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# *Mid-Month News*

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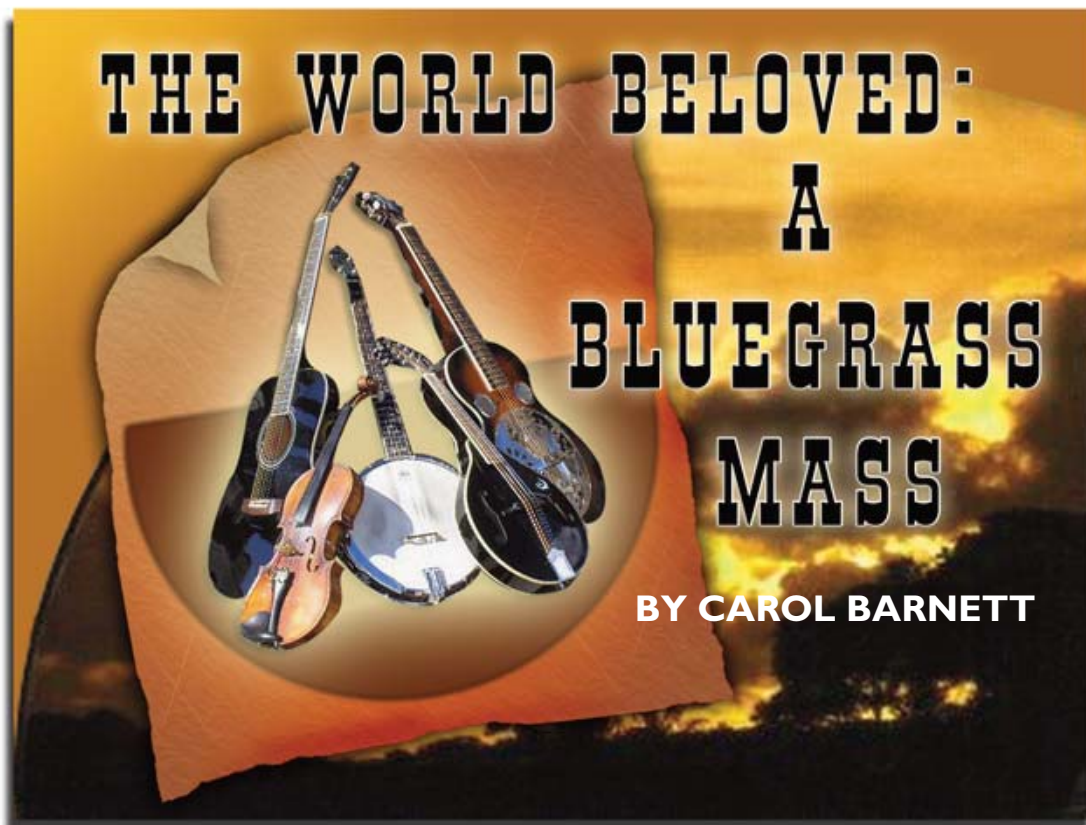
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## **All Saints' Sunday November 1, 2009**

**8:30 and 11:00 am Worship Services**

**The Chancel and University Choirs will present:**



**YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS  
THIS MUSICAL EVENT AND SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE!**

**If you have a loved one who has passed and you would like his or her name read during the All Saints service, please email Vickey Tesh at [vickey-tesh@am-umc.org](mailto:vickey-tesh@am-umc.org) by October 19, 2009.**

## Dates to Remember

- October 17 - Country Fair at House Farm
- October 17 - College Monthly Mission Project
- October 18 - Church Council Meeting
- October 28 - Men's Prayer Breakfast
- October 30 - College Halloween Party
- November 1 - All Saints Sunday
- November 1 - Youth Stock Sales begin
- November 1 - Youth Halloween Barn Dance
- November 1 - Daylight Savings Time ends
- November 4 - DMA Luncheon
- November 6 - College Fall Retreat
- November 8 - Wesley Sunday
- November 10 - WDS Fall Family Fun Night
- November 14 - College Monthly Mission Project
- November 19 - Charge Conference
- November 20 - Parents' Nite Out
- November 29 - First Sunday of Advent
- November 29 Lessons and Carols Concert

## Christmas Tea

A&M UMC Christmas Tea hostesses are needed for December 1, 2009, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. If you are interested in setting and hosting a table for

the Christmas Tea, please contact Pat Gideon at [texaspattcakes@yahoo.com](mailto:texaspattcakes@yahoo.com).



## "The Personal Energy Transportation Vehicle"

**Wednesday, October 28  
7:00 am  
in Fellowship Hall  
Guest Speaker:  
Mike Beal**

Mike Beal will describe the Transportation Vehicle's use by those who have lost their legs due to polio, land mines, other injury, or disease. He will tell us how our church can help assemble and distribute the vehicles to those in need.

