

March 2013 Prime Times

A 'word' from the WORD:

from our Senior Adult Minister

Spurring Others Toward Hope

Hope

Today's Scripture: "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – all the more as we see the Day approaching." **Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)**

Hope, like other human emotions, is contagious! When we associate with hope-filled Christians, we are encouraged by their faith and optimism. They "spur" us on toward hope! But, if we spend too much time in the company of pessimists and negative folks, our attitudes, like theirs, tend to be cynical and critical.

Ask yourself something on this day. Are you a hopeful, optimistic, encouraging believer? And do you associate with like-minded people! Hopefully so! Listen!

No matter what, you have every reason to be hopeful, and you have every reason to share your hopes with others! Why? Because you know the One who is hope! So today, look for reasons to celebrate God's endless blessings. And while you're at it, look for people you "spur on toward hope!" You'll be better for their company, and they'll be better for yours!



Today's Tip: Today, challenge your faith by finding at least three people who need your encouragement, and then give them as much encouragement as you can. Be generous with your words, with pats on the back, and with your prayers. Spur 'em on! And remember -encouragement is contagious! You can't lift other people up without lifting yourself up, too!

Today's Quote: "To the loved, a word of affection is a morsel, but to the love-starved, a word of affection can be a feast!" --Max Lucado

Upcoming GoodTimers Event...

“March St. Patrick’s Day Dinner” Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 6:00 PM



The color for February GoodTimers was **RED**! The color for the GoodTimers’ March meeting is **GREEN**! That’s right! Don’t get pinched by the leprechaun for not having some green on! Our meeting will be just a couple of days prior to St. Patrick’s Day, and we plan a good old “Irish Party” together. Celebrate with your fellow GoodTimers’ by wearing green, looking for the little leprechaun, and who knows you may find a ‘pot of gold’ at the end of the rainbow. This promises to be a wonderful night of fellowship as we feast upon a delicious Irish meal with some ‘green’ vegetables for good luck. Our program will have the Irish flair to it that you will not want to miss. One of the highlights of our entertainment will be Jason Nering playing some songs on his bagpipes. The cost is \$10.00 per person with prepaid reservations made by going online at the weekly church email or by coming by the church office. **Deadline** for reservations for the March meeting will be **Friday, March 10 at 3:00pm.**

GoodTimers’ Reservations Update

Let us say a big “Thank You” for the way that you handled the changing of the reservations to online last month. The reservation process went off with very few glitches and it really helped in securing the reservations. Most importantly, by you making this change we improved our stewardship of costs and had very little food left over. Thank you. One last review on reservations...

How to Make Your GoodTimers’ Reservations

1. Go to **First Woodway’s weekly email**, and read the article about the upcoming meeting, click on the “Online” link in the GoodTimers’ article. This will take you to a reservation form where you will enter your name, the number of reservations that you submit, and then it will take you to the payment screen where you can enter your debit/credit card information. You will be given a confirmation # that your reservations have been confirmed. **Note:** Only click the “Submit” button one time and wait momentarily for your confirmation to show up.
2. A second way is to go to the **church website** for First Woodway Senior Adults. Here is the website: firstwoodway.org/senior-adult. This will take you to the Senior Adult information and click on “online” icon in the article to make your reservations.
3. Come by in person to the church office and an someone will help you make and pay for your reservations by cash, check, debit or credit card.
4. If all else fails, you can call the church office (254-772-9696) and someone will take your reservations and payment information over the phone and confirm your reservations.

GoodTimers Group Booklets : Now Available

If you did not receive your GoodTimers Group Booklet at the February meeting, we will move available at our March meeting. This booklet has the names in your group, birthdays of our senior adults, as well important information as to the responsibilities of groups and group leaders. You may also drop by the church office at your convenience to pick one up. A special thanks goes to the SACC members who collected all the information. Also, a special thanks goes to Abby Battle for putting it together and printing it in such a timely manner. Thanks to all of you!

www.firstwoodway.org/senior-adult/

Other Events for Fellowship and Spiritual Growth...

Sunday Evening Worship, 5:00 pm Each Sunday

If you enjoy good gospel hymn singing and preaching from God's Word, you might want to try our Sunday evening worship. This Winter/Spring session our Senior Adult Pastor is preaching on the Beatitudes found in Matthew's gospel. This is a wonderful time of worship and fellowship that meets in the Choir Suite on the second floor. Here is our March and April schedule.

March 5 – Beatitude 4 – Hungry, But Happy – Matthew 5:6

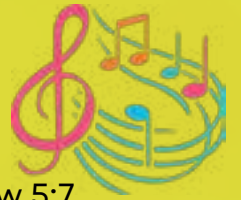
March 12 – **No Sunday Evening Worship – Spring Break**

March 19 – **No Sunday Evening Worship – Care Day FBC Woodway**

March 26 – Beatitude 5 – The Evidence of Being a Christian – Matthew 5:7

April 2 – Beatitude 6 – The Way to See God – Matthew 5:8

April 9 – **No Sunday Evening Worship – Easter**



Wednesday Meals and Prayer Meeting

Our Wednesday meals and prayer meeting will begin again after the spring break and continue for the next 6 weeks. Rene' Maciel will be leading us in this second session beginning Wednes., March 15th. It all begins with the meal at 4:45 pm in the fellowship hall and 6:00 pm for prayer Bible study on the second

