

Thank you...

Your special ways and generous heart made a beautiful difference. Thanks to you, I have heat for this month. I couldn't have done this without your help. Thank you so much.

Robin Johnson

Thank you Pastor Mark for the hospital visits. Matt, Shelly, and Nick Harvey thank you for the visits and yard work. Dick and Barb Coon, thank you for checking in on me. Charles and Jenny Campbell, thank you for the delicious food. And thank you church family for the prayers.

Dick Shaffer

February 28, 2010 Dedication

Noah David Taylor was dedicated to the Lord on Sunday, February 28, 2010. We rejoice with Mark and Anne Taylor in their act of faith. Sister Hannah and brother Elijah are excited to help Noah grow in a Godly home. Noah was dedicated in the same outfit that brother Elijah was dedicated in (2006). The Taylor family thanks and celebrates with our church family, small group, family and friends.

Announcing New Staff Positions

Shelly Harvey, our Office Administrator and Bookkeeper, will be stepping down from her position on May 28. She and her family will be greatly missed as they relocate to Phoenix, Arizona. Susan Koebecke, our Children's Ministry Director, will be stepping down from that position in order to take over the Bookkeeper part of Shelly's position. Therefore, Selma UMC announces the opening of the **Office Administrator** position as well as the **Children's Ministry** position.

Office Administrator – This person will work as the secretary/office administrator for the church staff and congregation. Some specific responsibilities will include receptionist (via internet, phone, or in person), word processing (correspondence, newsletters, bulletins, etc.), database management (using the church's database software), mailings (newsletters & other mailings), Internet communications (church website, managing/sending email, etc.), graphic design, and other responsibilities as requested by the Sr. Pastor, staff, and congregation. Working knowledge of Microsoft Office is essential. In addition, working knowledge of InDesign, database software, website software, video production software, would be helpful. 25-30 hours per week, rate depending upon experience. Position starts May 1, 2010. Send resume to SelmaUMC@SelmaUMC.org

Children's Ministry Director – This person will oversee the church's ministry to children from birth through grade five. It is essential that this person have skills in recruiting, training, and leading other adults to serve as volunteers in Selma UMC's children's ministry. Some specific responsibilities will include overseeing weekly ministries (Sunday children's church & nursery care), periodic ministries (such as midweek seasonal programs) and annual events (such as VBS). The children's director will also work with other staff and church leaders coordinating children's ministry and childcare throughout the year. In addition, a creative thinking and adventurous approach to new children's ministries will be indispensable as Selma UMC grows and expands our outreach to even more adults and their children. 15-20 hours per week, \$12-13 per hour. Position starts June 1, 2010. Send resume to SelmaUMC@SelmaUMC.org

Sunday Morning Worship:

9:00 & 10:45 a.m.

- Webwww.selmaumc.org
- Email.....selmaumc@selmaumc.org
- Phone765-282-1648
- Mark Ellcessor Senior Pastor
- Jeff Ellis The Compass Pastor
- Lisa Ellcessor Worship/Arts & Youth
- Kristen Herbst.....LIFE Groups
- Susan KoebeckeChildren
- Gail Yates Newcomers
- Barb Coon Congregational Care
- Todd Austin.....Communications Director
- Gary Turner.....Ministry Director
- Shelly Harvey Administrative Assistant
- Phil Hughes Custodian
- Little Learners.....765-288-4777
- Susan Shreve.....Little Learners Director



