

This past week our Bible study group read and discussed the story about the healing of the man born blind found in John 9:1-41. Let me remind you of this story. The man who was blind since birth was sitting beside the road begging when Jesus comes along. He doesn't ask Jesus anything or expect him to do anything, he is just there minding his own business. Jesus then spits on the ground and wipes the mud on the man's eyes. He then tells the man to go and wash in the pool of Siloam. The man gets up and somehow makes his way to the pool and washes the mud off of his eyes. When his eyes are clean he can see.

During our study it was pointed out that this man didn't ask for Jesus to cure him. He can't even see Jesus but when the mud is put on his eyes and he is told to go and wash, he is obedient. He trusts in Jesus who he can't see and he is rewarded with the miracle of his sight. He later encounters Jesus in the story after his vision is restored. For the first time he can physically see Jesus and he proclaims his belief in him as the Messiah.

This story got me thinking about our church. Here we are minding our own business, going about ministry, doing our thing when along comes TxDOT. Certainly I'm not equating them with Jesus but I do think that God uses all sorts of things to do his work in the world. Now we have the opportunity to be obedient and trust in God's plan for our church. It may be challenging to see how something good is coming out of all of this but I would bet the blind man thought the same thing as he walked to the pool. He did what Jesus asked and he got to experience a miracle. I believe that we are going to have the same opportunity.

In the coming weeks and months there are going to be many bittersweet moments. There are going to be many "lasts" that we will experience in our building – our last Easter, our last senior luncheon, our last graduating class, our last communion, etc. I want us to savor them, enjoy them, and celebrate them. There will probably be many tears for this place has been special for many years. Let us acknowledge those feelings and then let us allow God to help us dream new dreams for our church family. I believe that God is doing an incredible thing with us and I think it is a miraculous time to be a part of this church.

Mark your calendar for a few upcoming events you won't want to miss:

April 24 to experience our final Easter worship service at 8:30 or 11:00 – you won't want to miss the opportunity to worship the risen Christ.

June 26 for a special Homecoming service at 10:00 – we are inviting anyone who has been a part of our church family to come to this special worship and lunch following. Get out your old pictures of important events that happened in your life at this church and bring them with you. Also help us get the word to people who have moved away but would want to be here for this great event.

May God help us to be obedient and to trust Him even when it is hard to see Him at work. May we have the faith of that blind man and trust that God is going to do something incredible with us.

In His Grip,
Kissa

Building Update

We have completed the survey and geotech study on the new parcel of land. We are in process to close on the land in the next couple of weeks. Following closing we will begin to build a fence and will need help with that project. Watch for more details on when that will happen. We are hoping to break ground this month and begin building. TxDot has received our counter offer and has 30 days to reply. When we have the offer it will come before the church for a final vote.



The mission of Troy United Methodist Church is to be a Bible based community church where people are transformed by the Spirit of God into deeply committed followers of Jesus Christ.

OUR PRAYERS GO OUT TO...

ASSISTED LIVING/NURSING HOMES

Brooksie Curlee ~ *Meridian, Temple*
 Phil Dunham ~ *Texas Veterans' Home*
 Betty Havard
 Johnnie Krumnow ~ *Temple Living Center, Temple*
 Margaret Maedgen ~ *Park Place, Belton*
 Henry Olejnik ~ *Wm. Courtney Home, Temple*
 Laverne Reinhardt ~ *Weston Inn, Temple*
 Alma Smith ~ *Temple*
 Ruth Taylor ~ *Weston Inn, Temple*

HOME/CONTINUING CARE

Grace Allison	Camren Cavanaugh
Donette Collier	Wanda Dorsey
Tom Ecker Family	Steve Ellis
Piper Eschberger	Lois Fellows
Marie Gover	Willie Mae Gross
Laurie Herring	Janet Klement
Don & Minnie Knepp	Mark Roessler
Rowan Sebek	Jamie Thomason

We appreciate updates on those on our prayer list.

FRIENDS OF TROY UMC

Randi Allen	Campbell Beard
Jerry Beene	Brad Bennett
Carol Bolinger	Roger Boone
Patti Branscum	Dylan Brown
Maudie Bulls	Shawn Cambell
Jim Collins	Lisa Craft
Jack Flinn	Gabe Frampton
Gene Fricke	Toni Greene
Becky Happel	Bryan Harmon
Lyle Hickman	Vi Howell
Bobby Jones	Cameron Jordan
Shirley Kelly	Judith Koke
Jerry Kopriva	Sandy Lansford
Jeannie Lynn	Weldon Mahan
Barbara Massey	Lauren McBee
Ed Miller	Kim Morris
Deborah Muller	Leona Murrach
Mrs. Henry Olejnik	Annette Ortiz
Freddie Parker	Michelle Price
Jo Prince	Al Ruppert
Connie Salsiccia	Eli Slack
Nancy Snead	Lucille Swanzey
Eugene Tedford	Ed Tsyitee
Marsha White	Louis Zaleski
Betty Zook	

IN LOVING MEMORY

Edward Wilson
 Mary Lou Miller



YOU DID IT!!

