



## Wayne's Word

(From the Senior Pastor, Rev. Wayne Flowers)

A wealthy socialite went to see a famous psychotherapist. He said at the first interview, "Now tell me all about yourself." She needed no second invitation. At the end of the hour the doctor said, "that will do for now. I'll see you again tomorrow".

The same pattern was repeated several times a week for several weeks. Finally, in exasperation the doctor said to the woman, "I advise you to take the first train to Niagara Falls, and there take a long, lingering look at

something bigger than yourself."

During this Lenten season let us remember that it is not about us, rather it is about what God has done for us!

See you Sunday.



*Wayne*

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## March Sermons



Church Calendar



### Sermon Titles

March 11 Deeper Still

March 18 A Seedy Story

March 25 Storm Chasers



### Sunday Shedule

- 8:15 Traditional Worship-Sanctuary
- 8:30 Contemporary Worship-FMC
- 9:30 Sunday School-all classes
- 10:45 Traditional-Sanctuary

### Reset Your Clocks!

Set the Time Forward

by an hour Saturday Night!

Wait! Is that right? Forward?  
Back?

Right, it is...



Methodist Men's Annual Garage  
Sale  
May 18-19



Call Andy Rankin at  
903-617-7865 if you need items  
picked up.

### "Precious Memories"



These lines from the old hymn remind us that people in our lives truly are blessings from God, and when we lose someone, it's painful...it's confusing...and it's lasting.

In the section below, entitled "In Memory" you'll see some current examples of recent expressions of "remembering" in a material and outward way. Bud Praytor, a life-long servant of the Lord...Dennis Crisp, a best friend...Robert Hayden, lovingly remembered by members of our church...just to name a few recent losses.

Many others, of course, recently and historically, have been memorialized with gifts to the church. A family member recently asked us to pause and remind ourselves of the impact that can come with honoring and remembering loved ones in this way.

The payment on the Family Ministries Center is over \$10,000 per month. In February, for the first time, memorial gifts to the debt retirement effort were enough to supplement "normal" giving to make a full payment. Before, the difference would come from the general fund.

Thank you, families and friends who've experienced loss, whether recent or in the past. Thank you, Bud, Dennis, Robert and all those whom we remember, for your lives that touched us.

### Lent Out Loud

Join us on Facebook and our website for L.O.L. (Lent Out Loud). 40 days of Lenten bible readings, short devotionals, and prayers written by members of FUMC Lindale! You don't want to miss it! Join us on this journey through the Lenten season.



# "Forsaken"



*A dramatic retelling of the story of Christ.*

**April 5 & 6**

*Invite your family and friends.*

*First United Methodist Church  
Sanctuary*



## Holy Week Schedule

All are Welcome

Invite Someone to Services

### Times

Holy Week Services - 7pm, April 1-3rd (Mon-Wed).  
"Forsaken" Cantata - 6:30pm, April 5th & 6th (Thu, Fri)  
Community Egg Hunt - 10am, April 7th (Sat)  
Easter Morning Services - 7 (sunrise), 8:15, 8:30 and 10:45am

## Primetimers

**Save the Date!**

**March 19, 11AM**



Vicki Hughes, our music director, will bring students from her John Tyler High School Choral Group to entertain us! Come support Vicki and her music students!

## Work Day

**Saturday, March 24  
At the Church**



Sponsored by the United  
Methodist Men  
7:30 AM to Noon  
Bring Tools!

Call Francis Franck for more details

## IT Team Meeting



Tuesday, March 13, 6:00 PM  
Youth Room, FMC



## Freedom Fund

What is this thing called the "Freedom Fund" and how does it pertain to us?

On Christmas Eve, as the congregation sings "*Silent Night*", the lights are dimmed until nothing remains but the light of one small candle. That tiny flame ignites one then another candle until the entire sanctuary is aglow. That's similar to the effect that "\$20.12 in 2012" can have on our church.

