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The best part of the day....



The sun comes up over Dimmitt on the morning of Aug. 3, foretelling another sunny day. Of course, later in the day, temperatures soared and the weather stayed dry. However, Dimmitt did get more than an inch of welcome rain later in the week, with showers forecast for this weekend.

NISD named 'Exemplary' school district

The Nazareth ISD has earned one of only nine Exemplary ratings given out by the state, according to Superintendent Marshall Harrison. NISD is the only district with a high school to earn the Exemplary rating in Region 16.

"I am extremely proud of our students and our staff," Harrison said. "I also want to thank the parents and the community for their continued support of the school."

NISD has earned the Exemplary rating for two consecutive years.

"This is another example of the NISD philosophy of never lowering the expectations and bringing all students to the top," he said. "NISD has proven again that they are one of the top school districts in the state of Texas."

To earn an Exemplary rating, a district or campus must achieve TAKS passing rates of 90 percent or higher for all students in each subject area and student group. The student groups are African American, Hispanic, white and economically disadvantaged. The TAKS covers reading/English language arts; writing; mathematics; science; and social studies. At least 90 percent of the students who took the SDAA II must meet the academic expectations set for them. A high school

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I don't care!

NOTE: I will not hold these words up as being my own, but I will tell you I wish they were. I am sick and tired of the United States of America dodging critics every time someone screams that they are offended by our actions, our beliefs or our way of life. Well, by golly, be offended if that makes you feel better. BUT...I DON'T CARE! - Chris Bradford, Publisher

Are we fighting a war on terror or aren't we? Was it or was it not started by Islamic people who brought it to our shores on September 11, 2001? Were people from all over the world, mostly Americans, not brutally murdered that day, in downtown Manhattan, across the Potomac from our nation's capitol and in a field in Pennsylvania? Did nearly three thousand men, women and children die a horrible, burning or crushing death that day, or didn't they? And I'm supposed to care that a copy of the Koran was "desecrated" when an overworked American soldier kicked it or got it wet? Well, I don't. I don't care at all! I'll care about the Koran when the fanatics in the Middle East start caring about the Holy Bible, the mere possession of which is a crime in Saudi Arabia. I'll care when Abu Musab al-Zarqawi tells the world he is sorry for hacking off Nick Berg's head while Berg screamed through his gurgling, slashed throat. I'll care when the cowardly so-called "insurgents" in Iraq come out and fight like men instead of disrespecting their own religion by hiding in mosques. I'll care when the mindless zealots who blow themselves up in search of nirvana care about the innocent children

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within range of their suicide bombs. I'll care when the American media stops pretending that their First Amendment liberties are somehow derived from international law instead of the United States Constitution's Bill of Rights. I'll care when Clinton-appointed judges stop ordering my government to release photos of the abuses at Abu Ghraib, which are sure to set off the Islamic extremists just as Newsweek's lies did a few weeks ago. In the meantime, when I hear a story about a brave marine roughing up an Iraqi terrorist to obtain information, know this: I don't care. When I see a fuzzy photo of a pile of naked Iraqi prisoners who have been humiliated in what amounts to a college hazing incident, rest assured that I don't care. When I see a wounded terrorist get shot in the head when he is told not to move because he might be booby-trapped, you can take it to the bank that I don't care. When I hear that a prisoner, who was issued a Koran and a prayer mat, and fed "special" food that is paid for by my tax dollars, is complaining that his holy book is being "mishandled," you can absolutely believe in your heart of hearts that I don't care. And oh, by the way, I've noticed that sometimes it's spelled "Koran" and other times "Quran." Well, Jimmy Crack Corn and - you guessed it - I don't care!

God bless America!



Center of Attention

This nameless pooch was all ears during the Hart Days parade last weekend. As the "Star Spangled Banner" was played, this dog appears to be ready to listen attentively along with the rest of the crowd.

Photo by Carter Townsend. Townsend shoots special events and sporting activities. He can be reached at 647-4208.

DISD drops discounts for early tax payments

By DAVIE ANN BROWDER
Managing Editor

DISD trustees unanimously decided to discontinue discounts for early tax payments.

"This is in response to the closing of Cargill and the budget deficit we'll experience because of that loss," said superintendent Les Miller. Last year these discounts totaled about \$75,000.

Miller said that although this year's tax roles are up \$10 million, when you subtract the \$42 million that represents Cargill, the district is still left with \$32 million less in taxable property.

In other action, board president David Schaeffer told the board that sometime in the near future, trustees should decide whether or not to proceed with a lawsuit against

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Why pray?

By ANNETTE BRIDGES

Surveys have stated that millions of Americans pray regularly. And millions believe prayer can have a healing effect.

University medical school studies continue to test the medicinal power of prayer on recovery from illness or injury. And the findings remain varied and inconclusive. Consequently, newspaper headlines also tell an inconsistent story: "Prayer no help to sick" . . . "Prayer works as a cure" . . . "Prayer's effect on health called nil" . . . "Healing power of prayer revealed,"

I suspect that no university study examining the influence of prayer on health would be considered definitive, even in the academic community. Therefore, the underlying question for me is why should scientists and physicians continue to test prayer?

Perhaps Christ Jesus knew the answer to such a question when he said, "Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe." Maybe the creators of these studies are unconsciously looking for "signs and wonders." The very fact that such studies are happening

cannot help but admit to the possibility of "wonders," even if the motivation of some of them at the outset was to dispute such claims.

It's not unusual to doubt or question when one hears of healings reported as a result of prayer. Even one of Christ Jesus' closest disciples — Thomas — doubted that his Master could have been resurrected from death. But didn't Thomas want to believe?

So one might describe studies exploring and probing the effects of prayer as symbolically crying out like the father of a sick son who cried out to Jesus, "Lord I believe; Help thou mine unbelief."

I understand this hope-filled cry. My heart has sung that tune many times. Time and again I've caught glimpses of the omnipotence and allness of God and my inseparable relationship to God as His beloved daughter. I would be among the 41 percent of Americans who said they had been cured of illness or had their conditions significantly improve as a result of prayer. (Yankelovich Partners Survey 1999) Even still, moments of doubt, uncertainty and fear have brought me to my knees to reckon with my unbelief.

I can't imagine a formula for testing prayer that can be effectively implemented, analyzed, measured or evaluated. Surely, prayer is as uniquely spiritual and individual as the individual doing the praying.

Lack of healing results in a medical study on prayer

would never cause the faith-filled to stop praying.

We read in the Gospel according to St. Matthew of a lunacy case the disciples were unable to heal. Jesus responded, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me." Jesus healed him. But his disciples asked why they could not heal him to which Jesus answered, "Because of your unbelief..."

Christ Jesus instructed, "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."

In her writings on prayer in *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, Mary Baker Eddy wrote, "The Hebrew verb to believe means also to be firm or to be constant." She explains the Biblical injunction, "Believe...and thou shalt be saved!" as demanding "self-reliant trustworthiness, which includes spiritual understanding and confides all to God."

So why do I pray?

Because I believe Christ Jesus' words are a promise. A promise for all people in all times. And surely for all conditions and situations. I mean Jesus did say "And all things." I'm praying to understand more fully what this means.

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YOUR EYES

SUDDEN CHANGES IN VISION

Did you know that every year thousands of people will experience sudden changes in their vision? This alarming state will usually cause most people to see their eye doctor right away. When these marked changes in vision are ignored, however, it can often lead to disastrous consequences.

Sometimes, the eye's fluctuation of vision will act as an "early warning system" for certain diseases, most notably diabetes. In certain diabetics, changes in blood sugar levels may cause vision to fluctuate. It could be sharp at one time of day and blurry at another time. In other instances, changes in vision may result when a leak or a tear occurs at the back of the eye. Although it is rare, early symptoms of a stroke may even include a blurring or distortion of vision. If this happens, it is critical to see your eye doctor immediately.

Remember this! Sudden changes in vision should not be ignored. They are sometimes your body's way of saying it needs medical attention.



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understand how the Son of God could suffer as He did.

They fail to believe the

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very foundation that builds faith. The rock that to some is a refuge, a support, a shelter, and a security is to others a stumbling block that cause many to fall. We need to stop tripping over the rock and start placing our hopes and lives in that living stone. A stone that does not move!

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completion rate of 95 percent or higher, and a grade 7-8 annual dropout rate of 2 percent or less was also required to achieve an Exemplary rating.

WEATHER	High	Low	Prec.	Snow
	Tuesday	91	58	
Wednesday	93	58		
Thursday	93	58		
Friday	88	61	.07	
Saturday	76	54		
Sunday	89	55		
Monday	91	60	1.39	
August Rainfall				1.46
2005 Rainfall				12.29
2005 Snow				3.90 inches

Readings taken every day at 7 a.m. at KDHN, official National Weather Service recording station for Dimmitt.

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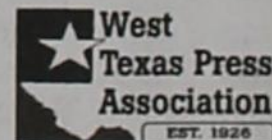
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ACROSS

- Wilson Co. has huge peanut on courthouse ____
- Lake ____ Pines
- TX Dabney Coleman role on TV's "Drexell's Class"
- Rockport: "Where the fun never ____"
- TX-Mex mafia: "El ____"
- health resort
- trades
- TXism: "beats ____ the eye with a sharp stick"
- TX Howard Hughes dated this famous actress Jean
- Marlin's Highlands Mansion has a ____-glass dome
- destroyer ____ USS Stewart is at Galveston
- TXism: "____ mummy's pocket"
- Del Rio FM
- in Grayson Co. on hwy. 75
- TXism: "happy ____ with two tails"
- TX or NE town
- TX or NV town
- fashion leader
- TXism: "dicker"
- actor Flynn of film "San Antonio"
- TXism: "gave him a ____ own medicine"
- Minute Maid Park & Texas Stadium

- Guadalupe is a spring-____ river
- TXism: "spends his ____ looking for shade (lazy)"
- Beauford Jester was only TX governor to ____ office
- certified "bean counter" (abbr.)
- "____ on down the road"
- couches
- this Howard Zellweger in "Cinderella Man"
- TXism: "rug rat"
- TX actress Duvall (init.)

DOWN

- TXism for "unrestrained" (4 wds.)
- TXism: "try your hand at"
- in Gregg Co. on 80
- TXism: "bid ____"
- LBJ's last words: "____ Mike immediately!"
- TX-based home decor company
- TX Gene Autry's "Buttons ____ Bows"

The Original

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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- TX Paula Prentiss film "He & ____"
- self-service laundry
- gas station
- TXism: "I'm gonna clean your ____"
- saddle ____
- useful in TX: snake-bite ____
- this Travis led TX Army at the Alamo
- Susan B. Reed's title in Bexer Co.
- ex-Cowboy QB "The Dodger"
- (init.)
- tall TX tale
- property document (2 wds.)

- river floater
- TXns Lamar Smith & Gene Green are on House ____ Committee
- pecan & oak
- San Antonio street: "____ Kovacs"
- horse color
- TX Gary Busey role on "Act of Privacy"
- jeans creator Strauss (init.)
- Gulf Coast cuisine
- Valley citrus drinks
- TX pest: fire ____

On the Go

with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

The Bethel Community, made up of folks who lived there in the 40s, people who were raised there and people who were just fortunate enough to be invited to join in the fun had a beautiful night to enjoy the Bethel Community Annual Chicken Fry on Thursday.

This celebration was started sometime in the 1940s. Every family sends a dressed, cut-up chicken to the old Bethel church grounds. The younger men do the cooking and everyone brings a dessert or other dish. There is lots of eating and

visiting.

This year Zack Smith and his wife, Sheri, are present of the Bethel Community Association. Zack welcomed the group, and Charlie Summers led the prayer.

Special guests were Robert Bagwell of Hazelworth, Miss. He is the son of the late Jim and Robertha Bagwell, early-day residents of the Bethel Community. Robert is a guest in the Milton and Sandra Bagwell home.

Greg Fuller, the son of

Nancy Fuller and Bruce Fuller, both of Dimmitt, recently captured the bull riding championship at the Snake River Stampede in Nampa, Idaho. Fuller topped the field with 169 points over two rounds and earned more than \$10,000.

He is a graduate of Dimmitt High School.

Early this summer, 23 Methodist youth and their sponsors were on a mission trip to San Antonio.

The youth director of First United Methodist Church, Doris Stephen, shared this

story:

The group worked out of the Travis Park United Methodist Church, where they cooked and served meals to the homeless that congregate around the downtown church.

They worked at the San Antonio Food Bank, the Jefferson Thriftshop, the Daily Bread Ministries and the Corazon Day Ministry.

The Dimmitt people participated in the mobile feeding unit that fed the hungry and homeless under

the Commerce Bridge.

Doris said, "None of us will ever be the same after seeing so many people who needed help."

Their trip wasn't all work. On the way home, they enjoyed a day at the amusement water park, Schlitterbahn.

Tommie Sue Petty has recently returned from a trip to the Bahama Islands. Tommie and her daughter Jeanne Petty White and Jeanne's family were a part

of the 21 people who flew to the Bahamas for the wedding of Tommy Sue's grandson, Eric White and his bride, Christina Carter of Amarillo.

Besides enjoying the wedding and the beauty of the islands, the group had fun snorkeling, para sailing and swimming.

Tommie Sue said, "We got home just in time for the harvesting and freezing corn. Tommie's daughter, Sherlon Petty Dyer of Waco, came to

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Hispanic Voice

with Angie Arguijo, 647-0106

Como han estado todos? How has everyone been? Well, last week was a long

and hard week for the Arguijo family, but with God's help we made it

through.

During hard times like it is so important to know that we are not alone. Several families and businesses came by Celia Arguijo's (David's wife) home with food, supplies and flowers. Then, family members and friends stayed late to help tidy up Celia's home and the Senior Citizen's building after guests went home. Local churches and businesses have also helped the family out with money and school supplies for the children. Despite all of the material things that were given to the family, the most appreciated and most needed where the kind words, hugs and prayers that were offered. A simple hug can say a million and one words and warm up even the saddest heart. During a visit with one of David's younger boys, he said with a big smile on his face, "I am happy because all of these people are here to see us because of my dad." David's sons may be young, but they can see how much people cared about David and how much they care about them. It is so important that the community keep the family in your prayers and offer a helping hand when it is possible.

Well, along with all of the

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with Vergie Gerber, 945-2669

The Altar Servers Appreciation picnic at Wonderland Park, held Sunday, July 31, was enjoyed by 38 grade and high-school kids! They enjoyed hamburgers and hot dogs and later a handy ice cream truck! Knights of Columbus members, Parish Council members and Catholic Life Insurance sponsored the event. Twelve adults went with the group and helped everything run smoothly!

Family and friends enjoyed having Jay and Sandy Brockman and granddaughter Mimi of Houston spend a couple of weeks here in Vic Brockman's apartment. We would have liked for Vic to have been here with them!

Many family members and friends gathered at Holy Family Church on Saturday evening to attend the marriage of Bridget Hochstein and Chad Ford with Father Ken Keller officiating. Reception and dinner followed at the Community Hall.

Many enjoyed the "Greater

Nazareth Appreciation Night" held Friday evening with a concert at Holy Family Park featuring Cami Stinson and the Round

Town Riot (Western Swing band from Stillwater, Okla.). This event was to celebrate the fine work we have

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accomplished together. A fun evening.

Forty some members of the Albert Gerber family gathered at beautiful Lake Kemp, near Seamore, this past weekend for our annual Gerber reunion. The lake was smooth as glass, just ready for boating, skiing, tubing and ski jets. I enjoyed watching my great-grandchildren learn to ski and knee board. Everyone had a great time - if they didn't, it was their own fault!

Always plenty of good food and after dark many enjoyed the competition of a washer pitching game that Harold Gerber made and brought from Lake Ivie as well as several table of cards.

Saturday evening, Kevin Gerber was given a surprise birthday cake with 50 blazing candles on it! Fun gifts and cards. Fun cards were also given to Gene Gerber of Keller, whose birthday was Sunday at the lake.

We all enjoyed good friends, Clyde and Lisa Schulte, who joined us this year and Terrence, Jessica, Quinton Jones and Anos!

Five couples recently enjoyed a five-day getaway to Cabo San Lucas, Mex. The group stayed at the Rui Palace, which is an all-inclusive resort located on the beach of the Sea of Cortez.

While in Cabo, everyone enjoyed snorkeling, shopping, golf, walking on the beach and hanging out at the swim-up bars. The food and drinks at the resort were outstanding and well consumed. Those who made the trip were Darrin and Jennifer Heiman, Marvin and Gwen Schmucker and Chris

and Aimee Schmucker, who were all celebrating their 10-year anniversaries! Heath and Nicole Schulte and Todd and Misty Hill also joined in the celebration. A great time was had by all and ... WHAT HAPPENS IN MEXICO - STAYS IN MEXICO!!! - a Darrin Heiman quote!

Tammy Drerup spent a week here visiting with her mon and dad, Joe and Imogene and Kim and Tracy's family. She enjoyed getting to babysit with Treva, Tyler and Tagan Ramsey.

Tammy and Dr. Kelly Blevins (the doctor she works for) were featured on the front page of the Houston Chronicle under the heading of: Are Our Hospitals making us Sick? They were performing hip replacement surgery and were wearing suits designed to prevent spreading infections.

Please remember to pray for all who are on our prayer line and those who are serving in our Armed Forces in Iraq. New ones this week are Tess Birkenfeld, daughter of Wayne and Lynn Birkenfeld and Joshua Gary, 12-year-old son of Carol (Drerup) and John Gary.

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sadness of this past week, I have to admit, there have been some happy times. It is always nice to see all of your family members whom you haven't seen in years. We had family come in from California, Florida and New Mexico. Many of them, I hadn't met, but in no time, they made me feel like I had known them forever. You wouldn't even begin to imagine how huge the Arguijo family is. It's really unbelievable.

