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FROM JASON'S DESK

"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters." (1 John 3:16 – NIV)

When we think of February, many of us automatically think of Valentine's Day as being "the holiday of the month". Of course, for most of that, it implies that we'd better get cracking on whatever plans we have for our spouse, girlfriend, or boyfriend. Will we buy candy? Will we purchase flowers? Should we plan a date night? We leap to thoughts of romantic love, but of course, as Christians, there is the much broader spectrum of unconditional divine love (*αγαπε / agape*), which God gives to us, and which we aspire to return to God and give to others.

Usually, when I share the definition of that divine love, the scripture that comes to mind is what we usually refer to in church as "The Love Chapter" – 1 Corinthians 13. Often, at weddings and on other occasions in which we think theologically about love, I will lift up this particular chapter as being the best definition of what love is. It occurs to me, however, that the Bible is absolutely full of love definitions, and another excellent one is 1 John, chapter 3. In fact, much, if not most, of the epistle of First John is dedicated to demonstrating just what it means to love.

Though it is problematic to define love as one single action, it is interesting to note that love is almost always described scripturally in terms of the actions associated with it. How do we know what love is? We know what love is based on Jesus' sacrifice for us – that he laid down his life for us. Love is not a mental assertion or an emotional feeling, though those things are often part of the package. Instead, love is a choice that governs our actions. In the verses following the above quoted passage from First John, we read that love is not defined by what we say (word or speech) but instead by truth and actions. John even seems to affirm that our feelings can be deceptive in this regard, as he states that "if our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts." In other words, if we don't feel it, we can act out of love, based on the character of God, and the examples of self-sacrificial love that He has given us.

In Matthew 22 and Mark 12, when questioned about the greatest commandment, Christ affirmed the commandment to love God with all we are (heart, mind, soul, and strength), but then he hastened to add that we must love our neighbors as we love ourselves. I believe that Jesus was affirming the greatest commandment, while also arguing that if we truly love God, then it necessarily follows that we're also going to love our neighbors. After all, God loves *all* of his children self-sacrificially – not just me and you!

As we continue to discern God's vision for our congregation, may that vision be founded in love: love of God and love of neighbor. May God bless and keep Gaddis Church. Amen!

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Weekly prayer requests appear in our Sunday Bulletin. If you would like a copy due to illness or being home-bound, please call the church office at 830-995-3813.

Attendance

From 12/18/2011 -

1/22/2012

	<u>Totals</u>	<u>Average</u>
Worship	541	90
Sunday School	204	34

PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS IN ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES OR HOMEBOUND



Mary Agold
Fanny Chamberlain
Marian Lucke
Jack McCaleb
Tom Moorman
Adeline Pankratz
Marie Pankratz



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



Sue Whitworth	2/2
David Lybarger	2/3
Bill Burch	2/4
Lucille Krauter	2/4
Linda Ridout	2/5
Donald Durden	2/6
Marcia Wortman	2/8
John Bohnert	2/9
Kyle Pressler	2/9
Gail Glover	2/11
Shannon Neill	2/11
Annabelle Lindner	2/12
Wynne Whitworth	2/15
Mark Heerema	2/17

Gary Miears	2/17/
Nina Nye	2/18
Kathy Martinez	2/22
LaDawn Shryer	2/22
Anna Bourland	2/23
Fred Collins	2/23
Joyce George	2/23
Bill Whitworth	2/23
Helen Johnson	2/24
Kelly Foster	2/25
Carol Rich	2/25
Jewell Borjes	2/26
Brice Webb Jr.	2/27



FINANCE NEWS AS OF 1 /17/ 12



General Fund YTD

Budget
Income \$ 218,826
Expense \$ 218,826
Actual
Income \$ 214,234
Expense \$ 211,302

