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## From The Pastor: "Cliff Notes on The Bible"

An unknown person once summarized the Bible in 50 words:

God made  
Adam bit  
Noah arked  
Abraham split  
Joseph ruled  
Jacob fooled  
Bush talked  
Moses balked  
Pharaoh plagued  
People walked  
Sea divided  
Tablets guided  
Promise landed  
Saul freaked  
David peeked  
Prophets warned  
Jesus born  
God walked  
Love talked  
Anger crucified  
Hope died  
Love rose  
Spirit flamed  
Word spread  
God remained.

Aren't you glad you just read the Cliff Notes on the Bible? Now you won't have to read the Bible.

Of course 50 words can't quite capture the essence of the Bible. It is obvious to most Christians that their faith would grow if they would take the time to read through the Bible. Many people do start reading on their own at Genesis 1:1 and somewhere about Leviticus give up. Often people tell me they quit because of the amount of violence or they just didn't understand what they were reading.

A better way to read the Bible is with a study group. I invite you to join one of our Disciple Bible Study Classes. Several classes will launch at the end of September and will help you read 80% of the Bible by May.

When Christians are surveyed they often indicate that it was Bible Study which was the major factor in their spiritual growth. Disciple gives a daily reading plan and the class time helps you to understand the culture in which the readings were taking place. As you read and understand then you more fully comprehend Jesus' life and ministry here on earth.

Give some serious thought to learning from the Bible in 2009-2010. Watch for the upcoming Disciple Bible Study classes in the weekly worship bulletin.

Grace and peace,

*Fred*





## AN ADVENTURE OF FAITH

By Grover Wallace

The title of our current campaign is certainly appropriate for the year 2009. I don't think, in my lifetime, I've heard the word faith as many times as I have lately. With the challenging times we all face, it is difficult for our congregation to maintain our faith with the wars, a terrible economy, political bickering and arguments, and problems occurring in our own lives. But now, more than ever, our deep faith in God is probably more important to each of us than at any other time in our lives. On Sunday, August 9th we heard a great sermon from Pastor Fred about "faith". The night before, I was watching TV, and the singer sang a song that included the words "prayer is the key, but faith opens the door" or similar words. How true! Without faith in God, where would we turn today? How thankful we should be to have God to turn to in prayer and hand Him our trials and tribulations with a deep faith that we can depend on His help.

*"After Jesus had gone indoors, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why couldn't we drive it out?" He replied, "This kind can come out only by prayer".*

*Mark 9:28-29 (NIV)*

This was after a man had taken his son to have them drive out the son's demon and they were unable to do so. The man then told his story to Jesus. He told Jesus *"I do believe; help me overcome my disbelief"* Mark 9:24 (NIV). Read Mark 9:14 through 29. The man had faith that his son could be cured.

Last month I described my first encounter with Walter Kurtz, who lived a life of prayer and faith, and was a writer of songs and poems about his faith in our God.

The second time I saw Walter was at the funeral home the night before my sister's funeral. More frail and weak than on our previous meeting, Walter was still willing to talk about life and death. He told me that he had changed his funeral plans and that he would have a military funeral and would be cremated. He said he had spent some of his fortune that day buying or helping to buy a car for each of his five children. The way it sounded, Walter spent somewhere around \$70,000 that day but had saved some for himself. Probably enough to cover his funeral expenses. Now Walter was not a rich man by today's standards, but he was willing to share and help others in need.

After a while, Walter pulled out a crumpled sheet of paper that he planned to read from at my sister's funeral the next day. By just looking at the paper you could tell that he had struggled to complete the piece, but you had to realize that it was out of his loving heart that he somehow managed to do so.

On that paper was a message to Nancy Traugh from God written by Walter.

*"I know you have been through the valley of weeping, of sorrow and pain;*

*And you have felt the presence of Jesus and felt like living again.*

*But I say no, dear child let me show you through the pearly gates*

*Where no more sickness and pain will be done.*

*You will be singing with my band of angels,*

*Walking on the streets of gold.*

*There are ways to heaven and ways to hell*

*I know you've chosen the right way and someday we will see you again."*

5/16/09

Walter Kurtz

Unfortunately, Walter was too weak to attend the funeral the next day to read his message.

The third and final time I met Walter was the day before we returned to Arizona. I went to his home with my sister's husband for a short visit. Walter was pretty chipper that day and had apparently been tinkering with a lawnmower since the last time we met. Walter came out of his bedroom with his walker and his guitar, sat down in his chair and sang a few renditions of songs he had written over the years.

That same day, hospice was to bring a hospital bed and other medical equipment to his home to provide more comfort for a very weak and ailing man. He wasn't overly enthused about the bed but said he would use it if he felt he wanted to. Don't know if he used it or not.

Walter died a few days later. I later talked to his daughter and caregiver, Bonnie. Walter did have his military funeral but Bonnie said everything he had planned was not possible because his plans would have taken all day. However, one thing happened that Walter had not planned - his four sons with their guitars sang many of the songs Walter had written during his lifetime.

May you rest in peace, Walter - a person I will never forget.

During the month of July, 2009 our congregation contributed \$27,861 to the building fund, which brings our total contributions through July 31st to \$147,393 for the first five months of our stewardship year. Our average monthly giving to the building fund this year has been \$29,479 which barely covers our committed monthly mortgage payment. So the possibility of paying more than our annual commitment is not realistic at this time. Let's hope and have faith that economic conditions will improve and at some point our contributions will increase and the possibility of paying off our mortgage early will improve as well.

*"Let no debt remain outstanding except the continuing debt to love one another"*

Romans 13:8 (NIV)



Please continue to recharge and use your Bashas' Community Support Cards and Fry's Gift Cards while shopping at these grocery chains. It doesn't cost you anything extra to use them (you still get the sale prices) and it benefits the church bus fund. Since I'll be on vacation during August and September, if you need a new card one can be purchased in the church office during the week. See you in October.

