

MARCH 27, 2005
 WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

9:00am Sunday School
 10:15am Morning Worship
 On the Radio Each Sunday on WDXL 1490 AM at 11:00am
 Taped from a previous Sunday.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

USHERS

David Lewis, Larry Mathis, Bobby Dyer, and Tony Holmes*

GREETERS:

Rena Lewis and Kay Simpson

ACOLYTES:

Kerr Alexander and Russ Henderson

SOUND TECHNICIAN:

Slater Hollis

NURSERY CAPTAINS FOR MARCH:

Laurie Sanders and Angie Bartel

INFANT NURSERY:

SS hour: Angie Holmes and Joanna Small

Worship: Chris & Tammye James and Laura Dyer

TODDLER NURSERY

Paul & Tara Gilbert and Chris Bartel

VISITOR'S MINISTRY TEAM:

Martha Hay

KITCHEN MINISTRY TEAM:

Jewel Hudson

OFFERING COUNTERS:

Thelma Hawkes and Barbara Clement

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OUR CHURCH CALENDAR

Thursday, March 24
 Noon Holy Week Service & Meal
 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service
Friday, March 25
 Noon Holy Week Service & Meal
 7:00 pm Black Friday Service
Saturday, March 26
 1:00 pm Pictures w/the Easter Bunny, Terry's House
 2:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt, Terry's House
Sunday, March 27
 6:00 am Sunrise Service, Beech Lake
 9:00 am Sunday School
 10:15 am Morning Worship
 3:00 pm Easter Walk, Beech Lake
Monday, March 28
 7:00pm Cub Scout Den Meetings
Tuesday, March 29
 4:45 pm Evening Prayer, Prayer Chapel
 5:00 pm Learn the Bible in 24 Hours
 6:00 pm Council of Mentors Meeting, Pastor's Office
 6:30 pm Boy Scout Meeting
Wednesday, March 30
 5:15pm Fellowship Meal
 6:00pm Purpose Driven Life
 6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal
 6:00pm Puppet Prayer Keepers
 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Our Loyalty Report

Sunday, March 20, 2005

ATTENDANCE RECORD

Sunday School: 116

Morning Worship: 255

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

Received this week for the budget: \$ 7,099.40

Needed each week for budget: \$ 7,296.22

Needed for budget to date: \$ 87,554.64

Received for budget to date: \$ 79,860.96

Difference: \$ - 7,693.68

What Do YOU See?

In the movie, *Men In Black*, Tommy Lee Jones' character fights aliens on earth. At the movie's end, he looks up at the stars, and says, "They're quite beautiful, the stars. I don't look at them anymore, but they really are beautiful." He'd gotten so used to thinking of stars as someone's home or destination that their breathtaking beauty was lost to him.

If you come into my office, you might see pictures of folks important to me. But I confess that I saw one picture that had been there since I have been here, but I hadn't *seen it* for a long time--a picture of a children's group from another church. Good kids to be with, kids who always beat me in saying, "Hi, Brother Stan." I hadn't looked at that picture for a while. Those kids must be in senior high school now.

I didn't realize it was so easy to take for granted something so important. But it is. We can get so familiar with surroundings that we miss a lot around us. When was the last time you really looked at your church; took a long deep look at the pulpit? The altar table? The pews? The Baptismal Font? How about those who sit on the other side of the church? When was the last time you really took stock of who was and wasn't in church with you?

God's presence is there. Whether you experience God or not, the Lord is there. Christ said, **when there is two or more gathered in my name, there I will be with them.** Size of congregation or church doesn't matter. Well, it matters to some. "I don't feel comfortable in a large church." "I need more than just a small church and a little group of people." is something that many say in judging God's people and God's house. They're not seeking the presence of God and they're ignoring the people's presence.

I have been present in both. In small churches I am reminded of God's sacred intimacy that allows us to approach God without fear. In huge congregations, I am reminded of God's majesty, God's SIZE, and it stops me for delegating God only to a friend that I could brush off if I chose. Take a good deep look at church. You may be surprised at all you see, even the presence of the Lord who loves to be with the people.

