

Life has a way of taking unexpected turns. Life is going along just fine, things are great when the road turns and you aren't ready for it. Something happens that you didn't plan or expect or want. You get a medical diagnosis that puts you in the fight of your life. A loved one unexpectedly dies. An accident occurs which forever alters your life. Your job gets cut in a downsizing and now you wonder what you will do. The home you love burns to the ground. Your child keeps making mistakes and there is nothing you can do to help them. You can fill in the blank for your own life's unexpected turns. It doesn't matter what the turn is, it leaves you stunned and searching for answers. What should we do in times like these? Where do we turn?

First, I think we turn to God in worship. When we don't know anything else to do we should worship the one who walks with us through everything we face. We worship because we love God and know that with His help we will not be defeated by the unexpected turns of life. Worship is acknowledging that God is God and God is in control even when we don't understand or can't see why things are happening.

Second, I think we turn to the Bible. We lean on the promises of our scriptures. We are comforted by these words "Do you think anyone is going to be able to drive a wedge between us and Christ's love for us? There is no way! Not trouble, not hard times, not hatred, not hunger, not homelessness, not bullying threats, not backstabbing, not even the worst sins listed in Scripture. None of this fazes us because Jesus loves us. I'm absolutely convinced that nothing –nothing living or dead, angelic or demonic, today or tomorrow, high or low, thinkable or unthinkable – absolutely nothing can get between us and God's love because of the way that Jesus our Master has embraced us." (Romans 8:35-39 from *The Message*) What an amazing promise! No matter what unexpected turn your life takes, God's love will see you through it.

Third, we turn to one another. We lean on the body of Christ known as the church. I've always wondered how people make it through unexpected turns when they don't have a church family to help love them through it. The answer is that some of them don't make it out on the other side. They become bitter and never get better. God knew that when life was challenging we were going to need other believers to lift us up, to pray for us when our words fail us, to love us and help us, so he created the church.

Finally, we need to look up. The Psalmist captures it so well, "I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." (Psalm 121:1-2) When you don't know what else to do, look up and be reminded that God is with you. Keep your chin up, don't be defeated, hang in there, remember that your help will come from the Lord.

Life is full of unexpected turns that you will never be prepared for, but remember that God has made a way through it all. Receive hope from this passage of scripture, "We can do *all* things through Christ who gives us strength." (Philippians 4:13)

In His Grip,
Kissa



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*
 Mary Lou Miller ~ *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	Donette Collier
Wanda Dorsey	Tom Ecker Family
Piper Eschberger	Lois Fellows
Marie Gover	Willie Mae Gross
Laurie Herring	Janet Klement
Don & Minnie Knepp	Mark Roessler
Rowan Sebek	Jamie Thomason

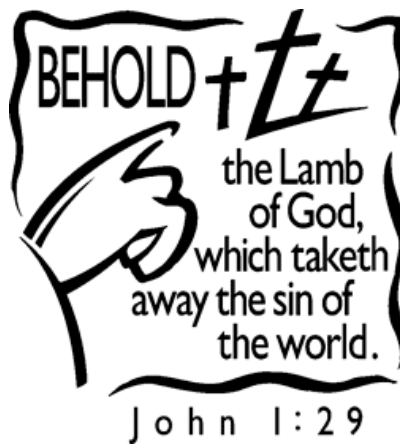
IN LOVING MEMORY

Charles Porter, Sr.
 Archie Thompson

We appreciate updates on those on our prayer list.

FRIENDS OF TROY UMC

Randi Allen	Campbell Beard
Jerry Beene	Carol Bolinger
Patti Branscum	Dylan Brown
Maudie Bulls	Shawn Cambell
Jim Collins	Augustus Fleming
Jack Flinn	Gabe Frampton
Gene Fricke	Toni Greene
Bryan Harmon	Lyle Hickman
Vi Howell	Kellie Johnson
Bobby Jones	Cameron Jordan
Shirley Kelly	Judith Koke
Sandy Lansford	Jeannie Lynn
Weldon Mahan	Barbara Massey
Danny Mathis III	Ed Miller
Kim Morris	Deborah Muller
Leona Murrah	Mrs. Henry Olejnik
Annette Ortiz	Freddie Parker
Michelle Price	Jo Prince
Al Ruppert	Connie Salsiccia
Nancy Snead	Lucille Swanzy
Eugene Tedford	Ed Tsyitee
Marsha White	Betty Zook



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



Sunday,

March 20

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



In memory of
Donald Bulls

Larry & Sarah Stewart



In memory of
Curtis Havard

(Willie Mae Gross' son-in-law)

Charlie & Janice Porter



In memory of
Charles Porter, Sr.

