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I can't anymore, but I will!

I was working on the yard and trying to level some ground. It wasn't long before I sounded like a vacuum cleaner trying to inhale. Time for a break! I remember working all day and hardly feeling tired. Well, things change. Strength and stamina are going to have to be built up again. It won't be easy and after a few years of taking it easy it's going to take time to get back that level of fitness. I've got to start somewhere and believe it can and will be done.

Why is it that spending money is so much easier than making it? Why is staying in shape harder than losing it? Why is the wrong choice an easy option and the right such a challenge? Getting married is easy; staying married is work. I finally got a visual of why that may be. Imagine that heaven is uphill and hell is downhill. Does that help? It did for me. If it's worth having its worth fighting for. What will we choose to fight for? What is worth our effort, dedication, perseverance, sweat, determination, and life?

When God challenged His people to follow Him in either the "Hebrew Scriptures" or the "New Testament" he always promised to go with them. He knows that the right path is not the easy road. Not only does God promise to go with us, but also in that promise is our challenge to go "with Him". We're not called to act for God; we're called to act with God. Often when it seems like it's a constant uphill battle we need to remember what is at the top of that hill. We also need to ask ourselves: Is God with me?

Reading the Bible, and other inspirational literature takes effort. Praying requires conviction and perseverance. Being in fellowship with other believers takes time. Fasting can be uncomfortable. But in them we find that God grants us the strength to accomplish the work we're called to do.

1 Corinthians 9:23 – 26 says: *I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings. Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.*

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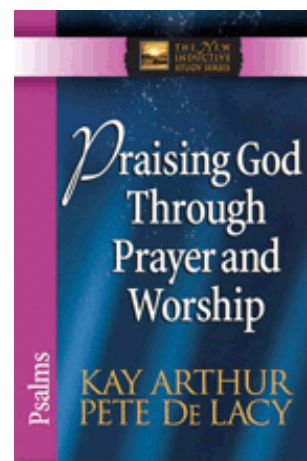
Prayer Requests: Please keep these people in your prayers.

The Veritas Sunday School Class Invites You To Study the Bible With Us

If you do not have a Sunday School class that you regularly attend, the Veritas Sunday School class is inviting you to meet with us in the church library from 10:00 – 11:00 AM on Sunday mornings.

The goals of our class are:

- To develop a daily Bible study/devotional habit
- To develop a daily prayer habit
- To memorize scripture
- To learn how to study the Bible
- To share what we have learned and encourage one another in our Christian walk.



We are currently reading *“Praying the Names of God”* by Ann Spangler. Each week we learn about one of God's names through a series of short daily devotionals. On Sunday, we review what we have learned the previous week.

Our next book will be *“Praising God Through Prayer and Worship”* by Kay Arthur and Pete DeLacy. Each week we will study a group of Psalms that focus on a specific theme. Like the book that we are currently studying, this book will require that you do a short Bible study each day. And on Sunday, we will review what we have learned.

This next book will teach us how to study the Bible through the Inductive Bible Study method, which “will expose you to an approach that can be applied to any Scripture, any time, any place, by any one. All that is required is the Holy Book, the Holy Spirit and a teachable heart.”

When we begin this study in addition to the study book, you will need a study Bible with cross-references that you are willing to write in, four color fine-point ballpoint pens, colored pencils, and a notebook to record your insights or thoughts.

If you are interested in having the church order a copy of the book for you, please let Velma Pavlasek know by September 15. The price is \$10.00. Checks should be made payable to Emmanuel UMC, and marked for the Christian Education. Or if you want to order a book yourself, you can find cheaper used (just like new) copies of the book through Amazon.com.

The current schedule is:

- 09/14/11: Deadline for pre-ordering the next book to be distributed ASAP
- 10/23/11: Complete *“Praying the Names of God”*
- 10/30/11: Learn the mechanics of doing an Inductive Bible Study
- 10/31/11: Start *“Praising God Through Prayer and Worship”*

Velma sends out a weekly class newsletter with a short summary on what was discussed the previous Sunday and a reminder of which chapter the class should be studying for the following Sunday. If you are interested in being added to the email list, send her an email at a657523@us.ibm.com.

EUMC Annual Family Retreat! Mark the Date!

August 12,13,14 2011
HEB Foundation Camp
Leaky, Texas
WWW.foundationfreecamps.org

Classes for all ages, talent show, fellowship, great food, swimming on the Frio River.

See Danny Flores for more info and register!



United
Methodist
Women

The United Methodist Women have had some very successful and uplifting events the past few months. Our Mother Daughter celebration was well attended. We conducted our first silent auction, which raised money for missions. Our speaker was Hermana Katia Garcia. Recognition pins were presented to Hope Rodriguez and Ester Salas for all their dedication and hard work to our church.

A garage sale was held in the parking lot and we were able to have several donated items up for sale. A lot of the community came to get good bargains. We want to especially thank the men who came to set up and clean up afterwards. Thanks to all who donated.

On June 24th we had a special program and study. Hermana Katia was our leader. We are thankful of her commitment to our group.

We offer an invitation to all the women to join us for our next meeting on August 13. Come enjoy time in fellowship and spiritual growth. Be a part of the mission work for children and women.

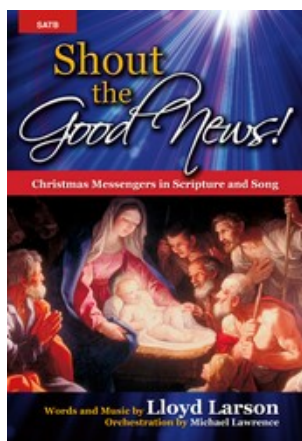
God's blessing upon you
Dora Ancira, Secretary

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Hebrews 12:1 – 3 says: *Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that binds and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.*

What's your spiritual fitness level today?

