

HE LIVES!

How's that for starting a newsletter article? I'm looking forward to sharing the joy of knowing our Lord Jesus Christ is alive and through Him we have eternal life. Sunday will be a great day of worship and celebration.

April is here, and with that come several significant moments for our church family. Of course, **Easter is this weekend** and I'm looking forward to seeing many of you here for that celebration. The Egg hunt is Saturday morning for our children, and then on Sunday we will observe the Ordinance of the Lord's Supper during worship.

We've elected new deacons, and an **ordination service will be on Sunday evening, April 11**. Andy Hoffman, Andrew Sherrill, and Mark Wilson will be ordained, and you'll want to be here to support them in this meaningful ceremony.

The CBFMO General Assembly is April 16-17. We're hosting this event, which means a great deal of preparation on our part. Cory has been leading in the planning of this weekend experience, and I encourage you to register your attendance if you haven't done so already. I hope we will have good participation in showing hospitality to our Baptist friends from across the state.

Also, Our **Chancel Choir spring program is Sunday afternoon, April 25**. I know you'll want to be here to show support for Marvin and the choir as well as enjoy hearing their presentation. You'll be hearing more about this in the near future.

I do want to thank the Finance Board for their efforts with our new Ministry Plan. I also wanted to express appreciation to Bob Perry, Finance Board chair, for meeting with Cory, Janet, Marvin, and I on two different occasions in the budget process. He gave us opportunity to voice concerns or questions before the final budget was presented. Each of us was given a chance to express opinions about reductions to our respective ministry areas.

I understand that there are disagreements about these reductions and how individual ministry areas are affected. Not one of us on staff or in lay leadership wants to see our ministry areas impacted. These reductions are unpleasant but necessary and reflect a desire to bring our budget closer to our actual giving. My hope is that we can restore these reductions in future budget proposals.

Sunday's coming, and with that the celebration of New Life in Christ. Thank you for the privilege of being your pastor for another Easter Sunday. May God help us stay focused upon Him as we move forward, together.

Your pastor and friend.
Danny

DEACONS OF THE MONTH

April, 2010

New Board of Deacons

A.R.M.S. VOLUNTEERS

April 4-10

David & Pam Edwards: 724-1736

April 11-17

Loren & Marilyn Broaddus:
882-7192

BREAD MINISTRY

April 11

Nancy Luxton & Melinda Nutt

April 18

Dana Brown & Reba Parker

SUNDAY'S REPORT

March 21, 2010

Sunday School	167
Morning Worship	166
Budget Offering	\$12,026.75

March 28, 2010

Sunday School	200
Morning Worship	232
Budget Offering	\$10,836.77

We are now giving at
85.77% of our budget

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone that came to visit me during my stay in the hospital.

I enjoyed all the beautiful cards and sincere phone calls, and greatly appreciated your prayers.

Sally Brice

"Thank You"

Seems so small because the many acts of kindness have been huge during Don's illness.

We are most grateful for our ministerial staff and our beloved Searchers' Sunday School class.

We are so lucky to have UHBC.
Don and Barbara Nelson

Thank You

Jerry, JoEllen and I want to express our gratitude for all of the support you have given us during my mother's long illness and recent death. Your cards, words, flowers, gifts and hugs have helped us feel the presence of Christ's comfort as we've walked this particular road. I especially appreciate the flowers sent to her service from the church and Danny's presence, representing all of you, at her memorial. We rest in the promise of her presence with the Lord where there is no more pain and in your loving arms of support.

With Most Sincere Appreciation,
Janet Hill & Family

Special Thanks

Polly Matthews would like to express appreciation to those who have donated crutches to be sent to the people of Haiti. It is good to know our church can be involved in helping those who have been impacted by the devastation of the recent earthquake.

"Ruthless Trust"

A little group is going to read and discuss Brennan Manning's book **RUTHLESS TRUST: THE RAGAMUFFIN'S PATH TO GOD** in April before supper on Wednesday evenings or perhaps by email. If you are interested contact Romona Baker 742-2940.



**Friday, April 9
Parents Night Out
6-9 pm
(Movie & Game Night)**

MENUS

**Each meal includes soup,
salad bar, bread & dessert**

April 7

Beef Stew, Corn Bread
Serving Group: McClure

April 14

Lasagna, Vegetable Medley,
Italian Bread,
Serving Group: McClure

DEACON PRAYER CONCERN

by Edwin Frederickson

It's that time of year again for paying taxes and adjusting budgets. Like many of us individually and numerous churches around the country, UHBC is facing a difficult time of "tightening our belt."

