

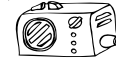


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Our Core Values: Love and Prayer
Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ
Our Vision: All people are welcome

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Aldersgate Experience

OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Thursday: 8 am - 12:00 pm & 1 pm - 5 pm
Friday: 8 am - Noon



FROM THE PASTOR

“ROUNDUP WORKSHOPS”

Below is a brief list of workshops that will be offered at this year's "Roundup" in Lubbock on August 15. Brochures are available in the church office.

In Christ, Derrell

- *All God's People Healthy For Life
- *Are You a Good Samaritan?
- *Effective Outreach Ministries for Small Churches
- *Facebook, Twitter and What?
- *Finding Peace in the Buffalo Grass: Effective Leadership, Small Church
- *Gambling and Its Effects
- *Games Galore
- *Generational Change in the Church
- *JOY Model for Teaching Children
- *"No Trespassing!" -Boundaries
- *Please Move Me, I Don't Want to Go
- *Putting Your House in Order
- *Rethink Church
- *Bible Teachings About the Holy Spirit
- *Worship For Today's Churches
- *Young Adult Ministry—What's Next?
- *An Upside Down World From the Perspective of Four Generations
- *Catch the Vision of a Church That Grows Leaders
- *Examine the Call
- *Growing Your Church Through Effective Communication
- *HOPE For Children
- *Implementing DINE Principles Within the Local Church
- *Sudan, Dream of Peace Possible
- *Truth and Wholeness
- *Understanding the Effects of Class
- *Church Loans
- *Darker the Night, the Brighter the Stars
- *Develop a Plan For Making Disciples
- *Empowering the Laity
- *"Enough" Stewardship in Today's World
- *Experiencing the Presence of God In Prayer
- *Food and Faith
- *Foot-in Mouth Syndrome—What Not To Say and Do in a Crisis
- *Forming and Sustaining Leaders
- *Join Their Journey
- *Effective Grant-Writing
- *Leading New Ministries and Missions
- *Living Out Worship
- *Making New Places for New People
- *Narrative Ministry Plan
- *Mobilizing to Reach the American Mission Field
- *Poverty is Real
- *Reaching Out To the Community
- *Sabbath, The Rest of God
- *Vital Ministries, Small Membership Churches
- *Why Evangelism?
- *Will The Real Jesus Stand Up?
- *Conflict Resolution for Churches
- *Learning Center on Church Growth
- *Let's Make a Musical!
- *Prayerful Living
- *Crises Planning and Response: Communicating Under Pressure
- *Prayer in the Ministry of Healing
- *Web Design 101 for the Local Church
- *Praying in Color
- *Reflections of a Multi-Site Church
- *Social Marketing for Churches
- *Solutions to Stress
- *Together in Ministry Everyday (TIME)
- *What's Happening in the Hispanic/Latino Ministry?

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THIS WEDNESDAY - SUNDAY

Wednesday, July 8
11:00 a.m. McM AITP Lunch (F. Hall)
Noon Prayer Group
6:00 p.m. Youth
7:00 p.m. NO Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, July 12 - Holy Communion - Commissioning for VIM and Youth Mission Trips
8:30 a.m. Early Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:50 a.m. Worship Service
3:00 p.m. University Place
4:00 p.m. Youth Drama and Music
5:00 p.m. Youth
7:00 p.m. Oaks Garden Club



Monday 8am - Noon & 1-5 pm
Tuesday 8am - Noon & 1-5 pm
Wednesday 8am - Noon & 1-5 pm
Thursday 8am - Noon & 1-5 pm
Friday 8am - Noon

FIRST TIME VISITORS

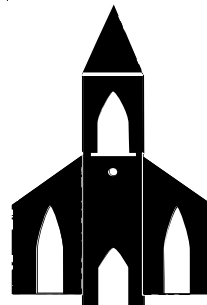
Janet Kloppe

MCMURRY/COLLEGE

SPUD BUSTERS

We are having a great time doing "Spudbusters". We have 22 (kids and adults) participating! We've been swimming several times, went to the Dallas Aquarium, and even had a 4th of July party. More trips are planned for Fossil Rim, Dino Valley, The Jump Around, and Abilene State Park.

