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# Mid-Month News

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## Centenary College Choir

# save the date!

a&m united methodist church presents the Centenary College Choir



*America's Singing* **Ambassadors**



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**February 27, 2010 • 7:00pm • Sanctuary**

The Centenary College Choir, from Shreveport, Louisiana, will be in full voice as it presents a concert at A&M United Methodist Church on Saturday, February 27 at 7pm. The internationally known choir will be presenting a varied selection of music that is sure to offer something for everyone. During the 2009-2010 choral season, the unmatched history and tradition of the choir is sustained as it celebrates its 69th year of local, regional, national, and international performances. The choir's fine singing, showmanship, character, and visual appeal make this a concert you don't want to miss. This concert is free and open to all.

## Dates to Remember

- February 16 - Blue and Gold Banquet  
- Adults with Aging Parents
- February 17 - Ash Wednesday Service at 6 pm
- February 19 - CALL+RESPONSE DOCUMENTARY
- February 21 - Core Leadership Team Meeting  
- Church Council Meeting
- February 24 - Men's Prayer Breakfast
- February 26 - Family Retreat
- February 27 - Centenary College Choir Concert
- February 28 - Youth visit "Church Under the Bridge"
- March 3 - D.M.A. Luncheon
- March 5 - Acolyte Lock-In
- March 7 - Commitment Sunday
- March 14 - Senior High Youth  
Matamoras Mission Trip
- March 28 - Mozart's Requiem

## Prayer Concerns

**Prayers of Healing for:** Tex Owens; and Rowan Pruitt, newborn grandson of Buzz and Katy Pruitt

**Prayers of Comfort for:** Sandy Siddall on the passing of her son, Ed; Carole Edwards on the passing of her mother, Alice Edwards; the family of Thomas Moore; Maya Scott on the passing of her grandfather; and Paul Pausky on the passing of his aunt.

**Ongoing Prayers for:** Russ Tate (Jacque Halverson's father), Kim Feldman, Sara Kothmann (Kathy and Mort Kothmann's daughter), Stephanie Harris' grandmother, Granny Neuman, Robert Zinn, Bill Pope, Helen Anderson (Carol Suter's sister), Harriette Horner (daughter of Charlie Horner and Ellen's step-daughter), Alice Edwards, Glenna Brundidge, Rev. Kip Gilts' mother, Kathy Giesey, Hazel Owens, Elaine Waggoner, Billy Sherman (Sandy Bennett's step-father), Joe Powers' sister, Pam Walkup (Cleve and Bobbie Walkup's daughter-in-law), Martha McLemore (Rachel Markham's mother), Cecilia Wilson (Robert Wilson's mother), Susan Gilliland (Tricia Lander's mother), Loyd Smith (Beth Cade's father), Bob and Toby Hoffman, Frances Henry, Virginia Read (Eva Read-Warden's mother), M. R. Calliham, Nelson and Annie Durst, Pat Sargent, Jean Gresham, Kathleen Pratt (sister of Harry Jones), and Fred Kettleborough.

## ENOUGH

Discovering Joy Through  
Simplicity and Generosity

Join us in worship for a sermon series entitled **Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity**. Our nation is experiencing what many have described as the "American Nightmare." Increasing consumer debt, declines in savings, lower income growth, and a volatile stock market are all a part of our economic insecurity. We have lived in a society that tells us "you deserve it now," whether or not we can afford it or really even need it.

All of us have struggled with these issues at one time or another. They are important issues that we cannot ignore. This is why, for the next few weeks (through March 7), we will be having a church wide study and worship emphasis called **Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity**. During this time we will explore what the Bible teaches us about financial management through corporate worship and small group study (visit the church webpage for details about small-group study opportunities). We'll hear expert advice and stories about what others have learned by working through financial challenges. Each week we will provide you with some practical tools you can use to assess your financial situation and develop a financial plan with a biblical foundation.



## CALL+RESPONSE Friday, February 19

27 Million Slaves in the World Today!

Slavery is a huge problem in America and in our world. On February 19 at 7 pm, we will be showing Call+Response, a documentary about human trafficking and modern day slavery. Did you know that human traffickers make more money than Nike, Google, and Starbucks combined? Jesus came to let the oppressed go free. We are the hands and feet of Jesus and it's time we, as a church and community, stood up for the people who have no voice. This film is proudly sponsored by Village Foods and the West District of the United Methodist Church.

