

# Keeping In Touch

April 9, 2013



## Welcome Ernest Bryson to the Ministry Team!

Upon a recommendation of ministers and vote of the Vestry, **Ernest Bryson** will begin ministry at The Church at Lake Cherokee June 1. Although Ernest will share in ministry in a variety of capacities, his initial responsibilities will be: 1) oversight of all small groups; 2) program resourcing and development and 3) recruit, encourage, train and resource leadership.

Ernest identifies himself as "a military brat" who spent most of his childhood in Lake Charles, Louisiana. After his own military service, he attended McNeese State University on a debate scholarship graduating in 1990 with a degree in history and physics. His work experiences include working in the "high-tech" industry in Austin and as a wine buyer for Glazer's Distributors.

In 2009, Ernest enrolled in the Master of Divinity program at Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology. He will graduate Cum Laude May 18th. As a friend of Fr. Mike since their days at Glazer's, The Church at Lake Cherokee is the first church where Ernest preached. He continued to visit and preach here throughout seminary. Ernest and his family are very grateful for the warm welcome they've received as they have watched with joy the church's continued growth and move from "the Barn" to its beautiful new location. In his own words, "(He has) ... grown close to the church over these past four years and looks forward to serving his new church family." Ernest, his wife Maricela and their son David will be moving to this area from Dallas.

Ernest will serve full time along with Fr. Maxwell and Bill who remain in ministry with the church.

### **ALL-CHURCH SPAGHETTI LUNCHEON THIS SUNDAY**

*(in the place of our usual covered dish meal)*

In lieu of our usual covered dish meal, Kids Kount (the youth of the church along with the LEADERSHIP of a vast core of volunteers) is serving lunch this Sunday, April 14 at noon.

The meal includes chicken spaghetti, salad, bread desert and drink, all for \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for 12 and under. **HOWEVER, ADDITIONAL DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.** Proceeds will go to the Kids Kount Summer Mission Trip. Special thanks to volunteer cooks who will be individually thanked later! Kids Kount will help serve and clean up. Thanks to each of you who have contributed to the success of this effort.

Just a Reminder:

## DANCE LESSONS BEGIN TONIGHT

The lessons will be offered  
Tuesday, April 9, 16, 23 at 6:30 PM.  
Lynda Maxwell will teach the lessons  
in the gym, and all are welcome!!

## Matters of Stewardship

Sunday, April 7

Fund Raiser for Mission Trip	\$ 1,064.00
Backpack Program	\$ 100.00
General fund	\$ 8,033.00
Attendance ~ 134	

Thanks to Gregg Williams and Garland Irwin for counting and recording contributions and to Garland for his faithful service as Treasurer.



## Don't Forget The Little "Yellow" Wagon!

In the last few weeks, the "Yellow Wagon" in Fellowship Hall has been nearly full. Thanks for contributing staple food items which are taken to the Samaritan House in Tatum for distribution.

Currently that ministry needs PEANUT BUTTER.

Thanks to Alisha Bixby and Darla Martin for delivering the food to the center.

An additional reminder: institutional size cans or containers of food are given to Hi-Way 80 Rescue Mission.

## Kids Kount Korner

Folks, "Kids Kount Korner is "chocked full."

--> **KIDS KOUNT "MYSTERY" KAMPING TRIP** is Friday-Saturday, April 12-13 at a "Mystery Location." All Kids and guests are welcome. Bring an air mattress and sleeping bag (or sleep on da' ground!). There is no charge 'cause we're going to sleep under the stars and cook dinner and breakfast. The event will be well chaperoned as kids share fun / fellowship. Meet at the church at 5:45 PM; return to the Church at 10:45 AM.

--> **KIDS KOUNT WILL HELP SERVE** Chicken Spaghetti Fellowship Lunch this Sunday and clean up.

--> **REGISTRATION DEADLINE.** This Sunday, April 14, at 5:00 PM is the deadline for "Early Bird Church Camp Registration." **NO CHILD WILL BE PREVENTED FROM PARTICIPATION** because of cost! Camps Are As Follows:

>> **GRAND CAMP:** May 31-June 2, Age 4-grade 3; with a grandparent, (3 days, 2 nights), early registration \$120.00;

>> **DISCOVERY CAMP:** May 24-26, completed 2 & 3 grade; with a parent, (3 days, 2 nights), early registration \$120.00;

>> **MIDDLE (Chi Rho) & HIGH SCHOOL (CYF) CHURCH CAMP:** June 24-29, Completed 6-7, 9-12 grades, (6 days, 5 nights), early registration \$320.00;

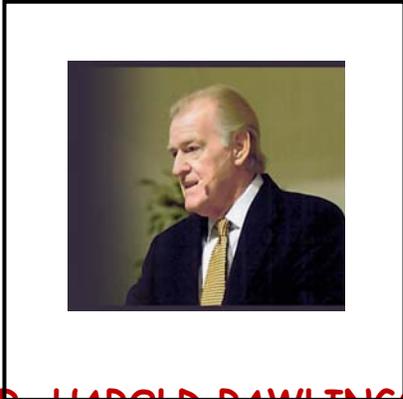
>> **EIGHTERS CAMP** June 30-July 6; completed 8th grade, (7 days, 6 nights), early registration \$365.00 (Theme is "Human Sexuality from a Christian Perspective.");

>> **JUNIOR CAMP:** July 15-19, completed 4-5 grades, (5 days, 4 nights), early registration, \$245.00. All Camps are at Disciples Crossing, near Athens, TX. If you have questions about the facility, go to the camp website at [www.disciplescrossing.com](http://www.disciplescrossing.com).

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Registration Forms are attached. Complete the form; parent / guardian sign, youth sign. Turn In this Sunday! If anyone knows of a child or youth who might benefit from church camp, please contact Mike Maxwell, Bill Smythe or Sharon Graves.

The Church Calendar is maintained on the church website at [www.thechurchatlakecherokee.com](http://www.thechurchatlakecherokee.com). Be sure to note members' birthdays and anniversaries. Yours isn't there? Email Jeanne Irwin at [jeanneirwin2@](mailto:jeanneirwin2@)



### **DR. HAROLD RAWLINGS TO PREACH**

Dr. Harold Rawlings will be guest preacher at The Church at Lake Cherokee, Sunday, April 21, 11:00 AM, Morning Worship

Dr. Rawlings' specialty is "Fascinating and little known history of how the English Bible came to be."

A free-will offering will be taken as an honorarium for Dr. Rawlings.

### **Women's Ministries**

**- Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 9:30–11:30 AM. This week marked the beginning of a new study, The Patriarchs by Beth Moore.**



**Participants are welcome.**

**- The next Dinner and Movie Night for Women's Ministry is Tuesday, April 30th at 6:30 PM. We will be watching "Bernie" and enjoying southern cuisine. The cost of the evening is \$5. Come join us and bring along a friend!**

### *A Few Kudos*

In the wake of a glorious Easter—even partially in the dark—we thank these folks for “keeping the ‘lights’ on” in a variety of ways donating time and talent: Chuck Conrad, Gregg Williams, Richard Densman, Caleb Moore, sound; Dee Kennel, Cindy Dragisic, Sharon Graves, Scott Cole, Marilyn Moulds, music; Bette Slade, greeter; Jeanie Irwin, Joys & Concerns and Church data base; Sharon Graves and Linny Ramsey, youth and children; Ronnie Williams, Gregg Williams and Wendell Moore, property. Please reply with names of the faithful volunteers we’ve missed!

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