

First United Methodist Church
Center, Texas

Love God, Love People, Serve The World

Jim told me a funny after church on Sunday. Here it is:

A woman was listening to the news when she heard that there was someone driving the wrong direction on the interstate. Knowing that her husband was traveling that road she called him and told him to be careful that someone was driving the wrong direction on the freeway. His response: "There's not just one, there are hundreds of them! "

He was the one going in the wrong direction but not once did he entertain the thought that he might be the one going the wrong direction. It was all of "those other people" that were in the wrong. Are we ever guilty? Are we ever blinded to our own mistakes and blame others? Are we headed in the right direction as individuals and as a church? How will we know if we don't listen to those voices that tell us to turn around. Perhaps the children were correct Sunday when they sang *Walk in His Ways* and *Good Ground*. If we kept those 2 songs in mind as we live out our faith this week, I am pretty sure we would all be headed in the right direction.

Karen

**FINANCE
UPDATE**

**2018 Budget
\$414,701.00**

**Needed weekly
\$7,975.02**

**Received on 5/06/2018
\$7,562.00**

**Received to date (week 19)
\$132,614.30**

**Needed to date 5/13/2018
\$151,525.38**

**Difference
-\$18,911.08**

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

- May 9 Last Kids 'n Christ meeting until school starts in the fall
 - May 13 Kids sing in church, either or both services
 - 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) – Bible School 5:30 – 7:30 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.

May 13th Attendance

Sunday School	26
8:30 am Worship Service	55
11:00 am Worship Service	57
Total Worship Service	112

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

The office will be closed on Monday, May 28th in observance of Memorial Day.



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

Our God is incredible. I am amazed by his creations every single day when I watch my kids. But today will always be different and emotional. Three years ago Ridge got sick. For days we didn't know if he would live. But God has much bigger plans for this one and I am privileged to watch him grow into them. We still get asked a lot if Ridge has any permanent damage from the botulism but he doesn't. God has healed and restored him completely. It seems like forever ago but the images of him being placed on life support will forever be burned into my mind. But just as permanent are the words whispered to my momma heart every hour in the PICU by our Savior and Sustainer. For that I will be eternally grateful. - Allison Mouser Tindle (mother)

Upcoming Meetings

Church Council meeting on Tuesday, May 22nd @ 5:15 pm

Trustees Committee meeting on Thursday, May 24th @ 5:30 pm



This is the great grandson of Jo Watson and she wishes to thank everyone for your prayers.

This Sunday, May 20th the Methodist Men will host coffee fellowship. It will be in memory of Billy Cogswell, father of Keela Cogswell Johnson. The proceeds will go to the Methodist Home. Don McAvoy from the Methodist Home will be present at that time. We hope you will join us for breakfast. This is the last Methodist Men's Breakfast until September.



Psalm 29:1-2 Give unto the Lord, O you mighty ones, Give unto the Lord glory and strength.

Give unto the Lord the glory due to His name; Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. (NKJV)

David knew how important worshiping his Lord was. His enemies were many, and his friends few. He worshiped his Lord because he knew he needed to, just as we do. But, even more so, God is deserving of our praises and thanksgivings. When we truly engage ourselves in worship, we go through a physical transformation, even slight. Our backs straighten a little, our heads are lifted, and our hearts are relieved from the heavy burdens we carry as we sing praises, or send up prayers to our Heavenly Father.

A wonderful thing happens in the middle of praising our Lord. Even when David began a psalm crying out his woes and miseries to his Lord, his heart changed and he began to raise prayers of thanksgiving to the one he knew would carry his load for him. It was impossible for David to lament and praise at the same time, just as it is hard for us to do the same! Father God, help us to remember that You are worthy of all our praise and thanks for the great things You have done. Help us to keep our hearts open to worshiping You for who You are as our King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Never let us forget You are the Great Almighty God, and that all things are possible with You!

In Jesus name, 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

May Coffee Fellowship Schedule

May 20th-Methodist Men's Breakfast

May 27th- Fellowship Class

***The names listed above is in the church office. If any of these are incorrect or have changed, please contact Kelli and make sure your group is also aware.**

TRIVIA NIGHT

What is someone who shoes horses called?

Bring your answer to Trivia Night at the church! Trivia night will be held on May 20 from 6:00 pm- 8:00 pm. You must have at least a team of 3 to participate and there is a \$10 cover fee for each person. This cover fee includes dinner, door prizes, and more! This is a fundraiser to help our youth and children attend church camp!



SAVE THE DATE

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"

May Children's Church Schedule

May 20th -8:30 am-Terri Lacher/11:00 am-Renee Verdine & Keela Johnson

May 27th -8:30 am-Mary Pigg & Sally Windham/11:00 am-Mary Lynn Tinkle

***If you are unable to fill your spot, please arrange your replacement.**



May 20: Trivia Night for Church Camp (in Basement)

May 25: Lock In @ 5:00 p.m.

May 30: No MYF

June 9: Car Wash for Church Camp @ the church

June 13: Dinner with the Youth Director

July: 8-13: Church Camp

Memorial

Barbara Windham

Billie Sue Payne