Betty Rolley



The following is from a Thank You card received in the Office from a person who was helped by our Missions fund:

"I would like to thank the church and the person responsible for helping my family. You gave us the greatest gift I have received: Security.

Thank you so much! I hope many blessings come your way."



**Sweet & Sour Meatballs**

submitted by Betty Hetherington

- 1 lb. of your favorite homemade meatballs
- 1 jar (12 oz) chili sauce
- 1 jar (10 oz.) grape jelly
- 1 jar (16 oz.) sweet pickles
- 1 can (20 oz.) chunk pineapple
- 1 lg. green pepper, cut into chunks

Brown the meatballs. Combine chili sauce, jelly and 1/2 cup juice of pineapple in another large pan. Heat, stirring constantly, until jelly is melted. Add cooked meatballs and all other ingredients. Heat until all are hot. This can also be frozen.

**REMEMBER WITH YOUR PRAYERS  
PATRIOT'S DAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2009**

**DONATIONS AND ATTENDANCE**

July	2007		2008		2009		2008	2009
	Gen.	Build.	Gen.	Build.	Gen.	Build.	Worship All	Worship All
<b>1st</b>	\$15279	\$9923	\$12006	\$8722	\$12975	\$4725	449	415
<b>2nd</b>	6488	6519	8505	4675	9827	5629	499	451
<b>3rd</b>	9308	3693	6135	3664	6370	4535	408	386
<b>4th</b>	6782	8265	6846	2374	7241	12972	543	471
<b>5th</b>	7788	3669	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	\$45645	\$32068	\$33492	\$19435	\$36413	\$27861	1899	1723



## Christian Education...

With "Coach" Ellis Falk

*"Our mission is to bring the love of Christ and His teachings to learners of all ages on their spiritual journey, that they be transformed and thus positively affect our local and global communities."*

**"U Can" Club:** While the "U CAN CLUB" started in the summer we will continue this activity into the fall and through the winter for the children ages 4-12. This will continue on Wed. afternoon from 4:30 pm until 6:00 pm. This is a time of games, fun, crafts, activities, singing and stories for the children and is held in the Educational Building. It is also a time of exploring and learning about God and that He can be found anywhere and in all activities and that He is with us all the time. This activity is for children of the church and their friends in the community. So, young ones, invite your friends to this exciting time of fun and fellowship. This creative session is under the direction of Linda Walker and if you would like to be involved, give her a call.

**Sunday School teachers are needed** as full time or regular teachers and substitutes. This need is for the entire Sunday School as we are in the time of vacations and other activities which take the regular teachers away from the normal teaching routine. If you could help out please call the church office and leave your name and phone number. Thanks for your interest and support.

**Study Sessions and classes** for the remaining summer months and the future are being planned. Should you wish a particular study or would like to develop one, please contact the education office at the church. We have available for loan the "Alpha Faith Course". This is a DVD set that gives an introduction to the Christian Faith and allows people to explore the real meaning of life. There are also several other DVD programs which could be used by an individual or small group study.

**The Disciple Program and classes** will be offered this fall and winter. However, (something new) there will be a shorter "eight week" session for those who feel they can't make a commitment to the normal 34 week session. The program will be broken into smaller segments over a longer period of time. The same subject matter will be covered but may take two years to complete the normal 34 week program. Additional information will appear in future newsletters. If you would like to be a "facilitator" for any of the Disciple Classes, please let me know. Classes offered this fall and winter include the following: Disciple 1-Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study. Disciple 2-Into the Word, Into the World. Disciple 3-Remembering Who We Are. Disciple 4-Under the Tree of Life. Disciple 5-Jesus in the Gospels. Sign up is going on now and classes will begin shortly.

**Sidewalk Sunday School:** The door shuts...but God opens the window! As many of you know, the Sidewalk Sunday School needed a new place to meet. Well, through the ring of faith, God opened the way for us to meet at Desert Chapel UMC. This new window of opportunity is now open for Sidewalk Sunday School to continue to serve in this very informal and unusual ministry. We thank all who prayed that this ministry would be able to continue. We are thankful to the members of Desert Chapel for letting this ministry have use of their property and buildings. We look forward to this new setting. Please continue to pray that this ministry will be a blessing to all who come and visit each Saturday. The plan is to start the first Saturday of Oct. and meet every Saturday until the end of April. This fun and faith zone ministry is always looking for persons who want to help change the lives of children. You are invited to be a part of this very exciting and growing ministry by helping as a shepherd, giving of money, or providing snacks. God will bless you for your involvement. Come and get involved as a helper in this very wonderful and perhaps life changing ministry.

**The Safe Sanctuary Program:** In order to maintain the church's good safety record in the area of Child and Youth ministry we are bringing this item to your attention again. On January 16<sup>th</sup> 2007 the Admin. Council of GCUMC adopted the current church policy for the safety and well being of all children and youth who come under the scope and ministry of the church. All persons who minister to children and/or youth will be asked to update their files. This includes persons who are teachers, volunteers, child care givers and those who work with the Sidewalk Sunday School program. I greatly appreciate your concern and cooperation in this matter as we all want to do our best to ensure the church families that the spiritual, mental, emotional and physical welfare of our children and youth are in good, safe and capable hands. We all regret that this is needed but we live in a time that calls for such action, not only to protect the children and youth but also to protect the church. The policy and the guidelines that were adopted by the Admin. Council are available for your reading in the church office. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

*"If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all"*

*Romans 12:18*



# Youth Ministries

*With Heather Rodenberg*

Sunday School 9:30 am in the Education Building  
Youth Fellowship 6:30 pm Sundays in the Education Building

## September Youth Happenings

### Beach Trip

When: 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>

Where: Carlsbad Beach

We will leave the morning of the 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am and return the 7<sup>th</sup> in the evening.



where families break the cycle of homelessness

September 19<sup>th</sup> walk for homeless. Meet at the church at 6:00 am. Forms and money due by 9/8 to the office.

