, or if you would like more information, please contact Dee Suitt at 385-8977.

Trip to Sager Brown!



Our church has been offered the opportunity to return to Sager Brown for another mission trip this year. The trip will be April 22-27, and we are looking for 14 people to go. They will be able to stay in the lodge there, which has 3 bedrooms to be shared. If you are interested in going, or if you would like more details, please contact James Brown at 385-0183. We must let Sager Brown know by March 9, so call today!

Upcoming Meetings!

Finance

Monday, March 5

7:00 pm

Cravens Hall #207

Church Council

Monday, March 19

Cravens Hall #200



On Saturday, March 24, we will be hosting our second "Java for Jesus" event, from 7-9pm. We will have live music, coffee, and fellowship. Our target audience for the event is youth and young adults, but this

event is open to everyone, and we would like to encourage all our church members to attend, and to invite others!

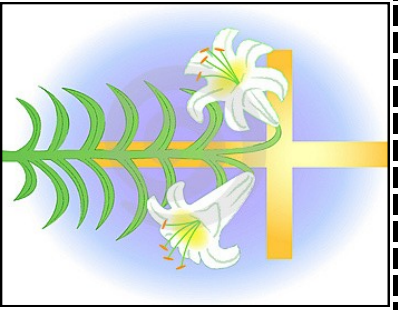
Event Lineup is as follows:

- * Woodcrest United Methodist Praise Band
- * Echo Down Band

We need volunteers to help make this event great! If you can help in any capacity, from making coffee, to helping out with the food, to assisting with setup or cleanup, please contact Jenny Acord at the church office (385-5568).

Joyce Self at All Faiths Day School is collecting pint size mayonnaise jars. The jars need to have smooth sides, so she cannot use mason jars, or jars with indentions. If you have any extra jars, you can bring them to the church office and we will pass them along. Thank you!





EASTER LILIES

Orders for Easter Lilies are now being taken. Please fill out the form and place it in the offering plate or bring it by the church office.

The cost of each plant is \$12.00

We have 30 plants ordered so order now so that you may have a plant.

Name _____

No. of Plants _____

In Memory Of _____

In Honor of _____

Payment is due by Monday, April 2

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