We raised \$3000 to drill a well in Africa!!
 Thanks to everyone who contributed—this will provide clean water for a community!

OUR SERVICES

Sunday Worship

Services

8:30 am (Contemporary)
 11:00 am (Traditional)

Sunday School

9:45 a.m.

United Methodist

Youth Fellowship

Jr. High 5:00 ~ 6:15 p.m.
 Sr. High 5:45-7:00 p.m.

*They share a light meal
 from 5:45-6:15.*



**Coffee
 and Donuts**

Coffee and doughnuts
 are served before
 Sunday School each
 week. Join us!!





In memory of
Charles Porter, Sr.
(Charlie Porter's father)
Larry & Mary Ryter
BJ Finch
Don & Jackie Lewis



In memory of
Archie Thompson
(Feb. 22, 2011)
Jamie & Mary Thomason
Mr. & Mrs. Dale Boyer
Mr. & Mrs. David Grittman
Mr. & Mrs. Steven Lesikar
Mr. & Mrs. Allen Barta
Mr. & Mrs. Todd Lesikar
Clinton & Oneta Taylor
Larry & Mary Ryter
Larry & Sarah Stewart
Lynn Owens
Pam Lewis
Julie Greene
Ronnie & Christina Porter
BJ Finch
Mickey Goss
Russell & Joyce Reinhardt
Don & Jackie Lewis
Dick & Patty Mayfield
Jerry & Ruth Thompson
Kevin & Kellie Johnson
Dean Farrell
Billy Joe & Kay Nan Ledger



In memory of
Edward Wilson
Samuel Wilson's grandfather
(March 19, 2011)
Charlie & Janice Porter

In memory of
Mary Lou Miller
(March 21, 2011)
Doug & Kissa Vaughn
Richard & Betty Hester
Troy United Methodist Church
Charlie & Janice Porter
Dean Farrell
Billy Joe & Kay Nan Ledger
Katherine Maedgen
Marlene Rogers
Clinton & Oneta Taylor
Larry & Sarah Stewart
Tooter & Susan Creech
Donna Durbin
Barbara Thompson
Lou & Janet Klement
BJ Finch
Donald & Minnie Knepp
Donald & Sherri Valenta, Brooke Stewart
Linzy & Thigpen, Attorneys-at-Law
Gary & Beth McMurtry
Cecil & Evelyn Henning
Gloria, Jacque, George Weldon,
Trey & Colby Collier
Jerod, Brook, Andrick & Keegan Markley
George & Marilyn Hurley
Jamie Dooley
Larry, Carole, Glenn & Kristi Woellert
Kevin & Kellie Johnson
James & Doris Bouldin
Eddie & Karen Johnson
Fran Koch
Ed & Frances Miller



In memory of
Eleanor Allison
Kevin & Kellie Johnson





Easter Eggstravaganza

Saturday, April 23rd at Trojan Park
11:00 am--1:00 pm

Food, fun and fellowship
as we celebrate the Risen Christ.

Bring your Easter baskets and be ready
for lots of activities. Hot dog lunch will
be provided!!



Vacation Bible School
Sunday, July 31 – Thursday, August 4

YOU are needed!!! Teachers, groups to
provide snack suppers, helpers...Please
prayerfully consider where you can be the most
help and contact Christin to let her know!



The flower calendar has not
been filled for April 3 and April
10. If you would like to supply
the arrangement on any of
these Sundays, please contact
the church office. The flowers
are delivered to the church and cost \$30.00. You will
receive a reminder the week you provide them. They
are yours to enjoy after the last service on Sundays!!



You are invited to a baby
shower honoring
ShaShawna Bush

Saturday, April 2 at 10:00
in the Fellowship Hall of

Baby Boy Bush is registered at Target

CELEBRATING



- 1 JoAn Beechem
- 3 Candace Vaughan
- 5 Mikey Giebler
- 8 Ryleigh Amato
- 9 Mary Thomason
- 10 Burnell Payne, Buddy Roberts,
Julie Roessler, Cole Coufal
- 14 Connie Williamson, Jonathan White
- 15 Alyssa Ketcham
- 17 Mickey Goss, Brittany Clark
- 20 Sarah Stewart
- 21 Bill Tyler
- 22 Pam Lewis
- 23 Karey Tedrow
- 24 Becky Baker, Lori Sanders
- 25 Robin Payne
- 27 Rodney Knepp, Brian Ranly
- 29 Barrett Ledger
- 30 Clinton Taylor

ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 Don & Cindy Havard
- 13 Shawn & Michelle Sanders
- 24 Richard & Betty Hester
- 30 Dustin & Brigit Coufal





Easter Flowers

Help us make the sanctuary beautiful on Easter by honoring a loved one with a lily or flowering plant. Cost is \$10 and yours to take home after worship on Easter.

Given by _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Amount paid \$ _____

Lily _____ Flowering plant _____



Worship with the community in our sanctuary at 7:00 on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, April 21st and 22nd. We will celebrate the Last Supper and the crucifixion—both very important days that will take us to the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday.

