

Wings Of Faith

Inviting, Believing, Growing, Sharing and
Serving in the name of Jesus Christ

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The Pastor's Thoughts

"Giving" is always a sore subject for people. It's not that we don't understand the need for giving, often times we just don't like the idea of someone telling us how we should be spending our money. Our church is very gracious in our giving. Because of this, we are ever increasing the ministry we are able to do as we serve our surrounding communities, and even across the world through our apportionments.

The people of East Texas have, for as long as I've known, always been some of the most generous and giving people in the world. This is very evident when visitors come through and say "You people are so nice, that it's weird". Well, we are weird, and as Christians we may even be weirder than we know. In 1 Peter 2:9 KJV It says:

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,

a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:

We are a peculiar people because we love God, and the ways of God. This is different than the rest of the world. It is why Paul calls us a new creation in Jesus Christ. The old passes away, and we become new.

I never want us to be known as a church that only talks about money and giving. I can remember thinking in many churches over the years, how they always wanted money. It seemed that was all they ever talked about. Especially when I wasn't living for God as I should have been.

However, we know that the bills of the church have to be paid, and that the programs that bring children and adults to a closer relationship with God need to be met, and every time we meet them.

Then, there are always other expenses that enhance worship and care for the grounds of our church, and these too must be met. If not, then the building deteriorates and as time elapses becomes even more expensive to repair, and the expenses grow larger.

There are, of course, many ways to give. We tithe to the church, and this tithe covers the cost of day to day operations. But did you know you can also give gifts to specified areas within the church? We want you to know, that as the stewards of God's gifts and offerings, we are making every effort to care for the funds you are contributing.

We want to be sure you know and understand that you have a voice in how each of your contributions are used to further God's kingdom throughout Diboll, and across our world. Here are just a few areas of special need and interest that are within our church and community.

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Youth	Diboll Christian Outreach
Yumy's	Christmas Blessings
Grounds	Gloria Russell Ministry
Church Events	Methodist Children's Home
Building Fund	GODTEL
Missions	Apportionments
Store House for Christ	Emmaus / Chrysalis
Education and Church Supplies	Methodist Family and Rehab
Lakeview Camp	UMCOR
Utility Assistance	SFA Wesley Foundation

Continued From Bro. David Article

They all need workers and provision, so anyone can help no matter your income level. I hope this gives you some ideas of what your donations can benefit. If you would like to donate to any specific organization, or need, just mark it on your check or tell us and we will see that it reaches its fullest potential.

I am proud of our church and the work we have been called to do. I thank each of you for stepping up and being a part in each and every way. We are doing good and God is providing miraculously. We are a very generous community, and church, and for this I am grate-

ful and proud to be your pastor.

The main point of this note from me to you this month is to thank you for your hard work. Your dedication to our church and community is extraordinary! I am grateful to be your pastor, and I want to encourage each of us to continue to do our part to add to the kingdom of God. We can do this by providing for the needs of the church, and by continuing to reach people by evangelizing for the cause of Jesus Christ in our community and across the world. May God continue to bless us as we come together to give to his purposes in ministry here. Amen.

Wish List

As many of you know our finances this past year have been considerably lower than what's needed. We are doing better but are still in need of the items listed below.

- Kleenex
- Paper Towels
- Z-fold paper towels (restrooms)
- Toilet tissue
- 39 gallon (or larger) trash bags
- Small trash bags Plastic eating utensils
- Plates / bowls (poly-styrene or Chinette type)
- Disposable cups (16 oz and 8 oz)
- Dinner Napkins

Safe Sanctuary/Church Leadership Training

Please meet at the Fellowship Hall on February 4th. Rev. Carmen Rickel will be instructing Safe Sanctuary, and Rev. Dudley Plaisance will be over the Local Church Leadership Training.

Any person who has any sort of contact with our children, and youth will need to meet at the church at 10 am. All Church Leadership is encouraged to attend lunch and then stay for Leadership training. Please bring finger foods, sandwich fixings. bread, chips, drinks etc. The meeting will begin at 10 am and end at 4 pm.

