

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY, 2016

MONTE McINTIRE-01
CARLY TENNISON-04
ASHLYN OWEN-05
ROY SPEER-06
JOE LECHNER-09
MELISSA TRAMMEL-11
SHELLEY JACKSON-12
NATHALIE BROWN BLADES-14
MURLE WILLIAMS-15
TED BEAUCHAMP-16
BECKY McINTIRE-19
PAT WILLIAMS-19
KARLA BROWER-20
CODY LOCKHART-21
CINDY CARGAL-23
JAMES PICHLER-23
SHARRON BROWN-24
TOMMY DITTMAR-24
RICKEY TOWNSON-24
MONICA BURCHETT-26
CHRIS HART-27
LINDA VENEKAMP-27
MYRA McINTIRE HALL-28
ROBERT MARRS-28
KAMRYN BROWNING-29
LINDY TAYLOR-29
ANGIE BROWN-30
DUSTY JENSEBN-30
DIANE TENNISON-31

CONDOLENCES

Christian condolences are extended to Linda Venekamp and family on the death of her cousin, Carol Roberts, of Fort Worth, on April 13, 2016.

PRAYER CONCERNS

MONTE CLEVELAND AND FAMILY
LINDSAY AND BLAKE JOHNSTON AND FAMILIES
CONNIE ALLEN
RICK PENDLETON
STEVE BUSE
CINDY BAREFIELD

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

CODY GRISSOM-heart procedure and found out he is diabetic; husband of Paula Meadows Grissom.
DENNIS LODER
MAVIS MITCHELL-Sue Lodor's sister-in-law, on dialysis
MELANIE MAES-health issues. Daughter of Julie and Carter Fore
TERRY SULLIVAN
GAYLA WALKER
ISABEL GLENN-friend of Kathryn Hart
DAVID LeFEVRE-John Connally's brother-in-law who is on the transplant list and awaiting a double lung transplant.
SHEILA BREWSTER-sister-in-law of Sheila Tonne, special friend of Carol Connally
JULIE TATE-friend of Linda Harris
KATHY OWENS-breast cancer; Elaine's neighbor
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

WANT TO WALK ACROSS TEXAS?

Look for the Pastor's Team sign-up sheet. We need some team leaders as well. Kickoff event is Thursday, June 2nd at the City Park at 5:30 p.m.

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-Fort Hood. 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.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you all so very much for all your love, friendship, and kindness that you all have shown our family since we moved here 7 years ago. You have all helped us through some of the lowest times in our lives and words can't begin to express what that means to our family. James and I are so blessed that God put you all in our lives and we love that you have all become our friends. We will send a new address when we get one. Again bless you all for love, support, friendship, prayers and the money tree that you all gave us last Sunday. Know that you will always be in our thoughts and prayers.

Love,
Heather & James Marrs
Steven & Robert and Tabatha

GOD, GIRLS, GIGGLES



INFANT BAPTISM

Colemyn Luke McClymond, son of Luke and Chelsey McClymond, was baptized on April 17, 2016 at FUMC.



PASTOR'S COLUMN
MAY, 2016

Calling All Gardeners

This Tuesday morning, I stopped by our Mustard Seed Community Garden to harvest some lettuce for Café of Love. The morning sun was sparkling on the dew covered grass, and the chilly morning air combined to create a garden of great beauty, deep peace, and a keen awareness of God's presence. For a brief few moments, with the words of the hymn, In the Garden, ringing in my ears, I was transported back to the first garden, the Garden of Eden.

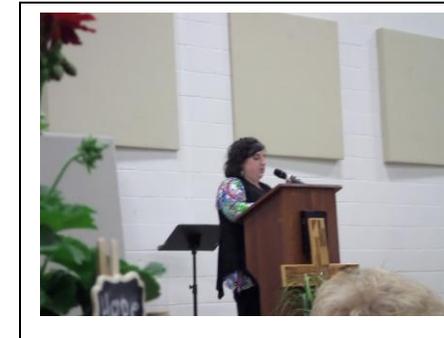
In the last book of the Bible, Revelation, John shares a vision of a new heaven and a new earth in Chapter 21. In this chapter there are numerous wonderful images recorded for us to enjoy. John tells of a garden in the middle of the new city. This garden is located on both sides of a life giving river that flows from the throne of God. I invite you to read about this new garden. It is a garden with a tree of life, a place where one can see clearly see God's face, and the curse of death has been lifted. You will notice there are many similarities to the Garden of Eden.

I find it comforting to know that all things in this broken world will one day be restored.

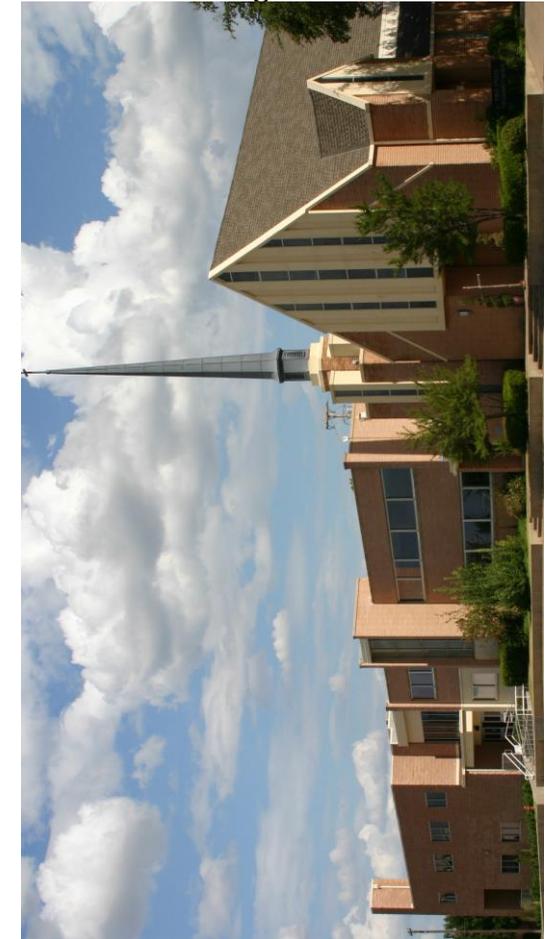
Revelation tells us that God mends the rip that was opened in the first garden. Revelation reveals the perfect healing of God's creation. The garden story begun so long ago in Genesis with human-kind being expelled from the garden of Eden is brought to a picture perfect ending with the closing chapters of Revelation and the restoration of human-kind and the garden in a way that may even be better than the first garden.

In a sense, we are all gardeners in God's garden. Our Mustard Seed Community garden is neither the Garden of Eden nor the final new Garden of Life. We live in an in-between-time where we experience annoying weeds, hungry insects, hail storms, broken relationships, worn-out hopes, and shattered lives in our garden. However, when you are about to give up hope and let the weeds just take over in your life, then read the end of the book of God's word and catch a glimpse of the new and restored garden waiting for us.

You are invited to get your family, your club, organization, or your team and plant some seeds or a tomato plant in the Mustard Seed Community Garden. Make some time to tend your plants. Water your hopes. Pull out the weeds that spring up in your life. In the end, we are all gardeners. What kind of a gardener will you be?



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