### Up and coming in October

9<sup>th</sup> Paintball @ Tempe paintball

24<sup>th</sup> Youth Emersion Serve-a-thon @ UMOM (I will need a couple of parents to help with driving and serving.)

Check out the remodel on the youth room!



### What's up with the envelopes?

The youth want to raise money for mission outreach. We plan on helping an orphanage in India by purchasing school supplies. We are also using the funds for our next year mission trip. If you would like to give, please pick up an envelope with the amount you would like to give and hand it in to the office or place in the offering. Thanks for your support!!



Come join us to celebrate the onset of fall at

Fall--ween

When: October 25th from 2:00 to 7:00 pm

Where: GCUMC campus

What's happening:

- \* Parade of costumes with judging for prizes
- \* Weenie roasting & marshmallow toasting
- \* Hayrides
- \* **Houser Gang** concert

There is no cost of admission, however free will donations are always greatly appreciated.

This event is sponsored by your **W.O.W.** hospitality outreach team.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

On September 14, there will be a very important Hospitality Outreach meeting. It will be the first **W.O.W.** planning session for the upcoming Fall-O-ween event. Everyone involved should plan to attend at 6:00 pm in the Koinonia Room. If you wish to join the committee, feel free to just show up, or for more information, call Ron Walker at 480-671-3881.

**We need your help!**

- In order to make our first Fall-O-ween event a big success, we need all the creative ideas or help that you can provide.
- We also need to borrow the following items (as props only—condition is not a concern):
- ♦ Horse-drawn wagons (wagon only)
- ♦ Baled hay or straw
- ♦ Galvanized washtubs and buckets
- ♦ Troughs
- ♦ Pumpkins
- ♦ Indian corn
- ♦ Corn stalks



■ We also need volunteers to make cowboy beans, cole slaw, or potato salad. The date, again, is October 25, and if you can help in any capacity whatsoever, we urge you to call the office at 480-982-3776 or Ron Walker at 480-671-3881. Thank you!

**Commemorative Mugs!!!!**



Wouldn't you like to enjoy your morning coffee or tea or perhaps hot chocolate in an attractive Gold Canyon United Methodist Church Commemorative Mug? Stop by the Information Desk or the office and pick one up for only \$5.00 each.

Your **W.O.W.** team designed the mugs and proceeds will be used to support their outreach mission.

**DISCIPLE**

**Salted Peanut Chews**

Submitted by Kathy Serrine

Base:

- 1 pkg. yellow cake mix
- 1/3 cup soft butter or margarine
- 1 egg

3 cups miniature marshmallows

Topping:

- 2/3 cup corn syrup
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 1 pkg. peanut butter chips (2 cups)
- 2 cups oven toasted Rice Krispies
- 2 cups dry roasted peanuts

Combine cake mix, butter and egg until crumbly. Press into 9x13 pan. Bake 12-18 mins. @ 350 until light golden brown. Sprinkle with marshmallows and return to oven for several minutes until marshmallows begin to puff. Cool while making topping. Heat syrup, butter, vanilla and chips until melted and smooth. Quickly stir in cereal and nuts while warm and immediately spoon over marshmallows, spreading to cover. Chill and cut into bars.

**Please welcome the following New Members who joined our church family on August 16, 2009**

- Jeanette Ohnstad
- James Morganegg
- Patricia Zirjacks
- Craig & Sharon Larson
- Pauline Lymons
- Todd & Karen Williams





## Music Notes



Oh my! Where has the summer gone?!? It seems like I never “got away” this year! I limit myself to three Continuing Education events per year. The first one was the American Choral Directors Association 4-Corners Choral Workshop in Flagstaff. The second was the Region IX Organ Festival of the American Guild of Organists in Phoenix at the Arizona Biltmore. The last one was the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers National Seminar in Tucson. Flagstaff, Phoenix, Tucson – I never even got out of the state! Didn’t even get any frequent flier miles!

Having said that, what I did get was a renewal of spirit, an affirmation of why I do what I do (church music) and continued development of my craft. Certainly worth staying “in-state”, even though I did not get any frequent flier miles!

This month begins our “new” season for the choirs and handbell groups! The **Chancel Choir** will begin rehearsing on Thursday evenings August 27th at 7:00 pm, and will sing for the first time this season on Sunday, September 13th. If you have thought about singing with us, can read music, and “carry a tune” in something besides a basket, please come join us! Come about 15 minutes early so we can get you music and a folder. I don’t audition, so don’t worry about that. Just come share your talents with us. You will be glad you did, and so will we! We have more fun than a “church group” probably should have!

Handbell groups will begin the week following Labor Day. I am still waiting to get some schedules before establishing practice times. Watch the Sunday bulletins and I’ll have information there when I decide. I am hoping to establish a new bell choir for kids from 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade this year, and hopefully start a kid’s vocal group as well. Again, watch the bulletin for more information.

Many of you have asked me when the **Christmas Concert** will be this year. The concert is always on the second Saturday of December, so this year, it will be on **Saturday, Dec. 12th, at 3:00 and 6:30 pm.** You

might want to make a note of it, as, this year especially, you won’t want to miss it!

Next month I will include our **Performing Arts Series** schedule in the Roadrunner. We have some outstanding performances scheduled this year! As I have said before, we do not charge for our Performing Arts Series events. We do accept a freewill offering, and ask everyone to please bring a non-perishable food item for the Gold Canyon United Methodist Church Food Bank. I want everyone to come who would like to come, and not turn anyone away, or cause anyone to NOT attend, due to financial constraints. So far, donations have been enough to pay our performers’ agreed price, and I have faith that even in this economy we will continue to be able to provide quality, spiritual programs and be able to pay for them. God has truly blessed this place, and I know He will continue to do so!

Blessings to all,

*Doug*

Douglas Benton  
Director of Music Ministries

Howdy Partners!