YUMY's



Sundays	Wednesdays
3:30 - 5:30 pm	7:00-8:00pm
05 YUMY's	01 YUMY's
12 YUMY's	08 YUMY's
19 YUMY	15 YUMY's
26 YUMY's	22 YUMY's



Sundays	Wednesdays
3:30 - 5:30 pm	7:00-8:00pm
05 UMYF	01 UMYF
12 UMYF	08 UMYF
19 UMYF	15 UMYF
26 UMYF	22 UMYF
29 Youth Sunday	

Trinity Mission Schedule

Feb 1	David Goodwin
Mar. 1	David Goodwin
April 5	David Goodwin
May 3	David Goodwin

Sweetheart Luncheon

Attention all widows and widowers, you are cordially invited to attend a Sweetheart's Luncheon with your pastor on Feb. 16th at 11 am. This luncheon will be held at Olive Garden in Lufkin Tx. Please RSVP and If you need transportation please contact church office at 829-4470. If anyone would like to donate toward this event please see Brother David.

Communion Offerings

Feb. 5 Diboll Christian Outreach

Mar. 5 East/West Church Camp

Apr. 2 East/West Church Camp

In Our Prayers

Vernon Burkhalter	Craig Ruby
Aaron Clark	Milford Ruby
Denise Day	Chip Seigman
Dorothy Farley	Joey & Alisha Smith & fam.
Gayle Farley	James Snarr
Dub Fouche	Logan Stephens & family
Pat & Hal Greer	Shannon Tipton
Alice Halsell	Kim Vann
Rob Hendrick & family	Ouida Ward
Titter Hogan	
Sydney Horak	
Marcia Jones	If you requested a name to be placed on the prayer list, please keep us informed about their condition, as to how long to keep them on the list.
Suzanne Langford	
Karen Matlock	
Betty McCall	
Brenda Mullin	
Jerry Poole	

Youth Fundraiser Luncheon



Invite your friends and family to church on February 19th Immediately following morning worship we will all meet in the Fellowship Hall for our Camp Fundraiser Luncheon. Each year they keep going up on camp funds and the youth and YUMY's that are going have to pay their own way. Please do all you can, it will be greatly appreciated.

Don't Forget Camp Is
On It's Way



JUNE 25-30 CAMP

**DONATIONS ARE VERY NEEDED AS
PRICES HAVE INCREASED TO
\$400.00 PER CAMPER AND
\$200.00 PER COUNSELOR**

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Men's Prayer Breakfast



The Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, February 11 at 8 am. All the men are invited to the breakfast.

Ryan Chapel Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held on Sat. February 25th at their new beautiful church at 8 am. All men are invited to attend.



Pastor - David Goodwin

Music Director - Nita Hurley

Organist - Becky Donahoe

Youth Directors - Jeromy and Margerette Burnette

YUMMY'S - Christie Stephens

Secretary - Shirley Harris

Ministers - Every Member

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Operation Bird Seed

February 4th is the birthday of one of my favorite people, my cousin Stephanie Spilker. I can remember helping my mom make a birthday gift for her when she must have been about five years old. Mom made a cloth doll for her that was just her size. We painted the eyes brown just like hers and the hair was a yellow yarn that almost matched Stephanie's blond hair. It was a great gift and most little girls would have been thrilled to get it, but Stephanie wasn't most little girls. She thanked my mother for it very politely and put it on her bed, but it was clear that she really wanted something else. Her mother, my Aunt Ethel confided that Stephanie had been a little depressed because she kept trying to get a closer look at the birds in the back yard, but they always flew away from the feeder every time the back door opened. They had tried to help her look at them through binoculars but that did not satisfy her. She wanted to see them up close, she wanted contact with them. We were all at a loss about what to do, but as it happens Stephanie figured it out for herself. She took the five dollars that Grandma gave each of us for our birthdays and bought bird seed. She placed the doll in a lawn chair near the bird feeder and scattered the bird seed on the ground at the legs of the chair and on the arms and hands of the doll. Then she waited. After some time the birds returned to the feeder and also ate the seed on the ground by the chair and on the doll. Stephanie did this every day at the same

time for two weeks. The birds became very comfortable with the doll in the chair. Then Stephanie did something unusual. She took the doll inside and sat in the chair herself. Sure enough, the birds would come and eat the seed off her arms and hands. My Aunt Ethel has a picture of it somewhere and in it Stephanie is sitting very still with the biggest smile you have ever seen on a little girl's face.