Opportunities for Sharing, Growth & Fellowship

- **Tuesday, April 25, 6:00 pm, Widows/Widowers Dinner.** Our Senior Adult Team is working diligently on providing a wonderful evening for all our widows and widowers at First Woodway. You will be treated to a delicious meal, an entertaining program, and great fellowship together. The deacons of First Woodway will be our hosts and will be providing transportation, serving the dinner and hosting a table in your honor. Invitations will be mailed or emailed soon but mark your calendars for this special date. Watch next month's Prime Times for the details.
- **Good Timers, Tuesday, May 9, 6:00 pm, "May Day Dinner"** – Join your GoodTimers for delicious home cooked burgers, potato salad, and baked beans as we have our "May Day" dinner. An exciting program is in the works for this special evening before we take our summer break.
- Men's Fellowship Breakfast, each Tuesday, 8 am, Coffee Shop, McGregor
- GSS Men's Bible Study, each Friday, 7:30 am, The Venue
- Anna's Friends (Widows' Lunch), each Tuesday, 11:30 am, George's-Hewitt
- Chair Pilates (Senior Adult Exercise), each Monday & Friday, 10:15 am, MAC
- Prime Time Sunday Life Groups
- 8:15 am –
 - Choir Room, Stewart, Lindsey & Purdy
 - Room 210-211, Rogers, Hoeffner, & Wolfe
 - Room 217-218, Norris & Moseman
 - Room 317-3128, Eichelberger
- 11:00 am –
 - Room 116, Cotton
 - Room 203, Saul
 - Rooms 210-211, Miller & Williams
 - Rooms 217-218, Childs & Bailey
 - Rooms 301-302, Pausky
- Senior Adult Sunday Evening Worship, Choir Suite, 5 pm, Roy Marshall



Spotlight on Senior Adult Ministry: Chair Pilates | Bonnie Luft, Instructor

Ok, get up, put on your exercise gear and meet many of your fellow seniors on Mondays and Fridays at the MAC for a great program of exercise and fitness. It all starts at 10:15 and features forty-five minutes of stretching and moving led by Bonnie. There is no cost to attend and all it will cost you is a little perspiration and maybe a few sore muscles. Currently, there are 15 to 25 who attend each week. This is one of our ministries where we spotlight the theme of our Christian walk - 'Whole and healthy in body, mind, and spirit!' We hope to see you at the MAC!

Important Events That You WILL NOT Want to Miss..

Spring Break Senior Adult Social Tuesday, March 7, 2023, 4 PM – 5:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

The Acteens of First Woodway are having their Mission Retreat during the week of Spring break. One of their events is to have a joint fellowship with the senior adults from First Woodway and the senior adults from Emmanuel Baptist Church. The Acteens will be making dinner for you and will perform the famous Acteens song – FW Version. Reserve a spot by calling or texting Rhonda @ (254) 666-4317. This is going to be a great event as you get to meet new friends and fellowship with a great group of girls and their leaders – First Woodway Acteens!

Waxahachie Old Fashion Singing present Heaven's Front Porch Chautauqua Auditorium | Friday, March 24, 7:00 pm | Saturday, March 25, 2:00 pm

Many of you have attended "Heaven's Front Porch" singing over the past couple of years and wanted to know the information for this year. The experience begins as you are seated on a slatted bench in a wood-covered room; the side-panels have been raised, and a cool breeze blows in from the west. A ceiling fan hums overhead, and you may find yourself using a 'funeral fan' for the first time in a long time. The lights are dimmed, a church bell rings, and the cast takes over the stage. Suddenly you are surrounded by the sound of some of the best-prepared, best-presented arrangements of the great hymns and gospel songs of the last century. The singing and the stories carry you back to the first half of the 20th Century. The music is fun to listen to – but you realize it has a meaningful message. It speaks to you... down deep. You may call the Civic Center for information and tickets at (469) 309-4040. This year First Woodway **WILL NOT** be taking a group, but you can go on your own for this delightful time.

Latham Springs Baptist Encampment Celebrates 100 Years 1923 - 2023 Saturday, May 6th, 2023

This is your chance to be part of making history as the Latham Springs Baptist Encampment and Retreat Center **celebrates a full day of remembrances** of the past and visions for the future. It will be a full day of worship, fellowship, music and memories. Churches from all over the area are going to help Latham celebrate this historic day. You will rejoice at all the changes that have been made to Latham through the years as well as get a first-hand look at the new retreat center. In fact, one of the rooms in the retreat center have been completed and furnished by First Woodway in honor and memory of one your choicest Senior Adult Ministers, Charlie Dodd. Watch your upcoming April Prime Times for details and how you can be a part of this special anniversary date!

You can also go to www.lathamsprings.com for more details.

On The Record!

Who made the following statements as read in the Bible? Circle your answer.

1. "Am I my brother's keeper?" Samuel, John, Cain, Andrew
2. "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have, I give unto you." Peter, James, John, Paul
3. "What is truth?" Herod, Pilate, Simon Magus, Cornelius
4. "Choose you this day whom you will serve, but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!" Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Joshua
5. "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God!" Nathaniel, John, Peter, Paul
6. "Almost you persuade me to become a Christian." Herod Agrippa, Pilate, Caiaphas, Festus
7. "Entreat me not to leave you for your people will be my people. Where you lodge, I will lodge." Rebekah, Rachel, Ruth, Rahab
8. "I have fought the good fight; I have kept the faith." Paul, Peter, James, Barnabas
9. Bonus Quote: "How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him..."

Answer: _____

Verse to Remember: "I lift up my eyes to the hills - from where will my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth." -Psalm 121:1-2

Answers: 1. Cain; 2. Peter; 3. Peter; 4. Joshua; 5. Peter; 6. Peter; 7. Ruth; 8. Paul; BONUS: Elijah