



Most Recent & Acute Needs

Ryan Moore, Tonya Bailey, Burley Lamb, Kenneth Campbell, Tammie Dick, Linda Warren, Jonathan Stone, Mary Lou Lout, John Walker, Sequinn Lee, Sherry Lawson, Pat Adams, Yancy Boyd Fleming Bradford, Jamie Evans, Garrison McIver, Dwight Preston, Buddy Hancock, Mikey Hughes, Bristell Andrews, Jonathan Statler, Stephanie Autery, Elexis Walters, Margaret Ihlo, Bonnie LeRoy, Ellis Kendall, Scotti Smith Castro, Brandt Barnes, Robert Ortigo, Charles Samford, Students of Santa Fe, Melissa Crouch, Beckett Spencer

Healing and Recovery

Joyce George, Doug Heilmann, Donna Holt, Winnie Preston, Janice Aykey, Eleanor Ginn, Tammy Bohannon, John Griffin, Cecil & Virginia Watlington

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, Shelley Locke, David Swanzy, Kim Burkhalter, Ed Turk, Ashlyn Forbis, Connie Mettauer, Danielle Permenter, Tammy Sparks, Billy Wayne Williams, Eugene Haley, Chelsea Dollar, Nita Atkinson, Roy Masterson, Zac Day

At Home & Nursing Home Members & Friends

Bea Mettauer, Lyndell Griffin, Minnie Lovejoy, 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

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



NO NEWSLETTER THE WEEK OF MAY 28th

Attendance

5/20/2018
Sunday School-32
8:30 am Service-62
11:00 am Service-48
Total-110

UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday, May 23
 9:00 am Ladies Exercise in the Fellowship Hall
 5:00 pm MYF/Handbells
 6:00 pm Choir
Thursday, May 24
 5:30 pm Trustees Committee Meeting
Friday, May 25
 9:00 am Ladies Exercise in the Fellowship Hall
 2:30 pm Holiday Nursing Home
Sunday, May 27
 8:30 am Worship Service
 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship
 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Service
Monday, May 28
OFFICE CLOSED

FINANCE UPDATE

2018 Budget
\$414,701.00
Needed weekly
\$7,975.02
Received on 5/20/2018
\$2,981.50
Received to date (week 20) \$135,595.80
Needed to date 5/20/2018 \$159,500.40
Difference
-\$23,904.60

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I recently read these opening verses of Isaiah 43 and found them to be comforting and empowering:

*“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
 I have summoned you by name; you are mine.
 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
 and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you.
 When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.
 3 For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;*

If you listen to the news, it seems there is much to fear.... School shootings, war and rumors of war, storms and volcanos. When Jesus met the disciples after the resurrection, he gave them his peace. How often do we fail to grasp hold of the peace that surpasses all understanding? How often is prayer a last resort or last ditch effort in finding peace in our inward being? Cut out the verse from Isaiah out. Put it where you can grab hold of it in tough times. We were reminded at trivia night on Sunday that the first words to the shepherds by the angels was, “Fear not”.also the first words to Mary and Joseph. What if we chose to live in Christ’s power and peace and choose to fear not? Remember who and whose you are friends!

Karen



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

BIBLE HEROES

June 18th-June 21st

6:00 – 7:30 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”**

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) – 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.

-Nancy Dickerson

June Schedules

Acolytes

June 3rd -8:30 am-Jaxon Goings/11:00 am-Easton & Emi Kate Wulf
 June 10th -8:30 am-Ty & Grant Gregory/11:00 am-Hudsyn Wulf
 June 17th -8:30 am-Jaxon Goings/11:00 am-Logan Galindo & Tristan Carlton
 June 24th -8:30 am-Ty & Grant Gregory/11:00 am-Rex & Zac Payne

Children's Church

June 3rd - No Children's Church
 June 10th -8:30 am-Becky Parfait/11:00 am-Ashley Wulf
 June 17th -8:30 am-Terri Lacher/11:00 am-Renee Verdine & Keela Johnson
 June 24th -8:30 am-Mary Pigg & Sally Windham/11:00 am-Mary Lynn Tinkle

Coffee Fellowship

June 3rd -OPEN FOR VOLUNTEERS
 June 10th -OPEN FOR VOLUNTEERS
 June 17th -Tommye Hall McDonald and Becky Parfait
 June 24th - OPEN FOR VOLUNTEERS

*Please note if spots are not filled there will be no food served on that day.

MYF Snack Schedule (Wednesday)

June 6th -OPEN
 June 13th -OPEN
 June 20th -OPEN
 June 27th -OPEN



The Army is Coming!

