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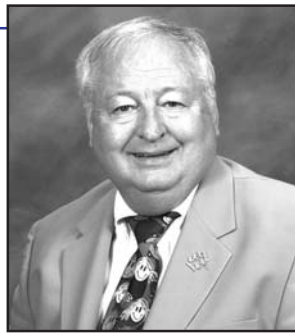
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The Pastor Ponders



"SEEKING REVIVAL"

Before I actually set foot in Los Alamos on June 13, 2006, I had received a variety of contacts from the good folk of this congregation. Some of you, twenty-two families in all, took the time to write me letters. Others of you, between ten and twenty in number (I didn't keep notes), called me on the telephone in Big Spring, Texas. Still others, eleven in all if I recall correctly, traveled over to Glorieta, New Mexico to personally visit with me during the early June session of the New Mexico Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

I was pleased that so many of you took the time to make contact with your new pastor before he ever arrived. The welcomes extended were genuine -- and much-appreciated. I'd never before had such a large number of church members to make "pre-contact" with me. But beyond the simple fact of welcoming me, most of those who wrote, called, and/or visited with me in person had concerns to express.

All of the concerns voiced had to do with a perceived "falling away" from a prior state of greater spiritual depth on the part of this church. "We used to have a great youth program, but now we don't." "We used to have wonderful midweek fellowship gatherings, but now we don't." "We used to have committed, involved lay leaders by the dozens, but now we don't." Whether or not these expressed concerns are factually correct is relatively unimportant. The people of Los Alamos First United Methodist Church believe that they need refreshing, renewing, rejuvenating,

recharging, refilling, revitalizing. The applicable terms are many and varied, but the bottom line of what I heard was this: "Pastor, our church needs revival."

Accordingly, one of the first things I did as pastor of this church was to schedule a Fall Revival for us. The dates set are November 5-8, and the revival speaker who will lead us is the Rev. John Barrett. John is one of the best-known contemporary evangelists in the United Methodist Church; he currently serves as vice-president of the National Association of United Methodist Evangelists. Within our particular denomination of Christians today, John has very few peers. When you come to hear him, you won't be disappointed.

Yes, as your pastor and in response to your expressed needs, I have scheduled a Fall Revival for our church. I've further secured an excellent preacher to lead it for us. But the truth is that no one can "schedule" revival - revival is a sovereign work of God's Holy Spirit.

We can, however, increase the likelihood that God's Spirit and our plans will come together. And that is accomplished by prayer. The more earnestly and fervently we pray for revival, the more likely revival will really happen.

Alice Carter, our church's prayer coordinator, has prepared a six-week "Prayer Guide" to lead us toward revival. If you've not already picked one up from the church foyer, please do so as soon as

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MYF Kickin'

What's Going On?

MYF held their second meeting on Sunday, September 24, 2006. This was the night we **kicked** off our new lesson "Life Together". The lesson went over well and was a lot of fun. We concluded our MYF meeting with an exciting game of Sardines. All youth had a great time playing this game and we want to send a huge congratulations to Emily Collom. Emily was able to keep all the players guessing her whereabouts until the final minutes of the meeting. GREAT JOB, EMILY!

MYF Soup and Potato Bar has been rescheduled. The first MYF Fundraiser will be Sunday, October 29, 2006 following 2nd service in the Fellowship Hall. He are combining our Soup and Potato Bar with a scaled back version of the MYF Halloween Carnival. We are still in the early planning stages of this event, but some of the things we are considering doing are: The Cake Walk, The Treasure Hunt for smaller kids, a costume contest and a gift basket

raffle. We are still looking for donations. If you would like to donate a pot of your favorite soup or your favorite dessert for dessert at lunch and also the cake walk, please let an MYF sponsor know and as always than you for your continued support of MYF. Please watch for more information on this event.

Please mark your calendars with the following MYF meeting dates all of which will be Sundays: October 8th and 22nd, November 5th and 19th, December 3rd and 17th, 2006. All meetings are from 4-6 pm in the Senior High Room and there are always plenty of snacks. Also remember that all youth in the 6th Grade and up are invited to attend all MYF meetings, help with all MYF Fundraisers and attend all trips planned for MYF. MYF is an open youth group and all youth who attend already and any youth interested in attending are encouraged to bring a friend.

Acquire the Fire

CALLING ALL YOUTH . . . MYF is looking for youth who are interested in attending this awesome event.

We are planning to take our youth to an event entitled: "Acquire the Fire: Branded by God."

This weekend event takes place in Albuquerque, November 17-18, 2006. This year's event is all about making our teens into real warriors. It is about having their lives radically impacted by God's love so they have something so exciting that they want to tell their friends about it, and then, give them an exciting way to do it.

