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GADDIS GAZETTE

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FROM JASON'S DESK

"LORD, the God of our ancestors, are you not the God who is in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you."
(2 Chronicles 20:6b – TNIV)

Since Independence day is upon us, and since it has been many years since I'd perused it, I was reading through the Declaration of Independence to connect myself again to our nation's origin, in order that I might celebrate the upcoming holiday in the proper spirit. Two phrases toward the end of the document jumped out at me, probably because this time I'm reading it, I am doing so as a pastor. (I told you it had been several years since I'd read it!)

In the final paragraph, as the words wind up to the actual declarative statement of what these representatives of the colonies are enacting, the delegates appeal "to the Supreme Judge of the world" to hold them accountable to the rightness of their intended aim. Further, the founders indicate their "firm reliance on Divine Providence" for the support of their cause in making the declaration.

It's a reminder that the signers of the declaration of independence, while they may have been asserting independence from the British Crown, were not asserting absolute independence from anything outside of themselves. They still submit to the laws of "nature's God" and recognize that even in asserting that the new nation can elect its own leaders, it still, like all nations and kingdoms, must bow to the rule of the Almighty.

In our culture, we have historically lifted high the standard "rugged individualism" believing that whenever possible, we should look not to government for the answers to our problems or to provide for ourselves and our families, and in large measure, that is a good thing, as overreliance upon the benevolence of government is an invitation to tyranny. However, reliance solely upon one's self would seem to imply that we think we can somehow give credit to ourselves for everything that we have and everything that we are. We must recognize that we have received from others, and more importantly, we have received blessings from God.

The witness of scripture clearly points us to the recognition that even for the most "sovereign" of nations, God is "even more sovereign". We do not owe solely to ourselves the credit for all we have accomplished, the blessings we enjoy, and the freedom and liberty in which we live. Instead, we affirm that all good things come from God, and we are but stewards of what He has entrusted to our care. To collectively do otherwise would run the risk of invoking the opposition of the kingdom of heaven and make real the possibility that we would become an example to the nations of what happens when a civilization abandons trust in God.

This Fourth of July, may you truly celebrate not a long weekend or an extra day off, but instead recognize that freedom can only exist, when people recognize that rights come from God, not governments, and they are willing to stand up and fight for that with their "lives", their "fortunes", and their "sacred honor." May God bless the United States of America, and may her people bless God.

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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.

For the Month of
Month
Through 6 / 26 / 11

Attendance

	Totals	Average
Worship	383	96
Sunday Schl	116	29

PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS IN ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES OR HOMEBOUND

Tom Moorman
Marie Pankratz
Helen Martin
Harvey Lindner
Marian Lucke

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Dustin Rust	7/1	Warren Milner	7/17
Samantha Behrendt	7/3	Shannan Bohnert	7/19
Jennifer Pierce	7/9	Seth Teague	7/19
Doris Young	7/9	Grayson Aldrich	7/20
Emily Aldrich	7/10	JoAnne Foster	7/20
Rex Bourland	7/11	Eleanor Cook	7/21
Amanda Busbee	7/11	Karla Hall	7/21
Melissa Henson	7/11	William Heczko	7/23
Steve Kaiser	7/13	Daisy Boos	7/24
Darin Smith	7/13	Nichole Dhooghe	7/24
Andrew Turner	7/13	Sue Wiedenfeld	7/26
Charles Young	7/13	Stephen Mayo	7/27
Dotti Haley	7/17	Malcolm Foster	7/30

