



Meet here at the church on April 2nd at 8:30 am in the Family Life Center. Breakfast tacos will be provided for those who come out and help.



**Birdies For Jesus**  
Our annual Birdies for Jesus golf tournament is coming soon. This year's tournament is scheduled for Saturday, May 14th. Entry forms will be coming soon. If you would like to volunteer to help in some way or for more information contact Larry Adams at 210-844-4700.

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: 8:30 & 11:00 AM  
SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS: 9:45 AM  
CHILDCARE MINISTRIES: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM MON-THUR  
CROSSFIRE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: 6:30 PM WEDNESDAY  
BISHOP: JAMES DORFF  
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT: Carl Rohlf  
PASTOR: Harry Kahl  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Jerry Goodridge  
Associate Pastor: Cyndi Weidner  
ADMIN. ASSISTANT: Kathy Balcar  
YOUTH MINISTER: Javier Rios  
FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Sandra Ingle  
CHILDCARE DIRECTOR: Kim Bachman  
Wesley Nurse: Cheryl Cardenas  
Choir Director: Randy Cobb  
CUSTODIAL: DAVID & DAWN CARR

**SCRIPTURE & SERMON FOR March, 2011**

Date: March 6, 2011(Holy Communion)  
Sunday: 9th Sunday after the Epiphany  
Transfiguration of the Lord  
Title: With Jesus Epiphany Happens  
Scripture: 2 Peter 1:16-21  
Preacher: Pastor Harry

Date: March 13 12, 2011 (Scouts Sunday)  
Sunday: 1st Sunday in Lent  
Title: From Comfort Zone to Victory Lane  
Scripture: Romans 12:1-8  
Preacher: Debbie Patrick

Date: March 20, 2011  
Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Lent  
Title: TBA  
Scripture: TBA  
Preacher: Don Miller

Date: March 27, 2011  
Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Lent  
Title: Instrument of God  
Scripture: Exodus 17:1-7  
Preacher: Pastor Jerry

**If you have used Bibles laying around. Bring them to the office. Vicky Mock is sending them to troops overseas.**

**The Vision Of LVUMC:**  
*To Love God, Self & You*

**The Mission Of LVUMC:**  
*To Serve, Share and Offer Christ*

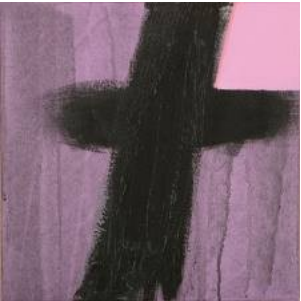


**La Vernia United Methodist Church**  
March 2011



**Ash Wednesday Distribution of Ashes and Services In the Chapel 6 am-7:30am and 7 pm**

**Sacrificial Love:**  
In the Western Christian calendar, Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent and occurs forty days before Easter (excluding Sundays). It falls on a different date each year, because it is dependent on the day of Easter; it can occur as early as February 4 or as late as March 10. Ash Wednesday gets its name from the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of the faithful as a sign of repentance. This year Ash Wednesday is March 9th and Easter is April 24th. We will observe the imposition of



Ashes this year both in the morning, afternoon and evening. From 6:00—7:30 AM and 11:30am to 1 pm on 3-9-11 people can Stop by the Chapel to have ashes placed on their forehead before they go to work. Then at 7:00 PM there will be a brief service of imposition of ashes. During Lent some people follow the tradition of giving up something they like a lot, as an act of sacrificial living for Jesus Christ, such as he gave up his life on the cross, so that we might have the assurance of eternal life.

*Attention Ladies of LVUMC  
The La Vernia United Methodist Women  
Invite you to a*

**Relaxation & Wellness Event**  
**Day: March 26th, 2011**  
**Time: 9:00 am-1:00 pm**  
**Where: LVUMC Family Life Bldg**

**To Make your reservation please call Sheri Taggart 830-779-2838**

- Food
- Free Childcare
- Reservation Required
- Pampering from head to toe
- Relax
- Health Information

**God is Love**

**Easter Passion Play**

The "God Is Love" Ministry will be presenting an Easter passion play on Thursday, April 14, Friday, April 15, and Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM at the La Vernia United Methodist Church sanctuary. The admission will be free. This Christian musical drama will be depicting the ministry of Jesus that led up to his death, resurrection and ascension into heaven. This 16 scene play will offer songs from various artists to include several exciting dance scenes never seen before that will bring joy to your heart. Come and see this wonderful play – you will be glad that you did. For more information contact Chris Thomas, 210-279-8412. Hope to see you there!



## The Witness of True Love Waits

On Saturday, February 5, CrossFire Student Ministry, under the direction of Javier Rios, along with the adult sponsors offered the True Love Waits Seminar for teenagers in our community.

Forty-two young people attended and 39 took the commitment pledge as follows: **“Believing that true love is pure, I join with these students in committing to a lifestyle of purity. I make a commitment to God, myself, my family, and my community of faith, to abstain from pornography, impure touching and conversations, and sex outside a biblical marriage relationship from this day forward.”** On Sunday evening, February 20, most of those who made commitments participated in a ring ceremony with their parents in attendance in our sanctuary.

