

Love God, Love People, Serve The World



Thanks for the great day of singing yesterday. Chris' arms are tired and Nancy and Jim may have nubs left for fingers but it as a great morning of singing our faith. The songs that made your 2018 Top Ten List said so much about your deep faith and the *blessed assurance* that you have in the power of Christ and the cross. The whole morning was an affirmation of your faith. Thanks to Leroy, Rob, Mary Lynn and Sarah for their help in telling the stories.

Changing tone: Two things have transpired over the course of the last few weeks that have come together to affect a change at the church:

#1 So many people have called the church asking questions about things that were in the newsletter. When Kelli or I stated that the information was in the newsletter, we were told that they don't read the newsletter.

#2 As the summer slump has hit full force, we are seriously looking at ways to decrease spending to better align with gifts coming in to the church.

These 2 combined caused me to look at what it costs us to produce a newsletter. The newsletter cost us a surprising \$10,450/year, not to mention 10 hours preparation a week! This includes paper, printing, seals, mailing labels and postage. This does not include the salary cost to produce it. I proposed to the Church Council (and they agreed) that we will stop mailing a newsletter except for the large one at the first of the month. This means 2 things: We need your correct email address and if you do not have access to the internet, we need for you to let Kelli know so we can send you a hard copy. This will cut costs significantly and still get all the latest happenings at the church and with your friends out to you. Our email address is fumccenter@sbcglobal.net. Send us your email if you are not already getting the newsletter electronically. The newsletter will still be produced, it will simply come to you in a different format. Thank you in advance for your help in getting the correct information to the office. Karen

FINANCE UPDATE

2018 Budget
\$414,701.00
Needed weekly
\$7,975.02
Received on 7/29/2018
\$3,409.00
Received to date (week 30)
\$207,504.55
Needed to date 7/22/2018 (week 30)
\$239,250.60
Difference
-\$31,746.05

July 29th Attendance

Sunday School 32
10:00 am Worship Service 91

**Communion Rail
Offering on Sunday,
August 5th will be used
to purchase school
supplies**

Memorials

Roy Masterson

Ann Cooper
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Holt

J.W. Adams

Kay Fairchild

Pat Brittain

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Holt

Tim Boyd

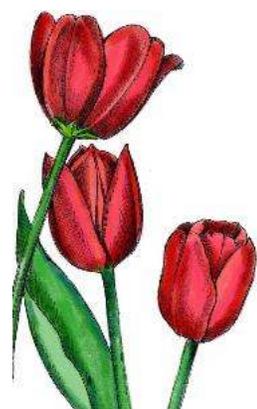
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Holt



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**Read Through the Bible
in 90 Days**
Beginning Sunday,
August 5
Join us in the pastor's
office during Sunday
School / in the Parlor
@ 5pm



Thank you for the donations of books and magazines. We welcome donations for both adults, youth, and children. Anyone can come browse our little free library. If you are looking for reading material come on up and see what we have. We appreciate the support that has been shown for this outreach project.

**BCF= Basics of the
Christian Faith**
Parent meeting for parents of
our 5th and 6th graders
Wed, Aug 8 @ 7pm
in the Parlor

Sunday Schedule:

8:30am – Worship

9:30 am – Coffee Fellowship

by Nancy Dickerson, Kathy Hardy, LizAnn Burke

10am– Sunday School for all ages

11am- Worship

We are leaving at 3 p.m. and returning around Midnight. Please let me know if you want to go! I have 4 signed up so far 😊:) Also, you are welcome to join as a chaperone as we embark on this new adventure. -Sarah



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



“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.”

Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)

The scriptures are filled with words of faith from early on in the Old Testament throughout the New Testament. But a new thought on faith has left me with something to ponder. Our faith, can be as tiny as a mustard seed. We believe because our Lord asks us to believe, even when we do not see immediate results. God says in His Word that our faith allows us to be “confident for what we hope for, and have assurance about what we do not see.” That is the only thing required of us because our Heavenly Father does the rest of the work. Our faith grows as we trust our Lord and obey His will. God does the rest! Abraham believed and trusted even when there was no hope of a child in his old age. Moses led the children of Israel through the desert because of his faith on his Lord’s Word to take them to the Promise Land! Father God, help us to learn to take our tiny offerings of faith and lift them up to You. We thank You for Your promises in Your Holy Word to help us grow in faith no matter how small it may seem to us. We thank You that we can go boldly to Your Throne with our requests and tiny mustard seed faith, and You in Your infinite Glory will take care of all our needs! 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



Forms have been mailed to parents for the 2018-2019 school year for

Kids Grow ‘N Christ. Please fill them out completely (front and back) and turn them in no later than August 15th.

Forms from last year cannot be used!

Parents of 5th and 6th graders may bring your child’s forms to the parent meeting on August 8th.



**Sunday, August 5th
Back-to-School
Health Fair
2-5pm
in Education Building
Volunteer helpers
needed!
See Pastor Karen**



**Sunday, August 12th
during both services**

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