



GADDIS GAZETTE

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FROM JASON'S DESK

"Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations." (Psalm 100 – NIV)

Like few other scripture passages, the one hundredth Psalm captures the essence of what it means to offer up worship in "spirit and in truth." Ideally, the worship we offer unto God is never more pure, than when we come into the place of worship, whether it's individual or corporate, in a sense of joyful self-surrender with the hope and an expectation that we will encounter the living God. We come together in praise, retelling the wonderful works of God, reminding one another of the eternal and steadfast love of God.

Lately, I have been increasingly reminded that the purpose of our worship services at Gaddis is to do everything we can to help worshipers connect to God, and you may have noticed that I have been experimenting with some ways to make things flow more smoothly and reduce distractions that might keep us from making that connection, or at least that would keep us open to God's efforts to connect with us.

On the other hand, I think it also serves all of us, as worshipers, to remember that when we come together for this purpose, as we do in any other service of God (risk-taking mission and service, extravagant generosity, radical hospitality, intentional faith development, etc.) we do so with the intention of giving over and above receiving. When we worship, we do not do so as worship consumers, but as those who make an offering of ourselves. Certainly, we almost always receive a blessing, over and above our expectations, when we offer ourselves to God without reservation, like volunteering time to help others in need, and witnessing the smiles and the contagious hope that seems to spread from person to person, who didn't know, until that moment, that anyone in the world cared about them. However, we usually don't enter into such actions thinking about what we will receive in return, but only what we can give. God always seems to honor this with unexpected blessings of one sort or another, provided we enter into the endeavor with the appropriate spirit of offering ourselves – even emptying ourselves for the sake of God and for others.

Passionate worship is no exception. When we come into the house of the Lord, we do not do so with the hope of being entertained for an hour or so, but instead to give ourselves to God, and to our fellow worshipers, during that time, in an honest attempt to actively love God and neighbor in corporate worship. When we truly open ourselves to God and neighbor in those moments, we may find ourselves unexpectedly blessed in new depth of relationships with God and our brothers and sisters, receiving new vision and direction, finding purpose, building up strength to conquer areas of sin in our lives, or even just a glimpse of the height, the depth, the length and the breadth of God's love for us.

May we enter into God's courts not as "consumers of religion", but as those who offer up worship that is acceptable and pleasing in God's sight – as those who worship in spirit and in truth. 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 August 21, 2011 - September 18, 2011

	<u>Totals</u>	<u>Average</u>
Worship	516	103
Sunday School	165	33

PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS IN ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES OR HOMEBOUND



Marie Pankratz
Mary Agold
Marian Lucke
Tom Moorman



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Dustin Wilson	10/1	Luster Lockett	10/10	Tim Warlow Jr.	10/25
William James	10/2	Adeline Pankratz	10/11	Petty Marlin	10/26
Buddy Preuss	10/2	Mary Wilson	10/11	Emma Hudkins	10/28
Denette Wilson	10/2	Teresa Chamberlain	10/12	Marian Lucke	10/29
Alexander Millard	10/3	Melissa Henderson	10/12		
Paula Maytubby	10/5	Jill Nix	10/13		
Pat Hoffpauir	10/6	Jan Busby	10/14		
Lauren Noack	10/6	Jonathon Pierce	10/15		
Harvey Boos	10/7	Yvonne Clubb	10/17		
Steve Borcharding	10/7	Kevin Gaston	10/17		
Alice Bowen	10/7	E J Dower	10/19		
Rebecca Laegner	10/7	Marie Pankratz	10/21		
Ruth Zoeller	10/7	Sue Wilson	10/22		
Randolph Bohnert	10/8	Gina Schmidt	10/23		
Cameron Crenwelge	10/9	Kiele Seidensticker	10/23		
Nancy Heerema	10/9	Susan Mayo	10/25		
Jack Hall	10/10	Jason Teague	10/25		



