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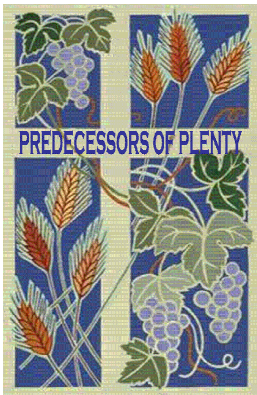
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Holding, hoarding, possessing, and protecting are not in the divine character. God's generosity is never exhausted. God is generous by nature and shows it by giving grace to all; showering us with a bounty of goodness. God allows us to experience the reality there is always a plentiful amount.

Jesus entered the world acting on behalf of his generous Father. He didn't arrive and say, "Wait a minute. We've got lots of undeserving sinners here. We have to be careful about how we dole out divine favors." Jesus, like the Father, gives and gives and gives—loving the world to death in order to love it to life.

We, made in the image of God, are to reflect God's image in the world. We do so by practicing the generosity of God's character that always behaves like there is plenty. We are at our best when we are inspired to live up to those who inspire us; our role models, mentors, and ancients whose stories resonate with the best person we can be.

We will begin a series that will point us to our predecessors of plenty. We will start with a foundational story from Exodus that shaped this budding community into a generous people. We will move to Jesus whose very life declares there is plenty as he gave of himself as a holy and living sacrifice. Then we will move to the Apostle Paul who shaped the church; pleading in every letter that each person is needed to share their material goods each of us possess. Last, we will celebrate our recent saints on All Saints Sunday who have entered the church triumphant by looking at a piece of wisdom literature; drawing strength from their wisdom.

The eulogy test is a good test: What will my life and choices cause people to say about me at my funeral? Will they say, he was so careful; sparing little, but wise in saving. Or, might they say she never hesitated to give anything she had for the well-being of others. Beware of chasing experiences that take one down the path of never having enough. Happiness finds us when we live like there is plenty. See you in worship each week as we celebrate our predecessors of plenty.

Rev. Russell Floyd

Predecessors of Plenty

BE SURE TO SIGN UP FOR OUR E-NEWSLETTER!

ATTENDANCE

SEPTEMBER 25

10:30 AM Worship	329
6:30 PM Worship	26
Total	355
Sunday School	186

OCTOBER 2

10:30 AM Worship	279
6:30 PM Worship	222
Total	501
Sunday School	173

MR. AND MRS. DENNIS BRYAN OKLE
REQUEST THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY
AT THE MARRIAGE OF THEIR DAUGHTER

Lindsay Michelle
to
Jarrod Randall Buddin

THE SON OF MR. AND MRS. DAVID WILBURN BUDDIN

SATURDAY, THE FIFTEENTH OF OCTOBER
TWO THOUSAND AND ELEVEN
AT HALF PAST FIVE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
211 W. THIRD
IRVING, TEXAS

OASIS DINNERS

10/12/11
PORK TENDERLOIN, NEW POTATOES, SALAD,
ROLLS, DESSERTS

10/19/11
GRILLED HAMBURGERS, CHEESE, LETTUCE,
TOMATOES, ONIONS, PICKLES, CHIPS,
SALSA, DESSERTS

10/26/11
TORTILLA SOUP, TACO SALAD, CHIPS,
DIPS, DESSERTS

11/2/11
BAKED CHICKEN, MASHED POTATOES, CORN
MEDLEY, ROLLS, DESSERTS

your unique
gifts & talents
Do you know them? Are you using them?

**November 4-5 – Discovering God's Call
Retreat – FUMC is hosting – Please call
the office for more information.**

October is FOOD BANK MONTH!!!

Here is a list of suggested items to bring....

Canned Meats, Chili, Coffee / Tea, Cooking Oil, Hamburger Helpers,
Jell-O, Mayonnaise, Ramon Noodles

Diapers (Size 3 and Larger), Dish Washing Powders, Hand Soap,
Shampoo, Toilet paper

Please come on out and bring your pet to the Wheatland UMC Pet Blessing 4 pm Sun. Oct. 9. Pastor Pete will be glad to bless your cat, dog or other animal by the gazebo right outside this historic church, 8000 S. Hampton, Dallas, Texas 75232. Treats for the animals and free hot dogs for the humans right afterward. For directions or more info, call 214-906-2921, www.wheatlandumc.org

DO YOU HAVE 4 OZ BABY FOOD JARS AND LIDS? JAN MAYO WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THEM OFF YOUR HANDS! SHE IS ALSO TAKING ORDERS FOR TABLETOP CHRISTMAS TREES THAT A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE "CHILDREN'S WORK AREA" AND YOUTH.

KENNA TURNER WEST
IS COMING BACK!!!! JOIN US
FOR AN AMAZING
CONCERT ON.....
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16
6:30 PM

ALL SAINTS DAY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6
10:30 AM WORSHIP

Israel Trip
March 5-14, 2012

\$3275.00 from DFW
(based on 2 sharing a room).

