

Newsletter of The First United Methodist Church of Azle

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Dr. Dean Posey, Pastor

March, 2011

# THE MESSENGER

*But now...  
come back to me with all your heart,  
fasting, weeping and mourning.*

*Turn again to the Lord, your God,  
for he is all tenderness and compassion,*

*slow to anger, rich in graciousness,  
and ready to relent.*

*Joel 2: 12-13*

Ash Wednesday



## FROM THE PASTOR

It is with pleasure that the SPRC and I will introduce our new Youth Director this Sunday. His name is Clay Williams and he is moving here

from Baton Rouge, Louisiana

In order to understand some of Clay's background, I want to share with you a part of his cover letter that he sent with his resume. He said,

"I have been a full time Associate Pastor of youth ministries for the past three years at First United Methodist in Alexandria, Louisiana. As the youth minister, I was in charge of weekly events, the youth ministry budget, fundraising, youth fundraising budget, fun activities, mission trips, fun trips, Confirmation, youth monthly and weekly newsletters, weekly Bible Study, Youth Sunday School, and other program youth events

Prior to my position at First United Methodist in Alexandria, I was Associate Pastor at First United Methodist in Pineville, Louisiana. As associate pastor I was in charge of the contemporary service, preaching every Sunday, visiting hospitals, visiting congregation members, the church monthly newsletter, the church website, and college ministries. I also helped with youth activities and trips often.

I became a follower of Christ through a youth group student led Bible Study. It was my 9<sup>th</sup> grade year of high school and in October I gave my life to Christ. I believe in Wesleyan view on grace. I believe in the power of the Holy Spirit and in prayer. I feel that a core faith built on scripture, prayer, and Christ is what we need as Christians today. I live my faith by actions and words. I love to share my faith at anytime and I would love nothing more than to share my faith with youth and college students. I have a passion for youth ministries and have over ten years of program ministry, youth ministry, non-profit financing, preaching, and worship experience."

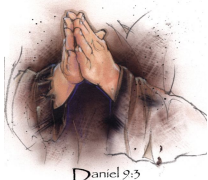
I know you will give Clay a big Azle welcome. I want to thank everyone who gave their time for the interview process. I believe we have made a very good decision.

You are a wonderful congregation.

It is a pleasure to be your pastor,

Dean

I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes.



Daniel 9:3

### Ash Wednesday Schedule

March 9th

Wednesday Night Supper - 5:30 PM

followed by Ash Wednesday Service

6:30 PM in the Sanctuary

Save the date

MAY 14, 2011  
Register online at

[www.trwd.com](http://www.trwd.com)

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LAKE

Community Cleanup

More info at:  
817-237-8585



### BOOK CLUB

There are two books to discuss, *Sara's Key* and *I Still Dream about You* by Fannie Flagg. Hard to believe it was just one month ago we were freezing to death and driving on ice!

Look forward to seeing all of you Thursday night in the Bridal Parlor at 7:00 pm!

### To Everyone -

The Youth Choir Festival at Baylor University this weekend was a wonderful experience. It culminated in a worship concert of sacred music sung by 360 young people from 18 choirs in Texas and Arkansas who sang with the Baylor Symphony orchestra. Our youth choir members were a joy to be with on the trip.



Thank you to all of you who traveled to Waco to support our young people and listen to their music on Sunday afternoon. There is nothing quite like having family and friends come from home when you have worked diligently to be a part of this kind of event.

Thank you to our sponsors who came on the trip to assist by driving the bus and helping with the details of the trip. You are a blessing to our youth and to me.

Thank you to all who led and helped to provide music for our worship services on Sunday morning. You give willingly of your time and talents.

Thank you to all the young people who spent hours learning music and who gave their time to be a part of the festival. Thank you for being the responsible, delightful people you are.

**Important** – We have several young people who have auditioned for and who want the opportunity to travel with the International Chorus to Toronto, Canada this summer. If you are able to give them financial support, please consider donating above and beyond your normal tithes to our *music fund*. That can be designated on the memo line of your check. These young people will be involved in singing concerts and in serving in mission activities for those in need.

### Youth Choir and Bells

Please meet in the sanctuary at 10:15 a.m. this Sunday morning, March 6 to prepare for worship.

### Calling all Children for Children's Choir!

Children K-6 are invited to join us for Children's Choir on Wednesday at 4:45 p.m. We are beginning work on our spring musical, *Nic at Night* – the story of Nicodemus from the Bible. Come sing with us!

