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Pastor's Page

During the early part of the 18th century, men such as Theodore J. Frelinghuysen, William Tennent, and Jonathon Edwards observed that the faith of the Christians of the American colonies had become little more than a “perfunctory orthodoxy” that was more of a symbol of nationality than a true passion for the Gospel. These preachers, along with others, were so dismayed by what they saw that they began a series of revivalistic meetings throughout the colonies that quickly resulted in much upheaval, turmoil, and change. Their sermons, some of the original “fire and brimstone” pieces of oratory, were aimed not at those outside the faith, but to those who called themselves Christian and came to church every Sunday! As you might imagine, these sermons were not well received by many of their churches, but they resulted in so many conversions that those who complained were quickly silenced. Their work resulted in the beginning of one of the great periods of American history known as the Great Awakening, a vast spiritual revival movement that left no corner of our burgeoning nation untouched, reaching across all geographical, social, and economic boundaries. It truly resulted in the “Christianizing” of the colonies.

Today, many of the respected voices in American Christian faith are observing a scenario similar to what the early revivalists found: a faith in our churches that has become more of a quaint homage to nationalism than it is a true commitment to the teachings of Jesus Christ. Many are saying that the time for revival has come upon us again.

I am sensing the stirrings of revival right here in our local church. The past year has brought about some amazing changes that have resulted in a sense of unity, passion, and desire to serve that most pastors can only dream about for their congregations. I am greatly encouraged to see the way all of us are stepping up to host the Hope For Africa Children's Choir, the way we pulled together in support of one of our own families that was in need, the amazing participation in vacation Bible school, and for the overall sense of community that we all experience whenever we gather. This church is truly a team working together on a mission, and it shows in everything we do! I am currently leading a study on the book of Romans on Wednesday night, and we can scarcely fit everyone in the room! I've never seen a group of people more excited to study scripture - this is surely a sign of great things to come!

As I mentioned on Sunday, the council is hosting a gathering of dreamers at the church parsonage on Sunday, August 23rd. Together, we will be fanning the flames of revival as we dream together about the long - range plans of Silver Creek UMC, creating a blueprint of who it is we believe God is calling us to become. If you have a passion for Christ and for this congregation of His church, I would love for you to join us! There has never been a more exciting time to be part of Silver Creek United Methodist Church, and I am thrilled to be on this journey with you!

See You Sunday,

Jason

Lord's Acre September 12th

Historic Church Committee Purpose

During the recent remodeling and growth project we used the theme Deep Roots, Tall Branches: Growing in God's Grace. Silver Creek has extremely deep roots in the community and would like to continue that theme through the restoration of the Old White Church. The original sanctuary was erected in 1900 and is in need of our immediate care and attention. It is a registered historical site with the State of Texas. This is the deepest root, or let's say the tap root of our church and to enable the branched to continue to grow the roots need to be nourished. The Historic Church Committee has requested of the Trustees and they have approved that 100% of the net proceeds of this years Lord's Acre will be used to help restore the Old Church to its original beautiful glory. The goal is to level, plum and line the church for a estimated cost of about \$26,000, insulate it for about \$2,500, heat and air condition it for about \$10,000 and various other refurbishments. We expect a budget of between \$40,000 and \$45,000. We will refine this budget as estimates and bids are acquired. With your help this years Lord's Acre will help to generate a great influx of capital to this project and with other fundraisers, donations and community support we will no doubt reach our financial goal.

Once the Old Sanctuary is restored to its previous beautiful glory it shall once again be used to serve the community for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

If you have any questions please contact Clint or Dena Hall 817-444-7439.

Lord's Acre BBQ

A sign-up sheet will be in the foyer starting this Sunday July 26th. We will need people to buy briskets, leg quarters of chicken and sausage; or you may donate money for the purchase of these items. Please mark your checks with *Lord's Acre* on the memo line.

We are planning to smoke at least 30 briskets this year and sell some sliced brisket already packaged and frozen.

Please contact Nancy Davis or Linda Wise.