## February 19 Parents' Nite Out Cancelled

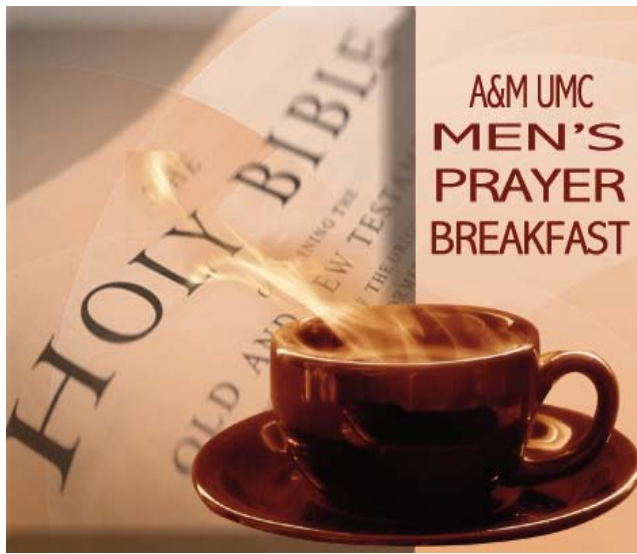
Due to the screening of CALL+RESPONSE in the Great Hall on February 19, Parents' Night Out has been cancelled for this month. Please watch for announcements for the next PNO on Friday, March 26.

## Ash Wednesday, a Taizé Service February 17 at 6 pm

A&M UMC begins the Lenten season with Ash Wednesday Service on February 17 at 6:00 pm. Please join us for the Wednesday Night Family Supper at 5:15 pm and prepare your hearts for the service of repentance and reflection that follows.



Church Council will meet Sunday, February 21 at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall



**What:** Men's Prayer Breakfast  
**Where:** Fellowship Hall  
**When:** Wednesday, February 24, at 7:00 am  
**Guest Speaker:** David Brochu  
**Topic:** Portable Medical Clinics Update

As you can see in the Portable Medical Container picture below, A&M UMC now has three future medical containers located in the church parking lot. Throughout the past two weeks, volunteers from A&M UMC and all over the community have been energetically working to convert these hollow shelled shipping containers into functional medical clinics. This effort was launched and nurtured by our INVEST Team. David Brochu, one of the members of our INVEST team, is serving as the building foreman and volunteer director.

## Portable Medical Clinics . . . Now We Have Three



Three new shipping containers are here to be turned into working medical clinics. We cannot do this without your help. Please set aside Saturday mornings to come and join in the transformation process. This congregation has been truly blessed. Not only do we know where our first clinic was planted, but also that it was in Haiti just in time for such a great need. Thanks be to God! If you would like to express interest in volunteering to assist with the construction of the clinics, please call the church office at 846-8731.

## Books for Belize

Located in the northeast corner of Belize in the town of Libertad is a Methodist church and school. Children from kindergarten through eighth grade attend this school. The school has no library and few books in the classrooms. Belize is an English speaking country so Children's Ministries and the Invest Team are coordinating their efforts to collect gently used and new books for ages one through eighteen to establish a library in the school. Boxes for the books will be located in the Welcome Center of the Sanctuary Building, in the CLC, and in the Annex Fellowship Hall. Books will be accepted during February and March. If you have questions concerning this mission project, please contact Carol Tatum at [mctatum@suddenlink.net](mailto:mctatum@suddenlink.net).



## Haiti Response

In addition to the efforts to construct the Portable Medical Clinics, there are other ongoing projects to aid in Haiti Relief.

- **Respond with Prayer**
- **Respond with Donations:** The United Methodist Committee on Relief is already on site as they almost always are in times of crisis. Make your checks out to "A&M UMC" and write "Haiti" on the memo line. Donations will be directed entirely to assist with relief efforts in Haiti.
- **Respond with Health Kits, Crutches, and First Aid Supplies**

Please bring supplies to our "Haiti Headquarters" located in the church Library. For donation information please visit the church webpage at [www.am-umc.org](http://www.am-umc.org) and click on HAITI RESPONSE.

