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“Great is Your love towards
me, O Lord. Your faithfulness
endures forever.”
Psalms 117.2



Be joyful in hope,
patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer.
Romans 12:12, NIV

THE WITNESS

Dear God,
I know that I'm not perfect,
I know sometimes I forget
to pray. I know I have
questioned my faith, I
know sometimes I lose my
temper, but thank you for
loving me unconditionally
and giving me another day
to start over again.

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Go, Share God's Love, help those in need, and make Disciples of Jesus Christ

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We have a very dedicated crew who give up a Saturday morning every year to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. They also take the decorations down after Christmas.

Special thanks to Sandra Cochran, Myra Lee, Jack Crawford, Harlene Welch, Archie Williams, Joyce and Jack Laverty, Wanda and Charles Gray and newcomers Rhonda and Ike Ellington and Ethan Ainsworth. We really missed Lois Newman who has worked on this crew for many years.

Thanks again,

Barbara Williams

12-2-15

To our wonderful Winterfield Family -

Thank you all for your love and support during this difficult time for our family. Your prayers have given us so much strength. Thanks to all who have given memorial gifts for Mom and Ann.

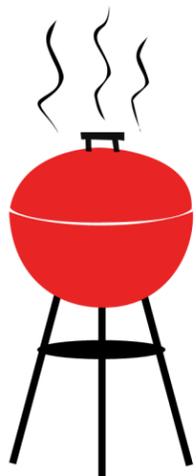
Blessings to all of you and your families.

Much love,
Deby Koon
Phil Happel



JOIN KEVIN, CHRISTY, EMILY, AND MELISSA HENSON
FOR A CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF
the 50th wedding anniversary of
JOHN AND OUIDA HENSON
SUNDAY, JANUARY 31ST, 2016
2:00 PM-4:00 PM
THE PARLOR OF FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
204 N. MARSHALL
HENDERSON, TX

Gift them only with the honor of your presence.



Jerry and I would like to thank each of you who had a part in making this year's Bar-B-Que a big success. We would especially like to thank the chairmen of each of the committees, Charles and Wanda Gray, Connie and Joe Thompson, Ike and Rhonda Ellington, Linda Smitherman, John Durst. and our runners, Abby, Blake and Carly Thornton and Riley and Karsyn Niblett.. Every person who participated was an important part and we love and appreciate each of you.

This was the first time we had ever seen each step of the Bar-B-Que process and it is truly amazing. Once again, I am overwhelmed by the love the members of Winterfield have for our Lord, this church and for each other. We are truly a family.

Becky Butler



We are called to pray for each other (James 5:16). Listed below are people we are aware of who need our prayers. If there are others you know about please fill out a prayer card located in the pews or call the church office (903)753-4825. Due to privacy issues we ask that you have their permission to make their name public before putting their name on the prayer list.

Concerns for Members & Constituents

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Anonymous Members | Ken & Shirley Allen | Marilyn Bagley | Wanda Bledsoe |
| Deby Koon | John Bryson | Bonnie Cain | Darlene Clark |
| Matthew Cole | Connie Crawford & Family | Dale Dewey | Nancy Dewey |
| Tony DiBella | Helen Everett | Roger Goetze | Marcus Gross |
| Sonya Hale | Phil Happel | Bonita Hicks | |
| Hardy Hooffman Family | Jess & Judy Ingram | Joyce Irvin-Hospice | Jamie Koon |
| Gloria Layman | Madge Leffler | Pat Lehrling | |
| Mike & Karen Munn | Mary Miller | Anne Newman | Shirley Patterson |
| Audrey Rainey | Mary Rasco | Kent Rose | Virginia Russell |
| Mary Ann Spier | Jack Strong | Frances Summers | Joyce Ware |
| Bobby Welch | Nita Windham | The Anchor | Winterfield MDO |

Concerns for Family and Friends

(Names are removed approx. each quarter—please notify our office if you wish a name to reappear)

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| Bill Barth | Pete & Wanda Case | Helen Clark |
| Michael Davis Family | Charlie McKinley Davis | Mark Iwan |
| Gina King | The King Family | Debbie Laframboise |
| Bobby McDonald | Shirley McRobie | LaVonna Morales |
| Ruben Morales | Chris & Christi Nailer | Brian & Ramona O'Neal |
| Ray & Donna Phipps | Sharon Redman | Jimmy Robinson |
| Sam Sanders | Paul Spitzfaden | Larry Steward |
| Pam Surles | Harry Sustaire | Charles Thomas |
| R.E. Thomas | Jane Todd & Children | Tim Weberly |
| Susan Weedon | Brynn Woods | Jack & Pearl Wright |