(Charlie Porter's father)

Julie Greene

Clinton & Oneta Taylor

Richard & Betty Hester

Lou & Janet Klement

Katherine Maedgen

Tooter & Susan Creech



In memory of

Archie Thompson

(Feb. 22, 2011)

Richard & Betty Hester

Lou & Janet Klement

Edna Rankin

Charlie & Janice Porter

Harriet Prinz

Donald & Minnie Knepp



Millie Carnes professed her faith and
joined our church on Feb. 20.

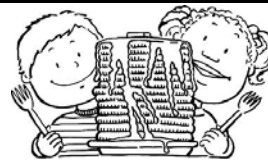
Please welcome her
and make her feel at home!!



The flower calendar has not been filled for March 20, 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!!



Beginning March 9 you will receive your daily Lenten devotional by e-mail. There will be hard copies available for anyone who desires to have them. Lent is the 40 days, excluding Sundays, leading to Easter. Kissa has written these in order for us to move toward that glorious celebration.



ASH WEDNESDAY

We will begin the Lenten season with an Ash Wednesday service on March 9 at 7:00. An hour before that we will come together to enjoy pancakes. This is meant to symbolize using those ingredients that people were discouraged from using during these forty days of Lent.

Pancakes will be served for a donation, which will go toward mission trips this summer!



MARCH 14-18
STAY SAFE!!

The home of Tom, Jaynie, Jayden, Mia and Kylee Ecker burned recently and they lost all their household



belongings. On Sunday, March 6, beginning at 11:00, we will have a barbecue sandwich fund raiser for them. Tooter's BBQ will provide the meal for a donation to this family. Homemade desserts will be available for an extra donation.

A benefit account has been set up in their name at Extraco Bank if you would like to make a donation to it!



**MARCH BIRTHDAYS
AND
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 2 Jeanese Ranly, Matthew Booth
- 4 Katherine Maedgen, Hunter Mast
- 6 Louise Spohn, Arlynda Roush
- 8 Jaynie Ecker
- 10 Betty Hester, Judy Vaughn
- 12 Zach Allen
- 15 Melissa Thompson, Donal Bush, Julian Look
- 17 Marilyn Allison, Amber Crawford
- 20 David Coufal
- 21 Brigitte Allen, Adam Roessler
- 23 Johnny Giebler, Jayden Ecker
- 29 Carolyn Walston
- 30 Bret Allen
- 31 Nancy Birdsell

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Paul & Margaret Willson
- 23 Jack & Becky Hobday



You are invited to a baby shower for Kirby & ShaShawna Bush on Saturday, April 2 at 10:00.



Hey guys,

Thanks again for the support with the Spaghetti Supper. It was a big success!!

Just a reminder that I need to know if you are going on the Y.E.A.H. paint day no later than March 10. Also, the "Day in the Life of a Homeless Person" is March 12-13. I will have the pledges to sign on that day, but you need to pick up your sponsor sheet if you have not done that. This money will go towards the Snack Buddies program, and other ministry needs that we have been discussing! The 24 Hour Famine and lots of community service should provide for an exciting day!

In Christ
Joey



Remember to turn your clocks AHEAD one hour before going to bed on March 12!!



The Temple District Laity Banquet will be on Tuesday, March 22 at the Mayborn Center in Temple, beginning at 6:30. Tickets are \$10.00 each and available in the church office. ***Deadline to order your ticket is Wednesday, March 9.***

Keynote speaker will be Myrtle McDaniel, Certified Lay Speaker from St. James UMC. She will deliver a presentation in line with the theme of "Laity Called as Servant-Leaders". Music will be provided by 4giveN, a quartet from First UMC in Georgetown.



Our Snack Buddy program has been very successful! We are providing healthy meals and snacks for needy children at Troy Elementary. Jennifer Valle is in charge of this and is doing an excellent job.

We are ALWAYS in need of single serving foods—soups, macaroni and cheese, fruit cups, pasta, cereal bars, cereal, juice drinks. If you are unable to purchase these to donate, money is gladly accepted. Jennifer is happy to shop for the needed items.