Grace and Peace
Pastor Garcia



EUMC Choir will begin rehearsals in September for the 2011 Christmas Cantata "Shout the Good News!" Check out the link below to listen!

http://www.lorenz.com/product.aspx?id=65_2035L

Please join us for rehearsals on Sundays at 4PM, beginning September 18, 2011.

Sing to the Lord!
Beth Barton

New Nursery Guidelines!



We want to provide a safe, nurturing and fun environment for your little ones during your worship and fellowship at Emmanuel United Methodist Church. The nursery is available for parents and guardians who need someone to watch over their infants and toddlers while they attend Sunday school and the 11AM Sunday service. In order to provide a safe environment for our little ones, we have formed the following rules for our nursery.

10 Commandments of the Nursery

- I. No children will be left alone in the nursery at ANY time. If the babysitter is not present when you arrive to drop off your child, please remain with him/her/them until the babysitter arrives.
- II. Only children three years old and younger will be allowed in the nursery. Older children, siblings, and teens will not be allowed in the nursery.
- III. Parents/Guardians **will be required to fill out an information sheet** the first time they come. **They will also be required to sign in** their child(ren) each time. They will give a name and cell phone number they can be reached. In return, they will be given a name/numbered bracelet. This name/numbered bracelet **must be** returned, and the child signed out in order to pick up the child.
- IV. Nursery staff will not accept sick children. If the child has a fever 100 degrees or higher or otherwise shows signs of sickness, such as vomiting, diarrhea, cough, running nose, etc. The parent/guardian will be contacted to immediately pick them up.
- V. No medications will be administered by the nursery staff.
- VI. Parents/guardians must provide diapers and food for children who are under two years of age or until they are potty trained. These must be clearly labeled.
- VII. Children are only left if the parents/guardians remain on church grounds.
- VIII. Please advise the nursery staff if your child has any known food allergies.
- IX. Please do not visit your children or let others do so. Little ones do not understand the concept of 'visiting' and think you are coming to get them.
- X. Please be respectful of the nursery staff.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Leticia Estavillo, SPRC chair, Mary Alvarez DeLeon, Christian Education chair, or Pastor Edward Garcia.

Thank you and have a blessed day!



PRAISE BAND

The Praise Band is looking for Members who are interested in joining the group. The only requirement is that you have a heart for the Lord and you want to put your musical talents to work for Him. We are willing to train you on how to play the Bass guitar, Acoustic guitar, the keyboard, the drums, or singing. Practices are held on Wednesday nights at 7:30pm.

Thanks!
Ernest

Calendar of Events

August

Communications Committee	Mon. 8 th at 6:00PM
Family Retreat	Fri. 12 th – Sun. 14 th
UMW Business	Sat. 13 th at 9:30AM
Church Council	Sat. 20 th at 8:30AM
UMM Breakfast	Sat. 20 th at 8:30AM
Promotion Sunday	Sun. 21 st at Worship
Worship Committee	Sun. 28 th at 5:00PM

September

Children’s Choir Beg. Practice	Sun. 4 th at 12PM
UMW Ann. Conf. Fundraiser	Sat. 10 th at 7AM
Trustees Committee	Sat. 10 th at 8:30AM
Sunday School Teacher’s Mtg.	Sun. 11 th at 12PM
LMPN Planting Session	Sat. 17 th
Newsletter Deadline	Sat. 17 th
UMM Promise Keepers	Tues. 20 th at 6:30PM
Shoreline Ministry	Fri. 23 rd at 6PM
Worship Committee	Sun. 25 th at 5PM

October

Youth Fundraiser	Sat. 15 th at 8AM
Church Council	Sat. 15 th at 8:30AM
SPRC Meeting	Mon. 17 th at 6PM
UMM Breakfast	Sat. 22 nd at 8:30AM
UMW Business	Sat. 22 nd at 9:30AM
Worship Committee	Sun. 30 th at 5PM

Disciple IV starts in August!



Disciple IV: Under the Tree of Life focuses on the Old Testament books of Ruth, 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Lamentations, and Daniel. It also covers the New Testament books of the Gospel of John; 1, 2, and 3 John; James; Jude; and Revelation.

When: August 28, 2011 – Sunday

Where: Jackson Hall

Time: 6PM – 9PM

Who: All persons who have completed Disciple I may take this class.

Please contact Martin Aleman or Leticia Estavillo if you are interested in attending.

We can't wait to see you there!

Newsletter Deadline

The next newsletter deadline is Saturday, September 17th.

Please submit your articles to Leticia Estavillo at leticia@estavillo.net.



Prayer Petitions / Peticiones de Oración

God's justice & peace in the World
Victims of the weather destructions
Our Country and its leaders
Those without employment
Our church council & other church leaders
Our college and returning students
Ernest Rivera (in Afghanistan)
Austin Latino Ministerial Alliance
Bishop Jim Dorff & his cabinet
Rev Edward Garcia

The health & recovery of:

Those in our congregation with chronic illness.
Elizabeth Almaguel
Grace Menchaca
José and Anita Almanza

Willie Blair
Joe Esparza
Natalie Gonzales
Carlton Maxwell

The homebound & elderly:

Julia López
Nephtalí Luna
Esther Esparza
Lily Rojas
Rosa Munguía
Aurora Rodríguez
Esther Ancira
Minnie Russell



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