



Kelly and Kevin Millikan, and Kenedy



Anna Blair



Whitney and Lance Will

**KNOWN HOSPITALIZED**

Betty Kennedy, Larry Eason, Al Stephens, Jean Webb, Richard Carroll, Pat Manriquez, Michael Jaffee

**BIRTHS**

Parker Woods, born Thursday, May 2, 2013. Mom & Dad are Wilson and Alicia Woods

**IN MEMORIAUM**

Ken Purdy



**THIS SUNDAY**  
**“Built According to Code”**  
 Matthew 7:21-29

**TEACHERS & TOPICS**

*Classes Meeting on Sunday, May 12*

- Aldersgate Couples** | Room 333 | 9:30 am | First Street Mission Jason Moon
- Cana Disciples** | Room 332 | 9:30 am
- Covenant** | Room 331 | 9:30 am | Sid Johnston, FUMC Foundation Director
- Creative Couples** | Room 321 | 9:45 am **NOT MEETING**
- Downtown Singles** | Room 340-341 | 11:00 am Honoring Your Mother - Bring a picture of your mother
- Genesis Couples** | Room 351 | 9:45 am | Ryan Rubenkoenig
- Good Neighbors** | Room 334 | 11:00 am | Mother's Day
- 8:30 am In-Depth Bible Study** | Room 350 | Dr. Lamar Smith *A Resurrection Story*
- Inquirers** | Room 352 | 9:30 am | Memories of Our Mothers
- Journey** | Room 230 | 10:00 am | Love | Matthew Roth
- Koinonia** | Room 224 | 9:30 am
- Loyalty** | Room 334 | 9:30 am | Casey Langley, FUMC Youth Ministries Director
- New Horizon Singles** | Room 231 | 9:30 am | The Bible Don Hughes
- New Passages** | Room 352 | 11:00 am
- Partners** | Room 320 | 9:30 am
- Sojourners** | Room 335 | 9:30 am | Ken & Carrie Hinze Kingdom Culture II
- Trinity Fellowship** | Room 340-341 | 9:30 am
- Twosome** | Room 154 | 9:30 am
- Veriditas** | Room 272F (Foundation Building) | 9:30 am *Wisdom of Native Americans* by Kent Nerburn | Ann Dunkin
- Wesley Bible** | Room 350 | 9:30 am | Dr. Ron Ballard, Leader
- Young Couples** | Room 336 | 9:45 am | Molly & Tom Hardgrove

*NOTE: If the class you are interested in does not list topics or teachers for this month, we did not receive the information prior to deadline.*

**SAVE THE DATES**

**6.9** Please plan to join us as we welcome **Dr. Kenda Creasy Dean** for a one-time seminar. Kenda is a United Methodist pastor, a professor of youth and culture at Princeton Theological Seminary, and the author of *Almost Christian: What the Faith of American Teenagers is Telling the Church*. She is also this year's Central Texas Annual Conference teacher. For more information about this program, Dr. Kenda Creasy Dean, or *Almost Christian: What the Faith of American Teenagers is Telling the Church*, please contact Casey Langley, Director of Youth Ministries (clangley@myfumc.org) at 817/339-5070.

**6.16 - 6.21 HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP**

**New Orleans, Louisiana**  
 Join the youth (9th – 12th graders) for a week of work AND fun in the Big Easy! We will be working with families in the city to repair and restore their homes – it will be a week of serving and being served. Adult leaders also needed. To sign up, pick up a form in the Justin and return it to the Youth Office by May 19th. Questions? Email Brenda Kegans at bkegans@myfumc.org.

**7.14 - 7.19 MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP**

**Waco, Texas**  
 Our Middle School students (6th – 8th graders) are heading down south to Waco for a week of work in the middle of July. Join us as we spend a week in service to the people and the city. Adults are also needed for this trip! To register, pick up a form in the Justin Building and return it to the Youth Office by June 16th. Questions? Email Brenda Kegans at bkegans@myfumc.org.

**FUMC WEEKLY**

**WORSHIP**

**Traditional Worship**  
 Dr. Tim Bruster  
 9:30 & 11:00 am | Sanctuary  
 Men of Choral Union  
 will perform at both services

**DiscipleChurch**  
 Rev. Brooks Harrington  
 8:30 am | Leonard Memorial Chapel

**Chapel Communion Service**  
 Dr. Len Delony  
 10:30 – 11:00 am  
 Leonard Memorial Chapel

**eleven:eleven celebration**  
 “Where is the Log?”  
 Charles Gaby, MA, LPC  
 11:11 am | Wesley Hall

**In the Garden Between Services:**  
 The Men of the FUMC Staff  
 will be serving up pancakes  
 in honor of mothers  
 and Mother's Day. Enjoy!

