



**Most Recent & Acute Needs**

Ryan Moore, Burley Lamb, Kenneth Campbell, Linda Warren, Jonathan Stone, Mary Lou Lout, John Walker, Sequinn Lee, Sherry Lawson, Pat Adams, Yancy Boyd Fleming Bradford, Margaret Ihlo, Bonnie LeRoy, Scotti Smith Castro, Cliff Porter, Bobbie Braden, Jennifer Cohenour, Rhonda Walker, Betty Robertson, Bill Hughes, Mary & Tim Anderson, Ina Bass, Tammy Bohannon, Keith & Jerry Goldston, Kathy Beavers, Bryan LaFitte, Connie Mettauer, Eric Cruse, Kyra Giddens, Tyler Will, Dale & Marilyn Otto, Paul & Sandy Risinger, Mary Koonce, Bowie Bridges

**Healing and Recovery**

Donna Holt, Winnie Preston, John Griffin, Alice Sue Howard, Robert Ortigo

**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, Billy Wayne Williams, Zac Day, Martin Jones, Tami Dick

**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

**Those Serving Our Country**

Robby Hughes, 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, Major Jonathon Welborn, Lt. Cody Dobiyski, Staff Sgt. Hannah Wilkins Saunders, Dylan Barbee, Jacob Jones, Caleb Jones, Thomas Bartle, Dallas Osburn, Daniel Fox



October 9: What A Night Fundraiser 5-8 p.m.

October 13: McMahan Chapel Day and Bishop Preaching

October 29: Halloween in the Hole



Sign-up sheets (October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:30-8:30 pm) are posted on the doors of the fellowship hall for those of you who will help us out by **DECORATING** a TRUNK and filling it with candy and prizes. Vehicles can be cars, trucks, boats, golf carts, riding lawnmowers, bicycles (does anyone have a tandem bike - that would be fun!). . . just be creative!! We appreciate all the volunteers who helped last year and hope this year's event will be bigger and better!! Thank all of you for your continued support of our children and the children of our community.

Nancy and Sharon

Celebrating a special occasion?  
Honoring a loved one?

Say it with  
**FLOWERS**  
Sign up to provide flowers for the altar

Contact Kelli in the church office to reserve your spot.

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*Karen Jones, Pastor*

September 24, 2018

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Return Service Requested

First United Methodist Church  
Center, Texas

October 2018

*The Methodist Messenger*

Love God, Love People, Serve The World

**COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30<sup>th</sup> @ 10 am**  
**Sunday School/Bible in 90 Days (Pastor's office) @ 9 am**  
**Covered Dish Lunch following service**  
**Dedication of Cemetery Historical Marker**  
**Bible in 90 Days @ 5 pm in Parlor**

*The Center First United Methodist Church*  
*Chancel Choir & Orchestra*  
PRESENTS



*An Evening of Sacred Music*



*With Special Guests*  
*Kelli Parker*  
*Janette Wittmann*



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**  
**6:00 p.m. in the evening**  
**CENTER FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**211 PORTER STREET - CENTER, TEXAS**

Details please contact Rev. Karen Jones or Mr. Chris Watlington, Music Director  
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**GOSPEL CONCERT**

FEATURING  
**BROKEN VESSELS**  
**CALVARY BOYS**  
**EAST MOUNTAIN BLUEGRASS**

**SATURDAY SEPT 29**  
**6:00PM**

**CARTHAGE HIGH SCHOOL**  
**PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**  
1600 W. PANOLA ST. CARTHAGE, TX

**FREE ADMISSION**  
A LOVE OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN IN  
ROBERT ORTIGO'S FIGHT WITH PANCREATIC CANCER.

If you are riding the church bus, please let Kelli know.



A big “thank you” with sincere appreciation to the Men’s Breakfast Crew, Church Members in attendance, and especially to Mary Lynn Tinkle for the honor given to me on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

I love my church and enjoyed any contribution I was able to make since first joining in 1937. It was missed during my many years away working but it was my church of record whenever away from the USA. I cherish my beautiful plaque!