FINANCE NEWS AS OF 9 / 11 / 11



General Fund YTD

Budget
Income \$ 124,341
Expense \$ 151,934
Actual
Income \$ 136,141
Expense \$ 144,402
\$ - 8,261

Permanent Endowment Fund

\$ 32,792
General Funds
\$ 49,675
Dedicated Monies
\$ 11,538

Bell Tower Funds

\$ 10,717
Parsonage Funds
\$ 484
Fundraisers
\$ 7,877

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- ◆ **Gaddis Inspired Visioning Event - 8:30am**
October 1 and 15
- ◆ **Mission: Fitness**
Every Mon. and Thurs.
- ◆ **Bible Study - 10:00am**
October 4, 11, 18, 25
- ◆ **MY Fuel: Now 5pm - 7pm**
October 2, 9, 16, 23
- ◆ **Youth Choirs - 3:30pm**
October 5, 12, 19, 26
- ◆ **Hand Bells - 6:00pm**
October 5, 12, 19, 26
- ◆ **Choir - 7:00pm**
October 5, 12, 19, 26
- ◆ **Ad Council - 7:00pm**
October 3
- ◆ **CHURCH CHARGE CONFERENCE**
7:00pm October 4
Potluck at 6:00pm
- ◆ **UMW - 10:00am**
October 6
- ◆ **Cross Country Meet**
October 8
- ◆ **Lunch Bunch - 11:00am**
October 11
- ◆ **Christian Ed. - 6:00pm**
October 11
- ◆ **Trustees - 7:00pm**
October 11
- ◆ **Commitment Sunday Potluck after 11am service**
October 16
- ◆ **SPRC - 7:00pm**
October 17
- ◆ **COM - 6:00pm**
October 18
- ◆ **Outreach - 10:00am**
October 19
- ◆ **5th Quarter**
October 28
- ◆ **Lord's Acre**
October 29
- ◆ **5th Sunday - Noisy Offering Happy Hallelujah Party and Potluck**
October 30



How about trying a soul saving lunch with us at **7th Heaven** on High Street, **Tuesday, October 11th** at **11:00AM**. Membership called. Jackie 995-2131.



Prayer Master Dotti is back and led last month's luncheon prayers at Jackie's son and wife's compound, where we celebrated three birthdays: Wilma, Doris, Fanny. NEW! Suzie called from work and sang Happy Birthday on Ron's speaker phone and Kazoos joined in. Our gracious hosts, the Dreiss's, proceeded to lead us on a tour of their still abuilding compound!

See you Sundays at Church. 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
Youth Choirs	Wednesdays	3:30 p.m.	Choir Room
Choir Rehearsal	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
Harmony Hand Bells	Wednesdays	6:00 p.m.	Sanctuary



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



As many of you know, Gaddis UMW has been the voice of the Kendall County Women's Shelter in Comfort. The next UMW meeting is on Thursday, October 6, at 10:00 A.M. in the Narthex. A special guest is coming - Mary Lou Sims. She is a member of the Boerne United Methodist Church and is very active in supporting the Women's Shelter. Mary Lou has a special desire to minister to the children of domestic violence. You are all invited to this meeting. You will be inspired and, hopefully, excited.



Yours in Christ,

Sally Clogston

President
Gaddis UMW

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GATHERING UPDATE



Adele Moss gives Brenda Pruitt, Clinical Coordinator of Hill Country Mission for Health, and Sally Clogston, accepting for Kendall County Women's Shelter, the proceeds from the recent Women's Fellowship Gathering in Comfort on August 13.

GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

And Jesus cried out and said, "He who believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me.

And he who sees me sees him who sent me.

I have come as light into the world, that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.

If any one hears my sayings and does not keep them, I do not judge him;

for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.

He who rejects me and does not receive my sayings has a judge; the word that I have spoken will be his judge on the last day.

For I have not spoken on my own authority;

the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment about what to say and what to speak.

And I know that his commandment is eternal life.

