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# Beth Weber To Mark Special Birthday

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A very special birthday party will be held this weekend for one of Dexter's very special people.

A celebration will be held Sunday for Beth Weber to mark her 50th birthday. The party will be held following the 10:30 a.m. worship service at First United Methodist Church, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. The family invites friends to drop by Wesley Hall on the church campus to wish Beth a happy birthday and they request no gifts.

Beth is the daughter of Joe Weber and the late Joyce Weber. She is very active in the ministries of the First United Methodist Church, where she is a member of the friendship Sunday School Class and has served as Assistant Sunday School Superintendent for many years. She is active in the programs at the Stoddard County ARC Day Activity Center and loves to send and receive cards.

Friends unable to attend the party are invited to send Beth a birthday card to 315 South Walnut in Dexter.

***Photo Above: Beth Weber with her father Joe after a presentation last year at the First United Methodist Church in Dexter.***

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## Smiles Measure Success of Orange 2

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The 2nd Annual Orange Event was held at the First Baptist Church of Dexter this past Sunday with a large crowd in attendance. The event was planned around a large amount of fun with a very important parenting message being shared with everyone.

The promotion of Orange 1 & Orange 2 has been a little vague in the way First Baptist Church promotes this event. The underlying meanings behind the events name "Orange" is solid and promotes good things within our community yet a little elusive in the way the church promotes the event.

The past two years, mysterious signs and promotional material begins to appear throughout the community simply designed with the word "ORANGE" and a date. The idea was create curiosity among members of the community to inspire them to seek out what "ORANGE" was all about.

There is a deeper meaning to the Orange Event that truly brings a hope to the people of the Dexter area through God and our community churches.

"Yellow stands for the light Christ sheds in our lives through the church. Red stands for the love of a family. Orange is the combination of the two," noted Pastor Steve Easterwood of First Baptist Church. "It's the church and family working together to raise up champions in the next generation."

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Pastor Steve's message reminded those attending of the excitement and hopes that were present when each of our children were born. Then the overwhelming fears of inadequacies that we felt toward the responsibilities as parents to raise these young miracles in a very tough world.

What are our goals for our kids? Are our goals for our children to have them accepted to a great college, get a good job or to meet the perfect mate for life. Of all the goals, we should teach our kids to love God.

Pastor Steve spoke from Deuteronomy Chapter 6 where Moses offered the Israelite parents a teaching plan to *"...teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise."*

All of us want for our kids a great life filled with the certainty of good things and a Godly plan was offered by Pastor Easterwood:

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1. Attend Church Next Three Weeks as the sermons at First Baptist will be teaching parenting God's way.
2. Establishing Core Values of Your Family. An example was given of one family that painted their family values on the wall of their home that were: - Love God - Family First - Be Kind - Work Hard - Tell the Truth
3. Enroll Your Kids in the AWANA's program at First Baptist Church where your kids will learn the Bible first hand.
4. Enroll yourself in a Wednesday Night Class at First Baptist Church so that you too can deepen your relationship and knowledge of Christ. All sorts of classes exist from parenting to finance and will provide your kids with a new you.

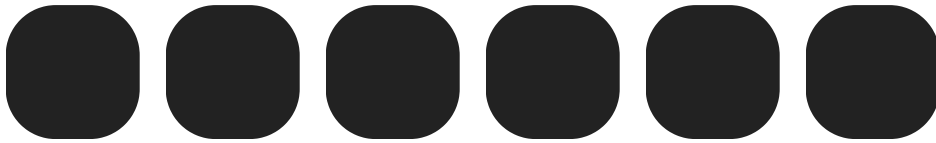
## 5. Make Christ The Center of Your Life.

After the sermon, members and guests were treated to a fun time of fellowship with games, BBQ hamburgers and music provided by "Cost of Living". If the success of an event could be judged by the smiles on everyone's face, Orange 2 certainly met all expectations of a great day.

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## Flash Mob Attracts Attention in Dexter

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*Special To The ShowMe Times  
By Reader Rich Lee*

The Walmart Supercenter in Dexter was visited this past Saturday by a group of people all wearing t-shirts with the same design.

While that is not an odd occurrence, the shirts were not of a typical design or particularly recognizable logo; they contained only one word, "ORANGE". Upon further investigation it was determined that these individuals were all members of Dexter's First Baptist Church.

When asked, members of this congregation were giving away invitations to the second annual Orange Sunday, a morning designed for the whole family.

On this day the entire church works together to provide free food, entertainment and information about the fall activities to all who attend.

This is not an event just for members of the church, as the entire community is invited to take part in the kick-off to the fall.

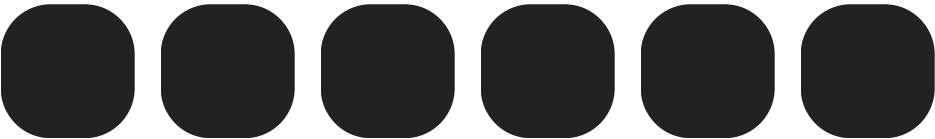
Word on the street is that this crowd will be seen next Saturday as well, just one day before the exciting event.

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## FCC Volunteers Serve In Joplin On Mission

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FCC Volunteers Serve In Joplin On Mission

*By Debbie Stidham,  
Special to the ShowMe Times*

Eight members of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) including Dr. Larry Colvin, Larry Thompson, Debbie Ellinghouse, Lisa Thrower, Debbie Stidham, Kellie Reese, Jansen Williams and Sarah Moore left Sunday, July 24 for the mission trip to Joplin stopping in Springfield to pick up another volunteer, Nancy Wright.

