



Most Recent & Acute Needs

Those who don't know Christ and Those who are seeking to know Christ, Bill Belrose, Sally Shetter, Ryan Moore, Pat & George Hughes, Sandra D. Jones, Tonya Bailey, Burley Lamb, Bruce Koonce, Billy Don Hughes, Edward McRae, Kenneth Campbell, Glen Kerr, Terri Draper Snider, Ann Burkhalter, Tammie Dick, Linda Warren, Jonathan Stone, Mary Lou Lout, Martha Jean Golden, Wayne Wood, Phyllis Neu, Garrison McIver, Linda Bordelon, John Walker, Case Howard, Sequinn Lee, Cindy Simmons, Martha Wiesedeppe, Rev. Michael Mitchell, Maya Durkis, David Jacobs, Mike Addison, Alma Ellington, Louise Huff, Rena Thompson, Cole McAdams, Jennifer Cornier, Sherry Lawson, Nita Atkinson, Buddy Hancock, Donna Dagotti, Children & Staff of Methodist Children's Home, Kenneth Rust, George Kobell, Tina Hagler Vaughn, Todd Vincent, Judy Carrington, Braden Loden, Mark Adkins, Ed Yates, Charlie Popham, Ina Bass, Yancy Boyd Fleming Bradford, Robert Carroll, Winnie Preston, Jo Warr, Kristina Charlton, Stacy McSwain, Richard & Tracy Boyd, Terrie Shields, Charlotte Kinamer, Gracie Wagnon, Chelsea Dollar, Jamie Evans, Garrison McIver, Maurice Halton, Suzanne Ihlo, Margaret Ihlo, Roy Masterson, Anthony Johnson, Dwight Preston, Brian & Rena Horton, Parkland Florida School Shooting Victims, Rick Worsham

Healing and Recovery

Joyce George, Doug Heilmann, Donna Holt, Barbara Dance

Long Term Need for Healing

Howard Logan, Charlie Dina, Jeri Frank, Kevin Blake, Paula Kimbro Black, Kevin O'Conner, Lynn Fox, Bill Ginn, Debbie Mercer, J.W. & Bobbie Braden, Brooklyn Swann, Charles Hall, Jay Teske, Beth Kell, Patti Ballard Martin, Orval Headley, Martin Jones, Zac Day, Shelley Locke, David Swanzy, John Griffin, Kim Burkhalter, Ed Turk, Ashlyn Forbis, Connie Mettauer, Danielle Permenter, Tammy Sparks, Billy Wayne Williams

At Home & Nursing Home Members & Friends

Bea Mettauer, Tim Boyd, Lyndell Griffin, Minnie Lovejoy, Pat Brittain, Mae Dell Brannen, Gwendolyn Crawford, Margaret Henry, Yvonne Permenter, Pauline Lorah, Doris Wennerbom, Edith Franks, Billy Cogswell, Bishop Samford

Those Serving Our Country

Robby Hughes, Chance Wright, Wade Angelo, Josh Nobles, Jimmy Crocker, Jason Adams, Chris Bentley, Stephen Bentley, Kirk Cogswell, Cpl. Dustin W. Osgood, Caleb Rasmussen, Trey Taylor, Jason Peveto, Josh Waller, Kyle Bell, Robert Shaun Johnson, Rebecca Kruger, David Johnson, Anthony Johnson, Cpt. John Ruizo, Major Jonathon Welborn, Lt. Cody Dobiyski, Staff Sgt. Hannah Wilkins, Dylan Barbee

Comfort & Peace

Families of Robert Thompson and Russell Wood "Woody" Ingram

*We are working to update our prayer list. If you see names listed above that need to be removed, please contact the church office.

UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday, February 21
 9:00 am Ladies Exercise in the Fellowship Hall
 3:00 pm Kids Grow 'N Kids
 5:00 pm MYF
 6:00 pm Choir
Thursday, February 22
 Noon/6:00 With Jesus In The Upper Room-Parlor
Friday, February 23
 9:00 am Ladies Exercise in the Fellowship Hall
 2:30 pm Holiday Nursing Home
Sunday, February 25
 8:30 am Worship Service
 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship-Fellowship Class
 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 pm Worship Service
Wednesday, February 28
 9:00 am Ladies Exercise in the Fellowship Hall
 3:00 pm Kids Grow 'N Kids
 5:00 pm MYF/Handbells
 6:00 pm Choir

March 10 & 24, the church will have DEF/CPR courses available in the fellowship hall at 9:00 a.m. The cost is \$25 per person.

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The Sadness of Betrayal by Rev Keith Broyles



When Judas, who betrayed Jesus, saw that Jesus was condemned to die, he felt deep regret. He returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, and said, "I did wrong because I betrayed an innocent man." But they said, "What is that to us? That's your problem." Judas threw the silver pieces into the temple and left. Then he went and hanged himself (Matthew 27:3-5, Common English Bible).