Now, to change the subject, I received a letter from Samantha and Amanda Reyes, daughters of Gabriel Reyes of Imortal. The girls live in Grand Prairie and come to visit on July 2 and have been here all summer. They say they have had a blast with their dad and their Wella (grandma) Juanita Reyes. They say the weather is really kind of nice here compared to the unbearable heat in Grand Prairie. The girls say that they spent many Friday evenings playing Bingo with their Wella. They say that they can't believe how much fun Bingo really is, they really enjoyed it. Samantha and Amanda also had a chance to spend time with their Tia Gina Martinez and their Grandma Maria Triana. The only thing the girls wish they would have done more of is spend time with their dad, Gabriel. They hadn't spent time with him in a long time, so they took advantage of it. They all had a chance to get in a few games of basketball, go dancing and just enjoyed each other's company. They mentioned they may even have a good-bye cookout before they head back home to Grand Prairie. The girls say that they have really had so much fun that they hope that they can come back soon to visit with their dad and the rest of the family. Samantha and Amanda hope that their dad is reading this article and realizes how much they both love and miss him. They want to thank him for everything and remind him to keep his head up and never give up on anything. They want to promise him to come back soon and see him again. Samantha and Amanda also want to thank their dad for a GREAT summer.

Monica Dozal and several other Seniors at DHS recently spent a week at PALS training camp. The students attend the training to help prepare them with what they will be facing once the school year begins. The students will be paired up with younger students and offer them emotional, educational and any other

support that they may need. PALS are chosen to participate in the program base on their own leadership and personal skills. They are involved in several activities throughout the year which help not only get to know others better, but they will find things about themselves they never knew. Good luck to the 2006 PALS.

Bueno, esto es todo para esta semana. Okay, that's all for this week. I ask that everyone continue to keep the Arguijo family in your prayers and offer your support. I hope to hear about everyone's summer vacations soon. No se olviden de mandarme el chisme a angie79027@hotmail.com, 647-0106 o 346-3882. Hasta luego.

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The Castro County News invites your news of weddings, engagements, showers, anniversaries and births. In order to be fair to everyone, we must limit the amount of space for certain events.

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- I am on a Relay Team. Team Name: _____
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First Baptist plans Annual Picnic

First Baptist Church is hosting their Annual Picnic on Sunday, August 21 beginning at 6PM. Special guest will be Matt Ray, area horse trainer with Round Pen Ministries of Lubbock.

Round Pen Ministries is an illustration of glorifying the Lord in all we do. (1 Cor. 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.) After much prayer and totally submitting himself to the Lord, Matt's prayer "What do you want of my life?", was answered. (Mat. 11:28 Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.)

There was no question the Lord had influenced his life through horses and horsemen. With his background, it seemed very apparent the Lord wanted him to train horses. He began an independent study of other trainers and their methods to increase his knowledge. With 20 years experience with horses and in horsemanship as a background, the Lord laid upon his heart to glorify Him and turn his work into a ministry. All the time through walking with the Lord and surround himself with wise Christian counsel, the Lord showed many ways in which our walk with Him is very similar to the relationship between horse and rider. Matt is not a preacher. He is a Christian horse trainer trying to glorify God in all that he does.

TOP OF TEXAS will provide the entertainment. Top of Texas has been providing entertainment in the Amarillo area since 1998 and members of the quartet are Richard Bean, bass; Terry Davis, baritone; Kaleb Wallace, tenor; and Wyley Chaney.

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CHURCH NEWS



Rock of Ages

We have a song in our song book that refers to the "Rock of Ages." It has proven to be a favorite of millions who sing it over and over. It offers so much comfort and hope. It says there is a refuge to which we can fly when sorrows and burdens seem to crush the

very life out of us. He is a rock that gives support. The stone which the builders rejected, the same is made the cornerstone. Paul would reinforce this by statements as, "For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus

Christ" (1 Corinthians 3:11). That means that we can feel secure when our hope rests upon Christ and what He has to say. I don't have to wonder whether or not it is true. It is right and can't be wrong.

He is the rock that shelters. Did not Isaiah speak of a good man being "the shadow of a great rock in a weary land" (Isaiah

32:37).

Have not many men found refuge under a rock in the middle of a storm? Haven't rock ledges been the shelter from the pelting rain? Isn't it in Christ that we find the shelter we need when the threat of



Brett Page

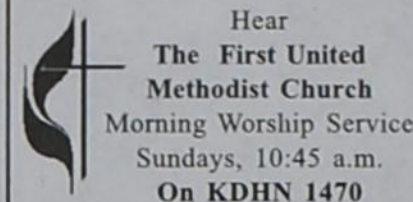
storms come our way? Remember that He would cover the children of Jerusalem under His wings as a hen does her chicks. In Him they would have found shelter.

He is the rock that offers security. David often said, "The Lord is my rock, and my fortress." His position in and on the rock would surely offer the security that

he would need. This would give him the advantage of higher ground.

He is the rock that causes some to stumble. Some have real difficulty. They can not

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Castro County Devotional Page

Facts About The BIBLE BY JOHN LEHTI

A CASE OF "WOMENS LIB" OVER THREE THOUSAND YEARS OLD!

IT IS RECORDED IN JUDGES, CHAPTERS 4+5 THAT DEBORAH (CIRCA 1296 B.C.)... THE WIFE OF LAPIDOTH, JUDGED ISRAEL AT THAT TIME. THIS WAS BEFORE THE ADVENT OF KINGS. WHOEVER JUDGED ISRAEL WAS ACCREDITED LEADER OF ALL THE PEOPLE. DURING THIS PERIOD, THE ISRAELITES WERE BEING SEVERELY PERSECUTED BY A CANAANITE KING, NAMED JABIN, AND THEY APPEALED TO DEBORAH TO RID THEM OF HIS DOMINATION....



... DEBORAH APPOINTED A MAN OF GREAT VALOR, BARAK, TO LEAD TEN THOUSAND ISRAELITES AGAINST THE VAUNTED ARMY OF SISERA, KING JABIN'S GENERAL, WHO HAD NINE HUNDRED CHARIOTS OF IRON! BARAK, KNOWING DEBORAH ALSO AS A GREAT PROPHETESS AND SEER, INSISTED SHE BE WITH HIM ON THE FIELD OF BATTLE AND BECAUSE OF THIS, SHE SAID THAT SISERA WOULD DIE BY A WOMAN'S HAND AND NOT BY A MAN'S... FOLLOWING DEBORAH'S ADVICE, BARAK ATTACKED THE CANAANITES FROM THE HEIGHTS OF MT. TABOR, DRIVING SISERA'S ARMY HARD AGAINST THE BANKS OF THE KISHON RIVER, WHERE HIS CHARIOTS COULD NOT MANEUVER AND, IN FACT, WHERE MANY OF THEM BOGGED DOWN AND WERE SWEEPED AWAY BY THE WATERS, GIVING ISRAEL A GREAT VICTORY!



THE GENERAL, SISERA, ESCAPED FROM THE BATTLE AND SOUGHT REFUGE BY HIDING IN THE TENT OF HEBER, THE KENITE. HERE, HEBER'S WIFE, Jael, SLEW HIM WHILE HE SLEPT— THUS FULFILLING DEBORAH'S PROPHECY AND PLACING HER NAME NEXT DEBORAH'S AS THE TWO PERSONS MOST RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CRUSHING DEFEAT OF THE CANAANITES!



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Baptist youth make mission trips



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Above, right, the group dedicates the house they built in Mexico. Center, the family for whom they built a home. Bottom, right, a group shot.



Group builds home for family on mission trip to Mexico

A group of 13 from Dimmitt recently went to Juarez, Mexico to build a home for a family there, and to share the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The group consisted of Jason Stone, Wayland Hazel, Don Bell, Elaine Heard, Wayne Mohon, Jared Bell, Casey Maurer, Marcus Perez, Jordan Bell, Haley Heard, Michael Cline, Brandy Smith, and Sam Hazel.

The home was built in three days, and the work was very strenuous.

"We basically worked like dogs for three full

days, but we got it done," said Jason Stone.

On Monday night the ground was leveled and the cement was laid, while the walls were being put together.

On Tuesday morning the walls went up and the roof was put on, while the outside walls were put together with chicken wire.

The house was wired for electricity, even though electricity is not available in that part of Juarez yet.

On Wednesday, the insulation and dry wall went on the inside, and stucco on the outside.

On Thursday morning the finishing touches were made to the house.

So on Thursday it was dedicated to the Lord Jesus Christ, prayed over, and the keys were presented to the family.

"It was touching to see just how the family was blessed by our hard work," said Jared Bell.

"The mission trip overall was a huge success," said Jason Stone. "And while it was a lot of hard work, we all worked hard together and saw the LORD use us to help build His kingdom."



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Aug. 13	Slaton	Away	11 a.m.
Aug. 19	Roosevelt	Home	7:30 p.m.
Aug. 26	New Deal	Away	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 2	Farwell	Home	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	Abernathy	Away	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	Sundown	Home	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	Plains*	Home	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 30s	OPEN		
Oct. 7	Friona	Away	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	Olton	Home	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	Tulia	Away	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 28	Lockney**	Home	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 4	Floydada	Away	7:30 p.m.

* Homecoming
** Parents Night

2005 Nazareth Football Schedule

VARSITY

Aug. 18	Memphis (scr)	Away	6 p.m.
Aug. 26	Claude	Away	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 2	Anton	Home	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	Morton	Home	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	White Deer	Away	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	Clarendon**	Home	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	OPEN		
Oct. 7	Hart*	Away	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	Springlake-Earth*	Home	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	Farwell*	Away	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 28	Sudan*	Home	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 11	Bovina*	Away	7:30 p.m.

* District games
** Homecoming

Junior High

Sept. 8	Morton	Away	5 p.m.
Sept. 15	Amarillo San Jac	Home	5 p.m.
Sept. 22	OPEN		
Sept. 29	Bushland	Away	5 p.m.
Oct. 6	Hart	Home	5 p.m.
Oct. 13	Springlake-Earth	Away	5 p.m.
Oct. 20	Farwell	Home	5 p.m.
Oct. 27	Sudan	Away	5 p.m.
Nov. 3	Bovina	Home	5 p.m.

New text books are needed, they're here, they're just not paid for - yet

By **DIGGER ELAM**
HISD Superintendent

Will Texas public schools get new textbooks are not is the question being asked by the State Board of Education.

New textbooks for the coming 2005-2006 school year have been approved and have been printed.

These books sit in a warehouse in Austin waiting to be shipped to schools.

In fact these new textbooks represent about \$4 million dollars.

These books are for subject areas of health, music, physical education and foreign language.

Now you can see the issue.

These are not books that will affect TAKS scores.

TEA Chief Deputy Education Commissioner Robert Scott told members



Digger Elam

of the Senate that the state of Texas was no obligated to purchase any books even if the SBOE had adopted the books.

Of course the SBOE jumped on Scott for his remarks. Scott told members of the SBOE he was merely stating a legal issue and was not against purchasing the

textbooks.

Texas schools need math and science books that are aligned with the TEKS which is used in the TAKS test. Math books that are aligned are due to be published and sent out to schools for the 2006-2007 school year.

There is a push to do away with textbooks and to replace them with laptops.

What happens in a home where there are no electricity and phone jacks?

I think a district will have the option of textbooks or laptops.

My question is why do we need to spend a million dollars for PE books?

Reading about activities is not going to address the obesity question with our young students.

NISD menus

Thursday - Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, cereal. Lunch: Chicken nuggets, steak fingers, bread, salad, potatoes, peaches, Rice Krispie treats.

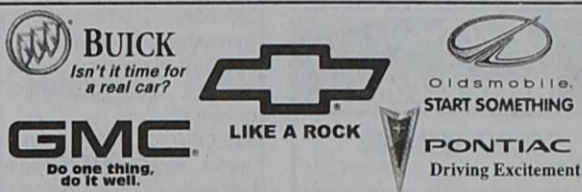
Friday - Breakfast: Sausage and pancake on stick, cereal. Lunch: Beef tacos, hamburgers and fries, lettuce, pinto beans, pears, brownies.

Monday - Breakfast: Banana loaf, cereal. Lunch: Chicken fried steak, pizza, salad, potatoes and gravy, fruit cocktail, peach cobbler.

Tuesday - Breakfast: French toast, sausage, cereal. Lunch: Pizza, chicken stir fry, tossed salad, peas, applesauce, gingerbread.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Breakfast pockets, cereal. Lunch: Corn dogs, chicken strips, tossed salad, chicken rice, peaches, strawberry shortcake.

Thursday - Breakfast: Cinnamon pastries, cereal. Lunch: Burritos, baked potatoes, tossed salad, corn, pears, peanut butter chews.



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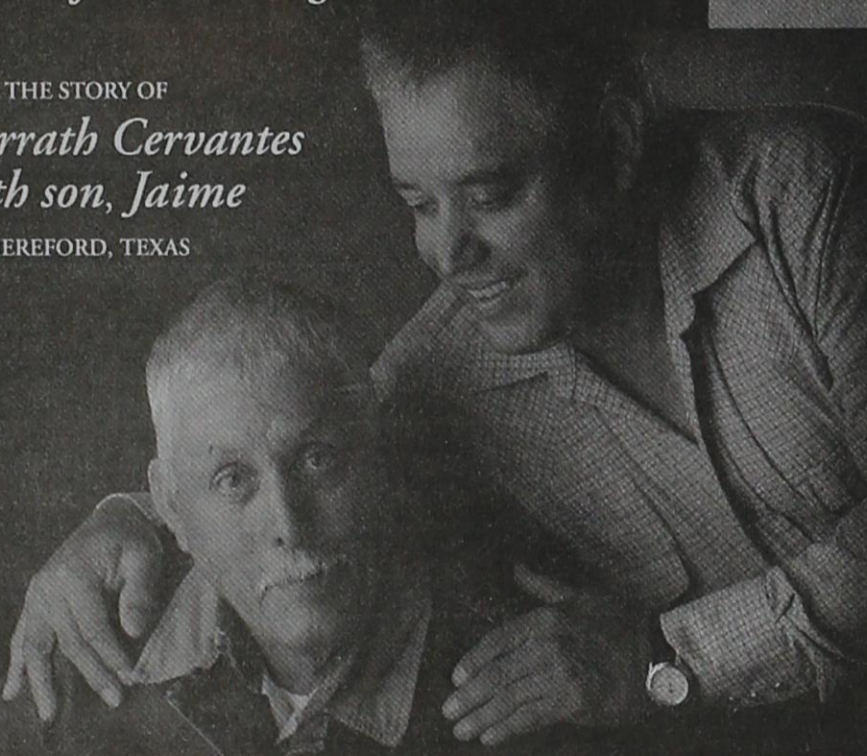
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Obituaries

RAY ETHRIDGE

Services for Ray Ethridge, 83, of Dimmitt, were Monday, Aug. 8, 2005, at Colonial Funeral Home Chapel in Dimmitt, with the Rev. James Hawthorne officiating. Burial was at the Bailey County Cemetery in Muleshoe at noon the same day. Mr. Ethridge died Friday, Aug. 5, 2005, in Dimmitt. He was born Jan. 21, 1922, in Belton.



Ray Ethridge

As a child, he lived throughout South Texas with his family. In 1943, he met Faye Sexton and they married on Sept. 29, 1945, in Belton. He was a long-time resident of Hart, until moving to Dimmitt in 1990. He spent most of his life farming in Castro and Swisher counties. He enjoyed being outside, playing dominoes and being surrounded by his family.

Survivors include his wife, Leta Faye Ethridge of Dimmitt; a brother, Ed of West; six sons, Clarence of Rowlett, Coy of Plainview, Roy of Colorado Springs, Colo., Johnny of Levelland, Jackie of Earth and Darrell of San Angelo; one

daughter, Neta Gore of Tulia; 18 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Ethridge was preceded in death by his parents, John and Mary Hanzel Ethridge; four brothers, Buster, Vernie, J.R. and Marvin; and five sisters, Ola May, Velma, Ester, Lillian and Fay.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to Hospice Cares of Dimmitt.

Memorials may be made to the Lee Street Baptist Church, 410 SW 2nd, Dimmitt, TX. 79027.



RICHARD RIVERA SR.

Services for Richard Rivera Sr., 78, were at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 10, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt with the Revs. Lupe Mayorga and Ken Keller officiating. Burial was at Castro Memorial Garden Cemetery in Dimmitt.

Mr. Rivera died Saturday, Aug. 6, 2005, in Dimmitt. He was born April 3, 1927, in Sulfur, Okla.

Survivors include his wife, Mary of Dimmitt; three sons, Richard Rivera

Jr. of Plainview, Henry Rivera of Dimmitt and Edward Rivera of Seguin; five brothers, Cecil and Thomas Rivera, both of Lubbock, John Rivera of Lawton, Okla., Ray Rivera of Germany and Roland Rivera of Corpus Christi; two sisters, Mary Castillo of Midland and Rosa Gonzalez of Hamlin; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.



ON THE GO

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the Petty farm to help gather and preserve the bountiful supply of corn.

It's an annual affair at the Petty farm when the family gleans the family garden and preserves the food.

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Jason directed these teenagers in several skits. Sam and Jon Hazel, Anthony Enriquez, Chauncy Gilbreath, Brittany Allen, Brittany Sanchez, Michael Cline, Caleb Snitker and Terin Ross.

The following Wednesday night, the group plus Jamal Denman, Kalan Steinle, Ashley Hardage and Cailee Gilbreath led the youth worship time at the College Heights Baptist Church in Plainview.

They presented their skits. Elaine Hazel was the adult sponsor.

