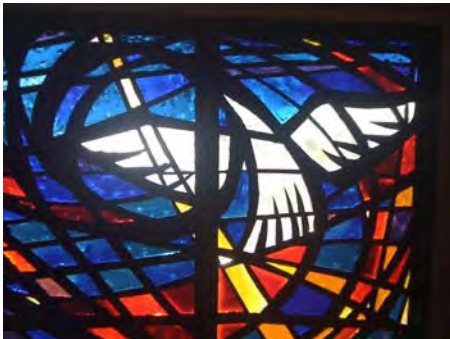


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Holy Covenant UMC Newsletter

Seek with God's heart **Grow** in God's word **Serve** all God's people

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June 17, 2011

From Pastor Andy



What is Truth?

In John's Gospel, chapter 18 verses 33-38, Pontius Pilate questions Jesus. The Jewish leaders wanted Jesus to be put to death, but they were not allowed to do so by their own laws. So, they put Pilate in the unenviable position of passing judgment on Jesus.

After some banter, in which Jesus speaks about the kingdom of God, which "is not from this world," Jesus says that he was born and came into this world in order to testify to the truth. Pilate responds by asking, "What is truth?"

As I read about Pilate posing this question, I imagine him feeling genuinely disoriented and confused. Who should he believe? Jesus, this strange and charismatic prophet from Nazareth? The Jews and their claims that Jesus is dangerous and distorting their ancient religion? His own religious traditions, which fly in the face of the Jews' singular God? His wife's wisdom, who urges him to have nothing to do with this seemingly local controversy? Who should Pilate believe? What is the truth?

Without an anchor of conviction - without unwavering faith in Something solid- Pilate helplessly is "tossed to and fro" by the churning surf of clashing opinions (Ephesians 4:14). I think many of us in our postmodern world can recognize Pilate's disorientation and confusion. Who do we believe? What is truth? What keeps us from being bounced about and spun around and around, subject to the most powerful waves in the sea of opinions at the moment?

Children's Ministry

Kids' Sunday School



Classes for Toddlers through 5th Grade at 9:45 am!

Sunday School will BEE fun with Buzz!

Learn to know Jesus, feel his love, and have a friendship with him!



**Vacation Bible School
2011 - PANDAMANIA!!**

PandaMania is coming to Holy Covenant July 11-15!

If you would like to help, please contact Jana Jones jjones@hcumc.org or Tatum Curry tatumtoney@hotmail.com.

Register online until June 27!

Visit our VBS display to sign up to volunteer or find ways to donate items.

A volunteer training will be held on Sunday, June 26 at 12:15 pm.

Join us for Work Week - July 5-8 from 9:00-12:00.

Youth Ministry

UMYF Summer Calendar

July 3-9 - Jr High Mission trip to Gore, OK

July 5-16- Helpers needed before and during VBS

July 24-30 - Sr High Mission trip to Slidell, LA

Aug 1-5 - Fine Arts Week helpers needed! 9 to 12

Aug 7 - Rough Riders Game, 5-10 pm

Aug 8-13 - Youth week, various evening activities

Aug 21 - Fall kickoff, 6-8pm

Adult Ministry

What makes Christians unique is that we confidently answer these questions with a name - Jesus. Jesus came to reveal "the Father's heart" (John 1:18). In Jesus, "the fullness of God was please to dwell" (Colossians 1:19). Claiming that Jesus is the key to unlocking the door to truth or the anchor that keep us from drifting out to sea does not easily settle every debate and answer every question. But, it does provide us with a clear starting point.

As Christians, Jesus is our given. We want to know what he said. We want to understand his teachings about our relationships with God and one another. We want to grasp what made him tick, because we believe that his words and his life open the door to Truth.

What is truth? For Christians, the quest for answers begins with studying about and, even more importantly, knowing and following Jesus.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Andy Lewis

First to the Lord

**Commitment
Sunday
June 19**



Summer Lunch Program

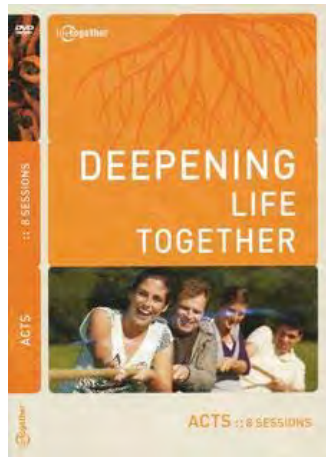
When caring hearts meet willing hands,
volunteers are created . . .
. . . and great things are accomplished

Holy Covenant volunteers are feeding children in our Covenant



Center Monday - Friday through Aug. 19. Nutritious meals are served to children 18 and younger, at no cost to participating families or us.

