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From the Pastor

*“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”
–Romans 1:7b*

Are you tired of the heat? If your answer is no, then good, there is more on the way. If your answer is yes, then pour yourself another glass of ice tea! There are questions like these which we must come to terms with over the course of our lives. Yes or no. Every decision leads to an action. And so it is in matters of faith.

On June 19th, we will begin reading from Paul’s letter to The Romans. Romans is perhaps the most logical and significant of the epistles Paul wrote and it is the only one written to a church Paul had not yet visited. It’s a great read and I recommend you enjoy reading it all the way through, not just the snippets you will be hearing during our summer worship times. In it Paul lifts up to the church God’s righteousness as it is revealed to us in Christ Jesus.

There were decisions Paul expected his readers in Rome to make: living faith vs. dead faith; living works vs. dead works; good vs. evil; righteousness vs. unrighteousness; natural vs. unnatural; faithfulness vs. unfaithfulness. These are the same decisions we Christians in McCamey and Iraan are expected make as well. Over the course of the summer we will examine the Epistle of Paul to the Romans and just maybe make some decisions about ourselves.

There are markers along our journey this summer – Ascension Sunday, Pentecost, and Trinity Sunday announce where we are on our faith journey. Father’s Day, July 4th, and Labor Day tell us where our society says we have come.

This summer you will have many choices to make. Some will impact only you in insignificant ways. Other choices could very well have long-lasting ramifications on the lives on other people. As we journey through time and space, let us remember that everything we do is evangelism. Everything relates to our faith and our God.

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

Concerns: Family of Billie Reaves; Joanne Darby's mom; Jonnie Dempsey, Verla Flading, Greg Haggard, Kade Kothman, Maylee Mahone, Helen Remy, Neil Schoniers, Alfred Lee Teal, Kathy Pierce, Bradley Ward, and Ryan Wiley. Those responding to natural disasters, our need for rain. Lois Ann McKenzie's mother and aunt; the family and friends of Wanda Covill, Bob Helzer, and Bill Buckbey.

Joys: Edd Carpenter's uncle's 100th birthday; The Jordan's 1-year old grandson in Arizona was baptized; the Witcher's twin grandsons in NC were baptized; Cytha's twin granddaughters were baptized at FUMC-McCamey; All of the wonderful folks who brought treats to the FUMC-Iraan fellowship time; Everyone associated with this time of graduations and changes; Blessings for the soon-to-be "empty nesters."

Please pray for those living and working on S. Hill Street and E 8th Street in Iraan and for those living on Llano Street and Brazos Street in McCamey.

Please lift up the ministries of the Rev. Carrie Land and the United Methodists in Melvin and Eden (Texas).

PRESENCE

Average Weekly Worship Attendance

Iraan: 17 McCamey: 38

Convalescent Center: 21

Average Weekly Faith

Formation Attendance

Iraan: 10 McCamey: 12

GIFTS:

The communion rail offering at First UMC – McCamey will go this month in support of Peace with Justice Sunday.

The 1988 General Conference established [Peace with Justice Sunday](#) as the first Sunday after Pentecost to give churches a single, more convenient date for the offering and a name that clearly identifies the ministries it supports.

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We give to support the work of the local church and to support the work of the Gospel of Jesus Christ around the world. If you are traveling this summer, please remember to give your support before you go.

### UMC QUIZ:

1. When is Pentecost celebrated?
2. Why is *Peace with Justice Sunday* observed in UM congregations?
3. Who are the Lay Members to Annual Conference from McCamey & Iraan?



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**NURTURE – OUTREACH – WITNESS**

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

# Nurture Ministries

|                                          | <b>June</b> | <b>SCRIPTURE<br/>LESSON</b> | <b>SERMON</b>                 |
|------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Ascension Sunday</b>                  | <b>5</b>    | Acts 1:6-14                 | <i>The never-ending story</i> |
| <b>PENTECOST</b>                         | <b>12</b>   | I Corinthians<br>12:3b-13   | <i>Jesus is Lord</i>          |
| <b>Trinity Sunday</b><br>(Father's Day)  | <b>19</b>   | II Corinthians<br>13:11-13  | <i>All the saints</i>         |
| <b>Second Sunday<br/>after Pentecost</b> | <b>26</b>   | Romans 6:12-23              | <i>The gift of God</i>        |

**The Ascension** is the observance of the ascension of Jesus, forty days following the resurrection. Ten days later, on **Pentecost**, the church was born when the Holy Spirit came as Jesus had promised.

On the 19<sup>th</sup>, we'll celebrate the reality of the **Trinity**, another great opportunity to welcome guests to worship with us.

**The season after Pentecost:**

This season, under various names, including Kingdomtide, follows the Easter season and the feasts of Easter, Ascension, and Pentecost.

This is the longest season on the church calendar. In 2011, the Season after Pentecost has twenty-three Sundays, concluding on Christ the King Sunday (falling on Nov. 20).

**Billie Reaves**, a member of the First UMC in McCamey for 65 years, died at her residence in Conyers, Georgia on May 27<sup>th</sup>. A memorial service will be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the First UMC in McCamey. Interment will take place at 3:00 p.m. at the Fairmount Cemetery in San Angelo (also on June 3).

