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Everyday Disciples

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From the Pastor

"We are in a mission field," those were the words from our bishop at the Southwest Texas Annual Conference session in June. He went on to say that in every community, regardless of the economic situation or the population trends, there are people whose lives can be touched by the Good News of Jesus Christ.

In every congregation, there are people whose lives are touched by people who shared with them the love of Christ. They participate in the congregation through their prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. These people are burning brightly with love of God and of neighbor. They are the hands and feet of their Lord and King.

There are also those in every congregation whose love for God, as expressed in their faith journey, has grown cold. They have forgotten the joy that comes from living out their faith in the household of God. No longer do they share the Good News because, for them, the news no longer seems good and their fervor has long since been forgotten.

We are in a mission field. In Iraan. In McCamey. What we do matters because the love of God still matters, and we can and must share that good news with our friends, our relatives and our neighbors. Each of us has the responsibility to work with and to love our brothers and sisters, however brightly God's light shines in their lives.

Every single one of us, from the youngest to the oldest, is a missionary, an evangelist, a teacher and a student. I can't live your faith for you, only you can do that. What I can do is to walk with you and to share in the harvest in which our Lord has sent us to work. The time has come for the people called United Methodists in Iraan and McCamey to rise up, call upon the name of the Lord and to move out with purpose.

We are in a mission field. What you do next is up to you!

Every blessing, **Pastor Charles**

"As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your "prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness?" The United Methodist Book of Worship, p. 93

PRAYERS

Joys: The birth of a new nation, the South Sudan; dedication of wellness center's memorial fountain; the Carpenter's family; volunteers in the nursery; the sound of children in our churches; the church members who serve in our community; visits from friends and family; our guests in the worship services; Ashley, Abby & Jonah (McCamey) and Logan, Ayden, Trace & Tavin (Iraan) helping as ushers. For Bradley Ward's safe return from Iraq.

Concerns: For the families of Al Alexander, the Hickman's, Manuel Luna, Lee Kofstead, Kade Kothman, Diana McAnally, Russell Morris, Charles Rogers, and the Rodriguez's. For those responding to natural disaster; our need for rain. For Ryan Wiley in Dubai. For the people of Norway and Grand Prairie, Texas, who are in mourning.

Healing prayers: For Shirley Coomer Badgett, Jeannie Marie (West) Beck, Edna Earl Benton (Theodora Matthew's sister), Miley Barrandey, Tommy Bullard, Eddy Carpenter, Cleo Darby, Joanne Darby, Jonnie Dempsey, Verla Flading, Charles H., Greg Haggard, Jane Harrison (Claire Richardson's mom), Maxine Hyden, Billie McKenzie, Lois Ann McKenzie, Shane McKenzie, Billie Harris, Maylee Mahone, Joann N., Kathy Pearce, Helen Remy, Neil Sconiers, Doug Smith, Alfred Lee Teal, Henry White and Ronny Ward's grandson Colton.

PRESENCE

Average Weekly Worship Attendance

Iraan: 13 McCamey: 30
Convalescent Center: 24

*Average Weekly Faith
Formation Attendance*
Iraan: 8 McCamey: 10

GIFTS:

The August communion rail offering at FUMC – McCamey will go in support of the Rev. [Roy May](#) and his wife, the Rev. [Janet May](#), UMC missionaries in Costa Rica. The May's are teaching at the [Latin American Biblical University \(UBL\)](#) and are members of the Southwest Texas Conference.

Prayers, cont.:

Our church. Our youth. Our schools. Teachers/students. Athletes/coaches. Our country. Our leaders. Our military (and their family members). Countries fighting for freedom. Unspoken requests.

Please pray for those living and working on S. Harte St. and E. 2nd St. in Iraan and for those living on Shell Rd. and E. 8th St. in McCamey.

Please lift up the ministries of the Rev. Leigh Lloyd and the congregation of [Sonora UMC](#).



**First
United
Methodist
Church**

NURTURE – OUTREACH – WITNESS

**The Ministries of the
United Methodist Churches
in Iraan and McCamey**

Nurture Ministries

Worship in August

Sundays after Pentecost	August	SCRIPTURE LESSON	SERMON
Eighth Sunday	7	Romans 10:5-15	<i>“Happy feet”</i>
Ninth Sunday	14	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	<i>“The open door”</i>
Tenth Sunday	21	Romans 12:1-8	<i>“To whom it may concern”</i>
Eleventh Sunday	28	Romans 12:9-21	<i>“The real McCoy”</i>

UMC Quiz:

1. What was the Second Great Awakening and when did it take place?
2. Who was the first woman John Wesley authorized to preach?
3. Which documents form the foundation of doctrine for United Methodists?

