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### PASTOR'S

**By Rev. Kory Knott  
Senior Pastor**

#### *Reaching the Next Generation for Christ*



Several weeks ago, while making my way through a very crowded gathering area between services, I overheard someone say: "I didn't know that we had so many children and youth in our church...I sure hope we can find a place for all of them."

On Wednesday of the same week, I noticed that some of our youth were meeting out on the deck because they have outgrown the portable building we purchased for them this past year. Thankfully the rain came after the youth had finished for the evening. The next day, a parent of one of the students who has

### PERSPECTIVE

been attending our church, called to tell me how much her daughter enjoys being a part of our youth group. Before hanging up, she said, "I just want you to know...we love this church because the people here care so much about children and youth." To that I replied, "That's why we love AUMC too."

As we seek to find new and creative ways to reach out to the children and youth in our community, let us remember that it was Jesus who instructed his disciples to "Let the children come to me." As such, let us continue to dedicate an extra portion of our prayers and resources for the purpose of insuring that our vision of "Reaching the Next Generation for Christ" remains a top priority.

See you in worship,  
Kory  
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# Reflections on the Relief Efforts for Haiti

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It's truly amazing what God's people can do when they set their hearts and minds to it! Sisters and brothers in Christ, you have literally saved lives! Over the course of two Sundays, you raised \$17,496.68 for the people of Haiti—that's over \$23 per member! 100% of the funds you gave have gone directly to the Haitians. As of the writing of this article, the North Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church has given over \$360,000 to earthquake relief through The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), which already had an office in Haiti prior to the earthquake.

Through your faithful giving the people of Haiti are beginning already to rebuild their lives, restore their hopes and are beginning to dream new dreams for what they can become. Naturally, the work to rebuild Haiti will take years. The need is overwhelming. With a systematic effort, combined with the love and action of God's people, things will change for the better. In the months and years to come we will be sending teams to work in Haiti to help restore and rebuild. Thank you, all, so much, for the love and grace you have shown to your sisters and brothers in Haiti!

Please take a moment and read the letter below from our brother, Rev. Gesner Paul, the president of the Methodist Church of Haiti, to see how you can continue to love on the people of Haiti! *Submitted by Rev. Joe Stobaugh, Associate Pastor, and Don Pooley, AUMC Faithworx Leader.*

Jan. 28, 2010

On behalf of the Methodist Church in Haiti and the Haitian people, we thank you. Thank you all for your outpouring of love, support and Christian brotherhood in our great hour of need. Haiti has suffered a great tragedy, and to rebuild, recover and strengthen, it will take us all. You have kept us in your prayers and we are grateful. You have sent donations through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). We thank you for your generosity. You have expressed your selfless interest in volunteering your time to come to Haiti to help with the recovery effort and we look forward to welcoming you.

In the coming days and weeks, the Methodist Church in Haiti will complete an assessment of the damage and communities impacted by the earthquake, and will prioritize areas for relief and rehabilitation in partnership with UMCOR. Teams of United Methodist Volunteers in Mission will be integral in the long-term recovery of the church and communities in Haiti, and opportunities will soon be available to come and help in meaningful ways. In the short-term, the immediate needs of providing emergency aid of food, water, shelter and medical care are being addressed by UMCOR and a host of national and interna-

tional relief organizations and technical specialists. Soon, the work of clearing debris in preparation for rebuilding will be done by teams of locals in cash-for-work programs led by these same aid groups and local community groups, including the Methodist Church in Haiti. The participation of international volunteers is welcome after this initial emergency phase is complete, at which time the Methodist Church in Haiti will work closely with UMCOR and UMVIM to identify rehabilitation projects which match the needs prioritized in the country. With great appreciation for the outpouring of support and offers to come in person to help volunteer in Haiti as quickly as possible, the Methodist Church in Haiti, in partnership with UMCOR, requests that volunteer teams consider delaying their arrival into Haiti in light of the following:

The Methodist Church in Haiti and UMCOR are still undertaking assessments and evaluations in the 6 circuits most impacted by the earthquake, to determine the extent of the damage in church communities and beyond. Suitable projects and assignments for volunteer teams wishing to contribute to the recovery effort will not be identified until this process is complete.

The Methodist Guest House is currently being assessed for structural integrity, and will undergo some rehabilitation and reconstruction of the security wall before being brought to full capacity and security to host teams of volunteers.

Commercial flights into Haiti are currently suspended and all travel into Haiti must be done via the neighboring Dominican Republic. Once in Haiti, transportation and logistics are further complicated due to the influx of international aid groups and the reality of debris and closed roads. The emergency relief and debris removal phase may last at least another one or two months, depending on the severity of the impact to the communities. Volunteers wishing to work on the programs identified as priority by the Methodist Church in Haiti and UMCOR can begin to schedule trips for late March and April, once this initial emergency response and recovery phase is completed.

Volunteer teams with pre-existing travel plans to Haiti are urged to reconsider the timing and nature of their trip, in order to allow for re-assessment and prioritization of earthquake recovery programs.

Please continue to communicate with us your interest in volunteering for the recovery effort, and we will connect you with recovery projects and rehabilitation programs as soon as possible.

We thank you again for standing by us in this time of great need, and look forward to working in Christian partnership to build a better Haiti.