**“I’ve worked with the homeless before.  
 You won’t be successful.”**

These words from a complete stranger on the street this morning stunned me.

Several of us had been participating in a campaign early this morning to raise awareness of the City of Fort Worth’s “Directions Home” program to end chronic homelessness in our city.

As I walked back to the church from the corner by Burnet Park where we had been standing with cardboard signs that said HOMELESS, HOPELESS, HELPLESS (with the “less” crossed out), he asked me what it was all about and then delivered his punch line: “You won’t be successful.”

I beg to differ. We **will** be successful.

We **must** be successful.

We live in the wealthiest nation in the world—in one of the most affluent cities in our nation—with all the means and the tools we need to *eliminate* chronic homelessness. The need is great, the methods are proven, the resources are among us, and there is a great reserve of

willpower. We *will* be successful. Of course, it will take many people participating. It will take faith, hope and love. It will take resolve. It will take a plan. I believe we have all those things in Fort Worth.

At the most current count, there are 739 homeless children in Fort Worth. Is there anyone who believes that is acceptable? Is there anyone who is satisfied with that?

I invite you to go to [www.DirectionsHome.org](http://www.DirectionsHome.org) to get informed, get motivated, and get involved.

Together, let’s work to transform the painful words, HOMELESS, HOPELESS, and HELPLESS into beautiful words: HOME, HOPE, and HELP.

We won’t be successful? I beg to differ!

Grace and Peace,

## ♦ PROGRAMS AND EVENTS ♦



### Local agencies align to find

## The Shortest Way Home

Kudos to Dr. Tim Bruster and Rev. Page Hines for participating in a Directions Home Street Team mobilization on Tuesday in support of this 10-year plan to make homelessness rare, short-term and

nonrecurring in greater Fort Worth by 2018. Aligning the efforts of public, private and social service agencies in our community, Directions Home has helped more than 1,200 Fort Worth residents find “the shortest way home.”



Rev. Page Hines, Director of First Street Mission, takes a turn on the streets of Downtown Fort Worth as part of the Directions Home Street Team mobilization.

Standing with street teams positioned throughout Downtown representing a wide spectrum of local businesses and organizations (Mayor Betsy Price even took a turn between 8:30 – 9:00!), our own clergy did their part — representing First Church well in this initiative that emphasizes an approach known as “Housing First,” which places homeless individuals in permanent supportive housing with case management services rather than sheltering them in temporary or transitional facilities. For more information about Directions Home, go to [www.directionshome.org](http://www.directionshome.org).

### JOIN US FOR THE “SECOND MILE”

Our “second-mile” Easter Offering is still just halfway toward reaching our 2013 goal of \$50,000. The Easter Offering represents a vital part of Jesus’ ministry — to share God’s love through mission and outreach to people living in need. We will receive Easter Offerings throughout the end of the Season of Easter on May 19. Offering envelopes are in the pew pockets in the Sanctuary (or you can simply designate “Easter Offering” on your check), or visit [www.myfumc.org](http://www.myfumc.org) to give online.

### 5.12 MOTHER’S DAY

**Pancakes in the Garden | 10:30 - 11:00 am**  
To celebrate Mother’s Day the men on FUMC staff will serve pancakes in the garden between services; everyone is welcome to enjoy pancakes and family fellowship in this special time of honoring moms and motherhood.

### 5.19 – 6.9 LIVING THROUGH GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

**9:30 - 10:45 am | 2nd Floor, Foundation Building**  
This group is free of charge, with no registration required, and is open to anyone who has suffered the death of a loved one. Charne Roberts, First Street Methodist Mission Caseworker, will lead the group. You may purchase an optional guidebook for \$5 in the Adult Education Office or at the workshop. For more information, contact Charne Roberts ([crobarts@firststreetmission.org](mailto:crobarts@firststreetmission.org)) at 817/335-6080 or Rev. Phyllis McDougal ([pmcdougal@myfumc.org](mailto:pmcdougal@myfumc.org)) at 817/339-5082.



### WEDNESDAYS: LECTIO DIVINA

**9:00 - 9:30 am | Room 147**  
Join us for this ancient practice of praying the Scriptures with the “ear of the heart,” as if in conversation with God in which God suggests the topics for discussion. Includes reading, reflection response and resting in the Word of God to nourish and deepen our relationship with the Divine. For more information, contact Len Delony ([ldelony@myfumc.org](mailto:ldelony@myfumc.org)) at 817/339-5099.

