

What's Happening

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The Call to Recovery, a 12-step recovery program every Monday at 7 pm, meets at Leagueville Baptist Church. For more information, call 903-852-7521.

BIS will host its **Fall Festival** Tuesday, October 28, from 8-8:30 pm at their campus. Games, cake walks and great food. Tickets may be purchased in advance at BIS. For more information, call 903-852-7325. Dr. Cherry will be giving flu shots for \$25. Parents must be with children if they get shots.

Calvary Baptist Church will hold its **Revival!** Monday-Friday starting at 7 pm. Pastor Brother Jon Parker and Revival Preacher Brother Brad Webb will be there, and the church will have a Fellowship meal at 6 pm on Friday.

Fall Hunters Rendezvous coming up

It's nearly time for the 25th annual Fall Hunters Rendezvous. This event, presented by the Henderson County Wildlife Committee, will take place Thursday, October 9, at Henderson County Fair Park.

A day of fun is waiting for the whole family, and the fun starts with free admission. It's a great way to spend the evening, and the program goes from 5:30-9:30 pm.

At 6 is the food plot prep, which leads into 7 pm's field

dresssing event. There's even a live demonstration showing people how to process a deer.

Sausage making is the name of the game at 8 pm. Though this is the last time-sensitive item on the agenda, there are more activities to partake in at the rendezvous.

There's a turkey shoot and bow shoot for the youth and adults, and deer scoring, rifle cleaning, bow setup and tuning and even a barbecue dinner.

Finally, there will be a shotgun, rifle and pistol raffle.



Courtesy Photo

This year's Cancer Run was to benefit local boy Jake Hardin. Hundreds of local bikers and friends rode in to lend a helping hand to this brave boy.

★ Speed limit

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from precinct two and three. For both groups, applications can be made by contacting the county judge's office or the appropriate commissioner.

After learning about the latest jail expansion issues, the court moved on to budget amendments. The motion to approve the budget amendments was made and seconded by Jerry West, precinct four commissioner, and Hall, respectively.

Finally, the court approved the payment of \$238,849.84 in bills. West made the motion and Hall seconded.

First UMC Brownsboro to host concert by David Young

The First United Methodist Church of Brownsboro would like to invite everyone to a concert, which will be given by Mr. David Young. Mr. Young was hired this year as theater arts teacher for Brownsboro ISD, teaching grades 7-12. Mr. Young and his wife, Dawn, have been married since 1996 and have five children; three girls and two boys.

Mr. Young has been singing and playing Gospel Music since he was 12 years old.

He is an accomplished pianist and violinist who plans to make a CD of inspirational music within the next year.

The concert will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 11068 Stuart Street, at 6:00 pm on October 5, 2008. A love offering will be taken. Please plan to attend this concert. You will be blessed by Mr. Young's musical presentation.

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Hensarling to give Legislative Update in Athens Oct. 8

ATHENS— On Wednesday, October 8, 2008, U. S. Congressman Jeb Hensarling (TX-05) will be at Athens City Hall Annex to give Henderson County residents an update on his congressional work during the past several weeks.

Union Hill Baptist

by *Mickie Bigbie*

As most of you know, Brother Bill and Ms. Charlie were absent Sunday, due to a death in the family back in North Carolina. The prayers of their church family are with them, as well as others in our church who need comfort at this time.

In Brother Bill's absence, Brother Matt Hollingsworth was with us again and it was a joy to have him. Both in the morning service and evening, he brought us good, strong messages. We need to keep in mind his closing words on Sunday evening, that we are God's best Bible Tracks!

Beginning next Sunday, October 5th through Wednesday the 8th, Union Hill will be in Revival, led by Brother Dennis Erwin. Along with Brother Dennis, we will be blessed by the singing of the Erwin children. Most of you know Brother Dennis and family, however, for those of you who don't, let me invite you now. Don't miss this chance!! The evening service on Sunday will begin at 6:00 p.m. The Monday through Wednesday services will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Tonight, Thursday, October 2nd, it's time for Senior Moments at Union Hill. Come join us at 7:00 p.m. for an evening of fun and fellowship ... bring snacks.

The Ladies Retreat scheduled for October 17th through the 18th has been temporarily postponed. Be patient! We'll have more details for you later.

I know you're excited about the beginning of the AWANA program. It starts Sunday evening, October 12th. Encourage your children to come. This is a wonderful opportunity for them.

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The Ladies Silent Auction is coming ... now is the time to begin bringing your items for auction. We are looking for new, gently used, antique and collectible items that we can put in the auction. There are already some really neat items on display.

As publicized previously, the second annual cancer run was made last weekend, beginning at Scooter Pete's in Tyler and ending at Wal-Mart in Athens. The fundraiser auction was to benefit nine-year-old leukemia victim, Jake Hardin. Participants in the event were our own Wheels of Mercy Motorcycle Ministry, Harvestime Riders Motorcycle Ministry, Dragoons Motorcycle Club and Scimitars Motorcycle Club. One hundred-seventy bikes participated in the run. Many thanks to Wal-Mart Transportation, Athens Power Sports, Smith County Constables' office, Chandler and Brownsboro Police Departments and a special thanks to Scooter Pete for hosting the event. Because of faith, prayers and support, we know that Jake is on the road to being cancer free.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 8th. It's time for the Wheels of Mercy Bikefest. There will be bike games, music, preaching and lots of good food. We'll have more information for you as the time gets closer.