Happy Birthday

FINANCE NEWS
AS OF 6 / 12 / 11

General Fund YTD

Budget

Income	$77,605
Expense	$95,177

Actual

Income	$88,146
Expense	$87,391
	-$ 755

Permanent Endowment Fund
$32,622

General Funds
$58,717

Dedicated Monies
$12,719

Bell Tower Funds
$10,647

Parsonage Funds
$502

Fundraisers
$2,603

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- No Bible Study in July
- Vacation Bible School July 11—15
- MY Fuel at 3:00pm July 10, 17, 24
- Choir at 7:00pm July 20, 27
- No Hand Bells in July
- Beth Moore Study at 7:00pm July 7
- Finance at 7:00pm July 11
- Lunch Bunch at 11:00am July 12
- Christian Ed. at 6:00pm July 12
- Trustees at 7:00pm July 12
- Newsletter Deadline July 15
- SPRC at 7:00pm July 18
- Chinese Friends Arrive July 19—Aug. 2
- Outreach at 10:00am July 20
- Ad Council at 7:00pm July 25
- Heritage Foundation Tea July 30

It's our *third year* to celebrate the tomato at Jerome Hierholzer's home, 210 Harmony Way, July 12, 11:00am. Light lunch provided. Bring your brightest collection of tomatoes, your tomato photos, even your HEB tomatoes! Award money will be given in your name to the Church Bell Tower fund. Come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

It was like having our own private room at Wendy's Hen House last month, dining on the porch. Fifteen attended looking as if VIP ambassadors for Gaddis Methodist church: Jackie, Sally, Esther, Fanny, Dotti, E'Lisa, Doris, Wilma, Paula, and a gentlemen's table: Ray, Ron, Allyn, Verne.

Grace, Peace, Love, Abide. **Reporter:** Nina Nye

MUSIC NOTES

Sunday School Music	Sundays	9:45AM to 10:00AM	Choir Room
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sundays	10:30AM to 10:45AM	Choir Room
Choir Rehearsal	Wednesdays	7:00PM to 8:00PM	Sanctuary
Harmony Hand Bells Rehearsal	Wednesdays	Not in July	Sanctuary

We encourage anyone that would like to sing or play bells to join us.

Let's just praise the Lord,
Verne Wortman
Music Director

Joyful Noise performs

Every 2nd Sunday at the 8:30 am service

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

Email Distribution Lists

Let us know if you would like to added to these lists!

Want to be in the know? As part of our **General Email List** you will receive announcements, access to our monthly Newsletter digitally, and other general church information.

Are you a Prayer Warrior? As part of our **Prayer Chain Email List** you will receive general knowledge prayer concerns for our church and community.

****We will not send prayer concerns which are confidential!*

GADDIS UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The only thing to report is that three of us made a trip out to Arms of Hope in Medina and delivered our check for $350.00. This was the money you, the congregation, donated during the Lenten Suppers.

We asked for and were given a great tour of the facility. There are some very generous people in this world—Praise the Lord! We saw an almost completed 4-plex for four women and their children — donated for by one woman and a beautiful chapel under construction completely donated for by a couple.

Arms of Hope is a wonderful ministry and one that we plan to continue to support.

That's all for now—stay cool.

Yours in Christ,

Sally Clogston

President

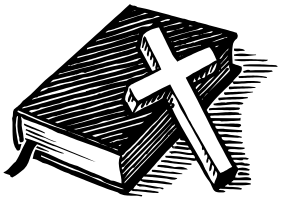
Gaddis UMW

Arms of Hope Touching Lives. Reaching Generations.

For more information on the Arms of Hope ministry in Medina, check out their website:

www.armsofhope.org

Bible Study



No Bible Study during July

Normally Tuesday mornings at 10:00am at the Hughes Building *(Church Office)*

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

GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

Nevertheless he regarded their distress when he heard their cry.
For their sake he remembered his covenant,
and showed compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love.
He caused them to be pitied by all who held them captive.
Save us, O LORD our God,
and gather us from among the nations,
that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.
Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.
And let all the people say, "Amen."
Praise the LORD!
Psalm 106: 44-48

Gather Us From Among the Nations

Where I now live is where I grew up. However, it is much much more. Where I live is the same area where my ancestors made their home, and their ancestors before them. Many years ago my grandfather bought the property where I now live. He worked very hard to pay it off, and after all his hard work, ended up having to sell it. This is the story of my ancestors who came to this area over a hundred and fifty years ago. Their property has been in the hands of many people. When my grandfather sold the property where I now live, and some other property close by, he asked the people who bought it to please give his son the first chance to buy it back, should they ever wish to sell it. These were good people. Their name was Cade, and that is what they did. They honored my grandfather, Jim. And they honored my father. And many years ago, my father bought the property back. He and my mother went through very difficult times, too. They worked extremely hard. They worked many jobs; and they paid off the property. When they died, they gave it to me. Part of it was to be sold if I needed anything in the care of my sister, Nancy. Part of it was to be kept if at all possible, to be given to my children so the Rose Family would not have to work so hard any more to have some of the land that my ancestors cherished when they came to America from Scotland.

