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First News

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This Month In Worship

February 7

Transfiguration of the Lord
Souper/Super Bowl Sunday
Luke 9:28-36

February 10

Ash Wednesday
Ash Wednesday Service
at 6:30 p.m.

February 14

1st Sunday in Lent
First Friends Sunday
Deuteronomy 26:1-11

February 21

2nd Sunday in Lent
Luke 13:31-35

February 28

3rd Sunday in Lent
Luke 13:1-9

*Join Us This
Sunday!*

Traditional Worship -8:40 AM

Grow Groups -9:50 AM

**Contemporary Worship
11:00 AM**

24 Hours that Changed the World



What a difference a day makes. You hear people say that phrase all the time. It could not be truer than when talking about the last day of Jesus' life. In this book, Adam Hamilton will help you experience and understand the

significance of Jesus' suffering and death like never before. He retraces the day that changed human history in his usual straightforward yet easy, conversational style that speaks to both long-time Christians and those who are simply curious about the story of Christ's crucifixion. We hope that you will join us for study on **Wednesday nights at 6:40p.m. beginning February 17.** Pastor Brian Brooks will be leading this Study in the Fellowship Hall. Books will be available for purchase. Please contact Brian Brooks or Danyelle Meyer for more information.

Worshipping in Color!

If your curious about the latest thing in Bible study, then come and check out Bible Journaling. We meet on **Wednesday afternoons** starting at **4:50 in Rm. 101.** Bible journaling is a great way to dip deeper in God's word and have some great fellowship. Please let others that you know that Bible journaling is open to anyone in our community. We hope to see you there.



An Ash Wednesday Service will be held **February 10, at 6:30 pm** in the sanctuary.

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent in Western Christianity.

Ash Wednesday derives its name from the practice of blessing ashes made from palm branches blessed on the previous year's Palm Sunday, and placing them on the heads of participants .

First Friends Registration for 2016-2017

Beginning Monday, February 8-11 we will hold "In House" registration from 8:30-noon each day. All children already enrolled in our program may sign up for the preschool year 2016-2017. February 16 from 8:30-noon we will open enrollment to church members and past FF families. February 18 we will open enrollment to the community from 8:30-Noon.

All classes are on a "first come first serve" basis. You must register your child in person and turn in your registration form and fee to insure your child's spot for the fall. If you have any questions please contact Sheila Carlisle at 903-660-3216.

	Dec. 27	January 3	January 10	January 17
Worship Attendance 8:40 am	86	105	149	130
Worship Attendance 11:00 am	96	101	143	122
Sunday School Attendance	117	145	177	157
General Budget Received	\$23,245.14	\$10,765.00	\$11,600.25	\$6,391.55

Memorials & Honorariums

In Memory: Eugene Knight
 Given By: Gregory & Karen Kaster,
 Donna Dean Hutcherson

In Memory: Billy Skinner
 Given By: Jay & Anne Orr

In Memory: Mary Martin
 Given By: Johnnie McPherson, Donna
 D. Hutcherson, Wray & Mary Ann Boyd,
 Mary Sampson

In Honor: Prayer Partner
 Given By: Evalyn Heffel

In Memory: Arlene Roberts
 Given By: Donna Dean Hutcherson,
 Wray & Mary Ann Boyd, Bubba & Sheila
 Carlisle, Rodney & Sue Price

In Memory: Dorothy Hart
 Given By: Donna Dean Hutcherson,
 Wray & Mary Ann Boyd, Rodney & Sue
 Price, Mary Sampson, Bubba & Sheila Car-
 lisle, Stephen Ministry Group, Archie & Sally
 Barron

In Memory: Archie Barron's Sister
 Given By: Bubba & Sheila Carlisle

In Honor: Gerald & Linda Shields,
 Lindsey Shields, Jim Thomas
 Given By: David & Nancy Tevebaugh
 & Ronald & Carol Tevebaugh

In Memory: Judy Horne's Sister
 Given By: Bubba & Sheila Carlisle

REAL Women's Upcoming Events

Mark your Calendars

Friday, February 19 "Dinner and a Movie"
 Meet at Jalapeno Tree on Eastman Road
 In Longview at **5:30**. Following dinner we
 will go to a movie. **(Childcare provided by
 reservation made by February 12)**