My prayer is that we will heed the words of James 1:5: "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all..." and depend on His leadership to guide our decision-making process.

4/20 Charles Taylor
4/21 Bill Blakey
4/21 Bernice Dodson
4/22 Ann Willingham
4/23 Joshua Chism
4/24 Steve Sherrill
4/25 Frankie Beavers
4/26 Louise Lunn
4/26 Connie Taylor
4/27 Lauren Stuckey
4/28 Ann Howard
4/29 Hal Bergen
4/30 Doug Bryan
4/30 LaDene Hulse
4/30 Bobbi Moyer



Happy Birthday!

4/12 Sarah Blackwell-McCormick
4/13 Nancy Dillow
4/13 Chad Taylor
4/13 Melissa Woycheese
4/14 Beverly Finley
4/15 Erik Dillow
4/15 Lori Chisholm
4/16 Kurt Dillow
4/16 Randi Edelman
4/18 Erma Wehr
4/19 Jeannie Gaut
4/19 Keith Miller
4/20 Loren Michael Broaddus

DEACON ELECTION RESULTS

Wayne Bartee, Loren Broaddus, Jr., Nancy Luxton—ordained
Andy Hoffman, Andrew Sherrill, Mark Wilson—to be ordained

During the month of March, small groups from our church participated in mission trips to Arlington, TX, and Helena-West Helena, AR. These participants will be sharing their experiences and impressions from these trips on Wednesday evening, April 7, at 6:20 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us as we give thanks to God for the work being done in these areas.
Cory Goode

Hearing Amplifiers Are Available For Worship Service.

If you need a little help hearing the service better these units are available to you. You may check one out each Sunday but these units must be returned at the end of the service. They are available from the Ushers in the back of the Sanctuary or from the Sound Booth operator in the balcony.

Third Anniversary Pastor Appreciation Offering

The Chisholms came to be with us three years ago this May. This third anniversary seems like an appropriate time for us to express our love and appreciation for all they have done for us and all they mean to us. The Finance Board, with approval from the Deacons and the Personnel Committee, have established a special offering to be received in April and early May, as a way of demonstrating this love. Look for the special envelopes in the pew racks, or mark your gift using your own envelop with the designation "Pastor Appreciation."

Sweet Life Café

Where Women Savor Time With God

April 30-May 1, 2010

WHERE: Windermere Conference Center
 WHEN: Friday Evening April 30th—
 Late Afternoon May 1
 WHO: Women 18 and Older
 HOW MUCH: \$40 Per Person
 WHAT: A Retreat to Connect with One Another
 & God

Treat yourself! Step into the Sweet Life Café and satisfy your cravings for friends, God, and spiritual growth. You will stay engaged and feel a sense of belonging as we enjoy a buffet of refreshing group experiences--and reflective alone time with God.

After all the fun, you'll leave with a "sweet" reward and be encouraged and renewed in your relationship with God and others, and you'll relish knowing that Jesus is the bread of life!

Friday

4:00 - 6:30 Arrival & Check-in at Windermere
 7:00 - 9:00 Food for the Heart: Session 1, followed by Sweet Talk
 9:00 - 11:00 Free time for snacks, board games, jigsaw puzzles, talking and laughing

SATURDAY

7:30 - 8:30 Breakfast Windermere Dining Hall
 8:30 - 9:00 Personal Devotion Time
 9:00 - 11:00 Food for the Heart: Session 2,
 followed by Savory Moments
 11:00 - 12:00 Free Time
 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch Windermere Dining Hall
 1:00 - 3:00 Food for the Heart: Session 3, followed by
 Spicy Service
 3:00 -3:30 Sweet Send Off

Register on-line at <http://www.uhbc.org/women.asp> or by calling the church office at 862-0789

April 24, 2010

Prime Time Event "A Night with the Stars"

Skyline Baptist Church
 Branson, MO (1 1/2 miles south of Hwy. 76 on Hwy. 165)

Doors open at 4:00 p.m. for Silent Auction
 Provided transportation will leave UHBC at 3:00 p.m.
 Dinner begins at 5:00 p.m. with live entertainment Branson Stars

Tickets - \$35.00 each
 All proceeds go to the Missouri Baptist Children's Home
 Cut off date for ticket sales is April 14th.
 Contact: Joann Spurgeon for tickets 417-882-8523.

