



News From Holland

Holland First United Methodist Church

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FROM THE PASTOR

New Beginnings

As many of you already know, Pastor and Karen are moving to Cleburne in June. This April, I was asked by the Board of Ministry to consider taking a new church start. Actually, I will be assigned to Acton United Methodist Church as an associate Pastor for their mission church called Rancho Brazos. And eventually, we will start a new church in Cleburne that was formerly known as St Paul UMC, Cleburne. Small world isn't it!

It's a huge responsibility and a little overwhelming when you consider all the work to be done – but the mission statement of Acton UMC says it all – “To dream a dream so big that it is impossible if God is not at the center of it!”

We feel honored and completely and totally humbled that the Board of Ministry would consider Karen and me for this opportunity. Yet, we are sad at the idea of moving again so soon, especially when we were just beginning to get to know and love some of you so well.

But as I said in my sermon this past Sunday, I do believe with all of my heart, that good things are going to happen in the very near future for the church.

Open your hearts and allow God to show you this new and exciting future He has in store for you. Look outside the box. Push the envelope! Just because something is working okay the way it is – don't get comfortable in that place – look for ways to expand and make it better.

Holland UMC is a loving generous church! And your generosity will not go unnoticed. God will bless you according to allowing your willingness to be blessed! We have certainly been blessed by Holland.

Blessings – Pastor Victor

Annual Conference begins June 1st!

Please remember to pray for the delegates

U M W News

The Holland UMW met at the Fellowship Hall on April 28, 2008 at 1:00 pm. Cynthia Norville continued our study for this year. We will conclude the study at our next meeting on **May 15^h at 11:30 am**. We are having a salad luncheon so bring your favorite salad to share and join us!

Cowboy Church

Our **May Cowboy Church** is scheduled for **May 18th at 5:00 pm** at **St Paul's in Temple**. We will need lots of help setting up for this event. Don't forget to bring those cookies.

Judy's News

New Calling –Granger UMC

Once again exciting news! We are starting a Community Fifth Sunday service with the Baptist Church. Our first one will be June 29th at 6:00 P.M. at the Baptist Church. We are praying we will be able to get other churches in the area to participate as well. I hope some of my Holland family will be able to attend.

Cowboy Church:

Next Cowboy church will be May 18th at St. Paul, Temple. The Sportsman Club Band will be there to provide the music.

Monthly Luncheons

May's church luncheon will be on Thursday, the 29th. It will be held at the Hilton Dining Room. We will have it at 11:30 A.M. Everyone is invited.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Pastor Victor will be starting the book of Ephesians. Bible Study will resume on May 7th. Try to attend. Studying The Word is what we as Christians are suppose to do.

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