Two years ago, after trying to interact with some of our church's neighbors, it occurred to me that they are very much like the birds in my story. They use our campus the way we want them too. They play on the playground; they pick up pecans from the tree; and they cut across it when they walk to and from the Boys and Girls Club. The problem is that when we try to interact with them they run away. My thought was and is that if we add a few improvements to our campus, and be more present on our campus, we will have a better relationship with our neighbors. Last year I proposed that we set up one of the little free libraries, a prayer box and a bench on the Church street side of the campus near the playground and the pecan tree. Unfortunately last year was a financially bad year for us and it was not an idea that was given priority at the leadership retreat. Still we managed to raise some money for a bench this past year.

I think my proposal from last year probably did not go far enough. It is true that we need a bench near the playground so that parents have a place to rest while

they watch their children play. We also need one near the false front of the church so that people who are passing through have a place to rest. We need trash cans at three different locations on campus. You should not complain about litter if you are unwilling to provide receptacles. The campus is very dark at night and would be safer if we added more lighting. Brother David has mentioned that picnic table would be a welcome addition. I still think that we need a prayer box so that our neighbors will feel more comfortable asking us to pray for them. And while I understand that many of you do not think that a little free library is something that there is a need for, I have seen 'Blessing Boxes' at churches where we could offer our neighbors canned foods or diapers and other necessities as they need them without question. I certainly want to hear if you have any ideas for 'Bird Seed', and of course all donations to the 'Bucks for Benches' fund are welcome.

Just to be clear. Those birds never wrote Stephanie any thank you notes. They didn't go in and clean her bedroom Disney style. She never got a birthday card or a dinner invitation from them. In fact, one or two of them pooped on her. But Stephanie never complained, she did it for the right reason. She did it for the reason we need to improve our campus for our neighbors. She did it because they are beautiful, they are fascinating, and because she loved them. And so should we.

Susan Smith

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thurs Fri Sat

			1	2 * Vivian Holt	3	4 Safe Sanctuary 10-4 Rev. Carmen Rickel Dudley Plaisance *** Fellowship Hall Rented
5 * Aiden Morris S S 10 am Worship 11 am Youth 3:30-5:30 YUMY's 3:30-5:30 Liturgist: Sue Johnson Ushers: Jake Stephens Greg Stephens Greeters: Christie Stephens Laurel Youngblood	6	7 * James Snarr * Sue Johnson * Michael Grigsby * Michael Garcia Lion's Club Meets 12 noon	8 * Alexandra Martinez * Ellie Terrell Trinity Mission 3:30 pm Choir 6:00 pm Youth 6:30 pm YUMY's 7:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	9* Ken Holt	10 * J. D. Johnson	11 ***Men's Breakfast 7am Scrap Booking *** Fellowship Hall Rented
12 S S 10 am Worship 11 am Youth 3:30-5:30 YUMY's 3:30-5:30 Liturgist: Chiann Basham Ushers: David Garcia Alexandra Martinez Greeters: Ashley Hendrick Layla Barron	13	14 * Rob Hendrick Valentine's Day	15 * Mike Gibson * Chiann Basham Trinity Mission 3:30 pm Choir 6:00 pm Youth 6:30 pm YUMY's 7:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	16 Sweetheart's Luncheon	17	18 Garage Sale *** Fellowship Hall Rented
19 S S 10 am Worship 11 am Immediately following Morning Worship Camp Fundraiser Lunch- eon Youth 3:30-5:30 YUMY's 3:30-5:30 Liturgist: Mavis Trout Ushers: Herman Strauss Roy Smith	20 Office Closed President's Day	21 Lion's Club Meets 12 noon Pilot Club dinner 5 pm for firemen and Police	22 * Katie Kennedy Choir 6:00 pm Youth 6:30 pm YUMY's 7:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	23 * Betty Burkhalter * David Garcia *Cutler Ruby	24 * John Oates	25 Diana Reyes Baby Shower *** Fellowship Hall Rented
26 * Brady Franks S S 10 am Worship 11 am Youth 3:30-5:30 YUMY's 3:30-5:30 Liturgist: Joe Gage Ushers: Charles Barron Roy Smith Greeters: Brandall Porter Ashley Hen-	27 * Daniel Dover	28 *Connor Diamond				*Birthday ***FH Rented