I CANNOT PRAY...

Author unknown

I cannot say ***Our*** if my religion has no room for others and their needs.

I cannot say ***Father*** if I do not demonstrate this relationship in my daily living.

I cannot say ***Who art in heaven*** if all my interests and pursuits are in earthly things.

I cannot say ***Hallowed by thy name*** if I, who is called by His name, am not holy.

I cannot say ***Thy kingdom come*** if I am unwilling to give up my own sovereignty and accept the righteous reign of God.

I cannot say ***Thy will be done*** if I am unwilling or resentful of having it in my life.

I cannot say ***On earth as it is in heaven*** unless I am truly ready to give myself to His service here and now.

I cannot say ***Give me this day our daily bread*** without expending honest effort for it or by ignoring the genuine needs of my fellow men.

I cannot say ***Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us*** if I continue to harbor a grudge against anyone.

I cannot say ***Lead us not into temptation*** if I deliberately choose to remain in a situation where I am likely to be tempted.

I cannot say ***Deliver us from evil*** if I am not prepared to fight in the spiritual realm with the weapon of prayer.

I cannot say ***Thine is the kingdom*** if I do not give the King the disciplined obedience of a loyal subject.

I cannot say ***Thine is the power*** if I fear what my neighbors and friends may say or do.

I cannot say ***Thine is the glory*** if I am seeking my own glory first.

I cannot say ***Forever*** if I am too anxious about each day's affairs.

I cannot say ***Amen*** unless I honestly say, "Cost what it may, this is my prayer".

Ushers & Greeters



MARCH GREETERS

	<u>8:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>
6	BJ Finch	Becky Baker
13	BJ Finch	Bill Tyler
20	Russell Reinhardt	Kay Nan Ledger
27	Jamie Thomason	Matt Jarma

MARCH USHERS

6	Darin Crawford	Norman Baker
	Jamie Thomason	Gaylon Ivey
13	Don Havard	Matt Jarma
	Tommy Valle	Bill Tyler
20	Lou Klement	Gary Doughty
	Russell Reinhardt	Gaylon Ivey
27	Darin Crawford	Barrett Ledger
	Tommy Valle	Bill Ledger

MARCH LITURGISTS

6	Nancy Birdsell
13	Norman Baker
20	Katherine Maedgen
27	Jodi Bartlett

MARCH YOUTH MEAL PROVIDERS



6	Norman & Becky Baker
13	Eddie & Peggy Luna
20	Rodney & Tracie Tedrow
27	Bill & Lisa Ledger





March 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Bible Study 10:00 & 6:30 CTLC 12:30	2 Quilters 10:00-3:00 Choir Practice 6:00 Youth Bible Study 6:15 Praise Team Practice 7:00	3 Men's Fellowship 5:15 Cub Scouts 6 and 7:00	4 <i>Women's Retreat in Waxahachie</i>	5
6 Boy Scout Sunday 11:00 Ecker Benefit Lunch 11-2:00 BBQ Sandwiches, chips, drinks & desserts	7 Emmaus Reunion Group 9:00 Boy Scouts 7:00	8 Bible Study United Methodist Women Mtg. 7:00	9 Quilters Pancake Supper 6:00 Ash Wednesday Service 7:00	10 Men's Fellowship Cub Scouts	11 	12
13 Daylight Savings Time begins First Sunday in Lent Emmaus Gathering—6:00	14 Emmaus Reunion Group Boy Scouts	15 Bible Study	16 Quilters Choir Practice Youth Bible Study Praise Team Practice	17 Men's Fellowship Cub Scouts	18	19 CTLC 8:30
20 First day of spring	21 Emmaus Reunion Group Boy Scouts	22 Bible Study District Laity Banquet 6:30 at Mayborn Center	23 Quilters Choir Practice Youth Bible Study Praise Team Practice Church Council Mtg. 7:00	24 Men's Fellowship Cub Scouts	25	26
27 Children/Youth Team Mtg. Following 11:00 worship	28 Emmaus Reunion Group Boy Scouts	29 Bible Study	30 Quilters Choir Practice Youth Bible Study Praise Team Practice	31 Men's Fellowship Cub Scouts	SUNDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES Contemporary Worship—8:30 Sunday School for all ages—9:45 Traditional Worship—11:00 Youth—5:00-7:00	