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Hereford, Texas 79045
Convicted of Attempted Sexual Assault
The victim was a 28 year old female
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Nombre:
George Gregory Stanley, un hombre de 38 anos de edad
Direccion: 420 CR 509
Hereford, Texas 79045
Declarado culpable de Intento Asalto Sexual
La victima fue una nina de 28 anos de edad

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Community Calendar

Booster Club meetings on Mondays

The Dimmitt Athletic Booster Club will meet every Monday evening at 7 p.m. at the High School Cafeteria. ***

Kindergarten special release times

Kindergarten Students will be released at noon for the first week of school, Aug. 15-19. Parents that are unable to pick students up at noon can

make arrangements with the office to pick students up at the regular release time of 3:45 p.m. and buses will run at that time.

Regular release time of 3:45 p.m. for kindergarten will resume on Aug. 22.

If you have questions or concerns please call Richardson Elementary 647-413, Doricell Davis, Principal ***

Relay for Life is Saturday

The 2005 Castro County Relay For Life is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 13 with registration and pictures beginning at 5:30 p.m. It will end around midnight at Dimmitt Bobcat Stadium.

The theme for the upcoming event will be Survivor II, a follow-up of last year's canceled event, and will allow teams to use decorations left from last year. A costume and tent decorating contest will be held again this year with prizes being awarded to the winners. The featured entertainment for the event will be karaoke, with local performers as well.

Many games are being planned for the event, including horseshoes, basketball throws, rock climbing and possibly a bicycle race.

For more information on the relay, contact Camille Williams at 647-2974 or Karron Smith at 647-1066

Rent a Scout for Relay

The Dimmitt Girl Scouts will once again be renting a scout for those who are unable to attend, who can't walk or would like a lap to be walked in honor or memory of a loved one. A certificate with the person's name who is being honored will be carried around the track and be available for pick up at the Girl Scout tent throughout the night. Any amount of donation to the American Cancer Society will be accepted for the Relay rent-a-scout.

For more information on renting a Girl Scout during the 2005 Relay For Life contact Sharon at 647-3491 or Kristie at 685-1463. ***

New schedule at Richardson

Richardson Elementary will observe a new schedule for this school year. Classes will begin at 8 a.m. and dismissal will be at 4 p.m.

The students will be allowed to go to the cafeteria and say until they are dismissed at 7:50 a.m. to the classroom. A tardy bell will ring at 8 a.m. and students are required to be in their classroom at that time. All students will be dismissed at the new time of 4 p.m.

Parents are urged to help with the transition by making sure students are in attendance at the proper

times.

DMS schedule revision

Dimmitt Middle School will observe a new schedule for the 2005-2006 school year.

The first bell will ring at 7:50 a.m. and students will be allowed in the building at that time to go to their classes. Students will not be allowed in the building before 7:50 a.m. The tardy bell will ring at 8 a.m. and students will be required to be in their classroom at that time. From 8-8:10 a.m., we will have the pledges and announcements and the first period will begin at 8:10 a.m.

We will conclude the day at 4 p.m.

We urge all parents of middle school students to be aware of this new schedule and to ensure that their children are in attendance at the proper times. ***

Regional alfalfa workshop

Texas A&M and New Mexico State are partnering for an alfalfa production workshop to be held in Muleshoe on Aug. 12. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. at the Bailey County Coliseum on West U.S. 84 in Muleshoe. Program topics include alfalfa production, Roundup Ready alfalfa and general weed control, variety selection and a field visit to discuss insects and alfalfa management. The program will be jointly

conducted by staff from the two schools. Lunch is included in the \$10 registration fee and the program will conclude before 1 p.m. To pre-register for the meal or for further information, contact Curtis Preston, Bailey County Agriculture Agent, at (806) 272-4583. 2.5 CEUs have been requested for both New Mexico and Texas producers. ***

Sorghum field day is Aug. 30

AMARILLO - Several years of research on forage sorghum silage production and grazing sorghum sudan grass hybrids will be discussed at an Aug. 30 field day sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. The field day will be east of Amarillo at the Experiment Station's J.E. Bush Farm, 1.5 miles north of Bushland. It will start at 9:30 a.m. and conclude by 11:30 a.m.

"With the dairies coming in and the silage needs they have, forage sorghums are more water efficient than corn," said Dr. Brent Bean, Extension agronomist in Amarillo. "Some of these new forage sorghums are higher in quality than what were previously being planted." Bean, Dr. Ted McCollum, Extension beef cattle specialist, and doctorate student Kim McCuiston will present information on their latest studies. Participants will have the opportunity to view more than 80 sorghum varieties, including brown mid-rib, photoperiod sensitive, conventional forage sorghum and sorghum-sudangrass hybrids. Pros and cons of the different types of varieties will be discussed, as well as seeding rates, fertilizer requirements, water use, yield expectation and forage quality. Discussion of grazing of sorghum sudangrass will include presentations on cattle weight gain from brown mid-rib, conventional and photo period sensitive hybrids. Strategies for maximizing cattle performance will be included in the presentations. For more information contact Bean or McCollum at (806) 677-5600, or by e-mail at b-bean@tamu.edu or t-mccollum@tamu.edu.

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Cargill, seeking to recoup tax abatements that local officials feel Cargill should repay.

"There's about \$5 million to be re-couped and this district would get \$2.4 to \$2.6 million of that," he said. "We're going to have to be the one that goes forward; the other taxing entities will follow."

In other business, trustees:

* Heard that the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) was released and DISD received a Superior Achievement rating for the third year in a row.

* Heard that Texas Education Agency Accountability Ratings were released. Overall, DISD was rated Academically Acceptable. Richardson Elementary was a Recognized school, while Dimmitt Middle and High schools were rated Academically Acceptable.

* Approved a local fraud policy. Although a number of policies were already in place, Miller said this step combined all the policies into one cohesive contract.

* Approved a contract with the Texas Association of School Boards for unemployment insurance for approximately \$5,000.

* Approved a policy for overtime compensation for at-will employees. All hours over 40 per week must be pre-approved by the employee's immediate supervisor. No compensation will be allowed for time not approved. Comp time may be accrued for a maximum of two days (16 hours) at a time and must be used within an agreed upon time by the employee's immediate supervisor. No additional comp time may be accrued prior to using the comp time already described. All overtime above the accrued comp time will be paid at time and one-half the employee's written regular wage, with written approval of the employee's immediate supervisor.

* Set Aug. 29, noon, for a hearing on a proposed tax rate and also to approve that rate.

* Tentatively set the tax rate for the coming year at \$1.50 per \$100, which is the same as last year's rate and the maximum allowed.

* Accepted the resignation of Cindy Bain and hired Jennifer Wootton to teach fourth grade.

* Accepted a bid from West Texas Gas for fuel for the coming year. The district will get the fuel at three-cents below pump prices, as well as not having to pay state, federal and road taxes.

* Agreed to go back and seek bids for janitorial supplies, since only one bid was submitted.

* Appointed Barbara Bain as the district's representative at the TASB/TASA Delegate Assembly. Mary Helen Flores was named alternate.

Card of Thanks

To all our friends and family- We would like to thank you for all your kindness during the loss of our son, brother, and friend - Jose Arthur Garcia Jr. Your prayers, cards, visits, food and condolences were of great comfort to us. May God bless each of you for your gift of friendship and love. This is a great community to live in. Jose & Lucia Garcia & family Tarjeta de Accion de Gracias!!! A todos nuestros amigos y familiares, Deseamos darles las mas sinceras gracias por todos sus actos de caridad, que demostraron durante la perdida de nuestro hijo, hermano y amigo, José Arturo García Jr. Sus oraciones, tarjetas, visitas, comida y condolencias fueron muy agradables. Que Dios los bendiga. Esta comunidad en donde vivimos es maravillosa. Gracias, La familia de José y Lucia García.



Kids Making Money!



I love to cook, so I am baking cakes and cookies.

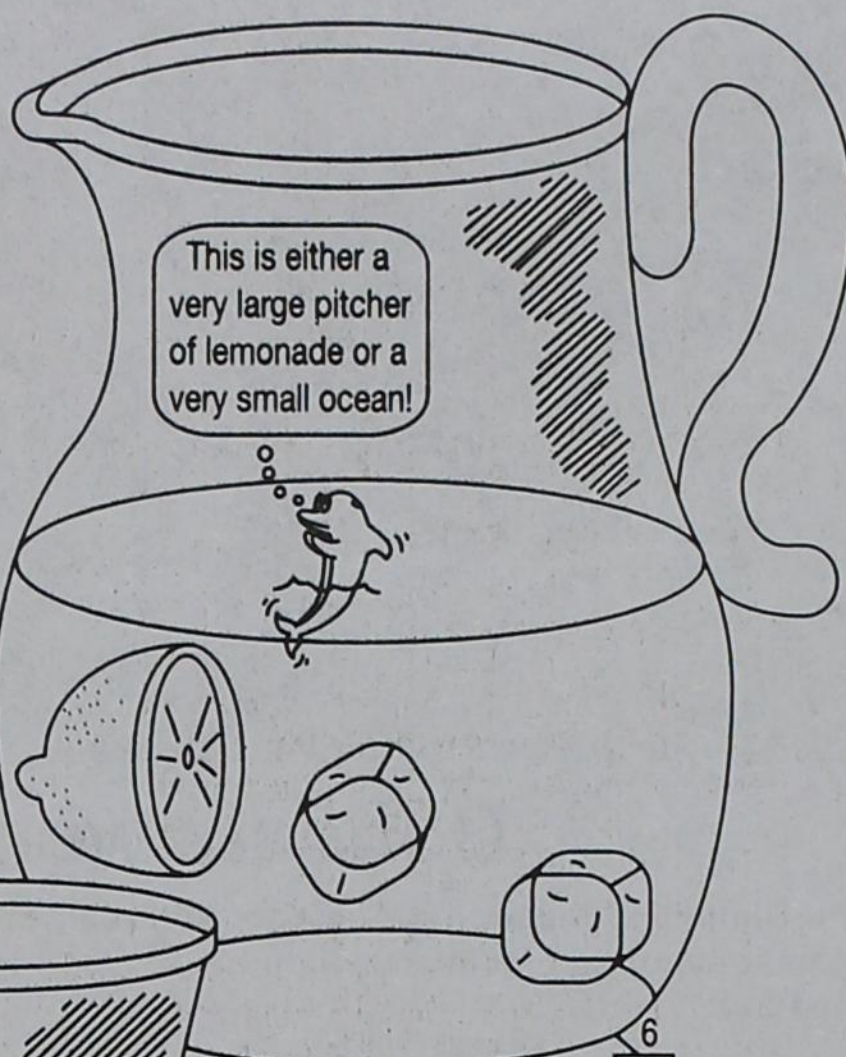
Last week, I helped my neighbor arrange platters of food for her party and helped to clean up afterward.

How do you get "spending money?" Do you get an allowance back in on work to from your parents? Do you lay waiting for gifts of money to roll your birthday? Maybe you earn your cash!

Lots of kids find jobs to make extra money. Your first and most important job is to take care of yourself. Working for extra money should come only after school work and chores at home are done.

After you see how much free time you have for working, think about what you would enjoy doing. Talk to your parents about your ideas. They need to know about and "okay" anything you decide to do. They can help you with any money questions you have: what amount to charge for a job or taxes you might have to pay. Perhaps they will even lend you

money to get your business going. Don't forget to offer to pay them back for any gas they use driving you or for phone calls you make. Check out your school or local library for books that give information, tips and ideas to kids who want to earn money.



This is either a very large pitcher of lemonade or a very small ocean!



Here are some ideas to get you started:

1. collect, return empty _____, bottles for deposits (relatives or friends might save them for you)
2. care for younger _____ (courses are now offered to help you prepare for this task)
3. wash and wax a _____
4. be a party _____, setting up, cleaning up
5. pick strawberries, _____, apples
6. buy and sell small _____ favors, wrapped candies
7. rake or mow _____
8. help clean out _____, attics, basements
9. sell old _____, books, lemonade at a tag sale, flea market
10. run errands, do _____
11. shovel _____
12. sell something you _____: cards, plastic creatures
13. deliver _____, flowers, balloons
14. walk, feed, care for _____
15. sell something you grow: _____, plants

When I dig tunnels all day, I work up a big appetite. I want food for my pay!

Do you know that ants are very hard workers?

Signs of Selling and Saving!

Signs, flyers, phone calls and talking to people in person are all ways to "sell" your business. Here are some business words. Find and circle them:

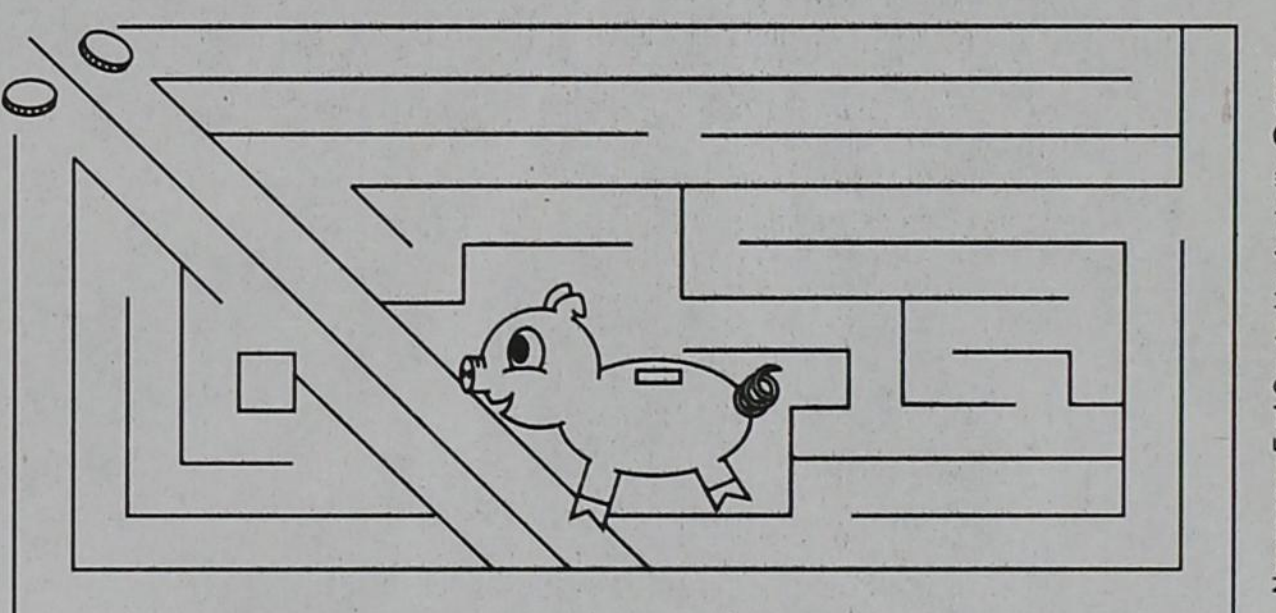
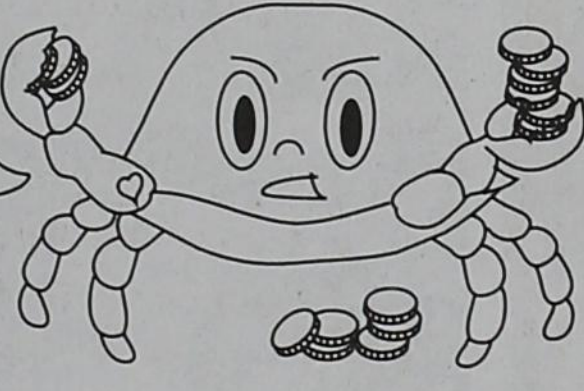
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bank money call dollars cost work change cents

The word "making" ends with the suffix "ing," which shows ongoing action. Can you find and circle at least 10 words that end in "ing?"

Going to the Bank!

Roll each hard-earned coin a different way into your piggy bank!

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Castro, County, Texas
LOCATION OF ESTRAY UNTIL DISPOSITION: Genesis Feedyard
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Hereford, TX. 79045
DESCRIPTION OF THE ESTRAY:
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Color: Yellow with white face
Sex: Male
Age: Unknown
Size: 500-600 pounds
Markings: None
Other Identifying Characteristics:
Yellow ear tag in right ear with #49
The owner of said estray may recover possession of same by providing the sheriff of Castro County, Texas, with an Affidavit of Ownership of Estray and payment of the estray handling fees incurred.
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Castro County, Texas
By Glen Snitker, Deputy

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Almost time



Bobcats work out

The Dimmitt Bobcats get down to work earlier this week as their scrimmage against Slaton, set for 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, looms. For a complete schedule, see Page 7.



Preparing for Memphis

The Nazareth Swifts run some plays earlier in the week as they prepare for their first action of the year, set for Friday, Aug. 18, at 6 p.m., a scrimmage in Memphis. For a complete schedule, see Page 7.



Bobbies prepare for season

THESE BOBBIES get busy setting up the volleyball net as practice started Aug. 1 for the team, which is in its second year. Last year's team had an improved record over the first year and predictions are this year's team will do even better. Their next game is Aug. 20 in Tulia. On Aug. 23, they'll travel to Highland Park for JV and varsity games starting at 5 p.m. On Aug. 26-27, they'll play in the San Jacinto Tournament. On Aug. 30, they'll travel to Friona for JV and varsity games, starting at 5 p.m. Their first home game will be Sept. 10 at with JV and varsity games starting at 11 a.m. and hosting Tulia.

