

The following are quotes are from a Francis Chan podcast. I find him to be a speaker, preacher and writer that challenges me to be a better person and better preacher. He challenges people to reflect on the nature and mission of the church. Read these quotes several times this week and think and pray about what they might be challenging the church to do/be today. I'll post the podcast on my Facebook page later in the week. Karen

"You know how when you're around someone, you can tell by their actions and words that they know Jesus. It's convicting..."

"There are times when I sense the presence of God with us in a deeper way...when we get together we fire each other up."

"When I understand the church biblically, it makes sense that the more of us that gather to pursue him the more of Him we'll experience."

"There are those who are seeking after Him so much and they really love him...they just love the presence of God. There are other circles of people who aren't."

"God wants believers to cause other believers to love him more. I'm not hearing many leaders talking about how much they love God."

"Are we producing lovers of Jesus and each other so much that the world notices?"

"We're not asking, 'what would please God most?' That question has a huge cost to it."

"When Jesus says you can do the things he does, you need to stop looking in the mirror and into scripture." Francis Chan

Look into the scripture with us beginning in August as we read the Bible in 90 days. Let the office know if you plan to attend so we can get you a book. There is no monetary cost for this study but there is a cost of time. You may use any Bible but we suggest a translation or version that is readable for you.

Karen

**FINANCE
UPDATE**

**2018 Budget
\$414,701.00**

**Needed weekly
\$7,975.02**

**Received on 07/09/2018
\$12,957.00**

**Received to date (week 27)
\$173,422.55**

**Needed to date 07/09/2018
\$215,325.54**

**Difference
-\$41,902.99**

***No updated report this week.**

July 15th Attendance

Sunday School	24
8:30 am Worship Service	32
11:00 am Worship Service	41
Total Worship Service	73

**Turn in your favorite
hymn list ASAP.
Top 10 hymn sing will be
Sunday, July 29th.
Deadline:
Sunday, July 22nd**



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

FYI

If you have purchased something for church use (ex: supplies, coffee fellowship food, etc.) you are welcome to turn your receipt(s) in to Kelli for a non-monetary donation on your contribution statement.

Upcoming Meetings

Finance Committee
Tuesday, July 17th
in the Parlor
@ 5:15 pm

Trustees Committee
Thursday, July 19th
in the Parlor
@ 5:30 pm

Church Council
Tuesday, July 24th
in the Parlor
@ 5:15 pm



Little Free Library is a nonprofit organization that inspires a love of reading, builds community, and sparks creativity by fostering neighborhood book exchanges around the world, and now - in our own community! Little Free Library is basically a book circulation exchange, with the motto: "Take a Book - Bring a Book".

One of the most successful ways to improve the reading achievement of children is to increase their access to books, especially at home. Through Little Free Libraries across the world, millions of books are exchanged each year, profoundly increasing access to books not only for children, but also for readers of all ages and backgrounds.

Our Little Free Library houses books for children, teens, and adults. It also provides magazines on a variety of topics. We hope to stock our library with donations of books and magazines from our congregation. Please bring books and magazines that you no longer need to the church office so that we can keep our Little Free Library full to the brim with plenty of reading material!!

And...check out the Little Free Library for yourself: you just might find a book that interests you!

Sunday Schedule:
8:30am – Worship
10am– Sunday School for all ages
11am- Worship

July 22, 2018
NO COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



Shelby County Outreach Ministries are in need of canned foods. Their pantry is low. Drop off in red bin by the office.

Something to Ponder...

“Ah Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee!”

Jeremiah 32:17 (King James Version)

When Carl Boberg, a Swedish gentleman, was returning home after an afternoon service, he got caught in a storm. Lightning cracked fiercely across the sky and high winds swept across the meadows and billowing the grain fields. A gentle, cool, fresh shower followed. In a short while the storm was over and a rainbow appeared. It was then, looking out across the bay, hearing the song of a thrush and church bells tolling in the quiet evening, that Carl was inspired to write “How Great Thou Art.” Father God, so often we get caught up in keeping our eyes on the storms of life. Our focus becomes so narrow that we are unable to see Your kindness and greatness. Help us, Heavenly Father, to open our eyes to see the wondrous things You do. Open our ears to hear Your calming voice, and open our hearts to be receptive to Your gentleness to carry us through the mightiest of storms, knowing You are always there.

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



Bring your favorite dish and fellowship with us on Sunday, July 29th following the 10 am combined service in the Fellowship Hall.

We NEED you.
Can you HELP?

The Bereavement Committee has many jobs! If you would like to volunteer in any way, contact the church office.



Dear Prayer Cross Ministry of FUMC,

I appreciate receiving your Prayer Cross very much. Losing my younger sister to cancer has been very difficult. Having the thoughts and prayers of friends is very meaningful and comforting. Thank you so much.

Blessings to all of you,
Dottie West

Dear Church Family,

Words cannot express how much your love and support meant to Roy during his life. The ladies of the church provided our family a wonderful luncheon and each one showed us much love! The flowers at the altar were beautiful and Roy's memory was truly captured by Karen, Mary Lynn and J.W.

In Christ Love,
The Roy Masterson Family



Gemma Georgene Parfait was born Friday, July 13 at 4:11 pm.
She weighed 7 lbs. 11 ounces and is 21 1/2 inches long.

Proud Parents: Shon & Brigitte Parfait.

Proud Grandparents: Becky Parfait, Clyde & Kristi Parfait, Angela Murray, Chuck Raymond

Nora Blaire Pinkston was born Saturday, July 14 at 10:55 pm.
She weighed 9 lbs. 5 ounces.

Proud parents: Richard & Elizabeth Pinkston

Proud Grandparents: Jasen & Peggy Watlington, Mike & Connie Belgard, and Virginia Permenter

Proud Great Grandparents: Cecil & Virginia Watlington, and Trudy Cox

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