

## ATTENDANCE MEMBER

I honor God with my presence in worship today.

Service Attending: **February 18 / 19, 2012**

- Sat.     8:15     9:30  
 11:00     The Well     5:00

Adult Name(s)

Children's Name(s)

Address Update

City Update

Zip Update

Phone Number Update

I would like to:

- Schedule a baptism  
 Talk with a Stephen Minister  
 Talk with a Pastor  
 Get information on  
volunteer opportunities  
 Sign up for email newsletter  
 Sign up to receive GPS emails  
 Get information on *The Journey*

Email Update

Please visit Connection Central in the Atrium  
or the Welcome Center in the Main Building for  
information about our different ministries or to  
register for current activities and events.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
777 N. Walnut Creek Drive  
Mansfield, TX 76063  
Phone (817)477-2287

Rev. Mike Ramsdell – Senior Pastor  
miker@firstmethodistmansfield.org

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

M-Th 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

F 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

## WORSHIP TIMES

### SATURDAY

6:00 p.m. Contemporary in Sanctuary

### SUNDAY

8:15 a.m. Traditional in Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Contemporary in Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Traditional in Sanctuary  
Contemporary in Chapel

5:00 p.m. Contemporary in Chapel  
Spanish-speaking in A&E 130

### THURSDAY

6:30 p.m. Celebrate Recovery in Chapel

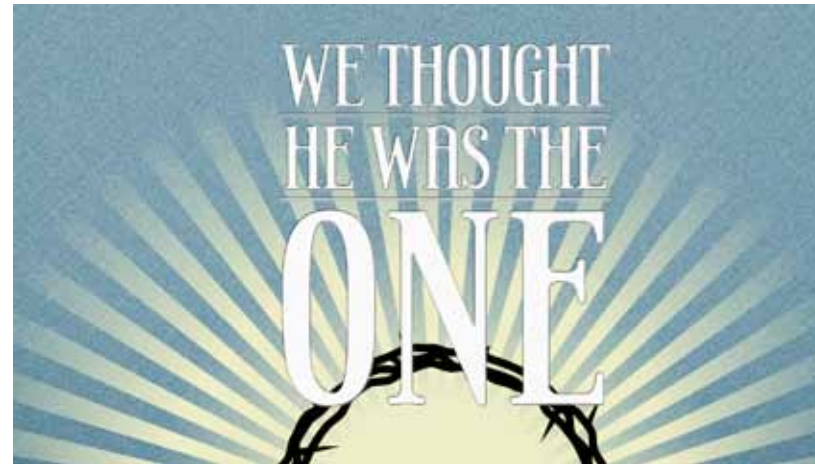
Watch worship on Saturday night or Sunday at  
9:30 and 11:00 a.m. LIVE or on demand at

[www.firstmethodistmansfield.tv](http://www.firstmethodistmansfield.tv)



Register for any class or event at  
our church on the church website.

Altar flowers today are given by  
Jean Desha in memory of Gil Desha;  
and Lige Green Flowers & Gifts.



Lenten sermon series begins February 25/26.

## OUR CARE MINISTRY

As a community of faith, we exist to offer care, encouragement and support for one another. If you have a concern in your life, a need you would like to share with someone or if you desire to receive additional resources to help yourself or someone you know, please stop by Care Connection located in the foyer area of the Sanctuary. Baptism, communion and healing prayer are also offered each Sunday morning by one of our pastors in Care Connection. You may also complete one of the Care Ministry Request Cards found in the pews in the Sanctuary and chair backs in the Chapel where you can:

### Share a Prayer Request

You will also find additional information about our Open Door Prayer Ministry, various support groups and other care ministry programs.

### Request a call from a Stephen Minister

Our highly trained Stephen Ministers provide confidential, Christian care giving and spiritual friendship for individuals who are going through difficult times. You can also connect with a Stephen Minister following our service at Care Connection.

### Learn more about Celebrate Recovery

We believe that everyone is recovering from something. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered ministry for those who are struggling with a hurt, a hang-up or a habit and are seeking recovery and God's healing. Components of the program include a worship service, fellowship gatherings, open share groups, as well as step study groups. You can also connect with a Celebrate Recovery representative at Care Connection today.

By attending this service, I release to First United Methodist Church, its agents and employees all rights to use my identity or likeness in print, electronic or broadcast media. I waive all rights, claims and interest to control such use.

# LOSING CONTROL

## FEBRUARY 18 / 19, 2012

Welcome to worship at First United Methodist Church. I hope you have already experienced the great hospitality that defines this church family. If you are a first-time guest, know that I am pleased you have chosen to join us today. Reverend Caesar Rentie is bringing the message at our Saturday evening, Sunday morning Sanctuary and Sunday 5:00 p.m. worship services this weekend. He is one of our pastors serving in Care Connection, he leads Celebrate Recovery and is a lead chaplain at Methodist Hospital in Mansfield. Johnny Brower, our Student Ministry Director, is bringing the message at *The Well* service. Today we complete the *Losing Control* message series, looking forward to Ash Wednesday and next weekend when we begin the season of Lent with *We Thought He Was the One!*

Rev. Mike Ramsdell  
Senior Pastor

### CONNECT WITH FIRST

#### FIRST TIME?

If you are visiting with us for the first time today, lunch is on us! Please come to Guest Central in the Atrium to fill out a registration card and receive a free gift certificate for lunch as well as information about our church.

