



The Chimes

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what will 2012 bring?



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THE APOSTLE PETER said to the people of Israel on the day of Pentecost, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2). Peter’s words are appropriate now, as we face the dawn of a new year.

The word “repent” comes from the Greek work *metanoi*, meaning “to turn around.” Peter was urging people to turn from the direction they were going in life. To turn from the old and toward the new life offered through Christ—the Messiah of God.

But, how often do our words of profession match our lives? Surely, the beginning of a new year gives us a chance to start fresh, which when you think

about it, is the essence of the gospel.

Preaching Magazine offered a story years ago worth retelling. Mexican missionary Herb Pinney recalled a time when he lived in New Mexico and had a number of Navajo children living with his own family. He took them to the movies to see a western. Near the end of the film, there was a scene in which the Indians surrendered to “the white men.” The surrendering Indians spoke in Navajo.

The English subtitles translated it as a beautiful surrender speech. But, the Navajo children were dying with laughter. For what the Indians really said in Navajo was, “You white men are so low you can walk under a snake’s belly and not knock off

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your tall hat.” The English subtitles had given an opposite meaning to their words.

What would happen in 2012 if, for a year, we aligned our actions with our words? In a congregation this large we could do a lot of good. First United Methodist Church is here in downtown Arlington for good!

WHERE ARE YOU HEADED?

TRANSFORMING OUR SPIRITUAL LIVES THROUGH DNOW



By: Nick Scott
Director, Youth and
Young Adult Ministries

I'VE DONE AN EXERCISE at retreats and conferences in the past, which you may have participated in before too. If not, maybe you should because many, including myself, have found it beneficial. The exercise involves pen, paper and an awareness of who you have been and who you are becoming.

Begin by creating a graph and dividing the x-axis, (the horizontal line) by five year increments. The y-axis (the vertical line) doesn't need an increment, since it represents your relative spiritual growth,

which can be hard to divide or measure. Using a line, map out your spiritual awareness, health or growth over your lifetime.

Some people's line look like calm, rolling hills and others' look like a line from the stock market or a violent roller coaster (which is worse?). It doesn't matter what your line looks like; it does matter that you consider why your line looks like it does. When your line has an incline, write out the reasons. When you were at your lowest and felt separated from God, write down the contributing factors for that as

well. After a while, you might see patterns or remember people who had a profound impact on your spiritual growth.

But, since Paul suggests we should strain forward to what lies ahead, the exercise isn't over yet. If your life continues on a similar trajectory, where are you heading? What will your life look like in five years? Ten? Twenty-five? As you look at your future self, are you happy with who you will be? What goals do you have for your spirituality or future relationship with God? As I have told my youth many

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times, “you are currently becoming who you are going to be.”

Scripture lets us know who we should become. In 2 Corinthians 3:18, Paul says that we “are being transformed into the” image of the Lord “from one degree of glory to another” by the Spirit. In other words, we are to continually become more like Christ in the way we live, think and relate to

others. Are you headed in that direction? Is this a goal that you are deliberately trying to achieve?

For many people and, according to the past downward trends of my own chart, for myself, the answer is too often no. This is why the theme for this year’s Disciple Now is “Transform.” We want our youth to be continually transforming into the image of Christ. For that to happen, they have to understand who they are, who Jesus is and what kind of commitment it takes to become more like him. We hope they will begin to understand these things at Disciple Now.

Disciple Now 2012: Transform will be January 13–15. We are honored to be hosting Dr. Zan

Holmes, Pastor Emeritus of St. Luke Community United Methodist Church in Dallas, as our guest speaker and to be led in worship by our own LifeSong. Youth of our church and community can register and find out more at arlingtonmethodist.org/DNow.

I hope you will support the transformation of our youth through your prayers, encouragement and by volunteering for Disciple Now. E-mail Juddie Rice, assistant director of youth and young adult ministries, at jrice@arlingtonmethodist.org for volunteer opportunities.

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A three-week course on human sexuality for fifth graders



By: Rev. Kay Lancaster
Associate Pastor

HUMAN SEXUALITY IS one of God's greatest gifts. Pediatrician Dr. Earl Hampton and Holly Heid, a nurse practitioner, will be leading a class on human sexuality for FUMC of Arlington fifth graders January 22, 29 and February 6.

This well-received course, which has been offered by our church for years, is designed to communicate to fifth graders that we are a fantastic creation made by God. The topics of human sexuality, values and relationships are approached in a frank, honest and Bible-based manner.