Lord's Acre Auction Items

*If you have items for the
Lord's Acre Auction,
please contact Cindy Gallegos.*

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

- 1 Kaycee Schairbaum
- 1 Aaron Coleman
- 4 Sam Samford
- 17 Jessica Coulson
- 19 Emory Ford
- 20 Jo-Mercer Tallant
- 23 Alan Thompson
- 24 Keturah Sims
- 25 Betty Tucker
- 30 Bryan Dubeansky

Anniversaries

- 1 Jerry & Mary Cole
- 12 Bill & Nancy Davis
- 13 Nilon & Jo Tallant
- 21 Ed & Linda Schairbaum
- 23 Steve & Nancy Williams
- 30 Byron & Sue Constantine

WANTED: Greeters are needed for both Synergy and Traditional services for the months of August and September. Please sign the list posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Upcoming events



Cycles for Christ

The *Uganda Team* (the group traveling to Uganda later this year) is sponsoring a motorcycle ride on September 5th to raise money and awareness for their trip. If you are interested please contact Daniel or Keturah Sims.

The Ladies Circle will resume on Sunday, August 9th. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for dinner and a devotional.

On Saturday, August 8th, Silver Creek UMC will be going on a Mission Trip!

Where: We are going all the way to Ressurrection Church in Cleburne, TX. Victor's Church.

Ages: 0-100 (older if you're up to it!)

Project: We will be doing some simple work around the church, mostly some clean-up of the lot next to the church.

What to Bring: gloves, sunscreen, a sack lunch, rakes, hoes, a football, soccer ball (if you have them)

Time: We will depart Saturday morning and return that afternoon.

If you are interested in being a part of this day, please contact Becca Harrison at becca@silvercreekumc.org

Prayer List, Attendance, Giving, Memorials, Staff Contact info, Council Members

Prayer List

JOYS

- The Glory of Christ

CONCERNS

- Caroline , Bob Sims' sister
- Pfc. Bowe R. Bergdahl
- Sydney Hendrix
- Denise Acuff
- Myrna Whitt
- Betty & Ernie Stark
- Rain
- Sean Romer

ON GOING CONCERNS

- Military
- Country's Leaders
- Unemployed
- Karen Samford
- Margaret Gwin
- Tom Wilson
- The Machado Family
- David Stark
- Margaret Wright

To include a prayer request for a Sunday bulletin please call the church office before Thursday of that week.

Attendance Report

	Sunday School	Total Worship Attendance
June 28	39	180
July 5	22	71
July 12	28	108
July 19	28	149
July 26	<i>will be included in September Newsletter</i>	

Our Giving

	Budget/General	Building	Other
June 28	\$3079.65	\$175.00	\$383.50
July 5	\$1828.30	\$251.00	\$ 40.00
July 12	\$3138.21	\$685.00	
July 19	\$4140.81	\$158.33	\$63.00
July 26	<i>will be included in the September newsletter</i>		

Budget Financial Report

Weekly Need: \$ 3,395.00
 YTD Need: \$98,455.00
 YTD Given: \$90,883.10
 Budget: <\$ 7,571.90>

How to Contact the Staff:

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Our Council:

Council Chair	Shane Coleman
Lay Leader	Steve Williams
Lay Member to AC	Ruby Langley
Chair SPR	Kristie Coleman
Chair Finance	Kevin Campbell
Treasurer	Peggie Muir
Chair Trustees	Hugh McClendon
President UMM	Charles Thompson
Chair Nurture Council	Sam Samford
Chair Outreach Council	Becca Harrison
Chair Witness Council	Chris Campbell
At-Large	Ray Blecher
At-Large	Kathleen Blecher
At-Large	Byron Constantine
At-Large	Leanne Mathis

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<p><u>Regular Sunday Activities:</u> <i>Synergy Worship 9 am</i> <i>Sunday School 10 am</i> <i>Food Pantry 10 am-12pm</i> <i>Traditional Worship 11 am</i> <i>Youth Group 4 pm</i></p>						<p>1 Borden Vow Renewal 2pm</p>
<p>2 COMMUNION</p>	3	4	<p>5 Youth: swim @ Stednitz</p>	6	7	<p>8 Mission day at Victor's Church</p>
<p>9 Ladies Circle 6pm</p>	10	11	<p>12 Youth: Hope for Africa Children's Choir Performs in Arlington</p>	13	14	15
<p>16 Hope for Africa Choir performs here at 9:30am; Church wide brunch to follow</p> <p>Kids cook for par- ents 1pm -5pm</p>	17	18	<p>19 Youth: swim @ Harrison's</p>	20	21	<p>22 UMM 8am</p>
<hr/> <p>Mica on Vacation: Office Volunteer's Needed</p> <hr/>						
23	<p>24 1st day of school</p>	25	<p>26</p> <p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE NOON</p>	27	28	29
30	31					