This year's speakers are Ron Luce and Mike Guzzardo and this year's bands are Pillar, KJ52, and The Autumn Ashley Band. Registration for this event will begin Sunday, September

24nd and will end on October 15th. This will allow us to be sure we get good seats and make all hotel reservations.

So if you are an interested youth or the interested parent of a youth whom you think would enjoy this event, check out the information brochures in the kiosk located in the entry way of the church. Permission slips may be picked up from the church office.



by Rachel Ortiz, MYF sponsor

Prayer Guide for Revival

Revival is an important activity in our church life, one that calls us to make the commitment to pray for its success and fruition. Please use the following guide to help you focus your prayers on our Revival.

Begin your prayer time during the next four weeks with this prayer of commitment:

"Let me be Your servant, under Your command. I will no longer be my own. I will give up myself to Your will in all things. Lord, make me what You will. I put myself fully into Your hands: put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed for You, or laid aside for You. Let me be full; let me be empty. Let me have all things; let me have nothing. I freely and with a willing heart give all to Your pleasure and disposal."

John Wesley

Week III. Pray for the Church . . . (October 8-14)

- Day 1. To be a house of prayer: Matthew 21:1-13
- Day 2. To be in unity: Ephesians 4:3-6
- Day 3. For reconciliation and forgiveness: Matthew 5:23-24
- Day 4. To raise up tithers: Malachi 3:8-10
- Day 5. To see backsliders reformed: Jeremiah 2:13-19
- Day 6. An end to gossip: Proverbs 18:8
- Day 7. To have a true missionary spirit: Acts 13:1-3

Week IV. Pray for Pastors/Lay Leaders . . . (October 15-21)

- Day 1. They will walk with God: Genesis 6:9
- Day 2. To be devoted to study and prayer: Acts 6:4
- Day 3. To have a true vision from God: Habakkuk 2:2-4
- Day 4. To equip the saints for ministry: Ephesians 4:11-12
- Day 5. To follow God's heart and mind: I Samuel 2:35
- Day 6. To be obedient to God: Acts 5:29 & 40-42
- Day 7. To teach "teachable men": II Timothy 2:1-2

Week V. Pray for the Lost that They . . . (October 22-28)

- Day 1. would be convicted of their sin: John 16:8-11
- Day 2. would be opened to truth: II Corinthians 4:4
- Day 3. Laborers would be sent to them: Matthew 9:38
- Day 4. Hearts softened to God's Word: Hebrews 3:12-13
- Day 5. would be protected from the enemy: John 17:15
- Day 6. would not rest until they find Christ: John 14:27
- Day 7. God would draw them to Himself: John 6:44

Week VI. Pray Additional Requests . . . (October 8-14)

- Day 1. For wisdom for government leaders: I Kings 3:12
- Day 2. For honesty in the business world: Leviticus 19:13
- Day 3. For incorruptible leaders: Daniel 6:4
- Day 4. For true justice in our courts: Deuteronomy 16:18-20
- Day 5. New reverence for the Sabbath: Isaiah 58:13-14
- Day 6. Obedience to God's commands: Exodus 20:1-17
- Day 7. To rely on God's strength, not ours: I Samuel 17:47

The first two weeks of prayer are over, but please continue to keep these things in your prayers.

Week I. Pray for Yourself . . .

- Day 1. Spiritual armor for the battle: Ephesians 6:11-18
- Day 2. Awareness of Satan's schemes: II Corinthians 2:11
- Day 3. Protection from the evil one: John 17:15
- Day 4. A return to our first Love: Revelation 2:4
- Day 5. Desire to grow in maturity: I Peter 2:2
- Day 6. Pray life with persistence: Luke 18:6-7
- Day 7. Not be led into temptation: Matthew 6:13

Week II. Pray for the Family . . .

- Day 1. Marital fidelity: Proverbs 5:18-20
- Day 2. End to divorce and broken homes: Malachi 2:15-16
- Day 3. Love to abound in families: I Corinthians 13:4-13
- Day 4. Teach youth to remember God: Ecclesiastes 12:1
- Day 5. Unity in the family: Psalm 133:1
- Day 6. Bible study in every family: Deuteronomy 6:7
- Day 7. Restore families to God's plan: Colossians 3:18-21

Caution: Use of this guide will be harmful to Satan's Kingdom.

