

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**JUNE, 2016**

RACHEL BURCHETT-03  
THOMAS EDEN-06  
LINDA LEVERIDGE-06  
KIRBY BROWN-09  
CHARLES DUNCAN-10  
WHITNEY FULGHAM-12  
PAM PATTERSON-12  
PAT MeHAFFEY-15  
CHRISTIAN LECHNER-17  
CHRISTIE COAPLAND-18  
ROXZANN GLICK-18  
EVELYN DEMSON-19  
CARDER McCLYMOND-20  
LINDA CHANEY-21  
ROSEMARY FAMBRO-22  
ARDATH HELSTROM-22  
KENNY HOOKER-23  
CANTYN McCLYMOND-23  
CONNIE MARTIN-24  
TROY SLOAN-24  
DORIS KENDRICK-27  
MISTY HASH-28  
JOHN BROWER-29

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

SHELBY ROGERS-recuperating after knee surgery  
LISA WRIGHT  
MERRY PENDLETON  
RICK PENDLETON  
LINDSEY AND BLAKE JOHNSTON AND FAMILIES  
CONNIE ALLEN  
CINDY BAREFIELD  
STEVE BUSE

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

RICKY CARR-tests  
LANCE KITCHENS-carotid surgery  
LARRY MAHAN, SR.-husband of Ginger, had a stroke  
ANN HITCHCOCK PIERCE-cancer. Friend of Patty Walker  
RUSTY CREECH-uncle of Linda Venekamp's nephew had a stroke  
LES CREECH-uncle of Linda Venekamp's nephew. Health issues. Testing  
TERRY SULLIVAN  
GAYLA WALKER  
MAVIS MITCHELL-dialysis. Sue Lodor's sister-in-law  
DENNIS LODOR  
CODY GRISSOM  
SHEILA BREWSTER-sister-in-law of Sheila Tonne and friend of Carol Connally.  
DAVID LeFEVRE-John Connally's brother-in-law, on a transplant list for double lung transplant.  
JULIE TATE-friend of Linda Harris  
KATHY OWENS-breast cancer  
JACK ROGERS-great-great-nephew of Sue Lodor  
COBY MEINZER-cousin of Juana Ash. Diagnosed with ALS.  
BONNYE ISENHOWER-friend of Sharon Toland.  
JOHN BOLE-Cindy Barefield's dad

**OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN**

AUSTIN BURKHALTER-Scott Air Force Base, Illinois grandson of Larry and Jinger Mahan  
MICAH CLAY-Navy, Cypress, Texas-son of J.R. and Julia Clay.  
JASON GRAHAM-deployed to Kuwait, cousin of Melissa Trammel.  
ARIC HOLLY-Fort Worth Naval Air Station, son of Sherry Strickland.  
ZACHARY KARL-Afghanistan. Grandson of Elaine and Bobby Goswick.  
PFC DIEHLAN KEY-Fort Hood, son of Michael and Nickie Leveridge. Grandson of Mike and Rosa Leveridge.  
PFC ADAM KILBURN-Hawaii. Son of Patti Hayworth Reid. Grandson of Jean Hayworth.  
MAJOR JEFF MATSLER  
ROBERT RICHARDSON-Fort Hood, son-in-law of Rick and Sharon Pendleton

**ADULT MISSION TRIP**

The trip to McCurdy School in Espanola, NM is Scheduled July 24-30.  
Sign-up sheet is in the Atrium.

**West District Administrator needed**

The West District of the United Methodist Church is searching for a District Administrator to work with the District Superintendent. Qualifications and salary are available by calling 254-965-2594. Submit resumes to: West District UMC, P.O. Box 2570, Stephenville, TX 76401

Dear Cal, Gena and church family,

We can never thank you enough for all you've done for us through Rick's recent illness. God is good, and you have been His hands and feet. Thank you all for the calls and texts, cards and visits, snacks and other goodies. Thank you also for the meals you've brought to the house. Thank you most of all for your love, friendship and prayers. As Dr. Prater said, "Rick is very fortunate to be here God still has things for him to do". We love you all so much.

Rick and Sharon Pendleton

Retirement Celebration for West District Superintendent,

Rev. Carol Woods

Sunday, June 26, 2016, friends of Carol Woods are invited to join together at the First UMC in Stephenville for a celebration of Carol's ministry in our district. The celebration will begin at 4:00 pm at 422 W. Washington St. and presentations will be made at 5:00 pm. Hope you can attend at express your appreciation to Carol for her years serving as our DS.

