



# New Covenant Window

February 2012

## PASTOR'S DESK

### Special News

- ◆ Ash Wednesday service will be held on 2/22/2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Yesterday I viewed a great documentary which has won many awards. It tells the story of Leymah Gbowee, who along with Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf and Tawakkul Karman received the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize. Here is a brief synopsis taken from the films web site.

*"Pray the Devil Back to Hell"* <http://praythedevilbacktohell.com/index.php> is the extraordinary story of a small band of Liberian women who came together in the midst of a bloody civil war. They took on the violent warlords and corrupt Charles Taylor regime, and won a long-awaited peace for their shattered country in 2003. As the rebel noose tightened upon Monrovia, and peace talks faced collapse, the women of Liberia – Christian and Muslims united - formed a thin but unshakable white line between the opposing forces, and successfully demanded an end to the fighting— armed only with white T-shirts and the courage of their convictions. In one remarkable scene, the women barricaded the site of stalled peace talks in Ghana, and announced they would not move until a deal was done. Faced with eviction, they invoked the most powerful weapon in their arsenal – threatening to remove their clothes. It worked. The women of Liberia are living proof that moral courage and non-violent resistance can succeed, even where the best efforts of traditional diplomacy have failed. Their demonstrations culminated in the exile of Charles Taylor and the election of Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Africa's first female head of state, and marked the vanguard of a new wave of women taking control of their political destiny around the world. This remarkable chapter of world history was on its way to being lost forever. The Liberian war and peace movement were largely ignored as the international press focused on Iraq. Moreover, the women's own modesty helped obscure this great accomplishment. *Pray the Devil Back to Hell* reconstructs the moment through interviews, archival footage, and striking images of contemporary Liberia. "It is compelling testimony to the potential of women worldwide to alter the history of nations."

It is really an extraordinary story. If you want to strengthen your faith, view leadership in action, and get a clear understanding about what other people endure in many parts of the world, you should take the time to see this film. I have often said that the words 'courage' and 'hope' summarize the heart of the Christian faith. This story reaffirms that for me.

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- ◆ Matthew Weaver—February 1st
- ◆ Spencer Saffle—February 2nd
- ◆ Brandon Reed—February 4th
- ◆ Joyce Morris—February 4th
- ◆ Barbara Anderson—February 5th
- ◆ Kylie Tacker—February 5th
- ◆ Melinda Goin—February 9th
- ◆ Jean Seiber—February 9th
- ◆ Jan West—February 11th
- ◆ Joseph Winslow—February 13th
- ◆ Richard Reavis—February 14th
- ◆ Mark Moore—February 16th
- ◆ Kevin Blocher—February 22nd
- ◆ Marjorie Bickle—February 24th
- ◆ Verna Smith—February 24th
- ◆ Sallie Oglesby—February 27th

## Ladies' Lunch Bunch



Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet at Vincents on Wednesday, February 8th at 11:30. Vincents is located at 3630 N. Belt Line, which is just North of Town East Blvd.

We will be collecting children's arts and crafts supplies for spring and Easter items that will go to New Beginnings.

Please RSVP to Karen Termin at 972-222-0762. We hope to see you there.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7 p.m. Choir 7:15 p.m. Chorale	2 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 	3	4 8 am Lectionary Bible Study
5	6 9:00 — 12:00 p.m. Home School	7	8 11:30 a.m. Ladies Lunch Bunch 7:00 pm Choir 7:15 pm Chorale	9 6:30 am Men's Breakfast	10	11 8:00 am Lectionary Bible Study
12	13 9:00—12:00 p.m. Home School	14 	15 5:00 pm Ewing House 7:00 pm Choir 7:15 pm Chorale	16 6:30 am Men's Breakfast 7:00 pm Sew What's	17	18 8:00 am Lectionary Bible Study
19 12:00 –2:00 p.m. Creative Adventures 3:30 pm Trustees 4:45 pm Finance 6:00 pm Church Council Newsletter Deadline	20 9:00—12:00p.m. Home School 	21	22 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service. 	23 6:30 am Men's Breakfast	24 6:30 p.m. Card Ministry	25 8:00 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study 5:00-9:00 p.m. Parent's Night Out
26 	27 9:00—12:00 p.m. Home School	28	29 7:00 pm Choir 7:15 pm Chorale			



## EVANGELISM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FOR 2011

1. The word OUTREACH, was changed back to EVANGELISM. Evangelism helps us to focus more on the dual responsibility of the Gospel, which is to learn to share the message of Jesus Christ, vocally as well as with works.
2. Methodist Conference adopted a Mission statement for our denomination, which we now have included in our church bulletin. "TO MAKE DISCIPLES FOR JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD."
3. The Methodist Conference in 2008 added the action word of WITNESS to our church vows. It was added to better strengthen Evangelism. When you join the Methodist Church, you promise to uphold the Church, and support the local community of faith by your PRAYERS, PRESENTS, GIFTS, SERVICE, and WITNESS. This has also been included in the small print of the Church bulletin.
4. The church presented a course on "How To Share Your Faith Without Fear." Plans are for this course to be presented again very soon.

WHEN YOU MEET WITH YOUR BIBLE STUDY GROUP, TAKE SOME TIME TO GLORIFY  
GOD AND SHARE HOW YOU HAVE SHARED JESUS' MESSAGE WITH SOMEONE

# Children's Ministry



**Parent's Night Out:** This is held usually on the last Saturday of the month and is an opportunity to give parents some time to recharge

**Creative Adventures:** This is held usually on the third Sunday of every month and gives the children a chance to do special activities.

**Time for Young Disciples:** The Sunday morning worship time set aside for a lesson just for them (10:45 a.m. service only)

**Sunday school:** Every Sunday, 9:30 a.m. for both children and youth

**Youth Game Night:** Once a month recreation time for youth

**Youth Discipleship:** Week day evening study time/discussion time for youth. Dates, times, hosts will be forthcoming in the near future.

**Children's Music:** Leading up to Easter, the children are practicing their songs for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.



## CARD MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!

Card Ministry meets the last Friday of each month at Linda and Walter Easton's located at 2724 El Paso Way Mesquite, TX 75150. We have dinner around 6:30 and then it is on to making cards.

You do not need to be creative, talented or an artist to make cards. All you need to bring is a pair of sharp scissors. At this time, we only have enough members to help make the birthday cards. We average making 25 to 30 birthday cards each month. We would like to be able to make cards for the Nurture and Care Committee as well. If you like to make cards but can not find an extra night out, you can always make them at home and I will be glad to pick them up. Don't forget that if you can not join our group and wish to donate card stock, buttons, ribbons, and stamps you don't use anymore, decorative scissors or any other type of craft item please bring it to the church or call Linda Easton at 972-686-4383 and I will pick up the donated items from you. This group is for everyone women, men and teens.

This is a wonderful way to bring cheer and good wishes to our Church family and to be able to fellowship with one another.

God's Blessings,

Linda Easton

Future meeting dates:

February 24

March 23



# Church Flowers

You are invited to bring flowers, either purchased or from your garden (or the side of the road), to decorate the sanctuary on Sunday mornings. Please sign the flower calendar on the date on which you plan to provide flowers, together with the occasion. This information will be added to the bulletin. Thank you.