The McCamey Ministerial Alliance is planning a community-wide worship service for the early evening of **September 11th**. This year marks the tenth anniversary of those tragic events which shook our country and indeed the world. Look for details in next month’s newsletters, Facebook, the blogs and the McCamey and Iraan/Rankin newspapers.



In July, we began our look at Cain (from Bad Boys of the Bible). We'll continue this study on August 13th, when we gather for breakfast at the church. We're looking for a few good men. Do you have what it takes to join us?



San Angelo District

United
Methodist
Women
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION



The UMW unit at First UMC decided to forego its July meeting and will meet next on August 8th at 7:00 p.m. at the Lester's house.

Please visit the [San Angelo District's UMW page](#) and get connected to the ladies of today's United Methodist Women!

UMC Quiz Answers

1. The [Second Great Awakening](#) was the dominant religious development among Protestants in America in the first half of the nineteenth century.
2. "In 1787, despite the objections of some of the male preachers, he [John Wesley] officially authorized Sarah Mallet to preach as long as she proclaimed the doctrines and adhered to the disciplines that all Methodist preachers were expected to accept." (John Wesley: Holiness of Heart and Life by Charles Yrigoyen, Jr.).
3. [The three basic documents](#) are: The Confession of Faith, The Articles of Religion, and [John] Wesley's Sermons and Notes on the New Testament.



Folks of all ages enjoy going to a baseball game... especially when it is with their church family! We had a blast with a group of nineteen at **UM night** on July 29th at the Rockhounds game!!!



McCamey UMC's on the Town:

Nineteen of us had a great time at our July supper at Elena's. Theodora Matthews won the door prize, a wooden puzzle from Cracker Barrel!

Next month: August 19th at Benoit's (starting at 6:00 p.m.)

"No muss – no fuss – no program!"



Iraan Fellowship



The August breakfast potluck will be on the 28th, starting at 8:30 a.m.



Our fellowship events (in both communities) are excellent opportunities to invite someone into a relationship with our Church families. There are people waiting to be invited by you. Who do you know that needs to be invited? Give a ride, make a call, email a reminder, stop by for a visit – but do it today!

Floats & Fellowship

We had a “cool” time following our worship service in McCamey on July 3rd! The first-ever “**Floats & Fellowship**” took place with ice cream floats and lots of smiles to go ‘round!!!



The United Methodist Men of the First UMC in McCamey are supporting the community food pantry located at the First Baptist Church (FBC).

Non-perishable donations can be brought to the church and placed in the large basket at the entrance between the sanctuary and the fellowship hall.

All items are needed; items shown in **bold print** are particularly needed.

Butter

Canned fruit

Canned meat (tuna, Spam, chicken, sausage, etc.)

Cereal

Cheese

Chili

Chip or crackers

Corn bread mix

Evaporated milk

Frozen foods

Jell-O

Juice – any kind

Meat (FBC has a freezer);

Oatmeal

Pancake mix & syrup

Powdered milk

Pudding mix

Soup; Sugar

Tomato sauce or paste

Contact FBC with any questions regarding the food pantry: [First Baptist Church of McCamey](#), 820 S. Burlison – (432) 652-8674.

Outreach



The NOMADS are coming to McCamey!

NOMADS (*Nomads on a Mission Active in Divine Service*) are scheduled to come to McCamey September 26 - October 13. They are looking for potential projects for the crew to tackle and for additional volunteers.

"NOMADS provide volunteer labor for United Methodist organizations. NOMADS demonstrate God's love through our work and by listening to the people with whom we work. We do new construction, remodeling, and repairs for churches, children's homes, camps, colleges, outreach missions and disaster recovery. Team members do maintenance, cleaning, painting, electrical, drywall, sewing, and flooring. With God's help, NOMADS pretty much do it all."

[- From the NOMADS website](#)

If you are able to help for all or part of their time in McCamey (September 26-October 13), please let Pastor Charles know by the end of August.

*What is the ministry to which you are being called to in McCamey and/or Iraan? The days of opening the church building doors and watching the people stream in are over. We are in a mission field. What is **your** mission?*

Witness

All God's People in
All Places,
And in
All Times,
Are Called to Love
And to Serve.



Ministry of the Laity

Lay ministry is at the core of every church. There is plenty of work to do. Every job is important, and every job is a personal ministry.

From teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir, helping in the nursery, preparing food for church receptions, serving as liturgists, committee work, evangelism, leading Bible studies, ushering, caring for the church property, handling the church's money and the hundred other jobs that we do, the laity serve God in big and small ways.

The Lay Speaking ministries, including that of Lay Minister, revolve around three broad categories: Caring, Leading and Communication.