Senior High youth from Jasper and Spring will descend on Center June 10. We will be feeding the group of 80 that Sunday night. If you would like to help, call Kathy Hardy. Also, fresh baked goods are appreciated throughout the week. They will be here to serve those in our community who need help around their homes. To be the hands and feet of Christ. They can build wheel chair ramps, paint, do odd jobs for those residents who need assistance. Clients must own their own home. If you or someone you know might take advantage of these services, please call Kelli in the church office for more details.



June 9: Car Wash for Church Camp @ the church from 9-3
 June 13: Dinner with the Youth Director @ 5pm
 July: 8-13: Church Camp

Memorials

Pat Brittain

Tommye Hall McDonald
 Donna Thomason
 Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Hardy
 Judge & Mrs. Guy Griffin
 Children of JB & Vivian Taylor

Dr. Bill Ginn

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Hardy

Bishop Samford

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Hardy

Tem Boyd

Judge & Mrs. Guy Griffin

June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Annual Conference 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	28 Annual Conference Eli Haley Memorial Day- OFFICE CLOSED	29 Annual Conference Reese Monroe	30 Annual Conference Donna Thomason, Sawyer Dykes, Becky Parfait NO MYF 9:00 AM Ladies Exercise 5:00 PM Handbells 6:00 PM Choir	31	1 Cecil Watlington 9:00 AM Ladies Exercise	2 Richard Prince
3 J.W. Braden 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	4 3:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting-Parlor	5 5:15 PM Education Committee Meeting-Parlor	6 9:00 AM Ladies Exercise 5:00 PM Handbells 5:00 PM MYF 6:00 PM Choir	7	8 9:00 AM Ladies Exercise 2:30 PM Green Acres	9 David Haley 9:00 AM Youth Car Wash-Camp Fundraiser
10 UMARMY 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	11 Neal Stevenson Cecily Gibson UMARMY 3:00 PM Staff Meeting	12 UMARMY 1:30 PM BINGO 5:30 PM Missions Committee @ Jo Watson's	13 UMARMY 10:00 AM Wonderful Wednesday "Children's Ministry" NO Handbells 5:00 PM MYF 6:00 PM Choir	14 Braelyn McCaffrey UMARMY	15 Preston Whitney Scouts Van UMARMY	16 Rhonda Patterson Chad Carlton Brett Shirley Scouts Van UMARMY 9:00 AM Pineywoods Photography Club
17 Father's Day Peaches Conway, Mike Johnson, Maelinda Swanzy Scouts Van 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	18 Scouts Van 3:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Vacation Bible School	19 Scouts Van 6:00 PM Vacation Bible School	20 Scouts Van 9:00 AM Ladies Exercise No Handbells 5:00 PM MYF No Choir 6:00 PM Vacation Bible School	21 Kathy Hardy Scouts Van 5:30 PM Trustees Committee Meeting-Parlor 6:00 PM Vacation Bible School	22 Scouts Van 9:00 AM Ladies Exercise 2:30 PM Holiday	23 Odom Wedding Scouts Van
24 Will Lucas Daryn Speed 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	25 Stephanie Crelia Oney 3:00 PM Staff Meeting	26	27 8:00 AM Wonderful Wednesday "Children's Ministry"-Lufkin Zoo 9:00 AM Ladies Exercise 5:00 PM Handbells 5:00 PM MYF 6:00 PM Choir	28	29 9:00 AM Ladies Exercise	30



Romans 12:10 Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; (NKJV)
 We used to sing a song in our church in Phoenix that began, "I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God..." while shaking hands and getting re-acquainted before our service began. Most people were okay, as long as the handshakes and hugs didn't linger or crossed the aisles to people they didn't know. Some stood still, hoping no one would step inside their comfort zones, and they breathed a huge sigh of relief when the exchange ended. Sometimes that person was me, still holding on to hurt feelings caused by someone who was completely unaware they had offended me. Being part of the family of God brings us up close and personal with people not unlike ourselves who are flawed, damaged, and often broken. We come to church seeking a place of comfort and true unconditional love from those around us. As a loving and Christ-centered body of believers, it requires us to forgive and forget those tiny, petty irritations we hold against each other, and focus instead on practicing "kindly affection" and brotherly love. We may discover we have more in common that we thought! We thank You Lord that You first loved us so we could learn to love others the way You do! 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



Sign-up to Serve for Coffee Fellowship

We have several dates available in June for Coffee Fellowship. If those dates are not filled then there will not be food served that day.

Contact Kelli in the church office!

We need your help. Please include addresses to the recipients of memorials that you give.

Thanks, Ann