Permanent Endowment Fund

\$ 33,108
General Funds
\$ 60,343
Dedicated Monies
\$ 16,107

Bell Tower Funds

\$ 10,987
Parsonage Funds
\$ 327
Fundraisers
\$ 0

*Household Annual Giving Reports for 2011 located in the Narthex.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- ◆ **MISSION: FITNESS Total Body Workout**
2:30pm Mon. & Thurs.
All February
- ◆ **MISSION: FITNESS Aerobic Dance**
4:45pm Mon. & Thurs.
All February
- ◆ **Boy Scouts** - 6:00pm
February 6, 20
- ◆ **Bible Study** - 10:00am
Tuesdays - *All February*
- ◆ **Stretching for Bells**- 5:40pm
Wednesdays - *All February*
- ◆ **Hand Bells** - 6:00pm
Wednesdays - *All February*
- ◆ **Choir** - 7:00pm
February 1, 8, 15, 29
- ◆ **Women's Bible Study 6:30pm**
Thursday Evenings
Beginning February 9
- ◆ **UMW - 10:00am**
Thursday, February 2
- ◆ **Outreach - 10:00am**
Friday, February 3
- ◆ **Sunday School Training 10:00 am - 1:30pm**
Saturday, February 4
- ◆ **Youth Vision Committee Meeting - 6:00pm**
Tuesday, February 7
- ◆ **Finance - 7:00pm**
Monday, February 13
- ◆ **Christian Ed. - 6:00pm**
Tuesday, February 14
- ◆ **Newsletter Deadline**
Friday, February 17
- ◆ **SPRC - 7:00pm**
Monday, February 20
- ◆ **Program Staff Meeting 4:15pm**
Tuesday, February 21
- ◆ **Healthy Heart - 7:00pm**
Tuesday, February 21
- ◆ **ASH WEDNESDAY 7:00am Service**
Wednesday, February 22
- ◆ **ASH WEDNESDAY 7:00pm Service**
Wednesday, February 22
- ◆ **Church Council - 6:30pm**
Monday, February 27



Let's gather together to ask the Lord's blessings for Hope, Faith, and Charity on this St. Valentines day, February 14th, 11:00am at Po Po's.

Last month at Guenther's we filled our table of 12 plus 4. Connie came with Shannan, Esther brought her daughter, Sue and were driven in Barb's new car! Jerome and Nina ate at a table for two.

Call Jackie if you want to join us at Po-Po's 995-2131. Membership is called.



Reporter:
Nina Nye



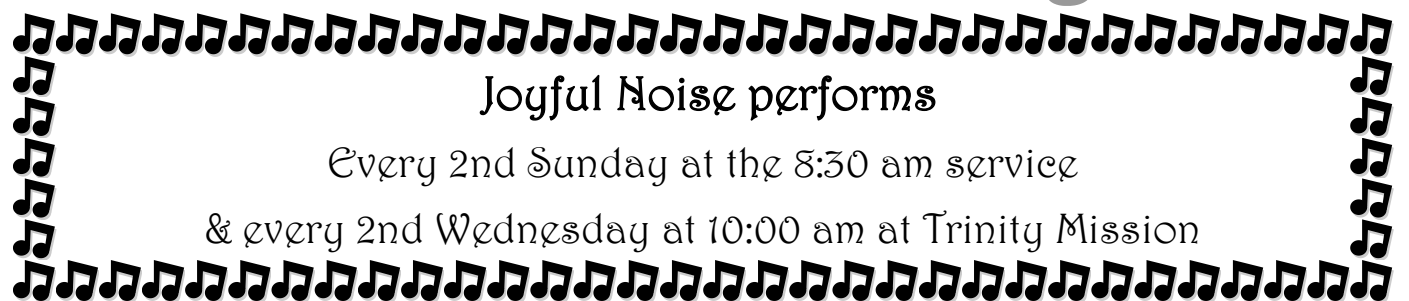
MUSIC NOTES

Sunday School Music	Sundays	9:45 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Choir Room
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sundays	10:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.	Choir Room
Stretching for Bells	Wednesday	5:40 p.m.	Sanctuary
Harmony Hand Bells	Wednesdays	6:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
Choir Rehearsal	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Sanctuary



Come sing praises to God with the choir!
We would love to have you sing with us during Wednesday evening rehearsal and Sunday Morning!