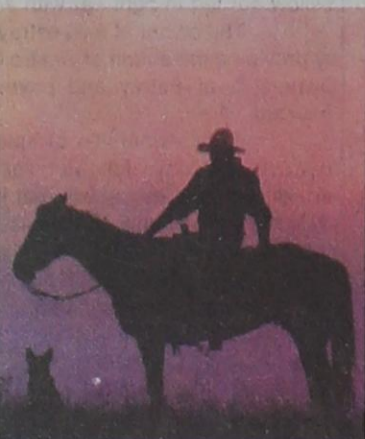
First Baptist Annual Picnic

Sunday, August 21, 2005
6:00 p.m.

Special guest will be Matt Ray, area horse trainer with Round Pen Ministries of Lubbock.

TOP OF TEXAS will provide the entertainment. Top of Texas has been providing entertainment in the Amarillo area since 1998 and members of the quartet are Richard Bean, bass; Terry Davis, baritone; Kaleb Wallace, tenor; and Wyley Chaney, sings lead.

The deacons of First Baptist Church will be preparing and serving hamburgers. **Everyone is invited!**



Students honored

The DISD board of trustees presented these three students, Kristin McClure, Layne Penney and Elias Zepeda, all 2005 graduates of Dimmitt High School, and their math teacher, Lisa Gunstream, with certificates honoring the students for passing the Advanced Placement Math Test. This test, which is a nationwide test, allows students to receive college hours, depending on the score and which college they're attending. Scores range from 3 to 5, with 5 being a perfect score. Penney scored a 5.

Community Calendar

Multi-class DHS reunion set for Sept. 16-17

The multi-class reunion of former DHS students will be the weekend of Sept. 16 and 17 in Amarillo at the Fifth Seasons Inn.

We have coordinators for the classes up through 1960. We need to contact people of the graduating classes of 1961 through 1965. If you

know of someone who graduated from these classes, contact Lewis Martin at 4904 Harvard, Amarillo, TX 79109 or call at (806) 355-7977 or e-mail at lk martin@cox.net. If you are from a younger class and you or your class might be interested in joining the fun and fellowship with the older graduates, please contact Marti for more information. All former students and/or guests are welcome.

Early Childhood Screening

The Castro County Comprehensive Education SSA provides education for children ages three, four and five, who have problems in the areas of communication skills, concept development, and gross and/or fine motor skills. Also, programming for children with vision or hearing disabilities is available.

Any child from birth through age 21 suspected of having a disability should be referred to the special education office for individual evaluation as soon as possible.

Parent or other interested individuals are urged to contact the special education office at 608 W. Halsell, Dimmitt, TX or phone (806) 647-3103 to schedule an appointment or for more information.

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Cualquier nino del nacimiento a la edad de 21 anos sospechado de tener una Inhabilidad debe ser referido a la oficina de la educacion especial para la evaluacion individual lo mas pronto posible.

Padres o otros individuos interesados se les urgen que se pongan en contacto con la oficina de educacion especial por la calle 608 W. Halsell, Dimmitt, TX o por telefono (806) 647-3103 para sentar una cita o para mas informacion.

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First United Methodist marks 100 years

Volunteers through the years have been faithful in recording the written history, compiling scrapbooks and photo albums, and preserving the records of the First United Methodist Church. Today the church maintains a "history room" on the second floor of the south education wing.

For the convenience of the public, much of this memorabilia will be on display in the church parlor (behind the sanctuary) during the four-day centennial celebration Aug. 18-21.

Here is the history of the church, as compiled by those volunteers:

1891 - 1957

By MARGARET WILSON
(Mrs. Raymond Wilson)

The first record we have of any church organization in Dimmitt was 1891. At this time there was a union church, made up of Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist faiths. There was no church building during those years, so the congregation met in homes (probably the B. T. Bell home, mainly) and in the public school building. This union lasted until 1905.

The first Sunday School was organized in 1898. Mrs. Judge Kerr was the organizer and the first superintendent of it; there were 44 enrolled.

The Union Church

In 1905 the little white church known as the Union Church was built. To begin with, every man in the county was asked to assist in building the church. The labor

To Whom it May Concern:

We received your kind invitation to attend the 100th Anniversary Celebration of The First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt. We are sorry we cannot attend.

We moved to Dimmitt in 1945 as County Agriculture Agent and lived there until 1951. We were active in Church and Sunday School and will always remember the good people of Dimmitt. In addition to many other things I well remember when the New Church was finished. It was my privilege to have served on the Official Board and I believe my name is on the Corner Stone.

On June 26th, 2005 Mary and I celebrated our 67th Wedding Anniversary. Also our children gave me a 90th Birthday celebration in August 2004.

Mary is a resident of the Rehab Center at Carrillon House in Lubbock and on June 16th, 2005 I moved in there also. Thanks for the memories.

Raymond and Mary King

(An excerpt from a letter of Raymond King)

NAMES ON THE CHURCH CORNER STONE

RAY SHEFFY, R.E. WILSON, J.W. NICHOLS, J.C. GILBREATH, L.A. HUDSON, D. NEUMAYER, LOUIE ALLEN, ROBERT LANE, GEORGE WEBB, T.E. HARRISON, J.W. BENSON, JOHN BLAINE, R.L. KING AND PERCY ESTES.



FIRST PASTOR of the Dimmitt Methodist Church when it was established in 1905 was Rev. Victor H. Trammell, shown here with his wife, Mary. Rev. Trammell is believed to have been the town's only resident pastor at the time, and early records indicate that he and his wife were provided with the town's only parsonage in 1906. Dimmitt's first church building, constructed by volunteers in 1905, was financed by the Presbyterians and served several denominations; it was located where the First United Methodist Church now stands.

was donated, and those who couldn't help with labor gave money. Lumber was freighted free from Hereford by different members, using wagons and mules.

They worshiped in this church about three years while it was unpainted and unpapered, then decided to paint and paper it by borrowing money on the building and property. The only denomination that had the financial setup to loan the money was the Presbyterian. They borrowed \$350 for this project. So, from the time the loan was made about 1908, it was referred to as the Presbyterian Church.

As time went on, the entire community paid off the note, but it was always known as the Presbyterian Church. When the Methodists bought it, they paid the State Presbytery for it.

The old-timers think that Rev. C. A. Clark of Hereford organized the first Methodist Church in Dimmitt. The Methodists held services two Sundays each month, with the Presbyterians and Baptists each holding Sunday services once a month.

Church history

First parsonage was valued at \$450

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Original Members

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hastings were at that time members of the Methodist Church in the Lakeview community, between Tulia and Dimmitt. They moved their membership here, where Mrs. Sallie E. Ramey (mother) and Mrs. Etta Brashears, and Mr. and Mrs. John Smith were charter members. Mrs. Percy Estes and Mrs. Effie Jacobs moved their membership here during 1906 under Rev. U. H. Trammel. Mrs. Etta Brashears was the only member of the church who had never had her membership in any other church.

Although we have no records for 1905, 1906, or 1907, the old-timers are positive that a Methodist parsonage was furnished in 1906 for Brother Trammel. During this time, the Methodist Church was the only church in Dimmitt that had a resident pastor.

From Conference minutes of Rev. W. P. Edwards, who followed Rev. Trammel, we found statements dated Oct. 21, 1908, as follows: "There is one church building and one parsonage in Dimmitt. \$108 has been paid on the parsonage this year in the way of improvements and furnishings. The parsonage is valued at \$450 and the deed is recorded in both Castro and Swisher Counties, which is somewhat confusing to us." It is to be surmised that Happy, in Swisher County, was a charge of Dimmitt, or possibly at one time Dimmitt was a charge of Happy.

This parsonage was situated near the northwest corner of the town section, as the nearest windmill was at the residence of S. J. Vaden, an early member of this church. This site is (as of the time of this writing in 1957) the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Youts.

Rev. G. H. Bryant followed Rev. Edwards to Dimmitt. He moved his family here in November 1908. Rev. G. S. Hardy was the Presiding Elder of this district at this time. Mr. and Mrs. John Smith were among the first who served as church secretaries. Others were Bob Hastings, C. W. Mick, B. G. Ramey, D. C. Younger and Dr. M. M. Landrum.

Rev. J. T. Ross came to Dimmitt in 1910. Revs. Trammel, Edwards and Bryant served all charges of the Dimmitt circuit, with Rev. Ross serving some additional charges. These were Parrott (later Jumbo), and Big Square.

Ministers who served in the original Presbyterian Church building following Brother Ross were J. A. Smith, 1914; B. T. Sharp, 1915; W. L. Lightfoot, 1917; Preston Forence, 1919-21; L. R. Fee, Rev. McNeely, G. R. Fort, 1921; H. K. Monroe, W. U. Coughran, 1925; Eugene Naugle, 1926.

The old Presbyterian Church, which stood where our church now stands, was used by all denominations until 1928. On Easter Sunday 1946 it burned. It was then in use by the Assembly of God congregation.

The Basement Church

In 1928, under the ministry of Rev. J. R. Bright, the "basement church" which is



THIS WAS THE first church in Dimmitt and it was used by the Methodists, Baptists and Presbyterians. It was called the Union Church and built in 1905.

now the Masonic Lodge hall, was built by the Methodists. This building is at the corner of Northwest Third & Etter.

Dimmitt continued to be part of a circuit ministry until the year 1930, when we became a "station" with Rev. J. R. Bright as the first full-time pastor. A parsonage was built for the new circuit pastor, Rev. Peters.

During the basement church years, which were the Depression years, we had the following pastors: Sam A. Thomas, 1930-32; Alfred Freeman, 1932-34; Joe Strothers, 1934-36; O. M. Addison, 1936-37; R. L. Butler, 1937-39; Wallace Rosenberg, 1939-40; Melvin Rankin, 1940-42; U. S. Sherrill, 1942-47; and Horace Brooks, 1947-50.

The Present Sanctuary

A building fund for the beautiful church we have today was started one Sunday morning when Betty Hastings, who was then 9 or 10 years old, went up to Brother R. L. Butler as he made the call for members and, handing him a nickel, told him she wanted to start a church building fund. The idea began to grow, and several thousand dollars were placed in the fund along with that nickel during the pastorate of Brother Sherrill from 1942 to 1947.

At this time we were planning to build on top of the basement. After the original Presbyterian Church building burned in 1946, someone with foresight suggested we try to buy these lots for our church, so we would have adequate parking space and

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Present sanctuary dedicated in Sept. '49

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no stairs to climb. The lots were purchased and, during the pastorate of Rev. Horace Brooks, our church was built.

The Women's Society of Christian Service had a great part in equipping our church. The kitchen and all equipment—dishes, tables, stoves, etc.—were purchased by them. Also, \$1,000 which was raised by a calendar project was used to help purchase pews. All of the pulpit furniture was given by Mr. and Mrs. Percy Estes in memory of their son, Greer, who was killed in World War II.

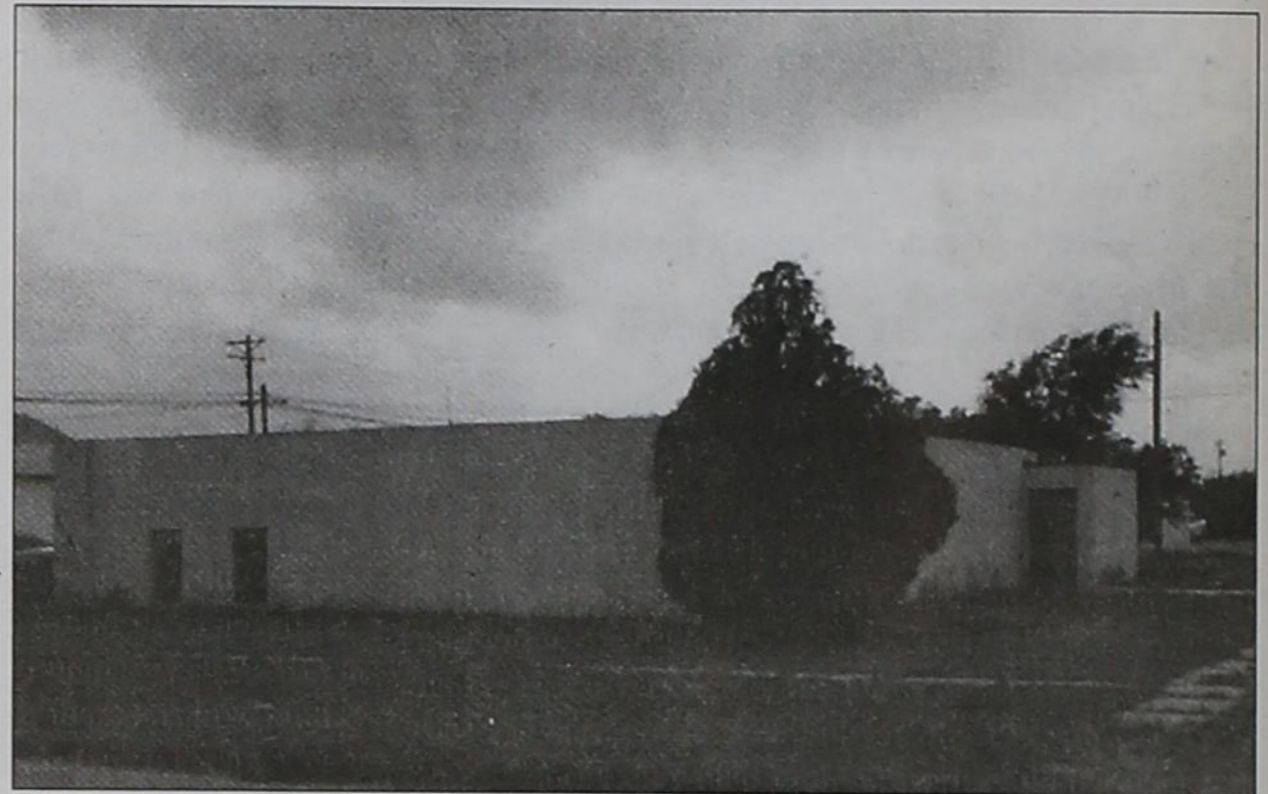
The whole project cost \$145,000.

The formal opening of our present church sanctuary was held Sept. 18, 1949. This was a happy day for everyone. Bishop Martin was in charge of the program for the day.

Rev. E. Lee Stanford followed Rev. Brooks as pastor of our church in 1950. In 1951 the Bethel circuit decided to disband and many of the members of the Flagg, Big Square and Easter churches moved their membership to Dimmitt. Rev. D. W. Brashears was their



Rev. R.L. Butler
1937-39



THE BASEMENT CHURCH, NORTHWEST THIRD & ETTER
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United Methodist Social Creed

We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts and we repent of our sins in misusing these gifts to idolatrous ends.

We affirm the natural world as God's handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement and faithful use by humankind.

We joyfully receive for ourselves and others the blessings of community, sexuality, marriage and the family.

We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging and people with disabilities; to improvement of the quality of life; and to the rights and dignity of racial, ethnic and religious minorities.

We believe in the right and duty of persons to work for the glory of God and the good of themselves and others and in the protection of their welfare in so doing; in the rights to property as a trust from God, collective bargaining and responsible consumption; and in the elimination of economic and social distress.

We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations and to individual freedom for all people of the world.

We believe in the present and final triumph of God's Word in human affairs and gladly accept our commission to manifest the **life of the gospel in the world. Amen.**

circuit pastor at that time.

The first carpeting in the sanctuary was installed in 1951. The outdoor fireplace, yard furniture and croquet ground were arranged for in this year.

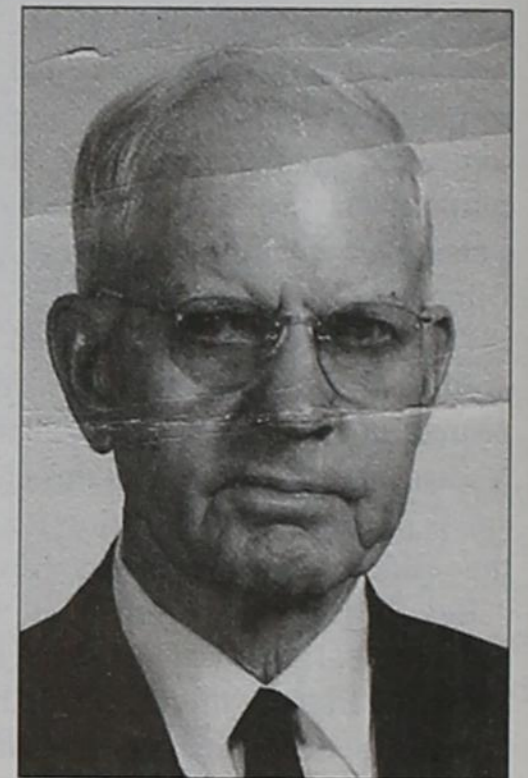
The Parsonage Swap

In the last year of Rev. Stanford's pastorate here, 1952, the deal was completed with Will Gollehon to exchange his home (on the southwest corner of Third & Bedford, facing east) for the former parsonage which was built during the pastorate of Alfred Freeman. The acquisition of this property gave our church the ownership of the complete east half of the block. The parsonage was completely redecorated inside and out at this time. New drapes, furniture and carpets were installed by the women of WSCS.

On June 23, 1953, Rev. Raymond Van Zandt and his wife moved into our new parsonage. Since that time there has been much progress made, materially and spiritually. The women learned that Rev. Van Zandt was a very good cabinet maker, and he added many nice built-ins to our church—the cabinets in the Fellowship Hall, the Nursery furniture (built from old tables), the shelves in the Junior Department for storing literature, etc.

South Wing Added

During the year 1956-57, the money was raised to build our much-needed Educational Wing. In addition to classrooms, this "south wing" includes a parlor, pastor's study, and Sunday School Superintendent's room for literature and reports.



Rev. U.S. Sherrill
1942-47

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1956-57: Another big construction year

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The study was walled and shelves built by Rev. Van Zandt, with help from one or two members. The parlor was carpeted, draped and furnished by the WSCS. The young people furnished their room with carpets and divans.

