



The Army arrives Sunday!

We are excited to welcome 65ish youth and adults from Jasper and Spring to Center next week!

Here are some ways you can help or participate:

- Desserts for Sunday night
- Cookies and brownies throughout the week
- Potato salad and baked beans for Thursday night client night
- Attend worship Thursday night @ 7:00 pm
- Provide showers at your home for a work team (8 people)
- Tidy up your church spaces for campers this next Sunday. We need to make space/room available for the campers.



Church Camp

If you have children or youth registered for Lakeview church camp, the church will pay Lakeview the entire amount of the fee this next week. We need you to pay your 1/2 (\$200) by July 1. If you need a scholarship for your part of the camp fee, see Pastor Karen.

Report from Annual Conference

Sarah and I represented you at annual conference this past week. We attended wonderful worship, saw lots of friends and made some new ones. We also took care of the business of the conference. We heard many reports and voted on proposed resolutions to the general conference. We heard some reports about the *Commission on the Way Forward* and will share information with you at a later date about listening sessions to be held across the conference.

We heard more about the conference initiative, **We Love All God's Children**. Our focus over the next few years will be to focus on children's literacy, children's health and children's discipleship. I hope and pray that we will look at our community's children and find ways to address these issues in ways that are specific to the needs of our community. While the children of Center are God's children, they are also our children. What a wonderful way to make a long-term impact on the lives of children, their families and our entire community.

Karen

FINANCE UPDATE

2018 Budget

\$414,701.00

Needed weekly

\$7,975.02

Received on 06/03/2018

\$8,473.00

Received to date (week 21)

\$149,482.80

Needed to date 06/03/2018

\$167,475.42

Difference

-\$17,992.62

June 3rd Attendance

Sunday School	22
8:30 am Worship Service	49
11:00 am Worship Service	62
Total Worship Service	111



Sunday, July 1st will be Patriot at both services.



Want to receive updates from the church? Send your email to fumccenter@sbcglobal.net and we will add you!

Upcoming Meetings

Education Committee
Tuesday, June 5th
@ 5:15 pm

Missions Committee
@ Jo Watson's
Tuesday, June 12th
@ 5:30 pm

Trustees Committee
Thursday, June 21st
@ 5:30 pm

Summer Kids' Activity Overview 2018

These are the activities that we have scheduled for our kids for summer.

You will be getting more detailed information about them in the next few weeks.

Check your church newsletter or our facebook **Kids Grow in Christ** page for updates and/or changes. Church camp is the only activity listed for which there is a fee. Entering grades 1st-finishing 4th

June 13 10:00 am-1st Wonderful Wednesday – Porch Ministry in the morning - local

Swimming in the afternoon – local - Bring a sack lunch

June 18 – June 21 (Monday – Thursday) – VBS 6:00 – 8:00 Theme: Super Heroes in the Bible

June 27 – 8:00 am 2nd Wonderful Wednesday – Lufkin Zoo

Lufkin 1st UMC – Clean Water program - Bring a sack lunch

July 8 – 13 Church Camp – If your child has not already signed up to go to church camp, and you want him/her to go, you will need to contact the church office immediately. There are both sign-up deadlines (June 24th) and fees for camp. Ages are for kids entering 3rd grade and up.

July 18 – 9:00 am last Wonderful Wednesday – Longview – Mission outreach for the homeless

Methodist Church-supported daycare - Bring a sack lunch

*Children entering Kindergarten are welcome to come along, but must be accompanied by a parent or grandparent.

*If a child attends any of the above activities, a guardian must fill out a permission slip beforehand.

Nancy Dickerson

Memorials

Pat Brittain

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Pinkston
Vickie & Michael Lee
Rita Danner
Sue Chapman
Family of Tolbert & Betty Foster
Billie Sue Payne



Tim Boyd

Family of Tolbert & Betty Foster



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the prayer cross. It was "extra" special because it was delivered in person by Steve and Lisa. I am so grateful to be a member of such a caring and prayerful church. Thanks to everyone for their prayers. Keep them coming.

God Bless,
Virginia Watlington



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

BIBLE HEROES

June 18th-June 21st

6:00 – 8:00 pm

"My hero doesn't hide behind a mask

He doesn't need a cape to fly

He's stronger than the ocean

And bigger than the sky...

Jesus Christ: The Only Superhero"

*A permission slip will need to be filled out on each child on the first night. Please come around 5:30 pm to take care of that.



1 Peter 5:10 "And the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast." (NIV) Restoration: it has become one of the greatest interior design crazes over the past few years. Decorators are wanting to bring something old of "value" to place among the new. An old end table with a new coat of paint become a solid base to the scattering of new knick-knacks and trinkets placed strategically on top. The restoration process takes patience and hard work. The owner of the table has to first recognize the beauty beneath, and then be willing to begin the stripping, sanding, and refurbishing process until the beauty of the original piece is achieved, proving that beauty is definitely in the eye of the beholder. Our Heavenly Father is our Beholder and Restorer. He sees beneath the years of our battered wear and tear, and lovingly and patiently removes tarnish, sanding out the rough spots, and giving us a fresh new start through His Forgiveness and Salvation. He then places us in a spot where we can shine for His glory. The old becomes new. The tarnished becomes a mirror reflecting His love and tender mercies. Thank you, Father God, for not giving up on us as the world around might have. We thank You for the restoration process, bringing us back into a place of value in the Kingdom of Heaven. AMEN

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



June 9: Car Wash for Church Camp @ the church from 9-3

June 13: Dinner with the Youth Director

July: 8-13: Church Camp



On June 9 from 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m., the youth will hold a Car Wash at the church. We will be taking donations for washing cars. All donations will go toward funding Church Camp.

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