Blessings,  
Rev. Gesner Paul, President, Eglise Méthodiste d'Haiti

# Birthdays

- 1 Beverly Albarran, Mina Hill, Tambi Laird
- 2 Mason McCabe
- 3 Chris Funck, Lauren Anders, Morgan Gumbert, Nicole Kessler
- 4 Dakota Larson, Sarah Hand
- 5 Alyssa Allen, Chance Wright, John Roberts
- 6 Chris Knabe, George Wellborn
- 7 Mandi Marsden
- 8 Blake Cheeseman, Caleigh Ramsey, Jennifer West, Zachary Zembraski
- 9 Alicia Norwood, Jace Dourgarian
- 10 Alexis Ratcliff, Randi Roberts
- 12 Jenna Schnabel
- 13 Jack Young, Les Voth, Patrick Nuoci Jr., Samantha Delbecq
- 14 Jessie Whipple, Phyllis Clark
- 15 Cassidy Reeves, Matthew White, Sterling Schneider
- 16 Denise Fuller, Hayley Little, Jason Hand, Kyle Kelcourse, Richard Furtick
- 17 Ashley Roberts, Ellie Wilmes, Madeline Wilmes, Layton Lowry, Sarah Stobaugh
- 19 George Campbell, Parker Rose
- 20 Christina Bryant, Cody Newell
- 23 Claire Lyles, Kent Sommer, Lance Sommer, Mark Rogers, Paul Lyles, Spencer McCloud, Tammie Nuoci
- 24 Ann Epp, Corbin Fanning, Cordelia Garcia, Dian Miller, Sherri Allen
- 25 Madison Gladys, Sara Bruce
- 26 George Bowdouris, Jesse Sheridan, Mark Jenkins, Rodney Dryden
- 27 Allison Gant
- 28 David Wellborn, Reed Dryden, Rodney Lewis
- 29 Elaine Shady, Emily Meador, Pat Ruehle, Sydney Austin

# Anniversaries

Alex and Rosalie Bonner	10
Michael and Holly Hunt	10
David and Kathy Wright	12
Tommy and Jennifer DiVecchia	14
Bob and Janice Barnett	16
Bill and Tina Gladys	24
Chuck and Lynne Hammtree	27



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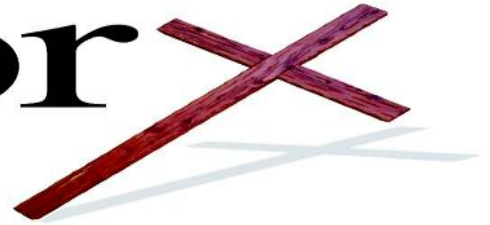
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**FINANCE MATTERS.** Our 2009 operating budget was \$923,163.00, of which \$925,060.78 was collected as of Dec. 31, 2009. Our 2010 operating budget is \$1,030,213.00, of which \$83,036.08 has been collected from Jan. 1st—31st, 2010. *Submitted by Valerie Donahue, valerie@argyleumc.org, 940-464-1333.*

# faithworx



**PUTTING ART TO WORK.** You've heard of "Starving Artists' Sales" and perhaps even made a purchase at one. The tongue-in-cheek title may be a stretch of the truth, but Our Daily Bread, the community soup kitchen that Argyle UMC helps support, is acquainted with several artists who are both hungry and homeless. They are clients of ODB. As a way of encouraging and supporting these artists, ODB will be hosting a booth at this year's Denton Arts and Jazz Festival from Apr. 23—25th. They need your help! Would you consider donating a piece of your original art to be placed on sale in their booth. Proceeds from the sale will support the continuing effort of ODB while sales of their client's work will be 100% theirs. If you have any questions, please contact Dana Bolin.

Dear Argyle UMC,

Thank you for choosing to be a part of our Sponsor-a-Rider program and supporting our award winning equine-assisted healthcare program. Your contribution ensures that persons with disabilities can benefit from private one-



on-one equine therapy free of charge. We are grateful for your generosity and are committed to making the most efficient use of each dollar we receive. Our cost to provide services is a mere 25% of the national average among therapeutic centers.

Your contribution will help a very special rider—Taylor Low. Your gift ensures that Taylor will continue reaching towards her full potential! Last session Taylor gained a lot of confidence leading and riding Oliver. She also began to openly show affection!

In sincere appreciation,  
Charles Fletcher  
SpiritHorse Therapeutic Riding Center

*Editor's Note: Through our Faithworx mission ministry, AUMC supports SpiritHorse Therapeutic Riding Center. Taylor is the daughter of AUMC's Carter and Mary Ellen Low.*

**DENTON COUNTY CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER.** The First Annual Champions for Children Gala, benefiting the Children's Advocacy Center for Denton County will be Saturday, Feb. 20th at the Circle 'R' Ranch in Flower Mound. Indulge in signature dishes specially prepared by Morris Salerno, owner of The Grotto Restaurant, and nineteen other culinary experts from the World Master Chef Society. Get autographs from sports celebrities such as Tony Casillas, Jose Guzman, Dat Nguyen, Walt Garrison, Oliver Miller and many more.



Participate in the live and silent auctions while dancing the night away to one of DFW's hottest party bands, *Good Question*. Join us for an unforgettable culinary and celebrity experience at the Circle 'R' Ranch in Flower Mound. Tickets are \$100 (\$125 at door) and sponsorships start at \$500. You can register at [www.cacdc.ejoinme.org](http://www.cacdc.ejoinme.org). Submitted by Don Pooley.

**FILLING THE BANK.** Help fill the Argyle Food Bank by donating regular sized, non-perishable food items during the month of February. Ideas for donations will be at the Guest Welcome Center starting Sunday, Feb. 7th. Submitted by Melissa Gautreau-Miller.

**FAITHWORX LENTEN OFFERING.** The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17, and lasts for 46 days. The traditional purpose of Lent is for the preparation of the believer — *through prayer, penitence, almsgiving and self-denial* — for the annual commemoration of the Death and Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We are asking our members to participate in almsgiving for Lent this year by setting aside \$1 each day as a gift to support the *faithworx* project ministries as we serve others in our community and the world. Look for the Lenten offering envelope in weeks to come. Submitted by Don Pooley.