Jason VanSlycke • Interim Music Director



Joyful Noise performs

Every 2nd Sunday at the 8:30 am service

& every 2nd Wednesday at 10:00 am at Trinity Mission

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Gaddis Memorial United Methodist Women Thursday, February 2, 2012 10:00 am



That first Thursday of every month usually seems to come around quickly.

Schatzie has volunteered to be our Vice President (Program Director), Thank You!!!

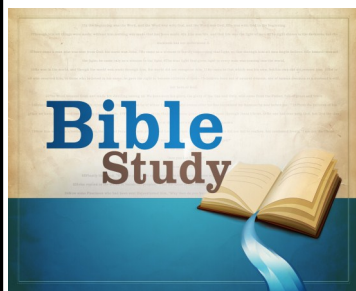
Her first program will be on a book entitled "The Slave Next Door - Human Trafficking in America Today." Well, this is certainly something we've never discussed before, so it should be quite interesting. Hope to see all Gaddis women there.

Stay well!
Sally Clogston
President, Gaddis Memorial UMC

Your Name
Here

NAME TAGS: Do you need a name tag? Is yours lost and you could use a replacement? If so, please let the office know (995-3813) or call Linda Ridout (995-4030). It helps all of us to remember names. Thank you all for wearing yours!

Everyone is Welcome!!!



**Tuesday Mornings at 10:00am
in the Hughes Building (Church Office)**
**STUDYING: He Chose The Nails: What God Did to Win
Your Heart by Max Lucado**

*For more information: contact the church office at 995-3813
or Mary Sansom at 995-3905.*



Don't forget—Stephen Ministers are here to support you and help you with whatever issues you might be dealing with. If you need assistance, please call Sue Wilson at (210-537-3242), Schatzie Norris at (995-5020) or Gail Glover at (324-6616).

Gifts of the Spirit

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.

And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Ephesians 1:17-23

Open Our Eyes, Lord

The words to this prayer song, "Open Our Eyes" are so beautiful when sung and equally so when spoken in prayer. I like to "think" it in the first-person singular language even though I may be singing "we" and "our" and "us." When I do this, the words are, "Open my eyes, Lord, I want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch Him, and say that I love Him. Open my ears, Lord, and help me to listen. Open my eyes, Lord, I want to see Jesus." (Words and Music by Bob Cull; Maranatha Music 1976)

Sometimes it takes the **words and music** together for God to break into where we are in our lives and stop us short. It helps us to **see and say** to ourselves, "Oh, that's right. It is **Jesus** that I want and need to see and hear and touch." This happened to me this past Sunday when I heard this song. And realizing this, through the hearing of the melody...realizing I wanted to "see Jesus...to reach out and touch Him...to say that I love Him...and that I wanted to hear Him..." opened my heart and gave me the Gift of Mercy and Peace that I so desperately needed.

In John 12:20-21, these words are written, "Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.'" This verse, as well as Ephesians 1:17-18, are the words upon which the song, "Open Our Eyes" is based. These "Greeks" are us! We are the Gentiles.

There are times in our lives when everything we have been and lived and taught comes to a test. Along with the test comes doubt..."Did I do the right thing?" "Is this what God wants me to do?" "I want to be strong and not give in because this is the defining moment." "This is the test of time." "This will prove that I believe in what I teach about God and Christ." "Am I doing this the way, Dear God, that You want me to?"

Along with the test can also come great sorrow. During these times, I pray that you will be present...be in The Presence of God...look...see...touch...hear...wait...ask...sing...pray...say "I love You," and "I love you,"...and wait....Find God and Christ in the sunrise and sunset. Find His Voice in birdsongs and children's songs. Find His Touch in the touch of an Old Person and a Baby and a Friend. Find His Love in Creation and Every Living Breathing Being that is Good. Find His Spirit in the Unconditional Love of Children and Animals and Trees.

Your waiting is not about Him coming to you. It is about you coming to Him. You are not waiting until you finally get it. You are waiting until you have finally looked enough and sung enough and prayed enough...and you are waiting until you have accepted the fact that He is Grace...Freely Given. And then, as human as we are, we may have to do it all over again in our lives. Thank You, God, for Sanctifying Grace.

He was there all the time.