## **PASTOR'S COLUMN**

**JUNE, 2016**

WOW!!! Needless to say it has been an exciting Memorial Day weekend. Sunday evening's storm brought quite a lot of thunder and dazzling lightning. After this, the rain came. The soaked ground couldn't handle all the rain which resulted in our Gonzales creek flooding during the night. Memorial day we awakened to closed highways, no electricity and water conservation messages. There was one fatality due to the flooding and many homes received damages. Local fire departments handed out water on our parking lot to those who needed it during the day Monday. By noon the water had receded to the point that most of the roads were clear. I was so proud of all the emergency personnel who worked had all night and most of the day keeping us safe. Water lines were repaired, barriers were put up, flood victims were rescued and moved to safety. So many people worked together to keep us safe and keep us informed of the alerts and warnings. It was such a blessing to watch so many folks work together and supporting each other. Our condolences go out to those who lost a family member and to those who lost homes and possessions.

This has been one of the wettest Springs we have had in a number of years. The glory and majesty of God is so evident in the wild flowers, the

the animals, the trees, and the creeks. My heart is filled with gratitude so very often when I see our lake and remember the last couple of summers. God has answered our prayers in some wonderful ways. I believe God is good beyond our understanding. Yes, it is easy to see all the problems of living in Breckenridge, but to all the skeptics I say, "Wake Up! Look around and open your eyes to see all the blessings that come to us." How easy it is to only see the problems and the inconveniences. How easy it is to complain about the loss of what we consider necessities but many people in other countries would call luxuries. The next time you flip a light switch or open your refrigerator or drink a glass of clean water with ice in it, pause and give thanks to God. Truly every good and perfect gift does come from God. The truth is we are blessed beyond measure when you take the time to open your eyes. "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. His mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning. New every morning. Great is thy faithfulness, O Lord. Great is thy faithfulness."

Pastor Cal

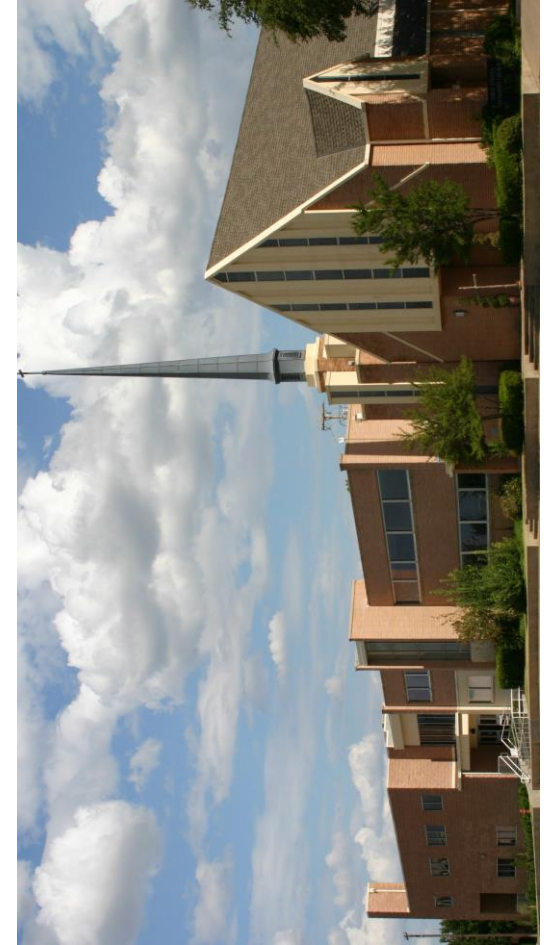
## **Walk Across Texas**

Don't forget to start tracking your miles beginning Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> even though the kick-off event at the city park was cancelled. If you have signed up but not completed a registration form, please come by the church and complete the simple form. At the end of each week, call or email Pastor Cal and share your totals for the week. Thanks to all who have signed up. Check out the site [www.walkacrosstexas.tamu.edu](http://www.walkacrosstexas.tamu.edu). There you will find a calculator that will convert your activities into miles. Midpoint Walk is scheduled July 7<sup>th</sup> at City park walking path – 5:30 pm. Final celebration scheduled July 28<sup>th</sup> at city park walking path.

## **Celebration of Thanksgiving and Prayer**

Everyone is invited to come to Lady-Bird Lookout at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, June 7 to give thanks to God for answering our prayers. Hope to see you there. Sponsored by Breckenridge Ministerial Alliance.

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