Since I was a very young girl I have loved God's creation. I have watched the giant orange moon rise over the coastal fields and the mountain just south of our backyard, with the oak tree line for its horizon. It never changes. It is always there, once a month…and sometimes twice. I can always count on it. It looks so close as it hides first behind the lacy green or orange Cyprus trees and then rises to its place in the midnight sky. I have dreamed of one day going there.

God also loves His Creation. He loves His birds and trees, His dogs and His moon. His Love for us is so immense that it is as High as the sky and as endless as the Circle of the old orange moon. His compassion is as Tender as my grandfather's and his grandmother's and her sister's and her brother's great-great uncle's and his best friend's. His Love is as unconditional as the love of a mother for her children and of children for their mother. And the Circle Never Ends.

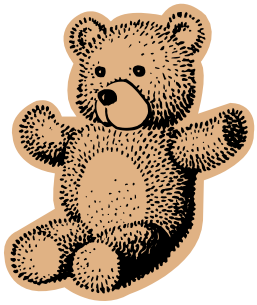
Evelyn Underhill writes, "When we look out towards this Love that moves the stars and stirs in the child's heart…we see our human situation from a fresh angle; and [we] perceive that it is both more humble and dependent, and more splendid, than we had dreamed."

God's Love gathers us from among the nations. One day we will be gathered together Forever. I believe this. It is the Truth of the Resurrection and the Resurrection to Come. May you also believe and trust in this belief.

Mercy and Peace, Susan

Stuffed Animal Ministry

We are in need of stuffed animals to take to people who are in hospitals and who are homebound, or those who are just in need of a little cheer. These are the animals you see in the pews/chairs on Sundays. If you are able, please bring a clean or preferably new and relatively small stuffed animal to the office. We will put a poem on the small animal. It will then be placed in the sanctuary for someone to hold on Sundays; and that person will pray over the little animal while holding it. Then someday, when needed, this little cheer bear or bunny (or whatever you bring) will be taken to a person who is in need of love and cheer. It will help them to know that God does indeed love them, as well as the people of Gaddis Memorial United Methodist Church. We thank you for helping us with this ministry. May God Bless you for your generosity.



The Outreach/Evangelism Committee

Mary Sansom, Chair

STEPHEN MINISTRY®

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).

Dear Gaddis Congregation,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide the Contemplative and Taize Services to you for the last eight months. Thank you, especially to Rev. Teague, who trusted in me enough to allow me this wonderful opportunity. I have enjoyed very much, bringing these services to you. I hope they have glorified God and Christ Jesus, and in doing so, have been meaningful to you. I am eternally grateful to my helpers, Karen Busbee, Linda Derrick, Karen Kaiser, and of course, Rev. Teague. Please know that I look forward to serving Gaddis, as always, in new ways…or perhaps again someday with more of these services.

Mercy and Peace,
Susan
June 8, 2011

WESLEY NURSE PROGRAM **Kathy Holden** RN, Wesley Nurse at 830-995-3792

Wesley Nurse Notes

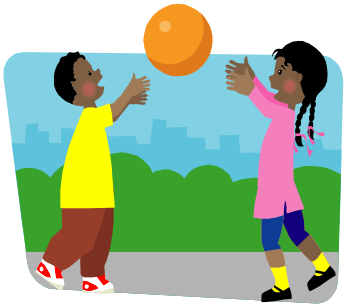
The Food Pyramid is gone; information now is dished up on "My Plate"

The above web-site features practical information and tips to help us build healthier meals.

