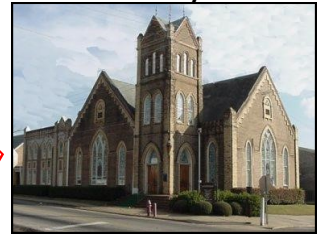




THE FLAME



A TRIBUTE TO OUR ORGANIST EMERITUS

Dr. David Samuel Gallant, one of the most accomplished musicians in Houston County, blessed First United Methodist Church, Crockett, for more than 20 years with his musical talent and love of traditional hymns.

He was born in Latexo, Texas, graduated from Crockett High School, earned his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from Sam Houston State University and his Doctorate from Northern Illinois Universities. David began his career in education teaching English language and literature. He taught at schools in Houston, Sam Houston State, Lamar, and Northern Illinois Universities and at San Jacinto College where he served as Chairman of the Language Arts Department for 11 years. He was a gifted, dedicated teacher, mentor and friend to many. It was his greatest hope that he was able to help young adults achieve their educational goals.

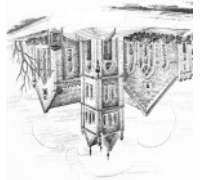
Following his retirement, David returned to his hometown of Latexo and took an active leadership role in the community. He was a member of the Houston County Historical Commission and served as its President for five years, helping to secure many historical markers and designations in Houston County. In October, 2011, David's efforts of securing the listing of Crockett First United Methodist Church in the National Register of Historic Places became a reality and we are forever grateful. He helped found the Wilma Foote Music Club, was a member and Chairman of the Grapeland Public Library Board as well as a proud member of the Sons of the Republic of Texas.

David, we will miss you dearly and we are forever blessed that you were a part of our church family for more than two decades. Your legacy will live on. Rest in peace our friend.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Communion Sunday Worship 8:30 am Shiloh 10:50 Crockett 9:00 1st Sunday Breakfast	3 5:30 pm Trustees Library	4 4:00 Cub Scouts 6:30 Boy Scouts	5 UNITED METHODIST MEN 7:00 am Breakfast 7:00 Chancel Choir	6 Garden Club meet 10:00 am 4:00 Girl Scouts	7	8 <i>Celebration of Life</i> 11:00 David Gallant
9 Sunday Worship 8:30 am Shiloh 10:50 Crockett	10 6:00 4-H (FLC)	11 4:00 Cub Scouts 6:30 Boy Scouts	12 5:30 pm Missions 6:00 pm Family Night Dinner 7:00 Chancel Choir	13 4:00 Girl Scouts	14 	15 YOUTH LOCK-IN 6:00 FLC
16 Welcome Center Open 9:00 am Coffee & Donuts	17 5:30 Finance 6:00 Church Council	18 4:00 Cub Scouts 6:30 Boy Scouts	19 7:00 Chancel Choir	20 4:00 Girl Scouts	21	22
23 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 Crockett FIRST UNITED METHODIST YOUTH 12- 3 pm	24 6pm Piney Woods Lions Club - Questers	25 5:30 pm UMW Meeting (Neighborly Class) Scouts Pancake Fundraiser 5:00pm	26 ASH WEDNESDAY 6:00 p.m. Service 7:00 Chancel Choir	27 4:00 Girl Scouts	28	29

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ASHES remind us that we are made

from dust and that to dust we will return. This reminder of our own mortality is why we impose ashes. The ashes lead us to be thankful for the Grace of God through Jesus Christ in our lives.

Services will be held in the sanctuary on Ash Wednesday.

February 26th

Service at 6:00 p.m.

Anticipate something new and different

Everyone is invited

to come and receive ashes.



FEBRUARY 9th

Scouts will be assisting & worshipping with us at 10:50 AM

Offering Counters



If you are able to assist, please contact the Church office 544-2044

check us out online



Online Giving

Safe & Secure

Support FUMC

even when you can't be here

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Call the church office for more info

February Communion Offering



Methodist Children's Home (Waco), Providence Place (San Antonio)

The **Methodist Children's Home** provides services to more than 1,400 children and youth daily through two residential care locations, foster care and other services provided at offices throughout Texas. Group care at the Waco Campus enables residents between the ages of 12 to 18 to build positive relationships with caring staff members, who are committed to helping these youths grow physically, emotionally, spiritually, and intellectually.

Providence Place, a professional and licensed adoption agency, has placed over 6,000 children in loving homes. This non-profit organization supports young adults with disabilities, educates families about child care and provides a safe haven for women who have survived domestic abuse, human trafficking, and sexual assault. They have been in existence since 1895.



