



**Most Recent & Acute Needs**

Bill Belrose, Sally Shetter, Ryan Moore, Pat Hughes, Sandra D. Jones, Tonya Bailey, Burley Lamb, Bruce Koonce, 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, Linda Bordelon, John Walker, Case Howard, Sequinn Lee, Cindy Simmons, Rev. Michael Mitchell, Maya Durkis, David Jacobs, Mike Addison, Alma Ellington, Louise Huff, Rena Thompson, Cole McAdams, Sherry Lawson, 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, Jo Warr, Kristina Charlton, Stacy McSwain, Richard & Tracy Boyd, Terrie Shields, Gracie Wagnon, Jamie Evans, Garrison McIver, Maurice Halton, Roy Masterson, Anthony Johnson, Dwight Preston, Buddy Hancock, Rick Worsham, Mikey Hughes, Stuart Denny, Eleanor Ginn, Amy Bell, Pat Adams, Tammy Bohannon, Susan Woodrome, Arianna & Bransen Willis, Jonathan Statler, Stephanie Autery, Connie Mettauer, Ellis Kendall, Bonnie Leroy

**Healing and Recovery**

Joyce George, Doug Heilmann, Donna Holt, Barbara Dance, Winnie Preston, Janice Aykey

**Long Term Need for Healing**

Howard Logan, Charlie Dina, Jeri Frank, Kevin Blake, Paula Kimbro Black, Kevin O'Conner, Lynn Fox, 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, Eugene Haley, Chelsea Dollar, Nita Atkinson

**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, Doris Wennerbom, Edith Franks, Billy Williams

**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, Jacob Jones, Caleb Jones, Thomas Bartle

**Comfort & Peace**

Families of Ray Thompson, Gene Vail

\*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**

- Tuesday, March 27**
- 4:00 pm Staff Meeting
- 5:15 pm Church Council-Parlor
- Wednesday, March 28**
- 9:00 am Ladies Exercise in the Fellowship Hall
- 3:00 pm Kids Grow 'N Kids
- 5:00 pm MYF/Handbells
- 5:00 pm With Jesus In The Upper Room
- 6:00 pm Choir
- Thursday, March 29**
- Noon With Jesus In The Upper Room-Parlor
- 6:00 pm Maundy Thursday
- Friday, March 30**
- OFFICE CLOSED**
- Sunday, April 1**
- 6:30 am Sunrise Service with Communion
- 10:00 am Combined Worship Service



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**Love God, Love People, Serve The World**



Terry Hershey writes:

Some stories are like restorative prayers. They invite (no, they require) retelling, for the healing of our spirit and our soul.

In the tragic war in Sarajevo, a reporter covering the fighting and violence in the middle of the city, watched a little girl fatally shot by a sniper. The reporter threw down whatever he held, rushing immediately to the aid of a man who knelt on the pavement cradling the child.

As the man carried the child, the reporter guided them to his car, and sped off to a hospital.

"Hurry my friend," the man urged, "my child is still alive."

A moment or two later he pleaded, "Hurry my friend, my child is still breathing."

And a little later, "Please my friend, my child is still warm."

Although the reporter drove as fast as was possible, by the time they arrived at the hospital, the little girl had died. As the two men were in the lavatory, washing the blood off their hands and their clothes, the man turned to the reporter and said, "This is a terrible task for me. I must now go tell her father that his child is dead. He will be heartbroken."

The reporter stood speechless. He looked at the grieving man and said, "I thought she was your child."

The man shook his head. "No. But aren't they all our children?"

Yes. They are.....

"If we have no peace," Mother Teresa reminded us, "it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."

Well, if we do belong to one another, then "they"—the "least of these" and all those without voices—are indeed, our children.

Ours to care for. Ours to listen to. Ours to see.

Who will you see today? Who will you care for today? Who will you take time for today? Who will you love today? Who will you share Jesus with today? *Karen*

**My Prayer For You**

When you're lonely I pray for you to feel love.

When you're down I pray for you to feel joy.

When you're troubled I pray for you to feel peace.

When things are complicated I pray for you to see simple beauty in all things.

When things are chaotic I pray for you to find inner silence.

