

First United Methodist Church

of Shamrock, Texas

September 24, 2014

Rev. Jarrod Neal, Pastor

Kathy Marak, Secretary

All members and affiliate members will be receiving an important letter soon. Please be sure to read it and pray for God's guidance in this matter.



Something so ordinary as a shoebox can accomplish the eternal when it is packed with toys, school supplies, hygiene items, and God's love. Powered by prayers, it can help lead children and families to faith in Christ, inspire pastors, plant and grow churches, and encourage disciples in some of the most unreached places in the world. It all starts when people decide to bless a child overseas through Operation Christmas Child, a Samaritan's Purse project designed to deliver good news and great joy to boys and girls around the world.

Shoebox gifts from Operation Christmas Child become Gospel opportunities that can transform lives for eternity.



October Birthdays

Jacob Morgan	7
Dee Reeder	7
Michelle Moore	3
Rheba Bailey	6
Mary Morgan	6
Lee Ann McDowell	7
Wanda Vinyard	7
Anson Kinikin	8
Gary George	13



Look who's having a
Birthday!

Connie Wilson	16
Pat McDowell	18
Robby Reeder	18
J. G. Bachmann	20
Betty Beneau	20
Otis B. Woolly	20
Christy White	22
David Doebele	26
Jarrod Bentley	31

NWTX Conference - Jimmy's Blog

WHAT WE BELIEVE MATTERS

Today, there is a movement that would put all beliefs into one pot and the product would be a wonderful new thing! The result would be a religion that is no religion at all. "Imagine there's no heaven, no hell below us, above us only sky . . . and no religion too," the late John Lennon sang in the 1970s.

Many social institutions have adopted a stance proclaiming "freedom from religion," an assertion supposedly anchored in the founding of the United States itself. Our society is engaged in a cultural war to neutralize the Christian faith. A little religion is a good thing, but radical, Christ centered faith that seeks to make a meaningful difference in the world is offensive, so it is said.

Even within the church a similar struggle has been occurring for as long as I can remember. A church member once said to me, "All things in moderation, even your faith." I had just preached a passionate message asking people to commit to Jesus. How discouraging.

Does this statement matter to you? "There is but one living and true God, everlasting, without body or parts, of infinite power, wisdom, and goodness; the maker and preserver of all things, both visible and invisible. And in unity of this Godhead there are three persons, of one substance, power, and eternity – the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost."

The statement is Article #1 of the Articles of Religion of the Methodist Church. The articles first appeared in the 1808 Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Some believe that God is not alive – not now and not ever. Still others proclaim that God is a lie, or false.

Here is a challenge: spend the next week asking yourself if you believe that God is alive and that God is true. Write down signs of life and truth. Write down signs of death and lies. At the end of the week, ask yourself, "What do I really believe?" Then ask, "What am I going to do about what I believe?"

What we believe matters.

Jimmy Nunn

(from nwtzumcblog.org - posted 9/19/2014)



UMW

For several years, the Northwest Texas Conference of United Methodist Women have promoted mission giving through the Burning the Candle program during the UMW Annual Meeting in September. In 2014, it cost \$28.35 per minute to support the UMW's missions throughout the world.

This year, the Shamrock UMW will burn the candle for 11 minutes in memory of: Fred Hofmann, Joyce Woods, Nadyne Williams Lovelady, James Reneau, Dr. D. E. Blacketter, and John Stages III.



Next time you do some canning, remember the Bazaar!!!

It's a FACT - Homemade Goodies sell very well!!!

Tithes & Offerings

2014 Budget:	\$ 143,250.00
Needed Weekly:	\$ 2,754.80
Offering-week of Aug. 31:	\$ 3,047.00
Offering-week of Sept. 7:	\$ 3,600.00
Offering-week of Sept. 14:	\$ 2,658.00
Offering-week of Sept. 21:	\$ 1,375.00
Total Received 2014:	
	\$ 89,913.31

Attendance for August 31

Sunday School: 19
Morning Worship: 31

Attendance for Sept. 7

Sunday School: 13
Morning Worship: 36

Attendance for Sept. 14

Sunday School: 17
Morning Worship: 30

Attendance for Sept. 21

Sunday School: 10
Morning Worship: 25

Our Church Conference is set for Monday evening, November 10. Several committees need to meet before then, so that all the reports can be finalized. Please make every effort to attend the committee meetings when you are notified.

Hannah Brooke Allison was born Tuesday, August
19. Exceedingly proud grandparents are
Jerry & Stephanie Allison.



<p>PRAYER REQUESTS <i>Sympathy</i> The family of Carol J. Walton The family of Ronald Carter</p> <p>Ongoing Concerns Linda Allison Leoda Blacketter Mickey Bradley Claudia Christner Brenda Cornett Martha Cox Kitty Dorn Shirley Galmor Joyce Gragg Richard Kincannon Opal King Noel McLemore</p>	<p>Chancey Rae Miller Sandra Morgan Darrell Nelson Betty Reneau Diane Gragg Reynolds J. R. Vinyard MaryGail Wilson Fritch fire victims</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Military Personnel</p> <p>SGT J. Egner SPC Brad Guzman SPC J. Scheideger Veterans, military & families</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Assisted Living/ Nursing Home</p> <p>Irene Barth</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Homebound</p> <p>Dr. William Doebele Christine Maret</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Leadership</p> <p>National, state, county & local leaders School leaders, teachers & students Firefighters & police Missionaries: the Brabons, the Urys, Myrna McGlothlin, Jerri & Bill Savuto</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thank God for His Blessings!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RAIN!!!!!!</p>
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Saturday, September 27

11:00 am-Scatter Nadyne's ashes at the cemetery
Noon-**Memorial for Nadyne Lovelady**
2:00 pm-PPRC meeting #1

Sunday, September 28

10:30 am-**Church at the River**



Every Wednesday

6:30 pm-Bible fellowship



Sunday, October 5 - Holy Communion

3:00 pm-PPRC meeting #2
4:00 pm-Finance Committee Budgeting session

Sunday, October 12

4:00 pm-Church Council meets

Tuesday, October 14

9:30 am-UMW Group



Thursday, October 16

6:30 am-UMM at Mitchell's



Monday, October 20

4:00 pm-UMW Unit meeting - Hostess group #1



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