J.W. Braden

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Thanks so much for your faithful prayers over the last months. We have just gotten back from Tulsa again with good news, and some not as good, but our God is able and we trust in Him.

We appreciate the prayer blanket and the prayer cross. They are a great reminder that you are praying.

Thanks,  
Robert & Ann Ortigo

Dear First United Methodist Church,

I was so happy to have received such a beautiful and thoughtful gift! When I opened it, it was like a breath of fresh air! I’m still trusting the anti-rejection meds will work. The cross that I wear around my neck gives me great comfort, especially is it represents the knowledge you are praying for me. Thank you all!

Rhonda Walker

## October Schedules

### Acolytes

October 7<sup>th</sup> - 8:30 am-Jaxon Goings/11:00 am-Hudsyn Wulf  
 October 14<sup>th</sup> -8:30 am-Ty & Grant Gregory/11:00 am-Logan Galindo & Tristan Carlton  
 October 21<sup>st</sup> -8:30 am-Jaxon Goings/11:00 am-Rex & Zac Payne  
 October 28<sup>th</sup> – 8:30 am-Ty & Grant Gregory/11:00 am-Easton & Emi Kate Wulf

### Children’s Church

October 7<sup>th</sup> - No Children’s Church  
 October 14<sup>th</sup> -8:30 am-Mary Pigg & Sally Windham/11:00 am-Ashley Wulf  
 October 21<sup>st</sup> -8:30 am-Becky Parfait/11:00 am-Renee Verdine & Keela Johnson  
 October 28<sup>th</sup> -8:30 am-Terri Lacher/11:00 am-Mary Lynn Tinkle

### Coffee Fellowship

October 7<sup>th</sup> - Runnels/Tinkle SS Class  
 October 14<sup>th</sup> -Pairs & Spares  
 October 21<sup>st</sup> -Methodist Men’s Breakfast  
 October 28<sup>th</sup> -Kids Grow ‘N Christ



“Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosper us and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:8-9 NIV) When I was still in school, I had to learn several lines from a Shakespeare play, and recite them in front of the class in order to get a passing grade in my senior English class. I, like most of those in the class, had my mind on the Rolling Stones rather than Shakespeare. We complained to the teacher what a difficult assignment she had given us, but our words fell on deaf ears. I wrote the words down on index cards and read them every chance I got until, eventually, I memorized the lines. Today, I can still recite those lines I learned all those years before. God gave His words to us, which have been passed down from Moses, to be entrusted into Joshua’s hands with careful and precise instructions. He promised Joshua that through his obedience to God He would be with him always. Joshua kept God’s laws close to his heart, with the confidence that he served a mighty God. Those same words given to Moses, and Joshua and many others are available to us today. When we learn them as children, they remain in our hearts as adults, helping us to keep our Lord and Savior with us wherever we go. God gave us the same promise He gave Joshua, asking only that we keep His Word on our lips, and meditate on them day and night. Father God, thank You for Your Holy Promises. Help us to study Your Word and believe in the power of every written promise You have left for us. Let us learn to draw on Your strength and be encouraged by stories of the Old and New Testament, holding them close to our hearts that we might not sin against you. In Jesus name, amen.

