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The Pastor's Page

As many of you know by now, I am going to be attending **The Academy for Spiritual Formation** starting this month in San Antonio. The Academy is directed by staff from The Upper Room and is a rich experience for participants wherever they happen to be on their faith walk. My first session of the two-year program will be July 26 – 31. Please lift up in prayer all those involved in this program and the faith communities that support their attendance. I want to thank both congregations for making it possible for me to attend through your generous financial support and through the allowance of time away from the parish.

The Academy [website](#) offers this introduction: The Academy for Spiritual Formation is an experience of disciplined Christian community, emphasizing holistic spirituality -- nurturing body, mind and spirit. The program is meant for all those who hunger for deep spiritual experiences, both lay and clergy persons. Each Academy fosters new spiritual rhythms - of study and prayer, rest and exercise, solitude and relationship.

Academy participants rediscover Christianity's rich spiritual heritage through worship, learning, and fellowship. At a personal level, participants find a time and space to discern direction, make covenants and practice commitments.

The Two-Year Academy meets for 5 days in residence (once every three months), eight times over the course of two years. For those seeking a short-term experience of spiritual formation, the [Five Day Academy](#) is also available.

In the words of Flora Wuellner, author and Academy faculty member:

“The Academy fulfills a unique place in the lives of Christians reaching for deeper spiritual growth, whether clergy or lay, whether leader or participant. I have never known a spiritual frontier which combines such a wide spectrum of Christian experience: the academic teaching, the spiritual guidance, the liturgical experience, the small group depth encounter and sharing, and silent reflection -- not only balanced, but interwoven through the days. Yes -- it changes lives, including mine.”

Every blessing,

Pastor Charles

"As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your "prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness?" The United Methodist Book of Worship, p. 93

PRAYERS

RECENT PRAYER CONCERNS:

Lewis Blackburn, Fay Bushwar, the family of Jay Davis, Jonnie Dempsey, Elliott & Stella Dillon, the Garcia Family's house fire, Greg Haggard, Linda Harrison, Tom Hill, Giselle Holland, Jordan Jernigan, Kade Kothman, Billie McKenzie, Shane McKenzie, Kathy Pearce, Walker Rainey, Geraldo Salazar, Doug Smith, Teresa Valenzuela, Bradley Ward, the family of Henry Watson and those traveling this summer.

Recent Prayer Joys: Pastor Charles' nephew Alex Alkula got married in Oklahoma; Joan Coe's return to the choir; Kirke McKenzie's return from China; Gloria Odom's return from vacation; Lisa Phillip's surgery went well; Kendra & Zack just got married.

Please lift up our nation as we celebrate the 234th anniversary of the birth of the USA.

Please pray for those living on East 12th Street & Powell Court in Iraan and for those living on Mustang Drive & East 13th Street in McCamey.

Please lift up the ministries of the Rev. Mike Thomson and the congregation of the [Veribest \(TX\) United Methodist Church](#).

PRESENCE (June)

**Average Weekly
Worship Attendance**
Iraan: 18 McCamey: 28
Convalescent Center: 18

**Average Weekly Faith
Formation Attendance**
Iraan: 6 McCamey: 8
Are you growing in your faith?

GIFTS

One of the best gifts that you can make to ensure that future generations will benefit from your faith walk is to remember your church in your will.

UMC Quick Quiz

(answers are on page eight)

1. What does Alben W. Barkley, Hubert H. Humphrey, Walter F. Mondale, and Dick Cheney have in common?
2. What is Gwennap Pit, and why is it important to the history of Methodism?
3. How many United Methodist congregations are found in the Southwest Texas Conference?