Easter Sunrise Service will be at Troy Assembly of God Church at 6:45 a.m.

We will have our usual services on Easter.

Contemporary Service is at 8:30

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45

Traditional Worship at 11:00

If you can't worship here with us, please worship at the church of your choice!



The Children/Youth Team has bagged approximately 4000 plastic eggs. The problem is, they are empty!!! Please take a bag home with you and fill the eggs with candy, trinkets, coins, etc. Return to the church as soon as possible. We will have to purchase more, but need these to be filled too. These will be "hidden" at the Eggstravaganza for community children to be held in the park on April 23.

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Hey all!

First I would like to tell everyone how proud I am of the youth. We had 18 youth participate! They did a lot of good things during the "Day in the Life of a Homeless Person" event. They made 200 sandwiches, and over 100 lunches to serve for lunch at Martha's Kitchen. While there at lunch they got to talk to people who are living the life everyday that we were experiencing just for one day! They started the day out working at C.T.L.C. where they sorted clothes and passed out food. They also picked up trash on a 2 mile stretch, and collected over 300 cans of food for the food pantry. They did all this without eating for 24 hours and sleeping outside in a box. They used this fasting period to raise money for the Snack Buddy program. After all monies are received, they will have raised about \$2500.00 for this ministry program! Great job and well done all! And to think most of you were worried about not eating for 24 hours, but you made it through with flying colors!

On to new events! I need to know by May 1st who all is going on the Mission trip June 12th--18th. This will be a fun trip and for all of you that have never been on a mission trip before, this will give you a chance to get your feet wet! See me for details. We will also start fundraising pretty soon so please keep that in mind!

In Christ,
Joey

Ushers & Greeters



APRIL GREETERS

8:30

11:00

3	Jamie Thomason	Becky Baker
10	Jamie Thomason	Karen Machalek
17	Russell Reinhardt	Bill Tyler
24	Russell Reinhardt	Kay Nan Ledger

APRIL USHERS

3	Russell Reinhardt	Norman Baker
	Jamie Thomason	Bill Tyler
10	Don Havard	Gary Doughty
	Lou Klement	Matt Jarma
17	Darin Crawford	Barrett Ledger
	Jamie Thomason	Bill Ledger
24	Don Havard	Norman Baker
	Tommy Valle	Gaylon Ivey

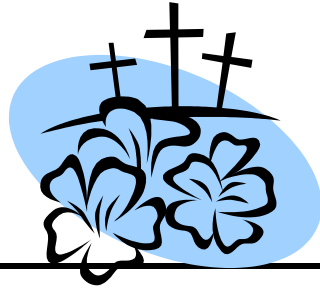
APRIL LITURGISTS

3	BJ Finch
10	Bill Ledger
17	Doug Vaughn
24	Courtney Ledger

APRIL YOUTH MEAL PROVIDERS




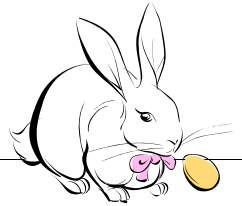

3	Michael & Karen Lindberg
10	Gary & Lori Roessler
17	Bret & Brigitte Allen
24	EASTER—no youth activities





April 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>SUNDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES... Contemporary Worship—8:30 am Sunday School for all ages—9:45 am Traditional Worship—11:00 am Youth—5-7:00 pm</p>		 <p>ANNOUNCING THE BIRTH OF Kenna Grace Coufal, born on March 28 to Dustin & Brigit Proud grandparents include David & Becky Coufal</p>			<p>1</p> 	<p>2 Shower for ShaShawna and Baby Boy Bush 10:00</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>4 Emmaus Reunion Group 9:00 Boy Scouts 7:00</p>	<p>5 Bible Study 10:00 & 6:30 CTLC 12:30</p>	<p>6 Quilters 10-3:00 Choir Practice 6:00 Youth Bible Study 6:15 Praise Team 7:00 Finance Mtg. 7:00</p>	<p>7 Men's Fellowship 5:15 Cub Scouts 6 and 7:00</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10 Emmaus Gathering 6:00</p>	<p>11 Emmaus Reunion Group Boy Scouts</p>	<p>12 Bible Study</p>	<p>13 Quilters Choir Practice Youth Bible Study Praise Team UM Women 7:00</p>	<p>14 Men's Fellowship Cub Scouts</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 </p>
<p>17 </p>	<p>18 Emmaus Reunion Group Boy Scouts</p>	<p>19 Bible Study</p>	<p>20 Quilters Choir Practice Youth Bible Study Praise Team</p>	<p>21 Maudy Thursday Communion Service 7:00</p>	<p>22 Good Friday Service 7:00</p>	<p>23 Easter Eggsravanza Trojan Park 11-1:00</p>
<p>24 Sunrise Service Troy Assembly of God 6:45</p>	<p>25 Emmaus Reunion Group Boy Scouts</p>	<p>26 Bible Study</p>	<p>27 Quilters Choir Practice Youth Bible Study Praise Team</p>	<p>28 Men's Fellowship Cub Scouts</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>