If you volunteered last year, we hope you will sign up again this summer. If you didn't, we hope you will consider it this year. If your time and talents do not allow you to physically help, we are



Summer Study of Acts

You are invited this summer to take part in an exciting new study of the book of Acts. Through the bold witness of the first Christians, the gospel spread throughout the world. God used ordinary men and women to do the extraordinary. What is God calling you to do? Deepening Life Together helps answer these questions and many more. Each session guides you deeper into the Scriptures, with provocative insights from renowned scholars at leading Christian institutions. Perfect for Bible "veterans" and for those new to Bible study, this DVD-based series will improve your worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry, and mission. The class will meet on Sundays from 6:00 - 7:30 PM in room 213. The class will meet for 8 sessions beginning on June 19th. The books are \$7 each. To sign up, please contact Gary Feltner at 972-394-9798 or sign up in the narthex over the next few Sundays. We'd love to have you join us!

in need of prayer for our volunteers and those we serve. Register at www.hcumc.org to volunteer.

Rev. Debbie Chapman Elected to Jurisdictional Conference 2012

At the North Texas Conference Annual Conference meeting this past week (June 6 and 7), Rev. Debbie Chapman was elected to Jurisdictional Conference to be held in Oklahoma City, July 18-22, 2012. States in our Jurisdiction are Nebraska, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Texas, Kansas, Arkansas, Louisiana and Missouri. The Jurisdictional Conference meeting agenda is primarily to choose new Bishops and enact legislation put forth at General Conference. Debbie is a part of the North Texas delegation (one of 12 clergy elected along with 3 alternates), which means she will also attend General Conference in Tampa for two weeks, April 24 - May 4, 2012. The General Conference includes United Methodists from all over the world and is the body that amends our Book of Discipline. According to Mary Mitchell Trimble, Debbie is the first person from Holy Covenant to be elected to serve in this way while serving Holy Covenant. We do have past clergy that have served on the delegation, including Kathleen Baskin Ball, who served as chair of the delegation in 2008, Pat Beghtel Mahle and Bishop Scott Jones. In addition, it was a pleasant surprise that two Deacons got on the delegation, a first for our Conference!



Debbie is in awe, very excited, and humbled to be elected by the clergy of the North Texas Conference. The North Texas delegation does not go along for the ride. They are known for making a difference at General Conference. She covets your prayers and is proud to represent Holy Covenant in this way.

Cheerleading Camp

Music Ministry



**Fine Arts Week 2011
August 1-5, 2011
Children will present
"HEAVEN'S KITCHEN"**

A musical about junior chefs cooking up sweet songs of praise.

Classes in guitar, keyboard, handbells, art and more!

For children who have completed Kindergarten through 5th grade.

\$20.00 per child, no more than \$30.00 per family.

Adult and Youth helpers needed. Contact Ryan Baumgardner, ryloba@verizon.net.



Advocates for Peace & Justice

As a follow-up/continuation of our series on the church's views on homosexuality:

- To follow-up on the session with Dr. Holbert:

- Audio recordings of the Dr. Holbert



FREE CHEERLEADING CAMP
COME JOIN THE FUN!



Saturday
June 25, 2011
10:00 - 12:00

Kids K - 6th Grade
All skill levels!
Snack lunch provided.

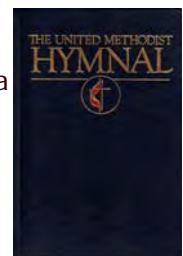
Sign up sheets in Narthex or register online.
Please register by June 20.
For more information, contact:
Georgia Harrison at gharrison@hcumc.org or
Cindy Baucom at 972-492-2590 or
visit HCUMC.org



Holy Covenant United Methodist Church, 1091 E. Peters Colony, Carrollton, TX 75007
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Honor a Loved One With a Hymnal Dedication

If you would like to purchase a hymnal for Holy Covenant, you may do so in honor or in memory of a loved one. Simply fill in a donation slip in the narthex with the names for the name plate that will appear in the front of the hymnal. Cost is \$20 and you can place your payment in the collection plate.



2011 Youth Mission Trips

session are available.

- Prior speaking engagements can be viewed on YouTube by searching on Dr. Holbert and Bible Does not Tell Me So

- There are multiple copies of the movie ' For the Bible Tells Me So ' for those that haven't seen it or would like to see it again.

For more information, please contact Kathy Amos kamos5675@yahoo.com.