Stan



Traditionally on Easter Sunday, our congregation collects an offering designated for "World Hunger Relief". This Sunday we will only collect one offering. If you and your family would like to designate a portion of your offering to "World Hunger", please indicate this on you envelope.

While it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been rolled away. Come to the sunrise service and celebrate the empty tomb. The service will be at Beech Lake, in the pavilion located on the hill above the swimming area. It is the pavilion next to the swing sets. Everyone is invited to this come as you are worship service. A little bird told us that it is a "tradition" for everyone to go out to breakfast together, afterwards. You don't want to break tradition, now, do you? So set those alarm clocks and get to Beech Lake for the sunrise worship service this Easter Sunday morning.



The Joel Hubbard Ministry Team is excited to announce that Joel will be at FUMC for a revival on April 10, 11, & 12. He will minister to us at our regular 10:15am service on Sunday, April 10th, and again at 7:00pm on the evenings of the 10th, 11th, and 12th. On the 10th, he will join our youth during UMYF. The youth know from past visits that you never know what to expect when Bro. Joel comes to visit. So mark your calendars so you won't miss this wonderful opportunity to worship with Joel. A "love offering" will be collected at each of the evening services to fund this ministry.

DO YOU WANT TO GO?

How would you like to visit Ireland, Wales, and England? If you are interested in an adult only, 11-day trip to these countries, you should attend the informational meeting at the Everett Horn Library on Monday, April 4, 2005. Gail Youngerman is the trip coordinator and she will answer all your questions on the 4th.

HAVE YOU RENEWED?



To date we have had 3 renewals to "The Reporter." Subscription price is \$11.50 a year. Delivery begins in June. Mrs. Jewel Hudson is our Subscription Chairperson. See her today or come by the church. Subscription blanks are available for you outside the church offices.



Holy Week Thursday Noon Service, March 24

12:00 noon Meal

12:25 p.m. Devotion - Father David Graham

Maundy Thursday Service

7:00 p.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion

Holy Week Friday Noon Service, March 25

12:00 noon Meal

12:25 p.m. Devotion - Rev. Norman Carver

Good Friday Service of Darkness

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Worship Service - The Drama Team

Easter Sunday, March 27

6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service - Beech Lake, pavilion above swimming area by the swing sets

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Morning Worship

3:00 p.m. Easter Walk



The Facilities Team is currently accepting offers for the old ice machine from our church kitchen. The church has recently installed a new machine. The machine will go to the best offer. If you are interested, see Greg Crockett or John Threadgill.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Mo Ramjohn	Phil Fisher	Al Kane
Addison Wood	Lisa Hester	Penny Martin
Warren Ramer	Don Powers	James Houston
Lonnie Williams	Bill Smith	Johnny Houston

Lee Lewis and Jennifer Fisher as they start their new life together



The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, March 26, at the home of Jim, Ginger, Chelsea, & Stephen Terry. The hunt is for ages 2yrs.

thru 4th grade. All 5th & 6th graders are asked to help hide the eggs. If you can help, please be at the Terry's home by **12:30pm**. The egg hunt will start at **2:00pm**. The Easter Bunny will be there at **1:00pm** and Wes Odle will be on hand if you would like professional pictures. You may also bring your own camera for snap shots. Each child is asked to bring a dozen, candy filled plastic eggs to the church **no later than Thursday**, March 25th. The "HUNT" team **needs cookies, chips, etc.** If you would like to contribute, please bring your refreshment item to Lisa's office by 5:00pm Thursday.

LAMBUTH INAUGURATION

On April 1, Lambuth University will celebrate the inauguration of its seventh president, Dr. R. Fred Zuker. All events are free and open to the public. The inauguration schedule is as follows:

Friday, April 1, 2005

7:30 am Community Breakfast

Jack Morris Ballroom, Wilder College Union

Please call by March 28th to confirm your participation

731-425-3440

Saturday, April 2, 2005

11:00 am Inauguration

Womack Chapel

Reception immediately following the ceremony

Jack Morris Ballroom, Wilder College Union

Memorials

In Memory of Marion "Ike" Bateman
by Dick & Dottie Timberlake for the Memorial Fund