A new ceiling was added to our sanctuary with funds that were left from the Educational Building Fund. In March of 1957, the sanctuary was completely redecorated and is very beautiful.

The foundation planting for the church yard was given as a memorial for Mr. Ray Sheffy, who was chairman of the board at the time the church was built, and who died before the building project was completed.

We are indeed proud of the yard and the way it is taken care of, since it adds much to the beauty of the church.

The first funeral to be held in the present church building was that of Mrs. Rosa McLean, Sept. 26, 1949, and the first wedding was that of Mary Jean Webb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Webb, and H. Floyd Copeland on Oct. 29, 1949.

The remainder of the note on our church, which was \$12,915, was paid off Feb. 7, 1957. Soon afterwards the lot just west of the church was purchased and paid for.

I feel that the history of our church would not be complete without expressing our deep appreciation to Mrs. Percy Lamar of Crosbyton, who has been one of our most generous contributors for every project we have undertaken. We owe her our thanks for the redecoration of the sanctuary this spring. May God bless her for everything she does in the work of His kingdom.

I want to especially thank Mr. Percy Estes and Mrs. Charles Maples for the information given me about the early part of the church's history. Also, the many others who have supplied dates and other bits of information concerning the later years.

It is with thankfulness and gratitude to God for the faithful work of the pioneers, and for the many blessings he has bestowed upon us that we present this history of the Dimmitt Methodist Church.

(Signed) Mrs. Raymond Wilson
1958

1957 - 1970

By MRS. LEOLA HABERER

The Rev. Darris L. Egger became pastor of the Dimmitt Methodist Church June 1, 1957. He, with the assistance of his wife, Helen, opened our first church office and published the first weekly issue of *Dimmitt Methodist* on July 18, 1957.

At this time there was a desk and typewriter in the church office just off the pastor's study which was in the recently built addition. Later a mimeograph machine and a new electric portable typewriter were purchased for the office. Later in the year, Mr. and Mrs. James Bradford gave an office chair, secretary's chair and two typewriter tables to the church. Mr. George Webb built and gave to the church a stand for the mimeograph machine with storage space below.



Rev. Horace Brooks
1947-50

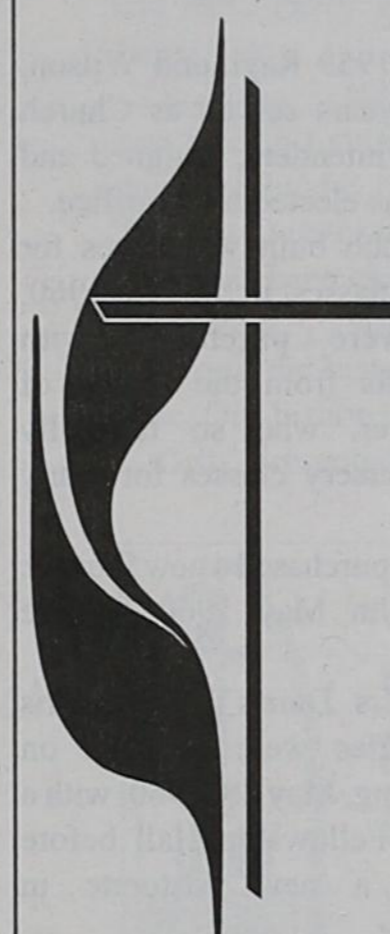


ORIGINAL SANCTUARY OF PRESENT CHURCH
Dedicated September 15, 1949

New furnishings were provided for the parsonage by the Wesleyan Service Guild and Women's Society of Christian Service during the summer of 1957. These included a maple chest, a lamp, two decorative plates, an Early American divan and chair.

The Methodist Men's group was organized Jan. 23, 1958. R. C. Bailey was elected president of the organization.

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Church history Present parsonage completed in 1958

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In January 1958, the Official Board voted to purchase a lot at 712 West Grant Street for a new parsonage. Purchase price was \$1,500.

The chancel rail of our church sanctuary was given in 1958, in memory of Mr. John C. Coke, by his family. The choir rail was given also that year in memory of Rev. Darris Egger's father. The Wesleyan Sunday School Class purchased a Bell & Howell projector for film strips and slides.

Mrs. Bill Dillon (*nee* Johneen Bice) made a sketch of our church to be used on our weekly church paper.

The WSCS financed the installation of the Cross and Dossal. Harold Gladman built the cross and installation was made in April 1958.

The Official Board hired our first youth worker in the summer of 1958, and this practice has continued through the years.

Mrs. M. E. (Marge) Cleavinger was elected and assumed the duties as Church Secretary-Treasurer of the Dimmitt Methodist Church in September 1958. Mrs. Thomas (Doris) Harrison, who had been Church Treasurer, moved to Abilene.

New Parsonage Completed

A new parsonage, costing \$31,500, was completed in 1958. Furnishings and draperies cost \$1,373.25. Rev. and Mrs. Egger and sons were the first parsonage



Rev. E. Lee Stanford
1950-53

family to move into the new structure, in January 1959. The Eggers purchased a dishwasher for the parsonage. The WSCS sponsored an open house to give members of the church and community an opportunity to see the new structure.

In August 1959 Raymond Wilson, who for 15 years served as Church School Superintendent, resigned and Jack Flynt was elected to the office.

George Webb built wardrobes for the nursery classes in March 1960. Materials were purchased with memorial gifts from the family of Mother Easter, who so faithfully served the nursery classes for many years.

The WSCS purchased a new Story & Clark piano in May 1960 for the sanctuary.

Rev. and Mrs. Darris Egger, Darris Jr. and Charles were honored on Sunday evening, May 29, 1960, with a reception in Fellowship Hall before leaving for a new pastorate in Colorado City.

The membership of our church at the close of the 1959-60 Conference year was 585.

Rev. and Mrs. Hugh Blaylock, Charlotte and Judy became our new parsonage family. Rev. Blaylock held his first service here on June 7, 1960.

Other gifts presented in 1960 were a microphone for the pulpit, given by Mr. and Mrs. Steve Taylor; brass altar vases, given by Mrs. Roy Haberer in memory of her husband; toys, given by Mrs. George Bagwell in memory of little Mary Sue Willis; and carpet for the nursery room, given by the Asbury Sunday School Class.

In June 1961, Rev. E. Lee Stanford and his wife, Flora, moved back to Dimmitt to make their permanent retirement home.

Second Addition

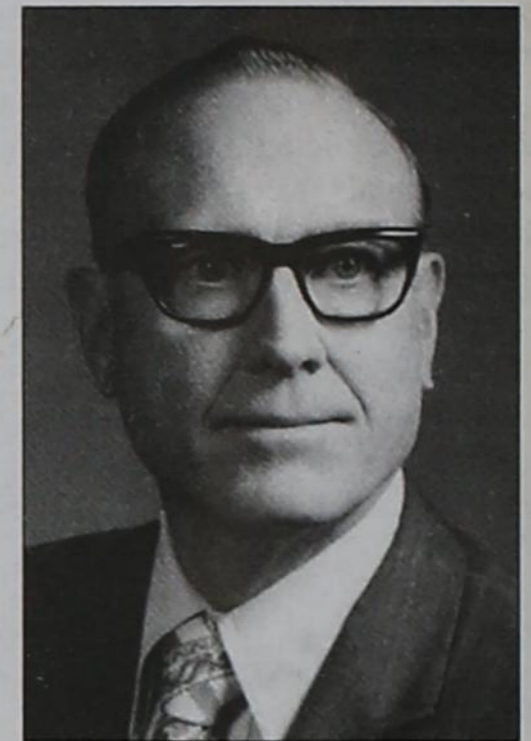
At a called session of Quarterly Conference in January 1962, the congregation adopted resolutions to build an addition to the church building and make repairs to part of it. Estimated cost of the project was \$90,000. Building Committee members were George Sides, George Webb, D. Neumayer, Donald Wright and Earl Harrison.

Pianos were donated to the church by the Russel Morans and the Bill Grahams.

Rev. Hugh Blaylock was appointed as a trustee on the Building Committee of the newly instituted "Home for Older Adults" at Hereford, which was built in 1962.

Mrs. L. P. Lamar of Crosbyton was killed in an automobile accident Sept. 9, 1963. Mrs. Lamar was well known and greatly appreciated by members of the Dimmitt Methodist Church. She presented the church with many gifts throughout the years. Before her death, she had set up an estate foundation through which our church and other organizations would receive a share of her estate's income each year.

The new educational addition, or north wing, of the church was completed and moved into in December 1963. The new addition consisted of a new fellowship hall, new kitchen, youth department, numerous Sunday school classrooms, pastor's study and secretary's office. The entire building



Rev. Darris Egger
1957-60

has been renovated and made to look like new.

The Spirit of Giving

The John Merritts presented the children of Nursery II with good used carpet in May 1964.

In the spring of 1965 new pew cushions were purchased for our church sanctuary by contributions to a fund established by Rev. E. Lee Stanford, Wes Anthony and Earl Lust, at a cost of \$1,331.20.

In 1966 Mr. and Mrs. George Sides presented the church with a new outdoor sign and bulletin board. The design was in keeping with the architecture of the church building, with interchangeable letters for the bulletin board. The landscaping was done by Mrs. Ray Sheffy Sr. During this same time, Mrs. Kay Roberts contributed money to have new sidewalks poured at the parsonage site.

In June 1965, Rev. and Mrs. Hugh Blaylock were honorees at a farewell reception in Lamar Fellowship Hall, prior to his assuming a new pastorate at the Wesley Methodist Church in Borger.

The membership of our church in June 1965 was 576.

Presentation of gifts in the summer and fall of 1965 were: a new Whirlpool

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Mission church is established in 1966

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refrigerator for the parsonage; brass communion service and communion cloths by the Lee Stanfords; as a Christian service to her church, Mrs. Purvis kept the linens laundered; a gift to the Ministerial Educational Fund by James L. Coke; and a new carpet for the Nursery 1 classroom by Mrs. Kay Roberts.

A paving project was completed in November 1965 on the west side and northeast corner of the church. J.C. Gilbreath served as chairman of this project.

Four new offering plates were presented to our church in January 1966 by the Friendship Sunday School Class and other members of the church as a memorial to Mr. Roy Haberer. Mrs. Haberer had the plates engraved.

Our Mission Church

In May 1965 a committee was selected from the Administrative Board to find a lot to build a mission church: Paul Hilburn, Mrs. Jim Cleavinger, Glenn Ratcliff, and Myrtle Lois Moran, chair. Two lots were given – one each by N. F. Cleavinger and E. B. Wright. Also, an adjoining lot was purchased for \$100 from P. H. Dyer, who later returned the money to the church.

Later Mr. Dyer offered the church lots 7, 8 and 9 in Block 143 for \$1,900 with all the paving paid. The church bought these lots and sold the other lots for \$1,350.

The Dimmitt Methodist Church accepted a church building at Sterley as a gift to be moved and used as a Spanish-language Methodist Church in July 1966. Lamar Foundation funds were used to pay for the mission work. Rev. Noe Montez was the first pastor of the mission church, also serving an Olton church.

At that time we rented a parsonage for the Montez family.

Rev. Montez was followed by Gilbert Diaz in June 1967, at which time a parsonage was purchased for \$2,500 and moved to lot 7. The Dimmitt Methodist Church celebrated its 75th anniversary with a special service on Aug. 14, 1966. Guest speaker was Rev. Preston Florence, who had been the pastor of our church some 46 years prior (1919-21).

Gifts presented to the church in the fall of 1966 were: a new pulpit Bible given by friends and family of Carl Kemp; a new set of hymnals given by the Lee Stanfords; parking lot lights given by the Russel Morans, Georges Sideses, Donald Wrights and the Frank Wises; a winding sidewalk for the back yard of the parsonage by Kay Roberts.

On Dec. 20, 1966, at 2 p.m., Bishop Eugene Slater conducted the dedication service for our church parsonage.

Later in the afternoon, open house was held for members and friends of the congregation.

The Conference year 1966-67 closed with a membership of 636. A pulpit Bible and stationary brass stand were presented to the church in memory of Rev. Weldon McCormick's mother, Mrs. J. D. McCormick, in 1967, and a ceramic nativity set was made by Mrs. Weldon McCormick and presented to our church.

Assisting with finishing and painting the set were: Mrs. Lee Stanford, Ina Cleavinger, Carolyn Sides, Sue Boozer, Kathryn Birdwell and Marie Winders.

Other gifts to the church included new dictation equipment for the church office and a new tape recorder.



**Rev. Hugh Blaylock
1960-65**

Sanctuary Renovation

On Jan. 3, 1968, Gailey Construction of Lubbock began renovating and remodeling our church sanctuary. Ira Brown served as chairman of the Remodeling Committee with members of the Lamar Foundation Committee and the pastor, Rev. Weldon McCormick. Serving on the Remodeling Committee were: T. E. Harrison, M. E. Cleavinger Jr., Mrs. Russel Moran, Mrs. Weldon McCormick, Kent Birdwell and Rev. McCormick. The project was completed in April 1968 and Open House was held April 21. The public was invited to see our new, beautiful, spacious sanctuary.

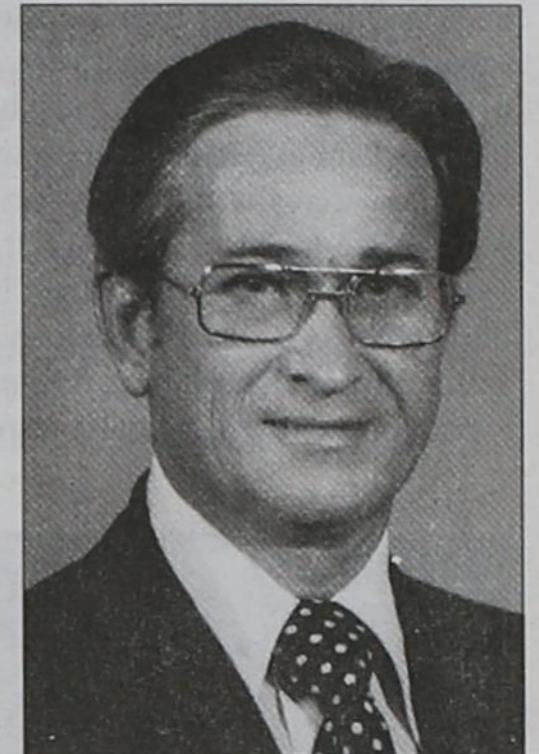
On Sunday, March 19, 1968, Arthur and Lillian Schreck came forward during the worship service and gave themselves to the ministry of the United Methodist Church. Since the merger of the Evangelical United Brethren and the Methodist Church in Dallas on April 23, 1968, the name of our church is now The First United Methodist Church.

Following the remodeling of the church, Helen Richardson and Bob Estes presented the church with the chancel furniture for the sanctuary, in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Estes and their brother, Greer Estes.

On May 22, 1968, a covered dish dinner honoring the Weldon McCormicks was held in Lamar Fellowship Hall following the morning service. This was their last Sunday before moving to their new pastorate at St. Mark's in Midland. The last Quarterly Conference of our church was held in May 1968, since the name has been changed to Charge Conference.

On June 9, 1968, members of the Official Board were hosts for a reception honoring the new pastor, Rev. and Mrs. Jim Pickens, Larissa Ann and James Mac. Our bishop will be Bishop Alsie H. Carleton.

Gifts presented to the church and/or parsonage in 1968 were: a good used
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**Rev. Weldon McCormick
1965-68**



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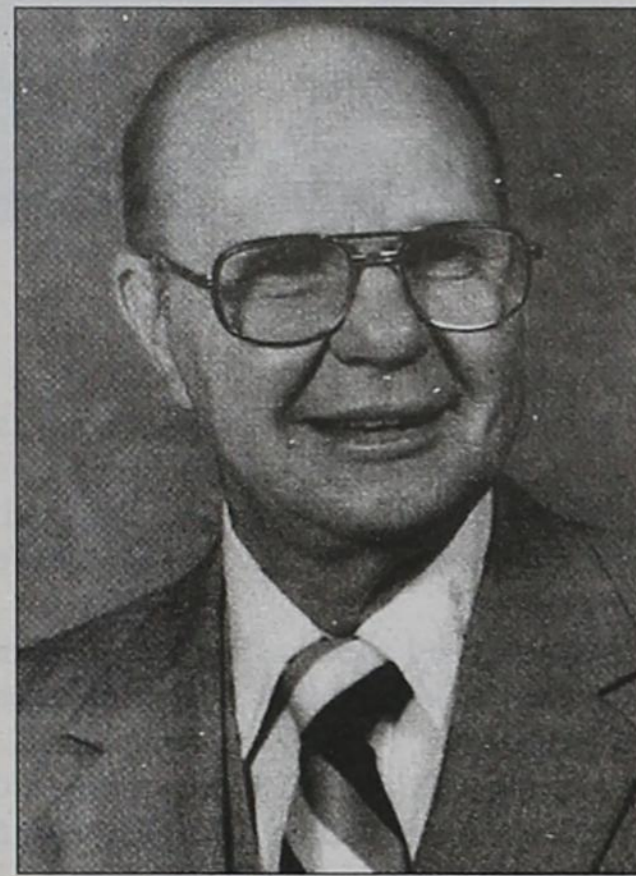
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coffee table by the Russel Morans; a projection screen, a small tape recorder and a pulpit robe. Also, altar lights were installed in our sanctuary from memorial gifts; a baptismal font was presented by memorial gifts in memory of George Webb; and an organ lamp and piano lamp were given in memory of E.B. Wright

Reports for the Conference Year 1968-69, prepared by our pastor, indicated that our membership and average attendance at morning worship services and church school were down from last year, but the number of persons coming into the church by profession of faith in Christ had kept pace with other years. Financial reports indicated about one-third of giving is for others.