## The United Methodist Women (UMW)

The May meeting was a wonderful gathering with mothers and daughters coming together for supper and a program about Pentecost.

The program was presented by Pastor Charles who shared some of the items he has in his study which reflect our faith from around the world. Among the items were New Testaments in Cherokee, Cornish, Dutch, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Italian, Korean, Spanish, Swedish, Welsh, and British short-hand. We had fun trying to locate Acts, chapter 2!



***The next meeting will  
take place on June 13<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:00 p.m.***



The May gathering of the UMM took place on May 7<sup>th</sup> with three men present. Thanks to Jim Witcher for providing the pancake breakfast!

**On June 4<sup>th</sup>, we'll be meeting at the "Cowboy breakfast" at Sante Fe Park at 8:00 a.m.**



**McCamey UMC's on the Town:** We had a great time at our May supper - Maurine Jacobsen won the "door prize," a copy of the McCamey Chamber of Commerce cookbook!

**Next month: June 17<sup>th</sup> at Benoit's**  
*"No muss – no fuss – no program!"*



### **UMC Quiz Answers:**

1. [Pentecost Sunday](#), the seventh Sunday after Easter, is **one of the greatest mission festivals of the Christian year**. Pentecost is also linked to baptism and rebirth in Christ. In many congregations, individuals confess their faith and join the church on Pentecost. Celebrated on June 12<sup>th</sup> this year.
2. When you give to [Peace with Justice Sunday](#), you support ministries in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the United States and worldwide to remove unjust systems and equip the victimized to live more fulfilled lives.
3. First UMC - Iraan will be represented by James Jordan while First UMC – McCamey will be represented by Jim Witcher.

# Iraan Fellowship



We are blessed to have a fellowship that really likes being together! Each Sunday morning before the worship service, the gathering in the kitchen and fellowship hall is alive with good conversation, laughter, and some tasty treats!



The June fellowship breakfast potluck will be on the 26<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 a.m.

The following were recognized on **Heritage Sunday** (May 22) during the worship service at First UMC – Iraan (with years as First UMC member shown):

**Seventy years:** Wanda Morrow – 76; Dorliss Brewer – 72

**Sixty years:** Josephine Lanehart – 67; Thanda White – 60

**Fifty years:** Wanda Carpenter – 56; Rick Rylander – 52; Christina Franks – 50; Dr. Edwin Franks – 50; Cindy Lutz – 50

**Thirty years:** Anita Smith – 38; Lawrence Schneider – 37; Pat Schneider – 37; Randy Schneider – 37; Mary Rylander – 36; Dottie Mann – 35; Lee Mann – 35; Marie Richardson – 35; Jim Schneider – 35; Karen Schneider – 35; Evans Turpin – 34; Suzanne Franks – 31

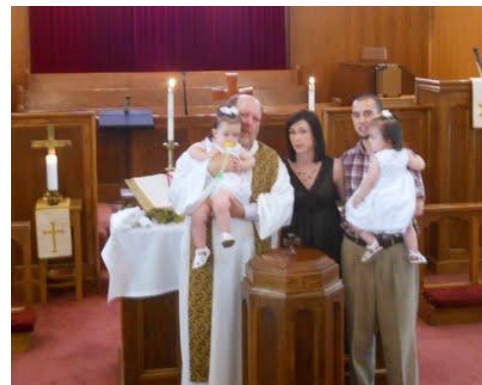
**Twenty years:** Eddie Aishman – 24; Sheree Aishman – 24; Brian Lutz – 22; Norman Lutz – 22

**Ten years:** Callie Jo Allen – 11; Cecil Gentry – 18; Drew Rylander – 17; Edd Carpenter – 15; Brent Lutz – 15; Cathy Allen – 11; Brandon Gentry – 11; Cullie Gentry – 11; Kirke McKenzie – 11; Lois Ann McKenzie – 11; Blake Andrews – 10; Jerry Andrews – 10

### ***Heritage Sunday in McCamey***

We had an exciting Heritage Sunday service at the First UMC – McCamey with members being recognized for their commitment to the gospel (the names are in last month's newsletter).

We were also blessed with two baptisms! The twin daughters of Andrew and Robin Dillon, **Elliott** and **Stella** were welcomed into the household of faith through the sacrament of baptism. The girls were presented with baby quilts made especially for the occasion by Phyl Holmead (a former parishioner of Pastor Charles from Scottsbluff, Nebraska).







***First Baptist Church in Iraan*** (501 S. Harte Street) is offering another exciting edition of Vacation Bible School (VBS)! The dates for this year's VBS are June 13 – 17 starting at 6:00 p.m. each day. On the 17<sup>th</sup>, parents and friends are invited to share in the festive conclusion to the week.

Once again, First UMC in Iraan will be hosting a portion of the VBS activities in our fellowship hall. Please contact Cathy Sellers if you are able to assist with the VBS ministry this year. Additional information is available from the First Baptist Church by calling 639-2344.