What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has bidden me."

John 12:44-50 (RSV - Second Edition)

"Yes, Lord, I Believe..."

I am so fortunate to have friends from many faiths. One of my closest friends is a "died-in-the-wool-Catholic" (she will like it when she finds out I have described her like this). This friend, we will call her "GCF" for "Good Catholic Friend", is dear to my heart. She is one of several Jesus friends who are always there to help me through (and have helped me through) many sad and difficult times. A few days ago GCF was giving me some instruction again...some which I needed to hear...again...as a Protestant. That is because as a Protestant we do not often hear how we might just be to blame for some things. Could it be that we ought to approach God in our prayers with, "I am sorry, God, for I have sinned against You and Your good and precious Earth...Your Blessed Creation. I have done things to You that I understand as a human, would have made me angry enough, to cause if I were that powerful, something as devastating as the drought we are in the midst of now. Forgive me, Lord God, Father Almighty. You Are Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Bless Your Creation, once again, I pray. Bless Your creatures, once again, I pray. Pour Your Life-Giving Waters and Spirit into Your Earth and into my heart, so that I do not forget what sins I have committed against You. Let me not forget the love I have kept from You and the Grace You pour out in never-ending streams of Love. Let me not forget the Love You poured in rivers of tears when You gave Your Son to die for me so long ago. Let me never forget the most barren, drought stricken hill in all time...with thousands of wooden crosses...with ONE wooden cross between two...which bore the Saviour of my soul. Forgive me, Father, for I have sinned."

I am reminded of the time when Jesus arrived at the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus in Bethany. "Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'" (John 11:21-27 NRSV)

I am also reminded by my good friends that Jesus is the resurrection and the life. *Our perception of the future is determined by our faith in Jesus, not by the certainty of death. Our lives are not determined by the ability to make life "happen", but, by the power of Jesus' presence within us to give us life.* Thank You, Jesus, Giver of Life. May we say everyday, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Messiah, the Son of God, the One coming into the world."

*The Spiritual Formation Bible; Zondervan Pub.; 1999; p.1415

May God give you of heaven's dew and Bless you, Susan

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Tips for Taking Dietary Supplements

Dietary supplements include vitamins, minerals, herbs and other substances. If you are taking any of these products, here are some guidelines to help you use them safely.

1. **Talk to Your Doctor or Pharmacist:**

Speak to your Doctor or pharmacist before taking any supplement for the first time. He/she can tell you when to take it, possible side effects and possible interactions with other supplements or medications.

Let your doctor know about any symptoms you experience after taking a supplement. Stop taking the supplement and see if the symptoms subside.

2. **Buy From a Reliable Source:**

Look for products with the U.S. Pharmacopeia (USP) symbol on the label.

This means the product meets certain quality standards. Also beware of products labeled “natural” or “organic”. They may or may not be safe.

These may be advertising gimmicks to make you think the product is better. Be cautious of claims that the product is an “instant cure”.

If it sounds too good to be true, it is probably not true!

3. **Check the Expiration Date:**

Choose products that are clearly marked with an expiration date.

Be sure the date is far enough in the future so you can use all of the product before it expires.

The Texas Department of Health may not receive enough Flu Vaccine to hold their Annual Flu Clinic so they advise everyone to get their Flu Vaccine at their Doctors Office, if possible.

**FREE
AEROBIC**
Classes for
Men and Women!
Starting Sep.12

MISSION: FITNESS

Gaddis Methodist Church

WHO: Everyone! Men & Women,
Beginners or Active Seniors

WHAT: Aerobic Classes on the Big Screen
» *Total Body Workout* » *Zumba*

WHERE: Gaddis Methodist Church
Comfort, TX

WHEN: **TOTAL BODY WORKOUT**
Monday & Thursday » 2:30pm-3:30pm
ZUMBA (Latin Inspired Dance Craze)
Monday & Thursday » 4:45pm-5:45pm

WHY?

