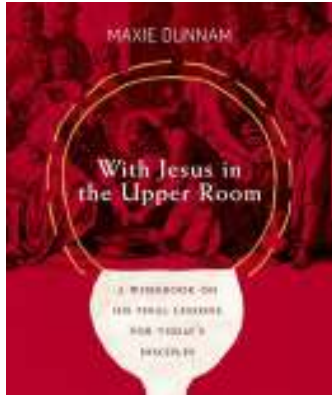


First United Methodist Church
Center, Texas



**With Jesus in the
Upper Room
by Maxie Dunnam
7 Week Lenten Study
of
John 13-17

Thursdays
in the
Parlor
Noon or 6pm**

The last supper with Jesus was a momentous occasion for the disciples. This was the last intimate time Jesus had with His disciples, and has been called "Jesus' Final Discourse." Some biblical scholars refer to it as "Jesus' Last Will and Testament to His Church."

Jesus knows that this is the last time He is physically going to spend with you. He knows He's going to die. What does He need to say? What lessons has He taught you that He needs to underscore? How does He need to relate? What actions does He need to take to make clear who He is and what He has tried to communicate? His words in the Upper Room were as monumental for his twelve disciples then as they are for His contemporary disciples now.

In this seven-week study, Maxie Dunnam leads readers through John 13-17 to this most precious legacy of Jesus' teaching, the distillation of His thought and message—what He really wants us to hear. We are His modern friends, to whom He speaks as lovingly as He did to His friends in the Upper Room. Knowing all of this, will you listen to Him?

Please let the office know of your intention to join us.

Hymns for Everyone ...I had seen this before but appreciate Virginia sharing it. Hope you get a chuckle!

- The Dentist's Hymn: Crown Him With Many Crowns
- The Weatherman's Hymn: There Shall Be Showers of Blessing
- The Contractor's Hymn: The Church's One Foundation
- The Tailor's Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy
- The Golfer's Hymn: There is A Green Hill Far Away
- The Politician's Hymn: Standing on the Promises
- The Optometrist's Hymn: Open My Eyes That I Might See
- The IRS Agent's Hymn: I Surrender All
- The Gossip's Hymn: Pass It On
- The Electrician's Hymn: Send the Light
- The Shopper's Hymn: Sweet By and By
- The Realtor's Hymn: I've Got A Mansion Just Over the Hilltop
- The Pilot's Hymn: I'll Fly Away
- The Paramedic's Hymn: Revive Us Again
- The Judge's Hymn: Almost Persuaded
- The Architect's Hymn: How Firm A Foundation
- The Telemarketer's Hymn: A Charge To Keep I Have
- The Postal Worker's Hymn: So Send I You
- The Waiter's Hymn: Fill My Cup, Lord
- The Gardener's Hymn: Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming
- The Lifeguard's Hymn: Rescue the Perishing
- The Criminal's Hymn: Search Me, O God
- The Baker's Hymn: When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder
- The Shoe Repairer's Hymn: It Is Well With My Soul
- The Travel Agent's Hymn: Anywhere With Jesus
- The Geologist's Hymn: Rock of Ages
- The Hematologist's Hymn: Are You Washed in the Blood?
- The Men's Wear Clerk's Hymn: Blest Be the Tie
- The Umpire's Hymn: I Need No Other Argument
- The Librarian's Hymn: Whispering Hope

***Sock Hop**

Sunday, February 25th

@ 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Celebrating a special occasion?
Honoring a loved one?