Those serving as organists during the period from June 1957 through June 1969 were Olive Hyatt, Katy Burkett, Judith Cleavinger, Lily Marie Howard, Marie Winders, Mrs. Roy Lowe, Jane Cleavinger and Robert Froehner. Directing our choir during the same period were Katy Burkett, Helen Egger, Roy Lowe, Beth (Bridgers) Jones, Maxie Horton, Nolan Froehner, Ann Touchstone and Ralph Smith.

Serving as Youth Directors were Rev. George Coats, 1958; Nancy Cockrell, 1959; Marilyn Murphy, 1960; Joe Sherman, 1961; Gary Moore, 1962-63; Danny Bruce, 1964; Robert Weir, 1965; Robert Merrell, 1966; and LaDawn Kemp, 1968.



Rev. Lennol Hester
1963-75

Our Generous Growers

During this same period, about 48 truckloads of commodities were collected and delivered by members of this church to the Methodist Children's Home at Waco. Dilmond Neumayer and George Bagwell were instrumental in initiating this service to the Home.

Rev. and Mrs. Jim Pickens were honored with a farewell coffee in June 1973 before departing for their new pastorate at Forrest Heights United Methodist Church, Lubbock.

Rev. and Mrs. Lennol Hester moved to Dimmitt from First Church, Seymour, to assume pastoral duties here.

An Intern Program was begun in June 1972, whereby seminary students come to the local church for one year of

on-the-job training before starting the senior year at Perkins School of Theology, SMU. The first three ministers in training were Larry Altman in 1972-73, Gene Wisdom in 1973-74, and Jerry Wyatt in 1974-75.

Serving as secretary-treasurer of our church were Helen Egger 1957-58, Marge Cleavinger 1958-1970 and '71-75; and Mrs. Larry Moyers 1970-71.

Serving as church secretaries from 1974-1979 were Betty Hoover, Pearl Odom, Ginia Sheffy, Leasa Thomas, Vickie Bryant and Janie Winfrey.

1979-82

By **FLORA STANFORD**

A new Baldwin piano was presented for the church sanctuary in 1973 by Howard and Mary Hershey out of love for the church and the music program. Since the Lee



THE CHURCH WITH SOUTH EXTENSION ADDED
Dedicated May 12, 1957

Stanfords placed new carpet in the church parlor, blue upholstered chairs were placed in the parlor as a memorial to Rev. Lee Stanford, who passed away July 21, 1972.

Rev. Lennol Hester moved to Asbury Church in Lubbock in September 1975 and was followed by Rev. Marvin Roark, who came from Wheeler and was to serve as our pastor for three years. In 1978 he decided to begin chaplain's training at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. He was followed by Rev. Howard Quiett, who came as pastor from Quanah.

Jim Massey became our music and education director in 1975, and was followed by Bob Green and Tom Collins, who performed these duties while serving as interns.

A committee worked for many months on plans for remodeling the kitchen, adding a choir room, sunroom and a portico on the east side of the church's north wing. This project began in December 1975 and was completed in August 1976. Total cost for the construction and kitchen equipment was \$85,542. The committee was made up of Lois Wales, chairperson, Pat Bagley, George Sides, Russel Moran, Frank Wise and Bill Clark.

Deanne Clark, Marie Winders, Charles Wales and Donald Wright served on a committee to purchase a new organ for the sanctuary in 1976.

Ruby Moultrie, who was teaching in our public schools, became our choir director in 1978. She has been a delightful and inspirational leader of our choir.

Gifts presented to the church in 1979 were: a new speaker system from the Lamar Foundation Fund, and new chimes in the amount of \$6,320 as a memorial to a number of faithful people who labored well in this church.

Women of Purpose

The name of our women's organization has been changed through the years from the original Missionary Society to Women's Society of Christian Service and now to United Methodist Women. Many worthwhile projects have been carried out through the years, such as parsonage furnishings; a breakfast for graduating seniors (started in 1952); personalized Bibles presented to all Methodist seniors; a scholarship program for worthy graduates, funded by individual contributions; and a holiday bazaar and turkey dinner each November, from which all income is used for

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Four lay speakers are certified in 1991

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missions. As of 1982 there are five circles: Naomi Ruth, Betty Campbell, Wesleyan, Rose and Agape.

Final payment on the latest addition of the sunroom, choir room and kitchen was made Aug. 9, 1979.

Linda Langford became the church secretary in 1979 and has served very efficiently. Buddy Payne came as youth director and intern in 1979. He was followed by our first woman intern, Barbra Snell, in 1980.

A "Sonshine Gate" for the sale of religious materials and crafts was opened during the pastorate of Rev. Marvin Roark, and all proceeds were used to further missionary work of the church. The Sonshine Gate closed in 1981.

On May 28, 1980, a severe hailstorm hit Dimmitt, necessitating a new roof on the church and parsonage, plus major repairs to the church windows.

Garry Moore accepted the post of choir director in 1980, and he was followed by Don Nelson in 1981.

Membership of the church in 1981 was 597.

The 'Pony Express'

The "Pony Express" annual fund drive method, initiated in 1979, has been used for three years now. It involves the entire membership, and has proved very satisfactory in every report.

A pictorial album of members of the church was made during the pastorate of Rev. Marvin Roark, with Sandy Baker as chairperson. In 1981 a full-color pictorial directory was done during the pastorate of Rev. Howard Quiett, with Leasa Thomas and Connie Merritt as co-chairs.

Billy Strayhorn came as our ministerial intern in June 1981. In June 1982 he left for Eureka to serve a church there while completing his work at seminary at SMU.

Rev. Howard Quiett and his wife, Frances, were assigned to the church at Denver City in June 1982 after serving four successful years here.

Membership of our church at the end of 1982 was 608.

1982-99

By MILDRED BRADFORD

In June 1982, Rev. Vernon O'Kelly was assigned to our church. He moved here from Panhandle with his wife, Jane, and their two sons, Tye and Scott.

In 1982 a new roof and new front doors were installed at the church.

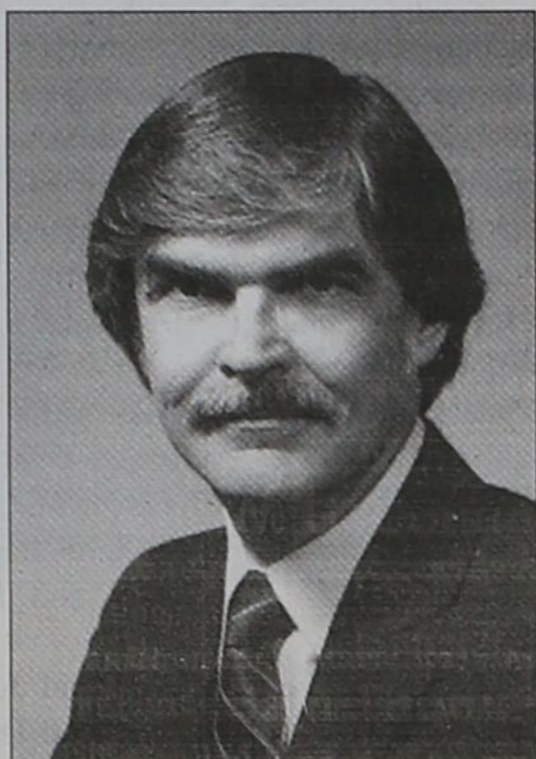
Membership of our church in 1986 was 644.

The local Alcoholics Anonymous and Alanon chapters began meeting in our church in 1986.

In 1987 we purchased 12 lithographs of the Apostles, from original paintings by Kenneth Wyatt. We sold the second parsonage and the mission church, with the funds being invested in certificates of deposit.

In 1989 we had our first work day and 60 workers took part. That started a long run of workdays to spruce up classrooms, hall and landscaping.

Kathy Hildebrand was hired as Youth Director in 1989, and she stayed three years.



Rev. Marvin Roark
1975-78

In 1990 the Methodist Men installed a sprinkler system in the south lawn of the church, under the direction of Van Earl Hughes. A new car was presented to Rev. Vernon O'Kelly and his family in appreciation of their work here.

Lay Speakers Certified

In 1991 Jerry Stump, Reeford Burrous, Fred Bolton and Coby Gilbreath received their certificates as Lay Speakers. The Methodist Men continued their custom of cooking steaks for the annual Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Banquet and the Valentine's Sweetheart Banquet, honoring widows of the church.

In 1992, Rev. Vernon O'Kelly was transferred to Abilene as District Superintendent. Rev. Johnny Robertson came to this church from Dalhart. Johnny and his wife, Cathy, and their daughters, Jenny and Emily, moved into the parsonage in June 1992.

Karen Newman was hired as the church secretary in 1992. Karen resigned in the fall of 1995 and Clara Patton was hired as secretary in October 1995.

In 1996, Rev. Johnny Robertson was transferred to Childress. Rev. Rusty Dickerson came here from Snyder. He and his wife, Connie, and their son, Caleb, moved into the parsonage in June 1996.

In 1998 the church parlor was remodeled and new furniture was bought. The room was placed on a separate heating and cooling unit and has been much more comfortable. A new 15-passenger Ford van was purchased and a double garage was erected to house the van. Most of the trees and bushes were removed and new ones planted. These endeavors went into 1999 before being finished.

In 1999 most of the programs installed earlier were still functioning. Our Sunday morning services are broadcast on KDHN. Our workday tradition continues, and our church family helps with the Meals on Wheels program.

In 1999 our church and the First Baptist Church combined their youth programs into one, directed by Randy Gressett.

We share in paying the Youth Director's salary.

The Men's Prayer Group meets on Tuesday mornings; the Methodist Men prepared the dinner for the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet and conducted the annual Fish Fry and Valentine's Sweetheart Banquet; United Methodist Women held their popular Holiday Bazaar and Thanksgiving Dinner in November, presented gift Bibles to all third graders at the end of the school year and personalized Bibles to each of the church's graduating seniors. The AA continued its weekly meetings in our church.

Virgil Feinsod was hired in September 1999 as our Youth Minister. Our church family purchased a second parsonage for him and his family at 721 Oak St. Virgil and his wife, Melinda, and their daughter, Hannah, moved into this parsonage in November.



Rev. Howard Quiett
1978-82

Church history

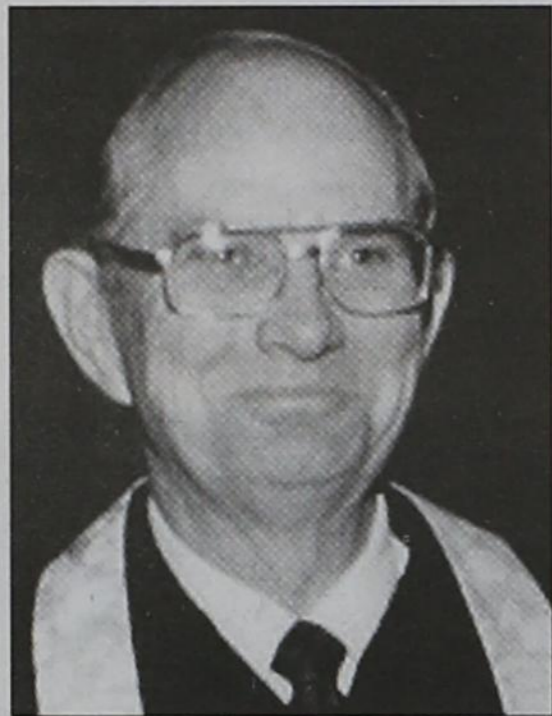
2000: Youth go on mission trip to Atlanta

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2000

Bishop: Max Whitfield. District Superintendent: Henry Salley. Pastor: Rusty Dickerson. Youth Minister: Virgil Feinsod. Secretary/Treasurer: Clara Patton.

A wedding candelabra was donated by the Flora Stanford family. Disciple I and II Bible Studies were conducted from September 1999 through May 2000.



Rev. Vernon O'Kelly
1982-92

Adventure Club after-school program was begun and held on Tuesdays. Average attendance was 60. The United Methodist Men's Sweetheart Banquet was held Feb. 14. Entertainment was provided by Jody Boudreaux. Hospice Care held its "Celebration of Life" program and ceremony in our sanctuary April 17. The Lenten Seder Meal was served on April 20. Vacation Bible School was held July 17-19. The theme was "Holyword Studios". Revival was held Sept. 10-12. Featured speaker was Steve Rogers. The annual Fish Fry was held in conjunction with this revival. The United Methodist Women's annual Thanksgiving Dinner and Bazaar was held on Nov. 7. We served 820. The Community Thanksgiving Service was held in our church.

The Community Thanksgiving Service was held in our church. The Christmas Cantata was presented the morning of Dec. 17, and the annual Christmas dinner and party followed at noon. Weddings during the year: Carrie Bradley and Chad Rogers, Brandi Rice and Kurt Gerber, Laura Bradford and Luciano Quiroz, Paul Axtell and Kristin Hall, Scott Stahl and Dawn Michelle Mayne, Jan Nelson and Jon Connor.

Our graduating seniors were James Jackson, Heather Jeter, Van Jeter, Lacy Loudder, Julie Merritt, Jenna Rosier and Keevin Sanders.

New babies born into our church family were Hattie May Robb, Brenna Mendoza and Eli Feinsod; and babies baptized were Tess Headrick and Brenna Mendoza.

The Youth Mission Trip was to Atlanta, Ga. Those going were Ramey Rice, Sharla Kenworthy, Van Jeter and Matthew Wright, and chaperones Raneta Patton, Kim Hatla and Virgil Feinsod.



Rev. Johnny Robertson
1992-96

2001

The annual United Methodist Women's Sunday was observed Jan. 21.

The annual Stew Dinner, prepared and served by the Wesleyan/Fellowship Class, was held Jan. 28.

Several Bible studies were completed, including Discipleship I, II and III, Experiencing God, and the Beth Moore series. Vacation Bible School was a success, and our revival in September featured Hule Goddard as guest speaker. The annual Fish Fry was held in conjunction with the revival.

The annual UMW Bazaar and Thanksgiving Dinner served 860. The Christmas Cantata was "Of the Father's Love Begotten."

Church projects included carpeting the main stairway, finishing the stained-glass window project, repair and painting of exterior doors, and installation of a new sewer line at the Oak Street parsonage.

The Confirmation Class this year included Molly Bradford, Cameron Cluck, Jake Ebeling, Chase Hatla, Chris Hinsley, Devonee Ortiz, Rye Patton, Landon Porsch, Ben Sides and Kate Sides.

Weddings: Lacy Loudder and Justin Conway, Shawna Kenworthy and Travis Schulte.

Graduating seniors were Buddy Birdwell, Mary Bradley, Corey Lane, Debbie Peralez, Kendra Shannon, Jonathan Stevens and Jade Vick.

Anniversary celebrants included Charles and Betty Vaughan, 60th; Rayphard and Mary Lu Smithson, 50th; Corky and Daisy Langford, 50th; and Jack and Clara Patton, 50th.

Members of our church family who died during the year were Othella Jones, John Merritt, Norvelle Birdwell, Betty Vaughan and Mildred Burnam.

2002

United Methodist Women's Sunday was held Jan. 27, and the Methodist Men's Sweetheart Banquet Feb. 14.

The Disciple I and III Bible studies and two Beth Moore Bible studies continued this year.

Kitchen tile was installed in the Oak Street parsonage and new ceramic tile was installed at the Grant Street parsonage. Also, new garage doors were installed at the Grant Street parsonage. The church had to have two air conditioners replaced, and the bell tower system was replaced with a new digital system.

Vacation Bible School was held July 8-10, with the theme "God's Werkus Circus," and Adventure Club continued. Fall Revival was held Sept. 7-10; Ruby Moultrie and Deanne Clark were the featured speaker and musician.

The annual Thanksgiving Dinner and Bazaar was well attended by the community again this year.



Rev. Rusty Dickerson
1996-2003

Church history

New 'Stephen Ministers' add new dimension

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We celebrated Madge Robb's 94th birthday.

Graduating seniors were Joe Birdwell, Sarah Bradford, Angela Cartwright, Sadra Daniels, Sharla Kenworthy, Jake Laurent, Jake Loudder, Zack McClure, Trinity Robb, Sally Stahl, Kelsey Welch, Cliff Wright and Matthew Wright.

Going on the Youth Mission Trip were Meggie Lemons, Ramey Rice, Jake Porsch, Jill Merritt, Kelsey Welch and Caleb Dickerson, and chaperones Brandi Rice, Kim Hatla and Virgil Feinsod.

We had one infant baptism—Tyler Allan Jones. Newborns this year included Raylee Bain, Nathan Bruegel, Merry Pat Gerber, Bryley A'llan Steinhilber, Tyler Jones and Chloe Nicole Conway.

Weddings included Christian and Jennifer Braafladt, and Carrie Sheffy and Dustin Jones.

Robert and Frances Duke celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

We lost two loved ones from our membership—Bobby Jones and Curtis Tate.



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2003

United Methodist Women's Sunday was observed Jan. 19, and the Sweetheart Banquet was held Feb. 13.

Our pastor, Rev. Rusty Dickerson, was transferred to St. Paul United Methodist Church in Amarillo, and Rev. Vergil Ichtertz came to us from College Heights United Methodist Church in Lubbock. He and his wife, Judy, along with their daughter, Trish, moved into the parsonage Feb. 1.

We had two Bible studies during the year; both were Beth Moore studies.

Adventure Club and Roadside Café continued, and we produced another pictorial directory.

July included the Youth Sunday Service and Vacation Bible School (theme was "Son Harvest"). On Sept. 7 we held our morning worship service at the Ceta Canyon Methodist Camp. The annual Thanksgiving Dinner and Bazaar and the annual Community Thanksgiving Service were held here in November. The annual Christmas Party was held Dec. 4.