When things look empty I pray for you to know hope. **Amen**

**YOUTH NEWS**

On Friday, April 6th, the youth will travel to Nacogdoches to eat at Cici's Pizza and go bowling. The church will pay for lunch and bowling for your youth and any chaperones that join us. We will leave the church at 1:30 p.m. and be back around 5:00 p.m. If your youth needs a ride to the church, let Sarah Bohannon know.



Registration for Church Camp is open! Please register your youth at <https://lakeviewsummercampregistration.campbrainregistration.com/>. Kids and Youth who are going into 3rd-12th grade are eligible to attend camp. Registration for Session 4 (July 8-13) closes on June 24. Please contact Sarah Bohannon if you have any questions or need any help registering for camp or if you want to be a counselor.

**Early Worship Notes:**

Several regular attenders of the 8:30 service enjoyed having worship in the Fellowship Hall the Sunday that the heat was out in the Sanctuary. They have indicated an interest in moving the 8:30 service of worship to the Fellowship Hall permanently. In an effort to let all people have a voice, the worship committee agreed to have a **trial run** of having worship in the Fellowship Hall on the following Sundays: April 8-29. We will actually take a vote on the 29th before and after worship to get a sense of the will of the people. If you can't be there on the 29th, register your vote by going by the office and see Kelli. Voting in the office will be April 25, 26, 27 & 30th during business hours.

**April Schedules**

**Acolytes**

April 1st - 10:00 am-Ty & Grant Gregory & Rex & Zac Payne  
 April 8th -8:30 am-Jaxon Goings/11:00 am-Easton & Emi Kate Wulf  
 April 15th -8:30 am-Ty & Grant Gregory/11:00 am-Hudsyn Wulf  
 April 22nd -8:30 am-Jaxon Goings/11:00 am-Logan Galindo & Tristan Carlton  
 April 29th-8:30 am-Ty & Grant Gregory/11:00 am-Rex & Zac Payne

**Children's Church**

April 1st - No Children's Church  
 April 8th -8:30 am-Mary Pigg & Sally Windham/11:00 am Ashley Wulf  
 April 15th -8:30 am-Becky Parfait/11:00 am-Renee Verdine  
 April 22nd -8:30 am-Terri Lacher/11:00 am-Cindy A. Griffin & Keela Johnson  
 April 29th-8:30 am-Mary Pigg & Sally Windham/11:00 am-Mary Lynn Tinkle

**Coffee Fellowship**

April 1st-No Coffee Fellowship  
 April 8th/22nd/April 29th-Coffee Fellowship  
 April 15th-Methodist Men's Breakfast

**MYF Snack Schedule (Wednesday)**

April 4th-OPEN  
 April 11th-OPEN  
 April 18th-OPEN  
 April 25th-OPEN

**April Sunday Worship**

April 1st-Mark 16:1-8  
 April 8th-John 20:19-31  
 April 15th-John 21:1-19  
 April 22nd-John 10:11-18  
 April 29th-Luke 24:13-43

**Thank you! Thank you! Thank You! — to the Education Committee and all the volunteers who made the Easter Eggstravaganza such a fun and successful day. We could not have pulled it off without the help of many smiling people. It was great to get to meet so many of our neighbors. I hope some of you were able to move on Monday morning! Thank you again!**