	<p>NURTURE – OUTREACH – WITNESS</p> <p>The Ministries of the United Methodist Churches in Iraan and McCamey</p>
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Nurture

Our Worship in July

THEME	JULY	SCRIPTURE LESSON	SERMON
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	4	II Kings 5:1-14	<i>Doing the easy thing</i>
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	11	Amos 7:7-17	<i>Do you measure up?</i>
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	18	Amos 8:1-12	<i>Being hungry for the Lord</i>
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	25	Psalm 85	<i>Paving the way</i>

The Gospel of John: Encounter the Word, Walk in the Light

Who: Clergy & Laity – **When:** August 17 -19 – **Where:** Mt. Wesley (Kerrville)

How: Register by check by **July 8th** – send to Cynthia Bedford,
Conference Registrar, 16400 Huebner Road, San Antonio, TX 78248-1693
or via online @ www.umcdata.com

Cost: \$60 commuter plan (no meals); \$100 commuter plan (with meals)
\$180 for two night lodging plan (with meals)

Contact the Rev. Steven Sweet at ssweet@sierravistaumc.org or
(325) 944-4041 with questions.

The United Methodist Women of First UMC – McCamey
Next meeting: July 19th @ 7:00 p.m.



Thanks to Cytha Peters and Sara Hill for leading the “musical” UMW gathering in June!



Pictures from the June Fellowship Breakfast in Iraan.

Next potluck: July 25



The McCamey Wellness Center's Grand Opening!

McCamey Hospital District



Wellness Center

The McCamey Hospital District is proud to announce the grand opening of its new wellness center. You are invited to attend its grand opening on July 20th, from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Have you seen me? There are brightly colored activity bags available at both churches for children attending the worship services. Please let parents and other adults who might have young children with them know about these bags!



CALLING ALL MEN!

There has been interest expressed in forming a men's group at the First UMC in McCamey, and the time has come to make it happen!

Please let us know what days/times you'd be willing to get together, how often and what you're looking for in a men's group. If you would like to be a part of this exciting addition to the ministries of the church, please contact [Pastor Charles](#).

Outreach



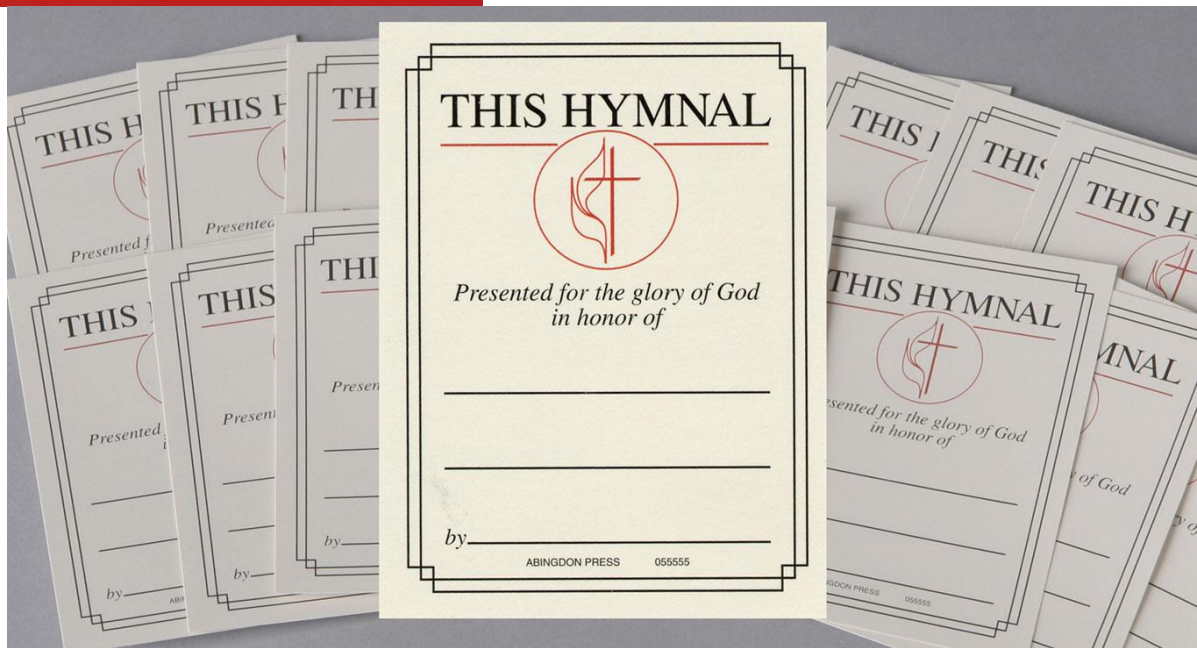
Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

Psalm 32:11

There is a need for **large print hymnals** at the McCamey Convalescent Center.