ECDP

ECDP Happenings



We will begin the new school year on August 29 with the opening of a new library for the ECDP children. We already have a teacher library available for classroom use. Our new library will be for the children to explore. Thanks to the fundraising efforts of our Parent Support Organization as well as some generous donations by our parents, we are off to a great start! We will be able to paint the room, purchase furniture and bookshelves, and buy lots of new



Junior High Mission Trip
Circle of Care Boy's Ranch
July 3-9, 2011
7th & 8th Graders
Gore, Oklahoma

Senior High Mission Trip
July 24-30, 2011

9th-12th Graders
Slidell, Louisiana



Sign Up TODAY!
 Contact Georgia for more information: gharrison@hcumc.org

Project Transformation



July 18-21

You are invited to be a part of the Project Transformation Summer Program. This summer Holy Covenant volunteers will be listening to children grades 1-5 read from 9:30-Noon, July 18-21, 2011 at the Chapel Hill UMC location. The church is located at 12411 Templeton Trail in Farmers Branch. Background checks are required for those over 17 years of age. Forms are available in the

church office. For more information please contact: Georgia Harrison gharrison@hcumc.org or Mary Jane VanHorne mjj1128@verizon.net

books. The ECDP families have been donating books as well in honor of their children and/or the ECDP teachers. We are very excited about this project!

Worship + 2



**2011 Confirmands-
Katherine Fink,
McKenzie Starr
& Peyton Ricks**

Worship: 11:00
+1 (Cell): Confirmation
+2 (Call): Harvey's Kids,
Austin Street, youth choir

**Sunday Worship
Schedule**

8:30 and 11:00 am
Worship Services
9:45 am
Sunday School for all ages

Staff

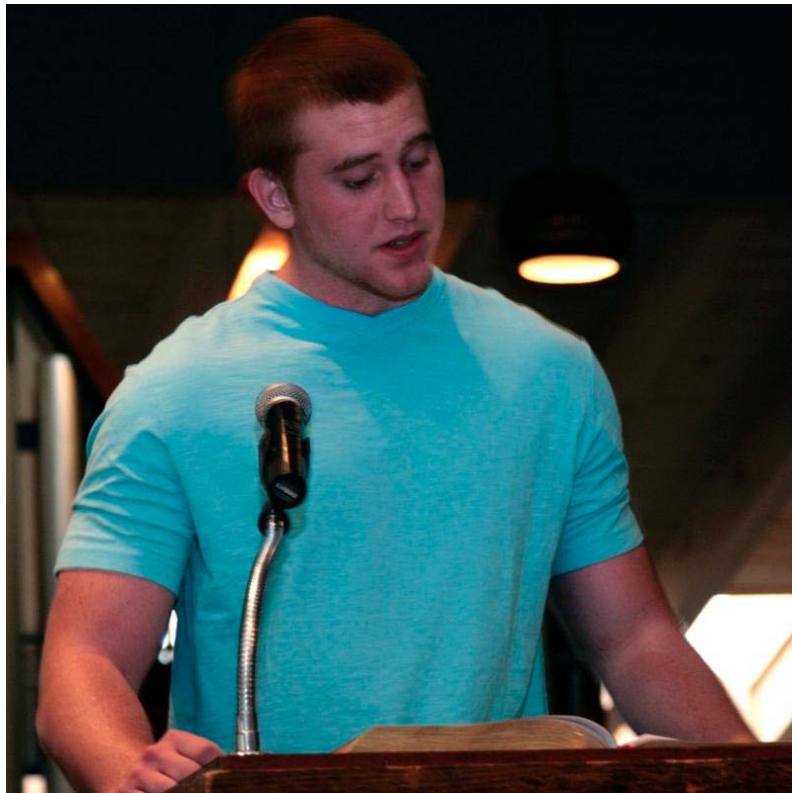
- Rev. Andy Lewis**, Senior Pastor
- Rev. Debbie Chapman**, Associate Pastor, Music Ministries
- Rev. Wendy Curran**, Associate Pastor, Spiritual Formation
- Jana Jones**, Children's Minister
- Georgia Harrison**, Youth Minister
- Sheryl Toney**, ECDP Director
- Carol Jones**, Bookkeeper
- Elise Webb Odell**, Administrative Assistant