Memorials

...and the time has come for my departure. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award me on that day—and not only me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

2 Timothy 4:6-8

Stephen Butler

Jerry & Becky Butler

Todd Butler

Jerry & Becky Butler

Dot Fall

Charlotte Hawkins
Jeane DiBella
Joan Pinkerton
Charles & Wanda Gray
Patsy Collins
Archie & Barbara Williams
Fellowship Class

Ann Fisher

Ricky & Debbie Grubbs
Oleta Sikes-Davis
Fellowship Class

Sarah Happel

Charles & Billie Ann Huffman
Joan Pinkerton
Charlotte Hawkins
Sue & Jerry Zerkel
Joe & Sonya Hale
Faye & Gary Bardwell
Teresa Tolbert & Family
Patricia Lehring
Ricky & Debbie Grubbs
Patsy Collins
Fellowship Class
James & Helen Ross
Wanda Hitt
Oleta Sikes-Davis
Mr. & Mrs. T. E. Maxwell

From David's Desk:

Happy New Year everyone! Looking back, 2015 has been a truly humbling and amazing journey with y'all at Winterfield. Melissa and I have been so blessed since our arrival in June by your warm welcome and becoming immersed in your contagious enthusiasm for mission and ministry.

Looking forward to 2016 it is hard to imagine fitting anything else into the long list of opportunities already available here at the church. While pondering the above thought, I began noticing all the expert advice in the secular media for improving one's health by taking into account what we do (or don't) eat and drink, etc.

Applying the above prescription to the health of our church may look something more like this: **Finishing the Enneagram classes in January.** If you missed the class entirely - or some of the sessions - let me know and I'll make it available to you. The Enneagram class (a discussion on understanding the 9 personality types that facilitates positive relationship building in congregations) is not only lots of fun but also an excellent lead-in to the next prescription for better church health in 2016. It is called the *Vibrant Church Initiative* (VCI) I'd like to pursue in February. It is a *process* (not a program) that will help revitalize and renew our good church into an even better church in 2016 and beyond! My prayer is that the VCI *process* will focus on God's will for Winterfield in providing the resources, facilitation and strategies to your pastor, staff and laity so we will be better equipped to reach new people for Christ and become the church God calls us to be.

Grace & Peace,



David Urban – pastor

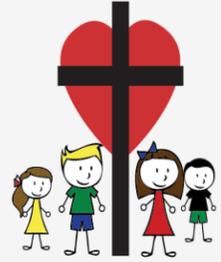


Honorarium

Garrett Lane Stepheson Gary & Faye Bardwell



Winterfield



K.I.D.S.
Kids In Discovery School

December was busy, full of fun, and full of learning all about the birth of our savior! On December 9th, we had a fun day of school for Polar Express day. We wore our pajamas, ate popcorn, drank chocolate milk, and watched Polar Express. We also hosted our 2nd Parent's Night Out on the 11th. We had 28 children come and enjoy games, crafts, and a movie while their parents got a night out to finish up their shopping. This is an awesome fundraiser for our program, that is enjoyed by the kids, parents and volunteers! We

thank all of our teachers that gave their free time for this night! This past Wednesday was our Christmas program and party. The 4 year olds were amazing as they acted out The Christmas Story of the birth of Jesus. Then the 2's and 3's were so sweet and put lots of smiles on their parents faces as they sang some fun Christmas songs. We also had a special visit from Santa! Thank you to all who donated cookies, fruit, and drinks! We appreciate everything that the wonderful people at Winterfield UMC do for us! We will be out of school until January 4th, and we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and blessed new year!

Your friend in Christ,
Liana Niblett
MDO Director
[903-753-4825](tel:903-753-4825)

- "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."
Proverbs 22:6



Sterling Club News

Sterling Club will meet the last Wednesday of January at 11:45 for a cover dish lunch and a program presented by Rev. Richard Heyduck, a United Methodist Minister living in Longview.

UMW NEWS

UMW gave nine purses filled with supplies to the women living at Kirkpatrick House for Christmas. UMW will meet January 19 at 6 P.M. All women are invited to attend.

Women of all ages of Winterfield are ask to save the date February 20, something exciting is being planned.



