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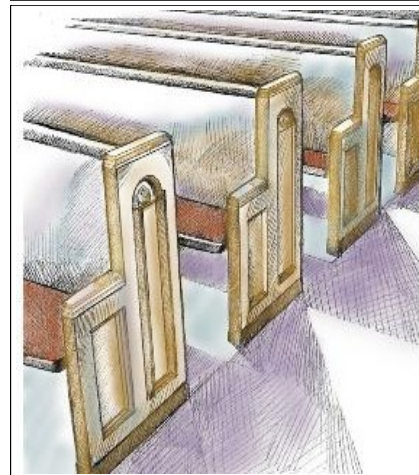
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TESTIMONY SUNDAY 2011
WE ARE LOOKING FOR 3 OR 4 PEOPLE TO GIVE A 5 TO 7 MINUTE TALK ON HOW FIRST UNITED METHODIST HAS IMPACTED THEIR LIVES. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN TELLING YOUR STORY ON OCTOBER 16TH DURING THE MORNING WORSHIP PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR GREG AT [PASTORGOBERG@GMAIL.COM](mailto:pastorgoberg@gmail.com) OR ON HIS CELL PHONE (979/248-4462).

The T.V. in the Fellowship hall has gone kaput. If anyone has a gently used T.V. set that can be spared, we would put it to good use. Call the church office at 979/798-2220 if you are able to help.

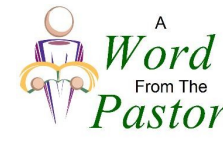



Safe Sanctuary "2.0"
The Church Council voted on and accepted the Safe Sanctuary 2.0 Policy. We are assembling groups of Safe Sanctuary Trainers. If you are interested please contact Pastor Greg at pastorgoberg@gmail.com or on his cell phone 979/248-4462. A copy of this policy is available online or in the church foyer.

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 of Brazoria, Texas
 Remaining Faithful by our
 Prayers + Presence + Gifts +
 Service + Witness



Life Stewardship 2011

2 Corinthians 9:10-15 ¹⁰ For God is the one who gives seed to the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will give you many opportunities to do good, and he will produce a great harvest of generosity in you. ¹¹ Yes, you will be enriched so that you can give even more generously. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will break out in thanksgiving to God. ¹² So two good things will happen-- the needs of the Christians in Jerusalem will be met, and they will joyfully express their thanksgiving to God. ¹³ You will be glorifying God through your generous gifts. For your generosity to them will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ. ¹⁴ And they will pray for you with deep affection because of the wonderful grace of God shown through you. ¹⁵ Thank God for his Son-- a gift too wonderful for words!

New Living Translation

This year, we'd like to focus on stewardship not just in monetary terms, but also in life terms. Not only does God call us to manage money well (God owns every penny we have; we have it temporarily while it passes through), but also our time, abilities, possessions, technology, knowledge, and our sweat and labor.

America's biggest problem is not immigration, health care reform, soaring gas prices, or the economy. Our biggest problem is greed: greed on such a massive and enormous scale, that the world has seen nothing like it in all of human history. There is Greed in Washington, Greed on Wall Street, Greed on Main Street, and Greed on Brooks Street. There are billionaires who are greedy. There are people on welfare who are greedy. At the root of most of our problems is the sin of greed, this concept of hoarding, consuming, and taking more and more and more with the voice in our heads that says: "Just a little more, and I'll be happy." We do this with money, supplies, resources, time, and knowledge.

The Bible has always stood in opposition to greed. It does not regard greed as a virtue, but instead, it promotes hospitality and generosity. These are to be the marks of the people of God. Of all the groups of people in the world, we are to be the best at hospitality and generosity. These things played a crucial role in attracting people to Christ in ancient times, as they continue to draw others to him in the 21st Century.

Our life stewardship campaign has three goals:

- 1) To teach everyone effectively and faithfully what the Bible says about giving, and how God expects us to resemble His generosity in our lives
- 2) To cause motivation that will lead to an increase in financial giving, beginning in October 2011, and throughout 2012
- 3) To further unite us as a congregation

If we offer our best to our Master, who do you think in our community would be praising God because of our generosity?



**Offering Our Best to the Master, Life Stewardship
5 Part Series**

- Oct. 2 "Qualities of Good Life Stewardship: Organization & Accounting" Numbers 7:11-17 Part 1
- Oct. 9 "Qualities of Good Life Stewardship: Gaining, Saving & Giving" Matthew 19: 16-23 Part 2
- Oct. 16 Lay People Testimonies Acts 2: 42-47 Part 3
- Oct. 23 "Quality of Good Life Stewardship: Love" Philippians 4:15-20 Part 4
- Oct. 30 "Outlive Your Life" 2 Kings 2:9-15 Pt. 5

Every Sunday

9:30AM, Adult Bible Study
10:30 AM, Worship Celebration
Nursery Available, Kidz Quest at 10:45 a.m.
5:00 PM, Youth Group

Sermons Available on CD or DVD upon request.