Pray the prayer of John Wesley for yourself each day. Pray each day in particular for the daily theme listed through the six weeks period. Add all that God lays on your heart. This is a STARTING point. This prayer guide comes from:

ON THE ROCK Ministries

John M Barrett - General Evangelist

Senior of the Month

Taken from Equitable Insurance publication EQUILINE

RUBY MEADERS

con't. from September 8, 2006 edition

Ruby has lived at the same address in Los Alamos since 1952, however, she cannot say that she has lived in the same house. On April 10, 1957, in the middle of the afternoon, a contractor for the Atomic Energy Commission was digging a new waterline to the golf course, when he accidentally opened a leak in the gas line. "The kids were home from school, and they went out to watch the ditch digger", Ruby recalls. Only her 2-year old son was in the house, watching through a picture window.

Suddenly, there was a loud "POOF!" and the walls of the house blew out and the ceiling collapsed in flames.

Miraculously, her son rode the windowsill out through the shattering glass into the front yard, his face cut by the flying glass, but otherwise unharmed. Ruby took her son to the hospital for stitches. Later they located their dog, who had jumped out of the burning building and run off. A nearby drug store gave them some aspirin and toothbrushes, and a local department store opened after hours for them to get a change of clothing.

The house was rebuilt, and after Jim died, Ruby decided to "put the house in order for the long haul". In 1992 she had steel siding walls put in, and a metal pitched roof put on. Both improvements had lifetime guarantee, and Ruby thought she was all set.

Then, in September of 2000, the Cerro Grande Fire burned so close to her home that every home on her street burned to the ground, except hers and the other half of her duplex. One friend told her that the spirit of her husband stayed there and looked over the house, but Ruby credits the metal walls and roof. The firemen who sprayed her house and the other homes on her street with water credit Ruby's home not being burnt to the ground like those of her neighbors to the "whims of the fire and winds."

Ruby is no stranger to work, either. She started the school

systems's Credit Union, and Jim served as treasurer until he was called to Urbana for a while. She took over as treasurer until he came back. The Credit Union had grown so much that additional help was needed, so she then retired from the board and was hired as a manager. She was later moved to another division in the school system, doing cataloging, where she learned to use a computer. However, to her children's dismay, she does not currently have a computer of her own. She worked for the school system for 23 years.

Ruby also has had several poems published, one in the School District's Publication, for which she received a certificate for professional publication. She still recites "Ode to a Storm" from memory.

Ode to a Storm

To the rumble of the thunder
And the flashing of the light,
To the dreariest, weirdest
noises
That have ever filled the night.
To the splashing of the rain-
drops
And the pounding of the wind,
To the frail, bending treetops
As the storm-lord plays the
fiend.
The night is dark and torrents
fall
Drenching all as it winds its
way,
To the village down the valley
To continue its harmful play.
The wind whistles as it batters
and tears,
the flapping shutters off their
hinges.
While the hungry,
homeless beggar
into a sheltering corner
cringes.
The storm passes as storms
will
And with the dawn all is still.

by Ruby Meaders

Byline: Jana Peterson,
Compliance Specialist

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possible. If you haven't already begun, start praying daily for revival at Los Alamos First United Methodist Church.

We're seeking revival. We're praying for revival. We're serious. Revive us, O God. Revive

Your people; revitalize Your church! Amen.

Dave Ring

We Witness

Our Church Vows

We will be loyal to the United Methodist Church and uphold it with our prayers, presence, gifts and service.

Our Prayers

There are many, many prayer needs in our church family and community. The caring board by the church office is filled to overflowing, and there are too many prayer needs to put in this space without leaving out some other equally important needs. Having the complete prayer list is as simple as sending your email address to the church office and asking to be placed on the email list for prayer needs.

Our Presence

Attendance on September 24th was 166 for both services combined.

Our Giving

Figures through September 24th--

Ministry budget for 2006	\$475,000
Ministry gifts needed each week	9,134
Ministry gifts needed to date	356,226
Ministry gifts received to date	347,893
Shortage	8,333

Special gifts received to date for ministries outside our budget 20,320

Special October Days

Birthdays:

Emma Jean Mader	10/01
Jon Sollid	10/01
Michael Hundley	10/02
Doris Jackson	10/02
Matthew Ricketts	10/02
Nels Hoffman	10/04
Alice Carter	10/05
Geniece Courtright	10/05
George Balog	10/12
Susannah Rousculp	10/12
Peggy Goldman	10/13
Sarah Hoffman	10/14
Don Zickert	10/14
James Barefield	10/15
Gerald Collom	10/18
Jane Lloyd	10/18

Susan Hodgson	10/20
Ray Trimmer	10/20
Ella Leschnitzer	10/22
David Trimmer	10/25
John Blackadar	10/26
Daniel Sheppard	10/26
Diana Sheppard	10/26
Edith Potter	10/27
Herman Ramsey	10/28
Dave Scudder	10/29
Charles Knapp	10/30

Anniversaries:

October 8
Fred & Hazel DeVries
October 10
Lee & Jan Weinland

First United Methodist Church
called to:

Seek God,
Share Christ's Word,
Serve His World

The next edition of Visions will be dated October 20.
The deadline for articles is Friday, October 13.

