

THE ROOSTER'S CROW

NOVEMBER 2013

“It is good to give thanks to the LORD; To sing praises to your name, O Most High; To declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night. For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands, I sing for joy.” Psalm 92:1-2, 4

The psalmist declares that it is “good” to give thanks to the LORD and to sing praise to God. The psalmist reminds us that giving thanks is an act that is beneficial and helpful. The “good” that the psalmist has in mind is reflected in the progression recorded in verse 1-4. The progression begins with giving thanks - thanksgiving. We give thanks for how God has blessed us - our blessings, God’s gifts. Thanksgiving opens the door to praise, verse 1b. While thanksgiving is a response of gratitude for God’s gifts, praise is a response of the heart to who God is. When the ancient Hebrews spoke of God’s name (verse 1) they were referring to God’s character as revealed to Moses in Exodus 34:6-7. In this psalm, the psalmist speaks to the steadfast love and faithfulness of God (which are referenced in the Exodus 34 text). Thus, recognizing and acknowledging God’s goodness (thanksgiving) draws us into remembering the kind of God that God is. God is a God of steadfast love and faithfulness. Giving thanks gives birth to praise - the heart’s response to the beauty of who God is. Praise, in turn, opens the door to joy, verse 4. God’s steadfast love and faithfulness are expressed in God’s working for our good - our growth into the likeness of Jesus (Romans 8:28-29). Praising God for God’s steadfast love and faithfulness helps us to remember God’s work in the past and to recognize God’s work in the present. Praise helps us see beyond the circumstances to how God is at work in those circumstances for our good. God’s good work in us and through us becomes the fountain of gladness and joy. Thanksgiving »» praise »» recognition of God’s work »» joy. It is good to give thanks - during this thanksgiving season and always. It is good for us. Giving thanks helps us connect with God. Giving thanks helps us be open to how God is at work. Giving thanks leads to joy! It is good to give thanks to the LORD.

De Colores,

Rev. Steve Langford, D. Min

First United Methodist Church

Co-Lay Directors' Comments

Here we are in the season of autumn! And soon to be Halloween! Did you know that the celebration of October 21st was originally a Celtic festival and then, in the eighth century when Pope Gregory III moved All Saint's Day (or Hallows Day) to November 1...and thus, "Hallows Eve" which is now referred to as "Halloween"! **The move was a means to claim the day for Christians!** I recently heard of one tradition that really sounds good...some parents who allow their kids to go door-to-door for candy also have their children carry pieces of paper with passages from the Bible. When the child receives their candy, in return they leave the person with a passage from the Bible concerning God's love! Well, that would be a true "treat" for salvation - doing good to reap that final harvest!



Let us all continue to do good and to serve Him as Jesus' hands and feet on earth. As there are abundant blessings among us...let us go out and bless others!

We want to bless **YOU** and welcome **YOU** to join us every month on the 3rd Sunday at 5:30 pm. We will meet alternating First United Methodist Church of Georgetown and St. John's United Methodist Church.

DeColores Mary Jane & Polly

Treasure's Report



Balance on July 31, 2013

\$1314.85

Deposits:

8/18/13 Gathering	\$ 117.00
9/15/13 Gathering	<u>74.00</u>
	191.00

Expenses:

9/13/13 Kairos Lane Murray #16	\$ 200.00
9/17/13 Golf Cart Walk #393	<u>150.00</u>
	350.00

Balance as of September 30, 2013:

\$1,155.85

Jackie Hammar

Treasurer



Prayer Requests

Bobby Castle - lung transplant
 June Gardner - hip surgery
 Nancy Marsh - sister passed away
 Unspoken needs
 Our Country

If you have any prayer needs please let me know and I will add it to the list so we can be praying for you. You can email it to mercygirl20032004@yahoo.com or call me at 512-639-2352

Upcoming Walks

WOMEN

3/20/14—Gl en Lake
4/24/14—Latham Springs
5/15/14—Lake Brownwood
10/9/14— Greene Famil y Camp

MEN

1/23/14—Lake Brownwood
2/20/14—Gr eene Famil y Camp
9/4/14—Latham Springs
10/23/14—Gl en Lake



11/17/2013 - Georgetown Emmaus Community Gathering @ 5:30 - St. John's UMC
11/24/2013 - Taize Service @ First Presbyterian Church @ 7:30 pm
11/28/2013 - Thanksgiving
12/8/2013 - Taize Service @ First Presbyterian Church @ 7:30



Ellen Reyes

Michelle Sommerville

Glenda Voigt

Camille Harmon

Genie Barnes



Be Colorful
to All

Emmaus Links

Check these Emmaus links out:

Georgetown Emmaus: www.georgetownemmaus.org

Georgetown Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/GeorgetownEmmaus

Round Rock Emmaus: www.roundrockemmaus.org

Central Texas Emmaus: www.ctcemmaus.org

Kairos: www.kpmifoundation.org

Epiphany: www.epiphanyministry.com

Chrysalis: www.chrysalis.upperroom.org

Upper Room: www.upperroom.org



Gathering Dates

November 17, 2013

St. John's UMC

December 15, 2013

First UMC

January 19, 2014

St. John's UMC

February 16, 2014

First UMC

March 16, 2014

St. John's UMC

April 20, 2014

First UMC

May 18, 2014

St. John's UMC

June 15, 2014

First UMC

July 20, 2014

St. John's UMC

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