Hi Everyone! Miss me?! I am ready to get back to fitness! These classes aren't about being perfect or being the best in the class - we want you to come ready to sweat and ready to have some fun! **Our mission is TOTAL BODY FITNESS:** Join me in getting Physically Fit, Mentally Fit, & Emotionally Fit!
See you soon!

Karen Kaiser ☺

Registration:

Come by the church office to sign up or show up a little early before class.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS



HAPPY HALLELUJAH PARTY!!!!!!!

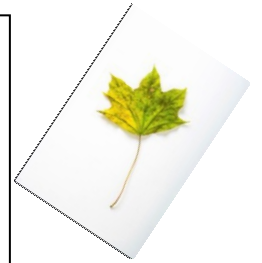
SUNDAY OCTOBER 30

10:00AM

WEAR YOUR COSTUME!!!!

Games, prizes, candy!!!

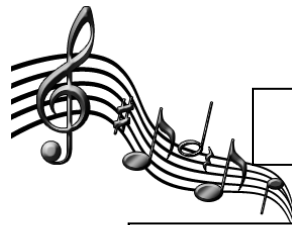
ADULTS ARE INVITED!!!!



BIBLE BUCK STORE IS A SUCCESS!!!!

The grand opening was awesome and the kids DID NOT spend all their money!!! 😊

If you would like to donate \$\$\$, or dollar store items to our store, please do so. Just bring them to the office or give them to Lisa on Sundays.

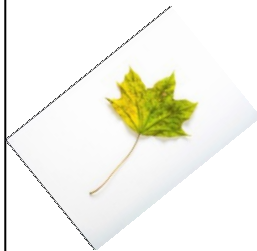


MUSIC MONTH

The months of NOVEMBER, MARCH AND JULY are now MUSIC MONTHS.

We feel that music is an important part of our children's learning in Sunday school, but we never seem to have time to "fit it in." So, we have designated that every third month will be "music month." There will not be a Sunday school lesson. Instead, Susan and Linda will be teaching music.

THANK YOU TO SUSAN AND LINDA!!!!!!



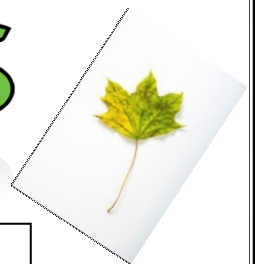
HOW TO "EARN" THOSE BIBLE BUCKS!!!!

Attend Sunday school and/or church and receive your Bible Bucks to spend after the 11:00 worship service.



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11 - 6:00PM

**REALLY IMPORTANT
CHRISTIAN ED. MEETING**



YOUTH NEWS

October Youth News

Well, at least it's getting a little cooler!!! BUT--5th Quarters are really heating up! Our numbers are growing each week and we have been blessed with some wonderful kids that are attending! Thanks to all that make it possible! We only have one left and that is on October 28th.

In September we had our first "Hands of Christ" outing. We had a sleep over at my house on Friday night so that we could get up and over to join up with the Handy Christians to help scrape a house that was in severe need of painting. It was a great experience and it was an honor to help out someone in need.

As a group we decided that MYF was better at 5:00-7:00 p.m., so starting in October we will meet at that time. We will be starting a new 6 week study titled "Who Is Jesus?" during our MY Fuel gatherings to discover more about our savior. We will be working on our winter agenda so make sure you come on Sunday afternoons and help us make plans. Remember, to start talking to your friends about "Acquire the Fire" in March.

We are excited to have the "His Hill Gang" back! It was a long summer without them. Jaquie is back but we will be meeting 2 new friends this year!

There will be no MYF on October 16th because it is Commitment Sunday and we will have the pot luck after church. Also there will not be a regular MYF on October 30th, but will help out with the "Happy Hallelujah", so I'll let you know the details as soon as I know them.