# faithworx

**GREAT DAY OF SERVICE.** On Sunday, March 14th we will all have the opportunity to put our faith into action for our Great Day of Service. On this day, we won't just come to church; we will BE the church. Many activities have been planned in order to show our fulfillment of the scripture in Matthew 25:35-36—"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

Beginning on Sunday, February 21st, you and your family will have the opportunity to sign-up for one or more projects. We have structured the day so you can participate in different activities as we give back to the community, locally and globally.

**Blood Drive.** The one way to save lives is by donating blood. Carter Blood Care will be in the portable building from 8:00 am—1:00 pm. In order to give this gift of life, you need to be at least 17, be over 110 lbs, and be willing to donate. It doesn't take long! Each donation can save four lives, so don't hesitate to sign-up to be a blood donor. Our Coordinator is Doc Clegg.

**Briar Wood Retreat Center.** Come help us from 12:30—4:30 pm. We will have a clean-up afternoon at Briar Wood Retreat Center in Copper Canyon. They need help with some painting and general clean-up. Our Coordinator is Jason Hawkins.

**UMCOR Clean-Up Buckets.** Come help us from 9:00 am—2:00 pm. We will have the list of items needed for these clean-up buckets. Take your family on an outing to Lowes or Home Depot, purchase the needed items, and bring them back to the portables where we will assemble the buckets. Most of these buckets will be shipped to Haiti. Our Coordinator is Melissa Miller.

**UMCOR Health Kits.** This project is similar to the Clean-up Buckets. Both of these are a great way to involve the entire family. Our Coordinator is Melva Hodges.

**Nelson Center.** Come help from 8:00 am—4:00 pm. This residential center is for children from ages 5-17 who have not been successful in the foster care system due to extreme abuse. The center, run by Lutheran Social Services, needs lots of help and will have a day of projects planned for us. Participants must be at least seventeen years old.

**Feed the Firemen.** We will be taking food (casseroles) and fruit to our near-by Denton Fire Station # 7 on Vintage Rd.

**Haitian Pillowcase Dresses.** From 9:00 am—2:00 pm. Dona Sherwin and Jane Kayler will instruct everyone on how to make pillowcase dresses. There is a great need for these dresses in Haiti. Our Coordinators are Dona Sherwin and Jane Kayler.

**Good Samaritan Decorations and visit.** We will invite our children to come to the church to decorate crosses. They will then take the crosses to Good Samaritan and decorate the doors of 30 residents. (We chose crosses since Easter is coming.) They will also visit with the residents.

**Hearts for Homes.** All Day activity at Hearts for Homes which is an organization which coordinates the rehabilitation of homes for the elderly who are too poor to make needed repairs. Our Coordinator is Don Pooley.

**Keep Argyle Beautiful.** An all day activity, we will have several road clean-up projects in the community.

**Salvation Army Breakfast.** This 6:00 am project is perfect for some of our early birds. We will serve breakfast at 6:00 am and then conduct a paper product drive for the many paper products the Salvation Army needs daily. Our Coordinator is Martha Callaway.

We have made commitments to many projects, and now we need you to decide how much you can help! When we have project sign-ups on February 21, 28, and March 7, we will also need to know if you will need child care, and if you will be able to attend our celebration dinner at 5:30 pm on March 14th.

We also need some coordinators to lead these projects. If you are interested in helping coordinate our Great Day of Service, please contact Dian Darr. Your Faithworx Mission Team thanks you for having a servant's heart! *Submitted by Dian Darr.*

# Grace Notes

By Rev. Joe Stobaugh  
Associate Pastor, Cantor and Curator of Worship



Dear friends,

Grace and peace to you! I hope this edition of the newsletter finds you well. One of the most important words in the vocabulary of any follower of Christ has to be the word 'community.' The word is vital to who God dreams for us to be. God created us to live, love, and grow in community: God did not make us to be alone!

I've been pondering, of late, what it means for music and worship ministries to be communities knitted together by Christ: for true community only comes through Christ in the work of the Holy Spirit. Certainly, we are called as musicians to strive for excellence in all that we do but our ministry is about more than just the notes. We are called to live as a transformed people, for God is at work transforming each of us in our daily lives. Is not God doing this transformative work in our ministries as well?

One of the most important aspects of any ministry is community. As the church continues to grow we must never lose sight of our community, as it is vital to who we are and is also our best way and most faithful way to share God's love and grace! True community mixed with ministerial and musical excellence is irresistible! What we have to offer one another and our community is incredible! Our love for God and one another and our music are a gift that we must offer to others! So, let us be about spreading the reality of God's love and grace as expressed through our ministries to all we come into contact with. Growth is imperative for us, spiritually, musically, and numerically.

Have confidence in the knowledge that God has called you to share God's love and grace through your ministries. You know how much the church and the people that constitute it bless you. Why wouldn't we share that with as many people as possible?

Remember, friends, God comes to meet us through one another and through our ministries. Let's bring some more friends to the party!

Grace and peace,  
Rev. Joe Stobaugh  
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## WEEKLY MUSIC SCHEDULE

**Veritas Youth Choir.** Sunday, 5:00 pm, Portable #2.

**KM2 Kids Music Ministry.** Wednesday, 5:00 pm, Portable #2. For 1st—4th graders.

**Argyle Ringers.** Wednesday, 6:15 pm, Conference Room. For adults.

**Chancel Choir.** Wednesday, 7:30 pm, Portable #2. For adults.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17th, 7:00 pm**



**Palm Sunday and Consecration of our Church Building, Mar. 28th, 8:30, 10:00, 11:15 am, Guest Bishop and Mrs. W. Earl Bledsoe.**



**Maundy Thursday, Apr. 1st, 7:00 pm**



**Good Friday, Apr. 2nd, 7:00 pm**

**Easter Saturday, Apr. 3rd, 5:30 pm**  
(followed by Easter Egg Hunt)



**Easter Sunday, Apr. 4th:**

Sunrise, 7:00 am  
Traditional with Congregational Songs, 8:30 am  
Modern, 10:00 am  
Traditional with Choir, Brass and Handbells, 11:15 am



**YOUTH**

**By Nathan Bryant**  
**Minister to Students**



We're very excited about our revised student ministry's website. Please be sure to visit [www.argyleyouth.com](http://www.argyleyouth.com).

