



The Grapevine

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“ I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit.” John 15:5 NIV

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JUNE 2009

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Sunday Services:

9:30 A.M.

Contemporary

Worship

10:30 A.M. Fellowship

11:00 A.M.

Traditional Worship

Wednesday Night:

5:30 P.M.

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Suppers

6:30 P.M. Church
School

6:30 P.M. Bible Study

7:30 P.M. Chancel
Choir

“ A Word from Rhodes”

My Dear Friends,

Pentecost is the important feast in the Christian year when we celebrate the coming of the Spirit upon the early church. Many call this the “Birthday of the Church” and will celebrate with a big birthday cake. Pentecost is followed, one week later, with Trinity Sunday — the only Sunday in the Church year to celebrate a doctrine. These two Sundays provide us a powerful opportunity to think seriously about the Holy Spirit.

Walter Brueggemann is the editor of the *Journal for Preachers*. This quarter’s edition celebrates Pentecost by lifting up three themes that defines the claims of Pentecost. I would like to share those themes with you and encourage you to spend some time thinking about them.

1. The Spirit of God generates leaders who are able to exercise discipline, wisdom, and imagination in generative compelling ways.
2. The Spirit of God reaches across all kinds of imagined and constructed boundaries and makes a common summons to people of all ages, tongues, and races.
3. The Spirit of God moves in and through the Biblical text in its origin, formation, transmission, translation, study, and exposition, so that the “inspired word” yields always new summons and new assurances.

As Dr. Brueggemann reminds us, there is more to the work of God’s Spirit beyond these themes; however, these give up a great opportunity to engage our thinking. I believe these three themes, among others, converge in evoking and sustaining the church as a community of praise and faithful obedience. I would be happy to hear your thoughts on this topic.

I look forward to seeing you in worship, especially on Pentecost and Trinity Sundays, May 31 and June 7. We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper on both Sundays.

Peace and love,

Rhodes



"Happy June Birthday"

- 2 - Cecile Bilberry, Jo Kiel
Lindsey Bradley, Fred Penn
- 8 - Michael Merrill
- 14 - Tara Cannon, June Limato
- 15 - Christopher Arme
- 16 - Janet Rainey
- 18 - Sonja Meany
- 19 - Robbie Monaghan
- 20 - Mary Craig
- 21 - Charlotte Echols
- 22 - Susan Martin
- 23 - Ann Cunningham,
Richard Hinkley
- 26 - Mildred Jaedicke,
Doris Madera
- 27 - LaRae Collins
Jeannine Morris
- 29 - Norma Saied

MAY MENU FOR FAIN CAFÉ

June 3 - POTLUCK

Bring your favorite dish or
dessert to share

June 10 - VBS supper

Goulash, Garlic Bread, Salad

June 17 - King Ranch Chicken, Garlic Toast, Salad

June 24 - Fish Fry, Beans, Coleslaw
Hushpuppies



Wednesday
Night
Supper

HOSTS FOR THE JUNE POTLUCK

CAROLYN KOURI

PAULINE KOURI

CATHERINE PORTER

SIGN-UP SHEETS for servers for Wednesday night suppers are on the bulletin board across from the stairs. When you serve you get to personally greet everyone present!

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2009

May 3	-	9:30 a.m. service - 28
		11:00 a.m. service - 78
May 10	-	9:30 a.m. service - 24
		11:00 a.m. service - 72
May 17	-	9:30 a.m. service - 14
		11:00 a.m. service - 69
May 24	-	9:30 a.m. service - 17
		11:00 a.m. service - 70
May 31	-	9:30 a.m. service - NA
		11:00 a.m. service - NA

Deadline for the July newsletter is Thursday, June 25!



"MISSION KIDS" SUNDAY, JUNE 14

ITEMS MOST NEEDED AT IMI:

Canned fruit, dry pasta
spaghetti sauce, cereal, oatmeal, grits,
canned meat, dry beans



PARADE OF HOMES

Thanks to everyone who signed up to volunteer at our Candlewood home for the Parade of Homes tour sponsored by Habitat for Humanity. Remember that the dates are June 6—June 14. Week night shifts are from 6-8 p.m., and weekend shifts are from 2-4 p.m., and 4-6 p.m. The volunteer sign up sheet is posted on the Mission bulletin board (just outside the office). Volunteers will be getting a postcard reminder in the mail with instructions. Thanks again for helping out!



