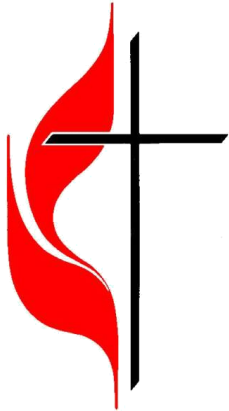


Tower Tidings

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Contemporary Worship-Chapel 8:15 a.m.
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship-Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.
Jr. and Sr. High-Cross and Flame 5:00 p.m.

Broadcast Live-KRIA 103.9 F.M.
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Jeff Taylor, Sr. Pastor
Ann Stutes-Music Minister
Jane Autry-Business Administrator

Jordon Nelson, Youth Director
Kaylene Hazel-Membership Secretary
Wanda Carter-Church Visitor

Texas Tech Sr. running back Baron Batch has written a series of inspirational articles for the Avalanche Journal this past year. Batch may not make the NFL, but he clearly knows how to offer spiritual guidance. His last piece is his most compelling so far. I thought I might share it with you.

Part 3

Ripple 8: I wasn't going to write a column that week. After the Oklahoma State loss I had decided I wasn't going to write anymore. The reason I wrote about not quitting in my column that week was because I really wanted to quit and never write again. Good thing I didn't quit.

Ripple 9: The other reason it's mind blowing that was the column the man read is because of the date it was actually written. When I went back and looked on my blog history, the date I posted that was October 18. So why is that date important?

Let me tell you why, and I'm getting chills as I write this. October 18 was the date I broke my ankle my freshman year. The reason this date is important to me is because if I wouldn't have been injured I would have never redshirted and I would have played at Texas Tech for only four years, meaning this past season for me wouldn't have existed, and neither would the column I wrote.

Ripple 10: In all reality the only reason any of you are reading this right now is simply because I was at the wrong place at the wrong time on October 18, 2006, around 3:30 p.m. and broke my ankle my freshman year. Or maybe the reason you are reading this is because I was at the perfect place at the perfect time and broke my ankle so that our ripples would collide.

This will be my 25th column, and I never would have imagined it would have morphed into what it has. I never thought I would be known as a writer or be approached to write books. I was the kid who hated English class and still don't really enjoy reading.

I had to share that story with everyone simply because it's blown my mind for the past few days. Maybe that's all just one humongous coincidence and series of random events that I somehow constructed into a story. Maybe it's all luck and chance. Maybe you stumbled onto this article randomly surfing the web. Maybe nothing we do matters at all.

But, what if everything does?

God Bless.

(Baron Batch; Lubbock Avalanche Journal; March 31, 2011)

NOTES FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

This Sunday we will once again celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. What a glorious day it will be as we remember where our hope and our future lay.

Last night as I was doing my Bible Study and thinking about Holy week, once again I was reminded of the suffering that Christ went through so that each of us could have everlasting life. We have so much to be thankful for. We have a Savior that loved us so much He was willing to give His life for us.

Jesus won the battle over sin and death and He is with us every step of the way no matter what we are facing. What a Savior we have.

On Easter Sunday we will take our annual Easter offering. This is a chance for each of us to dig a little deeper and give back a small portion of that which we have been so richly blessed with.

We look forward to seeing each of you and your families as we gather this Easter Sunday to worship our Lord.

The choir will be doing some extra special music and I know that Pastor Jeff will have a powerful sermon.

See you Sunday.

Jane

MUSIC NOTES:

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

What if we had been?

I ask myself this question every Palm Sunday and still, after many years, I do not know what I would have done if I had been there at the Crucifixion?

In the summer of 1980 I had the opportunity to travel with Lubbock FUMC Chancel Choir on a musical tour to the Holy Land. As you can imagine, it was the trip of a lifetime! On a Sunday morning our choir was to lead a Protestant worship service at the spot historians believe to be the tomb of Jesus. There were chairs set up for the choir next to the tomb opening and the congregation faced the choir with the tomb opening between the two groups. Totally by chance I sat on the front row of the choir next to the tomb opening. I could just reach out my left hand and touch the opening.

I have no idea what we sang that morning or what the preacher said in his sermon; all I remember is, "I was there!"

Of course we were really not there at the Crucifixion but we can take ourselves to that place during each Holy Week. We can turn our hearts and minds toward the Crucifixion and, as Pastor Jeff said, "Die unto ourselves so we can be born again." It is not easy to "die unto ourselves" but as Christian men and women God calls us to do so – EVERY DAY!

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?*

Were you there? Are you there?