## Halloween for College and Youth

### College Halloween Scavenger Hunt

This year College Ministry will meet on Friday, October 30, at 7:00 pm in the Great Hall and then go on a scavenger hunt around town.



### Youth Halloween Barn Dance

Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 1! This barn dance is going to be AWESOME!

## SOS Ministries Grand Opening

Join SOS Ministries in worship and celebration for the Grand Opening of their New Ministry located at 1700 Groesbeck. Grand Opening events will be held from Nov 5th to the 7th. Each night we will be holding a worship service at the new center including a message from Nicky Cruz on Friday night. There will also be a Ribbon Cutting at 11:30 am on the 6th and an Open House afterwards. Come join us as we celebrate a new chapter at SOS Ministries! For more information please contact our office at 775-5357.

## Prayer Concerns

**Prayers of Healing** for Alice Edwards, Jenny Barker, Glenna Brundidge, Gordon LeBleu, and Rev. Kip Gilts' mother, Kathy Giesey.

**Prayers of Comfort** for the family and friends of J.C. Grady on his passing; for Isabel Robbins on the passing of her husband, Benjamin Robbins. Funeral service for Benjamin Robbins will be October 17 at 10:00 am at First United Methodist Church in Bryan.

**Prayer of Joy** for the birth of Andrew Tex Armstrong, son of Andy and Jennifer Armstrong, on September 28; for the birth of Adele Marie Kohel on September 23, daughter of David and Martine Kohel and granddaughter of Russell and Joyce Kohel; and for the birth of Jacob Ethan Lyons on September 15, son of Tommy and Amanda Lyons.

**Ongoing Prayers** for Hazel Owens, Keta Jones, Elaine Waggoner, Kim Feldman, Sarah Pausky (Paul Pausky's mother), Stan and Beckie Stover's daughter, Robin, Billy Sherman (Sandy Bennett's step-father), Joe Powers' sister, Glyn Melcher, Pam Walkup (Cleve and Bobbie Walkup's daughter-in-law), Martha McLemore (Rachel Markham's mother), Saralyn Morris (daughter of Liz Miller), and Liz's friend, Finis Horne, Bob Gallaway, Bill Ward, Pearl Kiser, Cecilia Wilson (Robert Wilson's mother), Susan Gililland (Tricia Lander's mother), Loyd Smith (Beth Cade's father), Ethel Choate (Tammy Gilts' grandmother), Robert and Toby Hoffman, Frances Henry, Virginia Read (Eva Read-Warden's mother), Virginia Bean (Beckie Stover's mother), M. R. Calliham, Nelson and Annie Durst, Pat Sargent, Jean Gresham, Kathleen Pratt (sister of Harry Jones), and Fred Kettleborough.

*Please continue to pray for peace as you keep our troops around the world and their families in your prayers.*



## Israel, June 3-12

"When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven..." One of the most powerful places to stand on earth is that hillside where these beatitudes were spoken. You could be standing there on June 5, 2010.

Join Kip & Tammy Gilts for an unforgettable tour of the Holy Land, June 3-12. People are already registering for this trip of a lifetime that will take travelers to Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Qumran, and so many more places. Remember your baptism at the Jordan River, ride in a boat on the Sea of Galilee, walk the shores of the Mediterranean Sea, float in the Dead Sea (the lowest point on earth). At each stop scriptures will come alive as stories are read that took place right where you will be standing.

The best prices are available for those who register before October 31. For more information visit with Kip or Tammy or email them at [kipgilt@am-umc.org](mailto:kipgilt@am-umc.org) or [tgilt@yahoo.com](mailto:tgilt@yahoo.com).



## Shoeboxes? How, Where, and When...

The children's *Operation Christmas Child* project is nearing some deadlines. If you would like to make a monetary donation to help Children's Ministry purchase supplies to fill an Operation Christmas Child shoebox, please make your contribution by **Sunday, November 1**. Write your check to A&M UMC and make a notation in the memo area it is for *Operation Christmas Child*. You may place your check in the offering plate on Sunday or drop it by the church office. If you and / or your children have assembled and wrapped a shoebox, the deadline to bring them to the church is **Sunday, November 8**. The collection areas are the Children's Commons in the Christian Life Center and the Library in the Sanctuary Building.

SUNDAY		OCTOBER 18
CHURCH		COUNCIL
FELLOWSHIP HALL		6:00 PM



## West District Charge Conference

**November 19, 2009 at 6:30 pm at St. Luke's United Methodist**  
On Villa Maria just down from Mary Branch Elementary School



**Jane Pulley** has been a Girl Scout volunteer in the Bryan-College Station community for more than 40 years. Her specialty is leading day camps and teaching the many campfire songs that really make a campout. On troop campouts, Jane has been known to wake the girls by singing "Oh what a beautiful morning..." at full volume. More than ten years ago she felt a lump in her breast, ran to her doctor and was diagnosed with breast cancer. By staying busy as a Girl Scout volunteer, repeating a Girl Scout Law mantra of being "courageous and strong," leaning on her Girl Scout friends, and receiving 15 months of treatment, Jane was declared cancer free. Since her healthy diagnosis, Jane has remained an active volunteer with Girl Scouts and also began donating her time to the American Cancer Society's Reach to Recovery program. Her courage in the face of danger and her unwavering commitment to Central Texas girls and women is an inspiration to us all.



