

### July Sermon & Scripture Schedule

July 3, 2011  
The Parables of Jesus  
*The Value of Perseverance*  
Scripture: Luke 18: 1-8

July 10, 2011  
The Parables of Jesus  
*How To Deal With Disappointment*  
Scripture: Luke 19: 11-27

July 17, 2011  
The Parables of Jesus  
*We Never Know*  
Scripture: Luke 21: 29-36

July 24, 2011  
The Miracles of Jesus  
*The Importance of Authority*  
Scripture: Mark 1: 21-24

### July Sermon & Scripture Schedule cont.

July 31, 2011  
The Miracles of Jesus  
*The Deeper Issue*  
Scripture: Mark 1: 40-45



Offerings Received  
Jan 1 through June 30 \$ 368,510.43

Budget Needed  
Jan 1 through June 30 \$ 324,237.96

**LIVE MUSIC**

**Sunday, July 17, 2011**  
1 pm to 3 pm

Live performances by  
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### 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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Dr. Dean Posey, Pastor

July, 2011

# THE MESSENGER



**FOLLOW THE FLAG** is an annual tradition for the Azle area that provides a safe, family oriented atmosphere in which to celebrate the 4th of July. There will be play areas for children, free food and drinks, and amazing wholesome entertainment for the whole family, with nationally known recording artist Jami Smith. Follow the Flag is designed to promote our Freedom, our country, our community and our God.

**FREE FIREWORKS, HOT DOGS, DRINKS, POPCORN, SNOWCONES!**  
AZLE CENTRAL PARK - 6 to 10 PM - *Sponsored by Azle Ministerial Alliance*

*If you would like to be on the team that lights the fireworks,  
please contact Dr. Dean at the church office.*

# FROM THE PASTOR

I am writing to say thank you for the generous love offering you gave me last week to celebrate my 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary and my reappointment to Azle FUMC for another year. In the midst of all we are doing as a congregation, your gift is very much appreciated. In the last month alone, you have given financially to help with the mission trip to Costa Rica, and given twice to the tornado relief in Joplin. And yet, you still give generously to me. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. You are a wonderful congregation, and it is a pleasure to be, your pastor, Dean



### THANK YOU

Everyone who helped make our Relay For Life Garage Sales a success!



To Everyone – VBS was wonderful! The music and activities were fun and taught about how special we all are in God’s eyes.

To those of you who led music – thank you!

**International Chorus** – We have three young people traveling to Canada for the International Chorus. They are Brenna Sheridan, Ryan Buss, and Tori Hamilton. All are working diligently to learn anthems from memory in French, Spanish, Swahili, and English as they prepare to share God’s word through music to people of many nationalities. During their time in Toronto the choir will also be involved in mission projects with organizations that assist children, youth, and adults. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare and travel. The trip is from July 13 – 18.  
Margaret

### FAMILY MOVE NIGHT SUNDAY, JULY 17 5:30 PM IN THE HUB

*We're on a Mission to continue to help our brothers and sisters in Joplin.*

As the people of Joplin rebuild lives that were forever changed by the May 22 tornado, none will be more affected than the 7,700 students returning to school on August 17. Many have lost homes and possessions. Many will be going to non-traditional or unfamiliar locations. Many still will be dealing with emotional stress or physical trauma. The Joplin ISD has sent us their K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade school supply list. There are approximately 150 elementary age children that lived at the destroyed apartment complex. Our next mission is to fill these kid’s upcoming school supply needs. FUMC Azle has a goal of 150 backpacks and we will be filling up the backpacks\* on our Family Move Night, July 17.

\*See back of July calendar for details



### REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

**New Prayer Requests** Terry Albers; Shirley Decoopman; Garry Dorris; Scott Flippen; Ken Mills; George Nail; Judy Winstead; Natalie Wood; **Continuing Prayer Requests** Ruth & Don Autry; Jerry Bennett; Louis Biron; Rebecca Blevens; Adam Browder; Logan Brown; Dyrk Burcie; Dora Clark; Pam Cash; Don Crew; Don & Sherry Crow; Jennifer Detrick; Virginia Down; Jerry Draper; Russell Eagleton; Edward Eastwood; Betty Eyre; Eleanor Phillips; Jerry & Susan Flippen; Dr. Tommy Giles; Brandon Harris; Marge & Larry Haynes; David Havens; Jerry Helton; Stanley Hilton; Richard & Linda Hutson; Bonnie Jackson; Clint Keeley; Arthur & Charlene Lang; Hugh Latimer; Mary Ledig; Lenny Loeffelholz; Gary Leonard; Jennifer Maynard; Evelyn Mohn; Matt Murphy; Colleen Neeley; David Nelson; Eleanor and Paul Phillips; Alvin Prince; Whitney Ragsdale; Jean Rider; Larry Riedel; Betty Robinson; Bessie Rogers; Jerolyn Shaw; Baryn Shepherd; Jim & Virginia Spencer; Billie Swan; Aaron Terry; David Tyree; Ron Wade; Bonnie Wilson; Helen Winters; Jason Winters; Kyle Young; Regina Younger

## CORNERSTONE CORNER



As I write this, we are in the midst of a wonderful dilemma. Where exactly do you put 100 children? VBS is off to a great start. Crew leaders are assisting their “crews” in going from place to place, games are being played, amazing crafts are being put together, great food is being served, the Bible is being taught, and most of all, Jesus Christ is being lifted up! **Praise God! In His Name, Weven**



### Costa Rica Mission Report

Hola from your Costa Rican missionaries. We have all returned safely from our 10 day trip to PeJe Costa Rica. Our team was able to personally take 260 bags of food to the hungry. Each family received prayer as we delivered the food. The unemployment rate in that area is about 40%. We also went to 4 schools and shared God’s love through crafts, games and bible stories. No transportation is provided for children who want to go to school and some have to leave their homes at 3 am to walk many miles in the mountains to get to school. On the last day we were able to be tourists and enjoy a canopy tour (zip line) and walk thru the rain forest with waterfalls. Our lives will never be the same after seeing such poverty and beauty at the same time. Thank you for all of your prayers while we were gone. Please stop and ask any of our team about their trip, they are bursting to tell you about their experience. Love Nancy ( aka Carlotta)



### Youth Mission Trip to Joplin, MO.

The youth will be taking a mission trip to Joplin on July 24-30. We will leave on the 24th after the 11:00 a.m. service and return on Saturday the 30th late in the evening. We will be working with Royal Heights UMC and we will be helping with the cleanup effort. The cost of the trip is \$120.00 and there will be a meeting on Sunday July 10 after the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. Anyone who is going to Joplin will need to bring \$120.00 and their forms to the meetings. You have to make one of the meetings if you are going on the trip. Checks can be made out to First United Methodist Church. If you need a form e-mail [fumcazeyouth@gmail.com](mailto:fumcazeyouth@gmail.com) or come to the meeting on the 10th and bring your medical information. This trip is open to anyone 12 years old or older. If you cannot go on the trip and would still like to help we are accepting donations of large heavy duty garbage bags, \$25.00 Visa cards, Leather work gloves, and bottles of water. We also have scholarships available for anyone who would like to go on the trip, but cannot afford it. **Summer Youth Programs:** It may be Summer but the youth are still having weekly programs. We have also repainted the youth rooms, so come check them out. Our weekly programs are on Sunday and Wednesday nights at 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m. Sunday nights we eat a meal, play games, and have a short devo. On Wednesdays we have food, fellowship, and study. We have snacks, hangout time, and then in-depth Bible Study. We do not have youth programs during holidays or when the youth are on trips. So come join us for fun, food, and Jesus.