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### 5.13 FUMC SPRING GOLF TOURNAMENT

**9:00 am | Lost Creek Golf Club Shotgun Start | 4 Person Scramble**  
This semi-annual event is open to senior men and women 55 & over (although we can bend this rule a bit). Entry fee is \$40, covers green fee, cart, and lunch and is payable at the tournament. To enter, (and for directions) call or e-mail Tournament Director Ed Petrushka ([empetr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:empetr@sbcglobal.net)) at 817/926-5795, with your name, phone number, e-mail (if available), handicap or probable score. Indicate who you would like to be teamed with. You may put together your own foursome; guests are welcome.

### 5.19, 5.26 & 6.2 SUMMER STUDIES REGISTRATION

**9:30 am - noon | Adult Education Office**  
Register on these Sundays or anytime during the week by contacting Gayle Ammerman ([gammerman@myfumc.org](mailto:gammerman@myfumc.org)) at 817/339-5091.



### MAY MISSION SUNDAYS: SHAMPOO, TOOTHPASTE, SOAP, DEODORANT

Throughout May, please bring family size shampoo, toothpaste, soap, and deodorant to the Mission during regular donation hours during the week (Monday – Thursday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm) or to the Welcome Center on Sundays. Be part of our service to those in need by participating in monthly Mission Sundays. Remember: Your Small Gifts. Big Difference in the lives of those we serve.



### 5.17 MIDDLE SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT

**Justin Youth Building**  
All 6th – 8th graders are invited to a night of popcorn and movies in the Justin! Whether you just finished Confirmation and 6th grade or only have a few more weeks left before high school, you’re invited to come and have some Friday night fun. Time TBD.

### 5.19 YOUTH BANQUET | Wesley Hall

**6:30 pm | Dressy Attire | \$14 per person**  
All youth are invited to celebrate another great school year and another year of great memories with the youth group. We have a Hawaiian luau theme and a menu sure to make you say “Aloha!” Join us for dinner, laughs, and the famous “Justee” Awards. RSVP by May 12. Questions? Please e-mail Brenda ([bkegans@myfumc.org](mailto:bkegans@myfumc.org)).



### 6.7 - 6.9 | HIGHER LOVE WEEKEND: BASIC TRAINING FOR THE HEART

**Stillwater Lodge | Glen Rose**  
It’s not too late to sign up for this relationship-changing weekend retreat led by Charles Gaby, MA, LPC, but registration will close soon. All inclusive cost is \$245 per person; registration limited to 20. Contact Marianne Wilson ([mwilson@myfumc.org](mailto:mwilson@myfumc.org)) at 817/339-5071.



### 5.29 MAY GOOD BOOK CLUB

**6:15 - 7:30 pm | Children’s Wing**  
BIG NEWS! Our May 29 Good Book Club Meeting will welcome nationally-known children’s authors David Davis and Jan Peck to read to our kiddos (two of their books are Good Book Club selections for the spring), sign books (available for purchase that evening), and lead a writing mini-workshop for our children Grade 1 and up. Please note that with these special guests, our May meeting will go an extra 15 minutes, ending at 7:30.

**Kindergarten and Younger – Harold and the Purple Crayon** written and illustrated by Crockett Johnson.

**1st, 2nd, and 3rd Grade – The Green Mother Goose** by Jan Peck and David Davis, illustrated by Carin Berger.

**4th Grade and Older – Lives of the Writers: Comedies, Tragedies (and what the Neighbors Thought)** by Kathleen Krull, illustrated by Kathryn Hewitt.

The Good Book Club meets the last Wednesday of each month from 6:15-7:15 pm in the children’s wing. Please join us for a wonderful adventure through great literature with a great message.

### 7TH STREET CLOSURE MAY 8TH - 14TH

- WHERE:** West 7th Street from Stayton to Penn (MAP)  
**WHEN:** Wednesday, May 8th, 8 p.m. to Tuesday, May 14th, 6 a.m.  
**WHAT:** After the 2013 version of Mayfest closes, motorists will begin to notice intermittent closures related to the reconstruction of the West 7th Street bridge. Specifically:
- Closure of 7th Street from Stayton to Penn starting at 8 p.m. May 8 lasting through 6 a.m. May 14 (weather permitting) for placement of the first two pre-cast bridge arches on the east side of the bridge.
  - Intermittent overnight closures of 7th Street from mid-May to mid-June, to place the remaining 10 arches (7th Street will be reduced to one lane in each direction during this time period).
  - Full bridge closure in mid-June with the new bridge open in 150 days or less, prior to Thanksgiving 2013.

Lancaster Avenue will be the designated detour route during the closures of 7th Street. In addition to 7th Street, other affected roadways will be Forest Park Boulevard, Stayton Street, 10th Street, and Fournier Street. Access to local businesses will be maintained throughout the closure.