I don't know how many times I have read Matthew 27:3-5 over the years. Every time I read it I find myself shaking my head. Most of the time I shake my head at Judas for betraying Jesus for such a small price. But, then again, if you would do it for any price, large or small, you are a betrayer.

When I started shaking my head this time I realized I wasn't shaking my head at Judas but at Chief Priests and Elders. They knew Jesus was innocent. They knew they had to take him to Pilate on trumped-up charges. They also knew Judas' betrayal really was meaningless to their purposes. All he did was lead them to Jesus, something they could have done all on their own.

I guess what bothers me most with the Chief Priests and Elders is, they had the opportunity to give grace to someone they had led down a wrong path, and they chose to do nothing. Sometimes our decisions to do nothing can bring great harm.

Still, at the end of the day, Judas did betray Jesus. I recently read a quote that said, "The saddest thing about betrayal is that it never comes from your enemies, it comes from those you trust most." While I was looking for the author I now know is anonymous I was on a website that allows comments. One person said, "They are your enemy only you don't know it yet as they are masquerading as your friend."

I think Jesus always knew who and what Judas would turn out to be. Still, there was a level of trust that Judas betrayed, perhaps if not to Jesus, as Jesus knew what was coming, but certainly to the other eleven. That kind of broken trust is difficult to bear. It is evident that the pain was still very present by the way the Gospel writers deal with Judas.

The Chief Priests and the Elders were many things but they were not betrayers. They never portrayed themselves as Jesus' friend. They always saw him as one who was a threat to their power and as such needed to be dealt with in the firmest ways possible. Hence, an innocent man died the most heinous death the Roman Empire had to give. It was a death made far worse by the additional punishment Jesus received before being sent to the cross and on his way there.

And, I can't help but believe, had Judas given Jesus the chance to do so, he would have found that Jesus would have forgiven even the likes of him. And, if Jesus can forgive Judas, I think there is more than hope for we who believe.



February 21- April 4
Confirmation Class
3:40 p.m.-4:50 p.m.

Church Camp
July 8-13

*Be sure to check the MYF
facebook page for other upcoming
events.



Church Camp will be July 8-13, 2018 at
Lakeview Methodist Conference Center in
Palestine, TX. You can register online at
[https://lakeviewsummercampregistration.camp
brainregistration.com/](https://lakeviewsummercampregistration.campbrainregistration.com/) or call the Lakeview
Registration office at (903) 538-2711.
Registration ends June 24! Remember: the
church pays half of each campers registration
fee or we can assist those who are in need of
the full amount. If you have any questions,
please contact Sarah Bohannon!

**We need plastic eggs and candy
for our Easter Eggstravaganza
and volunteers to help with
games!
This event will take place on
Sunday, March 25th
1:00-3:00 PM**

Dear First Methodist Church,

I am writing on behalf of Faith United
Methodist Church in Orange, Texas, and
all of us in Orange County. We wanted to
thank you from the bottom of our hearts for
the thoughtful and generous donation you
made to help with our recovery from
Hurricane Harvey. In our congregation
alone, about 60-70% of households
experienced some measure of flooding,
from several inches to 6 feet. We also
appreciate the prayers that you have been
offering on our behalf. We have certainly
felt them. God is so very good!

Keith and Deb Tilley



March Schedules

Acolytes

March 4th - 8:30 am-Ty & Grant Gregory/11:00 am-Rex & Zac Payne
March 11th -8:30 am-Jaxon Goings/11:00 am-Easton & Emi Kate Wulf
March 18th -8:30 am-Ty & Grant Gregory/11:00 am-Hudsyn Wulf
March 25th -10:00 am-Jaxon Goings and Logan Galindo

Children's Church

March 4th -No Children's Church-Communion Sunday
March 11th -8:30 am-Mary Pigg & Sally Windham/11:00 am-Ashley Wulf
March 18th -8:30 am-Becky Parfait /11:00 am-Cindy A. Griffin & Keela Johnson
March 25th -10:00 am-Terri Lacher

Coffee Fellowship

March 4th - Missions Committee
March 11th - Pairs and Spares
March 18th - Methodist Men's Breakfast
March 25th - Combined-Palm Sunday-Covered Dish Lunch following service

MYF Snack Schedule (Wednesday)

March 7th - OPEN
March 14th - NO MYF
March 21st - Sue Chapman
March 28th - OPEN

March Sunday Worship

March 4th - Lent 3 - 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 "Wisdom And Foolishness"
March 11th - Lent 4 - John 3: 14-21 "Not Just A Sweet Scripture For Children To Learn"
March 18th - Lent 5 - John 12: 20-36 "Becoming Children Of Light"
March 25th - Palm Sunday - Mark 11: 1-17 "Borrowing Donkeys, Palm, Fronds And Fig Trees"
March 29th - Maundy Thursday - John 13: 1-25 "A New Command Given And Illustrated"
April 1st - Easter Sunday - Mark 16:1-8 "April Fools! Not the End But A Glorious Beginning!"