We read scriptures from Song of Solomon 2:8-17 and 1 Corinthians 7:1 – 7, which talked about the gift of sexuality from God and St. Paul’s admonition to wait and keep one’s body sacred since it is the Temple of the Holy Spirit. We also read from the Social Principles in the United Methodist Book of Discipline that talks about the sacred gift of God’s sexuality which is to be confined within the bonds of marriage. Each participant came forward with a ring presented to them by their parents to wear on their wedding finger until such day as they exchanged it for their real wedding ring. When others inquire about it they will testify about the commitment they have made.

After the ceremony we moved to the Family Life Building where we had a reception and took pictures of the whole group, and then individually with family members similar to a graduation ceremony. We want each to remember this day.

Some may scoff at this type of ceremony and commitment as being unrealistic, That may be true in the secular world which portrays sexuality so casually and carelessly that teenagers have no reason to wait, but in the Christian faith and fellowship we have a higher standard set by our Lord. He proclaimed that standard, when he said, “Be ye therefore perfect, as your heavenly father is perfect.” When he was questioned about that unrealistic standard, Jesus replied that “what is impossible with humans is only possible with the help of God.” When Hollywood, TV, music, and reading material makes casual sex the norm, the Church must provide an alternative model based on Biblical principles. If you see one of our youth with their “purity ring” please compliment them to give them encouragement. We might also compliment Javier Rios and the CrossFire adult sponsors.

SHALOM! Pastor Harry Kahl

## A Cry From Community

A concerned parent of Stockdale ISD Junior High School asked my advice on how to respond to a request received from the school’s 8th grade English Teacher. The teacher was requesting parental permission to teach 8th graders from the book Feed written by M.T. Anderson (a book I advise avoiding). Here is what the teacher had to say about Feed and the lesson plan:

“... before I attempt to read this book with the class, I want you, as parents, to be aware of the language used in the book. There is strong profanity throughout the book. It is used to exemplify the way that the people (adults and children) have lost the ability to communicate in a polite and appropriate manner, and it does a good job of showcasing this. The language in the book is quite strong, and even includes the “f” word multiple times. Therefore, I want you to have the chance to investigate and review the book before we read it. ... In order to avoid actually speaking the curse words aloud, we will be listening to an audio version of the book as we read along. Neither the students, nor myself, will use the words in the classroom.”

I advised the parent not to allow their 8th grader to participate in any “Vulgar Curriculum” material or teaching method.

As I evaluate the teacher’s complete request, I

found good motives; those being to make students aware of, correct and enhance their language and sociability. However, I found this plan contradictory and counterproductive. I believe more stimulus and exposure to vulgar language will exacerbate the problem. Students already know, all too well, vulgarity.

As I write, I am hopeful others will want to protect our children’s ears, eyes, minds and souls. We can protect our children by first contacting the school (teachers and administrative authorities) and ask that school policy ban any Vulgar Curriculum. We also need to give our children the right examples and illustrations – words and principles they can live by. Here are things we can and should do: Invite the young people around you to Sunday School and meaningful church activities; offer them a bible; tell them about Jesus and be the example for them to emulate.

In conclusion, my friends, fill your minds with those things that are good and that deserve praise: things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, and honorable. Phil 4:8 (TEV)

*God Bless Pastor Jerry*



## Ministries of our Church



Jacob and Joshua Farar were baptized on February 7th.

We welcome the Hess Family. Michael, Melanie and son Cameron joined us in January by transfer from another UMC. Cameron was also baptized. Their address is 1835 CR 434, Stockdale TX 78160

Joseph Korba was baptized on February 20th

### Lay Speaking Ministries

**March 4-6, 2011 Mount Wesley  
610 Methodist Encampment Rd  
Kerrville, Texas**

### Lenten Bible Study

Beginning: Wednesday  
March 2, 2010  
In the Chapel @ 7:00 pm

This study takes you through the ministry of Jesus with a special emphasis on images of light and darkness. We will move with Jesus from the gathering of shadows during the temptation in the wilderness into the terrifying darkness at Calvary and the hope of dawn on Easter morning. In six sessions we'll examine our own shadows, confessions whispered in the darkness, and the power of Christ's regenerating love to bring freedom from sin and the fear of darkness.

Books are \$10.00

THOMAS R. STEAGALD



A Lenten Journey with Jesus

SHADOWS  
DARKNESS  
and  
DAWN

### Your Wesley Moment



John was born in 1703. When he was 16, Defoe wrote “Robinson Crusoe”. When John was 23, J. Swift wrote “Gulliver’s Travels.

The 1700’s were an odd era for Britain. From the time John was 12 until his death, England was ruled by the Hanoverians who hailed from near Germany. George I couldn’t speak English, which may be why Susanna Wesley did not like him. George III was the king during the American Revolution and the war of 1812.