Hug a musician today! Peace, Ann

MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK:

Ray Sanders – Happy Birthday! - Chancel Choir
Hometown: Plainview, TX

Favorite music:

George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue"

Best part about being a church musician:

"Contributing to the church in my small way"

Hobbies: *"Golf, reading, watching sports"*

Fun Fact: *He enjoys laughing with friends – never could have guessed that one!*

Our Church Family in Need of Prayer

Joe Payne, Faye Jette, Loretta Bishop, Regan Reed, Robert (Sammy) Pinkerton, Billy Todd, Bob Brashear (Ann Stutes father), Mark Marley, Ima Madson, Marilyn Kidd , Avis Joy (Mitzi Kelleys mom), Jean Adams

Pastor's Prayer Partners

April 24th

7:45 a.m.

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the cards, visits, flowers and prayers during my recent surgery and hospital stay. All of them contributed to my rapid recovery and I am on the mend and will be back in the swing in no time!

Thank you again.

*In His Service,
June Bridwell*

Bereavement Group Information

FUMC Has Extended Its Bereavement Ministry

In addition to offering a bereavement support group twice a year, FUMC will be sending *Journeying through Grief* booklets to those who lose a member of their immediate family. We define immediate family as parents, siblings, spouse, children and grandchildren. These are wonderful books from Stephen Ministries that will be sent at intervals throughout the first year after a death.

Please be sure the church office knows when you lose a family member. Also, if you lose someone from your extended family and are having an especially difficult time, please let us know that you want booklets sent to you.

The FUMC Bereavement Committee includes Carole Bell, Joyce Bennett, Donna Isaacson, Darlene Sanders, and Marsha Sanders. Marsha and Darlene serve in the front office on Monday mornings if you wish to speak to one of them about the booklets.

Visitors for Sunday, April 17th

Jane Mueller, Amanda Reed Busse

A Note From Alex

We will be having our church wide Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 23rd at 5:00 p.m. here at the church. After the hunt there will be a cookout for all. Please bring a dessert to share and come join us for all the festivities and great food.

In His grip, Alex

Wesley Foundation Spirit Week

Join Us For Spirit Week!

April 25th—April 29th

Wesley Foundation at Texas Tech and Chick-fil-a would like to ask you to join us For Spirit Week.

Come by or Drive Thru

Chick-fil-a @ 69th and Slide

During spirit week 6:30 AM—10:00 PM, and tell your cashier you support Wesley Foundation at Texas Tech, as you place your order.

Chick-fil-a will make a donation to Wesley Foundation at Texas Tech based upon your purchases for the week.

Not only do the cows win, but you will too!

UMW Fundraiser

The United Methodist Women will be selling roses In Honor or In Memory of our mothers. The roses will be \$6.00 each and we will have red for our mothers still here and white roses for our mothers that are gone. This is a wonderful fundraiser for our UMW and a thoughtful way to acknowledge our mothers. Be sure to fill out an order form this Sunday or next Sunday and then the book will be in the bulletins on Mothers Day.

Sunday, April 24th	
8:15 a.m.	Praise & Worship-Chapel
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship-Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	NO Youth
6:00 p.m.	NO Youth Meal
Monday, April 25th	
9:45 a.m.	Walking Class
6:00 p.m.	LAST College Ministry-C&F
Tuesday, April 26th	
9:30 a.m.	Gladys Carter Circle Janice Sageser, Hostess
9:45 a.m.	Walking Class
5:00 p.m.	LAST Bereavement Support Group-library
7:00 p.m.	Ad Council, library
Wednesday, April 27th	
6:30 a.m.	Dr. Joe Horn's Prayer Breakfast-C.H.
9:45 a.m.	Walking Class
1:00 p.m.	Circle 1 Janie Martin, Hostess
6:00 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study
6:00 p.m.	Bible Study with Pastor Jeff-library
6:30 p.m.	Combined Youth-C&F
6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thursday, April 28th	
Friday, April 29th	
Saturday, April 30th	

Volunteers In Ministry

April 8:15 a.m. Greeters

Kevin and Ginia Malone

April Ushers 10:30 a.m. Worship

*Dwain Dodson, Ken Douglass, Bill Kirby,
Mike McNutt, Jim Posey, Kelly Sears*

**Money Counters for April 24th
Kevin Gerber and Barry Evans**

Facts and Figures

Sunday, April 10th

Sunday School: 179

8:15 Worship: 78

10:30 Worship: 140

Total Combined Worship: 218

Offering: \$ 6,068.00

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