

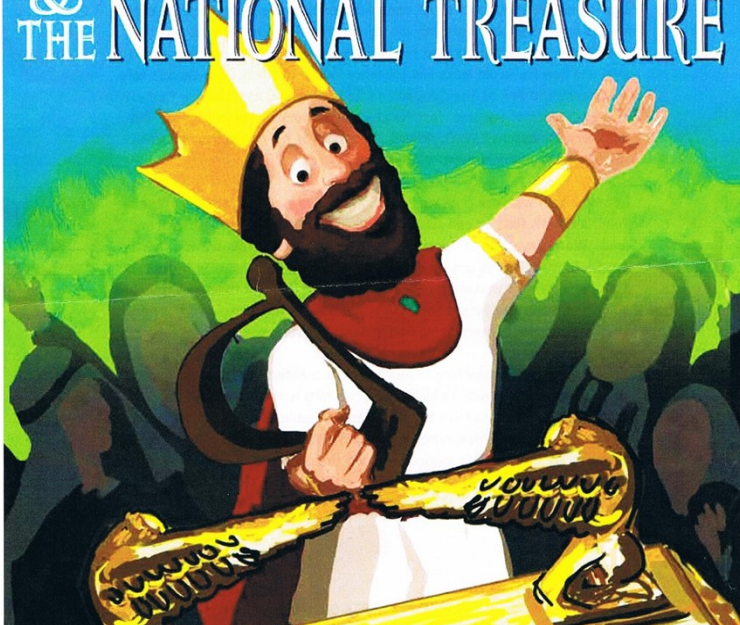


## La Vernia United Methodist Church

June 2011



# KING DAVID & THE NATIONAL TREASURE



Vacation Bible School June 20th-June 24th  
For more information contact Javier Rios at  
830-779-2621

### BIBLE STUDY ON SPIRITUAL GIFTS Summer, 2011

Pastor Harry will offer a Bible Study on Discover Your Spiritual Gifts, using a book by C. Peter Wagner. It will be at 6:00 PM on Mondays. We will meet in Room 51 in the Family Life Building. We will meet for nine sessions on June 13, 20, 27, (skip July 4) July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 8 & 15. I have ordered 20 books which will cost \$10 each. Please e-mail me at [harry.lvumc@gmail.com](mailto:harry.lvumc@gmail.com) if you plan to participate or just show up on June 13, which will be an orientation when we hand out books and negotiate how long we meet each week and what all we will do during the class (refreshments, prayer, assignments, etc.)

### United Methodist Women News



United Methodist Women are presenting a free family event for your enjoyment. Come and hear the Sweet Adeline group "FLASH" in the Family Life Building on Sunday, June 26.

® This free event will begin at 6 pm with a free meal consisting of a

hamburger/hot dog plate with chips, dessert, and drinks. The singing will commence at 7 pm. This is a free community outreach program. A love offering will be taken up for the groups expenses. We will be putting ads in the La Vernia News and putting up flyers up around town and handing them out at the food pantry and the thrift store. Thank you for your continued support of the United Methodist Women. For any information, please contact Roz Miller or Carol Dukes. Thank you.

Applied  
Suicide  
Intervention  
Skills  
Training

A.S.I.S.T. in La Vernia Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training Suicide is a concern in every community. Living Works has been helping communities become suicide safer since 1983. CrossFire Student Ministries of La Vernia United Methodist Church invites you to join us for this rare local opportunity. The A.S.I.S.T. (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) will be held Friday and Saturday, June 10 & 11 from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Lisa Black, LMSW and Melissa Sutherland, LPC are master trainers in the A.S.I.S.T. model and have been training school personnel, therapists, pastors, police officers and other professionals as well as parents since 1999.

We hope that you will consider this training. LPC CEU's are available. Space is limited so register as soon as possible. Please feel free to make more copies of the registration form if needed.

# PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS AT LVUMC



Last month I wrote about the Itinerant System of pastors in the United Methodist Church being appointed to different churches from time to time. Pastor Jerry has been appointed to Bracken United Methodist church in June. We are pleased and fortunate that Pastor Cyndi Weidner will be appointed as a full-time Local Pastor to fill the Associate Pastor's position at LVUMC in June. Pastor Jerry and I are Ordained Elders because we completed seminary and a period of probation to be ordained as Elders. Pastor Cyndi is going through the Local Pastor's process which is for second career persons to begin as soon as possible in a pastor's position while going through the Course of Study. Pastor Cyndi went to Pastors' Licensing School and has been enrolled in classes on weekends and summers toward completion of her required theological education for eventual ordination, first as a Probationary Elder and then as an Elder in Full Connection. She will have Pastor Jerry's office and pretty much follow his schedule of being here on Sundays, and available Monday, Wednesday and Thursday's. Tuesday's will be her study day, but as we have already observed she

is available at any time people call with an emergency. As with Pastor Jerry she will be the primary pastor for visitation and will coordinate with me when I need to visit with folks. She will preach every other month at the 8:30 AM Traditional service and most every Sunday at the 11:00 AM Chapel Service, with once every other month at the 11:00 AM Contemporary Service.

I believe it is providential for LVUMC to have this transitional process under which we are passing. Pastor Jerry has been here for seven years, and is moving on to an excellent appointment, which he richly deserves. Pastor Cyndi has been here part time for two years and is able to ease into the full time Associate Pastor position. I plan to retire next year in June 2012, after 45 years of pastoral service, and we pray Pastor Cyndi will be able to continue here until the congregation gets use to who ever comes to be the Senior Pastor in June, 2012. Few congregations have this blessing in our itinerant system. May God continue to bless us and our pastors.  
SHALOM! Pastor Harry

## Change

Change. No matter how you try to frame it, it's an emotionally-charged word. It can conjure up sentiments from melancholy all the way to euphoria and it invariably includes frequent stretches of growing pains. Such is my situation here as your newly-appointed associate pastor.

Pastor Jerry has become such a dear friend and mentor to me over these past three years. Like you, I am going to keenly miss him here in our church! Due to his valued leadership, I asked the District Committee of Ordained Ministry if they would assign him as my Pastoral Mentor, and they have agreed. I am very thankful, and I know he will continue to be a trusted adviser and guide.

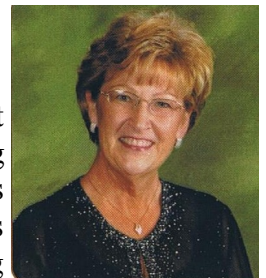
My role here is being stretched and modified more than creating something new. I will continue to be a part of the first service – but moving from the piano to assisting Pastor Harry. I will continue to preach each week at the Chapel services and yet also get to know those who attend our contemporary worship at 11:00. Do we have all the logistics of such changes outlined at this point? Certainly not! (It's no fun to iron out all the kinks this early in the year!)

In addition to the work here at the church, there will be the on-going commitments for the denomination as well. The United Methodist Church is absolutely vigilant in all the schooling that must be completed each year for Licensed Local Pastors. I will be attending two classes at Perkins this July and also regional classes each month up in the Dallas area. I appreciate the commitment our denomination devotes to educating and equipping us.

Please feel free to come by and visit me whenever you have the time. While I can't alleviate the emotions of the changes before us, I do know that our God is always faithful. If He has led us to this point, we can fully trust Him to lead us into the year ahead.

Oh. One more thing..... In case I forget to let you know.....**thank you** for the joy of serving with you here in this wonderful church. I am deeply honored.

Blessings to you.....Pastor Cyndi



# Ministries of our Church

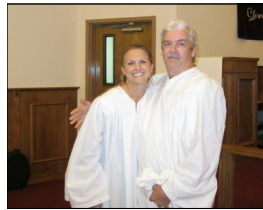


To our LVUMC Family ***Thank You*** from the “*GOD IS LOVE*” Ministry Committee



Gary and Kay Kinard came to us in April by Profession of Faith. Gary was also baptized. We welcome you. Their address is 11630 Cooksey, Adkins, TX78101. Their phone is 210-478-6673.

Gary and his daughter Crystal Barrera were baptized.



When the Committee first met over a year ago it was simply with the idea of producing the play ‘*God is Love*’ in the year 2011. We were called to produce the play for those who may not know the life, death and resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. We wanted to introduce them to this story through music, dance and drama and through this ministry bring others to a personal knowledge of Jesus Christ. Each of us had been blessed over the years by our involvement in the play and we all knew that producing the play again would be a blessing to our church and the La Vernia community.