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Sunday Services & Activities
8:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

Wednesday Activities
Chancel Choir 7 p.m.
United Skates, Friday evenings
First Session 5:00-6:45 p.m. for children third grade and younger, \$2.00 includes skate rental
Second Session for third grade and up, \$2.50 includes skate rental



Our Applause

We would like to give a special thank you to the people who baked communion breads--Harriet Zickert, Fran Ring, Carol Mead, Aaron Goldman, and Margaret Gibson. Thank you also to Martha Lou Ellis who organized the baking of the breads and saw to it that everything was in order for the serving of communion on the special occasion of World Communion Day.

The following thank you note was sent by Deborah Simon, UBF President: Dear Dr. Ring & members of FUMC, Thank you so much for your donation toward the first annual race of United by Friendship. The proceeds of the event will go toward building a school room for an overcrowded junior high in the highlands of Guatemala. Your sponsorship is truly faith in action and on behalf of the children, we say

"Gracias".

Another note was sent by Lucille Bonner: My thanks to you for caring enough to pray and to God for answering. The fall Bible course at UNM-LA made it with 11 students enrolled. Three are high-school age boys, who Dr. Petty thinks are all home-schooled. Two students are auditing. Keep praying. Dr. Petty's Sociology class made it also. It has 13 students.

Upcoming Events Highlights

Sermon Titles

October 8: Stewardship Emphasis #1 "The A-B-C-D's of Christian Stewardship--'A' is for Attitude"

October 15: Stewardship Emphasis #1 "The A-B-C-D's of Christian Stewardship--'B' is for Blessings"

These sermons will be presented by Dr. Dave Ring, pastor at LAFUMC.

October 22: Laity Sunday "Where Are You in the Picture? Luke 15:11-32. This sermon will be presented by Dennis Gill.



Preaching Schedule

Lay Leadership

October 9, 6 pm in the Friendship Center

The Way

October 7, 7 am in the Friendship Center for breakfast, 7:45--go out in service to the community

LAF Crafts

October 8, 4 pm in the Friendship Center

MF Youth Group

October 8, 4 pm in the Senior High Room

Handbell Choir

October 8, 6 pm in the Friendship Center

Offices Closed

October 9 for Columbus Day

SPRC

October 10, 7 pm in the Asbury Room

Missions Fair/Luncheon

October 15, 12 noon-4pm in the Fellowship Hall

Church Council

October 15, 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Finance

October 17, 6:30 pm in the Senior High Room

Parents' Night Out (PNO)

October 20, 5:30-9:30 pm in the Nursery, Friendship Center, and the Mid-High Room

MF Youth Group

October 22, 4 pm in the Senior High Room

Even Further Ahead . . .

MF Potato Bar Lunch

Moved to October 29--Fundraiser for the Methodist Youth Fellowship. The Youth will cook lunch for everyone after second service in the Fellowship Hall.

Missions/Outreach Movie

October 30, 6:30 pm "An Inconvenient Truth"

Set Clocks Back

October 29--just after midnight on Saturday night

Annual Church Conference

October 29--in the afternoon, more details will follow

Revival Begins

November 5--Children's

Time at 6:30 pm in the Friendship Center; Revival at 7 pm in the Sanctuary. The Revival continues Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at the same times.

Quito Mission

November 9th through the 16th

Quito Mission Fair

by David Trumblee

Our Fair will be October 15th following second service.

Come join the Quito Mission team in a fun filled afternoon of Central American foods, such as Gallo Pinto, Tostones, grilled meats, etc. Hot dogs and mac/cheese for the young at heart.

Visit other lands through picture displays, first hand video of pump repair training, watch or join in games that we use in third world countries with the

children. Sit in on a short hygiene class about the benefits of fresh water and how to prevent common diseases.

Bid on unique items from other lands.

This fund raiser provides all individuals the opportunity to be "In Mission". Those who go to the field cannot do it without your support. Prayers, funds, and time - all of these are part of being "In Mission". One can't happen without the other. Please join us.

Our mission is to Quito, Ecuador. We will minister to aged, make repairs to their facility, and ease the burden of those who toil. All laundry is currently done by hand, 50 senior residents, clothes, towels, and bedding.

Join us--David Ring, Jim Little, Aaron Goldman, John Stong, Jan Stong, Mel Lora, Faye Lora, Sue Maier, Susan Nava, and Dennis Trumblee in outreach mission.