



July 2012
Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

Methodist Connection

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From the Pastor's Pen

Jessica Bridges Commissioned

On Jun 11th Camille and I were in Brentwood, Tennessee for the evening session of the Tennessee Annual Conference. That was the evening of their Commissioning and Ordination worship service. The service was a little different from ours in that they included the Local Pastors who were receiving their License to Preach for the first time and that they did not distinguish Deacons from Elders who were being commissioned.

There are two major steps to being ordained in the United Methodist Church. The first is Commissioning which begins a minimum of two years during which the candidates go through a supervised residency program. The final step is ordination as a Deacon or an Elder. Deacons are usually specialized in ministry and may work outside a local congregation. Elders primarily serve churches and itinerate (move from place to place) at the discretion of the Bishop.

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Bridges Continued ...

Jessica Bridges, the daughter of Tom and Lizann Bridges grew up in this congregation and we helped her with her educational expenses. About two years ago she transferred her candidacy to the Tennessee Annual Conference. She was commissioned on the Deacon track this year at the conference. No less than three Bishops participated in the service: the current bishop and two retired bishops from Tennessee.

We carried greetings from all of you to Jessica and she asked us to thank you again for your prayers and support of her through the years. Her residency will be in Georgia where she is working in a home that is in ministry to mentally challenged adults. If you want to drop her a note, her address is Jessica Bridges, 305 Mead Road, Decatur, GA 30030



See you Sunday in the place where it is a joy to worship God!

Yours in Christ,

Bro. David (home: 940-683-1724; davidrucker@fumcbridgeport.org)

**Moreover whom he did predestinate,
them he also called: and whom he called,
them he also justified: and whom he
justified, them he also glorified.**

– Romans 8:30

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Goal Year To Date:
\$177,471
Actual Year To Date:
\$170,579

**Crafty Ladies
July 30**

**Bring your scissors
and pinking shears
if you have some.**

Dear FUMC,
Thank You very much for putting together a senior banquet and etc. I am so very blessed to be a part of this church.
Love,
Kaitlyn Eaton

Thank you, First United Methodist Church of Bridgeport, for letting me use y'all's building for my Eagle ceremony.
Nicholas Blevins

Happy Birthday!

- 7/1 Kelly Garrett
Laurey Stowe
- 7/2 David Rucker
Berry White
Sam Cook
Meghan German
- 7/4 Jan Montford
- 7/7 Pat McDonald
- 7/8 Paula Tolle
- 7/9 Joanne Beneke
- 7/15 Tim Cooper
- 7/18 Gene Larrow
Don Nimmo
Kenny Hudson
Emile Stuart
- 7/19 Alvin Peyton
Luke Simmons
- 7/21 Jane Hill
- 7/22 Don Deaver
- 7/23 Ann Kaker
Bill Casper
- 7/24 Roy Dick
- 7/27 Carl Ray Jones
- 7/28 CheyAnne Weirich
- 7/29 David Bailey
- 7/30 Leon Farmer
Sure Jones
Macy Bishop
- 7/31 Ann Henderson

Happy Anniversary!

- 7/2 Mr/Mrs IKaus Strassman
- 7/5 Mr/Mrs Mike Hurd
Mr/Mrs Jerry McGuire
- 7/8 Mr/Mrs Gardner Reynolds
Mr/Mrs Keith McComis
- 7/10 Mr/Mrs William Myers
- 7/14 Mr/Mrs Lonny Benham
- 7/17 Mr/Mrs David McComis
- 7/21 Mr/Mrs Warren Reisch
- 7/31 Mr/Mrs Carl Ray Jones



Family Fun Day ~ July 14th
Amazing Jakes \$17 per person with carpooling available. Leaving at 9:00am. Contact Samantha or Heather at 683-2780.





Training Opportunity

The United Methodist Church is setting a standard with training for anyone working with children in our churches. The district is offering these trainings in order to keep our children safe while in our care.

MinistrySafe Training Dates 2012

Saturday, August 4th

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

NTC Ministry Center (Plano)

Live web streaming

Tuesday, September 4th

10:00 am - Noon

First United Methodist-Sulphur Springs

Wednesday, September 19th

10:00 am - Noon

St. Andrews UMC- Plano

Saturday, September 22nd

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

TBD [Dallas Metro area]


Live web streaming

Wednesday, October 3rd

10:00 am - Noon

First United Methodist-Nocona

We will be asking those involved about dates soon.





Come with us as we explore Babylon in the time of Daniel. It will be the most educational family vacation ever taken! August 13-16, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Stay tuned for more information!

Babylon

Daniel's Courage in Captivity™

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