



The Methodist Messenger

May 2013

Monthly Newsletter of First United Methodist Church

Mark Your Calendar

5.2

National Day of Prayer

5.12

Mother's Day

5.16-18

LifeTouch Photography Sessions

5.19

Senior Sunday

One Way Café

Covered Luncheon

5.20

Finance Committee Meeting

Council on Ministries Meeting

5.21

Board of Trustees Meeting

Administrative Board Meeting

5.26-29

Texas Annual Methodist Conference

Jottings

By W.C. Hall, Jr.

When we become physically sick, there are ways that medical science has developed to determine what is wrong. We can use a thermometer to determine if we have fever. A blood pressure cuff will tell us if our blood pressure is low or high. A blood test can show us if our sugar level is normal. But, how do we measure our spiritual health?

Some of the sickest people I know think they are perfectly fine. As a matter of fact, their attitude seems to be saying "If everyone could be just like me, the world would be a wonderful place!" Their favorite hymn is "How Great I Am." Spiritual Pride can be a terrible disease.

Measuring Spiritual wellness begins for me in asking about gratitude. As the hymn says: "How can I say thanks for all that God has done," a heart filled with gratitude is a healthy heart. While I was serving as pastor of First UMC in Canton, TX, our church sponsored two families of refugees from Cambodia. It was my privilege to receive them into

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So, my son, pay attention to your father's guidance, and do not ignore what your mother taught you – Wear their wisdom as a badge of *honor and maturity*, as *fine jewelry* around your neck.

– Proverbs 1:8-9

Jottings Continued ...

the church as Christians. I will always remember baptizing the eldest boy in one family because when I had baptized him, he lifted his head, looked at me, and said "Thank you!"

Martin Luther, founder of the Protestant Reformation, began each day by placing his hand on his head and saying, "I am baptized." It seemed too good to be true. God's love reached out to claim Martin Luther just as it claims you and me. St. Paul put it this way – "Who can separate us from God's love? Can tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No! In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loves us." (Romans 8:35-37)

Here's to good health and a heart filled with gratitude!

Yours in Christ,

W.C. Hall, Jr.



United Methodist Women Awarded Gold!

The Buna United Methodist Women were awarded gold for their work during the 2013 Spring District meeting of the UMW.

At the beginning of the year, each chapter is given a list of projects, programs, etc. to work toward.

This year, our chapter accomplished the Gold Level! We are so proud of all the hard work. Special thanks go to Mary Beth Hunt and Carolyn Rauwerda for program preparations, Thelma Robertson for her work as secretary, Pat Boyette for organizing the reading program, the many members who presented devotionals, baked cookies, made soup and holiday treat baskets, and members who were dedicated to the Mustard Seed program.

Special thanks also to Jennifer Michulka for preparing all of the birthing kits sent to third world countries. We are so proud of our "Outer Circle" UMW members for their support of all our projects.

We are blessed to have such dedicated and hardworking ladies in our church.

Amazing Grace Singers

The Amazing Grace Singers are a group of ladies that lead worship and share their hearts through song every 2nd Sunday of each month. They include a nice mix of contemporary worship with some traditional hymns and anthems as well.

The Amazing Grace singers have been working on some new songs to share with the congregation of Buna FUMC. A few of these songs include *When Love Was Slain*, *Victory Chant* and *Sweet, Sweet, Song of Salvation*.

The group includes Marla Bourgeois, Pam Hudson, Dot Laramore, Beverly Saunders, Mandy Sonnier, and Nancy Whitmire. The group was formed because of the desire to share their love of God through music.

Pictorial Directory

It's almost time for our pictures (May 16-18), and the time slots for pictures are filling fast! Please make sure you sign up today!! You may call or come by the church office, visit our website at bunafumc.weebly.com, and click on the LifeTouch tab, or if you have a smart phone, scan the code below to sign up!



Happy Mother's Day





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CHURCH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

Sunday School - 9:45 am

Worship - 11:00 am

MYF - 5:00 pm

WEDNESDAY

Choir Practice - 6:30 pm



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