### John Wesley’s Directions for Congregational Singing

That this part of divine worship may be more acceptable to God, as well as more profitable to yourself and others, be careful to observe the following directions:

1. Sing *all*. See that you join with the congregation as frequently as you can. Let not a slight degree of weakness or weariness hinder you. If it is a cross to you, take it up, and you will find a blessing.
2. Sing *lustily*, and with a good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength. Be no more afraid of your voice now, nor more ashamed of its being heard, than when you sung the songs of Satan.
3. Sing *modestly*. Do not bawl, so as to be heard above, or distinct from, the rest of the congregation, that you may not destroy the harmony; but strive to unite your voices together, so as to make one clear melodious sound.
4. Sing in *time*. Whatever time is sung, be sure to keep with it. Do not run before, nor stay behind it; but attend closely to the leading voices, and move therewith as exactly as you can. And take care you sing not too slow. This drawling way naturally steals on all who are lazy; and it is high time to drive it out from among us, and sing all our tunes just as quick as we did at first.
5. Above all, sing *spiritually*. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing Him more than yourself, or any other creature. In order to do this, attend strictly to the sense of what you sing; and see that your heart is not carried away with the sound, tp offered to God continually; so shall your singing be such as the Lord will approve of here, and reward when he cometh in the clouds of heaven.

# Bits and Pieces...

## Our March Birthdays

1 Charles Kee	9 Jacob Farar	15 Beth Denison	24 Rosalyn Miller
2 Sean Ingle	10 Grant Bigler	16 Dustin Bass	25 Gavin Bigler
3 Cynthia Neufeld	10 Roy Finley	18 Maria Villegas	25 Reann Voelkel
5 Kathy Balcar	11 Bill Bailes	18 Nina Kupper	26 Tyler Foss
5 Judy Bryant	11 Garrett Czarnek	21 Harlequin Connors	26 Kim Weger
7 Faith Dugi	11 Caitlin Kee	22 Alan Farrell	27 Lynette Dague
8 John Turner	12 Paden Pace	22 Tres Winslow	27 Justin Pitts
	14 Justin Polasek	23 Darice Goodridge	30 Terry Lowe

### December Finance Report

General Fund Income YTD: \$25,245  
 General Fund Expense YTD: \$30,160

**Difference: -4,912**

Building Debt Reduction Fund Income YTD: \$2,645  
 Building Debt Reduction Fund Expense YTD: \$3,945

**Difference: -1300**

**Loan balance left on the FLB: \$390,597**

(Note: The difference of the monthly note, for the Family Life Building was paid out of the Building Fund Savings.)

**If you wish for your offering to go into another fund other than the General Fund be sure to designate**

*NewsLetter*  
**DEADLINE**

**March 21st**

The next workday for LVUMC at the Food Pantry is scheduled for March 12, 2011

**Remember to bring your Abel's Best Offering for the Food Pantry on the Second Sunday of each month.**

## New Prayer Ministry

God is calling us to be in prayer for our church. We need to be together in prayer for healing in our church and sending out God's Spirit. We need to come together ad the Body of Christ as the Bride of Christ as Jesus intends us to be. When we come together as one then we can all move forward as one and in the and in the same direction. When we stop talking about each other and our Pastors and start talking about God, He is going to show our church great favor. I don't know about you but I love God's favor.

Anyone and everyone is welcome to join us each Sunday morning in the prayer chapel from \*:30 am to 9:30 am.

We will be praying for all our church services. We will be praying for God to send His Spirit to seek out new families.

If you are a prayer warrior or would like to become a prayer please come join us. If you just love to talk to God then please come and share that love with us and God.

For information or que4stions contact Larry Adams 210-844-4700

### Our Prayer Concerns...

Barbara Adamson	Shirley Cheatwood	Valeda Wagner
Shirley Bray	Kim Hartman	Byron Wise
Kellon Carr	Dallas Wagner	Valetta Wise

### Our Family and Friends

Mary Abrago	Abbey Griffin
Buddy Allen	Gary Hughey
Bubba Andrews	Carolyn Judy
Robert Berkley	Doug Kevilus
Diana Bowers	Chris & Lisa Lombrano
Michelle Brickley	Mitch McDonald
Diana Bridges	Bob & Shelley Mutz
Jeanmine Budnik	Kathy Owsley
Shirley Bush	Christopher Palmatier
A.B. Cantu	Ida Parker
Marilyn Covington	Doris Patrick
Arlis Drake	Marshall Peterson
Harold & Ray Dudley	Kevin Schneider
Shari Dunn	Forrest Scott
Tom & Cathy Friese	Shelley Smith
Guy Genovese	Roger Spenrath
Katy Lynn Goolsby	Dorothy Swindle
Govino's Grampa	David Ware
Lucas & Alyssa Grabbs	Bill Wheeler
James Grabbs	Joyce Widelski
William Grabbs	Dee Wydnyk
Sylvia Griffin	Family of Danny Gorena

### Our Active Military

T.J. Bandy, Casey Bass, Cody Bass, R.D. Colfield, Justin Eisenhauer, Carlton Kincaid, Matt Kuntscher, Jesse Lowe, Josh Mangum, Travis Onderko, Raymond Ramirez, Zach Roberts, Scott Schaffner, Dustin Schaffner,