As these children will soon be entering adolescence, it is an appropriate time to help cultivate their awareness of their bodies, beliefs, relationships

and responsibilities. The curriculum for the three-week program is *Created by God*, which is published by Abingdon Press—the United Methodist publishing house.

The class will meet in Room 222 from 10:45 AM–12:15 PM (following Sensational Journey). There will be a parent orientation on Sunday, January 22, in Room 214 at 10:45 AM, while the children attend their first session. All parents need to attend this orientation. During the orientation, siblings may go to Room 214 for a video.

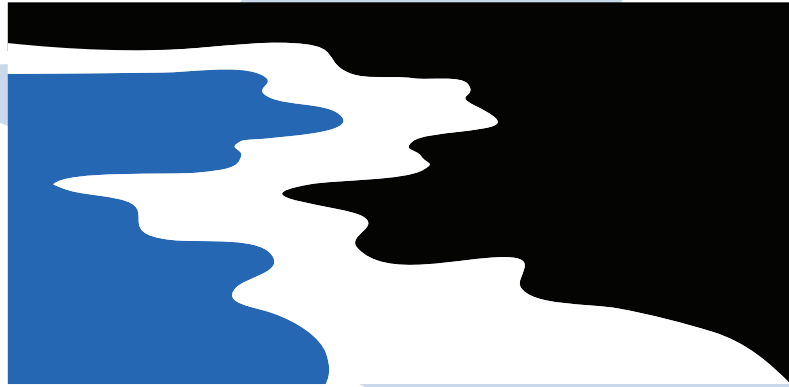
This class requires approved volunteers each week. Parents can indicate on the registration form if they are able to help. Volunteers will not need to teach anything—just help with group control.

Registration may be completed at arlingtonmethodist.org.

Children should be registered by January 15 in order to have a book for the first session. The cost is \$12, which includes the student and parent book. Checks can be made payable to FUMC of Arlington. Payment will be made at the parent meeting.

Feel free to invite your friends with fifth grade children to attend this class.

Contact Rev. Kay Lancaster with questions or concerns at 817-274-2571 or klancaster@arlingtonmethodist.org



FUMC OF ARLINGTON MEN GATHERING AT THE RIVER

APRIL 27–APRIL 29

JOIN OTHER MEN OF FIRST UNITED Methodist Church of Arlington for a weekend of fun and fellowship.

We have a great lineup of speakers, including FUMC of Arlington's very own Senior Pastor, Dr. David Mosser. Our music and worship will be led by Greg Haugen, director of Testament Youth Choir and LifeSong.

We are also excited to announce our special guest speaker, former Texas Rangers great and president of the Texas Rangers Foundation, Jim Sundberg.

CAMP ARROWHEAD

Our retreat will be hosted by Camp Arrowhead. Nestled beside the Brazos River, Camp Arrowhead is a secluded location where people can find physical and mental rest, enjoy Christian fellowship or just revel in nature—the perfect getaway for groups of all ages and sizes to escape the usual and find the special.

SO WHY ATTEND?

This is an opportunity to take a break from your busy life and experience prayer, but also to relax. For instance, on Saturday, after prayer and our keynote from Sundberg, your afternoon is free. We suggest checking out golfing at nearby Squaw Valley Golf Club, skeet shooting,

fishing on the Brazos or just playing a little basketball.

REGISTRATION

Includes five meals, semi-private room (not more than five to a room) and great programming.

- **Early registration:** \$95
 - Register by February 5
- **Regular registration:** \$110
 - Register February 6–April 15*(Make checks payable to FUMC of Arlington)*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Golf at Squaw Valley Golf Club
 - Green fees (including cart): \$50
 - Come early on Friday for only \$40
 - Play Saturday afternoon for \$60
 - Play both days for \$90 (\$10 discount)
- Skeet Shooting
 - \$20/person. Clay pigeons to be provided.
- Fishing
 - No cost. Fishing will be on the Brazos River. *License required*

Contact Jason Ray for more information: 817-301-6891 or jray@bbbstx.org.

Register online at arlingtonmethodist.org or in the church office.

Dr. Mosser's Tuesday Lectionary Bible Study

Begins January 10
6:00-7:00 PM | Room 155

Each week Rev. David N. Mosser will discuss the four scriptures for the upcoming Sunday's lectionary.