Deposit of \$200.00 per person due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first serve basis. Reservations made after the airline seat reduction date of Dec. 1, 2011, are based upon availability. Final payment due by Feb. 1, 2012. (\$100.00 is non-refundable if canceled after Dec. 5, 2011.)

Dear FUMC Church Family:
I wanted to thank you for your love, prayers, meals, cards and visits to the hospital to "cheer" me up during my recent surgeries. I truly appreciate it and your support for John and Claire has been overwhelming. I am so glad to be a part of such a loving and caring family as FUMC Irving. I am not out of the woods yet, so please continue your prayers that I heal and that I will not have to have more surgery. God is awesome and so are the members of FUMC. !!!

Julie Schilling

This past weekend I officiated the wedding of a close friend's daughter in Atlanta, GA. Weddings are indeed a great occasion and there are many different nuances found in each case, some good and some oftentimes peculiar. One of the things that is always a big deal at weddings is the music. There is usually music that precludes the formalities as folks are being seated. Then there is the seating music for grandparents, and parents. Next the music changes to accommodate the bridesmaids, groomsmen, flower girl, ring bearer and any other special person standing in the wedding party. For the grand entrance another special piece of music begins to announce the coming of the bride. Of course, many times there is music during the service and when it is all over, music keynotes the departure of the new husband and wife and their party members. After the formal session has concluded, the reception occurs with food and of course, more MUSIC!!!

It seems that music plays an integral part of our celebrations especially weddings. The music that plays during the reception is very different than that of the formal course. And this brings me to my point...because I always have a point, just in case you were wondering. Music is very different in our church worship services these days too.

At the wedding I heard everything from Bach and Pachelbel to Kool and the Gang and Frank Sinatra. This got me to thinking...(My father used to always say that was my problem - thinking) but I digress. There are so many opportunities to worship with a variety of music pieces on Sunday. Please pray for your staff. We spend hours and hours each week going over every jot and tittle of the Sunday morning worship of our Lord. It is important that we be purposeful in worship. This coming Sunday, Russell is lifting up the holy habit of stewardship. Simply, stewardship is how we use our God-given talents and gifts in honor of Him. Join us as we look at this timely message and help us by lifting up your staff to the Lord as an offering of talent to Him. The church is an imperfect entity, made up of imperfect people, overseen by a PERFECT God! Thank the Lord that the church moves forward under the loving hand of a gracious King. We love you dearly.

Blessings, Sean.

Baptisms: What an exciting day! On Sunday, September 25, we celebrated as Shyann, Alexis, Sierra and Savannah Rodgers were baptized! The girls' extended family and FUMC family rejoiced as they proclaimed their faith and love for the Lord.

Exploring the Bible: On September 25 I began teaching a five-week series of Sunday School lessons for our 3rd-5th grade class. I call the series Exploring the Bible. We are learning about how the Bible came to be, the various versions of the Bible, how to study the Bible, etc. I am enjoying spending time with these bright students as they explore and discover the hidden treasure in their new Bibles.

Wednesday Night Grace Place: We are having fun at Wednesday night Grace Place. We're learning about the Fruit of the Spirit through stories, scripture, games and crafts. All children in Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to participate. We meet from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. in SonRise Village.

Children's Choir: The children's choirs have done a wonderful job sharing their gifts with the congregation. Parents, even if busy schedules, shared custody situations or other circumstances prevent your children from being able to join the choir and attend Wednesday rehearsals, they may still perform with the choir in worship. In an effort to involve more children in our music ministry, Sue Wilson is teaching the 1st through 5th grade Sunday School students the songs that the choir will be singing in worship. She holds these "mini-rehearsals" at the beginning of the Sunday School hour, from 9:15-9:25. Those children who are not official members are then encouraged to sing with the choir when they perform. We hope that this will allow more children to experience the joy of music and performing for God and his people.

Irving Cares: As you know, FUMC supports Irving Cares throughout the year. In an effort to keep their food pantry filled, our children's Sunday School offering through October will go to Irving Cares. Children who do not attend Sunday School may bring their donations to Children's Church. Children take great pride in earning their own money and in helping others. Parents, please help your children participate by encouraging them to donate a portion of their allowance or by enabling them to do extra chores to earn money for this worthy cause.



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.... AMONG OUR PEOPLE AMONG OUR PEOPLE ...

HONORIAUM: In honor of the **volunteers serving Golden Age** to Chapel Renewal Fund from Glenda May.

In honor of **Walter and Susan Smith** to Music Ministry from Forrest Scott.

In honor of **Glenda May** to Chapel Renewal Fund from Mike and Kathy Minturn.

MEMORIALS: In memory of **Joe May** to Chapel Renewal Fund from Mike and Kathy May.

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