A Prayer for Unity in the Body of Christ

Holy God, we thank You for Your tender mercies and loving-kindness. Thank You for calling the Body of Christ around the world to pray and unite. Thank You for increasing Your presence, power, anointing and abundance throughout the world. You are great and do wondrous things. You alone are God.

Let Your Kingdom come, and Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven for the Body of Christ. Lord, as Your people, we humble ourselves, pray and seek Your face today. We believe that as we turn from our wicked ways, You will hear from heaven, forgive our sins and heal our landscape. We will be humble, gentle and patient with each other; making allowance for each other's faults in love. We will be kind to one another, tenderhearted and forgiving, even as You, Lord, have forgiven us in Christ.

Holy Spirit, help us to live out the Word we just prayed to You. Remove the obstacles that hinder the formation of peaceful and loving relationships between our churches.

Forgiving Lord, forgive us, the Body of Christ, for our many sins. Forgive our churches for being at times self-centered and self-absorbed. Forgive us when we have had a form of Godliness, but denied Your power. Forgive us for not always being Kingdom-minded. Holy Spirit, remind us all of those we need to forgive and help us to be quick to forgive.

Holy Spirit, help us as the Body of Christ not to yield to temptation but deliver us from the evil one.

Lord, You are Holy. Just and true are Your ways. Who can be compared to You? Who is Your equal? Yours is the Kingdom, power and glory forever. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture References for the Written Text: Psalm 86:8-10, Matthew 6:10, II Chronicles 7:14, Ephesians 4:2-3, Ephesians 4:32, Revelation 15:3, Isaiah 40:25, Matthew 6:13

March 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 Scouts Van 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 5:00 PM Sock Hop-Fellowship Hall	26 Bo Mooney	27 No Staff Meeting Rev. Karen Jones	28 Keaton Watlington Tate Barnes 9:00 AM Ladies Exercise 3:00 PM Kids Grow 'N Christ 5:00 PM MYF 6:00 PM Choir	1 Ann Harmon 12:00 PM With Jesus In The Upper Room-Bible Study 6:00 PM With Jesus In The Upper Room-Bible Study	2 Kim Payne 9:00 AM Ladies Exercise	3
4 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	5	6	7 9:00 AM Ladies Exercise 3:00 PM Kids Grow 'N Christ 3:40 Confirmation Class 5:00 PM MYF 6:00 PM Choir	8 Eleanor Ginn 12:00 PM With Jesus In The Upper Room-Bible Study 6:00 PM With Jesus In The Upper Room-Bible Study	9 9:00 AM Ladies Exercise 2:30 PM Focused Care	10 9:00 AM DEF/CPR Training in Fellowship Hall Daylight Savings Time Change Clocks Forward 1 hour before bedtime.
11 Bob Lacher Ed Turk 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	12	13 Zachary Carlton 1:30 PM BINGO 5:30 PM Missions Committee	14 Jim Gibson No Choir No Kids Grow 'N Christ NO MYF 9:00 AM Ladies Exercise	15 Neil Pigg Steve Thomas 12:00 PM With Jesus In The Upper Room-Bible Study 5:30 PM Trustees Committee Meeting 6:00 PM With Jesus In The Upper Room-Bible Study	16 Patrick Griffin 9:00 AM Ladies Exercise	17 Kiara Guzman 9:00 AM Pineywoods Photography Club
18 Kathi Howard 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	19 Ryan Pinkston	20 4:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:15 PM Finance Committee	21 9:00 AM Ladies Exercise 3:00 PM Kids Grow 'N Christ 3:40 Confirmation Class 5:00 PM MYF 6:00 PM Choir	22 12:00 PM With Jesus In The Upper Room-Bible Study 6:00 PM With Jesus In The Upper Room-Bible Study	23 9:00 AM Ladies Exercise 2:30 PM Holiday	24 9:00 AM DEF/CPR Training in Fellowship Hall
25 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Combined Worship *Covered Dish following service 1:00 PM-EGGSTRAVAGANZA 	26 David Swanzy Matthew Mettauer Rodrick Jones	27 Ella Shires H.B. Sparks 4:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:15 PM Church Council	28 Anna Joy Shirley 9:00 AM Ladies Exercise 3:00 PM Kids Grow 'N Christ 3:40 Confirmation Class 5:00 PM MYF 5:00 PM Handbells 6:00 PM Choir	29 Pauline Lorah Sam Beasley 6:00 PM Maundy Thursday 	30 9:00 AM Ladies Exercise	31 Kamden Lucas

**Attendance 2/18/18
Total Worship-97**



Monday-Thursday
9am-5pm
Closed 12-1pm
for Lunch
Friday 9am-noon

Lenten Offering letters and envelopes have been mailed. Please turn your envelope into the church office or place in the offering plate.

The money given to Men's Breakfast was in Honor of the Bereavement Committee
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