Say it with
FLOWERS

Sign up to provide flowers for the altar

**We need plastic eggs and candy
for our
Easter Eggstravaganza
and volunteers to help with games!**



February 21- April 4
Confirmation Class
3:40 p.m.-4:50 pm

Church Camp
July 8-13

Peace be with you,

Sarah Bohannon
Director of Youth Ministries



Thoughts for Week of 2-19-18

The cross of Christ: God for us. As we experience the bleak mid-winter we are surrounded by grey, old days. Our yards are littered with the remains of Autumn leaves that were once colorful and full of life. They remind us of the beauty of redemption as they reflect Christ's death and the promise that new life is coming closer day by day. Spring is coming. Christ is coming. The Messiah who makes all things new! Taken from Easter Meditations by Trevin Wax, christianity.com blogs
I thank you Father God for your promise of your Redeeming Grace! You may contact Terri for prayer requests at (936)598-3484 or at (936)-332-2717, or at btlacher@sbcglobal.net

Ministry Checklist

At our recent **Leadership/Planning Retreat**, we looked at the needs we see in Center, TX and we dreamed about ministries that we might begin or expand to meet those needs. In **Mark 12: 30-31** we read: *The Lord your God is one; so love the Lord God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence and energy. And here is the second: Love others as well as you love yourself. There is no other commandment that ranks with these.*

How do we practice loving God and loving our neighbors? How would you be willing to be in ministry in our community? Below are the ideas that were generated at the retreat. We have included all ideas that came from the retreat. Some are ministries that we have and people want to see continued. Some are new expressions of our faith.

Do any of these spark excitement in your heart? Do you have another idea? Let us know where you would be interested in investing your God-given time and talents.

Check the boxes of things that interest you. Write us notes. Add to the list. Those of us at the retreat and the last Church Council meeting are excited! We want you to join the excitement!

Be doers of the Word and not hearers only!

Who I am/Who we are

- Men’s Ministry / studies
- Random Acts of Kindness in Community
- Discipleship
- Update church directory
- Fundamental Music education
- Better use of social media
- Safety
- Young adult ministry
- Church-wide garage sale – personal and church stuff
- Valentine’s dance/ meal
- Community garden
- Start blood drive again
- Community-wide BBQ cook-off
- Sunrise Easter service
- Host a scout Jamboree on back 40
- Host July 4th activities for community
- Laundromat events
- Quality guest soloists to church
- Prayer cross ministry
- Lucretia’s Christmas wish
- Trunk-or-treat
- Booth at Poultry Festival
- Expanded food boxes at Thanksgiving and Christmas
- Clothes and toys to those in need and those with incarcerated parents
- Nursing Home
- Caroling
- Handbells
- Community work days
- UMArmy – Here and to go
- Cub Scouts adult leaders needed
- Home-bound communion – weekly contact
- Homeless
- Shelby County Outreach partner with
- Meals on Wheels delivery
- Working with those dealing with food insecurity
- Providing transportation to church
- More meal boxes at Thanksgiving and Christmas
- Evangelizing in the community
- Welcome packets for visitors and new members
- Regular greeters – outside
- Provide shoes for the children in Polly and Johnny’s community in Mexico
- Partner with Polly’s community in Mexico for shoe box type ministry
- Contemporary worship service
- Financial Peace University
- Finding kids in neighborhood (w/in 1 mile of church)
- Yoga / devotional
- Cut back on coffee fellowship --- no need to compete with Methodist Men
- Involve more people in ministry/mission
- Quit writing checks – do ministry / mission
- More \$\$ kept in Center
- Gospel service
- More small group studies
- Better follow-up
- Volunteers
- More summer activities for children and youth
- Women’s ministry
- Variety of Sunday School classes
- Come and Go Communion
- Kids Grow ‘n Christ
- Choir
- Congolese / Immigrants
- UMYF
- Bereavement lunches
- Adopting Center Elementary
- Reading with a child at CES
- Scouts
- Children’s Church
- Hanging of the Greens by Youth
- Connect with existing partners / existing ministries
- Find people with passion and let them loose
- Church t-shirts
- Be doers of the Word and not hearers only*
- Business cards for members to give to invite people to our church
- Better signage in community and on our grounds
- Prioritize goals / ministry ideas
- Tell our story with the media outlets
- “ “ “ using media (social and otherwise)
- Find places to meet our neighbors outside the church
- Connect with the conference program of *We Love All God’s Children*
- Easter Olympics ... expanded Easter egg hunt
- Need to prioritize ministries / assign to appropriate committees
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***Please return to the church office.**