Don’t forget that there is only one Country Western Service this month. It is on September 27th and we hope you’ll be there. Feel free to wear your jeans and cowboy hats because we’ll be enjoying some good ol’ country music by the Housers and there will be a potluck afterward. So we’ll see you on the 27th and bring your neighbors and friends. Beginning October 4th, we’ll enjoy the 5:00 Country Western Service every Sunday throughout the winter season.

See Y’all!  
David Ballard & Rev. Bob Deits



## WITHIN THE CHURCH FAMILY



*By Hu & Wendy Rhymes, with a little help from Hattie, Muffin (& Sadie, too)*

**ATTENTION: If you want to contact the Rhymes and you don't have our CELL number, please contact the church office. CALL US, please, with immediate needs, as we don't check our e-mail every day.**

### SADIE RHYMES MEMORIAL



We know many of you have designated monetary gifts for pet food to the Food Bank. We thank you so very much. Please be sure and mark your gifts for "Pet Food" or for "The Sadie Memorial" so that your money is spent for pet food. We are sure you have seen many examples on TV of animals in need. What a blessing our Food Bank is for so many folks and their pets.

Love, Hu, Wendy, Hattie, Muffin and Sadie too!!!

**Sympathies:** Dorothy & Joey Baker, upon the death of Barbara Baker, Dorothy's daughter & Joey's sister; Jolene Guist Agnew, upon the death of her father, Lavon Guist; The family of Mary Clark, upon her death; Diane Kissner, upon the death of her husband, Conrad (Connie); Grace Markert, upon the death of her husband, Ted; Nancy Miller, upon the death of her mother, Millie Potter; Bill Towell, upon the death of his wife, Midge; Grace Wrobel, upon the death of her sister, Marie Marsh; and the families & friends of the above.

**Concerns and/or Continued Prayers:** Charlie Acker, Doris Adamson, Marie AuBuchon, Joey & Jayme Bagby, Bonita Ball (Margaret Ball's mother-in-law), Lenden Bartlett, Will Benoit, Cathy Bird, Ralph Bos (Dave Bos' father), Tom Bottomley (Mike Vagnier's stepfather), Ida Buckner, Karen Carnahan, Channan Cassella, Mary Ceisla, Pat Colmer (Sharyn Bennet's mother), Janet Daniels, Patricia Davis, Duane Hansen, Dick Heinauer (Diane Heinauer's father-in-law), Helen Humble, Roger Hunt, Melvin Hurley, Carol Jacobson, Noel Jones (Linda & Morgan Jones' grandson), Jean Kaminski, Gladys Kay, Connie & Rick Keeling, Barbara Kite (Claudia Nielsen's sister), Tyler Lamb (Don & Dianne Parker's grandson), Rachel McKinney, Ann McMann (Larry McMann's mother), Dean Mansdorfer, Merle Matzke, Pat Osbakken, Jennie Oukada, Dick Peterson, Eileen Petticrew (Keith Petticrew's mother), Ralph Pino, Thomas Preiss, Bruce

Randolph, Ellen Roberson, Paul Schaus, Tracie Somers, Muriel Steinberg (Rev. Fred Steinberg's mother), Gary Stemple, Lori Thompson (Carolyn & Jim Burt's daughter), Alice Tiedge, Matty Tlusty (great granddaughter of the Eisentrauts), Les Wenger (Diane Heinauer's father), Paula Wirth, Lisa Wrobel, Trudy Zelezic (Dot Zelezic's daughter) and PRAYERS for the families (CAREGIVERS) of the above. PRAYERS for requests in the "CONFIDENTIAL PRAYER" boxes & UNSPOKEN REQUESTS. Also, those FOOD BANK CLIENTS who have requested prayer. PRAYERS for our MILITARY Personnel and their families.

**Still in Need of Prayers:** Dick & Eleanor Armstrong, Tom & Dee Ashe, Dorothy & Joey Baker, Bob & Ruth Bennett, Jan Berry (Myra & John Berry's daughter-in-law), Irene & Junior Blake (Paul Fillion's sister & brother-in-law), Jenny & Bob Burgi, Terry & Ruth Burris, Jim & Carolyn Burt, Bob Carpenter, Bob Carter & family, Eleanor Chesney, Mark & Donna Cleary, Bob Cole, Ellie Conger, Carol & Jason Crosswhite, Bill & Joyce Curtis, Lorraine Davidson, Rev. Bob & June Deits, Chuck Dickinson, Ted & Joy Fite, Fred & Jerri French, Andy & Danna Gharavi, David & Ardeena Gillette, Ross & Arline Hacker, Judy Halverson, Viola Hammond (Don Hammond's Mom), Rich & Sheila Haraldson, Lorna Hartman, Rita Hawkins, Beth Hayes (Jeff Hayes' mother),

Gladys Kay (Jane Hayes' Mom), Mel & Mary Kilbo, Steve & Peggy Kinder, Paul & Polly Knowlton, Roxie & Gene Kruschek, Naomi Kyle, Jane Lambert, Cheryl Lang, Thelma Lang (Pete 'n Kay Johnson's mother), Carol & Bill Lindemann, Pauline Lymons, Bob & Juana Mahlandt, Michael & Susan Malloy, Dean & Nyla Mansdorfer, Merle & Shirley Matzke, Bryan McCann (Jeanette Lunstead's son), Larry & Pat McMann, Wilbur McMann, Mary Moore, Hedy Moore (Jed Moore's Mom), Lorraine & Victor Phillips, Marvin & Jean Richter, Joanne Rogers, Mickey & Bob Rosenstein, Rick & Sue Sutter, Bill & Bobbie Talbot, Carl & Helen Thacker, (Jerry Thacker's parents), Lillian Thomas & Maria Remaley (Bill & Mary Thomas' mothers), Bev & Jim Toppin, Marven & Wanda Tufte, Ray and Nancy Villeneuve, Bill & Nancy Waechter, Mary Ann Warren, Zac Warren & family, LeRoy & Dorothy Wolter, Dot Zelezic and the families of the above.

