



News From Holland

Holland First United Methodist Church

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FROM THE PASTOR

There Are More!

The Apostle Paul had a vision. In Acts 18:9-10 Paul was preaching to the Jews in Corinth where he was rejected and persecuted. There were some that wanted to hear it while others turned a deaf ear. Yet Paul was convinced that some wanted to hear it.

Paul knew his mission field! He kept on praying and teaching.

It's no different today – there are more out there – more people that need to hear the word of God.

As you know, Karen and I just returned from new church start up boot camp in Arkansas. The first and foremost thing we learned to do was to identify our mission field!

The mission field is defined by those closest around you – in fact only a two mile radius to start with! The mission field is what it is! So with that a clear understanding, you must develop a heart and understanding for your mission field. You can't just skip some of it because you are uncomfortable with it!

More importantly -- we learned is that our mission field is **out there** -- not in here... simply said... It is the people who are not in church, not the people who are in the church! That's hard for some of us – we have lived in the past memories of when just offering people an opportunity to come to church was enough. An attractive building, lots of programs, and a smooth talking preacher was enough to bring people in.

But today we must go back to the invitation method and personally and sincerely invite people to come to church. Ministry is hands on. That is the way Christ intended it to be.

It's not an easy thing to do. We may be rejected 10 times before someone accepts. We may feel a little embarrassed or timid about inviting people to come. It's a matter of changing our mind set and habits We learn that we must be flexible or at least be willing to change our concept of what church in the 21st century is about.

It's not about attraction, or programs, or the style of worship we like or don't like, it's simply about taking time to view it as a personal invitation!

Remember the parable about the servants and the coins? Well – consider this – you are one of those servants – you have a coin (church) – are you going to bury it and hide it – or are you going to go out and multiple it!

Everybody okay?

Blessings and peace be with you – Pastor Victor

Holland Quilt Guild

Time is running out. Would you like to win a beautiful Dutch Doll quilt on June 21st? If so, the quilters will be happy to take your donations and put your name in the drawing. The quilt was pieced and quilted by the tender loving hands of some of your church family? The quilters appreciate all your interest and support in their quilting projects, which not only provide the quilters an opportunity for fellowship, they provide a financial source for supporting the community when needs arise.

Adult Sunday School Class

Our Adult Sunday School class donated \$300 to the Emily Schilling account at Extraco Bank in Belton. Emily's mother is the former Mary Jarolik of Holland.

Judy's News

New Calling –Granger UMC

Don't forget our Community 5th Sunday Service at the 1st Baptist Church in Granger on June 29th at 6:00 pm. Pray some of you can attend.

Cowboy Church:

Thank you, thank you to all who worked so hard to make this service at St. Paul's such a success! It was awesome!

Monthly Luncheons

First of all, let me apologize. I keep putting the luncheons on Thursday where there is a Senior Citizen conflict. I do not mean to do that. The luncheons are to be on **Wednesdays!** The luncheon in **May will be on the 28th, Wednesday, at 11:30 A.M. at the Hilton Garden Inn.** We will schedule the one for **June to be Wednesday, the 25th at 11:30 A.M.** but place will be announced at a later date.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Bible Study is cancelled until after June. .

News!

Pastor Steve and Tana Nance are being moved to Glen Lake. Steve has been appointed Executive Director of Glen Lake Camp and Retreat Center. This is awesome! He and Tana will be so good there!

U M W News

The Holland UMW met at the Fellowship Hall on May 21, 2008 at 11:30 am and shared a delightful salad lunch. Cynthia Norville concluded our study for this year. She did a fabulous job and we certainly thank her so much for all her hard work. Officers for the 2009 year were elected. We will not meet during the summer so our next meeting will be in September.

Methodist Men Motorcycle Riders

As most of you know several members of our church including the Pastor have joined a group of Methodist that ride their motorcycles, fellowship and do good deeds. These men will be meeting in Holland on June 7, 2008. The destination of the ride is unknown but should be great fun! They will meet and eat in the Elementary Commons of Holland ISD. Please see “Big Mike” and “Big Tom” for details.

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