Starting Feb. 3rd, our middle school STUWO will be spending 4 weeks discussing *Boys, Girls and All that Messy Stuff!* This study will serve as a study of gender, relationships and sexual purity. It all leads up to the spring Middle School Retreat on Feb. 26-27th, when we'll take 30 7th and 8th grade students to Camp Grady Spruce at Lake Possum Kingdom for an overnight retreat focused fellowship, small group encouragement and accountability. We'll talk about setting standards in our boy-girl relationships (for both ourselves and who we might date), what the Bible says about physical and emotional intimacy in relationships, and learn some real world tools for talking to our friends about setting boundaries and keeping relationships wholesome.

This 4 week + retreat plan will be repeated for high school students at STUWO beginning Feb. 24th with the High School retreat scheduled for March 26-27th.

**In other news...**

**SNL** (Sunday Night Live) for HS students (Sunday nights at 6:30 pm) will get back to our study of Acts on Feb. 14th.

On Saturday night, Feb. 13th, our student ministry will host a Parents' Night Out for our church from 6:00—10:00 pm. We need responsible and fun teens to help us watch kids for up to 4 hours as a fundraiser for our summer 2010 events and trips. Please encourage your kids to help us out as a babysitter for the night.

We have a new Sunday School class for parents of youth beginning Sunday at 11:15 am in Portable 3. It is the hope of our church staff that families will come, worship together and stay for Sunday school at the 3rd hour on Sunday morning. If your family has kids in the children's ministry and youth ministry, we are working to make sure there's a place for everyone during the 11:15 am service.

On Sunday night, March 7th, we will be hosting a screening for the amazing organization, *Invisible Children*. For more information, visit [www.invisiblechildren.com](http://www.invisiblechildren.com).

**MINISTRY**

For more information on Summer 2010 Mission Trips and IM-PACT Camp at Bridgeport (Nathan is the camp preacher!), please visit the youth website.

If you would like to volunteer to bring dinner for our students on an upcoming Sunday or Wednesday night, please let Karla know at [karla@argyleumc.org](mailto:karla@argyleumc.org). Until then, let's remain in Him...

Nathan Bryant  
[nathan@argyleumc.org](mailto:nathan@argyleumc.org) 940-594-1062



**VALENTINE'S PARENTS NIGHT OUT.** Looking for an affordable way to leave your kids somewhere safe and fun while you and the spouse share a special night on this upcoming romantic weekend?

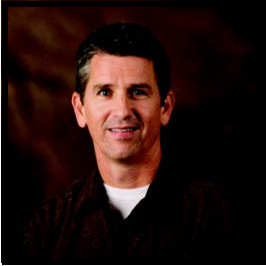
Plan on dropping your kids off at the church! The Student Ministry at Argyle UMC will be babysitting kids age 1 (walking) through the 4th grade at the church on Saturday night, February 13th. We'll be watching kids from 6:00—10:00 pm for a very reasonable price—\$5 per child per hour.

We're doing this as both a service to you, our church family, and as a fundraiser for our summer 2010 events. To RSVP a place for your children, please email Nathan ([nathan@argyleumc.org](mailto:nathan@argyleumc.org)) or Karla ([karla@argyleumc.org](mailto:karla@argyleumc.org)).

**ADULT**

**MINISTRIES**

**Todd Mead**  
**Pastor of Spiritual Formation**



How about a marriage moment for February? God's intent is that marriage would be a relationship that honors Him and is a blessing to couples.

Most of us realize this is often not the case. For those who have chosen marriage, we find it a mixed bag at times. For me it has turned out to very differ-

ent than I could have ever imagined. Marriage has been more difficult than I could have known and more of a blessing than I could have ever imagined. Let me share a couple of things I have learned through my own marriage and visiting with hundreds of other people about their marriage.

There are two needs God has created in all of us, the need for security and significance. We each find much of our personal worth in these two needs. I believe both men and women share these needs. For men, the primary route to personal worth is significance; for women the primary route is security. This idea has been very helpful for me in my marriage.

God's design is that each of us, both male and female, would find both our security and significance in Him. When we do that, it impacts our other relationships in a very positive way. When a husband and wife find their worth and value in God, it impacts their marriage in a very positive way. So let me ask you a question. Where do you try to find your self worth? If you are married, are you trying to find it in your mate?

Understand in a marriage there are things I can do or not do that give my wife a sense of security. It is important that I create an atmosphere of security, but it is more important that my wife find her security first in God. Many times men do not feel they are significant in the eyes of their wife, so they go try to find that in other ways. Often men seek this through career, physical fitness, stuff and status. Men need to find their significance first in their relationship with God.

We really put our spouses in an impossible position if we want them to be our primary source of security and significance. When that happens over time, it creates a lot of tension, disappointment and resentment. God created you and I to seek Him for our self worth and value. When we begin to know God's

love and find our true identity in Jesus, we love better. We are better spouses, parents and friends. We start to become all God created us to be.

Peace,  
Todd

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## **Adult Sunday School**

*These classes are held Sundays from 10:00—11:00 am in the portable buildings located on the south side of the building.*

Portable Building #1.

*Genesis.* We are studying *Christ the Fulfillment*. Led by Todd Mead, 940-464-1333, todd@argyleumc.org.

Portable Building #3.

*Families of Faith.* For families of mostly elementary-aged school children. Contact David Young or Mike Norwood.

Portable Building #4.

*Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.* Join us for our study, *Christianity and World Religions* by Adam Hamilton. It goes along with the current sermon series. Come join us in Portable 4 at 9:45 am for good fellowship and discussion. Contact Buster Rosser.

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*This class is held Sundays from 5:00—6:30 pm in portable building #4 located on the south side of the building.*

Portable Building #3.

*Footprints.* This class, for young couples with or without children, focuses its studies on the books of the Bible, life-application of the scriptures, and marriage and relationship development. They participate in First Friday of the Month socials, a New Year's Party, group attendance at special worship services throughout the year and summer get-togethers. We are currently studying *Experiencing God and Eclipsing Empire—Living the Questions*. Childcare provided. Interested? Contact Cyne' Hindman or footprints@argyleumc.org.



## STEPHEN MINISTRY UPDATE

*He who has ears, let him hear. Matthew 11:15*

Last month our sixteen Stephen Ministry trainees began their journey to becoming Stephen Ministers. Our trainees learned the art of listening. Think of a time when you really felt cared for. Chances are someone focused on what you had to say, was attentive to your needs, and listened to how you felt instead of telling you how you should feel or what you should do.

Listening is one of the most powerful ministry tools at your disposal. It demonstrates that you care about the other person. In Stephen Ministry, a great deal of time is spent in teaching and practicing listening skills because of its importance as a caregiving tool. You too can become a more caring listener by understanding and applying these six listening concepts from Stephen Ministry training:

**Listening is active.** It takes energy and commitment to listen really well. Focus your attention on what the other person has to say instead of thinking of what you'll say next. Look at him or her while you listen, and nod along from time to time so that the person knows you're tuned in.

**Listening takes practice.** Often you need to build trust before someone will open up to you. Constant, patient listening is a key.

**Listening involves more than just words.** Pay attention not only to what is *said*, but to what is *not said*—or to what is said with a smile or a sigh. Pay attention to body language, too. Does it agree with or contradict a person's spoken words?

**Good listeners aren't completely silent.** They restate key thoughts or ideas to be sure they understood correctly or ask focused questions to encourage the person to reach a little deeper.

**Listening happens over time.** One conversation might build upon an earlier one. As you listen over several conversations, are there any recurring themes or patterns in what the person has said? Are there any contradictions from what was said earlier? These are signs there may be more to explore underneath.

**Listening is confidential.** A great way to build that trust and to show the person you really care for him or her is to maintain confidentiality and not to share with others what was told to you in private conversation.

Jesus was the model of a good listener. Much of his ministry was listening to people. By listening to what people had to say he demonstrated how much he really cared about them. Remember the stories of the woman at the well, Nicodemus, or the disciples on the road of Emmaus. All were times when Jesus showed his care and concern by first listening to people then giving them what they needed.

We all want Argyle United Methodist Church to be a caring place where members and guests truly feel people care about who they are and how they feel. Just as our Stephen Ministers use good listening skills to communicate how much they care, so can you. Follow and practice these listening principles and make a concentrated effort toward becoming a better listener. Listening is a great gift we can give to one another, and one we can all use in order to make Argyle United Methodist Church a more caring place.

Every Blessing,  
The Stephen Leaders  
*Submitted by Kim Thomas*



## *Members in the News*

Congratulations to AUMC's Chris Rosprim (shown left) who has been named Denton and Wise County Realtor of the Year. The AUMC staff lovingly refers to him as our "He-brew" because he always gets the coffee going before everyone else gets here on Sunday mornings! We're proud of you, Chris!

# **Adult Small Groups**

**EXERCISE AT THE CHURCH.** Start the New Year right with a good, solid exercise program at the church. The class meets every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:15 to 9:15 am, and is a mix of aerobics and weight training. The class is generally an intermediate level class, but beginners are shown modifications and encouraged to build up their strength. Join a group of faithful women who support each other in more ways than just exercise. Contact Lynda Mathis or just show up.

**MEN'S LESSONS-N-LUNCH.** Wednesdays at 12:00 pm in portable #1. We are doing a study by Charles Swindoll, *The Man of Integrity and Forgiveness—Joseph*. Jim Dyer is leading this study. Contact Larry Chiles.

**MOTORCYCLE MINISTRY.** Fellowship through motorcycle interests and rides. We will meet (weather permitting) the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm. Contact Greg Bristow.

**MEN'S GROUP.** Hope all enjoyed the holidays. Men will meet for breakfast at Snooty Pig Café at 8:00 am on Feb. 21st (third Sunday of the month) so we can still make the early service. All men invited. For more info, contact Chris Rosprim, [chris@texasrealtyteam.com](mailto:chris@texasrealtyteam.com), 940-243-4000.

**MEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY.** Join us Thursdays at 6:30 am in the conference room. We are studying *Being God's Man*. Questions? Contact Dana Bolin.

**AUMC CIRCUIT RIDERS.** This bicycling ministry includes Rob Arruda, Stuart White, Don Fryer, Charlie Foster, and others. They ride for fun and for particular charities. Contact Charlie Foster.

**MARY'S & MARTHA'S WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY.** *Here and Now...There and Then, A Lecture Series on Revelation* by Beth Moore. We live in a world turned upside down and it is scripture that turns it right side up. Revelation is the sparkling, stunning and astonishing finish to what God began in Genesis. Join us Thursdays from 9:00 to 11:00 am in Portable #4. Questions: Contact Kim Thomas.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY.** *Breaking Free: The Journey, The Stories* by Beth Moore. This revised Beth Moore study leads you through a study of the Scriptures to discover the transforming power of Christian freedom. Based on Isaiah 61:1-4, this in-depth Bible study draws parallels between the cap

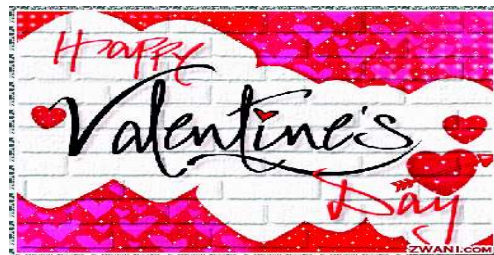
tive Israelites and today's believers. Beth uses Scripture to help identify spiritual strongholds in your life, no matter how big or small. She explains that anything that hinders us from the benefits of knowing God is bondage. *Breaking Free* is Beth's life message that she wants to share with you. This study, which began mid-January, is at the home of Jeannine Pooley beginning January 13, 2010. Cost \$15 for workbook. You can contact Jeannine Pooley.

