

## Chandler U.M.C.

by Linda G. Keeling

"Since you are eager to have spiritual gifts, try to excel in gifts that build up the church." 1 Corinthians 14:10

As we welcome our new Pastor Jeff McDonald, it seems an opportune time for our church to engage in some self-evaluation. Roger Babson wrote that "preachers and laymen are each rowing different oars, but they are both in the same boat. When only one oar is being pulled, there is a lot of splash but no progress." It was Jesus' intent that through the church, the wisdom and goodness of God should be made known to the world. It is with our individual gifts, talents and abili-

ties, we are to serve our God, our church and our community.

Rick Warren in his book *The Purpose Driven Church* wrote that absolutely nothing will revitalize a church faster than rediscovering its purpose. There are many programs and missions our church has accomplished over the years, but it was Oliver Wendell Holmes who reminded us, "To reach the port of Heaven we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it. But we must sail, and not drift nor lie at anchor." Come let Pastor Jeff know how you wish to serve your church.

WOW! Terrific Tuesday is really going strong. Forty-one young people participated in the first Tuesday with a visit to the zoo and the Sonic. This Tuesday they spent the day at the Texas Fish Hatchery. This is a wonderful opportunity for the young people to experience the joys of summer. Please let Kasey Oliver know if you might be willing to help with this program. This would be a great way for our retired grandparents to volunteer. Remember this program is nondenominational and everyone is welcomed. There is a small charge for some activities and sack lunches for most. Call the church office for additional information.

Big House, the U.M. Army for the junior high school students from 6th grade to 8th grade is scheduled for July 9th through the 12th. They will be helping with basic clean-up and repair of homes of those in need. This year they will be in Prosper, Texas.

Summer camp is around the corner. This year the students will have options. The District Summer Camp will be July 13-17, then the church will have a "Living Proof Camp" July 27-31 at a local campground. Maybe your child would like to attend both. Contact our Youth Director, Sean Young about the particulars.

At the monthly Family Night, Wednesday July 1, the pastor and family got a "pounding," with gifts of love. If you have not had an opportunity to meet Pastor Jeff and his family, plans are being made to have small groups scheduled at different times and in informal settings, to give each of us a chance to meet this wonderful family. In the meantime, come hear his sermons. You will learn what is in his heart as he shares his gift of preaching.

Thought for the Week: God determines who walks into your life; it's up to you to decide who you let walk away, who you let stay, and who you refuse to let go. Feeling alone? Read Hebrews 13:5

## VBS set in Edom

Crocodile Dock Vacation Bible School will be from 9 a.m. to noon, July 6-10, at the First Baptist Church of Edom, located at 9714 F.M. 314 in Edom.

The VBS will be for children ages 4-11. For more information, call (903) 852-5481.

## Revival set for July 19

Old Fashioned Tent Revival services will begin with Homecoming at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, July 19, at Forest Grove Baptist Church. Lunch will follow.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Monday to Wednesday, with the Rev. Byron Howard preaching.

For more information, call the church at (903) 849-2378 or 849-2368. The church is located at 217 Forest Grove Drive in Chandler.

## Arrest

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ity Miley, 29, for an outstanding arrest warrant for theft Wednesday, June 24, on Wild Wood Drive in the Wild Wood subdivision in Chandler, according to Henderson County Sheriff Ray Nutt.

Miley was located hiding in a vehicle and a subsequent search of her property yielded methamphetamine. In addition to the outstanding warrant for motion to adjudicate guilt for theft of property, Miley also was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram.

She was transported to the Henderson County Jail for processing.

## Dallas zoo fun for small cost

It is the best economic stimulus plan in town. Visit Dollar Day Thursday, July 2, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Dallas Zoo and have a big time for a small cost.

\* See big, bad Boudreaux and his other American alligator buddies at Ghosts from the Bayou.

\* Catch a 4-D flick at the air-conditioned 4-D Adventure Theater (additional cost applies).

\* Visit Kona, the baby chimp, at the Kimberly-Clark Chimpanzee Forest.

\* Look for the little titi monkey along Primate Place.

\* Attend the expanded schedule of zookeeper talks throughout the park.

The general public is invited.

The Dallas Zoo says "Thanks" to the public for its support throughout the year with a special admission price of \$1 all day. (The regular parking fee of \$5 per car will be in effect. For reference, regular admission rates are \$10 for adults 12-64; \$7 for children 3-11; \$7 for seniors 65 and up. Children age 2 and under with Dallas Zoological Society members are free.) Dollar deals will be available at the Zoo throughout the day, including \$1 food items such as hot dogs, chips, water, popcorn, and snow cones on Cat Green and \$1 frozen treats near the exit. The Zoofari Market will have great deals on drinks, snacks, and souvenirs throughout the park and a special area at the shop for \$1 and clearance items.



## Rock Hill Baptist concert is July 5

The Rock Hill Baptist Church will host a concert at 8:30 and 10:55 a.m. Sunday, July 5, at the church, 10768 CR 3405 in Brownsboro.