The Lectionary scriptures are the scriptures assigned to be read each Sunday during the liturgical year (Advent through Christ the King Sunday). By reading these scriptures over a three year period, one will acquire an overview of the biblical texts.

Join us January 10 for a time of fellowship and light dessert from 5:30-6:00 PM, followed by the Bible study from 6:00-7:00 PM. For more information contact Rev. Kay Lancaster.

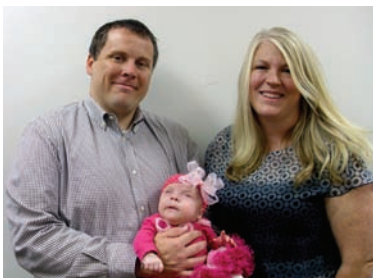
Adult Bible Study Opportunities in January

Mark Immersion Bible Study

Begins January 11
10:00 AM | Room 151

Join us each Thursday for an eight-week study of the Gospel of Mark, led by Rev. Kay Lancaster. The Gospel of Mark is the primary Gospel of the lectionary for 2012 and the gospel on which many of our sermon series will be based. We will be taking an in-depth look at Mark's gospel and discussing how it influences our lives in today's world.

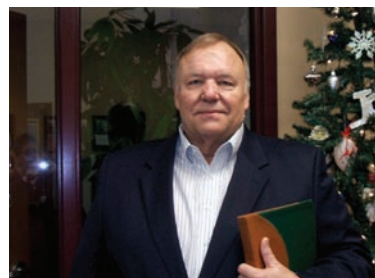
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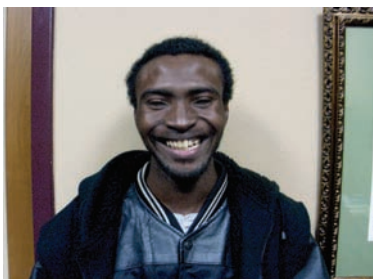
Alexandra Riley with parents Jennifer and Jason Andrews



Scarlett Ann with parents Amy and Chris Smith



Larry Gleaves



Daniel Ag Nouh Yattara



Jerry Perry



Vicky Crawford

OWLS Meeting

The OWLS (Older Wiser Laughing Souls) will meet on Tuesday, January 10, at 11:30 AM in the Great Hall. Please join us for a covered dish luncheon. We respectfully ask that you bring food to serve 10–12 people.

Come hear guest speaker Charean Williams, writer for the *Ft. Worth Star-Telegram* and member of FUMC of Arlington, share some of her experiences covering the NFL, the Cowboys and the Olympics.



Williams has appeared as a guest debater on ESPN2's *First Take* morning show and three years ago was a draft analyst for ESPN's second-day NFL Draft coverage. In 2006, Williams became the first female selector for the Pro Football Hall of Fame and is the immediate past president of the Pro Football Writers of America, the first woman to hold that position

January Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day	2 Church Closed	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 OWLS Meeting/ Dr. Mosser's Lectionary Bible Study Begins	11	12 Immersion Bible Study Begins/ Beginnings: The Spiritual Life Begins	13 DNow 2012: Transform Begins	14
15 Blood Drive	16 Choir Fundraise at Olenjack's/ Church Closed for MLK Day	17	18	19 Dr. Mosser's Book Club	20	21
22 Created By God Begins	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

For more information on these events visit arlingtonmethodist.org

First Prayers

We pray for those who have experienced an illness:

Mary Cox, Evelyn Holt, Marsene Holt, Doug Rice, Charleene Smith, Betty Williams

We pray for those who have experienced a loss. Condolences to...

- Don Ray on the death of his aunt, Joan Lawton, on 12/15
- Clevie Foster and family on the death of Tom on 12/17
- Stephen Martin on the death of his brother-in-law, Mike Lanzara, on 12/17
- Jan Waddell on the death of her mother, Lorraine Collier, on 12/11

- Ernie Van Dam on the death of his wife, Fay, on 12/16
- The friends and family of Dorothy Jones who died 12/19
- Brenda Tibbets and Shirley Baker on the death of their mother, Shirley Garcia, on 12/19
- Betty Perry and family on the death of her mother, Carolyn Clopner, on 12/22
- Jan Wood and family on the death of her father, Jack Callaway, on 12/26

Blessings for those who have a new addition to their family. Congratulations to...

- Casie and Dustin Laughlin on the birth of their daughter, Hutton Belle, on 12/18