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# COLLEGE MOUND GAZETTE

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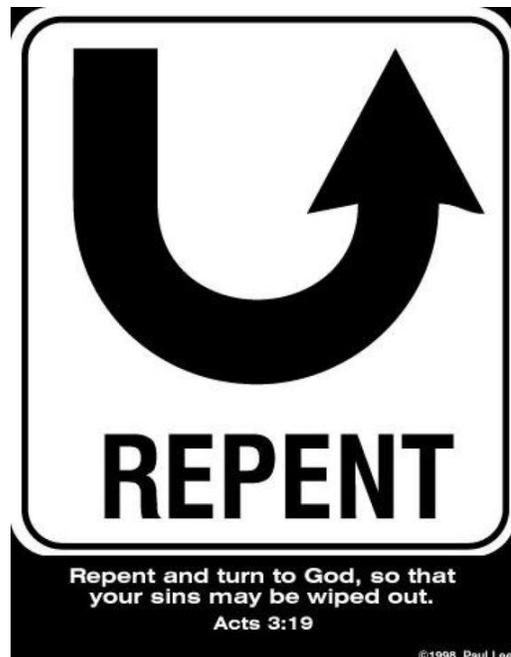
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## *Prayers & Joys*

For our nation, our leaders, our troops, our law enforcement officers, and relationships during these challenging times, the Healthy Church Initiative (HCI), natural disaster victims, Joy for the Reed Family for Jackson's baptism, Kathy Boltin Great Grandson Kason Duke, Judy Eppler's Daughter Sabrina, Audrey and Marion Porter, Caitlin and Brian, Mylinda & Raul Garcia, Leah Marie, Fox Family, Johnny Murray, Frank Arredondo and Family traveling, Family of Shirley Harwell, Family of Rosanne Arredondo, Family of Dewey Samuels, Family of Marie Arrington, Clara Burnett, Dena Bell, Owen Hamilton, Michael Penney, Janie King, Steven Hines (Rick King's friend), Bernice Boszor, Richard Boszor, Jeannie Kocker, Donna Reynolds, Joan Elmore, Joe Small, Susan Watson, Morris Watson, Clint Matthews, Jane Wright, Joy Reed, Shaun and Raquel Downs, Sammy Turner, Dorothy Miller, Ann Caughron (Selling House), James Peters, Janet Whatley, Emily Reed's Grandfather, Gary Yancey

## **This Week at College Mound April 15-21, 2018**

- ☞ **Game Night:**  
Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- ☞ **Supper Club:**  
Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m. at a restaurant TBD
- ☞ **Birthdays and Anniversaries:**  
Miranda Rasor – April 17<sup>th</sup>  
Lois Pierce – April 21<sup>st</sup>  
Lois & Lem Pierce – April 21<sup>st</sup>

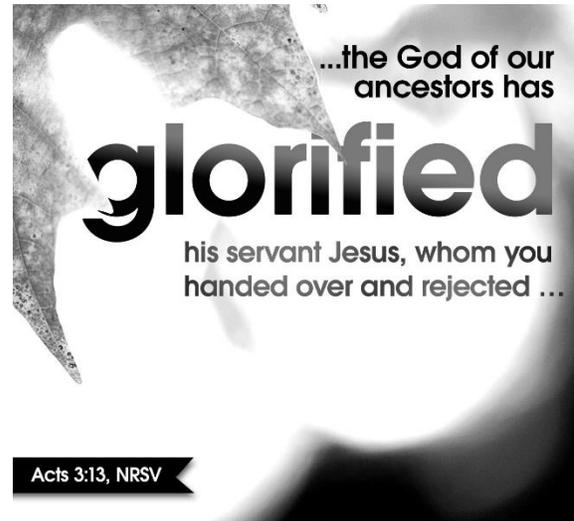


Coming up on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> – the first of our FIFTH SUNDAY evening services!

We will be having a snack supper in the Fellowship Hall, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Then, we will gather in the Sanctuary for a brief devotional and lots of old-fashioned singing (you pick the hymns!). There are three more fifth Sundays this year (July, September & December), so perhaps an ice cream social or other fun ideas? If you know of a special musical artist or group that might want to play, or have other thoughts for these evenings, please let the Pastor know. And as always, invite someone to come with you!

**Fifth Sunday!**

Vacation Bible will soon be here – June 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>! Casey Beck & Sarah King are organizing this (THANK YOU), but they need help! If you can volunteer in any way for VBS, please see Casey or Sarah!



The hymn "Blessed Assurance" has an interesting back story. Two women were responsible for this hymn, and they couldn't have been more different. Phoebe Knapp lived in the lap of luxury in a Brooklyn mansion, with all the finest in musical instruments to entertain her guests; Frances "Fanny" Crosby lived in the Manhattan slums and was blind! However, they became friends. One day in 1873, Phoebe said she had a tune to play on the piano for Fanny. As Phoebe played her new composition, the blind Fanny exclaimed, "Why, that says Blessed Assurance!". Fanny quickly composed the words, and a great hymn was born! Fanny Crosby was a prolific hymn writer, with over 8,000 hymns to her credit, despite being blind from shortly after birth.