I Heart Texas

Three of my happiest formative years were from 1968-1971 when my dad moved my family to South Texas. Now I don't mean, San Antonio, I mean 10 miles from the Mexican border and 30 miles from the Gulf of Mexico. We lived in Harlingen in the Rio Grande Valley. My grandmother from Kansas always said we lived in a foreign country and in a way, we did. I learned to eat a taco with an extra tortilla wrapped around the outside so it wouldn't fall apart and to appreciate a good handmade tamale but enchilada Wednesday every week at school was not my favorite. My best friends were Rebecca Aguirre and Debra Garcia and my teachers in the sixth grade were Mr. Jolomo and Mrs. Zamarrippa. And if out of town visitors came for a visit we would take them across the border to Matamoros, Mexico for an eye opening experience. (Matamoros literally means kill the Moors. I guess the Spaniards didn't care too much about being politically correct.) And I learned to sing "Cristo es la Unica Esperanza" (Christ is the Only Hope).

To this day I love the Spanish language and the Hispanic people. I was saddened to see that some of the poorest counties in the U.S. are in south Texas. I lived in Cameron county (the very south tip of Texas) but the three surrounding counties, Willacy, Starr and Hidalgo are on the list of the 20 poorest in the nation. Four more counties are further north in Texas on the Mexican border. Thankfully, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship has involved them in the program "Together for Hope" working to end poverty in these and 13 other counties in the U.S. This ministry has a long-term commitment to build relationships, listen and learn and empower local leaders. I liked what I read on their website, "it is *not* preparing a list of needs, petitioning *government* and waiting for a response." It is to teach them that they are loved, they are worthwhile, that every person is made in God's image and that they have assets and talents that can be used to *help themselves* and others. The CBF goal is to help them to *stand on their own*, teach them about God's love and to depend only on Him. I like that approach.

It's Easter. We celebrate the resurrection because Cristo es la- unica esperanza. Paul ends his famous chapter on the resurrection in 1st Corinthians 15 with "my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

Participate in the work of the Lord this Easter by giving generously to the North American Missions offering and supporting programs like "Together for Hope." Our goal \$7000
 Submitted by Jill Bergen for the Mission Board
 P.S. Buy Texas Grapefruit!

Easter Lilies



Beautiful, fragrant Easter lilies have been placed in our sanctuary by members and friends in memory or honor of a loved one.

- ◆ **Kenneth Frederickson** in memory of my wife, Dorothy Jean
- ◆ **Louise Lunn** in memory of Mark Lunn, son and Dr. & Mrs. J.L. Johnston, parents
- ◆ **Maurice Clopton** in memory of Charlotte Clopton
- ◆ **Arlene Chapman** in memory of her husband, Berlin Chapman and her son, Russell Chapman **and Hailey & Caleb Chapman** in memory of their father, Russell Chapman and grandfather, Berlin Chapman
- ◆ **Bob Perry** in memory of his first wife, Nancy Perry
- ◆ **Marilyn Nelson** in memory of her first husband, Ken Prickett
- ◆ **Lucas, Emily, Amy, Andrew, Donna & Steve Sherrill** in honor of Great Granny, Granny, Mother Vella Dean Newton
- ◆ **Ted & June Brown & Dana Brown** in memory of T.H. (Brownie) Brown & June's parents
- ◆ **Sarah Hagan** in memory of my husband, James R. Hagan
- ◆ **Dick & Polly Matthews** in memory of Billie Huy, sister of Polly
- ◆ **Elmer Lewis** in memory of wife, Marie and daughter, Debi Sue Lewis
- ◆ **Walene O'Dell** in memory of her husband, Casey
- ◆ **Becky & Edsel Matthews and Buanna & Dan Beach** in memory of Bernice and Edwin Matthews
- ◆ **Peggy Mullins** in memory of her husband, John Mullins and her mother, Thelma Hawkins
- ◆ **Joseph & Nancy Brown** in memory of David Leonard Crozier, Nancy's brother
- ◆ **Dorothy Fullerton** in memory of Clancy Fullerton
- ◆ **Anita Hunter** in memory of Gene & Tony Hunter and Verda Hagler