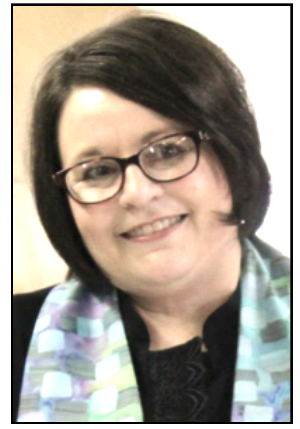


# APRIL 2016

On Palm Sunday, during the Children's Moment, I read "The Donkey No One Could Ride", written by Anthony DeStefano.

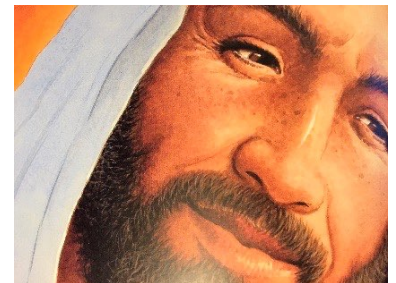
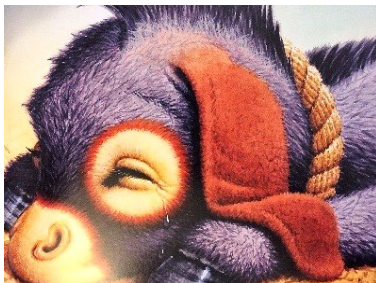


The following Thursday (Maundy Thursday) I was able to read that very same book to my young grandsons. When the story was over, my 5yo grandson, Paxton looked at me all wide eyed and asked, "Is Jesus dead? I heard he died at Easter." I asked Paxton to tell me more about what else he had heard about the Easter story. Paxton went on to tell me how they put a crown of thorns *in* Jesus' head and it really *hurt*ed him. I then asked if there was anything else about the story he'd like for me to know and he replied, "I will tell you the rest on Sunday (Easter Sunday) and it's good...it's really, really good!"

God has an undying love for each and everyone of us. It is so important that we remember the story...but it is even more important that we become the story. Jesus is alive in us. May this news never get old. May we never tire of sharing the story, for the story of God's great love for us is good. His message for us to love one another is good, really, really good.

Each day we have an opportunity to live out the Easter story; the tomb is empty! That is good news...really, really good news! Jesus is Alive! Allelulia and Amen.

Pastor Amy



## Next Sermon series...

Though Easter day celebrations have come and gone, Jesus' words still remain as imperative directions on how we are to live, love, and serve. Our next sermon series, "GO!" will begin on Sunday, April 3. This series will help us identify with "what's the step" in our spiritual journeys as we live and coexist as Easter people.



**Thank You!** – Paul says boldly in Romans 1:8, “*I thank God through Jesus for every one of you.*” Thank you to all those who continue to willingly serve in various ways at Dawson UMC. Thank you to those who have worked together to maintain our building, serve in worship, and provide leadership through outreach and education. Thank you all for your dedication and devotion through the sharing of your time, talents and treasures. Pastor Amy

## New 3D Adult/Youth Study!

You have probably heard how you/we should care about destitute children in the world. But what about the cantankerous old guy across the street? Is that who God had in mind when he said, “love your neighbor”? What about your spouse, or best friend or the shy person you work with...or the person who goes out of his way to make your life miserable? How can you serve *that* person? Beginning on Wednesday, March 30, Pastor Amy will be leading a new study for the Adults and High school youth. The study, titled “**Beyond**” will challenge us to explore relevant and simple ideas that can impact others in big and little ways. Come and discover the joys and rewards of serving Jesus by serving your family, your friends, your neighbors, your community, your enemies, your world. 3D meets each Wednesday evening for a fellowship meal at 5:30pm with studies to follow from 6 - 7 PM. Age level study groups are also held for children ages three through the eighth grade led by Sheryl Kaufman and Dulcie Guinty each week. So, come on over and bring the kids as there is a little something for everyone!