Caring: "Jesus told him, 'Go and do likewise'". Luke 10:37. So ends the story of the good Samaritan and so begins our work as disciples. Or as James put it, "What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him?" James 2:14. The lay speakers combine their words with deeds and find ways to serve in their church and in the community.

Leading: "We have different gifts, according to the grace given us....; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently ..." Romans 12: 6-7. We must have well-trained, passionate and compassionate leaders in our church. Lay speakers hone their leadership skills and put them into action within the church.

Communication: "Moses said to the LORD, 'O Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue.' The LORD said to him, "Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the LORD? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say." Exodus 4:10-11.

Lay speakers teach, preach and generally carry the Good News to those who will hear. Our message is always based in the Scripture, guided by the Holy Spirit and delivered with our distinctive Wesleyan perspective.

A Lay Ministries session in being planned for the fall – are you in?

This prayer was written in the 1950's during an awful drought in Texas. The prayer was written by Father W. Schneider of St. Mary's in Fredericksburg, who also ministered at St. Francis Church in Stonewall. It has gone all over the world.



A Prayer for Rain

Almighty God, we are in need of rain.

We realize now, looking up into the clear, blue sky above, what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is. To think that so much water can fall out of the sky, which now is empty and clear! We place our trust in You. We are sure that You know our needs, but You want us to ask You anyway, to show You that we know we are dependent on You. Look on our dry hills and fields, dear God, and bless them with the living blessing of soft rain. Then the land will rejoice, and the rivers will sing Your praises, and the hearts of men will be glad. Amen.

Calendar

First UMC – Iraan

Each Sunday –

Fellowship Time @ 9:00 a.m.

Worship @ 9:30 a.m.

Church School @ 10:30 a.m.

Other events:

Ad Board – August 10,
6:00 p.m.

Potluck Breakfast –
August 28, 8:30 a.m.

Pastor Charles in Iraan –
August 3, 17, 24, 31

First UMC – McCamey

Each Sunday –

Fellowship Time @ 9:30 a.m.

Church School @ 10:00 a.m.

Worship @ 11:00 a.m.

Convalescent Center @ 1:00 p.m.

Each Thursday – Coffee @

Convalescent Center, 10:00 a.m.

Other events:

UMW – August 8 @ 7:00 p.m.

Ministerial Alliance – August 9,
Noon @ Benoit's

UMM – August 13 @ 7:30 a.m.

UMC Night Out, August 19

6:00 p.m. @ Benoit's

Trustees, August 21 @ 5:00 p.m.

Potluck, August 21 @ 5:30 p.m.

Ad Board, August 21 @ 6:00 p.m.

Sierra Vista UMC Presents...

Wesleyan scholar Dr. Billy Abraham (from SMU) will be at Sierra Vista UMC (San Angelo) on August 27, 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. with a must-see presentation. He'll be comparing and contrasting the early Wesleyan movement then and the UMC now. Let [Pastor Charles](#) know by the 21st if you are going.

Lay Ministries Training - The San Angelo District and Sierra Vista UMC (San Angelo) will be offering Lay Ministries training on August 13. If you're interested in attending, please let [Pastor Charles](#) know by August 7th.

Thankyou!

IRAAN

+Thanks to **Ayden** and **Logan** who did such an excellent job as our ushers. We are sorry to see them go so soon!

+Thanks to **Tavin** and **Trace** for serving as ushers in July.

+Thanks to **James & Deanna Jordan** for their efforts to improve the church building both inside and out!

McCAMEY

+Thank y'all so much for the ice cream supper. – **Cody Striegler**

+Thanks to **Cytha Peters, Belinda Alkula, Bill & Bobbie Lester and Roy & Alice Kephart** for their participation at the Convalescent Center services.

+To all the wonderful food angels at FUMC, Thank you so much for the delicious food provided to us after mother's graveside service. We appreciate your generosity and friendship. – **Family of Wanda Covill**

+Thank you for the beautiful wreath. Mother would have loved it; it was in her favorite colors. We appreciate your generosity during our time of grief. – **Family of Wanda Covill**

+Dear choir members, Thank you for your gift to the church in mother's name. What a wonderful way to remember her. Also, thank you for the beautiful songs you sang at her service. I was so pleased to hear that after 21 years away several of you remembered her. She and I sat next to each other at church. She sang alto – I sang soprano (I'm using the word 'sang' loosely as far as soprano goes). Every Sunday I would complain that she would throw me off on most hymns. Nevertheless – it was 'alto or bust!' Louise, you must have taught her that. Thank you again, **Sharon Willis**

+**The "Daily Bread Program" [San Angelo]** gratefully acknowledges your most generous donation of \$50.00. We will use this donation to help those in need. It helps us to help those in need at the "soup kitchen" who cannot help themselves.

+Thanks to **Ashley, Abby** and **Jonah** for serving as ushers last month.