Sunday, April 10 "Mud Hut"

Meet at Mud Hut 1001 N. Fourth St in Long-
 view at **2:00**. **(Childcare provided by res-
 ervation made by April 3)**

Year to Date Financial Report as of December 31, 2015

General Budget Year to Date Received: \$542,956.86
 General Budget Year to Date Expenses: \$544,944.72
 Year to Date Difference: (\$1,987.86)
 Building Note: \$515,865.25

Serving on Sunday – February 7, 2016

Liturgist: Larry Ward
8:40 Ushers: Annabelle & Tucker Vasser, Bobbi & Gary Wade
8:40 Prayer Partners: John Roberts
11:00 Ushers Joyce Weekly, Terry Hallonquist, Chad & Tressie Huff

Serving on Sunday – February 14, 2016

Liturgist: Donna Dean Hutcherson
8:40 Ushers: Ginger Bailey, James Stephens, Andra Jones, Craig
 Witherspoon
8:40 Prayer Partner: Sue Price
11:00 Ushers: Brenda Barth, Dodie Potts, Jim & Betty Buchanan

Serving on Sunday – February 21, 2016

Liturgist: Dr. Amber Daub
8:40 Ushers: Michael & Amy Whittle, Bob Kautzman, Bubba Carlisle
8:40 Prayer Partner: Bill & Kathryn Blair
11:00 Ushers: Bronda Moore, Cullen Lewis, David Holman, Desiree
 Rhodes

Serving on Sunday - February 28, 2016

Liturgist: Karon Cox
8:40 Ushers: Jim Cline, Kerry Kilgore, Doug Allen, Lee Gaw
8:40 Prayer Partner: Jay & Anne Orr
11:00 Ushers: Jim Thomas, Johnny Horne, Keith Barber, Linda Shields

Kingdom Kids

Children ages 4 years through the 5th grade are welcome to join us. Each week the children will learn one important Bible point that will remind them how God works inside them and how to live out their faith each day in the real world. We will sing songs, hear great Bible stories, and do some amazing hands-on activities each night. We are so thankful for the adults that give of their time to this ministry.

Joyful Noise

Our children's choir, "Joyful Noise" is already at work on our spring musical. We will be performing "Kingdom Connection" on **Wednesday, May 18th**. We would love to have every child here at First Methodist Church children's ministry. If you need more information, please contact Meredith Brooks or Danyelle Meyer.

Nursery Workers needed

Do you love to hold little ones and sing or play with them? The nursery is the perfect place for a child to feel the love of Jesus while his or her parents attend worship, Sunday school, or another church event. I am currently searching for a few people to work in the nursery on Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings, and other times as needed. If you or someone you know would be a great, responsible caregiver, please have them contact Danyelle Meyer at 903 660 3216 ext. 18 or @ education@fumchallsville.org. Must be at least 16 years of age.

Important dates

- Feb. 10th Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 17th 24 Hours That Changed The World Study Begins
- March 7-11 Spring Break- No Wednesday activities
- March 19th 11:30- ? FUMC Easter egg Hunt & Picnic



Scout Sunday, February 7 Fundraiser Breakfast

Breakfast will be served at 2 different times on **Sunday, February 7**. The 1st breakfast 7:30—8:30 am and the 2nd breakfast 9:45—10:45 am. Price per plate is \$5 & 8 yrs or under \$3. The menu includes biscuits & sausage gravy, scrambled eggs, fruit, coffee & juice.

This fundraiser helps boys earn money for day camp and other scouting adventures.

SOUPer Bowl Sunday, Feb. 7

Souper Bowl of Caring is youth across the nation working to fight hunger and poverty in their own communities. On Super Bowl Sunday, the youth are asking for items of food for the Community Outreach Center here in Hallsville.

