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# FIRST Connections

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## Worship

**April 4  
Easter Sunday**

**Chapel  
7:00 a.m.**

**Son-Rise Service**

*Meditation:*

*Rev. Rodney Whitfield*

**Chapel**

**8:00 a.m. and 12 Noon**

Service of Communion  
and Prayer

**Sanctuary**

**8:45, 9:45, 11:00 a.m.**

"Face to Face with Christ"

**Matthew 28:1-10**

*Dr. Clayton Oliphint*

Magnificent music  
with brass

\*Additional parking:

YMCA on Custer Road  
with continuous  
shuttle service  
8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

## • *On the Way*

### • *Celebrate the Joy of Easter*

- Easter Sunday is a joyous day of celebration for Christians around the world. This is a day to proclaim the good news that Christ is risen! The Good Friday realities of suffering, death, and evil cannot ultimately defeat us. We have been given the eternal gift of Easter!

- The good news of the resurrection of Christ was the central message of the early church, and it is our central message today. The evidence of Easter is in the lives of those who encountered the Risen Christ then, and in those who still encounter him here and now. Sunday we will celebrate and proclaim that this same resurrection power is available to all who believe today. When we encounter the Risen Christ our lives are transformed and renewed. We find a new boldness, a source of eternal hope, and a greater capacity to love and forgive.

- I hope you will plan on joining us for one of our services this Easter Sunday. Invite a friend! Remember also that we have additional parking available at YMCA with bus shuttle service available.

- We will have our Sunrise service at 7:00 a.m. in the Chapel. Communion in the Chapel at 8 a.m. & noon. Our Sanctuary worship services will be at 8:30, 9:45, and 11:00 a.m. All three will feature beautiful music by our Choirs. It will be a great day of celebration as we join together to shout and sing, "Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!"

- In Christ,  
• Clayton Oliphint



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PERIODICALS

## An Interview with Melinda Lawrence, Council Chair

- 1. What does the Church Council do?** The church council oversees the ministries of the church. It also has some administrative functions as well, such as approving the church's operating budget. I like to think that it's the group that helps all of the ministries coordinate together.
- 2. Who serves on the Church Council?** All of the ministry areas have a lay leader that works with the staff person. Both the lay leader and ministry staff liaison serve on the council. Also the Chair of the Board of Trustees and the Chair of the Finance Committee serve.
- 3. What are some of the major issues that our Council is dealing with this year?** We are really focused on integrating the 5 Practices into our church and listening to the ideas surfaced through the Sunday school classes and other small groups.
- 4. Are there any new ministries or revitalized ministries that you'd like to talk about?** I'm really looking forward to the new contemporary ministry that is starting this fall. We're looking at this service as meeting the needs of those in our community who aren't already attending a church. I like how we are always looking to the future and trying to reach more people.
- 5. What is something that you have learned through Council meetings that you think is a best kept secret of our church?** How passionate our members are about volunteering at our church and also how much goes on at our church 24/7. It's so uplifting to see how our church serves so many different groups.

By Holly Lee

## Outreach Ministries

Joy Anderson, 972.235.8385, janderson@fumcr.com

### NETWORK Needs Your Help

NETWORK of Community Ministries, Richardson's emergency assistance agency, needs volunteers in various areas. More people are needed to help answer phone calls and interface with the clients as they come seeking assistance. Additional people are needed to interview clients. Drivers needed to pick up food from grocery stores and other food outlets. You need a pick up or van and be able to lift the bags or boxes of food. If you would like to be a part of this wonderful ministry, call Network at 972.234.5505 to speak with the volunteer coordinator.

### Seniors Net of NETWORK

Seniors Net of NETWORK provides handyman service for senior adults who need repairs around their homes at a lower cost. If your home needs repair, you need help with your yard, or to inquire about other Seniors Net services, call 972.808.9863.