Special dates

- New Year's Day, January 1, 2016
- Epiphany, January 6, 2016
- Baptism of the Lord, January 10, 2016
- Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observance, January 18, 2016
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25, 2016



Kindness counts

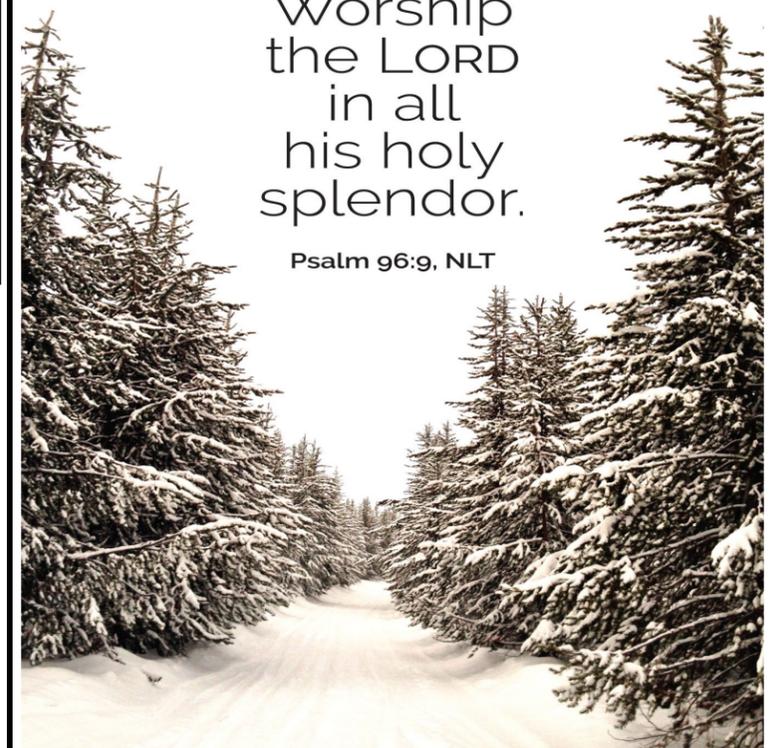
Need some creative ideas for performing acts of kindness? Here are a few from randomact-sofkindness.org:

A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.

- Make blankets or scarves for homeless people.
- Send a care package to someone who's in college or the military.
- Collect coins for a charity or cause.
- When you can't attend an event, give the tickets to strangers.
- Provide tutoring or mentoring in your field of expertise.
- Offer to babysit or pet-sit for free.
- Send a note of appreciation to someone who's made a difference in your life.
- Share your gifts of music, reading or conversation at a nursing home.
- Donate old sports equipment to schools.
- Give someone the benefit of the doubt — maybe even a family member or yourself!

Worship
the LORD
in all
his holy
splendor.

Psalms 96:9, NLT





From Our
Financial Secretary
Frances Day

**FINANCIAL REPORT—
NOVEMBER, 2015**

BUDGET ACTUAL

Contributions \$ 31,399 \$ 32,327
Expenses \$ 37,057 \$ 34,118

Campaign Commitment to date \$14,117
Dollar A Day Total 837

Current Mortgage Balance \$ 713,651

**ATTENDANCE AT WINTERFIELD
WORSHIP SERVICE—DECEMBER**

06 133
13 128
20 146
27 273 (includes Christmas Eve)

FLOWER & BULLETIN CALENDAR

| January | Flowers | Bulletin | Event |
|---------|---------|----------|------------------|
| 03 | taken | open | Communion Sunday |
| 10 | open | open | |
| 17 | open | open | |
| 24 | open | open | |
| 31 | open | open | |

Cost of the Sunday bulletin, just \$5. Please call the church office, if you would like to sponsor the Sunday Morning flowers or bulletin.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Ladies Night Out is back!

You are invited to join us for a fun night of ladies fellowship. Watch your bulletin for a date and place. We meet at the chosen restaurant at 6pm, or the church if needed. Please contact Becky Butler if you have any questions.

From the Finance Office

I would like to thank all who participated in the Dollar a Day in 2015.

We would like to encourage all members to consider participating in 2016. If 100 people gave a Dollar a Day, this would help us supplement our budget an additional \$36,500.