1. Enjoy your food, but eat less.
2. Avoid oversized portions.
3. Make half your plate fruits and vegetables.
4. Switch to fat-free or low-fat (1%) milk.
5. Make at least half your grains whole grains.
6. Compare sodium in foods like soup, bread, and frozen meals- and choose foods with lower numbers.
7. Drink water instead of sugary drinks.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

JULY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS



Happy 4th!!!!!

As of writing this newsletter article, Fitness Camp has not happened yet, so there will be lots to report in the August newsletter. ☺

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL……JULY 11-15 9-11:45

FRIDAY JULY 15…….HOT DOG LUNCH AT NOON……please talk to Fred Collins, if you would like to help with this.

STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!!

We will really need help on Friday July 15 to put the sanctuary back in order.

SUNDAY JULY 10……"CLEAR THE SANCTUARY" for VBS.

We will also be decorating that day……**lunch will be provided**…so please stay, eat and decorate!!!!!!!! We have a lot to do! ☺ Need to turn ½ of the sanctuary into a CAFÉ!!!!

MANNA MADNESS BAG items still needed. Travel size toiletries, water, snack crackers, beef jerky, etc. WE HAVE ENOUGH ZIPLOC BAGGIES. Please look for announcements in the bulletin…..or check your email. I will keep everyone updated weekly….possibly daily!! ☺

THANK YOU……the "togetherness" in the sanctuary that we had in May was AWESOME!!!! Thanks to the adult class for participating. It meant a lot to the kids. ANOTHER ONE IS PLANNED FOR SUNDAY JULY 31.

SUNDAY JULY 31……5TH SUNDAY POT LUCK,
NOISY OFFERING…and…"TOGETHERNESS" during Sunday school time.

Blessings, Lisa ☺

YOUTH NEWS

Youth News for July

It's hot outside and getting hotter!!! So we are going to be spending some time in the pool to keep cool. We will be grilling at my house and we have been invited to Sam's house for a swim. For our service this month we will be helping Lisa set up VBS and helping throughout the week. If you haven't contacted Lisa to volunteer and you are going to, please let her know ASAP. Also, we are ready to help out when we are needed to be the "Hands of Christ" for our community.

On Sunday, July 17th we will be coming to my house to plan the Mission trip this summer during the first week of August. Make sure to invite your friends to join us for the Mission trip (and everything else we do) so we will have more hands to make a bigger difference.

Calendar for July:

July 3rd – No MYF - 4th of July weekend

July 10th – Help set up VBS (we may switch to Saturday if that is when they are going to set up)

July 17th – My house to swim, grill and finalize plans for Mission Trip

July 24th – Sam's House (?) if that date works for them if not we reschedule

July 31st – No MYF – everyone attend 5th Sunday potluck

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.

Call: Schatzie Norris: 830-995-5020

BARBEQUE THANK YOU!

Thank you! There are so many people who participated in the barbeque in some way. I had never known before where most of the profit came from. I now realize that the profit comes from donations and time given by the people, that is, mostly the people of Gaddis Church. As Jason has said in one of his sermons before, "It is all about the giving, not the getting." The people of God, that is all of you in God's Church here at Gaddis; have given much. And I am so grateful.

I have never been one to lead this kind of committee until last year, that is, one that deals with money and sales, amounts of food, ordering and scheduling, etc. I was a Team Leader as a school teacher, but it was a different kind of team. All of you have made me look really good again, but basically, once again, all you needed was someone to take the credit. God Bless you all. I just turned you loose and you did your jobs wonderfully, taking over and running the different committees to the end.

Thank you, first of all, to Mr. Lew Kaiser, who agreed to take on the position of "co-chair in training" ☺. This was extremely helpful. He and his wife, Ann, took on the fashion show, at my request, which was something we hadn't done for many years. It was our "Pass It On" Style Show brought back to life! It was terrific! Lew was also the MC for the Style Show and Ann made sure we had lots of beautiful and handsome models! Lew did many other things to help me as co-chair. Thank you, Lew.

