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Jack's Journal

Read: Acts 2:1-4

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you ..." Acts 1:8



It was the beginning of a new routine in these pre-summer days. At 6:08 a.m. our Black Labrador, Maddie, had her black harness around her for the first time in over a week. The significance of the harness rather than a collar for her means she and I will have a longer walk/jog around the neighborhood rather than just taking care of her business. With her new excitement in a new home in Wylie, she was ready to go.

Yes, 6:08 a.m. (or crack of dawn as Marlane would call it), we had our jogging gear on and head out the door, down one flight of stairs, and bust through the door to the outside of the apartment building, head on to the warm sultry air around us –

77 degrees and high humidity at 6:08 a.m. This was different though not in just temperature but a different landscape and different street noise and no canals (different smells for Maddie).

What a glorious time because we were out exercising together and in a new environment, and I was getting my cardio workout with something other than boxes and stair climbing.

Our walk/jog (Maddie's fast walking) led us on a 2.5 mile out and back trip along McCreary Road and Highway 544 in Wylie. Both of us were panting, sweating, and enjoying the time together. However, someone else joined us along the way. The Holy Spirit was right there with us as we moved along, conversed, and smiled at one another (I know that some of you think I'm crazy at this point). There was a glorious point in time, though, when I found myself singing aloud a song that the congregation of FUMC Irving will be singing this Sunday:

*Holy Spirit, You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your presence, Lord
Your presence, Lord*

I found myself overcome by the Spirit's presence with us in that moment (in fact, all moments). A few moments later Maddie and I had a visual affirmation of His presence as we rounded the apartment building toward home and looked out to the horizon and saw the breaking of the rising sun's ray from behind a thunder head to the east. Yes, the Holy Spirit was very much present with us. And I might remind, very much present with all of us, all the time. Maybe the song's bridge is what need to sing:

*Let us become more aware of Your presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness*

Prayer: *Holy Spirit, may I recognize you and welcome you into my life anew, moment by moment and day by day, experiencing your presence and goodness. Amen.*

Grace and peace,

Jack



Mission Possible Kids: We received a thank you note for our April mission.

Dear Mrs. Jones and Mission Possible Kids, THANK YOU for the generous donation of four boxes of children's uniforms and underwear. This is a huge help to our student body at Britain Elementary.

We appreciate your kindness in reaching out to those who may be less fortunate. Having an appropriate uniform that fits will allow the student to focus on learning. May you all be blessed for your compassion.

Sincerely, Deborah Simmons, Britain Elementary



Mark your calendar (July 9-13) for this summer’s exciting Vacation Bible School. We are already working on great ideas and gathering supplies to help this be the best event ever. The online registration is now open on our website so get your children, grandchildren, neighbors and friends signed up. Volunteers may order their t-shirts online as well. As you listen to God’s call, please contact Bonnie Jones about volunteer opportunities.



We were very blessed to have another baptism of children. Jose and Melanie were baptized on Mother’s Day.

The children’s choirs led worship and performed the musical ***“We Like Sheep”***. They did a wonderful job. Thanks to Sue Wilson, JoCarol Adamson, Becky Whitfield, Robin Bowyer and Julie Schilling for their leadership. Thank you to Jennifer and Richard Cox for the wonderful decorations.

Blessings to all,
Ms. Bonnie Jones
Children's Director



MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS
MAY 2018

IN HONOR OF:
Glenn Chandler to Music Fund from Mary Husa Good

IN MEMORY OF:
Evelyn Bauman to Music Ministry from Christine Anderson
Catherine Bassford to General Budget from Herbert Cooper
Catherine Bassford to General Budget from Windell and Gayle Baggett
Daniel Harms to Chapel Renewal from Mickey and Linda Wheeler
Gary Chandler to General Budget from Windell & Gayle Baggett
Taylor Lindsey, deputy sheriff killed in service, to Choir Music Fund from Mary Husa Good
Ev Mastin to Choir Music Fund from Mary Husa Good

Finance Update for General Cost of Ministry

Beginning Balance as April 30, 2018	-\$34,214.00
Contributions & Other Income through May 29, 2018	\$44,936.00
Expenses thru May 29, 2018	-\$67,495.00
Closing Balance, May 29, 2018	-\$56,773.00

Giving to ministries outside the General Cost of Ministry	\$57,585.00

Thank you for your offerings, blessings, and support!

FUMC REFUGE YOUTH

This year has been absolutely incredible. Last week we wrapped up our final week of Refuge and are now turning our attention to an action packed summer schedule. This summer keep our youth in your prayers as they will be in Philadelphia, Bridgeport, and even Guatemala! God is doing some incredible things in the lives of these youth and I can’t wait to see what God continues to do this summer!

Kyle Powell
Director of Youth Ministries



Music Notes



Thank you to all who helped make “We Like Sheep” a great success!

Jennifer and Richard Cox for hard work putting together a fantastic set.

Jimmy Lane and Danny Elms for helping to work with sound system, and extra time spent at rehearsals.

Traci King for helping with emailing, and costume changes for the musical.

Robin Bowyer for helping the children practice their lines.

All **parents** for getting their children to the weekly rehearsals to be ready for the musical.

Becky Whitfield for her hard work accompanying of the Angel Choir and all the work involved with accompanying “We Like Sheep”.

JoCarol Adamson for assisting with the direction of the Angel Choir putting her time and efforts.

Sue Wilson for all of her great leadership in her work with the 1st through 5th graders and thank you for choosing this musical to give us a great message.

Thank you to the Congregation from the Youth Refuge R.O.C.K.S. Choir for your generous support. We really can’t say enough how much we appreciate your love. Our trip to Philadelphia for Choir Mission Tour, we will be in Philadelphia from June 16-21. Please keep praying for our mission tour.

The Youth Refuge R.O.C.K.S. Choir will be leading “Homecoming Worship” on June 24th, Sunday, 10:30 am in the Sunday morning Worship Service. We will be singing and bringing a good testimony for that Worship Service. Please come and see what God has done through Youth Choir Mission Tour.

Chancel Choir

Our last Wednesday rehearsal for the season will be June 6, and the last Sunday that the Chancel Choir will sing in the service is on June 10, which is Third Sunday after Pentecost.

Summer Choir

Will start on July 1

No Robes & No Wednesday rehearsals

Meet in the Choir practice room at 10:05 AM.

6th graders and older are all welcome. Come & Sing!!

If you have any questions, contact David Lee at music@fumcirving.org or 609.439.2655.



Parent's Day Out



We have had a wonderful 2017-2018 school year. We have grown to wait-list on all classes except one and had a spectacular End of Year Program and Graduation Ceremony. Thanks to Mr. Danny Elms for doing video and sound for us.

Now - it is on to summer!! Summer classes begin Tuesday, June 5. We have a fun-packed summer planned and again are blessed to be at a max in all classes.

Fall enrollment is Now! If you have a need for our program, please call and come by and we will get you on the list.

Have a great summer!!

Ms. Sandi and the PDO Staff



Pre-K Graduates. Next stop Kindergarten!