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Return Service Requested

April Calendar

- 1 Shots For Tots (9:30-11:30a & 1:00-3:30p)
Financial Peace University @ SUMC (6-8p)
AA Meeting (8p)
- 2 **Good Friday Service (7p)**
- 3 Community Easter Eggs-travaganza! (10a-12pm)
Girlfriends Event-"Date with Your Daughter" (12p)
- 4 **Happy Easter!**
New Member Sunday
- 6 Food Pantry (9:30-11a)
Financial Peace University @ Wes-Del H.S. (6-8p)
Exercise Class (6:30-7:30p)
- 7 Men's Fraternity (6-7:30a & 6:30-8p)
Wacky Wednesday (6:30-8p)
Worship Team (6:30-8p)
- 8 Financial Peace University @ SUMC (6-8p)
AA Meeting (8p)
- 10 Community Service Day (9a-3p)
Princess Ball (6-8p)
- 11 **Pre-K Recognition Sunday (9a-A.M. Preschool, 10:45a-P.M. Preschool)**
JAM practice (1A) (5:45-6:30p)
Youth Group (6:30-8p)
- 12 **Administrative Council Meeting (6-8p)**
- 13 Financial Peace University @ Wes-Del H.S. (6-8p)
Exercise Class (6:30-7:30p)
- 14 Men's Fraternity (6-7:30a & 6:30-8p)
Wacky Wednesday (6:30-8p)
Worship Team (6:30-8p)
- 15 Financial Peace University @ SUMC (6-8p)
AA Meeting (8p)
- 16 Sassy Scrappers (7-10p)
- 17 LIFE Group Leader Event (9a-11:30a)
- 18 JAM practice (2B) (5:45-6:30p)
Youth Group (6:30-8p)
- 20 Food Pantry (5:30-7p)
Financial Peace University @ Wes-Del H.S. (6-8p)
Exercise Class (6:30-7:30p)
- 21 Men's Fraternity (6-7:30a & 6:30-8p)
Worship Team (6:30-8p)
Wacky Wednesday (6:30-8p)
- 22 Financial Peace University @ SUMC (6-8p)
AA Meeting (8p)
- 25 JAM practice (1B) (5:45-6:30p)
Youth Group (6:30-8p)
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Selma United Methodist Church is to be a seeker-friendly, disciple-making, servant-equipping, mission-sending, and God-honoring fellowship of believers. Our primary ministry focus will be on youth and children, and serving our community and world in Christ's behalf.

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Easter is This Sunday!

By Pastor Mark Ellcessor

Easter is this Sunday, April 4th. Did you know more people go to church on Easter Sunday than any other day of the year? So, to everyone who is reading this...

I hope you come!

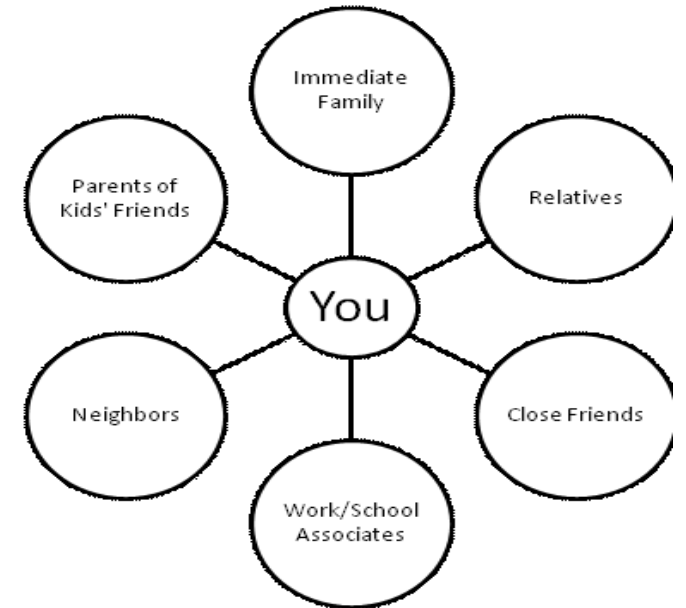
I hope you invite many people to come with you!

Here's the deal. Are you ready?

I challenge our church to invite so many people to Easter service this year that we break an attendance record! Let's set a goal of having 750 people in worship at either our 9:00 or 10:45 service.

At Selma UMC, we believe people matter to God. Our mission is *helping people become fully developing followers of Jesus*. By inviting as many people as we can, we fulfill the first part of that mission.

You know, God has given each of us a "circle of influence." These are people we already know. They matter to us, and yes, they matter to God. This diagram will get you started:



For each circle, jot down some names of people you know, pray for them, and simply invite them to church on Easter. Then, expect them to come and make a plan to meet them at the front doors of the church.

The central message of Easter can be summed up in this wonderful verse: *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."* –John 3:16.

Let's invite as many people as we can to experience this life-giving message of Jesus!

