
COLLEGE MOUND GAZETTE



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Celebrating 175 Years of Ministry in the Community

Prayers & Joys

Our nation, our leaders, our troops, our law enforcement officers, and relationships during these challenging times, for the Healthy Church Initiative (HCI), folks traveling, Joy that we got through the time change. Spring is in the air!, Joy for Allie Hamilton, who made the cheerleading squad, Jody Briggs, Sammye Gentry and Family, Jerry Jacobs (knee replacement went well. Will so be in rehab), Frank Rasor (Leg surgery, recovering), Rita Hunt (Knee surgery on Thursday), Robert Brown recovering from knee surgery, Homer Winton (rehab in Rockwall), Wes and Sammye's son, Scott Gentry (admitted to Baylor.), Tim Howell, Linet Harris, Glenda Womak (two broken arms), Gracie Hamilton (recovering from softball injury), Beverly Davis (back is hurting), Family of Scott Zandt, Family of Addie Densmore Jordan, Lisa Meshell, Dena Davis, Rose Tatum

This Week at College Mound March 15-21, 2020

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

LaDonda Mosher – March 17th
Cooper King – March 19th
Judy Eppler – March 19th
Patti Sluder – March 19th
Lonnie & Katie Sluder – March 20th
Caitlin Mitchell - March 21st
Sam Bright – March 21st



Last Sunday, March 8th

Attendance in Sunday School: 26

Attendance in church: 67



Scripture: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
Abraham was righteous because of his faith.

Sermon: "Time to Declutter our Faith"
Sometimes looking at our faith is like looking at a cluttered garage. Our faith is hard to see or get to because of all the other things surrounding it. Abraham's faith was very clear - he simply went where God told him to go! With Jesus as the center of our faith, we don't need anything else! Strip down the clutter surrounding your faith and focus on Jesus!

Pastor Bob still needs your Lenten devotionals! Simply pick a favorite Bible verse or one that has helped you in a difficult situation and share your experience as it relates to your Lenten journey. End with a prayer or meditation if you'd like. Send it to pastorbob45@sbcglobal.net. We want to hear your story!