Smiles and Blessings,
E'Lisa



HANDY CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

volunteers from Gaddis Memorial 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

CONSECRATION SUNDAY - OCTOBER 16

Dear Members and Friends of Gaddis Memorial United Methodist Church,

You and your family are invited to our Commitment Sunday luncheon at Gaddis Memorial United Methodist Church on Sunday, October 16 at 12:00 pm. This luncheon will be the culmination of the events leading up to our commitment for the year 2012.

Commitment Sunday is a biblical, spiritual and inspirational program designed to enrich our understanding of Christian stewardship. The program is not built on the *need of the church to receive*, but on the *need of the giver to give* as part of his/her own spiritual development and Christian commitment. "You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich." (2 Corinthians 8:9)

We will have our regular services at 8:30 & 11:00 and follow with a wonderful pot-luck meal. It will be fun and a great way to spend Sunday lunch with folks we all love and enjoy seeing. Please join us for a little fellowship and commitment to each other by attending Commitment Sunday.

We hope that you can come to the church on Commitment Sunday to reaffirm your vow of prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness to Gaddis Memorial United Methodist Church as a response to the many gifts of God in your life. The more generosity that we bestow upon the church, the more ministry that we can deliver to our members and our community. May we pull together as the Body of Christ and commit our lives completely to God.

In Christ's Love



Bill Heczko,
Stewardship Committee

P.S. If you cannot be in attendance on October 16, you may turn in your Commitment card(s) in the offering plate, or mail them to the church office.



Please **PRAY** for those who have lost their homes and family members as well as the churches and members that have set up shelters.

Please send **money donations** through the Conference Office; either designate it to the **Conference Disaster Fund #2050** or through **UMCOR #901670** or mark it as **Texas Wildfires**.

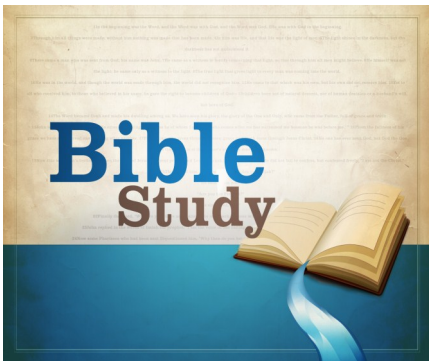
For frequently updated information please go to: <http://www.umcswtx.org/umc-disaster-response.html>



Gaddis has a wonderful tradition of getting together and eating, so much so that we like to continue outside of the church building. Every year at this time we form our supper club groups and they meet once a month to have dinner together from October to May. **EVERYONE** is invited, welcomed and encouraged to join us. Supper Clubs are broken in to small groups (8-10) and large groups (10-12-14) and meet on a night that each individual group agrees on. We rotate to each of the members houses and the hosting member provides the main dish and everyone else signs up to bring a vegetable or salad or dessert or appetizer. It is always wonderful fellowship and delicious food.

For more information contact **E'Lisa Young** 995-2117 Cell – 210-771-9300 or **Sally Clogston** 995-2587

Everyone is Welcome!!!



Tuesday Mornings at 10:00am
in the Hughes Building (Church Office)
NEW STUDY BEGINNING!
Seeing Jesus by Linda McGinn
1-2 Peter and 1-3 John

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

Everyone is Welcome!!!



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).

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Return Service Requested

Lectionary Readings

October 2: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

October 9: Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

October 16: Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

October 23: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

October 30: Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12

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!
- ◆ I want to thank Harvey Lindner's family. (Ruth, Steve and Maureen) are very appreciative of all who came to the funeral. We thank Pastor Jason for a beautiful service. We thank all the ladies who prepared food and service. Thanks to all of you.

Staff

Pastor	Rev. Jason Teague	Christian Ed.	Lisa Davenport	Custodian	Andrew Collins
Admin. Asst.	Bridget Sarbu	Pianist/Organist	Linda Derrick	Finance Secretary	Jack Wilson
Wesley Nurse	Kathy Holden	Youth Director	E'Lisa Young		