Good Friday Service 7:00pm this Friday, April 2
You won't want to miss this intense, artistic, dramatic service explaining how Jesus' death tore the temple curtain bringing love and forgiveness to each of us.
Invite all your family and friends to join us this Friday @ 7:00p



THEY DID THE JOB. WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE?
New Series After Easter
JUDGES OF ISRAEL

News from THE COMPASS CHURCH

Let's say that we're in a big game. A game of life starring The Compass Church and Selma UMC. As a church, we're looking to win this game...looking for a victory. Pastor Mark Ellcessor and myself met with our Conference Grant Review Board on Monday. It's been one year since we started receiving 'seed' money from the conference to help support The Compass Church. They wanted to see if the money was being used wisely and one of the questions was "are we bearing fruit - reaching new people"? Here is part of their response..."We want to commend Selma UMC and The Compass Church for its excellent work thus far." *Woot!* (that's a new slang term showing great excitement)

'Thus far' we are doing excellent. But the game is not over for any of us. Our mission of 'helping people become fully developing followers of Jesus' will continue indefinitely. Let's all play this game with intentions of winning. *Woot!*

Jeff Ellis, Campus Pastor

Harris Chapel, Selma UMC, Christ UMC, along with Wapahani High School are proud to present the

Community

Easter Eggs-travaganza!

Bring your whole family to the biggest, most fun Easter Egg Hunt in town! It's egg-citing! It's egg-straspecial!!

Plus You will enjoy...

Face Painting	Balloon Animals	Skit Prizes
Coloring	Carnival Games	
Special Messages	Inflatable Games	

Easter Eggs Filled with Candy...

Children ages 0-5th grade, bring your own basket and collect dozens of eggs! Parents, please plan to stay and enjoy the event with your children. Don't forget your cameras!

Saturday, April 3, 2010, 10am-12 pm
at Wapahani High School

Schedule:

10:00-11:00 am	Registration, games for all ages
11:00-11:15 am	A word from our Hosts
11:15-11:30 am	Instructions for Egg Hunt
11:30-12:00 pm	Egg Hunt!

LITTLE LEARNERS PRE-K RECOGNITION

Sunday, April 11

On Sunday, April 11, we will recognize the Pre-K A.M. class at the 9am service and the Pre-K P.M. class at 10:45am service. Join us as we recognize the accomplishments of these awesome children.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH CHANGES

Due to the "wonderful" recent growth of Selma UMC and the need for more seats in the sanctuary, we will be starting Children's Church as parents arrive with their children. **Children, from Preschool through Grade 5, can go to Children's Church (in the Kidsatorium) starting at 8:50 am for first service and 10:35 am for second service-starting Easter Sunday, April 4.**

Parents will check-in their children in Children's Atrium (aquarium) area. Registration tables will be set up for check-in of children. If you have been going to Selma UMC, after registering your child, they may go directly to their classroom. However, new families to the church will fill out the Child Release & Information Form and be escorted to the child's classroom. This way new families will get to meet the teacher, complete the information form, and know where to pick up the child when the service is over.

We will use the system we have been using for pick-up of the children. Siblings in other classrooms may not pick up another brother or sister. **Only parents or an assigned adult may pick-up the children.** Children will not be released until the appropriate person comes to get the child. Please NOTE: Our nursery procedures will stay the same.

girlfriends
unlimited

Changing Hearts Changing Lives One Girlfriend at a Time

SATURDAY, APRIL 3...Date with Your Daughter Girlfriend Event

Saturday, April 3, Time: 12 noon

Girls, treat yourself and your teen daughter (or adopt a teen daughter for the day) to lunch and a movie.

We'll meet at **Pizza Hut on Wheeling** then catch the new Miley Cyrus movie **The Last Song** (PG)

based the the book "The Last Song" by Nicholas Sparks. Following the movie, we'll discuss the book and the movie at **Dairy Queen.**

Mark your calendar, get the book, start reading, and be ready for an afternoon of fun with the girls!

Friday, April 16

Sassy Scrappers @ SUMC, 7-10pm

This is a great time of "cutting up" with the girls!

Tuesday, May 1

Lit 'n' Lattes @ Location TBA, 10am

COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY 2010

Industry Neighborhood

Saturday, April 10, 9am-3pm

(Lunch served 11am-1pm)

Transform lives by transforming a local neighborhood. Over the past six years, it has been proven that in just a few hours on a Saturday, the pride of the neighborhood residents increases as well as the climate and culture of the entire neighborhood that we serve. This year we get to bless the residents of Industry neighborhoods.

This is a great community service project for LIFE groups, families, and those who are willing to jump in and serve!