**SENIOR'S GAME TIME.** Calvin and Millie Clark lead a game time for seniors here at AUMC the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 1:30 pm. If you would like to play cards, dominoes and you enjoy fun and fellowship, contact the Clark's.

## **Other Events**

**GUARDIANSHIP TRAINING.** Who makes decisions for those who can't? That question and many others will be answered During Guardianship Training at AUMC on Thursday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 am —3:00 pm. Training will focus on: the Guardianship Process, responsibilities of a Guardian of the Person, decision making and maneuvering the healthcare system as a guardian. Targeted audience: New guardians, future guardians or anyone interested in learning more about guardianship.

To register or for more information, contact Health Services of North Texas- Guardianship Program at (940) 387-5788 or AUMC member Vickie McMurry, [vmcmurry@healthntx.org](mailto:vmcmurry@healthntx.org). Registration fee of \$50 a person or \$75 a couple includes lunch. Additional info is available at the AUMC Guest Welcome Center.



**CONGREGATIONAL**

**CARE**

**By Pat Wellborn**  
**Congregational Care**



The AUMC staff is studying *The Christian Small Group Leader* by Thomas R. Hawkins. It focuses on many leadership roles, including how to offer Christian hospitality.

Hawkins describes hospitality as something that allows God's grace to flow through us to strangers who may be very different from us, opening these strangers to God's transforming love and power. He also talks about how our hospitality towards others opens us to receive the unexpected blessings that only strangers can give us.

The bible talks about hospitality nine times and includes lessons on not becoming self-serving, accepting it graciously, what Christ-like hospitality is, opening your home for hospitality and the importance of hospitality. And, of course, sharing, love and giving lessons are boundless in the bible. You can find these lessons by looking in the dictionary/concordance of your bible.

Several of our hospitality team members have attended conference seminars specifically for teaching us how to transform our congregation through hospitality. We're always open to finding new ways to show God's love here, and we have countless ways you can practice Christ's love here at our church. If you're wondering how you can use *your* gift of hospitality here at AUMC, please contact me so we can discover how God wants you to serve Him.

I pray God's blessings on you and your family.

Pat Wellborn

pat@argyleumc.org 940-765-9095

**HOW TO JOIN ARGYLE UMC.** We ask that everyone who is interested in becoming a member of the Argyle UMC family of faith join through attendance of our AUMC 101 class.

AUMC 101, led by Pastor of Spiritual Formation Minister Todd Mead, tells you about the United Methodist Church—sacraments, beliefs, and more—and about this congregation of the United Methodist Church—our vision, missions and programs. You are welcome to join AUMC at the end of that class. The next classes are Sundays, Feb. 21st and Apr. 11th, immediately following the 11:15 am worship service (about 12:30 pm) in the conference room. We provide a complimentary light

lunch as well as free childcare with advance notice. Please RSVP to Pat Wellborn, pat@argyleumc.org, 940-464-1333.

## *Thank You*

For the people at Argyle United Methodist Church

I want to thank you all for remembering the military service men and women at Christmas time and for thinking of the families this year, as well. Thank you for the *Daily Guidepost* which I am using with my daily devotionals. Please continue to keep our men and women and families in your prayers, especially during their deployments.

In Christian love,  
Kathy McGraw

*Editor's Note: Kathy's son, Charlie McGraw, is AUMC's Don Fryer's cousin. She is referring to the military version of the Upper Room Devotionals that AUMC sent to our troops and to their families as a Christmas gift.*

Dear Prayer Shawl Ministry,

Thank you so much for giving me the prayer shawl—I shall treasure it always. Also, thank you for the shawl for my brother Wendell Brown who is still very ill.

Sincerely,  
Millie Clark

Dear Members of the Argyle Methodist Church,

Thank you for the prayer shawl that you knitted for me. I will always treasure it as well as my wife, Judy.

Thank you again,  
Wendell Brown

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the lovely shawl, the prayers and the discs. For many years I enjoyed working in my church, but I am 86 years old and don't move around well anymore. With the help of my walker, my family and the dear cleaning lady, I manage to do what I need to do.

God bless you all and your church. May God bless America.

Best Regards,  
Louise King

**PLEASE PRAY FOR.** John and Barbara Roberts ask us to pray for all our college students this semester and for their sister-in-law, Hilda, whose cancer has spread and whose family is considering hospice care. Phyllis Formhals asks us to pray for her friend, Lora, and her family on the passing of Lora's son.

**NURSERY & TODDLER**

**CARE**

**By Lauren Anders**  
**Nursery Coordinator**



The year is off to such an amazing start! Many of the changes I discussed last month will roll out in February, so I'd like to give you some more specific information regarding the transformation of the nursery ministry at AUMC.

I am thrilled to announce our new nursery mentoring program for young volunteers. I believe it is a vital part of our

nursery ministry to train younger members of our church in the spiritual and physical care of children. With this in mind, we are accepting volunteers aged 14 and up to help on Sunday mornings and at other pre-determined church events. Any volunteers under 17 will participate in a 3-4 week mentoring program where they will work alongside a Nursery Attendant in a trainee role. If you or a member of your family is interested, please contact me to sign up.