This group of nine worked Monday and Tuesday at the Joplin Family Worship Center on 7th Street distributing to families and individuals who lost their home or their employment due to the tornado of May 22, 2011.

Those effected would first register and complete paperwork as to their needs, whether it be furniture, bedding, hygiene supplies, baby supplies or food. The group from FCC worked in the food pantry, loading grocery carts with “bonus” supplies of cases of Sunny D, concentrated grape juice, tomato soup, chicken and noodle soup, sloppy joe, enriched powdered drink, crackers, mac and cheese, chicken gravy and beef gravy, chicken and beef broth, milk and microwave dinners.

In addition to these cases of food, they received items they specifically requested, such as cereal, breakfast food, pasta, pickles, peanut butter, jelly, chips, candy, tuna snack kits, tea and or coffee, microwave rice and beans, rice casserole mix, , frozen rolls/cinnamon rolls, pig in a blanket and much more. There were also household and personal supplies such as bath tissue, batteries, flashlights, paper towels, cleaning solutions, detergent, fabric

softener, bleach, sponges, buckets, tissue, window cleaner, dish detergent and much more.

On Wednesday, Larry Colvin, Larry Thompson, Sarah Moore and Jansen Williams reported early morning to Americorp and were assigned an apartment complex where they picked up debris to clear the way for demolition equipment to get to the complex.

Debris was separated into what could be incinerated and what could be recycled as metal. There were various personal items that were found, including a high school student's personal notebook, lots of toys and even clothing still hanging in the closets that were still standing.

The other five of the group, Nancy,

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Debbie Stidham, Debbie Ellinghouse, Kellie and Lisa volunteered at the Joplin humane society where Kellie and Debbie Ellinghouse did mounds of laundry, Nancy swept and mopped floors and assisted Lisa in some administrative duties. Debbie Stidham worked cleaning the rooms and cages of the adoptable cats/kitten. There were several animals (dogs and cats) at the society including a very large long ear bunny!

After touring the disaster area Monday evening, it is apparent that the devastation was immense and that Joplin is still in need of volunteer assistance. It was amazing the number of people that were there, with most of them being teenagers. The FCC group worked along side a group of 50+ teenagers from Michigan and met 35+ teens and adults from Atlanta on their way to Joplin who had stopped at Hillbilly Junction.

While in Joplin, the group was housed at the First Christian Church in Neosho, who also provided breakfast, sack lunches and dinner. Representatives from the church stated that they had housed some 270 volunteers from all across the country, including Los Angeles, CA in the past two months.

The group heard lots of stories from the folks at the church and there were tears, hugs and lots of thanks from the residents. They met young and old, and every age in between, those who were lower income and those who were highly educated. This tornado spared no one class, race, religion, level of education or age.

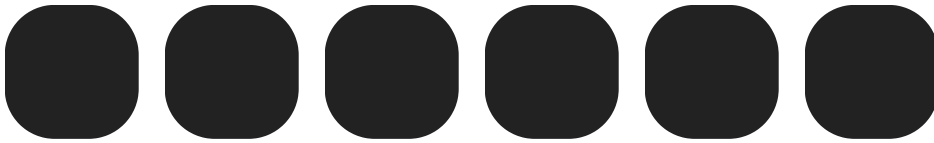
While it was dirty, hot and hard work, the group agreed that they would return again, if they had the chance, to help the victims of the Joplin tornado.

*Thanks to Debbie Ellinghouse for the photos!*

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## 'Swinging Thru Decades' At 1st Methodist

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'Swinging Thru Decades' At 1st Methodist

Mr. Cellaphane will be there. So will the sisters from “Sister Act”. And 'special' appearances from Patsy Cline, Frank Sinatra and that fella from Memphis named Elvis.

They will all join in the celebration of “Swinging Through The Decades,” presented by the Chancel Choir at Dexter’s First United Methodist Church on Friday evening, Aug. 5.



The dinner theater experience will feature a wonderful meal and musical entertainment.

“We will have great food, great fun and friendship, and great music,” Music Director MaryRuth Boone said. “This will be an evening with a great variety of music that is sure to bring back fond memories for everyone!”

Boone said the choir would perform a wide variety of tunes – from old-fashioned rock and ’roll to newer classics - with quite a few surprises thrown in. In addition, the evening will feature a variety of soloists and ensembles from the choir with the music of Frank Sinatra, Carly Simon, Art Garfunkel, Abba and more.

The Melodic Methodist Men will be featured in a song-and-dance routine, and the Sisters of Song will present their own wacky version of a Whoopie classic.

“The evening will close with a cowboy tune that will bring fond memories to many Baby Boomers and a chuckle to everyone,” Boone said.

The meal will be prepared by the Kitchen Ladies and will feature smoked pork loin, garlic smashed potatoes, green beans almonidine, a summer salad, and fresh, homemade angel food cake with fruit topping.

All proceeds of the evening will be used by the choir to support on-going ministries in the church.

The dinner theater experience will kick off at 6 p.m. in Wesley Hall on the FUMC campus. Tickets are \$18 per person and are to be purchased in advance. Tickets will not be available at the door.

To purchase a ticket or for additional information, contact by Aug. 3 the church at 573-624-3344 or Boone at 573-820-3516.

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