Thank you, "pit crew", those who barbequed in the terrifically hot and humid weather…Don Durden, Bud Hughes, John Bohnert, David Guthrie, Mark Heerema, Ray Avery, John Hudkins, Dennis Howard, Steve Kaiser, and Jonathan Pierce, David Tedder, and Keith Norris. Thank you, John and Tina Bohnert for purchasing our supplies and then going back to purchase more, and donating all of them; also, for making sure they are all properly stored in containers for next year, and working all day Saturday. Thank you, John, also for making the sauce, and seasoning and cooking beans. Thank you, Robert and Teresa Chamberlain, for ordering the chickens and sausage, and for picking up and delivering the meat. Thank you, Dusty Bruns and Bob Freeman for delivering wood Thursday morning. (Perfect wood, perfect amount) Thank you, Bud Hughes, Ramon Salazar, and Don Durden for moving pits Thursday afternoon, and Bud and Ramon for moving them back to the church Monday morning. Thank you, Don, for managing the cleaning of the chickens on Thursday evening, and taking off Friday to help. Thank you, "chicken -washers" ☺, Ron Avery, Ray Avery, David Guthrie, Mark Heerema, Steve Kaiser, John Bohnert, Dick Kiger, Nick Watson, and Don Durden. Thank you, Robert Chamberlain for the tables and the pools for the chicken baths. Bud Hughes and David Guthrie started the fire for the BBQ at 4:00 A.M. Saturday morning. Thank you!

Thank you, Fred and Andrew Collins and Dick Kiger for moving tables, decorations, and supplies, and for helping organize these efforts. Thank you, Fred, for being the Chair of the "Whatever You Want Me To Do" Committee, and all those who volunteered for this committee. I appreciate this immensely. Thank you, Bryce Webb and Steve Kaiser, for hanging all those fly catchers for me. Thank you, to all who helped set up and tear down, haul things, clean toilets (Julie, you're wonderful), and so many things I do not even always catch or remember (I am so sorry about the memory). Thank you Julie Hughes, for organizing all the serving lines, working all day Saturday in the kitchen, cleaning, washing dishes, buying bread I forgot to order, and serving. Thank you servers, Crystal Tedder, Mary Sansom, JR and Patsy Hoffpauir, David and Jane Guthrie, Dick and Phyllis Kiger, Mark and Nancy Heerema, Fred Langston, Julie Hughes, Ruth Lindner, Suzi and Ron Avery, Bob Freeman, Jody Cosper, Dakota Durden, Lindsey Nelson, Bill Heczko, Daisy Boos Fred Collins, Tommy Titsworth, Karen Busbee, Bobby Dent, Lisa Davenport, Virginia Milner, Andrew Collins, Robert and Teresa Chamberlain, and Melissa Aldrich. Thank you, Melissa, for helping me at the church at 10:30 P.M. after everyone had gone. Thank you, Teresa Chamberlain, for also cleaning the kitchen all day and washing dishes.

BARBEQUE THANK YOU!

Thank you, to all who served. Thank you, Wilma and Ray Avery, Lew Kaiser, and Jo-Ann Foster for working on advertising and communications with signs, fliers, bulletins, newspaper, and cable TV. Thank you, Don and Harriet Kirchhoff for donating the tea, lemonade, sugar, etc., and working all day Saturday, as you do every year; also, Rosemary, Andrew, and Fred Collins for helping collect ice and working all day Saturday. Thank you, Lisa Davenport, for scheduling all those cake bakers, and Patti Cox, for helping Lisa, plus all who cut, boxed, and wrapped cakes. Thank you to all those who baked and donated those delicious cakes.