### COOKIE CAPER IS COMING!

Cookie Caper is **Sunday, April 25**. No need to battle rain, cold, heat, or mud—it will be in the Bartula Family Life Center. We need cookie bakers to bake six (6) dozen homemade cookies. They cannot be from a bakery or slice and bake—they must be made from scratch! Bring cookies, in disposable contain-

## Adult Ministries

Fred Trevino, 972.235.8385, ftrevino@fumcr.com

### Senior Adult Upcoming Trips

#### Bluebonnet Tour

**Monday April 19, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

We will visit Ennis, the Bluebonnet capital of Texas, then follow the Bluebonnet Trail. \$45 per person includes bus, tours, and lunch. Trip is limited to 50. Transportation on a comfortable coach provided by Road Runner Charters. We will have a step-on guide who will take us to see some of the most beautiful bluebonnets in Texas. We will eat lunch at one of the wonderful restaurants in downtown Ennis. We will have the opportunity to visit the downtown shops, the Railroad Museum, and then tour the Youngblood Home. Mr. Youngblood will be our guide as we tour his restored home and view his family's antiques and other collectibles.

ers, to Bartula Family Life Center on Saturday, April 24 between 12:00 noon and 4:00. This event is sponsored by the Mission Work Area. Money raised goes to adult workcamps and mission projects. **PUT THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR!**

### Amigos Days Needs Volunteers

Amigos Days is an outreach opportunity to help with painting and outside repairs of an elderly homeowner's house. The project is **April 16, 17, and 23**. The group takes the church bus to the work site in southeast Dallas. Water, cold drinks, and lunch are provided. If you would like to be a part of this outreach, sign up at the Shawver Welcome Center information desk or call the church office. This is a great project for Sunday School classes.

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

**Habitat Spring Build dates:** Saturdays, April 10-June 12 (excluding May 8 and 29).

**Dr. Chris Hena, UM missionary speaks:** April 11, 11:00 a.m. in Ogden Fellowship Hall.

**SPAN (Single Parent Action Network):** April 12, 6:00 p.m. Bartula Family Life Center, dinner and program

**Workcamp Luncheon:** Sunday, May 23, 11:00-1:00 Bartula Family Life Center

### Cowtown Trip

**Wednesday April 21, 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.**  
**\$47.00 per person Trip limited to 48**

Shine up your boots and dust off your Stetson—we are going to cowtown! Includes all tours, lunch, water and snacks on the bus. First stop is the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. We will see paper money being printed—no free samples. We then head to the Stockyards. We will visit shops, see an authentic cattle drive, and have a guided walking tour of the Cowtown Coliseum area, including Billy Bob's Texas, the World's largest Honky Tonk, and watch a Herd Demonstration. As they say in Fort Worth, "If you haven't been to the Stockyards—you just haven't been to Texas." We will eat at Joe T. Garcia's famous Mexican Restaurant. Lots of walking, so wear good, comfortable shoes. Don't miss it!

**Children's Ministries** Allyson George, 972.996.0121 ageorge@fumcr.com

**Summer Dreams**  
can be a reality for Children

Summer offerings include art, music, science, sports and Bible study!

Register online today!



**Vacation Bible Camp**

Want to be a part of Galactic Blast we call Vacation Bible Camp? We'd love to have you as a volunteer! Contact Stacey Thomas 214.774.4606 or sthomas76@tx.rr.com for information. Vacation Bible Camp is **June 14-18. Registration begins May 9.**

**Music Makers 2010**

**Why?** A week long music camp where children make sets, learn music and choreography for a musical performance Sunday, July 18.

**What?** Survivor Babylon, the story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and the fiery furnace

**When?** July 12-16, with performances Sunday, July 18

**Who?** For those entering 2nd – 7th grade. Cost: \$60.00

Registration begins online Sunday, May 2. Information will be mailed in April to all members with children.



**Student Ministries** Tommy Houghteling, 972.996.0127, tommy@fumcr.com

**Summer Trips**

Summer registration is now available for the youth trips. You may register online at www.getweird.org or pick up a form in the youth office. The registration and payment deadline is May 31! If you have any questions, please contact Tammie at thaug@fumcr.com or 972.996.0131.

**8th Grade Helpers Needed**

Two adult volunteers are needed to assist with the 8th grade Sunday school class. This is an every other Sunday commitment. If you are interested in assisting the lead teacher with leading small group discussions, crowd control, and teaching, as comfortable, please contact Pavielle Chriss at pchriss@fumcr.com or 214.395.4850.