Music will be provided by William Chisum of Dallas.

In addition to the Sunday School promotion, the church will host the Lord's Supper at 6:30 p.m. and an ice cream social at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, call (903) 852-6711.

## July 4 celebration set at Edom park

The Edom Community Park will host a July 4 Celebration at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 4, at the Edom Community Park.

The band will start at 7 p.m., followed by fireworks at dusk. Hot dogs, snacks and drinks will be available.

Proceeds will benefit the Edom Area Scholarship fund.

## Lake Palestine UMC to host celebration

Lake Palestine Community Fourth of July Extravaganza will be at Lake Palestine United Methodist Church, 2889 F.M. 315 S. (7 mi. south of Chandler).

Activities will be scheduled for youth, "42" games with trophies, and many other games for adults (handicap accessible) and free parking.

Activities will begin at 2 p.m., with live entertainment at 7:30 p.m. A free fireworks show will start at dusk at the Amphitheatre on the lake.

## Uncle Mort on Greening ....

I heard a story once about a yard man who sheepishly thanked his employer for a gift of whiskey. He described it as "just right whiskey."

"What does that mean?" the donor questioned.

He repeated the "just right" description, adding, "If it had been any better, you wouldn't have given it to me, and if it had been any worse, I couldn't have swallowed it."

I feel such ambivalence when driving down I-20 in East Texas. At a certain exit, my conscience pulls at me to veer off onto the state highway, wind down a farm-to-market road, then finally to a briar-canopied lane to my Uncle Mort's place.

The practical side of me asks, "Do you really want to add 90 minutes to the trip?" The hour and a half is best-case scenario. That's driving time, with a few seconds to scribble a note and slip it under the screen door if Mort happens to be away.

He's might near always at home, brimful of news from the thicket, suitable for sharing. He then rattles at 150 words per minute, with gusts to 200.

If I understood him more, I'd drop by more often. If I understood him less, I'd mark him off, figuring that he'll be hauled off by authorities at any time.

Mort brings to mind the man in a little town who was three feathers short of a warbonnet. A social worker asked someone if he thought the man should be committed.

Pausing, he answered, "Well, 'tis hard to say. As long as he's out, I doubt that they'll lock him up, but if they ever lock him up, I'm pretty sure they'll never let him out."

Dropping by a few days back, though, was a no-brainer. I knew that he'll be hitting birthday number 97 next month, and previous commitments prevent our being on hand.

We got one of those "sorry-we-can't-be-there, but-want-to-be-the-first-to-congratulate-you" cards.

The card and two-dozen bottles of gen-u-wine Dublin Dr Pepper in hand, I tried my best to drive down the absolute center of the lane, conscious that no matter what, the dust would cancel a fresh car wash. Maybe, though, I could steer clear of briars that threatened to do a number on my paint job if I veered the slightest bit, left or right....

He often runs to meet me, full of "howdies," then asking Aunt Maude to make a fresh pot of coffee and serve us some of her palate-pleasing teacakes.

Last week, it was a quick "hello," with curtness one can sometimes expect from my get-



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rich-quick uncle.

"I'm too busy to mess with you today," he said, barely looking up from what appeared to be a tedious chore. He was scooping livestock feed from 50-pound bags, dumping it into freshly-printed bags he'd ordered from the Metroplex. On them were these words in bold print: Burpless Cattle Feed.

"I'm tellin' you, nephew, we live in a world where most people who used to view green simply as a basic color now think 'purt near everything needs to be green. I heard over the radio that the radicals now think that our atmosphere is polluted with methane expelled in cattle burps."

Uh-oh. My uncle was up to shenanigans again, claiming sole heirship of the latest get-rich-quick scheme. He believed the printing on his new bags would increase its worth.. He called his "new" feed the new-and-improved "burpless" variety.

I reminded him that it could be extremely embarrassing if the cattle people challenged him....

"There ain't gonna be any problem, nephew," he assured. "Farmers are working 18 hours a day just to break even. I saw a bumper sticker just the other day that said 'Show me a successful farmer, and I'll show you one with a wife who has a job in town.' Farmers are stretched thin, and they don't have time to stand around listening for cattle burps."

I stood there, dumfounded, delighted that this visit would be a short one indeed.

As I drove away, I thought about the card my wife bought the other day for the couple's 77th anniversary coming up in August. The message? "May you have as many more anniversaries as you want...."

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Scott Fossey  
Minister

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 10:30AM  
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP 6:00PM  
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE 6:00PM

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Ages 4 thru Sixth Grade

Concord Baptist Church

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CHANDLER FIRST ASSEMBLY

**Leagueville Baptist Church**

DISCOVER THE UNTAMED NATURE OF GOD

**Wild Wood Forest**

July 6-10  
9:00-11:30

Ages 3yrs old - entering 5th Grade

For more information call  
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