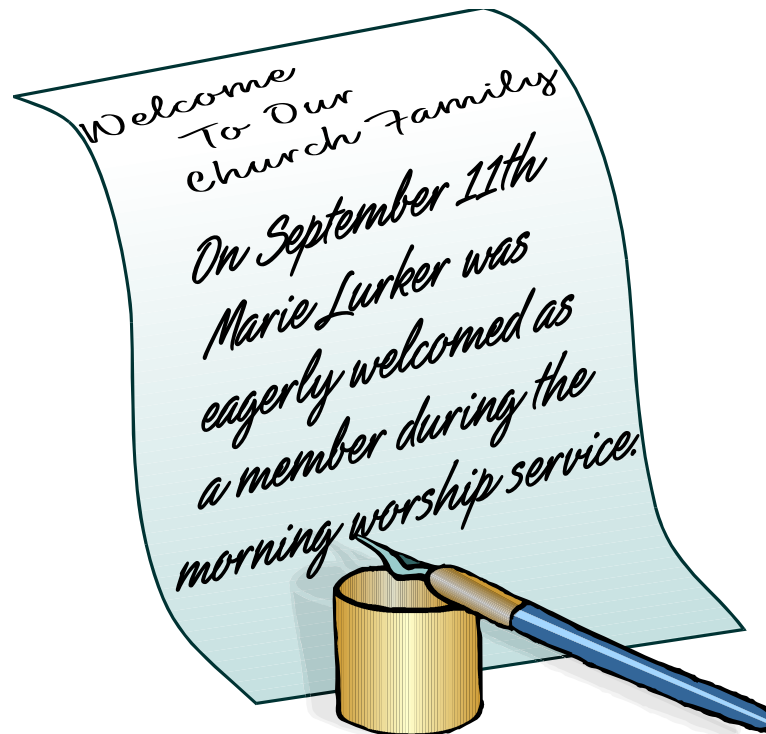
Pray For Our Homebound Members

At Home: Ed Powell,
Debbie Rasco,
Doc & Kittie Stanger
Dorothy Kees

Assisted Living/Nursing Facility:

Sophie Anderson Fredericksburg Nursing Home
Ann DeSteiguer The Legacy in Bay City, TX
Dan Hutson Austin House in Nacogdoches, TX
Louise Reed Village on the Creek in Clute, TX
Tom Ward TEJEDA Veteran's Home, Floresville, TX

If you would like to send a card or letter to any of our homebound members please call the office (979/798-2220) or email (julisa@brazoriainet.com) for their addresses.



Church Grounds Maintenance

Thank you to those of you who have signed up to maintain the church grounds. Unfortunately the lack of rain has decreased the need for weekly mowing. Therefore, the schedule for October is as follows:

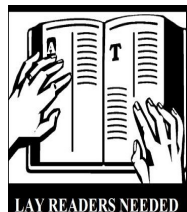
Oct 1 st	Bob Engman
Oct 8 th	John Danford
Oct 15 th -22 nd	Available
Oct 29 th	Karl Schneider



**CHARGE CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 30TH
@ 2:30 PM**



This month's **GAME NIGHT** will be hosted by Verna Reed on Saturday, October 22nd at 6:00 pm in the church fellowship hall. Come join our "More Experienced Adults" for a night of fun and friendship. We ask that you bring something to contribute to snack time.



We are in need of Lay Readers. If you are interested please call Pastor Greg @ 979/248-4462.



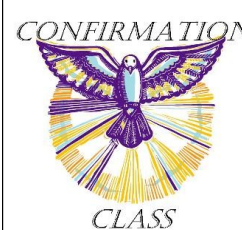
Our Prayer Shawl Ministry presented Roy Compton with a lap-ghan during the adult Bible Study on September 18th. We send him our prayers and blessings for his strength and comfort after the loss of his mother, Dorthea. She passed away on September 14th and is now safe in the hands of Our Lord, awaiting His promise to be reunited with those she loved. We will continue to support Roy and his family during this difficult time.

If you are interested in joining Our Prayer Shawl Ministry please contact the church office at 979/798-2220



All Saints' Sunday

All Saints' Day is November 1st, when we celebrate "the communion of saints." All faithful Christians — those already in heaven and those living for God on earth — are counted among this communion. Our parish will be celebrating All Saint's Sunday on October 30th during the morning worship service. If you would like the names of your deceased loved ones read during the service and listed in November's Newsletter please contact the church office at julisa@brazoriainet.com or 979/798-2220 no later than 1:00pm on Monday, October 24.



Confirmation Classes have begun at First United Methodist of Brazoria. Classes are held every Sunday in the youth building at 9:15am. This year's class consists of 6 Confirmands who will be preparing over the next 10 weeks to make their Confirmation in May 2012. Please pray for them as they take this spiritual journey.



THIS MONTH'S TRUSTEES & FINANCE MEETINGS, SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 11TH, WILL BE COMBINED INTO ONE AND BEGIN AT 7:00PM. THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO ALL WHO WISH TO ATTEND.

THE TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION IS THE CHURCH'S INSURANCE COVERAGE. JUDY GIFFORD HAS GRACIOUSLY OFFERED TO EXPLAIN WHAT OUR CURRENT COVERAGE CONTAINS AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT MAY ARISE.



**LIGHT THE NIGHT UP ON
OCTOBER 31ST!**

THIS HALLOWEEN OUR CHURCH HAS AN AWESOME OPPORTUNITY TO MINISTER TO THE HUNDREDS OF TRICK-OR-TREATERS THAT DESCEND UPON GARDEN ACRES. WE WILL BE HERE FROM 6:00 TO 8:30PM TO PASS OUT TREATS, GOODIES, AND WATER. BATHROOMS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AS WELL AS A PLACE FOR PEOPLE TO SIT AND REST A BIT. PLEASE COME AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE HOSPITALITY AND ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP.

New Vision: A Summer Youth Intern

We are in need of an intern who is passionate, caring, and faith-filled for two months during the summer. The position requires a work week of 15 hours with a salary of \$2500 for the dates of June 11, 2012 thru August 6, 2012. If you are interested or know of someone who is interested in leading our youth to Jesus Christ and helping them grow in their faith please contact Pastor Greg at pastorogoberge@gmail.com or on his cell phone (979/248-4462).