Margaret



**New Prayer Requests:** Helen Winters; Virginia Spencer; Lexie Woolsey; Patty Padgett; Danielle Roberts; Manuel Sanchez; Janie Ortiz; Karen Morris; Joe Barranti; Bonnie Jackson; Mark Donahew **Continuing Prayer Requests:** Betty Robinson; George Nail; Lauren Edwards; Rueben Mahlmann; Norma Hrdy; Cynthia Denton; Rex Fleming; Matt Murphy; Wynette Case; Darrell Barron; Jerolyn Shaw; Becca Lindsey; White Family; America Villalon; Delma Thomas; Linda Harrison; Charlene Reedy; Sonat Fleming & family; Lisa Simonds; Rick Hutson; Jeannette Havens; Gary Brister; Stanley Hilton; Ella Kate Moore; Freddie Taylor; Robert Yokum; Houston Taylor; Macil Brooks; Shannon Tursy; Royce Walker; DeeDee McMinn; Nancy Bovea; Dixie Duggard; Lisa Lindsey; Matthew Edwards; Sue Bearden; Ruth & Don Autry; Leslie Mokry; Misty White; Shelly Pfeiffer; Sammy Rush; Aaron Terry; Ann Jackson; James McMinn; Jim Prentice; Russell Eagleton; Jean Rider; Colleen Neely; Mark Hardage; Clint Keeley; Evelyn Mohn; Jennifer Detrick; Arthur and Charlene Lang; Betty Eyre; Delma Thomas; Alvin & Madge Prince; Marge & Larry Haynes; Jerry Flippen; Jerry Bennett; Bessie Rogers; Mary Ledig; Dora Clark



**IT'S A WELCOME PARTY!!**  
**FOR CLAY WILLIAMS, OUR NEW YOUTH DIRECTOR. MARCH 20TH FROM 6 TO 8 PM IN THE YOUTH ROOM. SOMEONE FROM THE CHURCH WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PICK UP ANY YOUTH WHO NEED A RIDE. Just CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE .**  
**TELL ALL YOUR FRIENDS!**

### CORNERSTONE CORNER



There will be an important meeting of the Children's Advisory Council this Thursday evening at 6:30 in the Conference Room. Spring is a busy time for the Children. The Council will be discussing this year's Vacation Bible School which will be held June 26 through June 30. Other topics to be discussed include the upcoming Glen Lake Fund Raiser and the annual Easter Egg Fund. Please make every effort to attend.

Saturday is closing day for Upward Basketball and Cheerleading. We will have hot dogs and all the trimmings, served by Al Harris and his Merry Methodist Men. The closing program will feature Mark Winter. All participants will receive awards and a special gift. Your support of this wonderful program is greatly appreciated by all of the children who are a part of this ministry. Please continue to keep the children of this congregation in your prayers.

In His Love, Weven



**FLOCK** to the sign up table located in the upper atrium prior to each service and sign up to **FLAMINGO** or **UGLY COUCH** your friend's yard!! Insurance is available to make your yard a no landing zone from these pesky pink birds or ugly couch!! Early sign up begins February 27th - March 13th and Flamingos will start landing March 13th - April 2nd Questions? Contact Kim White at 817-907-3616 or email: kimwhite03@aol.com

## March Sermon & Scripture Schedule

March 6, 2011

*What Do You Believe About:  
The Family?*

Scripture: Genesis 7: 1-7

March 13, 2011

*Stations of the Cross - Part 1*  
Scripture: Matthew 26: 36-56

March 20, 2011

*Stations of the Cross - Part 2*  
Scripture: Matthew 26: 69-75;  
27:11-31

March 27, 2011

*Stations of the Cross - Part 3*  
Scripture: Luke 23: 26-31

## March Monthly Church Supper Menu



**March 2 -**

Oven Baked Chicken  
Seasoned Green Beans  
Tossed Salad, Rolls, Dessert

**March 9 -**

Turkey Spaghetti, Green Beans,  
Tossed Salad, Rolls, Dessert

**March 16 -**

No Wednesday night supper

**March 23 -**

Beef & Chicken Enchiladas  
Taco Salad, Queso, Salsa, Chips  
Dessert

**March 30**

Baked Potato Bar  
Chili Mac Soup, Dessert



Offerings Received

Jan 1 through Feb 28 \$ 117,637.46

Budget Needed

Jan 1 through Feb 28 \$ 109,822.54



Bus Drivers  
Needed!

We are in need  
of volunteers to  
drive the  
church bus on  
various  
occasions. If  
you have a CDL  
with passenger  
endorsement  
license or you are willing to  
take the test for a CDL, please  
contact the church office.

## First United Methodist Church of Azle

Worship 8:30 a.m. = Sunday School 9:45 a.m. = Worship 11:00 a.m.

**Minister:** Every Member

**Music Director:** Margaret Bolding

**Pastor:** Dr. Dean Posey

**Children's Director:** Weven Kimmey

**Youth Director:** Clay Williams

**Evangelism Director:** Nancy Lavender

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