The current hymnals at the center do not have all of the hymn selections (or the same number of verses) that are found in the pew hymnals we use in our Sunday morning worship services. We use cd's with the music from the UMC hymnal at the Sunday afternoon chapel service. It would be helpful if we were "singing off the same sheet of music!"

These hymnals cost \$24 each and will have a dedication plate placed on the inside cover. If you would like to support this effort, please let Pastor Charles know by the end of July.



Witness



*The 2010
Joy for the Heart Women's Retreat*
August 6th and 7th

The Iraan Civic Center (9271 Alley Oop Lane) &
First Baptist Church (403 S. Harte St.)

Contact the First Baptist Church (Iraan),
P.O. Box 575, Iraan, TX 79744-0575
or call (432) 639-2344

Early registration by July 25th, \$40.00
Late Registration through August 1st, \$45.00
(Child care will be provided – please indicate this need
when you register)

evangelism
Everything you do is evangelism.

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EVENTS

First UMC – Iraan

Each Sunday –

Fellowship Time @ 9:00
Worship @ 9:30 am
Church School @ 10:30 am

Other events:

Ad Council – July 14 @
6:00 pm

Pastor Charles in Iraan –

July 7, 14, & 21

Fellowship Breakfast

Potluck – July 25th @ 8:30 am

First UMC – McCamey

Each Sunday –

Fellowship Time @ 9:30 am
Church School @ 10:00 am
Worship @ 11:00 am
Convalescent Center @ 1:00 pm

Each Thursday –

Convalescent Center Coffee &
Donuts, 10:00 am

Other events:

UMW – July 12, 7:00 pm

Ministerial Alliance –

July 21 @ 10:00 am @

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Ad Board – July 18 @ 5:30 pm

UMC QUIZ ANSWERS

1. **Alben W. Barkley** (Vice-President under Truman), **Hubert H. Humphrey** (Vice-President under L.B. Johnson), **Walter F. Mondale** (Vice-President under Carter), and **Dick Cheney** (Vice-President under G.H.W. Bush) were all members of the Methodist (later United Methodist) Church.
2. [Gwennap Pit](#) was one of the Rev. John Wesley's favorite outdoors preaching locations and is located near Redruth, Cornwall, UK.
3. There are more than 120,000 United Methodists in 350 congregations across the southern third of Texas.

Thank you notes

Iraan

*Thanks to **James Jordan** for filling the pulpit on June 13th. We also thank James for filling in for Wanda Carpenter as liturgist on June 27th.

*Thanks to everyone for their contributions for **the June breakfast potluck**. We are so blessed!

McCamey

*Belinda and Pastor Charles would like to thank the congregation for the very generous gift of a weekend at Escondida. Your gift was a blessing to us and was greatly appreciated.

*Thanks to the following for supporting the **funeral lunch for Henry Watson**: Tony & Jennifer Aguilar, Belinda & Pastor Charles Alkula, Ruthie Andrews, Velma Beasley, Velinda Bolen, Coy & Joan Coe, LaDell & Ralph Garrett, Maurine Jacobsen, Warren & Trena Kneupper, Bill & Bobbie Lester, Coy & Dollie Lynch, Jean Myrick, Gloria Odom, Cytha Peters, Sherry Phillips, Matthew & Marina Ramirez, Sylvia Ricks, Pam & Glen Smart, Wayne & J.J. Smith, Gary & Debbie Wade, Debbie White, Donny & Donna Wiley, and Jim & Mary Witcher.

*Thanks to **Bobbie Lester and Belinda Alkula** for offering their musical gifts at Henry Watson's funeral service.

*Thanks to **Bobbie & Bill Lester** for leading the worship service on June 13th.