It is no secret that churches in general are struggling - are seemingly under attack - due to a sluggish economy, and a climate that challenges the very foundations of our organized church. The idea of "\$20.12 in 2012" is quite simple. If each family gave that amount in addition to its regular giving every month throughout the year, those "points of light" would grow into a glow that can obliterate a large portion of the debt on the Family Ministries Center.

Please, carefully consider making this commitment to your church. If we pull together, our church can accomplish more than we can ever imagine. Special collection boxes will be available in the front of the church, the exit to the education wing and outside the double doors in the Family Ministries Center on the third Sunday of each month throughout the year.

Kris Parks  
On behalf of the Finance Team



## Freedom!

(from debt)

## Scoreboard

"Stats" and News from your Teams



We'll be featuring notes from team meetings from time to time. See what it takes for some of these things that "just happen"!

### First Kids School Board

The newly-equipped playground for First Kids will be dedicated to the memory of Karis Juliana Hilliard this spring. The time will be announced. Plans are in the works for CPR training for all First Kids staff. Spring enrollment has increased

13% over last fall, with 48 students participating in the program.

#### Worship Team

As most of you are already aware, we are in the midst of our LOL (Lent Out Loud) Facebook study. The team is also busy with preparations for Holy Week.

#### Missions Team

The Missions Team plans to join forces with the Methodist Men on the third Saturday in April to perform home repairs for people in need in the Lindale community. More information will be forthcoming. May 19-20 has been set aside for "Change the World" weekend. Watch the newsletter for details.

#### Education Team

The team plans to focus more on Bible Study options this year, including home Bible studies as well as online Bible studies. Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 15-19 from 6:00PM to 8:30PM nightly. Call the church office to volunteer!

## In Memory



Food Pantry gift made *in memory of Robert Hayden* from James & Linda Crawford.

Gift to the General fund made *in honor of Ron & Sue Merritt* from Polly Smith.

Debt retirement gifts made *in memory of Bud Praytor* from Mr. & Mrs. Billy Taylor

## We Care (We Really Do!)

You probably already know about our wonderful ministry of making gently-used clothing available to the community at unbelievably low prices.

The volunteers at our We Care "thrift store" want you to know that we have an inventory of wheelchairs, walkers and other similarly helpful items available for use.

If you or someone you know has such a need, come by the store and



visit with us...while you're there, you might find that nearly-new outfit you need! Or call the church office.

### Location, Dates and Times of Operation

The "We Care" store is located at 207 Henry in Lindale. We're open for business each Friday and Saturday from 10AM to 4PM and each Wednesday from 8AM to 3PM. Donations are received on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8AM to 11AM.



## Sunday School Class News

In this space, we'll occasionally report some news from different Sunday School classes. We have awesome Sunday School classes, so please let the church office know of activities and features you'd like to see about your class. This week we have some notes from the Believers' class.

### Believers Living Their Passion for Jesus

*"Deeds cannot dream what dreams can do"*

E.E. Cummings

When the Believers' Sunday School class was formed, the members wanted it to make a difference. The class has a "discussion" style format that ranges over a variety of studies, chosen by the class.

On a recent Sunday, Emily Mann, a class member, facilitated a special meeting of the class to select projects for the class focus. The planning session began with a list of categories that were "voted" for by placing adhesive dots on their passions listed on a board.

After thorough discussion, those passions centered around two projects...first, to improve classrooms throughout the church with a top-to-bottom makeover (expenses paid for by the class) and, second, to make it known that the class can be counted on to help provide shoes for children whose need was identified to the church. Work has already begun to refurbish the College classroom, and plans are being made for the next classroom.

What's your passion? If you're interested in using the same method to help you find it, learn more about the process by contacting Emily at

[miss.emilymann@gmail.com](mailto:miss.emilymann@gmail.com).

And we invite anyone who'd like to be involved to come join us in our projects.

### Contacts

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## March Wednesday Night Dinner Menu

No Wednesday Night Meal This Week; Enjoy Spring Break!

Adults - \$4; Children - \$3; Family Maximum - \$15