Graduating seniors included Caitlin Buckley, Elizabeth Cartwright, Patrick Hunter, Casey Jones, Holly Lane, Andy Martin, Jill Merritt, Ramey Rice and Colby Williams.

New babies included Alexandria Elizabeth Sheffy-Harris, Sabra Jade Gilbreath, Samantha Mayne Stahl, Chloe Kate Dannevik, Tia Lynn Bledsoe, Halley Kay Wales, Nathan Paul Axtell and Whit Smithson.

Two youngsters were baptized—Megan Wilkerson and Sabre Mason.

Weddings included: Emily Roberson and Ben Pattison, Allison Roberson and Dagon Newton, Ben Coleman and Lindsee Goforth, Jaime Bradford and Luke Winters, Jeremy Langford and Tandra Brilehart.

Loved ones in our church family who died this year were John Womack, Ferne Jones, Laurie Sides Hill, Kathryn Birdwell and Cleo Forson.

2004

A seminar on "Conquering Debt God's Way" was held Jan. 17.

United Methodist Women's Sunday was observed Jan. 18.

The annual Stew Dinner was on Feb. 1.

A terrible fire at an apartment complex in February brought many church members together to help find furniture for the families who lost everything.

Virgil Feinsod continued with "House of Prayer" on Wednesdays and Roadside Park Café Pizza lunch on the third Wednesday of each month. Virgil submitted his resignation effective May 31. He and Melinda will be greatly missed. Youth parents kept the ministry going while we looked for a new youth minister.

Adventure Club continued, with an average attendance of 60, and Vacation Bible School was held June 28-30. Adventure Club was renamed Disciple Makers.

Stephen Ministry continues to meet twice a month for the volunteers. These volunteers have gone through extensive training and are headed by Karron Smith and Charles Axtell.

Rev. Ichtertz conducted a six-week Adult Confirmation Class.

The Mark Cluck Family donated a large-screen TV set to the church.

The United Methodist Women hosted the district meeting here and two of their members attended the annual conference-wide meeting in Lubbock.

A Youth in Mission Group from Fort Worth came to Dimmitt to perform mission work and stayed in our church. Some of our youth went to Lubbock to help paint and work on the The Roc in Lubbock.

Doris Stevens was hired in August as our Director of Children and Youth Ministry.

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Church history

Our work continues

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"Conquering Debt God's Way" was held again in conjunction with our revival in September. We also started our "40 Days of Purpose" study on Sept. 26.

The annual Thanksgiving Dinner and Bazaar was held Nov. 2. Women of the church served more than 800 dinners.

Graduating seniors were Caleb Dickerson, Stevie Hays, Shayla Kenworthy, Kris Lindsey, Katy Loudder, Robert Martin, Jake Porsch, Kami Sanders, Matthew Sanders and Adam Wright.

Baptisms: Caroline Rose Conway and Jo Jilayne Headrick.

Members of our church family who died this year were Annie Hargrove, Carl Bruegel, Danice Wright, Myrtle Johnson Behrends, Elberta Dyer, Irene Blanton and Charles Vaughan.

2005

(TO DATE)

All programs have continued as usual.

A special committee has been set up to oversee exterior work on our building. This has been needing done for several years. Chair of this committee is Mary Lu Smithson.

Confirmation Class included Katy Aljoe, Wendy Bradford, Austin Cluck, Clayton Sides and Sam Wales.

Graduating seniors this year were Robin Beames, Raynee Bradley, Daniel Coleman and Meggie Lemons.

Weddings in our church so far this year: Sarah Jane Bradford and Ben Camarillo, Jenna Rosier and Jacob Rampy, Charley Sanders and Stephani Puckett, Garland Coleman III and Richelle Miller.

Loved ones in our church family who have died this year are Floyce George, Wilda Hawkins, Clarence Wood, Orlena Allen, Regine Blair, Kelly Birdwell and Nell Martin.

Did you know?

THE UNITED Methodist Church provides mission service in more than 100 countries, with 1,069 missionaries, 120,000 Volunteers in Mission and 101 community centers and mission colleges.

MEMBERSHIP of the United Methodist Church in the US totals 8,210,220 lay members and 1,258,791 preparatory members. There are 35,102 local churches in the US, served by 44,987 clergy members.

OUTSIDE of the US, the United Methodist Church has 1,883,760 lay members plus 644,331 preparatory members and 9,182 clergy members, being served by 6,937 organized churches.

THE POLICY-MAKING body of the United Methodist Church is the General Conference, which convenes every four years with a maximum of 1,000 delegates (half clergy, half laypersons) from around the world. The General Conference reviews church law and social principles, with the power to revise; adopts resolutions on various moral, social, public policy and economic issues; and approves churchwide programs and budgets for the next four years.

PASTORS OF FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DIMMITT

C. A. CLARK, organizing pastor

Victor H. Trammell, 1906-07

W. P. Edwards, 1907-08

G. H. Bryant, 1908-10

J. T. Ross, 1910-14

J. A. Smith, 1914-15

B. T. Sharp, 1915-17

W. L. Lightfoot, 1917-19

Preston Florence, 1919-21

G. R. Fort, 1921-23

H. K. Monroe, 1923-25

W. U. Coughran, 1925-26

Eugene Naugle, 1926-28

J. R. Bright, 1928-30

Sam Thomas, 1930-32

Alfred Freeman, 1932-34

Joe Strothers, 1934-36

O. M. Addison, 1936-37

R. L. Butler, 1937-39

Wallace Rosenberg, 1939-40

Melvin Rankin, 1940-42

U. S. Sherrill, 1942-47

Horace Brooks, 1947-50

E. Lee Stanford, 1950-53

Raymond Van Zandt, 1953-57

Darris Egger, 1957-60

Hugh Blaylock, 1960-65

Weldon McCormick, 1965-68

Jim Pickens, 1968-73

Lenol Hester, 1973-75

Marvin Roark, 1975-78

Howard Quiett, 1978-82

Vernon O'Kelly, 1982-92

Johnny Robertson, 1992-96

Rusty Dickerson, 1996-03

Vergil Ichtertz, 2003

100 Years and Counting...

By VERGIL ICHTERTZ

Pastor

One Hundred years ago, five Methodists shared a vision of a thriving church serving Dimmitt and Castro County. Those five remained faithful to their vision and began Dimmitt Methodist Episcopal Church. Today our congregation seeks to follow the vision shared by those early church fathers and to fulfill the functions of the church as laid down in Scripture in the areas of worship, ministry, fellowship, evangelism and discipleship.

Worship

Through the years 35 pastors, assorted ministers in training and many choir directors have led in regular worship and special services at First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt. We have always sought to glorify God and to proclaim the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ in a relevant way for the people of Castro County. Many notable men have filled the pulpit of this great church to lead us in our devotion to our Lord.

Ministry

First United Methodist church has been known as a community-minded congregation throughout its history. We have made our facilities available to those who have needed a place to meet. We have led the community in seeking to minister to physical and emotional needs of those who live around us. We take seriously the words of Christ, "if you have done it unto one of the least of these...you have done it unto me."



Rev. Vergil Ichtertz
2003-Present

Fellowship

We strive to be a welcoming congregation. We pray that every person who visits us will find a place in our nurturing body. It is important to us that people feel at home among us; that they sense concern and support as they seek to live out their commitment to Christ alongside us.

Evangelism

Jesus Christ is our savior and Lord. We see him as the way that God has ordained that men and women, boys and girls should come back into right relationship with God. We preach this message in our pulpit and proclaim it through our ministries. Our purpose as a church is to make disciples for Jesus Christ.

Discipleship. We believe that making disciples for Jesus Christ is not complete when a person accepts Christ, but that the task of discipleship continues as we move toward becoming all that God desires us to be. To this end we offer Bible studies, growth groups and special training in many areas that the believer may continue to grow in grace.

We would like to invite you to share in our celebration of 100 years. First United Methodist Church welcomes you to our celebration, August 18-21.

Yours in Christ,
Brother Vergil Ichtertz, Pastor

Bishop to deliver Sunday's message

Dr. D. Max Whitfield, bishop of the Northwest Texas/New Mexico United Methodist Conferences, will be the main speaker at the Centennial Sunday Morning Service of Dimmitt's First United Methodist Church on Aug. 20.

The service will begin at 10:45 a.m. and will be followed by a catered lunch in the Lamar Fellowship Hall. All friends of the church are invited.

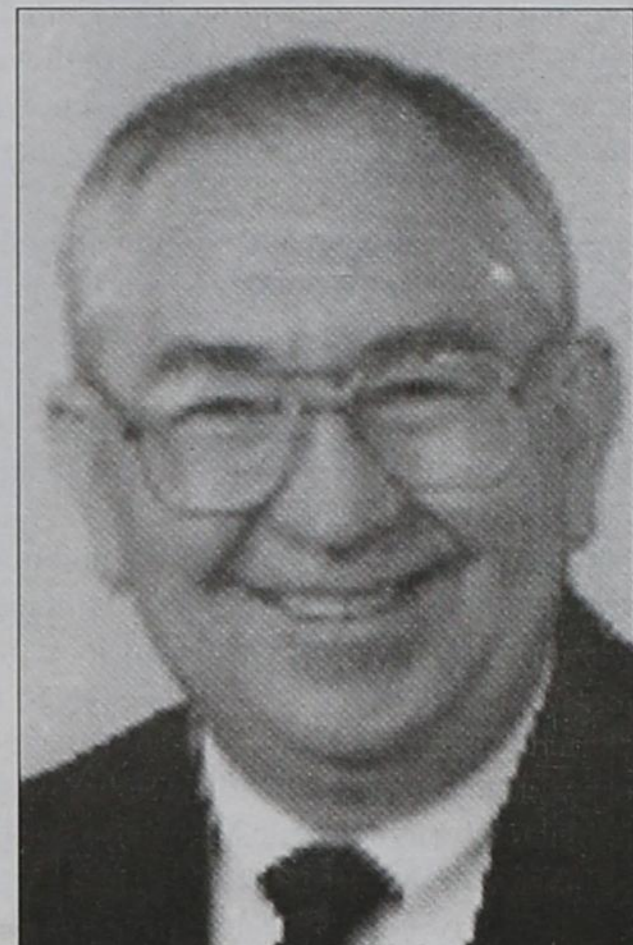
Bishop Whitfield, an Arkansas native, earned his bachelor's degree from Arkansas State University, a Master of Divinity degree from Perkins School of Theology, and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Princeton Theological Seminary. He also was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from McMurry University.

In July 2000, he was elected to the episcopacy and assigned as Bishop of the Northwest Texas and New Mexico Area, with offices in both Albuquerque and Lubbock. Before his election as a Bishop, he served in the North Arkansas Conference. He served on the General Board of Global Ministries, the National Shalom Committee, and the General Commission on Religion and Race.

Dr. Whitfield served on various Annual Conference boards and committees in the North Arkansas Conference. He also served on the board of directors of Hendrix College, Mount Sequoyah Conference and Retreat Center, and Mount Eagle Christian Center. In 1992, 1996, and 2000, he was a delegate to the nationwide United Methodist General Conference.

Dr. Whitfield presently serves on the General Board of Discipleship and as chairperson of the Mount Sequoyah Board of Trustees. He also serves on the Board of Trustees at Lydia Patterson Institute, McMurry University, and Southwestern University.

He and his wife, Valerie, have five adult children and seven grandchildren.



Bishop D. Max Whitfield

Did you know?

SCHOOLS supported by the United Methodist Church include 10 universities, 82 four-year colleges, 7 two-year colleges, 10 precollegiate schools, 13 theological schools and one professional school.

THE METHODIST movement began in England in the early 1700s, under Anglican minister John Wesley and his followers. Wesley and his brother, Charles, brought the movement to the colony of Georgia, arriving in March 1736, as Church of England missionaries. The US Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in 1784.

Methodist Women are a force in the church—and the world

From the simple savings of a penny a day by our early Methodist women's group, The Ladies' Aid Society, to special missions contributions of more than \$5,500 in 2004 by our present organization, The United Methodist Women, we have avidly worked to help women, children and youth worldwide.

One of the Ladies' Aid's first projects was to purchase khaki-covered New Testaments to give the first group of young men as they left for service in World War I.

In 1940, with the organization of our church worldwide, the Ladies' Aid became W.S.C.S., the Women's Society of Christian Service. At this time we became part of an organized worldwide body. A separate group called The Wesleyan Service Guild began in 1951.

These groups both worked to earn money above their own giving. They cooked weekly meals for the Lions Club and organized and sold cookbooks, special bottled vanilla and other spices.

When our church participated in the union with the United Brethren Church, we were given a new name, The United Methodist Women—our present name.

Historically, our group has had many local projects as well as foreign and national missions. We have helped with parsonage projects, the church lawn-watering system, kitchen furnishings, etc., and have given generous gifts to the local Methodist Youth and children's afternoon activities—Little Helpers in the 1950s, Adventure Club and Disciple Makers in 2005.

In our mission giving, we support some foreign missionaries by name; for example, Betty Campbell, Naomi Hare, Bill Fitzgerald, the Parsons family, and Dimmitt's own Liz Murphy Crittendon. We send campers to youth camps, Camp New Dawn for special adults, and education camps.

On the world stage, our women have worked many hours collecting and assembling kits for the work of Mission In Motion; and health, school, baby, and sewing kits and flood buckets for U.M.C.O.R., the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

We send help to the Wesley Foundation—Methodist-sponsored student centers—at three area colleges and universities.

The Methodist Home in Waco and Mission Home in San Antonio are recipients of our monies.

Since 1960, our primary source of income has been our traditional Thanksgiving Dinner and Bazaar. Our profit the first year, in 1960, was \$511. In 2004 we had a net profit of \$5,795 for our gifts to missions.

In addition to our bazaar, we sell Rada knives and are now marketing our second revised cookbook.

We present Bibles to all third graders in our church and special personalized Bibles to our church's graduating seniors. We also have a senior luncheon every spring for the Dimmitt High School graduating class.

We of the U.M.W. believe that our organization helps us be the most informed women of the world. Each year we have three studies: a spiritual-growth Bible study, a national social-action study, and the study of a foreign country that is a mission field.

We participate in studies from our yearly program book and from *Response* and *World Outlook* magazines. We go to numerous retreats, educational events and district and conference meetings.

A list of our past leaders includes Margaret Wilson, Grace and Millie Lust, Koma Ratcliff, Mattie Seale, Margaret Parsons, Katy Wright, Mildred Bradford, Mary Lu Smithson, Ina Cleavinger, Lois Wales, Frances Duke and Shirley Wise. These are only a few; there have been many more angels working diligently.

Many of our women have served on district and conference teams and have been trained in national seminars and world-wide assemblies.

In gratitude, we are humbled by the work of many in our church family and our own families, including community involvement and support. We have had many years of productive and enjoyable service for God's work. We love our Lord and do all that we can to serve Him as we worship Him.

—Shirley Wise

Did you know?

THE UNITED Methodist Church was formed in 1968 with the union of the former Evangelical United Brethren Church and The Methodist Church.

THE METHODIST denomination in the US became famous in its early days for its "circuit rider" ministers on the advancing frontiers. The denomination today continues to use the "circuit" concept by assigning some of its ministers to serve

two or more smaller churches.

THE UNITED Methodist Church is a member of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America and of the World Council of Churches. It also participates in Churches Uniting in Christ (formerly the Consultation on Church Union), where nine US denominations are discussing steps to greater union. Combined membership of CUIC churches is about 20 million in 82,000 congregations.

Ministers grew up in local church

The First United Methodist Church family has seen four of its children grow up to become ministers. They are Mike Goodwin, Connie Nelson, Kyle Wise and Karla Sheffy.

Dr. Mike Goodwin

Mike Goodwin, son of P. O and the late Frances Goodwin, graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1962. After earning a BS degree in biology from West Texas State University in 1968, he attended Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, where he received his Master of Divinity degree in 1971.

While at WTSU, Goodwin met and married Gail Kitchens of Muleshoe. They raised twins, Brett and Brandy, and now have three grandchildren.

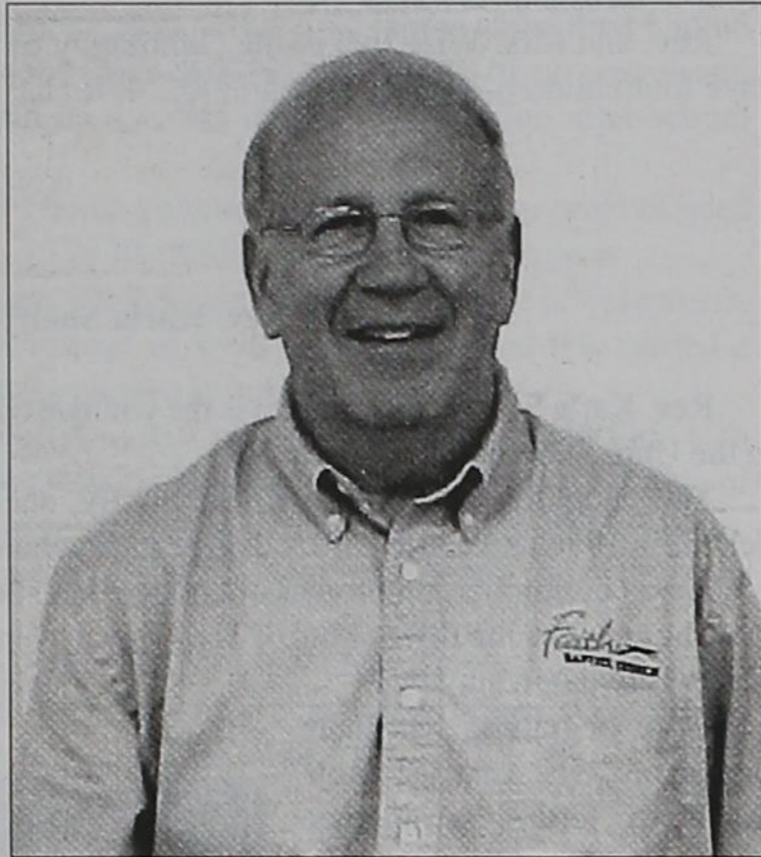
While in seminary, he pastored a small church at nearby Atoka, and continued with that church a year after his graduation. Then he was contacted by the search committee of a new congregation at Festus, Mo., and accepted their invitation to become the first pastor of Faith Baptist Church there early in 1973.