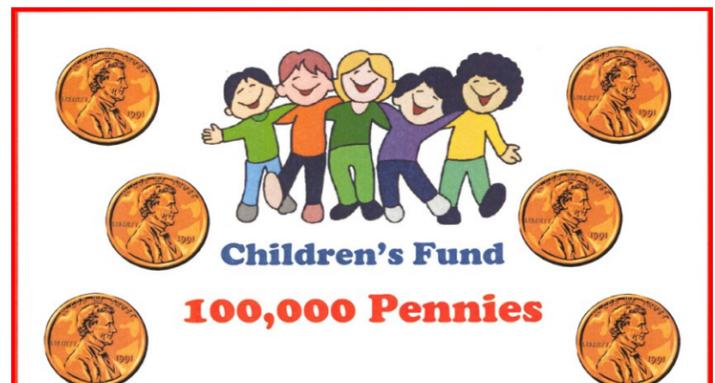
Members of the church may not realize, but only through the generosity of donations, we only paid \$8,005.00 towards our apportionments which total \$39,054.00 for 2015.

Note on your check Dollar A Day. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to help God's church.

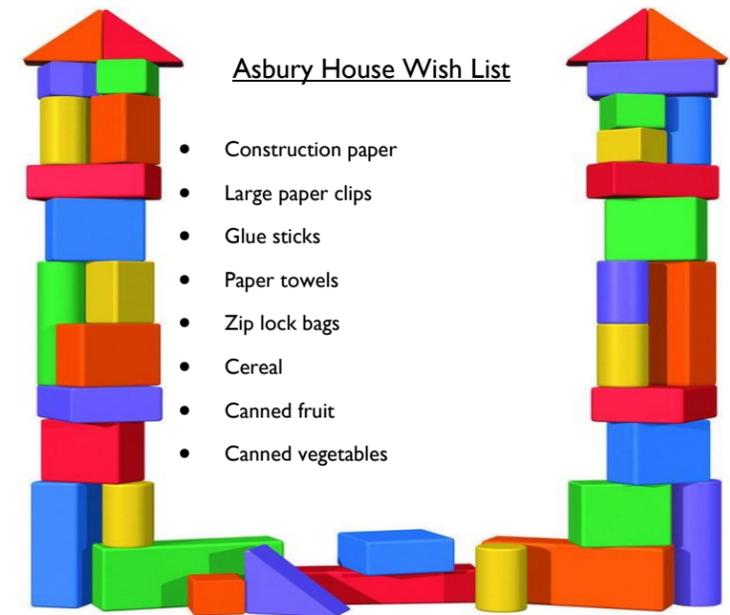
A great heart

Great beauty, great strength and great riches are really and truly of no great use; a right heart exceeds all.

—Benjamin Franklin



We are collecting for our next mission. As we come close to our goal we will let the children choose from a selection of mission projects in need. Please continue to bring your pennies and loose change! God bless and THANK YOU!



Asbury House Wish List

- Construction paper
- Large paper clips
- Glue sticks
- Paper towels
- Zip lock bags
- Cereal
- Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables



LONGVIEW COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

We are collecting the following items for 2015:

- 18 oz Peanut Butter
- 15-20 oz Canned Chili
- 15-20 oz Beef Stew
- 14-18 oz Cereal
- 7.25-11 oz Macaroni & Cheese
- 10-18 oz Canned Soup
- 14.5 oz Canned Fruit (Apple Sauce)
- 5 oz Tuna
- 15 oz Canned Vegetables
- 15 oz Canned Potatoes or Mashed Potatoes
- 6 pack of Bottle Water
- 1-2 lbs White Rice
- 1-2 lbs Beans

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

TURN IN YOUR ARTICLES EARLY!

RE M I N D E R :

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES IS

Thursday, January 21

Winterfield UMC Staff

Pastor
Rev. David Urban

Associate Pastor
Rev. Larry Day

Administrative Secretary
Stacy Sustaire

Financial Secretary
Frances Day

Music Director
Claire Bates

Accompanists
Harlene Welch
Vicki Thornton

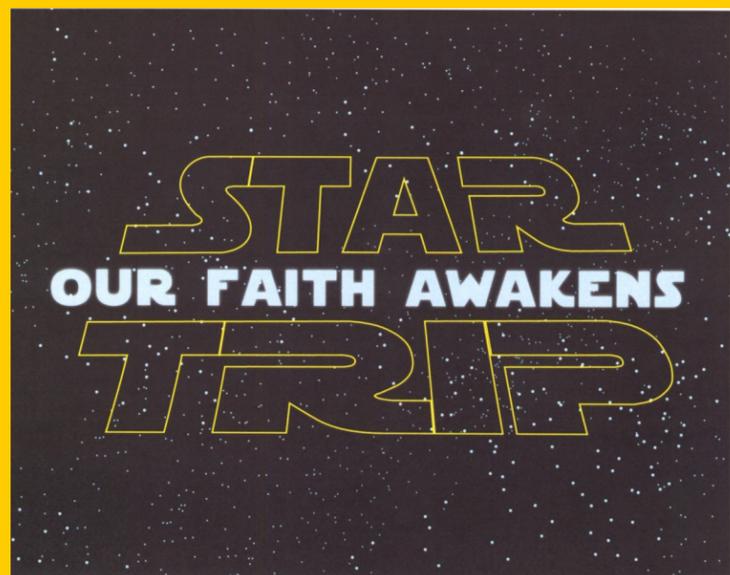
Director of Children's Ministry
Regina McWhorter