Prison Ministry

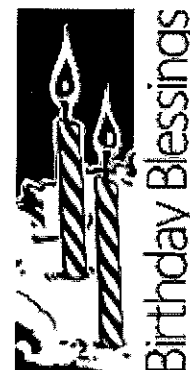
Bill Glass "Behind the Walls" Prison Ministry will be held **March 17, 18, 19** in Huntsville, TX. Anyone 18 and older, men and women are needed. Experience is not required as we are trained there. A large portion of our teammates will be "freshmen," so newcomers are welcomed. We expect around 500 Volunteers to attend.

Please contact Wray Boyd if you have questions — wraysboyd@letu.edu or call 903-668-2072. Application forms can be found in the church office.



Blood Drive Sunday, Feb. 21

A blood drive will be held on **February 21**, in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 am to 1:00pm. You can donate if you are at least 17 years of age and in general good health and weigh at least 110 lbs. Please give the Gift of Life!



February Birthdays

- 1 David Brooks, Jeremy Barber
- 2 Joe Sauer
- 4 Jean Roberts
- 5 Pamela Martin
- 6 Anna Butler, Ann Marie McLeod
- 7 Eric Edge
- 8 Chris Gaw
- 10 Ryan Maurer
- 11 Michelle York, Ashley Dalby
- 13 Suzanne Stolle
- 14 Bill Maloney, Danny LaBay
- 15 Case Haney
- 16 Hudson Daub, David Reed, Alena Swanson
- 17 Bill Blair, Jesse LaBay, Scott Hulen
- 20 Cindy Barber, Vickie Spearman
- 21 Brandon Walters, Hope Stowe, Sheri Kissell
- 22 Karen Glowczwski, Amber Gabelman
- 24 Lynette Sharp, Keith Barber, Janice Sauer
- 25 Tristin Fish, Tony Crawford
- 28 Rusty Walker

Hallsville Angel Tree Project

We helped 183 families (506 children) have a brighter Christmas! Thank you for any part that you had in helping us with this project! I love how we focused this project on mainly meeting needs with clothes, shoes, socks, undies and had them list a couple of wishes too.

Angie Mauldin, HISD

Thank You from Newgate

Your donation and support of Newgate Mission is greatly appreciated! It will touch the lives of our people on a daily basis. Thank you for helping us to share the love of God with His people

From Your Staff



We want to say thank you for your generosity this Christmas season. We appreciate your thinking of us during

Christmas and want you to know we feel privileged to serve God by serving this congregation. What a blessing you are to all of us.



First Friends Sunday

It's that time again to dust off the cook-books. First Friends will have their annual Silent Bake Off and Auction on **Sunday, February 14**. It's Valentine's Day so come and buy your sweetheart something! Due to popular demand we will have not only baked good, casseroles etc...but we will accept items to auction off as well. So put your thinking caps and aprons on and help us raise money for our preschool! (Remember all items need to be in Wesley Hall at the beginning of Sunday School.)



Youth Notes 2016

We just wanted to take a moment and say thank you. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of the family here at Hallsville. From the first day we were here you welcomed us with open arms and loved us like we had been here for years. Thank you for all the kind words and encouragement you have given to us during our time here,

Thank you to all who have volunteered in any capacity in the youth ministry while we have been here. From Summer Camp, to mission trips to wheel chair ramps and all the other events we did they are memories we will not forget.

Thank you to all of the parents for your support and for allowing your youth to come on Wednesday and Sundays and on trips and events. My prayer and hope is that during this season of being here that your youth has in some area of their life grown closer to Jesus and wrestled with their faith so that their faith in Jesus might stick throughout their life. Thank you to all the youth who have been a part of this journey. I have enjoyed getting to know each of you and watching you grow and mature both in life and in your faith. I have so many great memories from here that I will always carry with me. Thank you for challenging me to grow and my faith and for all the things that you have taught me along the way. Our hope is that you have learned from us as much as we have learned for you.

We are so thankful for the time we have been here and pray that God will continue to move and bless Hallsville UMC.

In Pursuit of Him, T.J. and Amber Gabelman



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Pianist:	John Carrington
Praise Band Leader	Dan Herrington
Dir. of First Friends Preschool:	Sheila Carlisle (ext. 19)
Facilities Coordinator:	Pat Thompson
Office Hours:	7:30 a.m. – noon; 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. M-TH

Return Service Requested