**Welcome to our newest member, Bonnie Brown!**

*Bring fresh flowers on Easter Sunday to decorate the Cross.*

*Christ is Risen!*



**April 2018**

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday   |
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| <b>1</b><br>6:30 AM Easter Sunrise Service with Communion<br>10:00 AM Combined Worship Service<br> | <b>2</b>   | <b>3</b><br>4:00 PM Staff Meeting  | <b>4</b><br>9:00 AM Ladies Exercise<br>3:00 PM Kids Grow 'N Christ<br>5:00 PM Handbells<br>5:00 PM MYF<br>6:00 PM Choir                                     | <b>5</b><br>Colbey Jones<br>12:00 PM With Jesus In The Upper Room-Bible Study<br>5:30 PM Called Trustees Meeting-Pastor's Office<br>6:00 PM With Jesus In The Upper Room-Bible Study | <b>6</b><br>9:00 AM Ladies Exercise<br>1:30 PM MYF-Bowling & Cici's    | <b>7</b><br>8:00 AM All Church Work Day(till noon)                                 |
| <b>8</b><br>Madalyn Jones<br>8:30 AM Worship in Fellowship Hall<br>9:30 AM Coffee Fellowship<br>10:00 AM Sunday School<br>11:00 AM Worship/Confirmation Sunday                        | <b>9</b><br>4:00 PM Staff Meeting<br>5:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting in Parlor | <b>10</b><br>Aubrey Alvarez<br>1:30 PM BINGO<br>5:15 PM Education Committee Meeting-Parlor | <b>11</b><br>Janelle Gibson<br>Suzanne Peace<br>9:00 AM Ladies Exercise<br>3:00 PM Kids Grow 'N Christ<br>5:00 PM Handbells<br>5:00 PM MYF<br>6:00 PM Choir | <b>12</b>  | <b>13</b><br>9:00 AM Ladies Exercise<br>2:30 PM Green Acres            | <b>14</b>  |
| <b>15</b><br>8:30 AM Worship in Fellowship Hall<br>9:30 AM Coffee Fellowship<br>10:00 AM Sunday School<br>11:00 AM Worship<br>1:00 PM Sarah Bohannon & Matthew Odom-Wedding Shower    | <b>16</b><br>Bob Howard  | <b>17</b><br>John Ruizo  | <b>18</b><br>9:00 AM Ladies Exercise<br>3:00 PM Kids Grow 'N Christ<br>5:00 PM Handbells<br>5:00 PM MYF<br>6:00 PM Choir                                    | <b>19</b>  | <b>20</b><br>Julie Wilkinson<br>9:00 AM Ladies Exercise                | <b>21</b><br>9:00 AM Pineywoods Photography Club<br>2:00 PM Parfait Baby Shower-FH |
| <b>22</b><br>8:30 AM Worship in Fellowship Hall<br>9:30 AM Coffee Fellowship<br>10:00 AM Sunday School<br>11:00 AM Worship  | <b>23</b><br>4:00 PM Staff Meeting   | <b>24</b>  | <b>25</b><br>Monica Dance<br>9:00 AM Ladies Exercise<br>3:00 PM Kids Grow 'N Christ<br>5:00 PM Handbells<br>5:00 PM MYF<br>6:00 PM Choir                    | <b>26</b><br>Tem Morrison<br>Tim Newman<br>5:30 PM Trustees Committee Meeting-Parlor   | <b>27</b><br>Norman Hurt<br>9:00 AM Ladies Exercise<br>2:30 PM Holiday | <b>28</b><br>Diana Davis<br>Sarah Shires   |
| <b>29</b><br>8:30 AM Worship in Fellowship Hall<br>9:30 AM Coffee Fellowship<br>10:00 AM Sunday School<br>11:00 AM Worship  | <b>30</b><br>4:00 PM Staff Meeting   | <b>1</b>   | <b>2</b><br>Traci Galindo<br>9:00 AM Ladies Exercise<br>3:00 PM Kids Grow 'N Christ<br>5:00 PM Handbells<br>5:00 PM MYF<br>6:00 PM Choir                    | <b>3</b><br>Leroy Newman<br>Everly Joy<br>Windham  | <b>4</b><br>Pat Brittain<br>9:00 AM Ladies Exercise                    | <b>5</b><br>Michael Lee  |

Attendance 3/25/2018  
 Total Worship-134



Job 11:13-15 "Yet if you devote your heart to him and stretch out your hands to him, if you put away the sin that is in your hand and allow no evil to dwell in your tent, then, free of fault, you will lift up your face; you will stand firm and without fear."

Loving and merciful God, we are so aware of our sins and weaknesses. But as painfully aware of our faults as we are, let us also remember Your tender love, Your gentle and limitless forgiveness. We come before You filled with pain and guilt but look into Your eyes and see the forgiving love we so long for in our lives. Help us to forgive the same way. Teach us to love as You love. AMEN

You may send your prayer requests and praises to Terri Lacher at [btlacher@sbcglobal.net](mailto:btlacher@sbcglobal.net) or at (936) 598-3484 or (936)332-2717



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