## College Ministry Opportunities

**Save the date for College UMARMY, May 16-22.** The cost is \$215. Students and adults are welcome and encouraged to participate. Our UMARMY destination site will be Houston, TX. Be looking for more details soon. For more information and questions please contact Katy-Marie at [Katy-Marie@am-umc.org](mailto:Katy-Marie@am-umc.org).

**Women's Retreat-** College Ministry will have their annual Women's Retreat March 5-7. The theme is "Her Story" and the focus will be on our role as women of God. Our guest speaker and facilitator will be Marla Frederick from Clear Lake UMC. The cost is \$50 but scholarships are available. To sign up for the retreat or for more information please contact Katy-Marie at [Katy-Marie@am-umc.org](mailto:Katy-Marie@am-umc.org).

**Men's Retreat-** College Ministry will have the annual Men's Retreat March 26-28. The theme this year is "Join History, Live His Story". The guys will be looking at their role as men of God and being a part of God's story. The guest speaker and facilitator will be Chase Carlisle. The retreat will take place at Don and Paula Houses' Barn. The cost is \$50 but scholarships are available. For more details or to sign up please contact Katy-Marie at [Katy-Marie@am-umc.org](mailto:Katy-Marie@am-umc.org).

## Lenten Food Drive

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep." Though it may seem that Bryan/College Station has escaped the worst from the economic downturn there are more and more families that depend on our community pantries, The Brazos Church Pantry is in desperate need of food so we will be collecting non-perishable food during the entire Lenten season. If you will be attending the Lenten dinners on Wednesday night don't forget to bring something to contribute to feeding those in need. We will have boxes located outside the Great Hall for your donations. We will also continue to collect food in the Welcome Area. There is a list of recommended items found in the shopping cart in the Welcome Area.



## Children's Ministry Announcements . . .

**ALL PARENTS of infants to 6th graders** are encouraged to come to a parent meeting next Sunday, February 21 at 2:00 pm in the Children's Commons Room 205. We will be discussing plans for 2010.

**ACOLYTE LOCK IN!** All 3rd through 5th graders who want to be an acolyte in the 2010-2011 school year are asked to join us Friday, March 5 for a lock-in which includes training as well as fellowship. The lock-in begins at 7:00 pm. Please RSVP to Joy Williams by Wednesday, February 24. Also, if any parents can chaperone, please contact Joy at [joy-williams@am-umc.org](mailto:joy-williams@am-umc.org).



**The Children's Easter Team** will meet on Monday, March 1st at 6:00 pm in the Children's Commons Area. Please join us if you would like to take part in planning the Easter Celebration on Saturday, April 3.

**Palm Sunday is March 28.** Watch for details to come home from Children's Sunday School about how children will participate in this service.

## Altar Flowers

If you would like to donate altar flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, or in celebration of an occasion, please contact Vickey Tesh at 846-8731 or email at [vickey-tesh@am-umc.org](mailto:vickey-tesh@am-umc.org). You may also dedicate the Sanctuary Lamp by contacting Vickey. There will also be Altar Flower and Sanctuary Lamp reservation sign up sheets available in the Welcome Area at the Visitor Desk for a few more weeks. The cost for an altar flower arrangement is \$30 and a Sanctuary Lamp dedication is \$10. Payments can be dropped in the offering plate or mailed to the church office. Please write "Altar Flowers" or "Sanctuary Lamp" in the memo section along with the date of the dedication.



## UM ARMY Fundraiser Dinner

U.M.ARMY will be hosting a dinner fundraiser in the Christ United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall from 6-8 pm on Thursday, February 25. Come learn about how you can prayerfully and financially support the ministry's expansion both here in the Texas Conference and into new regions. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Clay at [clay-horton@am-umc.org](mailto:clay-horton@am-umc.org) or U.M.ARMY directly at (979) 846-0291 or [scottatnip@umarmy.org](mailto:scottatnip@umarmy.org). Dinner will be complementary, and attendees will be given an opportunity following the presentation and testimonies to make a financial contribution or pledge to the ministry.

