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Can We Talk?

By Pastor Buster

One of the things I do a lot of is talk with people. It's something I like to do. Talking is a way we share our lives with each other.

It's funny to be at a party and see how people react when they find out I'm a pastor. One reaction is: "Oh, excuse me but I see someone over there I need to speak with." This person gets away from me as quickly as they can! Another reaction is everyone gets silent, because they feel uncomfortable telling jokes with a minister present. I'll excuse myself so they can go on with their offhand humor! A third reaction is: "Oh, I'd like to talk with you about something?" And I find myself being pulled into a counseling session with someone I've never met!

I've found in talking with people there are some who are wonderful to talk with, and others who wear me out. Some people are really upbeat and enjoy life. These people see the good that's going on around them and it comes bubbling up in conversation. They talk about how wonderful their friends and family are, and how blessed they feel to have these persons in their life. They're optimistic about the future and are try-

ing to do their part to make life better for everyone around them. Talking with these people is like a breath of fresh air and I feel energized and enthused after being in their company.

Then there are people who seem to be pessimistic about every aspect of their life, and they focus on all the bad stuff going on in the world. They seem to have a chip on their shoulder and they don't seem to have anything good to say about anyone. They complain about everything but don't seem to want to do anything to try to make life better for anyone, including themselves. Being with these people is like breathing in pollution, and I have to work to expel their negativity from my conscience.

The worst part of talking with negative people is that they seem so free with sharing what they don't like about others. They will say things about people that I wouldn't ever even think of. And they say these things in a way that almost seems fulfilling to them. I don't get it. How can putting someone else down build a person up? What could possibly be the payoff in saying something bad about someone?

Each one of us is in a

process of becoming who God hopes we will be. Each one of us makes mistakes and hopefully we learn from those mistakes. When I hear someone say something bad about someone else, I wonder if they would say that with the other person present. My guess is there's no way they would do that, and so I'm left wondering what they might be saying about me when I'm not present! This makes me feel like I have to hold back in sharing life with this type of person, and that's sad.

Proverbs 10:32 says, "The speech of a good person clears the air; the words of the wicked pollute it." (The Message Translation Bible) How is your speech? Would you be comfortable having anyone hear what you say about them when they're not there? I know I've got some growing to do in this area of my life, and I bet you do too. Can we talk? You bet! Come and talk with me sometime and let's work on this together. My heart, my door, and my mind are always open.

Peace be with you,
Buster

Joy Circle News

Contributed by Jean Ann Chambers

The Joy Circle women's group is taking a breather this summer from regular meetings. However, we still plan to have fun this summer. Our Girls' Night Out will continue this summer. We meet at the church at 5:30 p.m. and go somewhere fun to eat supper together (or we meet at the restaurant at 6 p.m.). Then we go to a movie, providing we can find one or more that the

group wants to see. We usually go toward Denton. The dates are the second Thursday night of each month: June 14, July 12, and August 9. Come and join us and have a fun night out!

We will kickoff our regular meetings this fall on the second Tuesday of September. Watch the bulletin for announcements.

2007-2008 Joy Circle Officers

President:	Jean Ann Chambers
Vice President:	Mary Emma Tate
Secretary:	LaWanda Henry
Treasurer:	Sydney Sexton
Sunshine Chair:	LaRue Williams

The Bible as Prairie Companion

Contributed by Janet Noah

Editor's Note: Each month, Janet shares with you some of her observations during her weekday commute to Addison along 407. As she enjoys the scenic views, she finds that many sights trigger thoughts of Scripture.

I have a small note about pigs. I haven't actually seen any pigs, but I did hear a story about one. A woman was telling me about her "pet" pot-belly pig that is now apparently as round as it is long and doesn't come in the house any more. This woman was a little aggravated because the pig got into her garden this year and routed up many of her tomatoes. She tells me that she has had the pig for seven years now and it pretty much does what it wants.

For the most part, in the

Bible, when you read pig, you should think Gentile. I think of the Parable of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15:11-32 when I think of pigs. The prodigal son, after wasting away his inheritance has to resort to caring for pigs. This is the worst of the worst for a good Jewish boy. Not only is he working for a Gentile, he is spending time with one of the most "unclean" animals.