He has pastored the same church ever since—a 32-year tenure almost unheard-of in the ministry.

The Faith Baptist congregation was meeting on the second floor of a store building when the Goodwins first moved to Festus, but within a year they completed the first phase of their building project—a church basement.

The church has undergone three expansions since then, and is now in its fourth expansion phase as it continues growing under Goodwin's leadership.

While serving his Faith Baptist congregation, Goodwin continued his ministerial education and in 1980 earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Luther Rice Seminary in Florida.



Dr. Mike Goodwin

During her first year as a full-time pastor, she served in a circuit ministry in Leeds, West Yorkshire, England, as part of a four-person clergy team serving seven churches including Methodist, Anglican and United Reform.

After returning to Texas, she was assigned as pastor to the churches at Welch and Wellman for two years, then was transferred to the United Methodist Church's Northwest Texas Conference office in Lubbock, where she served four years as Associate Conference Council Director and Director of Communications. Among her duties was the editorship of the *Northwest Texas Methodist Reporter* newspaper.

In 1992, she joined the staff of the General Board of Global Ministries, which conducts Methodism's worldwide mission programs. Moving to Atlanta, Ga., she served as Executive Secretary for Communications and Training in the Mission Personnel Program Area. She was based at the Mission Resource Center, affiliated with Emory University's Candler School of Theology and the Interdenominational Theological Center. The Mission Resource Center was the training facility from 1990 to 2001 for all United Methodist missionaries. Rev. Nelson traveled throughout the US and the world, conducting training and maintaining contact with Methodism's missionaries.

In 2002, Rev. Nelson joined The Carter Center, founded in 1982 by former President Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalynn. She is on the Public Information staff with responsibilities including Web site management, editing, and writing. Affiliated with Emory University, The Carter Center has advanced human rights and helped alleviate unnecessary human suffering through its peace and health programs in more than 65 countries throughout the world.

Rev. Nelson, who lives in the Atlanta suburb of Decatur, has two daughters—Katherine, a sophomore at Emory's Oxford College, and Anna, a high school freshman.



Rev. Connie Nelson

Rev. Connie Nelson

The United Methodist Church has always been strong on mission service throughout the world, and that's where Rev. Connie Nelson has concentrated most of her ministry.

A 1976 graduate of Dimmitt High School, she's the daughter of Don and Verbie Nelson. After earning a Bachelor of Journalism degree from the University of Texas in 1980, she enrolled in the Perkins School of Theology at SMU, where she received a Master of Theology degree in 1984.

Rev. Kyle Wise

Kyle Wise became an engineer and farmed for five years before the call to the ministry became so strong that he couldn't resist it.

The son of Shirley and the late Frank Wise, Rev. Wise graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1979, then attended Texas Tech, where he earned a Bachelor of Science/Mechanical Engineering degree in 1984. While at Tech he met and married

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Robin Dexter of Lubbock.

He spent five years working with his family's farming operations here before deciding to go into the ministry.

He and Robin and their young children headed to New England, to the Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hamilton, MA, where he earned a Master of Divinity degree in 1993.

He spent several years with the Greenwood United Methodist Church in Midland, then "struck out on his own" to Athens, GA, to organize a new church under the aegis of the Vineyard community of conservative evangelical churches (www.vineyardusa.org).



Rev. Kyle Wise

Rev. Wise explained that the Vineyard movement started in the early 1980s in California and now includes more than 850 congregations in the US and other countries.

Starting in an elementary school gym, he initiated the Athens Vineyard near the University of Georgia campus.

The congregation, made up mostly of young couples and university students, now rents its own facilities, and Rev. Wise is the senior pastor.

Vineyard worship services are conducted in "a very casual atmosphere," Rev. Wise explained, with a live band instead of a piano or organ, and with a projector and screen used for congregational singing and for enhancing the lesson or message.

"A lot of people who frequent Christian bookstores will recognize Vineyard music," Rev. Wise said.

(Detailed information about the Athens Vineyard is available at the Web site, _www.Athensvineyard.com_.)

Rev. and Mrs. Wise live in the community of Bishop, GA, near Athens. They have four children—Evan, 17, Camille, 14, Ryan, 12, and Erica, 8.

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Rev. Karla Sheffy

Rev. Karla Sheffy of Nebraska is the youngest of the four ministers who grew up in the United Methodist Church here.

The daughter of Don and Karen Sheffy, she graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1986 and earned a BA degree in psychology from Texas Tech in 1990.

It was during her junior year of college that she decided to be a minister.

She attended the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, where she received a Master of Divinity degree in 1994.

Before beginning her final year there, she married Ron Harris, a fellow seminarian from Orange County, CA. Their 1993 wedding was in the Dimmitt church.

(She has retained her maiden name for professional purposes.)

After their ordinations, the young couple chose to serve in Nebraska. Rev. Sheffy was the associate pastor in Lexington for five years, then pastored churches at Pleasanton and Ravenna Zion for six years.

Rev. Sheffy is currently on leave of absence while she and her husband await the birth of their third child, expected about Sept. 24.

They have two daughters—Elisha, 6, and Alexandria, 21 months.

The family lives in Geneva, NE, where Rev. Harris is the pastor of the First United Methodist Church.

In her decision and quest to become a minister, "The Dimmitt church was always supportive and encouraging," Rev. Sheffy said.



Rev. Karla Sheffy

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After-school program ministers to youngsters

In 1999 Vicki Smithson, then director of children's ministries at the First United Methodist Church, had a burning desire to reach out to the children of our church and community. After much prayer and hard work, the Adventure Club after-school program was launched that fall.

With many of the women of our church volunteering their time, we were blessed with the opportunity to minister to 30 to 50 children weekly that first year.

Our second year proved to be more challenging. Facing a shortage of volunteers, we decided to meet once a month instead of weekly, but we found this caused a decline in attendance, so we decided to return to a weekly schedule.

Each year God has continued to bless us with opportunities to share His love with more children. At present, we serve 50 to 75 children each week between the ages of 5 and 12. We pick the children up at school, serve them a snack, share Bible stories, crafts, music and community service projects, but most importantly the love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Each and every person who has volunteered to give their time and heart to this wonderful ministry will tell you they have been blessed a hundred times over because they were willing to make a difference in a child's life.

—Kim Hatla

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Disciple Makers, the after-school program which is basically a continuation of the Adventure Club, was started in February 2005. The name change to "Disciple Makers" represents our mission at the First United Methodist Church to outreach to

What was life in the U.S. like when our church was first formed?

What a difference a century makes!

Here are some US statistics for the year 1905, the year that the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt was established:

The average life expectancy in the US was 47 years.

Only 14 percent of the nation's homes had a bathtub.

Only 8 percent of homes had a telephone. A three-minute call from Denver to New York City cost \$11.

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youth in our community.

The format of the program has become more structured with each grade, Kindergarten through 5th, having specific leaders for each part of the day's lesson. Ina Cleavinger, Dianna Cleavinger, Kim Hatla, Mary Lu Smithson, Debbie Peralez and Karron Smith lead three rotating groups each day.

Doris Stevens, our Education/Youth Director, oversees the program. She also fills in where needed, along with the help of Waurayne Hughes, Carolyn Sides, Clara Patton, Mildred Bradford and Karen Roberson. Pat Bagley, Sue Boozer and Dalia Peralez always greet the hungry kids with snacks when they arrive.

The kids are not only fed physically but spiritually, too. We encourage Bible memory verses, they hear biblical stories and they participate in crafts and songs.

Disciple Makers is one of the most important programs implemented at our church since we reach approximately 40 to 60 kids from our community for about 1½ hours each week during the school year, and share the word of God in a fun and safe environment.

—Karron Smith

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FIRST WEDDING in the present sanctuary was that of Mary Jean Webb and H. Floyd Copeland on Oct. 29, 1949, six weeks after the newly completed building was dedicated. Rev. Horace Brooks officiated at the formal candlelight ceremony. Members of the wedding party, from left, were the bride's brother and sister-in-law, Allan and Peggy Webb; the bride's parents,

George and Vera Webb; the bride and groom; the groom's parents, Sena and J. D. Copeland of Austin; and the groom's sister and brother-in-law, Wilma and Fred Boehnke of Fort Worth. Mr. and Mrs. Copeland, who are now approaching their 56th anniversary, plan to return for the church's centennial Aug. 18-21.



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There were only 8,000 cars in the US, and only 144 miles of paved roads. The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa and Tennessee were each more heavily populated than California. With only 1.4 million people, California was only the 21st most populous state in the Union.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower in Paris.

The average wage in the US was 22 cents per hour.

The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year. A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2,000 per year, a dentist \$2,500 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.

More than 95% of all births in the US took place at home.

Ninety percent of all US doctors had no college education. Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned by the press and by the government as "substandard."

Sugar cost four cents a pound; eggs were 14 cents a dozen; coffee was 15 cents a pound. Most women washed their hair only once a month, and used borax or egg yolks for shampoo. Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason. Five leading causes of death in the US were (1) pneumonia and influenza, (2) tuberculosis, (3) diarrhea, (4) heart disease, and (5) stroke. The American flag had 45 stars. Arizona, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Hawaii and Alaska hadn't been admitted to the Union yet.

The population of Las Vegas, Nevada, was only 30.

Crossword puzzles, canned beer and iced tea hadn't been invented yet.

Sun never sets on Methodism

By the Rev. WILLIAM KELLON QUICK

Methodists speak many languages and come from a variety of ethnic heritages and denominations.

Methodist history is fascinating and multifaceted. Some of the traditions stem directly from England; others came from the United States.

Yet the claim of John Wesley continues to ring true: "The Methodists are one people in all the world."

Samuel and Susanna Wesley's influence on their sons, John and Charles, helped to shape a mission consciousness in the 18th century that continues to be witnessed today.

Susanna had an interest in Danish missionaries, but it was Samuel who "saw the colony of Georgia as a fresh opportunity to implanting the gospel in the New World," according to Richard P. Heitzenrater, church historian at Duke University Divinity School. When John accepted an invitation to go to Georgia as a missionary, Susanna said, "Had I 20 sons, I should rejoice that they were all so employed, though I should never see them more."

Anchored in the Wesleyan tradition of the Christian faith, the Methodist family is now a global community of almost 80 million people. A network of tens of thousands of churches circles the globe; Methodists are found on every continent.

The Methodist movement has doubled in the last 50 years due mainly to the growth of the Wesleyan family in Africa, Asia, Central and South America. New congregations are being established somewhere every month in the former Soviet Union.

Over the past 113 years, the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church has established 11 initiatives in countries including Cambodia,

Vietnam, Nepal and Mongolia, where there were no United Methodist congregations. The Cambodia initiative resulted from the collaboration of Methodist and United Methodist churches in Singapore, the Philippines, Korea, India and the United States.

Methodism's growth overseas has helped offset decline within the United Methodist Church in the United States. The Rev. H. Eddie Fox, director of evangelism for the World Methodist Council, told the 2001 global gathering in Brighton, England, "World Methodism has grown at the rate of 1 million persons per year for the past decade."

John Wesley came to look upon the world as "my parish." The explosive growth and flourishing of the movement he started would probably please him.

That growth will probably surprise many United Methodists as they celebrate Heritage Sunday on May 22. That day commemorates both John Wesley's "heart-warming experience" at the church on Aldersgate Street in London in 1738 and the 1968 union of the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church to form the United Methodist Church. At the time, it was one of the largest Protestant denominations in the world with approximately 11 million members. Although U.S. and European membership has declined in the years since, membership in Africa and Asia has grown significantly.

During the 1784 founding of the Methodist Episcopal Church at the Christmas Conference in Baltimore, 12 of the 60 preachers present were ordained elder. Two were appointed to minister in Nova Scotia. One was appointed to serve on the island of Antigua.

Almost 50 years passed before the first Methodist mission outside of England and North America was begun.

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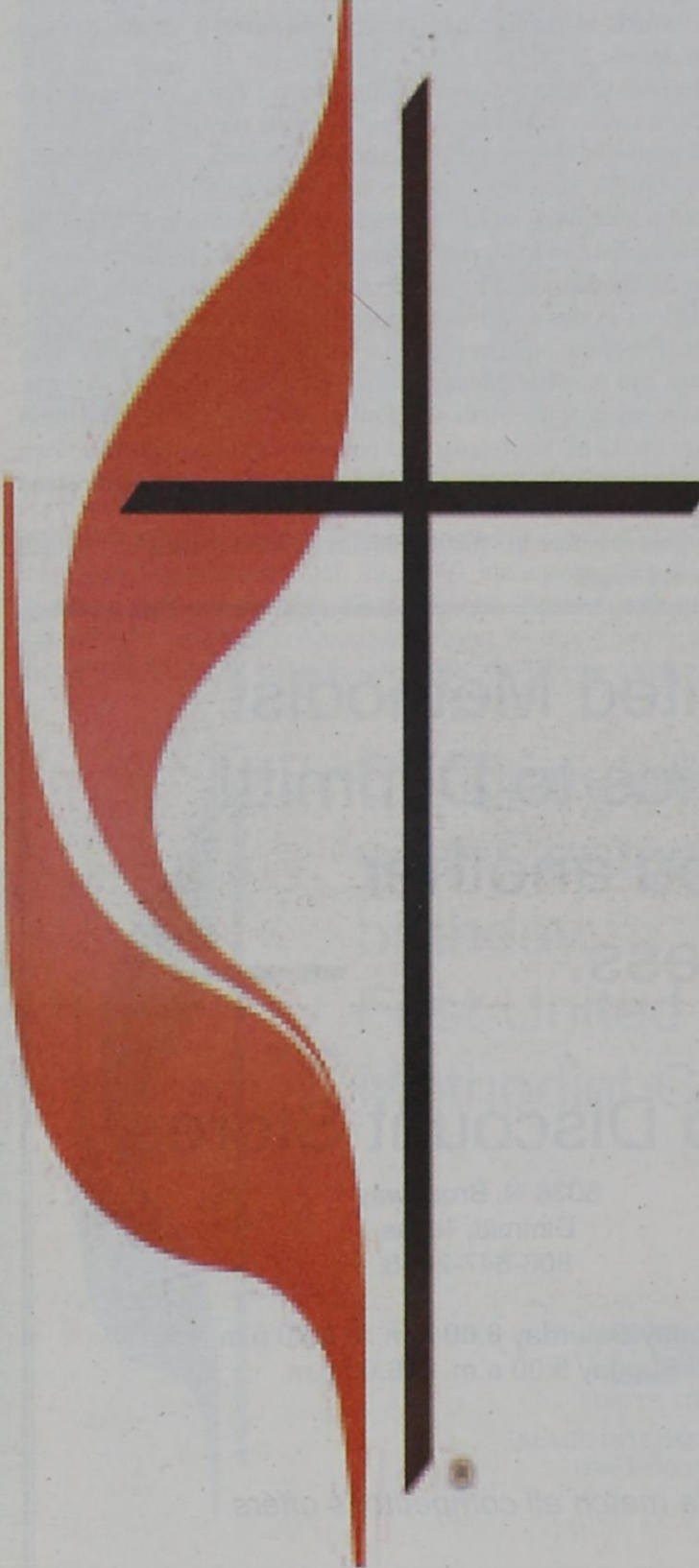
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THURSDAY, AUG. 18, at 7:30 p.m., we'll begin our centennial observance with an **Old-Fashioned Singing and Ice Cream Social** in the Celebration Tent. Hear many of our present and former singers, including Ruby Moultrie, Don Nelson, the Methodist Men's Quartet and others, and our speaker for the evening, **Coby Gilbreath**. After the service, there will be plenty of **homemade ice cream** for everyone!

FRIDAY, AUG. 19, our worship service will feature **Steve Friskup** and the **Muleshoe Cowboy Fellowship Band**, led by **Kerry Winders**, starting at 7:30 in the Celebration Tent. After the service, we'll all enjoy a **Watermelon Bust**.

SATURDAY, AUG. 20 will be **Youth Night**, with a **Free Hamburger Feed** served at 6 p.m. At 6:45, **Jody Holland** of Abilene will lead games, and at 7 o'clock **Terry Lopez** of KFDA-TV, Amarillo, will be the featured speaker in the Celebration Tent. The evening will conclude with a **Youth Dance** on the church parking lot, starting at 8 o'clock.

SUNDAY, AUG. 21, we will be led in our morning worship by **Bishop D. Max Whitfield**. Many of our former pastors will be on hand for the service, which will also feature an original **Anniversary Liturgy** written by our pastor, **Rev. Vergil Ichtertz**; a symbolic **Passing of the Torch** ceremony by selected members of our church family representing all generations; a **Prayer of Renewal** by **Bishop Whitfield**; and special music throughout the service. We will close our celebration with a **Catered Luncheon in Lamar Fellowship Hall**, with barbecued brisket, sausage and all the fixings. (If you plan to share in the luncheon, please RSVP to the church office at 647-4106 as soon as possible.)

We look forward to seeing you!

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