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Senior Sunday, 2011



The Martin family; Hugh Dixon; Linda & Michael Miller; Stephen Ministry leaders; Rosemary Stierhoff; Cris Hinkley and Dot Molencupp; John & Rachel Heathington; Jaynie Ayoub; Joni Taylor; Dick Ellis; Jessica and Philip Stallings; Brenda McMurtrey; Ed Webb; Donna Hatter's daughter; Gene Blassingame; Patrick Connelly; Linda Hoovler; Nita Sharp; Sharon and Ken Fox Sr.; Joe Worthington; Mike Partridge and family; Virgil Ronning; David Ross; Quentin & Melanie Martin; Josephine Anderson; Jim McKee's sister, Cyndi Benedict; Scott Curry's mother, Jeanne; Claudia Buntyn; Marcus Oakley; John & Elizabeth Rudolf; John Michael; Sheila Anderson; Stephanie Flangin; Bill Anderson; DoReen Burbidge; Azlynn and John Hooper; Larie Engles' mother; Jak Kinder; Philip Sorrell; Susan and Jay Graham; Nicki & Don Luce & family; Amy & Eric Bresie; Sandy Serifin; Verne & Dorlis Glass; Sandie & Mark Loudermilk; Doug Jones' brother Jeff; Ray Rivera; Rachel Herrera; Brooke Johnston; Diane Bullock; Dave Erickson; Haley Roberts; Joy & Scott Leiding & family; Dale Bryan & family; David Zepf; Cindy Fergesen; Noel Tardy; Jeannie Deringer; Arthur Alaniz and family; Bill Hill; Jay & Kathy Cash; Rosie Alexander; Kate Bushmann; Jess Beltran; Jan Rollins; Annabella



Chan; Rick Clement; Lisa Tenore; Vic Anderson; Jon Broom; Barbara Boothe; David Fettke; the Staab family; the Hickman family; the Dooley family; Jackie Franklin and family; Anna Hixon, friend of Kim Eaves; Ann Michelle King; Jon Broom; Huffman family; the Pifer family; the Bailey family; and the Witcher family.

Our loved ones in the military

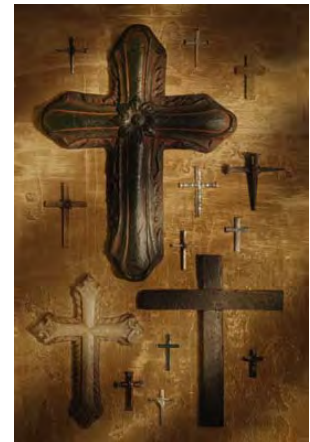
Trevor Baucom, Precious Blackman, Jeff Christie, Sean Connelly, Tim Connelly, CJ Davidson, Collin Fender, Zach Glass, David Hunt, Oscar Jasso, Christopher Loughry, Marco Mastrogiovanni, Kevin Merritt, Brand Oakley, Jake Oliver, Ashton Rudolf, Ashley Wert, C.J. Westmoreland, Brad Wethington, & Jeremy Whiteside.



Prayer Corner

by Laurence Hull Stookey

God of grace,
 You sent the promised gift of the Holy Spirit
 upon the apostles and the women,
 upon Mary the mother of Jesus and
 upon his brothers.
 Fill your church with power,
 kindle flaming hearts within us,
 and cause us to proclaim your mighty works
 in every tongue, that all may call on you
 and be saved; through Jesus
 Christ our Lord. Amen.



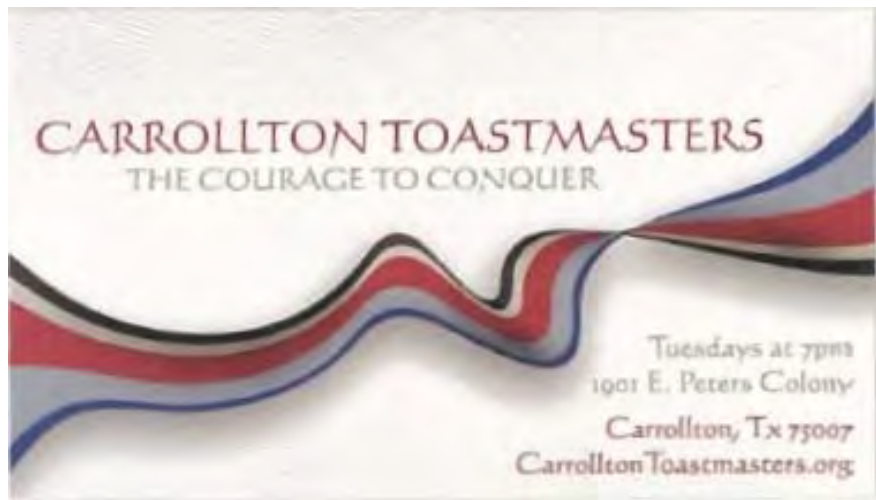



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Piano Lessons at Holy Covenant!



Jonathan Kaan is teaching piano lessons at Holy Covenant. You can contact Jonathan at jkaan@dcccd.edu or at 972-505-1833 for more information. Jonathan graduated with honors from Baylor University with a Masters Degree in Piano Pedagogy and Performance.

Our Vision -

Connecting with our neighbors,
caring for our earth,
finding transformation through the love of Christ.

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