May God Give you of Heaven's Dew and Bless you,

Susan

THE MANY LESSONS OF ASH WEDNESDAY

Why an ancient—and strange—tradition still has a lot to teach us.

If you're like me, you grew up without much familiarity of the church calendar. You'd probably heard of Advent (or even celebrated it), and you'd probably heard of Lent, even if it just meant your Catholic friends couldn't eat meat on Friday. But then there was that one day, usually in February or March, when you'd see people all over town with little black smudges on their forehead. What was that about?

"Remember, O man, that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19).



These people were celebrating Ash Wednesday, an ancient Christian observance of sin, suffering, penitence and redemption. But—and this is the obvious question—*why*? No where in the Bible does it say "And then thou must takest the ashes and make a cross on thine head whilst thou bewail thine sinfulness." However, the Bible does talk a lot about sackcloth and ashes. People throughout the old testament did this when they *really* wanted to get God's attention—or when they had something so huge to mourn that it only seemed appropriate to destroy their garments and cover themselves in dirt. Have you ever stopped to think about how strange that must have looked to a surrounding culture? When some nutcase began to tear his or her garments and smear ashes on his or her face? So maybe making a tiny cross isn't so strange after all ...

"Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel" (Mark 1:15).

Some sources place the current tradition of Ash Wednesday back in the 10th century. Regardless of precisely when it started, much of the worldwide church will observe Ash Wednesday today. But what can we learn from such an ancient (and, let's be honest, strange) practice? Quite simply: A lot. For the hidden lessons of the day have much to offer Christians in any age.

First, Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. There's plenty to be said about Lent, but in a nutshell, it's a time when Christians all over the world and all throughout history willingly forgo something un sinful (that part's important) for 40 days—they do this to refocus on Christ and to somehow mysteriously participate with the sufferings and temptations of the Christ (remember His 40-day temptation by Satan in the desert?).

So Ash Wednesday kicks off this ancient discipline by reminding us just why we need to refocus on God. And it reminds us how lost and sinful we are on our own. It's no coincidence that Lent culminates in Holy Week. Ash Wednesday reminds us of the sin in our lives that *required* Christ's Incarnation—and His eventual death.

One of the more meaningful aspects of Ash Wednesday stems from where the ashes actually come from. If you're familiar with the Christian calendar at all, you know Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter—it celebrates Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, when people waved palm fronds and shouted "Hosanna!"

In order to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday, the palm fronds from the previous year's Palm Sunday are burned and mixed with a little oil. And in this lies perhaps the most meaningful subtext of Ash Wednesday. If Palm Sunday represents our praise and adulation for God, Ash Wednesday represents the knowledge that that adulation has turned to dust—in a year's time we've forgotten Him, we've sinned against Him and fellow humans and most of all, we've made something great (our love for God) into something dirty. It's a powerful reminder to us of how quickly our hearts can turn from God—shouting "Hosanna" and worshiping Him as our Lord and King—to basically ignoring His existence. **"Repent, and hear the good news" (Mark 1:15).**

MANY LESSONS OF ASH WEDNESDAY: So what can you do on Ash Wednesday, especially if you go to a church that doesn't observe this part of the Christian calendar? You can still remember the lessons of Ash Wednesday, even without the ashes (though then you might just want to call it "Wednesday"). Traditionally, this day has been one of the days Christians all over the world mark with fasting and prayer. So consider fasting from a meal or something else (as you're physically able) on this day and spend some time in silence with God.



Above all else, regardless if you go to a formal service or not, use this day the way it's meant to be used. Let yourself be reminded of your sin and brokenness. It's not pleasant and it might involve some suffering, but instead of pushing away the thoughts of things you've done (or left undone) against God and others, accept them, and repent. Then receive the forgiveness of God. You can also meditate on the three Scriptures traditionally said to people as they receive the ashes on their foreheads (those verses are the headers of this article). Remember how we are dust, how we must turn away from sin and that there is good news.

Finally, remember today that, like all of us, your praise to God can (and has) turned to ash this year. Take this day and be reminded to restore God to the place He belongs. First in your heart and first in your life. And then carry that knowledge out of Ash Wednesday and into the rest of the year.

