

FROM CHURCH TO CHURCH, AMEN!

Amen to San Benito FUMC, who had a youth-led worship service on Pentecost Sunday. Everyone wore RED. Following the service they had a 5th Sunday luncheon that was served by the youth. The money raised will go to help in the remodeling of their youth room, "The J Station."



Amen to Zapata UMC, who celebrated the Pentecost Service with memorial dedications and by releasing red balloons before a church picnic in the fellowship hall. You could see red everywhere on this special day.



Amen to Mission First UMC, who celebrated their new Welcome Center with an Open House on July 19, 2009. What a wonderful way to show Christ's love to those coming to worship at their church for the first time!

Amen to Edinburg First UMC, for continuing their "In His Steps" Program this year. This program provides vouchers for shoes enabling needy families in the community to provide new shoes for their children in time for school.

Amen to the McAllen District Churches who hosted or participated in Vacation Bible School this summer. VBS is an awesome and fun opportunity for churches to reach out into the community and teach children about Jesus through worship, music, crafts, games, and so much more.

Amen to First UMC, Alice, for developing a new and creative ministry that will help feed the hungry by baking bread together, having a devotion and time of fellowship. Each participant bakes 2 loaves – one to keep and one to give away.

Amen to Wesley UMC, Harlingen congregation for hosting a group of youth and adults from Parkway UMC Houston as they jointly worked on mission projects in the Harlingen and San Benito communities.

Amen to Wesley UMC, Harlingen for moving forward on two projects near the sanctuary. The construction of a music room will include building two new bathrooms that are handicap accessible. The second project is a ramp to replace the sidewalk in front of the sanctuary providing easier access to the church offices and sanctuary.

Amen to First UMC, McAllen providing 130 backpacks filled with school supplies that will be given to needy school aged children in Mexico. The backpacks will be handed out through the Methodist Church in Reynosa, Mexico. Donations were given by the congregation.

Amen to First UMC, McAllen's Young Women's Ministry who are in service for others by providing home cooked meals and casseroles to those who are sick, new parents, or those who just need a night off cooking. The dishes are prayed over before being delivered.

Amen to First UMC, Laredo for starting a new ministry "Abundant Crop Sharing" that will benefit many people. Rather than letting produce go to waste, farmers and gardeners are encouraged to bring their over abundant produce on Sundays that will be placed in a basket for anyone to take home. In return, leaving a good-will offering will be appreciated and will be donated to the Emergency Fund.

Amen to the McAllen District Churches that continue the Angel Food Ministries. One order of \$30.00 per box per person is enough food for one month. This is also a wonderful ministry of service for those who aren't able to participate physically in other ministries. Order and purchase one (or more) boxes per month that will be donated to a needy family of your choice or at the church's discretion.

Amen to First UMC, Alice for continuing the CrossBar Coffeehouse for their youth. These are very challenging times for our youth. The Coffeehouse provides a positive and spiritual environment that helps keep our youth focused on Christ.

Amen to First UMC, La Feria's Wesley nurse, Candy Wiley who shares a list of helpful tips for a safer home. The Home Safety Council dedicates June as Home Safety Month.

Amen to First UMC, La Feria who invited the La Feria High School students UIL State competitors to bring their horn sextet, saxophone & horn quartet and play their hearts out for Christ during their Wednesday night Gospel Service.

Amen to Los Fresnos UMC for assisting Pastor Abraham Avila in the building of a Worship/Neighborhood Community Center in Matamoros, Mexico. Pastor Avila conducts Spanish Worship Services in the LFUMC Fellowship Hall on Saturday evenings. This Outreach is called Un Corazon Para Cristo: One Heart For Jesus.

Amen to First UMC, Harlingen who celebrated the growth of Christian faith and members with 18 Confirmands!

Amen to St. Mark United Methodist Church youth for keeping active for Christ during the summer months.

Amen to First UMC, Hebbronville whose Clothes Boutique Ministry is going stronger than ever. The Jones Building Fellowship Hall fills with all kinds of donations: clothes, kitchen items, linen, books, toys and so much more. It is open to the community twice a month and the items are free for the taking.

Do you have an **AMEN** to share about the McAllen District? If so, contact Luvy Carrasco by email. (luvcar_23@hotmail.com)

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