At the outset the Committee made a twofold financial commitment to both strictly limit the cost of producing this play to **ONLY** those funds at hand and to give back to the church and other ministries a percentage of everything we raised for the play. When we learned in February of the possibility of staging the play in the new high school auditorium we were all excited. However, it also caused added stress because of the length of time it took to confirm the Auditorium would actually be available to rent and the need to raise additional funds to pay for its rental. We prayerfully committed to one last fundraiser and were blessed when it raised all of the additional funds we needed to secure the use of this beautiful new facility. Your consistent generosity and unflinching faith in our ministry made it possible to satisfy all of our financial commitments for the play.



Kadylyn Larissa Goolsby was baptized on May 8th as her sister and parents, Bruen & Stephanie Goolsby look on.

Jason Samuel Tannehill was baptized on May 8th as the children look on.



Looking back now we know that God has blessed our ministry in many ways and believe those blessings came in large measure because of the fact that we kept faith with ourselves, stayed true to our goals and did not let temptation or adversity sway us from our path. Everyone involved in the ‘*God is Love*’ play, including the committee, cast and crew, want to **THANK YOU** for allowing us to produce the play on behalf of our LVUMC family. We have heard stories of how this ministry has touched lives and planted the seed of faith in many hearts. Most of all we pray that through the witness of this play we have in some small way made real to our LVUMC family the promise that God’s love is for all of us to share with others.



Brenna Drake Bellinger was baptized on May 15th, during the children’s time, as her parents and family looked on.

Thank you and May God Bless you and your families,  
2011 ‘GOD IS LOVE’ Ministry Committee Members



As church members we are called to be good stewards with what God gives us. Recently we have been experiencing extremely high electricity bills and summer has just begun. Please remember to adjust the thermostats

## USHERS NEEDED

We need summer ushers for both services. If you can help see Jim Urban.

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

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

### SCRIPTURE & SERMON June, 2011

Date: June 5, 2011(Holy Communion)  
Sunday: 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Title: Sacramental Presence in Holy Communion  
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:23 -26  
Preacher: Pastor Harry

Date: June 12, 2011 (Lay-Led Sunday)  
Sunday: Pentecost  
Title:  
Scripture:  
Preacher: Don Miller

Date: June 19, 2011 (Father's Day)  
Sunday: 1st Sunday after the Pentecost  
Title: Godly Fatherhood  
Scripture: Ephesians 6:1 -4  
Preacher: Pastor Harry

Date: June 26, 2011  
Sunday: 2nd Sunday after Pentecost  
Title: Between Trapezes  
Scripture: Psalm 78:13-24

### Your Wesley Moment

*The Methodist school at Kingswood near Bristol-1768 A.D.*



“The children rise at four, winter and summer, and spend time till five reading, singing, and in meditation in private. At five they all meet together. At six they work till breakfast at seven...neither do we allow anytime for play on any day. He that plays when he is a child, will play when he is a man.” John Wesley (Times were different)

### DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY

We completed 34 weeks of Disciple 1 Bible Study on Monday, May 23. We will recognize participants in worship on Sunday, June 5, with Certificates of Completion and Lapel Pins. Pastor Harry plans to offer Disciple 2 Bible Study, Into the Word Into the World, on Genesis, Exodus, Luke and Acts beginning in September. It will be 32 weeks on Mondays from 6 – 8:30 PM. You do not have to have completed Disciple 1 in order to participate. We will begin registration in July; however if you want to get on the list early just e-mail me at [harry.lvumc@gmail.com](mailto:harry.lvumc@gmail.com) and I will write your name down. The Study Manual will cost approximately \$37.00.

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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's  
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

*La Vernia UMC will host a College Seminar at 7 pm on June 28, 2011*

### Parents of Junior and Sophomores You are invited to a **FREE** Family College Planning Class

This will be a valuable class for all parents with college-bound students. The class will focus on high school Juniors and Sophomores. Parents bring your students. *In this informal class you will learn:*

- How to help students decide which colleges to apply to.
- What the more selective colleges really want to see in your student's application
- The 5 questions to ask colleges before your student applies.
- How to maximize your student's potential to receive scholarships, grants, and other forms of gift-aid
- Is it possible to attend a Private College for a Public College Price!!!
- Why procrastination may cost a family thousands of dollars.
- We will provide a time-line for success-where one should start.
- Plan for a full one hour, we'll use every minute of class time.
- Feel lost??? We will outline the entire process for you.