The other day when I was outside at home I heard a siren. I strained to discover from what direction it issued and where it was going. As the siren got louder I discovered it raced down the road at the front of our property. As a mother who survived two children who learned to drive I cringe at sirens if I do not know where my children are. My apprehension is lessened now that those children are grown, but still, I rest easier if I know where family members are when I hear a siren. I suppose my working in the hospital for 30 years helped to establish my sensitivity to sirens.

Interestingly, the last time I went to Houston for an overnight stay I was amazed by the number of sirens I heard. People living there no longer react and my guess is that their senses no longer register an alert unless they are driving and are supposed to pull over to let the emergency vehicle pass. When our senses such as hearing, get used to regular sounds we tune them out and in fact do not realize them anymore. In neuropsychology it is called sensory adaptation. Our primary sense organs respond to stimuli with a neural signal that goes to the brain for interpretation. Because there is so much sensory input from the primary sense organs, the brain is trained to only take note of unusual changes. It is a handy mechanism usually.

The emergency siren is not the only signal in our busy auditory environment. We have bells and whistles and other types of noise in our 21st century world. Our cell phones ring alerting us to incoming calls and jingle when someone leaves a message. Some even select the ringtone so that the caller can be identified. The kitchen timer alerts us when our dinner or dessert is through baking and the dryer alerts me when it is time to take clothes out and hang them up to prevent wrinkles. Other sounds we have alert us to turn off the oven, fold clothes or answer the door and let a visitor in. Perhaps there was not as much noise in Old Testament times but even then, there were bells to alert people for something important. Exodus tells us about the construction of the robe of Aaron, the priest who would go into the presence of God in the holy of holies in the Temple.

Exodus 28:31-35 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

³¹ You shall make the robe of the ephod all of blue. ³² It shall have an opening for the head in the middle of it, with a woven binding around the opening, like the opening in a coat of mail, ^a so that it may not be torn. ³³ On its lower hem you shall make pomegranates of blue, purple, and crimson yarns, all around the lower hem, with bells of gold between them all around— ³⁴ a golden bell and a pomegranate alternating all around the lower hem of the robe. ³⁵ Aaron shall wear it when he ministers, and its sound shall be heard when he goes into the holy place before the Lord, and when he comes out, so that he may not die. And a footnote indicates that according to Jewish tradition, one end of a length of rope was tied to the priest's ankle and remained outside the tabernacle. If the bells on the robe stopped tinkling while he was in the Holy Place, one could pull on the end of the rope to see if the priest was dead. Interesting, huh?

In some churches and monasteries there is a bell, the Angelus Bell, that rings three times daily, 6 A.M, noon and 6 P.M. It calls those who hear the bell to a special time of prayer. It began as a Christian devotion remembering the Incarnation, specifically the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary about her part in the birth of the Christ child. The ringing of the bell reminds everyone it is time to say "yes" to what Christ calls us to do. A bell rings and we say "yes Lord". "Your servant waits to hear your instructions".

So, my friends, can we redeem our bells, whistles and buzzers? Every time your phone rings or jingles, every time we hear a siren, every time the doorbell rings or the dog barks, can we say "yes" to Jesus and give thanks?

FIRST SUNDAY

Breakfast



February 2nd

9:00 am

Family Life Center

Happy Anniversary



14

Chuck & Deborah Kennedy

Mario & Judy Dell'Oso

29

Linzie & Laurie Brimm

FEBRUARY



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Walter Moffitt
Rick Raines

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Sherrell Hendricks
Mary Kennedy
Charla Raines

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Nell Baker
J.D. Dancer
Connor McMinn
Liam McMinn
Jim Turner

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Betty Sylvester

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Troy Shupak

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John Hooks

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Charles E. Smith

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James Easterly

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Camryn Craven

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Debbie McCall

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Ann Walker

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Virginia Hooks

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Jolene Renfro

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Cindy Robinson

Family Night Dinner



**Wednesday,
February 12th**

**ALL
ARE
WELCOME**

Cook Team: Frequent Flyers
Host: Questers' Class



First Sunday Feb. 2nd

Front Door: Carolie Wakefield & Patsy Stokes
Back Door: Melvin Carlton & Ken Davis

Second Sunday Feb. 10th

Front Door: Max & Barbara Threadgill
Front Door: Bill Pemberton
Back Door: Cindy Robinson & Mary Rials



Third Sunday Feb. 17th

Front Door: Mary Miller & Hazel Powell
Front Door: Matthew Johnson & Dean Shupak
Back Door: Keith & Sherrell Hendricks

Forth: Sunday Feb. 24th

Front Door: Spencer & Karisa Burke
Front Door: Rita Wallace
Back Door: Virginia Moffitt