**Joys:** Congratulations Steve & Holly Boyd, upon the birth of their twin daughters, Brighton & Bristol.

Congratulations to Ruthmary Anderson & John Shull, upon their recent marriage.

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Dear Church Family,

I would like to thank all my friends and neighbors for your support, cards, letters and memorials in time of need.

Also to extend my appreciation for everything that Hu and Wendy did - coming to the hospital every day, especially the morning when Ted was taken to ICU. I was by myself seeing how bad he was. Coming down the hall were Hu and Wendy - they were both like angels.

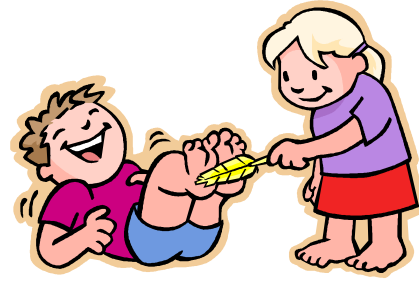
Also, Linda Walker for being there when Ted was taken to the hospital. She sat with me for hours and days after.

I can't say enough about the Memorial Service. What a great job Hu did. Linda, our pianist, did a beautiful piece and a great job. And thanks to Ron and staff in the kitchen. Memorial funds went to the Kitchen Fund.

Thanks to all.

Grace  
The Markert Family &  
The Dudley Family

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**“LAUGH A LITTLE” with Hu**

**ALL MEN/ALL GIRLS**

When my daughter, Kelli, said her bedtime prayers, she would bless every family member, every friend and every animal (current and past). For several weeks, after we had finished the nightly prayer, Kelli would say, “And all girls.” This soon became part of her nightly routine to include this closing. My curiosity got the best of me and I asked her, “Kelli, why do you always add the part about all girls?” Her response, “Because everybody always finished their prayers by saying “All Men”.

**LIFE AFTER DEATH**

“Do you believe in life after death?” the boss asked one of his employees. “Yes, Sir,” the new employee replied. “Well, then, that makes everything just fine,” the boss said. “After you left early yesterday to go to your grandmother’s funeral, she stopped in to see you!”

**DESIGNATED GIFTS FROM  
MEMORIAL/FUNERAL SERVICES**

Conrad (Connie) Kissner (Diane Kissner’s husband) - Channeled to Diane to be used at her discretion.

Lavon Guist - GCUMC Food Bank

Ted Markert (Grace Markert’s husband)  
- GCUMC Kitchen Fund



**MIND MENDERS SUPPORT GROUP**

...meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday each month at 10:00 am in the Education Building. Mind Menders is a support group for caregivers of Alzheimers and other dementia disease patients. Come join us. *Contact Jeanette Lunstead at 480-671-9888 or the church office for more information.*



**NEW!  
CAREGIVER'S SUPPORT GROUP**

A new group is starting for caregivers and care managers of those with chronic illnesses such as heart disease, diabetes, stroke, Parkinson's, MS and other chronic illnesses. Included would be parents, spouses, adult children and other family members or friends, many of whom need support in this challenging endeavor. If interested, please call Sue Malloy at 480-982-6809 and leave your name and phone number.



**The Grief Support Group lead by Laurie Christy will not be meeting for the summer as normally scheduled.**

Laurie will be glad to meet with anyone who contacts her by phone at 480-671-5768 or by email at Lchristy20@yahoo.com when needed. We will resume a regular schedule again in the fall.

**Cancer Support Group**



Meets each Wednesday at 10:00 am in Room 101-102. This active group provides spiritual support, love, friendship and a helping hand to cancer patients, caregivers and their families. For further information, contact Tom or Dee Ashe at 480-924-5483 or 480-650-6765 (cell) or by email at [dee.ashe@yahoo.com](mailto:dee.ashe@yahoo.com)

Jesus cared deeply for people whose hearts were broken by sorrow. When you cry, Jesus cries. Your tears are His tears. Your pain, His pain. This is a total mystery to me, but I believe it: God doesn't take away our pain, but shares it. That's the way God's love works. That's why every person who truly, deeply shares the pain of your grief with you is doing God's work.

Kenneth C. Haugk



The deadline for ordering altar flowers is noon Wednesday for the following Sunday. Cost is \$30.00



**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY®**

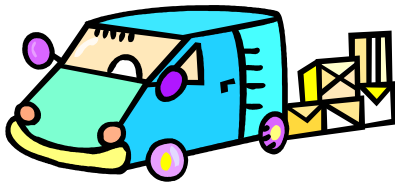
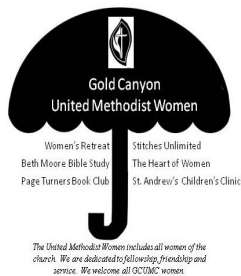
**JOURNEY TO RECOVERY**

If death has just taken your spouse, you are beginning a grief journey - a journey to recovery - a journey you may not refuse to take, a journey toward painful, confused brokenness OR one toward renewed, greater wholeness in which you come to trust Jesus more fully and thank God for His love.

The care of a Stephen Minister will really ease your trip through the initial shock, then through the withdrawal and pain which follow, and finally into an important re-building stage. Here the sense of loss becomes dim and anger and guilt, if any, are abated.

This strictly Christian care is BIG listening while you express your grief. It is RESPECT for and UNDERSTANDING your hurt. It is providing the comforting assurance that YOU ARE NOT ALONE.

PLEASE, if this spear has pierced you, call the office for a referral to the care of a Stephen Minister.



**ST. ANDREW'S NEWS**

Our October 1st visit to St. Andrew's Children's Clinic is drawing near.

Welcome, if you wish to be part of the caravan. Sign-up sheets are posted. We will be touring the facility and taking supplies.

If you wish to make a donation, drop off boxes are in the Narthex and Education Building.

Small prune juice containers and Pediasure can be ordered by the case through Bashas'. If you would rather make a monetary contribution, make checks payable to GCUMC and indicate St. Andrew's.