Beginning the first week of February, we will use a paging system to contact parents who are needed in the nursery. Your family will be provided a number at drop off, and if you are needed at any time during the service, your number will appear in the top left corner of the sanctuary's screen. I hope the paging system will help families feel more comfortable in leaving their children with us during worship. Please let me know if you have any questions.

A parent and visitor brochure will be available this month for families using the nursery. I'd like to point out a few key points you will see in the brochure:

1. We will begin providing a simple snack approximately half-way through each service (think goldfish, pretzels, etc). At this time your child will be given any snack or drink you've provided. If your child will require a bottle, meal, or anything else that will not be made available to the group, we ask that you return to the nursery for these feedings as needed.
2. Please remember to label any personal items your child will have in the nursery. We will have sticker labels available for visitors. This will reduce instances of lost or misplaced items.

As usual, thank you for your cooperation and continued support. We are blessed to have such amazing children and families using the nursery, and we know these blessings will only multiply as we continue to grow our nursery ministry.

Blessings,  
Lauren Anders  
lauren@argyleumc.org 940-464-1333

**COME PLAY WITH US.** We are always looking for friends to play with us in the nursery! If you would like to volunteer to spend an hour with us and you are over the age of 14, please contact Lauren. Thank you in advance for helping us minister to the young children!



Larry and Vickie Van Drunen are ecstatic about the arrival of their first grandchild, Corban Reid Costner, who was born Feb. 2nd. He is 7 lbs., 4 oz. and 20-1/2 in. long. His proud parents are Jennifer and Mitch Costner. You can send your congratulatory cards to the Van Drunen's at 480 Granite Circle, Argyle TX 76226 and to the Costner's at 106 Charleston Court, Hendersonville TN 37075. Jennifer was raised at Argyle UMC and volunteered with the youth group during and after college.

Welcome to God's family, Grace Bruce, who was baptized on Sunday, Jan. 17th. She is shown (R) with her parents Trip and Sara Bruce, brother Zac and Rev. Kory Knott.



**KINGDOM KIDS**

**Our mission:** To ensure that each child feels the love of God through us each and every day.

**By Kelli Stoops**  
Kingdom Kids Director



LOVE IS PATIENT, LOVE IS KIND...1 Corinthians 13:4 is really a popular bible verse. It's on cards, plaques and read at many weddings. Since February is the month dedicated to telling our loved ones just how much we love them, 1 Corinthians 13:4 is our bible verse this month in preschool.

Just for the record, patient and kind are two of the very words I use to describe the staff here at Kingdom Kids. It's great to work in a place where you get to see the bible come to life every day. The children here get that, too. Of course, working with these children, we get all kinds of love right back!

The children will learn about friendship, love and trust. We will celebrate Valentine's Day with a school wide party. Our three year old classes are studying community helpers this month. If you fall into that category and would like to come and talk to our classes, let us know. We love special guests! Our pre-k classes will discuss the presidents. If you look close enough, you might see a little President Lincoln around the hallways!

In honor of Dental Hygiene Month, Kingdom Kids will have a special visitor. Ms. Lesann from Dr. Jim Dyer's office will be giving our children a special presentation. The children will learn proper brushing tips and basic dental care.

Kingdom Kids Preschool will begin registration. We are happy to announce that we will offer a four day option for all classes starting in the Fall semester. Kingdom Kids will operate from Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am—2:00 pm, with a later gator option until 2:45 pm.

All church members can register before the general community on Sunday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>. A table will be set up in the conference room to answer any questions and enroll interested families. Open enrollment will begin Friday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>. We will host an Open House from 10:00 am—2:00 pm. Interested families

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will be able to take a tour of the facilities and meet the teachers. This is a great time to enroll and ensure your child a spot in our program. If you know parents of young children who would be interested in our program, please spread the word!

Kelli Stoops  
kelli@argyleumc.org 940-464-1333



**KINGDOM KIDS ON WESTERN DAY (above) and a impromptu visit from the Chisholm Trail wagon (below) who was passing by on their way from Denton to Fort Worth for the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo.**



**BRRRR! It's cold outside!**

**CHILDREN'S**

**MINISTRY**



**STEP INTO GOD'S KINGDOM**

**Our mission: To share and teach the love of Christ to children and their families.**

**By Liz Edwards**  
**Dir. of Children's Ministries**  
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940-453-9444 (cell)



**The Beatitudes**

February 7—28



**Scripture:** Matthew 5:3-12  
**Memory Verse:** *Now then, my children, listen to me; blessed are those who keep my ways.* Proverbs 8:32

This month we will be learning about The Beatitudes that Jesus gave at the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount. These eight "Blessed Are..." statements proclaim God's favor towards those who aspire to live according to God's kingdom.

We don't often hear the word "beatitude" in modern conversation, but Webster's Dictionary defines it as "supreme blessedness". When we talk about being blessed, we often translate "blessed" as "happy", but a more accurate definition would be "being divinely favored."

With the Beatitudes, Jesus gives us a very different way of thinking about things. These are not the people we might immediately think of being "supremely blessed", but discussing these attributes gives us a great opportunity to talk with your child about the differences between God's kingdom and the kingdoms of this world.

Cyne Hindman & Jennifer West; Rotation shepherds: Kindergarten, Nicole Hackett & Kristy Johnston; 1<sup>st</sup> grade, Dona & Bill Perkins; 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, Jo Ellen Bergstrom; 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Kathy Wright & Tammra Allison; 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Tracey Portz & Chris Funck. Movie: Darren & Stacie Schnabel, David & Jennifer Bullock, Steve & Shannan Christo, Roger & Sue Santone; Computer, Steve & Mary Betzhold, George & Kelly Dunham, Drama, Harold & Dana Ratcliff, Jeff Bergstrom; Art-Mark Robison; Zone 56, Portable 6, Tom & Pam Keenan, Julie Sheridan.