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First Baptist Church in McCamey (820 S. Burleson St.) is offering to the community a VBS program, June 6 – 10, 9:00 a.m. – Noon. Please contact Tandy Adams at the First Baptist Church, 652-8674, for more information.

Outreach

Iraan Senior's Lunch!

The annual lunch provided by the First UMC in Iraan took place on May 4th. Thirty-one students plus faculty and staff from Iraan High School plus First UMC members took part in this annual offering to the community. Pastor Charles read Dr. Seuss' book, *"Oh, the Places You Will Go"* to the students who really got into the spirit of the day, contributing some nifty sound effects!



Thirty-one soon-to-be graduates of Iraan High School posed with Pastor Charles following the lunch. What a great group and who can look back on this gathering with smiles on their faces!



McCamey Senior's "Ice Cream Social"

The annual 'ice cream social' was held in the First UMC fellowship hall on May 18th with a lively turn-out on hand for delicious ice cream and other treats for the soon-to-be graduates of McCamey High School. Thirty students, faculty and UMC members turned out to enjoy the celebration!



(top): Jean Myrick, Debbie White, Bobbie Lester and Gloria Odom enjoy serving the ice cream!

(middle left): Yum!

(middle right): Mary Witcher passes out the graduation mementos to the seniors.

(bottom left): Pastor Charles reads "Oh, the places you will go!" to the seniors.

Witness



Members of the First UMC in McCamey took part in the 60th observance of the National Day of Prayer on May 5th. Pastor Charles took part in the program, offering a prayer for the rain which we so desperately need in this area.

**Remember:
Everything you do is evangelism.**



The **2011 Baccalaureate Service** took place in the McCamey High School auditorium on May 22nd. This event is sponsored each year by the McCamey Ministerial Alliance (MMA). Pastor Charles (MMA president), Donna Wiley (senior's slide show), and Cytha Peters (piano) represented the First UMC – McCamey during the service.

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:

Vacation Bible School –

June 13 – 17, 6:00 p.m.

Ad Board – June 15, 6:00 p.m.

Potluck Breakfast –

June 26, 8:30 a.m.

Pastor Charles in Iraan –

June 1, 6, 13, 20

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 Wednesday – Choir @

7:00 p.m.

Each Thursday – Coffee @

Convalescent Center, 10:00 a.m.

Other events:

Billie Reaves Memorial

Service – June 3 @ 10:00 a.m.

UMM – June 4 @ 8:00 a.m. @ the
Cowboy Breakfast, Sante Fe Park

UMW – June 13 @ 7:00 p.m.

Ministerial Alliance – June 15,
Noon @ Benoit's

UMC Night Out @ Benoit's,
June 17 @ 6:00 p.m.

Trustees, June 19 @ 5:00 p.m.

Potluck, June 19 @ 5:30 p.m.

Ad Board, June 19 @ 6:00 p.m.



The 2011 session of the Annual Conference will take place in Corpus Christi, June 8-11. The theme is [“Creating a Culture of Growth.”](#)

Please lift up in prayer the members of the Annual Conference, lay and clergy alike each day during this time.

Thank You Notes

IRAAN

* **The annual lunch for seniors** was a big success. Thanks to Cathy Allen, Blake Andrews, Wanda Carpenter, and Deanna Jordan, Lee Mann, Kirke McKenzie, Marie Richardson and Evans Turpin for contributing food and their time.

*Thanks to everyone who brings treats for our **weekly fellowship time** and for our **monthly breakfast potluck!**

*Thanks to the Trustees for making the church look so good! **The landscaping improvements** being made to the south entrance are a big plus!

*Thank you for all your help and for your thoughtfulness. Thank you very much for the senior lunch, I enjoyed it. Love, **Adriana Martinez**

MCCAMEY

*Thanks to the following for contributing their gifts of food items and/or their time to support our hospitality ministry for the **Wanda Covill funeral dinner:** Ruthie Andrews, Gary Elliott, Maurine Jacobsen, Bobbie & Bill Lester, Dollie Lynch, Theodora Matthews, Billie Mitchell, Jean Myrick, Gloria Odom, Sherri Phillips, Lou Ann Watson, and Mary & Jim Witcher.

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

*Thanks to following for making **the annual ice cream social** a big success: Belinda Alkula, Alice Kephart, Bobbie & Bill Lester, Billie Mitchell, Jean Myrick, Gloria Odom, Debbie White, and Mary Witcher.

*Thanks to **Ashley Ricks** for her help on Sunday mornings in the worship service. Pastor Charles really appreciates it a lot!

*Thanks to **Mary Witcher** and **Billie Mitchell** for their work in making the fellowship hall so inviting.

*Thanks to **Mike Sherrod** for keeping our pianos at the church and convalescent center in tune!

Dear Congregations, **The Lattimer family** would like to thank you for your donation to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home in honor of Charlotte Lattimer. Her concern for the welfare of children will continue. Many thanks, Bonnie Lattimer.

(Charlotte Lattimer was Pastor Charles' Sunday school teacher at the First UMC in Largo, Florida. He made a donation in memory of Mrs. Lattimer in honor of both congregations)