Toiletry kit items are accumulating, thanks to all of you. Sometime in September we will be assembling them. Look for the time and place in future bulletins.

Wish List items include: disposable diapers and bibs, Pediasure, small containers of prune juice, vitamins with iron, lap robes, afghans, slippers, sweaters, and infant clothing.

Thank you for all you do on behalf of these children.

- Alyce Ancell 480-983-2510
- Gail Crawford 480-671-3697
- Phyllis Gray 480-671-1551

**JOIN THE BOOK HABIT!**

Did you know you can help United Methodist Women reach a goal just by choosing to read books from the UMW Reading Program list? UMW recommends a diverse range of books with the intention of broadening your exposure to a variety of concepts. Women's Division Reading Program Committee chooses the books. Three evaluators made up of local members of UMW read each book before the committee reviews it. Many considerations influence the decision to choose a book, and suggestions come from many sources. The purpose of the Reading Program is to:



- Expand understanding of and participating in God's mission.
- Increase sensitivity to all human beings – their needs, interests and concerns.
- Encourage critical thinking about issues facing humanity today.
- Grow in understanding of Scripture as it relates to Christian faith in contemporary life.
- Enhance self-knowledge and to act from that knowledge.
- Strengthen involvement in local and global Christian mission.

Persons who wish to participate may choose any of the following four plans:

**PLAN I**

4 books each year-1 from each category-regular reading of *Response* and *New World Outlook*

**Plan II**

10 books each year-2 from each category-regular reading of *Response* and *New World Outlook*

**Plan III**

15 books each year-8 books with at least two from each category-7 additional books from any category-regular reading of *Response* and *New World Outlook*

**Plan IV**

20 books each year-8 books with at least two from each category-12 additional books from any category-regular reading of *Response* and *New World Outlook*

\*Books read may include selections from 2005-2009 reading lists if not previously read.

Categories: Education for Mission, Spiritual Growth, Social Action, Nurturing for Community *Response* and *New World Outlook* magazines can be found in the church library.

Please let your local Secretary of Program Resources, Diana Linton, know you have completed the requirements for one of the reading programs by December 15<sup>th</sup> each year.

Most books listed on the current Reading Program List are stocked at the Mission Resource Center, 1221 Profit Drive, Dallas, TX 75247 [www.missionresourcecenter.org](http://www.missionresourcecenter.org) 1-800-305-9857

Did you know we have a Book Club called The Page Turners? Each year we choose a couple of books from the UMW Reading Program list to read. Our next meeting is November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2 pm at Diana Linton's home, 4366 S. Avenida De Angeles 480-229-0706 and we are reading *The Last Lecture* by Randy Pausch. We would love for you to join us.

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**Back to School Drive**

Thanks to all of you who helped the needy children be equipped with some of the tools for learning. The following school supplies were delivered to the Wesley Center for their "Back to School Drive".



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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 20 backpacks             | 9 pencil boxes         |
| 130 spiral notebooks     | 4 pencil & ink packets |
| 33 pkgs. notebook paper  | 1 locker kit           |
| 7 notebooks              | 3 protractors          |
| 10 pkgs. colored pencils | 31 pkgs. Magic Markers |
| 2 art brushes            | 80 boxes of crayons    |
| 1 pkg. water colors      | 37 pkgs. pens          |
| 1 pkg. note cards        | 18 pkgs. erasers       |
| 2 rulers                 | 23 pair scissors       |
| 8 bottles Elmer's glue   | 64 pkgs. pencils       |
| 29 glue sticks           | 9 boxes of flashcards  |
| 104 folders              | Miscellaneous supplies |



## International Missions

*"The world is my parish." - John Wesley*

A couple of months ago we reported to you that nine members of GCUMC have made a commitment to the Chile work trip in January 2010. The work team will be assisting on a project in the Northern District of the Methodist Church in Chile, in the coastal city of Iquique at a Methodist school. While the work team members will pay for the cost of their trip, meals and accommodations, we are hoping to raise the money needed to buy the materials necessary for the work team. Each team member has the responsibility of contributing \$500 for materials; therefore we are hoping to raise a total of \$4,500 by Thanksgiving! There are a variety of ways in which you can help:

"Buy" a portion of a pew for \$100 (one full board)

"Buy" a half-board for \$50

Donate \$5 for varnish, glue or paint brushes

Donate any amount at any time in the church offering by designating "Chile work team" on your envelope or check

It isn't too early to begin thinking about holiday shopping, and as you do so, the idea of giving a portion of a pew or some other donation to the work team in honor of a loved one might be just the perfect gift! Beginning in September and continuing through the holiday season, we will have cards available indicating your gift for you to present to your loved one if you would like to make a donation.

Another gift idea for your coffee drinking family members and friends is to purchase coffee from the International Missions Team. Our Team purchases coffee from "Green Parrott Coffee", which is part of Fellow Man International of Honduras, a non-profit organization that directly benefits from the sale of Green Parrott Coffee. Green Parrott Coffee was created with the idea of promoting social justice for the Honduran coffee plantation worker. Green Parrott Coffee helps people in Honduras by: providing a way for them to make a living wage, allowing them to take part in profit sharing, helping to eliminate child labor, supporting education and promoting community development. Fellow Man International also operates a full service medical clinic and agricultural project in Honduras.

We want you to have many options, so if you would like to give in honor of someone by donating to any of our other international projects, you may do so! The other projects we support are a Christian church in Wangshi, China and "After The Wave" project in Thailand.

If you would like to donate to the Chile Work Team, to another international project, or buy Green Parrott Coffee, look for International Team members between services on Sundays, or contact:

Jackie Douglass (jackied.coaz@gmail.com),  
Ruthmary Shull (don101mary@msn.com),  
Nona Larson (enonal@msn.com),  
John Paddison (johnpaddiosn@yahoo.com)  
Jean Paddison (azjean@yahoo.com)  
or Jerry Thacker (jtha2000@mchsi.com).