From: "The Many Lessons of Ash Wednesday" found at <http://www.relevantmagazine.com/god/deeper-walk/features/20533-the-many-lessons-of-ash-Wednesday> (February 16, 2010)

Gaddis Inspired Visioning Event Summary from January 14, 2012

Dear Congregation,

Approximately 26 people were present at our Gaddis Memorial UMC Visioning Retreat on January 14, 2012. Ann Jenkins was once again our facilitator, as well as her pastor from Spring Creek United Methodist Church, Rev. Stephen Sanders. John Young opened our meeting with a Scripture devotional from 1 Timothy 3 and words concerning a favorite song of his, "It's All About You, Jesus" which were appropriate for our focus on Worship for the day. Rev. Teague spoke to us and we sang "Happy 85th Birthday" to Jack McCaleb who is currently in the hospital and rehabilitation center. Jason also reminded us of Psalm 100 which sings: "I will enter His gates with thanksgiving..." and how Worship is about connecting God and His people...something about which Jack McCaleb is passionate. We all pray for a speedy recovery for Jack and Blessings for him and JoAnn.

Two small group meetings were held on Sunday, January 8th. Those meetings were chaired by Sally Clogston and E'Lisa & John Young. They concerned older people, families, shut-ins and youth. More information will come on these meetings later. We also still have the larger group visioning meetings of Worship today and Spiritual Formation and Education to come at a later date. Worship will continue at our next Visioning Retreat on March 3, 2012.

Our first question from Ann today was: **When specifically, have you felt God's presence in worship?** Answers were as follows: 1. In Communion – Giving and Receiving; 2. Candlelight Service or candlelight if it focuses everyone on Christ; 3. Music – Harmony, Beauty, Praise in all forms; 4. Time after Communion; 5. Study/Preparation; 6. Atmosphere "Pounding of Nails"; 7. Family Celebration of Life for Funerals; 8. Experiencing God through Others; 9. Flowers on Easter Sunday; 10. Children's Innocence in Children's Moments; 11. Community with or through Each Other – Unconditional Love Here (God is Present within the Community as the Community Lives); 12. Inspirational Message; 13. "Borning Cry" – "I Was There..."; 14. Stained Glass; 15. Concrete Experiences – Hammering Nail into Cross

These fifteen responses were summarized or combined into four main components: A. Community B. Multi-Sensory Environment (Cross with Nails, etc.) C. Inspirational Message D. Involvement & "Theatrics" or Action – Liturgical; Doing; By the People and Pastor

Our second question from Ann was: **When specifically, did you find worship unhelpful in your spiritual growth?** Answers were as follows: 1. When we don't come; 2. Lack of Centering Time before Worship; 3. When sermons make no point and when sermons and Scripture don't seem to be related; 4. Stories not related; 5. Lack of engagement of Others; 6. When service is too traditional/too contemporary; 7. When service is not relative to daily life; 8. Non-Worship Actions are included in Worship and they impede Worship; 9. Bulletin as a distraction; 10. When disagree with content; 11. When come to Worship angry. . . . *This article is continued on page 9!*

WESLEY NURSE PROGRAM

Kathy Holden RN, Wesley Nurse at 830-995-3792

Subject: Handbook for 2012**Health:**

1. Drink plenty of water.
2. Eat breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince, and dinner like a beggar.
3. Eat more foods that grow on trees and plants and eat less food that is manufactured in plants.
4. Live with the 3 E's -- Energy, Enthusiasm, Empathy.
5. Pray.
6. Play more games.
7. Read more books than you did in 2011.
8. Sit in silence for at least 10 minutes each day.
9. Sleep for 7 hours.
10. Take a 10-30 minute walk daily. And while you walk, smile.