Thank you, Sally Clogston, for organizing the Country Store, and Dick and Phyllis Kiger, for helping Sally get all the prizes together and find people who would donate items. Thank you also for working all day Saturday, along with Billy Sparger, Sue Wiedenfeld, Christina and Vince Pendergrass, Wilma Avery, and Margaret Edwards, for working in the Country Store, and Dick Kiger for announcing winners. Thank you, meal ticket sellers, Sue and Jack Wilson, Keenan Cruise, Schatzie Norris, Virginia Milner, and David and Jane Guthrie. Thank you, Jack Wilson, for keeping our finances in order, and making sure we had enough change on Saturday. Thank you, Kathy Bohn and Regina Alexander, for being such kind people with whom to work. Thank you, Jayne Ferrill, Mary Sansom, Katherine Bingham, Jane Guthrie, and all who helped with the beautiful decorations. Thank you, Rosemary Collins and your potato crew for making the delicious potato salad: Phyllis Kiger and Karen Busbee; and John Bohnert for helping with the potatoes, also. Thank you, also, to all those who took potatoes home on the Sunday morning before the barbeque, and boiled and peeled them for us. We would have been "up the creek" without all of this big potato crew. I thank those people who also donated the ingredients for the potatoes and those who donated the potatoes. Thank you, thank you.

Thank you, Nick Watson, for being our entertainment chairperson. Thank you, Greg Stone, from Hill Country Ears, for providing free of charge, our audio system so everyone could hear extremely well. Thank you, Dusty Vogt, for your wonderful, excellent, voice and beautiful guitar music, and for coming back every year, also free of charge. Thank you to all who participated in the style show. Again, you were handsome and beautiful; and thank you Pass It On, for providing the clothing for our models. Thank you, Kathy Holden, for the work you do as our Gaddis Memorial UMC Wesley Nurse. We are so proud to have you here with us at Gaddis Church. You had a WONDERFUL HEALTH FAIR. THANK YOU. Thank you, JOYFUL NOISE, for bringing us your beautiful music once again this year, as you do every second Sunday at church. Once again, when you started to play at the beginning of the evening, the whole level of joy increased. We appreciate you very much for always being there for us. Thank you, Katherine Bingham and Jane Guthrie for taking pictures.

Thank you, Jason, Jana, and family, for being our Gaddis Church pastoral family. We are blessed to have you all here with us and we love you all very much. Thank you, Bridget Sarbu, for everything you did to help me. We are blessed to have you with us at Gaddis. Thank you, Karen Kaiser, for helping me all through these three months of organizing; and especially for praying for me on Saturday so my heartbeat would slow down.

I am sure there are names I have failed to write in this letter. I am so sorry. I hope you will forgive me. There are people I know were working and I can't remember who they were, and people I know worked that I never even saw. Thank you to all of you. God has surely blessed me to have all of you who are so giving.

Grace, Mercy, and Peace,

Susan Durden

Council on Ministries - BBQ Chair

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Return Service Requested

Lectionary Readings

July 3	Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 45:10-17; Psalm 72; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
July 10	Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112; Psalm 25; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
July 17	Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
July 24	Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
July 31	Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

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

- Our heartfelt thanks to our brave military service men and women and their families.
- A very special thanks to ***ALL*** our Gaddis volunteers for everything you do. You're the best!
- Thank you Robert Chamberlain for furnishing the boxes for the "end of year school supplies" collected from our schools. These partially used pens, pencils, spirals, binders, back packs, and other gently used school items will be delivered to Mexico for the children that have none.
- Dear Jayne Ferrill, Worship Committee, Rev. Teague, and All, Thank you to all who helped bring the Seder Meal to us again this year. There were those on the Worship Committee and their spouses who helped in the kitchen; and also those who helped serve people the dinner after the ceremonial supper. All of you worked so hard to bring this beautiful remembrance to us, and to help us "connect" to our past and to the life and times of Jesus Christ. Thank you, also, to Rev. Jason Teague, who always makes it possible for me to participate in services in meaningful ways. I am eternally grateful for this. I am blessed to have such a wonderful church family. I Love You, Gaddis Family. Susan

Staff

Pastor	Rev. Jason Teague	**Christian Ed.**	Lisa Davenport	**Youth Director**	E'Lisa Young
Admin. Asst.	Bridget Sarbu	**Director of Music**	Verne Wortman	**Custodian**	Andrew Collins
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