But my favorite story about pigs is in both Mark and Luke. Here's Luke's version (Luke 8:26-33),

²⁶Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down

before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into

the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

**The Newsletter
is taking a little break this summer.**

**We will return in time to tell you
about JUMC's new fall activities.**

**In the meantime, visit our online
Calendar at www.justinumc.org to
stay in the know.**

Enjoy your summer!

Music Notes

Copntributed by Lynn Richardson

Our celebration of Mother's Day is now in the past, but it has left a wonderful memory. A memory of our youth and Chancel Choir joining voices together. A memory of Katie Lofton's accompani-

ment on her flute. It was a truly joyous experience. Youth, will you join us again? We sure hope so!!

The Chancel Choir and Bell Choir will be taking the summer off, but there will be Spe-

cial Music from time to time. Summer is a great time to sing your hymn favorites. Fill out the "Hymn Favorites" form when it becomes available and we'll include as many as we can throughout the summer

months.

I pray everyone will experience a safe and restful summer. And remember...

Keep a song in your heart.

Lynn Richardson

JUMC Youth Offer Parents a Night Out

Contributed by Julie Cocanougher

The youth group is organizing an exciting outreach ministry for our congregation. It's called "Parent's Night Out," and it is an opportunity for the moms and dads of our church family to have some "child-free" time! On Weds. June 20th and Weds. July 25th, the youth will be babysitting children at the church. The time will be 6:00pm-10:00pm. Adults will also be as-

sisting as well. Although we will provide snacks, we ask that you either feed your child dinner before dropping them off, or bring a sack lunch/supper for them to eat.

We will have a registration sign up sheet in the hallway close to the nursery. If you have any questions, you may contact Judy Lopez (940-479-2936) or Becky Spates (940-648-3216), coordina-

Summer Study Begins on "Prayer and Temperament"

Contributed by D'Arla Tyler

We are each unique in temperament. And, according to author Msgr. Chester Michael, our prayer lives are most fulfilled when we pray in a way that best suits our individual temperament. Considering the personality types defined by Carl Jung and enhanced by Isabel Myers and Katharine Briggs, Msgr. Michael defines four prayer forms – Ignatian, Franciscan, Augustinian and Thomis-

tic – that map to the four distinctive temperaments.

Beginning June 12th at 7 p.m. at the church, Pastor Buster will lead a Tuesday night summer study based on Msgr. Michael's book, "Prayer and Temperament: Different Prayer Forms for Different Personality Types." The study is open to everyone. Please contact the office if you're interested.



Lift Off!
Soaring to New Heights with God!

Vacation Bible School
July 9-12
9:00 - 11:30 am

Coming this Summer...

Ice Cream Social & Game Night!!

More Details Soon!



New Website in Progress, New Calendar Online NOW!

Contributed by D'Arla Tyler

Good news from your Communications Team – the website is underway, AND we have a new online calendar!

The website is only in its beginning stages, but we will be expanding it throughout the summer.

Meanwhile, we've already started using our new calendar. Anyone who has access to the web can view it by going to our website at www.justinumc.org and clicking on "Calendar" on the left side.

Once we get people

registered as users, the calendar will be able to email meeting reminders and even postponements and cancellations by group. But even now, without being registered, if you want to be reminded of an event, you can click on the specific event and

then click the "Set Reminder" button. You also can download the event to your personal calendar.

We think this is a great way to stay up to date with what's going on at JUMC – especially during the summer with so many peo-

Summer Youth Bible Study: "Biblical Money Principles for Teens" by Dave Ramsey

Contributed by Julie Cocanougher

.Who is Dave Ramsey? Dave had a \$4 million dollar real estate portfolio by his early twenties. By his late twenties, he lost it all – everything. He knew he had to make a change. He returned to God's Word to study the principles laid out regarding finances. Dave started rebuilding his life and counseling others. Fast forward 10 years, and Dave has helped hundreds of thousands of people through Financial

Peace University. He's given hundreds of high school students the chance to learn how to manage money – the right way, and has written three New York Times best sellers. Ramsey lives in Nashville with his wife, Sharon, and their three children, Denise, Rachel and Daniel.

NO MATTER WHAT you want to become in life, whether it's a mechanic, doctor, teacher, nurse, carpenter, or janitor – if you

don't learn how to manage your money, you will have problems in life. NO MATTER WHAT your income is measured in, whether it's hundreds of dollars or hundreds of thousands – if you don't know how to manage your money, there will never be enough!