**Personality:**

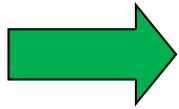
1. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
2. Don't have negative thoughts or things you cannot control. Instead invest your energy in the positive present moment.
3. Don't over do. Keep your limits.
4. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
5. Don't waste your precious energy on gossip.
6. Dream more while you are awake.
7. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
8. Forget issues of the past. Don't remind people of their mistakes of the past. That will ruin your present happiness.
9. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone. Don't hate others.
10. Make peace with your past so it won't spoil the present.
11. No one is in charge of your happiness except you.
12. Realize that life is school and you are here to learn. Problems are simply part of the curriculum that appear and fade away like algebra, but the lessons you learn will last a lifetime.
13. Smile and laugh more.
14. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.

**Society:**

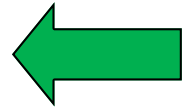
1. Call your family often.
2. Each day give something good to others.
3. Forgive everyone for everything.
4. Spend time with people over the age of 70 and under the age of 6.
5. Try to make at least three people smile each day.
6. What other people think of you is none of your business.
7. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends will. Stay in touch.

**Life:**

1. Do the right thing!
2. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
3. God heals everything.
4. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
5. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up, and show up.
6. The best is yet to come.
7. When you awake alive in the morning, thank God for it.
8. Your innermost is always happy, so be happy.



Your ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS are ready.



If you do not receive a statement and would like one, or if there is an error please contact Jack Wilson or the church office.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



A generous donation has been given to the church to purchase 25 new **Worship and Song Pew Edition Hymnals** from the Gaddis and Keating Family in honor of Jean Gaddis Keating. Because of the congregation's generous *matching donations*, we are able to purchase 55 more Worship and Song Pew Edition Hymnals! This gives us a total of 80 hymnals! Thank you for your contribution!

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Continued: Gaddis Inspired Visioning Event Summary

These responses were also summarized into main components (7): A. Lack of Centering Time B. Distractions C. Type of Worship D. Cohesive Theme E. Flow F. Sermons not Connected to Scripture/Lack of Point G. Disagree with Content

Ann asked the Visioning Group a third question: **Who is God calling you to serve or reach out to through Worship in this Comfort Community?** Responses were as follows: 1. Everybody; 2. Enrichment Years; Those moving here; 3. Young Families; Parents in order to reach their children; 4. Serve those here well and then, also young parents – kids...kids – parents; 5. Empty-Nesters and Newly Retired; 6. Not door-to-door but loaf of bread; 7. Minister to each other, elderly, youth; 8. Young married with children; Divorced with Children; Elderly

Ann asked, **“What would it take to get these people to come?” (empty-nesters, divorced, young couples) Our fourth question was: What is God calling us to change, personally and as a church, in Worship, in order to gain more young couples, children, youth, and continue to serve the elderly?** Responses from the different tables/groups were as follows: 1. Have more tangible, participatory (“theatrics”), multi-sensory “stuff”; 2. More advanced planning (being worked on as we speak ☺); 3. More of the visual elements; 4. Be “ok” with experimentation; 5. “Where is God in my life?” question needs to be talked about each Sunday; 6. Willing to change time, music, etc., but mostly goals “Bring in 10 new families this year”, and adjust; 7. Have one service be a “Contemporary Service”; 8. Enhance the Youth program; 9. Would “Traditional Service” people come to 8:30? 10. Have shorter services, no announcements, at least one participatory song; 11. Have an article in paper every week focusing on young families (Comfort newspaper will charge for this; so, maybe we need to pay or try another paper?)

Ann asked that we all prayerfully consider what we did today and what we need to do to put together a vision of what worship will look like in two years. A small group will be working on this... the steps to make it happen. They will prioritize and give a date by when things will occur as well as who will coordinate certain specifics. Please prayerfully consider whether or not you are to be a part of this specific small group committee. More work will continue to be done at our next Vision Retreat, March 3rd from 8:30 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. If you would like to contribute ideas to the Worship Visioning Small Group Committee or be a member of it, call or contact Don Durden at 210/414-9099 or 830/995-2068. Also ddurden@cectexas.com for emails.

Also, David Barnett is Chair of our Vision Committee. The members are Rev. Jason Teague, Julie Hughes, Susan Durden, David Guthrie, John Young, with Don Durden as “Oversight” Committee Chair ☺.

Please come to our next meeting. We need you there!
Susan Durden - Vision Committee 2011-2012

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

God says.... ↓



FEBRUARY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



A note from Lisa....