**Music Ministries** Mike Lightfoot, 972.996.0123

**Mary Preston Organ Recital**

Mary Preston, organist at the Meyerson Symphony Center, will play a recital on our Klais pipe organ on Sunday, **April 25** at 6:30 p.m. This recital celebrates the recent addition of over 400 new pipes in the balcony and main organ. There is no admission fee. A reception will follow in the Shawver Welcome Center.

**The Richardson Symphony**  
Anshel Brusilow, music director conductor  
presents  
A Thrilling Evening of  
Keyboard Masterpieces for Organ and Piano  
Saturday, April 10 8 p.m.  
Tickets available online • Click Here



**Monday Morning Bible Study,**  
Every week, Doors open 6:15 a.m., Study 6:30-7:30 a.m.  
Bartula Family Life Center  
Welcome area

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study,**  
Tuesdays 7:30 - 9:30 a.m.,  
Room 2D, Bartula Family Life Center.

Led by Deloy Snow.

**Friday Morning Bible Study,**  
Twice a month, 6:30 a.m.,  
Shawver Welcome Center.  
Bring your Bible.

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

**United Methodist Women**

**April 5** – Morning Glory Circle, 10am, Room 203, Contact: Janet Moseley 972.235.0533

**April 6** – Hannah Circle, 7pm, Room 203, Contact: Glenda Hanks 972.231.2705

**April 7** – Susannah Circle, 10am, Room 209, Contact: Melanie Cottam 972.238.9720

**April 8** – Kaleidoscope (Teen) Circle, 6:30pm Room 208, Contact: Tina Graves 972.234.5550

**April 8** – Ruth Circle, 7pm, Contact: Candy Goehring 972.235.3883

**April 13, Noon,** Dr Ann Worth & the Lost Girls of Sudan, Free lunch, Reservations required through Church office, 972.235.8385. UMW is inviting everyone to come and listen to the stories of the Lost Girls of Sudan. They will also be selling bookmarks they have made and a love offering will be taken to benefit their education.

See also [www.fumcr.com/pages/UMW](http://www.fumcr.com/pages/UMW)

**We Welcome Our New Members!**



**1. Chris Shacklett** joins by transfer from another denomination, and **Anne** joins by profession of faith. Chris is a city planner with the City of Richardson, and Anne is a librarian with RISD. They have one son, Andrew, who is 2 yrs. old. **2. Elven Banzon** joins by transfer from another United Methodist church. He is a product tester with Best Buy. **3. Hun Mam** joins by transfer from another denomination. She is a physical therapist. **4. Lynn Lambert** joins by transfer from another denomination. She is a personnel specialist with the City of Richardson. **5. Ruth Hampton** joins by transfer from another denomination. She is an operations manager with Accenture. Ruth has a daughter Rachel who is a senior in college.

**Happy Birthday, Bill Mann**

Bill Mann, our resident Gospel Singer, will be 90 years young on April 11. Our church will celebrate his birthday by listening to him sing at all three worship services that day. He will also perform at The Gathering, April 11, at 1:00 p.m. Bill is often referred to as the "Golden Voice of Methodism". Bill leads the singing at two Sunday morning worship services at C. C. Young.

**Our Caring Community**  
In the hospital (as of 3/29):

Jason Huffman, Ann Diveley, Kathy Abe, Jeanne Bradford, Mildred Bruene

**Congratulations to:**

Kassie & Matt Halpin on the birth of twins Kate & Cade; Guy & Mary Blanchard on the birth of grandchildren, Kate & Cade; Terry & Kathleen Parsons on the birth of grandson William Thomas Parsons

**Those who have lost loved ones:**

Mary Frances Boyd on the death of her husband, Cliff; Kaye, Kurt & Savannah Johnson on the death of Kaye's mother, Savannah's grandmother; Janet & Miro Pavelka on the death of Janet's father; Dick Alford on the death of his wife, Libby; Laura, Andy, Brennen & Hannah Rush on the death of Laura's mother, Brennen & Hannah's grandmother; Bill, Terry & Allison Gardner on the death of Bill's father, Allison's grandfather; Lisa, Robert & Emily Grinsfelder on the death of Lisa mother, Emily's grandmother, Marge Eldridge; Julie Grinsfelder on the death of her grandmother; Amber, Jason & Lex Kimball on the death of Amber's sister; Glenda Kent on the death of her husband, Tom; The family of Crawford Winton on his death; Barbara & Bob Moxham on the death of Barbara's sister-in-law; The family of Lorenzo Fowler on his death; The family of Effie Ownby on her death.