# college ministries



Katy-Marie Lyles, Director of College Ministries

**Halloween Scavenger Hunt** - This year College Ministry will meet on Friday, October 30, at 7:00 pm in the Great Hall and then go on a scavenger hunt around town. We will meet and break up into teams. Everyone is asked to come in costume. We return from the scavenger hunt at 9:30 pm and meet in the Great Hall where we will eat, watch a movie, and have fellowship. Friends are welcome to come. If you

have any questions or would like more information please contact Kelley Mares at [kmares10@gmail.com](mailto:kmares10@gmail.com).

**College Ministry Fall Retreat is November 6-8.** If you are a student and want to get away for a fun weekend of spiritual enlightenment and growth, you should join College Ministry on our annual Fall Retreat. We will meet in the parking lot at 5:00 pm on Friday, November 6, and carpool to Messiah's Ranch where we will spend the weekend in spiritual renewal. This year our speaker is Chase Carlisle and we will be looking at what it means as a Christian to have an inward, upward, and outward relationship with Christ. Cost is \$65 and scholarships are available upon need. To register for Fall Retreat please contact Brandi Tevebaugh at [btevebaugh@tamu.edu](mailto:btevebaugh@tamu.edu) or Kelley Mares at [kmares10@gmail.com](mailto:kmares10@gmail.com). You can also sign up at Mosaic on Wednesday evenings. **Deadline to register is Wednesday, October 25.**

**Mexico Mission trip to Matamoras** is January 4-10. College Ministry will be going on a mission trip to Matamoras Mexico (right across the border from Brownsville, TX). We will be going through The Texas Annual Conference Partners in Mission and we will be working with El Buen Methodist Church in Matamoras where we will stay. We will help them continue in the construction of their church building. No prior mission experience is needed. The cost of the trip is \$250 but scholarships are available. The deadline for the first payment of \$150 is November 11, and the remainder of the payment is due December 2. You MUST have a passport to cross the border into Matamoras. If you would like to sign up for the trip or have any questions please contact Katy-Marie at [Katy-Marie@am-umc.org](mailto:Katy-Marie@am-umc.org).

**Mosaic is moving to Thursday nights in the spring.** In spring 2010, College Ministries Mosaic evening fellowship and worship will move to Thursday evenings. Dinner will begin at 6:30 pm, followed by worship at 7:30 pm. For the duration of this semester, Mosaic will continue to meet on Wednesday evenings.



## Symbolism and Meaning of Genesis: *the First Day*

A Reflection by

**Ed Kane on his award winning anthem to be debuted during Worship Services in the near future.**

The Book of Genesis answers some of the most profound questions of humanity. Of most significance, one learns of the existence of God. From the very first word, Genesis challenges the reader to formulate a bonding trust in God through the building of faith in the words found therein.

It is human nature to doubt until sufficient evidence adequately proves truth or falsehood. Genesis 2:2 states, "And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done..." However, discoveries in the scientific community suggest that it could have taken at least 7 days plus perhaps billions of years for the Earth to be finished. Initially one might feel conflicted since it is generally accepted that 1 day lasts 24 hours. But how long was exactly one day for God in the beginning? The Bible tells us that on the first day, the Earth "was a formless void". A void is not a globe. Therefore, most likely it would have been impossible for a 24-hour rotation of the earth to occur. Alternatively, perhaps a day was representative of a symbolic passage of time and not meant to be perceived in 24-hour increments, just as a piece of music performed by different musicians may take different lengths of time depending on the tempo interpretation. So even with a seemingly straightforward reading, one may be forced to rethink the current human experience of a day, and to think beyond Earth as we know it. For today, this is how I reconcile my faith.

I offer one hint in interpreting the music leaving the remainder to anyone who wishes to search deeper into their own discoveries. I chose to somewhat strictly use the Fibonacci number series (0,1,1,2,3,5,8,etc.) in both forward and retrograde of the measures and lyrics. I did this not only as a personal challenge, but also as a way to reflect the beauty that this famous number series displays in nature. I wish I could say that it is perfect, but it is not. What the music does achieve, in its own way, is to serve as an offering of a modern expression of faith.

## Advent Devotional Writers

If you would like to write an Advent devotional for our sixth annual A&M UMC Advent Devotional Booklet, please contact Tammy Gilts by Wednesday, October 21. You will be provided with guidelines, examples and the deadline. Contact info: [tgilts@yahoo.com](mailto:tgilts@yahoo.com) or 696-5845.