First of all I want to say thank you for the surprisingly, generous Christmas bonus. I was very blessed by this support.

As I attended the staff meeting last week, I had a blank calendar...and by the time we finished...it wasn't blank anymore. ☺ I am not complaining...I am rejoicing!!! Now I have a visual of all the ways I get to serve God and Gaddis. I am very excited about what this new year holds and all the possible ways I get to be part of our ministry at Gaddis.

...new evening bible study

...confirmation classes to begin again

...Sunday school

...visioning team

...worship team

And the list goes on.....

What's your calendar look like?

If it's blank....**FILL IT UP** with ways to serve God...and HE WILL FILL YOU UP!! ☺

We will not have a Christian Ed. Meeting in February...training event will be the substitute.



SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12

LOVE FEAST

Both worship services

Come, see and participate!!!

Thursday Night Women's Bible study

6:30 (beginning Feb. 9th)

Admin. Building

"Bad Girls of the Bible" (and what we can learn from them)

Cost of book is \$10.00



CONFIRMATION CLASS

Jason and I are putting together a Confirmation class. We have about 9-10 eligible youth and we are looking forward to this important stepping stone in their faith/spiritual journey. Please pray for us, the youth and their parents.



IMPORTANT SUNDAY SCHOOL TRAINING DAY

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3

10-1:30

LUNCH PROVIDED!!! FREE!!!

MEET IN THE NARTHEX

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wed. Feb. 22

7:00 services

YOUTH NEWS

I am so excited about the planning meeting we had in January. You guys had some awesome ideas on how to grow our youth group. It is so wonderful to have each of you participating in our visioning.

This month we will continue with our video Bible study that we have really been enjoying. Remember to bring your Bibles with you to MYF on nights when we will stay at the church. On February 5th we will have Bible study, and then on the 12th we will take Valentine cookies and cards to the nursing home. The 19th will have Bible study and then on the 26th we will get everything ready for Acquire the Fire on March 2nd.

Start letting me know who is going with us to Acquire the Fire so I will know how many tickets we need, so I can offer the rest to other youth groups.

I'm getting excited!!!

Smiles and Blessings,

E'Lisa

**HANDY CHRISTIAN OUTREACH**

volunteers from Gaddis UMC are available to help with your "honey do" list (when you don't have a honey) minor home repairs/maintenance, transportations to and from doctor's appointments, pick up medicine, pick up groceries.

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Lectionary Readings

February 5: Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

February 12: 2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Mark 1:40-45

February 19: 2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

February 22: Joel 2:1-2; 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

February 26: Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

- ◆ Our heartfelt thanks to our brave military service men & women and their families.
- ◆ A very special thanks to **ALL** our Gaddis volunteers for everything you do. You're the best!
- ◆ God has blessed Gaddis Memorial United Methodist Church with a most caring and amazing staff! We thank Him and ask His blessings and encouragement for each of them. Thanks to Pastor Jason for his kind and caring ministry to our church. His sincere faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and passion for his ministry is an inspiration. Thanks to our administrative assistant Bridget Sarbu for her amazing ability to do anything we throw at her, and for the cheerful way in which she does it. Thanks to Andrew Collins, our custodian, for his dedication and responsibility. Thanks to Jason VanSlycke, Linda Derrick, the choir and the bells for the beautiful and inspiring music that lifts our spirits. Thanks to Lisa Davenport for all the MANY enthusiastic, creative, educational activities she arranges for the children (and the adults.) Thanks to E'Lisa and John Young for persevering in leading the youth, a most important calling; and for leading the adult Sunday School class in "The Story", a wonderful Bible study that is taking us through a summary of the Bible in chronological order. The class is entertaining, interesting, and inspiring. Thanks to Susan Durden who with love, creativity and generosity makes our worship space especially meaningful. Thanks to Jack Wilson for his years of accurate and responsible labor as our financial secretary, and to John Hudkins who is taking over that challenging task. Thanks to each committee member, leader, worker, volunteer, member who makes up this Body of Christ. Each one of you is loved, appreciated, and necessary.

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