

Austin Avenews—January 2018

Letters from Timothy

I have been pondering a question for about two decades, “Can An Old Church Be Born Again?” I’ve preached single sermons on the subject, but I have decided the question deserves several weeks of reflection, so I will begin 2018 with a six-week series. The launch pad for the messages will come from the 3rd chapter of the gospel of John, which contain the question from Nicodemus, “Can an old man be born again?” His question about personal renewal of an “old man” provides parallel insights for renewal in an “old church.” As we begin our 118th year of ministry in Downtown Waco, the question posed by the sermon series has obvious relevance. I would suggest, however, that this question is relevant in the overwhelming majority of churches in North America and Europe.

I am hopeful as we seek the ways God is calling us to be renewed, we can create a model that helps other churches as they too wrestle with the struggles of ministry and mission in a downtown setting. As we begin this new year I find myself excited and filled with hope that this will be a turning-point year in the life of AAUMC. I look forward to sharing in the adventure of God doing a new work in and through us!

Happy New Year 2018!

Keep the SON in your eyes!

Pastor Tim



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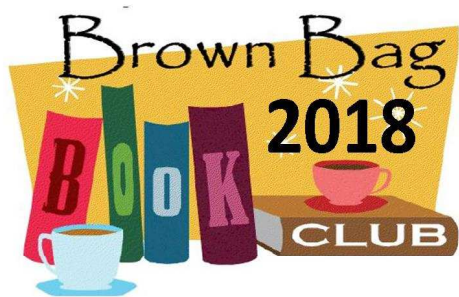
Sundays
Sunday School..... 9:45 AM
Traditional Worship.....11:00 AM
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First Sunday of Each Month
Nonperishable Food Collection
(even pet food)
Morning Worship

Austin Avenue Preschool

Contact 254-754-4685 or
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Meetings from 12 noon to approximately 2 pm

Bring your own lunch—drinks provided

Special luncheon provided at

December meeting

All are invited to join us!



	<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
Feb 5	<i>Small Great Things</i>	Jodi Picoult
Apr 2	<i>Paris in the Present Tense</i>	Mark Helprin
Jun 4	<i>God and Churchill</i>	Jonathan Sandys & Wallace Henley
Aug 6	<i>Ordinary Grace</i>	William Kent Krueger
Oct 1	<i>Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania</i>	Erik Larson
Dec 3	<i>The Last Days of Night</i>	Graham Moore

Austin Avenue United Methodist Church
Honorariums & Memorials Received October 1—December 25 2017

In honor of Eva Vokes

Given by:
Jim & Carol Burton

In memory of Greg Gillenwater

Given by:
Patricia Vaughn

In memory of Helen Browder Lewis

Given by:
Gary & Molly Hering

In memory of Louise Dyess

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Gary & Molly Hering

In memory of E. Barker Chapman

Given by:
R.D. Patillo
Lea Ann Blum
Walter Winters
Whit & Meri Perryman
Holland, Johns & Penny, LLP
Eleanor Hoffman
Candy Smith
Jean McReynolds
Lewis McReynolds
Paula Floeck
Don & Debbie Reynolds
Damon Bankston
LD & Virginia Cochran
Patricia Ivey
Bill, Tracy & Kelly Brooks
John & Scherry Chapman
Joe & Eve Riley
Bruce & Dori Miller
Insurors of Texas General Agency
Krispen Thielepape
William & Deborah Walker
Gerald & Barbara Powell
Murray & Greta Watson
Colleen Snider
James & Kathryn Casey
Gary & Molly Hering
Florence & Mary Hunter

In memory of Mary & Bill Walker

Florine Chapman

In memory of Marvalene Hyde

Bob & Diane McEachern
Tom Clowe & Carla Haynes-Clowe

In memory of Barbara Price

Florence Carlson
Dr. T. Bradford Willis

In memory of Marge Juren

Jerry & Ann Richerson
Bill & Kay Turney
Joan Gervig
Barry & Eva Vokes
Philip & Edana Croyle
Waco Study Club
Sue Getterman
Johnny & Sally Bledsoe
Jean McReynolds
Lewis McReynolds
Janis McIntosh
Glynda Mitchell
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Parrish
Frederick & Nancy Gehlbach
Tom & Patty Pagel
William & Deborah Walker
Don & MaryAnn Parks
Pathfinders Sunday School Class

In memory of Lee Floeck

Johnny & Sally Bledsoe



January 19 at 6 PM
The Tigger Movie
Popcorn & Water Provided

Administrative Teams

Monday, January 22

Trustees Team 5:00 pm-Pipkin Center

Finance Team 6:00 pm-Library



Recurring Events

Church Office Hours: 8:00 am-5:30 pm—Monday-Thursday / Preschool: 7:15 am-5:30 pm—Monday-Friday
 Meals on Wheels Delivery: 9:30 am—Monday, Wednesday, Friday
 Turning Point (AA) meets daily, Room 302; 12:00 pm Monday-Saturday (Sun 9:45 am)

January 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Church & Arc Offices closed Happy New Year	2 8:00a Preschool Training 9:30a The Gathering Place-Care & Respite	3	4	5	6
7 9:00a Choir Practice 9:30a Prayer Ministry 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship Cantata Food Collection	8 3:30 Youth Chorus Reh	9 10a Arc Sewing	10	11	12	13
14 9:00a Choir Practice 9:45a Sunday School 10:30a Choir Practice 11:00a Worship 6:00p Sunday Supper Club	15 3:30 Youth Chorus Reh	16 6p Arc Self-Advocate	17	18	19 6:00p Family Movie Night—The Tigger Movie	20
21 9:45a Sunday School 10:30a Choir Practice 11:00a Worship 6:00p Sunday Supper Club	22 3:30 Youth Chorus Reh 5:30p Trustees Team 6:00p Finance Team	23 5:30p Arc Board Meeting	24	25	26	27
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Save the Dates

December 31—Matthew Pool, Guest Organist

January 2—Gathering Place—9:30 am

January 14—Sunday Supper Club Resumes each Sunday evening

January 19—Family Movie Night

January 22—Administrative Team Meetings

February 5—Book Club—*Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult

February 6—Gathering Place

February 11—Youth Chorus of Central Texas performing in Worship

February 8—Preschool Board Meeting