

First United Methodist Church
of Shamrock, Texas
August 1, 2014

Rev. Jarrod Neal, Pastor

Kathy Marak, Secretary

Family Camp

Come grow in FAITH as a FAMILY!

At Ceta Canyon Camp & Retreat Center

August 30 - September 1st (Labor Day Weekend)



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!

MaryGail Wilson	1
Morgan Nell Sims	2
Harry Marett	3
Diana Nell	4
Taylor Patton	11
Noel Walton	11
Jim Hart	13

James Don Son	14
Connie Jones	19
Cathie Wardlow	19
Victoria Norman	21
Robert Adams	23
Bryan Close	26

Jarrood's Jottings

From John Wesley's sermon "The Witness of the Spirit", with adaptations to modern English

"The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God."

—Romans 8:16

How many vain people, not understanding what they said, nor what they affirmed, have wrested this Scripture to the great loss, if not the destruction, of their souls! How many have mistaken the voice of their own imagination for this witness of the Spirit of God, and then idly presumed they were the children of God, while they were working evil.

Who can then be surprised, if many reasonable people, seeing the dreadful effects of this delusion, and laboring to keep at the utmost distance from it, should sometimes lean toward another extreme, and question whether the witness of the Spirit be the privilege of *ordinary* Christians, and not, rather, one of those *extraordinary* gifts which they suppose belonged only to the apostolic age?

"But how may one who has the real witness in himself distinguish it from presumption?" How, I ask, do you distinguish day from night? Light from darkness? Or the light of a star, or a glimmering candle, from the light of the noon-day sun? Is there not an inherent, obvious, essential difference between the one and the other? In the same way, there is an inherent, essential difference between spiritual light and spiritual darkness; and between the light with which the Sun of righteousness shines on our heart, and that glimmering light which arises only from "sparks of our own kindling". And this difference is immediately and directly perceived, if our spiritual senses are rightly

disposed.

"But how shall I know that my spiritual senses are rightly disposed?" By the fruits which God has wrought in your spirit, you shall know the testimony of the Spirit of God. By them, you shall know that you are in no delusion, that you have not deceived your own soul. The immediate fruits of the Spirit, ruling in the heart, are "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, self-control." And the outward fruits are: the doing good to all people; doing evil to none; and, walking in the light—a zealous, uniform obedience to all the commandments of God.

Well then you may say, "Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift!" Thanks be to God, who gives me to "know in whom I have believed," who has "sent forth the Spirit of his Son into my heart, crying, Abba, Father," and even now, "bearing witness with my spirit that I am a child of God!" And see to it that not only your lips, but also your life shows forth his praise. He has sealed you for his own; glorify him then in your body and your spirit, which are his. Beloved, if you have this hope in yourself, purify yourself as he is pure. While you behold what manner of love the Father has given you, that you should be called a child of God, cleanse yourself "from all impurity of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God," and let all your thoughts, words, and works be a spiritual sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God through Christ Jesus!

Tithes & Offerings

2014 Budget:	\$ 143,250.00
Needed Weekly:	\$ 2,754.80
Offering-week of June 29:	\$ 2,198.00
Offering-week of July 6:	\$ 572.00
Offering-week of July 13:	\$ 1,663.00
Offering-week of July 20:	\$ 4,931.00
Offering-week of July 27:	\$ 1,508.00
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Total Received 2014:	\$ 70,831.31

Attendance for June 29

Sunday School: 21
Morning Worship: 27

Attendance for July 6

Sunday School: 12
Morning Worship: 23

Attendance for July 13

Sunday School: 15
Morning Worship: 27

Attendance for July 20

Sunday School: 9
Morning Worship: 25

Attendance for July 27

Sunday School: 17
Morning Worship: 33

Church Council meets at
4:00 pm **August 10, 2014**

PRAYER REQUESTS

Sympathy

The family of Gary Gandy
The family of Bobby Knoll

Ongoing Concerns

Linda Allison
Leoda Blackketter
Ronald Carter
Frank Castillo
Brenda Cornett
Martha Cox
Kitty Dorn
Shirley Galmor
Joyce Gragg
Richard Kincannon
Noel McLemore
Chancey Rae Miller
Sandra Morgan
Dena Narron
Darrell Nelson

Betty Reneau
Diane Gragg Reynolds
Dorothy Shields
J. R. Vinyard
Shawn Wardlow
MaryGail Wilson
Frances Young
Fritch fire victims

Military Personnel

SGT J. Egner
SPC Brad Guzman
SPC J. Scheideger
Veterans
All military & their families

Assisted Living/ Nursing Home

Irene Barth

Homebound

Dr. William Doebele
Christine Marett

Leadership

National, state, county
& local leaders
School leaders, teachers
& students
Firefighters & police
Missionaries:
the Brabons,
the Urys,
Myrna McGlothlin,
Jerri & Bill Savuto

**Thank God for
His Blessings!**

RAIN!!!!!!!

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Wednesday, July 30

6:30 pm-Bible fellowship



Sunday, August 3 - Holy Communion

9:00 am-Coffee-Fellowship Hall

9:15 am-Nursery opens

9:30 am-Sunday School

10:30 am-Morning Worship

Wednesday, August 6

6:30 pm-Bible fellowship



Sunday, August 10

4:00 pm-Church Council meets

No UMW Group or Unit meetings in August



Thursday, August 21

6:30 am-UMM at Mitchell's



August 30-September 1 - Family Camp at Ceta Canyon.

For more information, call the church office or go to their website, www.cetacanyon.org



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