**FEBRUARY CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE (11:15 am)**

- Feb. 7 COMMUNION
- Feb. 14 Russell & Tonya Newell
- Feb. 21 Jamie & Carmen Goodson
- Feb. 28 Matt & Jolie Friess



This ministry for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders includes Sunday school and weekday praise, missions, Bible study, snack supper, & fun. We meet Sunday mornings at 10 am & Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8pm in portable # 6. If you have a 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grader be sure they come get in the ZONE! Parents, please contact Liz Edwards , 940-464-1333 or liz@argyleumc.org to sign up as a Zone 56 helper.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ROTATION SCHEDULE (10:00 am)**

	K	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
Feb. 7	Art-105	Movie-108	Movie-108	Drama-106	Computer-100
Feb. 14	Movie-108	Art-105	Art-107	Computer-100	Drama-106
Feb. 21	Drama-106	Computer-100	Computer-100	Movie-108	Art-105
Feb. 28	Computer-100	Drama-106	Drama-108	Art-105	Movie-108

Teachers: Older 2's and 3's (3 by Dec.31, 2009), Room. 103, Kelly Perritt, Kelly Hawkins & Carly Hawk; Pre-K , Room 104,

**CHILDREN'S**

**Created by God**

April 29—May 1



AUMC will be hosting our second *Created by God* weekend, April 29-May 1, 2010. *Created by God* is a human sexuality course for fifth and sixth graders, presented from a Christian view point. The goal of this course is not only to help our young people become more knowledgeable about their physical bodies, but more

importantly, to open up the lines of communication between parents and their children on this extremely important issue.

As the UMC North Texas Annual Conference writes, *"We realize we live in a society that influences our decisions and values. Our choice is not whether we will be educated about our sexuality, but in what environment that education will take place."* No matter how sheltered we would like them to be, our children are constantly receiving messages from society about sexuality. *Created by God* provides a safe, loving environment for our students to feel free to ask caring adult leaders questions as they learn that puberty and sexuality are part of God's plan.

Our weekend will be led again by Deana Ferguson, a United Methodist Church *Created by God* certified instructor. Registration will begin February 15 and will be open to our AUMC families exclusively until March 15 and open to the community on March 16. Registration deadline is April 15. Our minimum is 12 students and our maximum is 30. The cost is \$40, payable to AUMC. As always, scholarships are available if needed.

Our Mission Possible Kids and Zone 56 have joined hands with tens of thousands of other children around the world who share the vision and dedication to empower communities through education in remote areas of Pakistan and Afghanistan. Our students are embarking on a Pennies for Peace campaign to broaden their cultural horizons and become members of a global family dedicated to peace.



**PENNIES FOR PEACE.** How can a penny bring peace? A penny doesn't buy much in Argyle. But in the villages of Pakistan and Afghanistan, a penny can buy a pencil, start an education, and transform a life. In a region where terrorist organizations recruit uneducated, illiterate children,

that pencil can empower a child to read, write, and learn. The Pennies for Peace program goal is to encourage children,

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who are ultimately our future leaders, to learn the value of philanthropy by collecting pennies for global peace.

We are continuing to collect pennies through February. By the end of January we have already deposited \$316.12 That's enough to pay for one advanced student's scholarship for a year! Keep those pennies coming!



**Galactic Blast –  
A Cosmic Adventure  
Praising God!**

Be prepared to blast off June 21-25 for our out-of- this- world 2010 Vacation Bible School! Through daily missions, our space cadets will see space like never before, gain a new perspective on our planet Earth, and learn easy "green" earth tips they can practice at home. This cosmic combination of faith and fun is all about helping our cadets connect with our awesome God. Our first planning meeting will be Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Please come join us plan this important ministry for our church and our community.



**SUMMER CAMP.** The Methodist Church offers several great summer camps for kids completing grades 3-5. The camps are at Bridgeport Camp and Conference Center, located on over 200 beautiful acres just 40 miles west of Denton. Children's camps offered this year are: July 17-21; July 22-26; July 27-31, and August 9-13. There is a children's music camp June 8-12 and a

special needs camp for children ages 9-14, June 8-12. Cost is \$275 if paid before February 28 and \$259 after that date. *Please note that these camps fill up fast.* To register and for more information see [www.bridgeportcamp.com](http://www.bridgeportcamp.com).



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Sundays

8:30—Traditional  
with congregational hymns  
10:00—Contemporary  
with intersect band  
11:15 am—Traditional  
with chancel choir

### Student Worship

Sunday: 6:00 pm—SNL  
(High School)  
Wednesday: STUWO  
6:30 pm Middle School  
7:15 pm High School

### Our Mission

Seeking and Feeding the Spiritually Hungry

### Our Vision

SEEK: Introducing People to Jesus  
GROW: Growing Spiritual Redwoods for Jesus  
SERVE: Relieving Suffering as Jesus Did

# Ministry Team

### SENIOR PASTOR

Rev. Kory Knott

### MUSIC MINISTRY

Rev. Joe Stobaugh, Assoc. Pastor  
Curator and Cantor  
Anastasia Markina, Pianist

### YOUTH MINISTRY

Nathan Bryant  
Karla Rogers, Assistant

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Liz Edwards, Director  
Lauren Anders, Nursery Coordinator

### CHILDREN'S PRESCHOOL

Kelli Stoops, Director

### FACILITIES MANAGER

Russell Kelly

### ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Todd Mead

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Pat Wellborn  
Rev. James Kayler

### OFFICE MINISTRY

Tammie Nuoci, Office  
Valerie Donahue, Finance

### MEDIA MINISTRY

Matthew Kelling, Director  
Adam Bell

David Laschinger  
Carter Low

Mike Livingston

Bill Reaves

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday  
9:00 am—5:00 pm

Sunday

8:30 am—12:30 pm