Some of you asked about the ending on last week's article ... what the "waiting" referred to. I was referring to the closing of Brother Bill's message taken from Matthew 24:42 and 44. While we're waiting for that glorious time, we need to be in prayer for our leaders and for our country and we thank you for doing just that. Our Father will guide us if we'll just let him. Thanks for asking. The King's children need to speak up, don't we! See you on the hill.

Murchison United Methodist to host fourth family fun night October 11

by *Eddie Pirtle*

The public is invited to the fourth annual family fun night benefit hosted by Murchison Methodist Women. It will be held on the church grounds on State Highway 31 East in Murchison, Saturday, October 11, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The event will benefit the Henderson County Food Pantry. There will be hayrides, bounce house, face painting, cake walk, children's treasure hunt,

Simply His clowns with balloon animals and door prizes from 4 to 6.

From 6 to 7 p.m., Allen Smith's Country and Gospel band, "The Right Direction" will perform.

The cost to participate is canned foods or cash donations to the Food Pantry.

If it is raining, it will be at Scott's Gym on Hwy. 31, East of downtown Murchison.

For further information call 903-469-3780 or 903-469-4649.

Forest Grove Baptist

by *Sue Bannister*

This has been a busy time here at FGBC. Thanks to a lot of hard work and many man-hours the updating of the sanctuary is nearing completion. It is really looking great. We hope to have the sound booth and pulpit area complete before January.

King's Kids has started back up with the beginning of

school, meeting each Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday night Ms. Carmen and Ms. Melanie had twenty-three students. There are many activities planned for King's Kids including a visit from Bill and Star from the *Greatest American Dog Show* on October 8th at 7 p.m.

Everyone here is preparing for the Pow-Wow and our popcorn booth. It will be a great time of fun, fellowship and witnessing while supporting our community. We look forward to seeing you there.

May the Lord bless each of our neighbors richly.

CHANDLER U.M.C.

by *Linda G. Keeling*

"And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing." I Corinthians 13:1

Did you know the word charity has been essentially removed from the Bible? In the older versions of the Bible the term appeared some 171 to 195 times. While in the newer versions as the RSV or the NRV it appears only once! To provide clarity the revisions change the term to "love." Certainly in most verses of the Bible, love clarifies the relationship God has with us and we have with him. Now, charity is simple a term for giving to the needy, often in an impersonal non-spiritual way. But is that what God means for us to do?

Charity comes from a Greek term "Caritas" meaning selfless love. Charity is comprised of two parts; love of God and love of man. It is difficult to provide charity without love. As Mother Teresa stated "Practical activity will always be insufficient, unless it visibly expresses a love for man, a love nourished by an encounter with a Christian's love." The most significant love is considered "agape" or unconditional, self-sacrificing love, the true expression of God's love for us.

So charity is still a very important act in Christian lives. Giving to those in need, within the home, community and world, is an important role of a Christian. Remember, charity does not always require material things, often your time, labor, prayers and testimony is what is needed. As long as it is given in love.

Speaking of love and charity, what a wonderful example of Christian love Krista Cherry demonstrated. She requested money instead of birthday gifts for her seventh birthday party, which she donated to the hungry children of Kenya. Thank you, Krista for your generosity and love for those in need.

Remember your donation to UMCOR, United Methodist Committee on Relief, will go to help hurricane victims on the Texas coast. Many of our congregation have family and friends in the damaged areas. We prayed for their safety during the hurricane season and for their speedy recovery from the damages. Last Sunday over one thousand dollars was collected toward this relief effort. The UMCOR is a great way to contribute toward disaster relief throughout our country.

Isn't it great to have our choir back from summer recess? Their anthem last Sunday, "This Little Light of Mine" with solos by Judy Pope, Tom Jones, Pam Nokes, David Kidd, and Tammy Kidd, had everyone tapping and clapping.

John Taylor reported that the "See you at the pole" and "Saw you at the pole" was a tremendous success. The follow-up meeting at a local church was standing room only. While prayers are no longer allowed in public schools, it is rewarding to see the action of our students in public declaring that God still plays an important role in their lives.

The first weekend of October, the 4th and 5th, is the beginning of Praying4America month. Please remember to pray for our country and our leadership, as we go into Election Day. This is a nation-wide prayer initiative, for all believers to pray for our country's government. "...As the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon him for." Deuteronomy 4:7

Last week, the United Methodist Women provided the meal for the Wesley Foundation on the Tyler Junior College Campus. This is a yearly event in support of the Wesley Foundation which is sponsored by the Methodist churches. The Foundation is not there to recruit membership, but to witness to those who are seeking and to provide a welcome sanctuary for our young Christians far from home.

Last week's column didn't make it into the paper, so some of the anniversary and birthday wishes were delayed. So super wishes for everyone.

Happy anniversary: Jeffrey and Rhnea Barnes, Dianne and Wesley Johnston, and Tom and Kim Birdwell.

Happy birthday to James Taylor, Carrie Barber Cadynce Duncan, Luke Johnson, Lucy Callaway, Edna Jo Welch, Bob Padgett, Bob Pyle, Glenn Ford, Karen O'Steen, Brittany Galloway, Timothy Williams, Ryan Smith, Morgan Barnes, and Lexton Wilson.

Thought for the Week: "Should we grieve over a little misplaced charity, when an all-knowing, all-wise being showers down every day his benefits on the unthankful and undeserving." -Francis Atterbury

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Sunday Bible Study 9:30am	Sunday Evening Worship ... 6:00pm
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am	Sunday Children's Church 6:00pm
Wednesday Evening Service 7:00pm	

Elders: Lowell Daughtry • Doug Wilson