Use your gifts & abilities to:

- Clean up yards and neighborhood areas
- Paint the exterior of the residents homes
- Complete minor outside home repairs
- Prepare lunch for residents & volunteers

Contact **Greg Goebel** for more info or to sign up.
(greg.goebel@infarmbureau.com)

Life Group Leader Event

Saturday, April 17

9:00-11:30 am



An important event for all life group leaders will be held on April 17 at SUMC. At the event you obtain the latest information on life groups and acquire new skills which benefit both your life group and church. You won't want to miss the feature video presentation "Save People/Dangerous Groups" by Henry Cloud, author *Boundaries* books and outstanding speaker. Confirm your seat today with Kristen Herbst.

SUMMER CAMPS 2010

We already have 79 children, youth, youth leaders, and dads planning to go to church camp this summer. If you are interested sign up now. Camps fill up quickly.

Father/Child Camp (New!)

- Grades K-3 & Fathers
- Rainbow Christian Camp
- July 15-July 17, 2010
- \$100 per person
(w/max fee of \$250 for dads w/more than 1 child)

L219 Early Elementary Camp

L309 Older Elementary Camp

- Camp Lakewood
- August 1-4, 2010
- \$300 per child
- 4-day, 3-night express camp
- Susan Koebcke attending as a director

JUMP! Middle School Camp (NEW!)

- Entering grades 6, 7 & 8
- Rainbow Christian Camp
- June 13-18, 2010
- \$325 per person

Summit Base Camp

- Entering grades 9-'10 graduates
- Register with Lisa Ellcessor only!
- June 27-July 2, 2010
- Shiloh Park Retreat Center
- Join counselors: Lisa Ellcessor & others
- \$250 by April 1, \$275 by June 1

Vacation Bible School

June 21-25, 2010



Get ready for a fun-filled trip to HERO Headquarters! At HERO headquarters kids will discover unnamed heroes who were not super or powerful, yet their small acts were used by God to do wonderful things. They had a willingness to be used by God right where they lived.

HEROS and Assistant HEROES

(that's YOU...Adults and Youth):

Your leadership skills are requested this week in helping to impact the hearts and minds of kids for Christ! HERO leaders and Assistant Heroes are a must!! Contact Susan Koebcke at 282-1648 for HERO Headquarters information.

Everyday HEROES

(kids preschool through 5th grade):

Mark your calendars now for an awesome week at HERO Headquarters!

PROM DRESS DRIVE

- Great way to clean out your closet!
- All sizes accepted
- Also collecting shoes, purses, jewelry and unused make-up

Dresses can be dropped off at **Union Chapel Ministries**
4622 N. Broadway until April 11

Contributions are tax deductible: Attach your name and address to your dress donation and a receipt will be mailed to you at the end of the year. Contact Chrissy Bright for more info at chrissy.bright@yahoo.com or 760-4713

Selma UMC April Youth Schedule

Date	Time	Schedule and Details
Fri. Apr. 2	7:00p	Good Friday Worship service
Sat. Apr. 3	morning	Service Project: Easter Eggstravaganza (see Susan K to help)
Sun. Apr. 4	9 or 10:45a	Easter Sunday- Confirmation class can become members of SUMC
Sun. Apr. 4		No Youth Group (Happy Easter)
Sat. Apr. 10	6:00-8:00p	Princess Ball (Dads and daughters dance)
Sun. Apr. 11	5:45-6:30p	JAM practice (1A)
Sun. Apr. 18	6:30-8:00p	Youth group
Sun. Apr. 18	5:45-6:30p	JAM practice (2B)
Sun. Apr. 25	6:30-8:00p	Youth group
Sun. Apr. 25	5:45-6:30p	JAM practice (1B)
Sun. May 2	6:30-8:00p	Youth group
Sun. May 2	5:45-6:30p	JAM practice (2A)

Postal Food Drive at Blood-n-Fire

Sat May 8, 2010 5:30-8:30p

This is yet another great opportunity for youth to help serve. We will be unloading a big truck full of bags of donated foods and then sorting them. The last time we helped it was amazing and we accomplished so much to help others. It was a good feeling to work towards feeding the poor.

30 Hour Famine Update

This is a pic from the 30 hour Famine.

We did over 300 hours of community service, learned a ton about hunger, had fun, worshipped God, got hungry!!! And ...

We raised \$3,469.58

This will feed 9 1/2 children

for a year! Congrats Selma teens. Good job!



Begin Praying Now...

Youth Mission Trip to Jamaica

March 19-26, 2011.

Watch for details in May newsletter.