Date: June 7 - 10, 2009

Place: Fain Presbyterian Church

Time: 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Ages: Children 3 - Adults

Light snack supper will be provided

Mission project for VBS
will be Presbyterian Children's
Homes and Services.



Through: *Mission Connections*
PRESBYTERIAN WORLD MISSION
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
www.pcusa.org/missionconnections

We have received the following letter from the Morgans.

IN MEMORY OF EVERETT MORGAN

17 April 2009

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last Saturday, on Easter weekend, we buried our son Everett's ashes on Cave Mountain in the Ozarks of Arkansas. Cindy and I had spent fifteen months with him in Houston while he received treatment for bone cancer at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, and we were at his side when he died on December 27th.

Our daughter, Laura, and son Stewart helped us prepare the mountain site, dig a hole, lay the ashes, and plant a young dogwood to mark the location. Then we spread a blanket next to it and had a picnic. The next day, as we celebrated Easter in a nearby church, rains soaked the ground and helped the little tree take root and grow, its arms spreading up toward the light above the forest.

Although interring Everett's ashes was the final ceremony for our son, my grief for him continues its slow, relentless course. Like rain in a mountain forest, it is seeping through the soft, saturated surface of my daily life and into every crack of subterranean rock, finding its way down into the aquifers of my soul. There lies my deep wound, still open and tender.

The wound will never completely heal, I know; and because of it, I will never be the same. Everett, his life and death, will continue to teach me. I have learned much from the journal he kept throughout his illness and which we found after his death. In the last entry, just six days before he died, he requested us to read what he had written, as favor to him. At once of the lowest points in his illness, he wrote,

I am empty. Lord Jesus, fill me with your loving spirit and guide me
through the dark waters of this day. I am no good at praise yet, God,
but you just wait. Teach me as your humble servant.

I am adopting Everett's prayer as my own as I resume mission service. Tomorrow Cindy and I will travel to Bangladesh for six weeks to discuss our future ministry with the Church of Bangladesh, the indigenous church with whom we have worked for many years. Most likely, we will resume active service under the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in July and return to Bangladesh in early September for a three-year-term.

Although I will take to Bangladesh the deep wound of my son's death, I pray that God will teach me once again to raise my arms in praise to him, like the small dogwood tree we planted over Everett's ashes. With God's help, both the tree and I will find our way to the light. We will do it together, in memory of Evertt. Yours,

Les



In Memory of Beverly Ogier

By: Rhodes & Susan Stipp
Joe & Wanda Gonzales

In Memory of Sam Lee

(Sandy Glawe's father)

By: Joe & Wanda Gonzales

In Memory of Jerry Gamble

By: P. L. Rosser



Congratulations!

For a job well done to Marshall Morris
on his graduation
from Wichita Falls High School



Rev. Roy Zuefeldt, pastor emeritus of First Central Presbyterian Church in Abilene, Texas, has written two books recently added to our library.



Sinning Saints is written not just to give information about the men and women of the Old Testament, but to inspire us, despite our weaknesses, to find and to do the will of God as these Old Testament heroes did.

The Living Vine gives us a personal knowledge of the apostles and Jesus. You will feel you have walked and talked with them face to face.

These books can be found on the library cart outside the library door.

Thank You Very Much



God has truly blessed my family and myself when he brought me to Fain Church to serve as your secretary. We were overwhelmed with the feeling of love and caring when we received your gift. Thank you is really not enough to say, but there are no other words. Thank you also for the encouraging words, hugs, cards and even some shed tears. It is really a blessing to have several extended church families. May God bless you for your generosity. Again, thank you one and all.

With love,

John, Georgia, Lindsay, Alyssa, and Cassi Edwards



Dear Fain Friends:

I cannot really believe that we have just about reached the half way mark in the year 2009. Can anyone tell me just where the days have gone? I am so pleased to report that I delivered 14 cakes to the state hospital in May. I think that is a new record. Thank you all for your efforts and keep up the good work. Bake or buy, label WFSH and place in the freezer. I do the rest.

I wonder what I did for God today:
How many times did I once pause and pray?

But I must find and serve Him in these ways.

For life is made of ordinary days.

Macbeth

God speaks to those who are quiet before Him.

Until July,

Georgia Pogue, the cake lady



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Father's Day is
June 21, 2009
Remember your dad on
His special day!