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STEPHEN MINISTRY

**For Your Calendar – Special Events**

- April 4**, Easter Sunday Services, 7:00, 8:30, 9:45, and 11:00 a.m.
- April 5**, Church Offices Closed.
- April 6**, Garden Ministry, 7:00 p.m., Bartula Family Life Center, 2B. Two speakers from Wild Birds Unlimited will give presentation on attracting wild birds to backyards. Call 972.238.0527 for information.
- April 7**, Bridge Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. in BFLC, Room 2A. Beginners in Room 2C. Contact: Jimmie Mobley, [jmobley@fumcr.com](mailto:jmobley@fumcr.com) 972.567.8884 or [dfaulk@fumcr.com](mailto:dfaulk@fumcr.com). No reservations needed.
- April 7**, Cruise with Chancel Choir meeting, 6:30 p.m., Ogden Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.
- April 10**, A Thrilling Evening of Keyboard Masterpieces for Organ and Piano, 8:00 p.m., Sanctuary, Richardson Symphony with Anshel Brusilow conducting. Tickets at [www.fumcr.com](http://www.fumcr.com).
- April 11**, Bill Mann, gospel singer, 8:30, 9:45 and 11:00 a.m. services.
- April 11**, Coffee & Conversation for Newcomers, 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon, Shawver Welcome Center. Enjoy a cup of coffee and conversation with congregation members and staff.
- April 12**, The Gathering, Bartula Family Life Center, 9:30 a.m.: Games; 11:00 a.m.: Lecture series, The Trinity River Project; 12:15 p.m.: Luncheon, ham, vegetables, and cake; 1:00 p.m.: Entertainment, Bill Mann, our Golden Voice of Methodism.
- April 13**, The Lost Girls of Sudan, 12 noon, Shawver Welcome Center, \$3 luncheon, Sponsored by UMW. All women are invited.
- April 14**, Bridge Club, 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. in BFLC, Room 2A. Beginners in Room 2C. Contact: Jimmie Mobley, [jmobley@fumcr.com](mailto:jmobley@fumcr.com) 972.567.8884 or [dfaulk@fumcr.com](mailto:dfaulk@fumcr.com). No reservations needed.
- April 16, 17, & 23**, Amigos Days, Sign up in the Shawver Welcome Center. Outside minor repairs, scraping and painting a house for a homeowner in southeast Dallas. Lunch and drinks provided.
- April 25**, Cookie Caper.
- April 25**, Mary Preston Organ Recital, 6:30 p.m. Free admission. Reception following in Shawver Welcome Center.
- May 10**, Visual Arts Festival, Celebrating Creativity of the 60+ Crowd. Contact Linda Rodgers 972.235.5513.

**Thank You for Your Extravagant Generosity**

The Ark House Board of Directors and volunteers would like to say a special thank you to all who contributed to the March 7 communion offering which was designated for the benefit of Ark House. Your generosity is making it possible to expand our facilities to carry out the Ark House mission: "to provide low cost temporary housing to out of town patients and their families while undergoing extended medical treatment in the Dallas area." Ark House opens its 20th fully furnished apartment on April 1. Your contributions have been instrumental in making this happen. Thanks to all for your "extravagant generosity."

**Cruise with the Chancel Choir**

The Chancel Choir is planning a cruise to New England and Canada (Boston to Montreal) summer of 2011. Whether you're a singer or not, and this sounds like a trip that interests you, please join us on April 7, 6:30 p.m. in Ogden Fellowship Hall. A representative from Cruise Specialists will be on hand to make a presentation and answer your questions. If you've never traveled with the Chancel Choir, you don't know what you're missing! All are welcome.