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

## October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> Covered Dish Lunch following service Dedication of Historical Marker following service 9:00 AM Bible in 90 Days- Pastor’s Office 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 5:00 PM Bible in 90 Days-Parlor 6:00 PM Choir Concert	<b>1</b> <i>Sierra Dance</i> 4:15 PM Staff Meeting	<b>2</b> <i>Amy Robertson</i> <i>Olivia Whitney</i>	<b>3</b> 9:00 AM Ladies Exercise 3:15 PM Kids Grow ‘N Christ 5:00 PM Handbells 5:00 PM MYF 6:00 PM Choir	<b>4</b> <i>Jim Green</i> <i>Theresa Hume</i> <i>Tresa Pearce</i>	<b>5</b> 9:00 AM Ladies Exercise	<b>6</b> <i>C.J. Goings</i>
<b>7</b> <i>Kelly Lucas</i> World Communion Sunday 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:00 AM Bible in 90 Days- Pastor’s Office 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 5:00 PM Bible in 90 Days-Parlor	<b>8</b> <i>Mallory Fausett</i> <i>Stephen Shires</i> 4:15 PM Staff Meeting	<b>9</b> <i>Joyce Hurt</i> 1:30 PM BINGO 5:00 PM Youth What-A-Night @ Whataburger	<b>10</b> <i>Jerry Pinkston</i> 9:00 AM Ladies Exercise 3:15 PM Kids Grow ‘N Christ 5:00 PM Handbells 5:00 PM MYF 6:00 PM Choir	<b>11</b> <i>Cindy D. Griffin</i> <i>Donna Holt</i>	<b>12</b> 9:00 AM Ladies Exercise 2:30 PM Green Acres	<b>13</b> 10:30 AM McMahan Chapel Day/Bishop Scott Jones Preaching 3:00 PM Bishop Meeting with Youth
<b>14</b> <i>Charles Dillen</i> 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:00 AM Bible in 90 Days- Pastor’s Office 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 5:00 PM Bible in 90 Days-Parlor	<b>15</b> 4:15 PM Staff Meeting	<b>16</b> <i>Ben Wulf</i> <i>Bette Samford</i>	<b>17</b> 9:00 AM Ladies Exercise 3:15 PM Kids Grow ‘N Christ 5:00 PM Handbells 5:00 PM MYF 6:00 PM Choir	<b>18</b> Trustees Committee Meeting-Parlor	<b>19</b> 9:00 AM Ladies Exercise	<b>20</b> <i>Asela Ruizo</i> 9:00 AM Pineywoods Photography Club
<b>21</b> <i>Ashley Sparks Golden</i> <i>Mike Guzman</i> 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:00 AM Bible in 90 Days- Pastor’s Office 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 5:00 PM Bible in 90 Days-Parlor	<b>22</b> 4:15 PM Staff Meeting	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <i>Bobbie Braden</i> <i>Kasey Griffin</i> 9:00 AM Ladies Exercise 3:15 PM Kids Grow ‘N Christ 5:00 PM Handbells 5:00 PM MYF 6:00 PM Choir	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Pate Family Reunion Setup 9:00 AM Ladies Exercise 2:30 PM Holiday	<b>27</b> 10:00 AM Pate Family Reunion
<b>28</b> 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:00 AM Bible in 90 Days- Pastor’s Office 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 5:00 PM Bible in 90 Days-Parlor	<b>29</b> <i>April Prince</i> 4:15 PM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Halloween In The Hole (Center High School Baseball Field)	<b>30</b> <i>Nathan Phelps</i>	<b>31</b> NO Kids Grow ‘N Christ 9:00 AM Ladies Exercise 5:00 PM MYF 6:30 PM Trunk or Treat (Parking Lot)	<b>1</b> <i>Ashlyn Robertson</i> <i>Forbis</i> 6:00 PM DePelchin Post Adoption Training in Fellowship Hall	<b>2</b> <i>Anne Cooper</i> 9:00 AM Ladies Exercise	<b>3</b>

### FINANCE UPDATE

2018 Budget \$414,701.00  
 Needed weekly \$7,975.02  
 Received on 9/23/2018 \$3,133.00  
 Received to date (week 38) \$269,304.55  
 Needed to date 9/23/2018 (week 38) \$303,050.76  
 Difference -\$33,746.21

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ATTENDANCE 9/23/18  
 Sunday School – 31  
 8:30am Worship – 69  
 11:00am Worship – 39  
 Total Worship – 108