Tracie Hartmann, Children's Director



Week of July 12 - 19

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7:00 p.m. Oaks Garden Club

Monday, July 13

Noon Council on Ministries Mtg.
7:00 p.m. Scout Troop 272

Tuesday, July 14

10:00 a.m. MDO Summer Session
1:00 p.m. Spud Buster - swimming
2:00 p.m. Neighborhood Seniors

Wednesday, July 15

Noon Prayer Group
6:00 p.m. Youth
7:00 p.m. NO Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 16 - VIM Trip to Honduras

7:30 a.m. Spud Buster - Dino Valley
10:00 a.m. MDO Summer Session
11:30 a.m. District Lunch with Mark Abbott and Pastors
7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

Friday, July 17 - VIM Trip to Honduras

7:00 a.m. Youth Mission Trip Leaves for Crystal Beach
10:00 a.m. Conversation with God Prayer Group

Saturday, July 18 - VIM Trip to Honduras: Youth Mission Trip to Crystal Beach

Sunday, July 19 - VIM Trip to Honduras: Youth Mission Trip to Crystal Beach

8:30 a.m. Early Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:50 a.m. Worship Service
4:00 p.m. Youth Drama and Music
5:00 p.m. Youth
7:00 p.m. Oaks Garden Club

THE PROBLEM WITH WEEDS

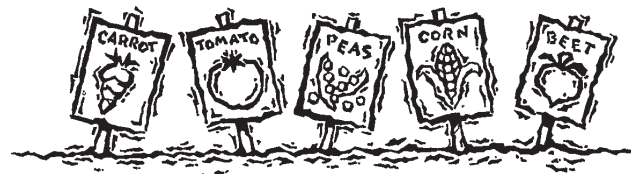
I am sure that there are many of you who are tired of hearing about the garden planted at 1834 Amarillo Street. "Come on," you say as you pick up your newsletter on Wednesday, "Is this all this guy has to talk about? Tomato this. Squash that. If he writes one more article about peppers growing I may just pepper that garden with paintballs!" In your rage, indulge me for a few more weeks, because as I consider this garden that is growing, I find that I am examining my own growth as well.

Last night we had to pull some squash plants. They were infested with little gray squash bugs and leaving them in the garden would threaten the healthy plants still producing fruit. We also spent a little time hacking at weeds that were encroaching on the tomatoes, beans, and corn. Keeping a garden is a lot of work! As we were hacking and pulling diseased plants, I started to think about my own heart- the good things that are growing and the weeds and diseased plants that need to be extracted. As the monster weeds were getting tangled with the hoe and I was sweating like crazy, the thought that this task would have been so much easier a few weeks ago nibbled at my mind. Isn't that the way life is? Small problems are easier to deal with than problems that grow unchecked. Once the weeds take root, they don't want to move. The tiny sprig of bitterness toward a family member becomes the vine of hate. The little slip of the eye on the computer becomes the overriding thought of our day. Tiny weeds left unchecked grow into bigger weeds, and the same is true with sin in our hearts.

Jesus understood the toxic nature of unchecked sin in our lives. In a slightly hyperbolized way, he exhorts his listeners during the Sermon on the Mount to "gouge out their eyes" and "cut off their hands" if either one causes them to sin. "It is better for you to lose one part of your body," he states, "than for your whole body to go into hell." So much for Jesus meek and mild! Again, I think that Jesus was using hyperbole to make his point. If we took this literally then "Passing of the Peace" on Sunday morning would simply be a verbal exchange between unseen individuals, unless we went the extra mile and cut out our tongues as well (the real culprit for most of the sin in our lives). What Jesus is saying, I believe, is that sin grows. A glance at your neighbor's wife today turns into the objectification of women in general. Harboring jealousy today paves the way for greed tomorrow. This is the way sin works and this is why we must be diligent to take care of the little weeds before they get too big for us to handle.

One more note about the garden. If you enjoy gardening, join us on Sunday evenings as we work together at 1834 Amarillo St. The mosquitoes are a little frisky, but we generally have a great time together.

Grace and peas.
Tim



Begin making preparations for the Huge Church-wide Rummage Sale in October.

WANTED: SEARS HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS

Upcoming training dates are Tuesday and Thursday evenings, August 4 - August 18 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Sears Hospice office, 3233 South Willis. There is no charge for the training, but reservations are required. Contact Kammie Lisso, Volunteer Coordinator, at 325-692-4500 to register or for more information.

AUTOMATIC DRAFTS

HOW DO I SIGN UP? Come by the church office, fill out a Credit/Debit Authorization form, and the church treasurer will handle the rest.

CAN I DESIGNATE DIFFERENT AREAS? You can designate the appropriate area or percentage you want to donate to: (Ex: \$100.00 draft - \$75 for budget, \$25 for Faith Promise.)

ROUNDUP 2009

Turning the World Upside Down, August 15th at First United Methodist Church, 1411 Broadway, Lubbock, Tx.

Free childcare for children ages 6 weeks through those entering the fifth grade with reservation. Childcare reservations may be made online at www.fumc.com or by phone at 806-763-4607 ex. 217.