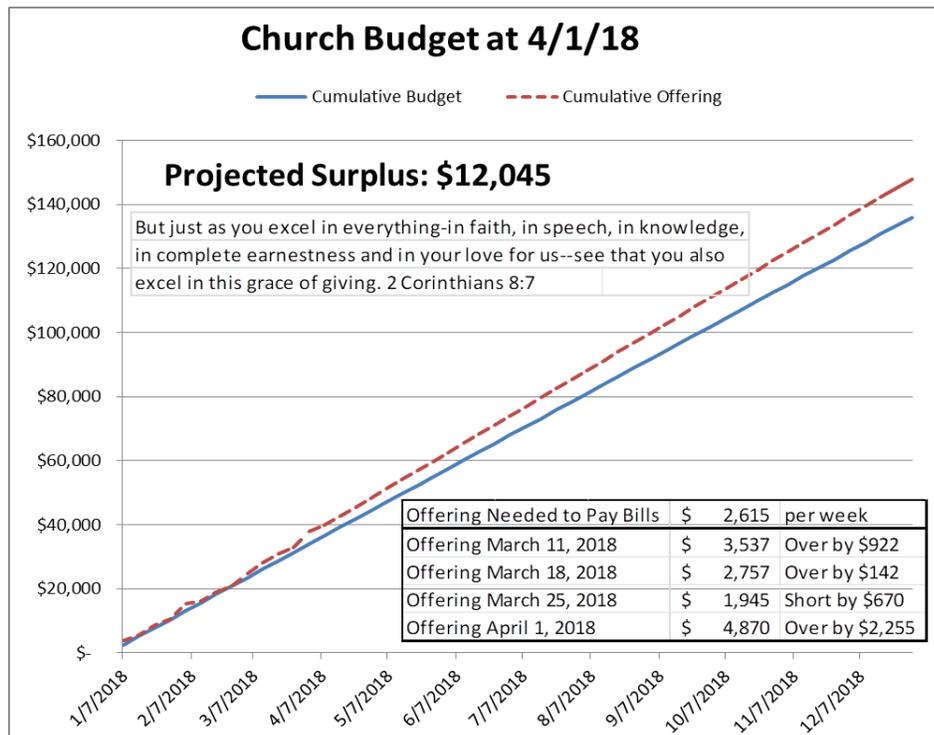
Hey Ladies, listen up – the date and location for our United Methodist Women's annual trip has been set. The ladies are going to the big city of Cleburne on May 24<sup>th</sup>! As usual, all ladies of the church are welcome, and they will be taking the bus. Watch here for more details!



The church roster and directory has been updated and is available at the table in the back corner of the Sanctuary. Be sure to pick one up and check that your information is correct. Also, please give a big "thank you" to Pat Miller, who, among her other jobs, produces this updated roster.

## DECORATION DAY IS COMING!

Decoration Day is coming soon – actually it is NEXT SUNDAY! If this is your first Decoration Day, get ready for some great activities. First of all, Decoration Day is actually a weekend of activities associated with our lovely cemetery! Many people like to come out on Saturday before Decoration Day to tend to the gravesites of their loved ones. If you are into genealogy or history, there is a trove of information to be found on the old headstones and in the family plots. On Sunday, there will be no Sunday School, and worship service will start at 11 a.m. We will honor Maxine Tankersley for her years of love and service to College Mound, and our guest speaker will be Debbie Bozeman-Zook, chair of the CM Cemetery Association. Following the service (and the blessing from Pastor Bob), we will have a covered dish lunch of epic proportions in the pavilion. Bring lunch for your family, and be prepared to SHARE your bounty with others (and you are welcome to sample from other tables as well)! Please note: there will be plenty of time between “Amen” in the Sanctuary and “Bless this Food” in the Pavilion, so come on in and enjoy the worship service with us - you’ll have time to set out your lunch! The CM Cemetery Association will hold its business meeting at 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary, and everyone is invited to attend. The business meeting will provide a recap of the accomplishments of the cemetery association for the past year, and will outline some of the plans for the cemetery’s future. This is a wonderful time to **invite** someone new to our little church, to let them see the rich history we have, and to enjoy the best cooks in the county - See y’all next Sunday!

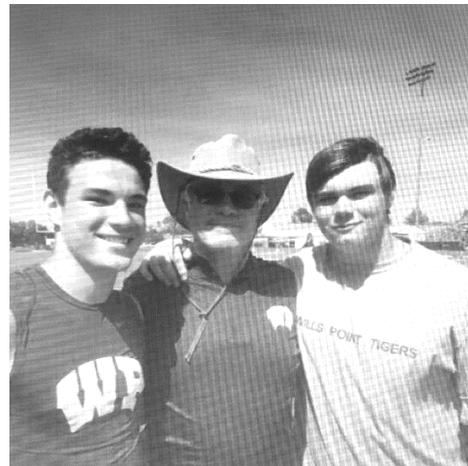




The UMW had two celebrations at their last meeting! The ladies hosted a wedding shower for Marilyn Johnson, and also celebrated Billie Sue Squire's birthday! Best wishes to both ladies!

Any recipe that doesn't require you to thaw out frozen chicken breasts AND uses the crock pot is a winner, so here's a great start for a Chinese dinner – Shredded Orange Sesame Chicken. In a bowl, combine  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup chicken broth,  $\frac{1}{3}$  cup orange marmalade, 2 Tbsp. soy sauce, 2 tsp. chopped garlic, 1 tsp. garlic powder, and  $\frac{1}{4}$  tsp. each salt & pepper. Place 1-1/2 lbs. boneless, skinless chicken breasts (can be frozen or not) in your crock pot and pour bowl contents over chicken. Cook on high for 4 hours or low for 8 hours, turning chicken over at the halfway point. After chicken is fully cooked, remove chicken and shred with two forks. Return the chicken to the crock pot, add 1 Tbsp. sesame seeds and stir. Use lettuce leaves to wrap up shredded chicken, and serve with egg rolls!

As soon as we get through with Decoration Day, we will need to get started on the Rummage Sale! The dates have been set – It will be on the first and third weekends in May! Specifically, it will be on Thursday – Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, and then on Friday & Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. Start cleaning out those closets and garages!



Congratulations to Cameron Penney - 2<sup>nd</sup> place in District Shot Put and he advances to Regionals! Wow!