Youth Director
Isaac & Rhonda Ellington

Custodian
Brian Whitenack

Missionary
Becky Harrell

Mother's Day Out Director
Liana Niblett



W.O.W. Schedule

- January 6—UMW
- January 13—Open Forum
- January 20—Seekers Class
- January 27—Basic Class

Join us! Eat, fellowship and further your understanding of His word...all for \$3.00 per person.

Mission Opportunity

Wiley College of Marshall, Texas.
 Many of the students of Wiley College are far from home. These and others lack anything in the way of care packages from home. Your donation of necessity items for the students brought on this day will be collected and shared with them. Here are item suggestions to bring:
 Toothpaste, deodorant, soap, mouth wash & feminine hygiene items.
 Snack items: peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, pretzels and microwaveable items. Thank You!

Rev. Dr. Richard Heyduck, Director of Church Relations

Special Thanks

- Ms. Sue Sullivan-DLT Chair
- Ministry Directors
- Workshop Leaders
- Rev. Mario Parga
- Rev. Richard Laster
- DLT Members
- DS Rev. Bill Taylor
- Rev. Rodger Garbs
- Marshall First UMC Staff



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Schedule

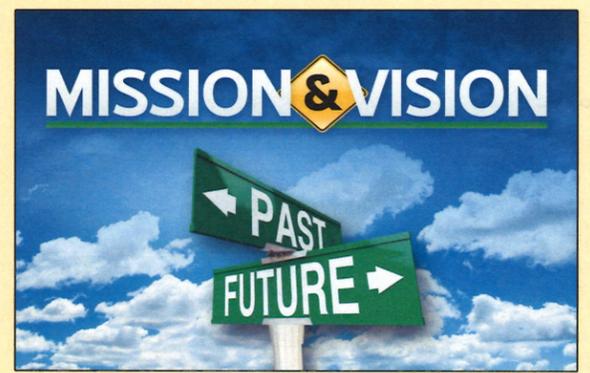
- 2:00 PM—2:30 PM REGISTRATION/
MINISTRY TABLES/SNACKS
- 2:30 PM—3:30 PM FIRST SESSIONS
- 3:30 PM-4:30 PM SECOND SESSIONS
- 4:30 PM- 5:00 PM CLOSING PRESENTATION
CHILDCARE WILL BE AVAILABLE

Workshops

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| Heartspring Methodist Foundation | C.J. Taylor, CEO |
| "RUTH": <i>The Lord Enabled her...</i> | Rev. Melissa Crawford |
| Tools For Dealing with Change | Gayla McNatt-Samaritan Counseling Services |
| Puppets for Jesus | Barbara Crombie |
| Forever Blessed: Children's Ministry Beyond Sunday Morning | Rev. Nathan Firmin |
| The Role of the Staff Pastor Parish Committee | District Superintendent: Rev. Bill Taylor |
| Discipleship Ministry | Rev. Dr. Ricky Ricks |
| Missions of the United Methodist Church | Ms. Marty Vaughan |
| Create A Local Church Safe Sanctuary Policy | CLM George Kezerle |

January 10, 2016
 Marshall First UMC
 300 E. Houston St.
 Marshall, Texas 75670

NORTH DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM



LEADERSHIP TRAINING EVENT

Vision, tools and insight for the new year

Ministry Table

- Lay Servant Ministry
- North District Laity Leadership Opportunities
- Clothes Closets
- Vacation Bible School Ideas & FREE Materials
- District Office Information Center
- Asbury House Child Development Center of Longview
- NEWGATE Mission of Longview
- Wiley College of Marshall
- Lakeview Methodist Retreat Center-Palestine, TX
- Kilgore College Wesley Foundation
- Northeast Texas Community College Wesley Fellowship
- Williams Memorial UMC—Café
- Puppets for Jesus