We invite ALL youth of the community (completed grades 6th-12th) to participate in this wonderful experience. The youth director, Michael

"Wally" Waldrop, will be teaching the class, as well as other youth leaders at JUMC. The class will begin Thursday, June 14th from 7-8 p.m. and will run most Thursdays during the summer. We will meet at the church and we request that you register by June 5th. To register, please email jdonnette@aol.com. This is a GREAT opportunity – hope to see a great crowd!

Parts of this article reprinted from "Biblical

Building Committee Weighs Options for Church Site

Contributed by Jon Beck

For some time now, you have heard or read something about a building committee. Last year during a planning session, it was decided that in 2007 the church should be looking to the future regarding our present facilities and beyond. Some of you may not be aware of the fact the church has about 10 acres, which through

our generous membership, has been paid for. It is just south of Justin Elementary School on Boss Range Road. Hmmm, building committee, land, future. Sounds like something is fix'n to happen. It is, but not right away.

Your committee has been meeting each month, along with a few sub-committee meetings. The main

topic so far has been site location. This is being done to make sure the church is located in the best possible place. Options being considered now are (1) Existing building and location (2) Land we have now (3) Two other sites along Boss Range Road. In the very near future, the committee is to meet with a firm that can

help determine which site might be best and create a conceptual site plan. Consideration is also being given to how we can better use our current facility. The building committee endeavors to keep you informed and updated. Our church is fortunate to have such an active and dedicated group helping the church look and consider the future.

June Youth Calendar

Sun., June 3rd	Youth group 4:30-6 pm
Wed., June 6th	Parent meeting 6-7 pm; Youth 7-8 pm
Sun., June 10th	Youth outing after Sunday School!
Thurs., June 14th	Youth Bible study "Financial Peace for Teens" begins! 7-8 pm
Sun., June 17th	No Youth
Wed., June 20th	Parent's Night Out (Youth to babysit at church) 6-10 pm
Thurs., June 21st	"Financial Peace for Teens" 7-8 pm
Sun., June 24th	Youth group 4:30-6 pm
June 25th-30th	Middle School Church camp (no Bible study or youth)
Sat., June 30th	Kelly and Wally get married!!!

July Youth Calendar

Sun., July 1st	No Youth
Wed., July 4th	No Youth
Thurs., July 5th	"Financial Peace for Teens" 7-8 pm
Sun., July 8th	Youth group 4:30-6 pm
Wed., July 11th	Youth 7-8 pm
Thurs., July 12th	"Financial Peace for Teens" 7-8 pm
July 14th-21st	No Youth
Sun., July 22nd	Youth group 4:30-6 pm
Wed., July 25th	Parent's Night Out (Youth to babysit at church) 6-10 pm
Thurs., July 26th	"Financial Peace for Teens" 7-8 pm
Sun., July 29th	Youth group 4:30-6 pm



Wally and Kelly at their shower. The shower was held on Sunday May 27. The couple plans to wed on June 30.



Justin United Methodist Church

Contact information:
Church 940-648-2594

Sunday service:
Worship 9:30

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Pastor
Buster Noah

Youth Director
Mike “Wally” Waldrop

Secretary
Denise Logan

Lay Leader
Joe Lopez

Music leader
Lynn Richardson

Weekly Events

Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School
Tues.	7 p.m.	“Prayer” Bible Study (beginning June 12)
Wed.	all day	Prayer in the Sanctuary
	7 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous Meeting
Thurs.	7 p.m.	Youth Bible Study (beginning June 14)

June Events

Thurs.	6/14	6 p.m.	Joy Circle “Girls’ Night Out”
Sat.	6/16	8 a.m.	Men’s Breakfast
Wed.	6/20	6 p.m.	Parents’ Night Out

See Youth Calendar inside.

July Events

Mon.	7/9	9-11:30 a.m.	Vacation Bible School
Tues.	7/10	9-11:30 a.m.	Vacation Bible School
Wed.	7/11	9-11:30 a.m.	Vacation Bible School
Thurs.	7/12	9-11:30 a.m.	Vacation Bible School
		6 p.m.	Joy Circle “Girls’ Night Out”
Wed.	7/25	6 p.m.	Parents’ Night Out

August Events

Thurs.	8/9	6 p.m.	Joy Circle “Girls’ Night Out”
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These are the events known at press time. Administrative meetings are not shown due to summer schedule changes. For an updated calendar, visit our online calendar at www.justinumc.org.