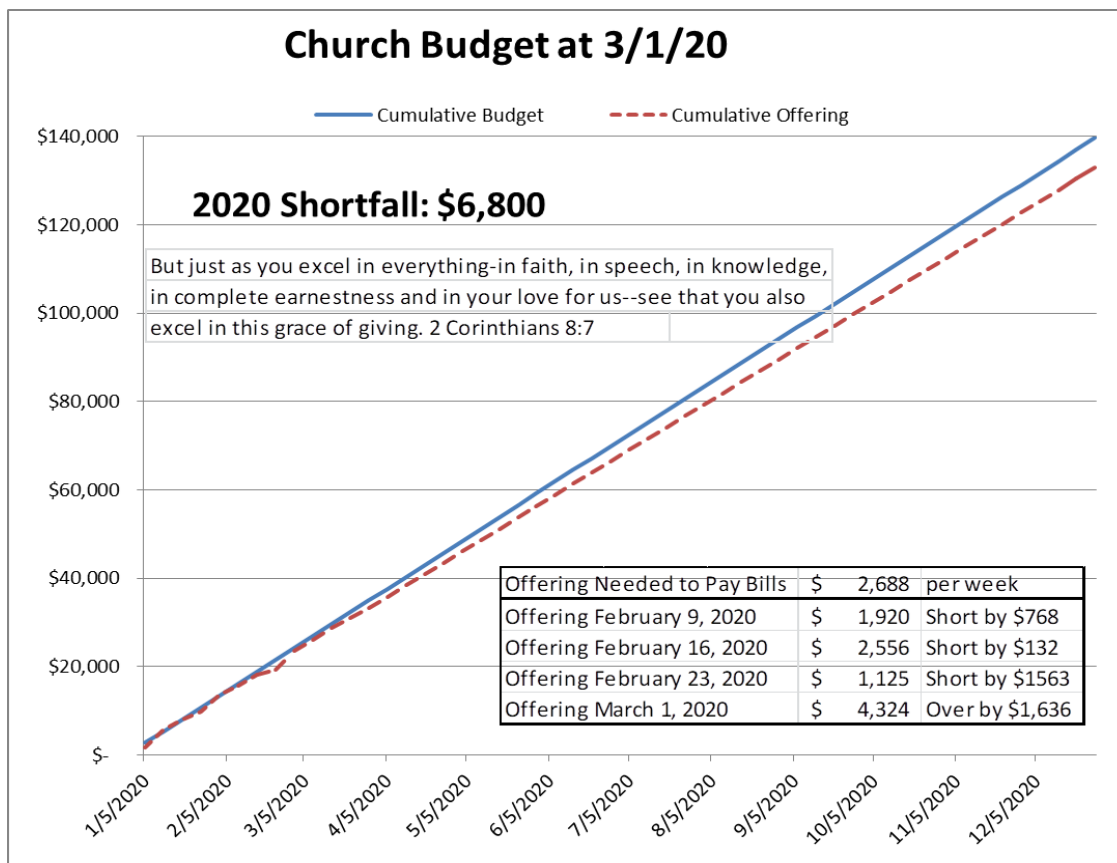
Next Sunday in the Fellowship Hall



Please note that both the Tuesday and Thursday Bible Study groups are cancelled this week, along with Supper Club.

Are you interested in joining College Mound's Early Response Team? They go to areas of damage caused by natural disasters and help with demolition and clean up. You must have certification training and a background check to be on the team. Here are some upcoming dates that you need to know:

- Thursday evening, March 26th, Re-Certification Class from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at First UMC Kaufman.
- Saturday, March 28th, Chainsaw Certification class at First UMC Kaufman.
- Saturday, April 18th (May 2nd backup date) ERT certification training (for new team members)
- College Mound to host a Re-certification class (if necessary) sometime in September



Note from Treasurer: You may have noticed we have been running a deficit for all of 2020 to date. That is driven by our 2020 budget where our operating costs have gone up at the same time our donations have gone down. Here is a comparison to prior years for the first 9 weeks donations:

2016	\$27,570
2017	\$24,339
2018	\$24,784
2019	\$24,953
2020	\$23,640



The UMW held their monthly meeting last week and celebrated birthdays for Patti Sluder, Anne Brown, (pictured) LaDonda Mosher, Diana Ferguson and Judy Eppler!



It's not too early to start your planning for the annual Rummage Sale! It's time to purge those closets, garages, spare bedrooms, etc. and donate your gently used items to the cause! The dates will be May 15-16 and June 5-6. Patti Sluder is the head wrangler for this event, and she will be needing lots of volunteers! Check with her to see how you can help!



Irish Toast

There are good ships,
& there are wood
ships, the ships that
sail the sea.

But the best ships
are friendships,
& may they always be.



Make plans to attend our Good Friday service, to be held on April 10th at 12 noon in the Sanctuary. Susan Williams will be leading the music portion and playing the piano. Following the service, we will have a soup & salad lunch. Invite your friends for this event!

FIVE THINGS YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT ST. PATRICK

1. St. Patrick wasn't Irish - he was born to wealthy parents in Britain.
2. St. Patrick died on March 17, the date on which we celebrate St. Patrick's Day.
3. St. Patrick has only two known writings – a spiritual autobiography, *Confessio*, and *Letter to Coroticus*, which speaks out against British mistreatment of Irish Christians.
4. St. Patrick allegedly drove the snakes from Ireland. But while Ireland really is snake-free to this day, St. Patrick probably isn't to thank, *National Geographic* reports. It's far more likely that the creatures never made it to the island nation in the first place.
5. St. Patrick used shamrocks to represent the Holy Trinity, with the three-pronged plant meant to represent the idea of three aspects in one God.