## **United Methodist Open Door, Needs Volunteers**

**Volunteers are needed at United Methodist Open Door in the Klothes Kloset to hang clothing and stock shelves. Individuals, families, groups or students can be scheduled on a regular or one-time basis, monthly, weekly, daily or whatever fits their lives. If you are interested in volunteering at Open Door, please call:**

**Nita Nikkel, Coordinator of Volunteers  
316-267-4201**

**Or Email: [nnikkel@umopendoor.org](mailto:nnikkel@umopendoor.org).**



**April's Change  
4 Change will  
go to the  
Brookside UMC**

**Food Pantry to assist with  
needs of this vital ministry  
here in our community.**

**New Members!**

What a fantastic Easter Sunday as we received six new members to the Dawson congregation and had 4 baptisms. The new members are: Roselyn Phillips, Ted & Rhonda Branson, Michelle Chavez, Christopher & Susan Briggs. And the four baptisms were Michelle Chavez' children: Brayden, Laila, Tristan & Lisandra Chavez



Because of this decision we don't evaluate people by what they have or how they look. We looked at the Messiah that way once and got it all wrong, as you know. We certainly don't look at him that way anymore. Now we look inside, and what we see is that anyone united with the Messiah gets a fresh start, is created new. The old life is gone; a new life burgeons! Look at it! All this comes from the God who settled the relationship between us and him, and then called us to settle our relationships with each other. God put the world square with himself through the Messiah, giving the world a fresh start by offering forgiveness of sins. God has given us the task of telling everyone what he is doing. We're Christ's representatives. God uses us to persuade men and women to drop their differences and enter into God's work of making things right between them. We're speaking for Christ himself now: Become friends with God; he's already a friend with you.

**2 Corinthians 5:16-20 The Message**

## **Christ has no hands but our hands to do His work today**

Serving opportunities are available in the following areas:

- Church clean-up
- Food preparation for Wednesday evening meals
- Children and Youth ministry programs

Please take these areas into prayerful consideration as to how your hands can be a part of God's work in our congregation. Thanks to Jan Hunt for filling the position of Hospitality Coordinator for Sunday Mornings. Pastor Amy

## **Pancake Breakfast**

**April 16th 8 - 10 A.M.**



## **Tuesday Morning Bible Study**

This group meets every Tuesday at 10 A.M. They are studying of the book of Acts. Everyone is welcome to join us anytime.

**Come grow with us!**

Sheryl would like to thank everyone who donated items & helped fill eggs for the annual egg hunt





# HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL

What a glorious Easter celebration! Hope is indeed springing up all around Dawson. We have witnessed it first hand in the Wed. night program, in the many helping hands that contribute to cleaning, cooking, preparing services and making our church home a welcome refuge from the world. We rejoice in the hope the new baptisms and confessions of faith we had Easter morning bring. We welcome these new souls and members into the body of Christ.

*Romans 5:5*

*Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God. And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.*

*Romans 12*

*Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor; not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.*

*Romans 15*

*Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God.*

*Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit*

Only together can we truly grow in God's grace.  
Blessings to All,  
Dulcie

## Confirmation Class

Classes continue learning about Gods Word, the church, baptism and membership confirmation. Pastor Amy and Dulcie will be taking turns teaching this class. We will also meet on Wednesday evenings 6-6:45. . If you have any questions please contact Pastor Amy or Dulcie.

United Methodist Women's Group presents "Women at Work" on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. A light meal will be followed by a Speaker from "The Treehouse". The Love Offering will be donated to The Treehouse, or you may bring items from the listing posted on the church Bulletin Board, and copies are on the table in Findley Hall.



## CrossWalk for Youth and Young Adults

All high school youth and young adults up to age twenty are invited to come to the church on Sunday afternoons from 2:00-3:30, for a time of fellowship, learning, and worship. Life can be tricky at times, join other's in this age group as we journey through life and faith together, one step at a time; come to CrossWalk! If you are an adult and you would like to volunteer in this new ministry or if you have any questions, please see Pastor Amy.

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