Children in 3rd - 5th grades will participate in an outreach ministry. This will include games and activities. They will make a mission T-shirt to wear during the afternoon as they spend that time sharing God's love with others. Tennis shoes are required.

Next week's newsletter will have an insert of workshops and times available.



GREETINGS FROM the_gate.

Student Ministries

Can you believe July 4th has come and gone? This summer has just gone by at the speed of fun.

JUST A COUPLE OF REMINDERS:

*This Wednesday and Sunday are on regular schedule

*We are leaving for Mission Trip on July 17th and returning on the July 22nd. It is going to be a great trip. We have a ton of work planned and it will be a great bonding experience for everyone.

Also, I wanted to give a big hand to Tim for the great job that he did Sunday. He is a blessing to me - thank you Tim for speaking straight to us about what God has put on your heart.

Peace, love, and Jesus
Alan

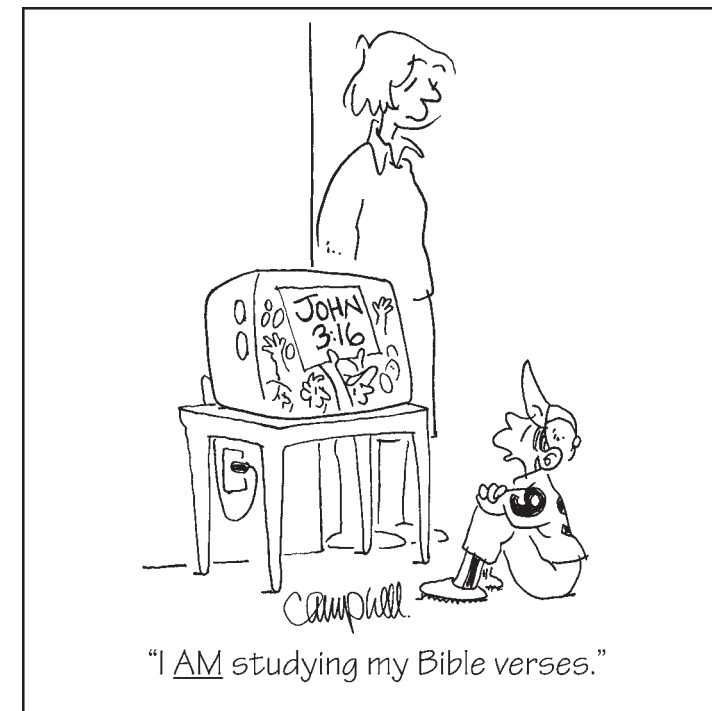
AROUND ALDERSGATE

WE EXPRESS OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS TO THE FAMILY OF Denny McFarland. Denny passed away on July 2, 2009. Services were on Tuesday, July 7 at Aldersgate UMC.

WE WANT TO SEND OUT A BIG THANK YOU to all our Aldersgate friends for your prayers, visits, food, calls, cards, and transportation during Janice's knee replacement and healing. Hopefully, she will be driving by the end of July or sooner! We love and appreciate our precious Aldersgate.

Love in Christ, Wayne and Janice Tiner

ABIT OF HUMOR:



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OUR PRAYERS

Hendrick Medical Center:
Mildred Cornelius-3103

Abilene Regional Hospital:

Pray for:

Hunter Mansker - recovery from having his tonsils and adenoids removed.

Jewell Martin, Letha Irvine, Mary Adams, Montie Odom, Mildred Cornelius, Sue Gayle, Betty Garrett, Caroline Rankin, Bill & Louise McLaren, Jane & Gordan Gray, Don Fletcher, Jean Shultz, Eileen Faulks, Clay Meadows, Betty DeBerry, Steve Johnson, Mary Mills, Bobby Cox, Don Clemmer, Othell Greever, Lou Swindell, The Journey

Be in Prayer for our Military Family and Friends:

Braxton Rehm (Air Force)
Joe Terry, (Air Force)
Jim Burgess (Air Force)
Matt Plunkett (Air Force)
Phillip Sellers (Army)
John Jackson (Army)
Daniel Lindsey (Army)
Scott Jones (Army)
Nathan Johnson (Marine)
James Rose, (Marine)
Reese Barnett (Marine)
All Troops still deployed

OUR PRESENCE

8:30 a.m. Service 49
Sunday School 109
10:50 a.m. Service 110

OUR GIFTS

Budget for 2008 \$596,081
Needed each week \$11,464
Received this week \$11,986
Needed YTD \$309,528
Received Year-To-Date \$285,881
Ahead or (Behind) \$(23,647)

Mission Task Force Update

Faith Promise Received \$54,918



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