### Current UMCOR Emergencies

To donate to UMCOR on behalf of the following emergencies, please write your check to GCUMC and write "UMCOR Advance ##### (fill in the appropriate number)" on the memo line. 100% of your donation will go to those affected by the emergency.

#### **Pakistan Crisis**

International Disaster Response  
UMCOR Advance #982450

#### **Zimbabwe Crisis**

Zimbabwe Emergency  
UMCOR Advance #199456

#### **Kenya Famine**

International Disaster Response, Kenya  
UMCOR Advance #982450

#### **Hurricanes**

Hurricanes 2009  
UMCOR Advance #3021002

For more ways to help, or to donate online, go to:  
<http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umcor/>





## AGING WELL: Never too old to learn or teach

By Missy Buchanan

Everyone in my Disciple Bible Study class looked forward to the night that Maggie brought refreshments. At 80-something years old, she still made an oatmeal pie that would make the angels sing.

Long before class was to start, Maggie's husband, Ed, would unload their car, laden with homemade goodies. They worked in sync, setting up a table-long spread. Then under Maggie's watchful gaze, the rest of us piled our paper plates until they sagged. She spoiled us like a generous grandmother, and we loved her for it.

Based on her culinary skill, you would not have known that Maggie could barely see or hear. She had severe macular degeneration that rendered her almost blind. Unless you were talking slowly and loudly in her "good" ear, she couldn't understand what you were saying.

But those physical limitations never kept her from stretching her mind while she stretched our waist sizes.

Through four years of Disciple classes, my husband and I sat across from Maggie and Ed. Each Sunday evening, I watched as she methodically arranged her study materials on the table. Along with her well-worn Bible and study manual, she brought out a large magnifying glass to help her read the large-print.

During lively discussion, Maggie would often break into a 100-watt smile that would bathe the room in pure joy. If classmates spoke too softly or were talking at once, Ed would lean over to Maggie's "good" ear. Using a super-sized stage whisper, he would lovingly translate all she had missed.

When Maggie died a few years ago, the image of her sitting in Bible study came rushing back to me. It is a tender scene forever etched in my memory: Maggie, with her magnifying glass, hovering over Scripture; Maggie searching for a comment she'd written in the margin of her manual; Maggie wondering aloud about the meaning of a certain passage.

At 80-something years, she was still eager to learn.

Sitting at her memorial service, I watched as endearing photographs flashed on the screen. There was one of Maggie's knitting basket and her favorite chair; another of Maggie with a fishing pole in hand; Maggie at a picnic table surrounded by members of her Sunday school class.

Through misty eyes, I glanced at the aging members of her class who were seated together in the front rows. I knew them to be much like Maggie. Faithful, older adults who know we can never out-learn God.

Suddenly I was struck by a truth. I fumbled for a pen and wrote on the back of the memorial bulletin. "We are never too old to learn; never too old to teach."

In that moment, I wondered if these older adults knew how much they teach the rest of us—about perseverance, about faithfulness, about never being spiritually retired.

It's a truth only God could imagine. As we learn, we also teach. Even as we grow old.

I suspect there are other Maggies in this world. At least I hope so. Wonderful role models with gray hair who still thirst for learning and who teach us by the way they live

But only my Maggie could make an oatmeal pie that would make the angels sing.

*Ms. Buchanan, a member of FUMC Rockwall, Texas, is the author of Living with Purpose in a Worn Out Body. For Maggie's oatmeal pie recipe, e-mail missy@missybuchanan.com. "Reprinted with permission from the United Methodist Reporter."*

Missy will be speaking to a group of older adults at a Presbyterian church in a Del Webb Retirement Community in Las Vegas and for the AARP convention (also in Las Vegas) on October 21-24.

# DISCIPLE

Soon you will be seeing announcements about the upcoming season of Disciple classes. Disciple is a long term, in-depth Bible study program that has many rewards for those who stick with it. If you've never taken a full Disciple class before, you will need to begin with Disciple 1. You'll study over 80% of the Bible, enter into exciting, inspiring and challenging discussions and make new friends. One great perk of Disciple for many of us has been snack time. Yes - snack time. What starts out at the beginning of the season as cookies and coffee soon transforms into a veritable feast! Look for some of our favorite class recipes scattered throughout this issue.

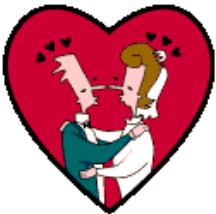
And if you love these recipes, just imagine what you might find in the Gold Canyon UMC Cookbook! If you don't have one yet, ask for one in the office or at the information desk. They are still \$7.50 each, and well worth it.