#### HOW TO JOIN

If you are interested in becoming a member of First United Methodist Church of Mansfield, please go to Guest Central in the Atrium where our pastors, staff and volunteers will be happy to welcome you.

#### FIRST CONNECTIONS CLASS

If you have been visiting with us or are a new member of First United Methodist Church and want to learn more about the life and ministries of our church, please join us for our First Connections Class. This two-week class is co-led by Pastor Mike Ramsdell and Jana Hall, First Connections Director. This is a fun and informative session where you can learn more about our church, our history, our mission and what we believe. We also take a campus tour. Childcare is available, and the class is open to everyone. The next class is Wednesdays, March 7 and 21.

#### ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 22

Join us for our special Ash Wednesday service on February 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Pastors will also be in the Chapel from 6:00 to 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for the imposition of ashes. Ash Wednesday is the first day of the season of Lent, the time we prepare for Easter as we focus on the beginning of the journey of Jesus Christ to the cross and the resurrection that followed. And if you haven't looked ahead at your calendar yet, Easter comes early this year, April 8!

#### STUDY FOCUSES ON GOSPEL OF MARK

During the season of Lent, you are invited to join Rev. Sharon Reid for a new study, *A Journey Through the Gospel of Mark*. This four-week class, one of our *Journey* resources, begins Wednesday, February 29, at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. The study focuses on the Gospel of Mark with particular emphasis on Jesus' journey to the cross. RSVP for the class on the church website.

#### SIGN UP TO HELP WITH HABITAT BUILD

Did you know that Habitat for Humanity is the #1 homebuilder in the world? And, did you know that the Methodist Church is the #1 sponsor of Habitat homes? Our church is excited to once again partner with Habitat for Humanity to build another home in the Mansfield area. Our work days are Friday, March 2 (first day of the build), and Saturdays, March 3, March 17 and April 21. All shifts are 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. To register, go to the "Special Events" page on the church website.

## HIGHLIGHTS

#### HAVE YOU VISITED THE 5 PM SERVICE?

If your weekend schedule is crazy, don't forget that we now offer a Sunday evening worship service at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel each week. If Saturday evening or Sunday morning don't work for you, this service is a great time to regroup and refocus before the new work week begins. Teaching Pastor David Alexander primarily leads this service, and Josh Nix leads the music and worship team. Check it out!

#### GRIEF SUPPORT BEGINS FEBRUARY 27

Our church will offer *Journey through Grief*, a new session of grief support, beginning Monday, February 27, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in M-111. This seven-week class provides a Christian environment to help those grieving to understand and integrate loss into their lives. The class is open to the whole community. Nursery is available. For more information, stop by Connection Central after worship today.

#### BE A PART OF UNITED MISSION WEEK

This summer, Student Ministries is putting a hometown spin on our youth mission trip. On July 8-12, instead of traveling to other states and other communities to serve, our middle and high school students, parents and volunteers will unite to serve Mansfield and its surrounding areas (middle school and high school groups will work on separate projects). They will sleep at the church, share meals, worship every night and create bonds that will last a lifetime. To sign up to help with United Mission Week, go to the church website. The cost for students is \$150; adult volunteers are free.

#### CHURCH CLOSED FOR PRESIDENT'S DAY

The church office and campus will be closed this Monday, February 20, in observance of the President's Day holiday. All events and classes for this day are cancelled. The church office will reopen on Tuesday, February 21, at 9:00 a.m.

#### YOUNG ADULTS PLAN SPY NIGHT EVENT

Our Young Adult Community is at it again . . . if you are "20 something," join them for *Spy Night* on Friday, March 2, at 8:00 p.m. sharp in *The Loft* to pick teams and set up for a friendly (or not-so-friendly!) game of "Capture the Flag." Dress like a sneaky spy (aka all black), and bring your spy friends!

#### HAVE A LARGE ITEM TO DONATE?

Did you know that the Wesley Mission Center will pick up your donated furniture? Volunteers pick up on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Saturday morning of each month. Pick-up Crew serving opportunities are also available. To schedule a pick-up or to volunteer, contact the Mission Center at (817)473-6650, ext. 211. If you have gently used home improvement items that you would like to donate — including cabinets, flooring, lighting and appliances (items not found at the Wesley Mission Center) — we suggest you visit the new Habitat ReStore located at 905 W. Mayfield in Arlington. They sell these reusable and surplus building materials to the public. The proceeds help the local Habitat affiliate fund the construction of Habitat homes within the communities (see related story about opportunities available to help with the next Habitat build in Mansfield).

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### GUEST

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 Returning Guest

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Children's Name(s) & Age(s)

Address

City Zip

Phone Number

Email

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- Join the church family  
 Be baptized as a Christian  
 Talk with a Stephen Minister  
 Talk with a Pastor  
 Sign up for email newsletter  
 Sign up to receive GPS emails  
 Get information on *The Journey*