# September Birthdays



Michelle Cassella	1	Jerrydean Mercer	7	Joe Rosenberg	16	Bob Pappalardo	22
Donna Gale	1	Betty Fitzgibbons	8	Heather Rodenberg	17	Gretchen Anderson	23
Jim Serrine	1	Rodger Burris	9	Ron Trout	17	Dee Keyser	23
Renee Storley	1	James Jameson	9	Sandy Billeter	18	Carter Olson	23
Marven Tufte	1	Riley Kate Jones	9	Kimberly Kenyon	18	Hu Rhymes	23
Iona Grills	2	Mary Moore	9	Cynthia Reichert	18	Bob Flint	24
Ginny Johnson	2	Shirley Plakos	9	James Van Slooten	18	Jack Donovan	25
Ronald Jurgens	2	Wilbur Van Dusseldorp	9	David Bos	19	Mike Morris	25
Mary Ann Kinnison	2	Frank Grannis IV	10	Laura Parsons	19	Grover Wallace	25
Diana Linton	2	Dick Leet	11	Phil Rowland	19	Bud Rolley	26
Lowell Matthews	2	Janeane Miller	11	Terry Confer	20	Conrad Schmidt	27
Wendy Christian	4	Bob Bills	12	Nyla Mansdorfer	20	Leo Gerst	28
Rick Zieglofsky	4	Margaret Crites	12	Ray Villeneuve	20	Richelle Heinauer	28
Jean Brown	5	Harriette Downing	12	Dee Ashe	21	Bruce Mercer	28
Norma Gaulke	5	Jan Hegna	13	Mary Berg	21	Barbara Oldham	28
Mary Johnson	5	Ellie Marzahl	13	Wes Hodges	21	Rich Manbeck	29
Darrell Mitchell	5	Bob Ingram	14	Don Kinnison	21	Tom Robison	29
Christina Pappalardo	5	Leora Lahti	14	Patrick McGinnis	21	Bonnie Eisentraut	30
Pamela Ingram	6	Douglas Richardson	14	Sherry Blankenship	22	Noah Gingrich	30
Ira Kenyon	6	Jessica Aguilar	15	Steve Lukas	22	Beverly Hart	30
Peter Miller	6	Veronica Griffith	15	Patricia McGinnis	22	David O'Brien	30
Daniel Petticrew	6	Herb Kingery	16	Nancy Miller	22	Shane Steenbock	30
Marilyn Rogers	6	Jerry Pierce	16	Bonny Nielsen	22	Jill Sutter	30



# September Anniversaries

Patsy & Larry Arehart	1	Faye & Gary Nord	16
Ritchie & Norman Eriksen	1	Marilyn & Roy Pearson	16
Helen & Jerry Pierce	1	Dee & Tom Ashe	17
Margie & Mark Bird	2	Janice & Delbert Anderson	20
Lisa & Alan Kinzel	4	Joan & Paul Butler	20
Bonnie & John Lane	4	Bobbi & Lyle Aasheim	23
Carol & Caroll Dage	5	Harriette & Jeff Downing	23
Lizzi & Shane Steenbock	6	Jayne & Arthur Urback	23
Teri & Steve Lukas	9	Cheryl & Roger Farney	24
Sharyn & William Bennett	12	Sue & Herb Galliard	27
Mary Ann & Don Kinnison	12	Chris & Ron Houser	27
Marilyn & Pete Peterson	14	Brenda & Peter Rahaneotis	28
Judy & Conrad Schmidt	14	Marcia & Jim Ritenour	29
Lee & Kevin Druding	16	April & David Bracht	30
Joyce & Darwin Mixer	16	Peggy & Steve Kinder	30



# Volunteers Do Make a Difference

GCUMC  
982-3776

Jane Hayes, Volunteer Coordinator

## Volunteering and Employment Have Related Benefits

According to the survey on Giving, Volunteering and Participating, the same groups who are most likely to volunteer also improve their job prospects as their skills are increased.

Students between 15 and 24 can gain increased interpersonal and communication skills such as understanding people better, motivating others, and dealing with difficult situations they could then apply directly to a job from their volunteer activities.

Adults between 55 and 64 gain in knowledge while volunteering.

Perhaps the most compelling finding regarding volunteerism and helping people obtain employment is 28% of unemployed volunteers as well as 16% of employed volunteers said that their volunteering had helped them obtain a job in the past and 62% of unemployed volunteers believed it would help them find a job in the future.

## Want to volunteer but don't know where or how?

Websites to check out: [www.networkforgood.org](http://www.networkforgood.org)

OR

[www.bethechangeinc.org](http://www.bethechangeinc.org)

With our economic crisis, our response to volunteer makes such a difference in the lives of REAL PEOPLE.

Please consider calling your favorite charity, school, or service organization or me to see just how you might spend an hour of your time this week!

*\*\*Circle one or more of these options and place the form in the collection plate on Sunday, or drop by the office! Thanks.*

1. Custodian Helper
2. Homebound
3. Office Assistant
4. Sunday Morning
5. Gift Card for Food Bank
6. Greeter
7. Liturgist
8. Bus driver
9. Sidewalk Sunday School Helpers

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### **Roadrunner Email**

Would you mind receiving your *Roadrunner* and event announcements by email? If so, please fill out the information below, tear it off and drop it in the collection plate or send it in to the church office.

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to continue to receive hard copy Roadrunners as well? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No



### **COOKIE LOVERS UNITE!!!**

Our Hospitality Team is not receiving enough baked goods to continue serving our 8:00 and 9:30 services. Please contribute to our Hospitality Area by donating funds on Sunday at the tables on the patio or adding a check for "Kitchen Fund" to the collection plate. Our weekly "Cookie Cards" cost \$10-\$15. With \$5 donations we can purchase baked goods in quantity to have on hand. Of course, we will always accept cookies anytime during the week or on Sunday in the kitchen.



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Volunteer Coordinator	Margaret Ball
Parish Nurse	Jane Hayes
Nursery Care Giver	Vacant
Facility Care Taker	Susan Kenyon John LaViolette

**Addressee or Current Resident**

[Empty dotted box for address]

**SUMMER SERVICE HOURS**

**\*8:00 AM—Traditional Worship**

**\*9:30 AM—Traditional Worship**

**In the Sanctuary**

**\*10:50 AM—PRAISE Service**

**In the Koinonia Room**

**Music led by *Uncommon Grace***

*\*Childcare Provided*

**5:00 PM—Country Western Service**

**On the Last Sunday of the Month Only**

**For the month of September**

**Music will be led by *The Housers***

***Come Worship and Stay for the***

***Potluck!***

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE**

*All Children's Sunday School classes begin in the Worship Service with their families. Children are led to their classrooms after the Children's Sermon.*

✝ 8:00 AM ~ Adult Sunday School  
 Meets in Room 101/102

✝ 9:30 AM ~ Children's Sunday School  
 Pick Up in Room 101/102

✝ 9:30 AM ~ Youth Sunday School

✝ 10:45 AM ~ Adult Sunday School  
 Meets in Room 106

✝ 10:50 AM ~ Children's Sunday School  
 Pick up in Classrooms

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