

Note from Pastor David Luckert

Let's pray ...

As I shared with you this past Sunday, I want to start fresh and new as we look ahead to the years of ministry ahead of us.

And where better to start than on our knees? In prayer.

Why do we pray? I really like a quote I read years ago from a Jewish rabbi, Abraham Joshua Heschel: "Prayer is an invitation to God to intervene in our lives, to let His will prevail in our affairs; it is the opening of a window to Him in our will, an effort to make Him the Lord of our soul."

- ◇ *I have an idea of what I would like to do.*
- ◇ *But, what would God like for me to do?*
- ◇ *I have an idea of what I would like to accomplish.*
- ◇ *But, what would God like for me to accomplish?*

Through prayer I am trying to make sure my will and my wishes are aligned with God's will and God's wishes for my life, my family, my activities.

This does not mean I always feel like praying or that I know how to pray.

- ◇ *Some days bring experiences that are hoped for and very positive. It is easy to thank God. It is easy to pray.*
- ◇ *Some days bring experiences that are challenging and difficult to manage. It can be difficult to pray.*

So Let's pray.

This Sunday we will have a prayer guide available to guide you through a month of praying. Of course, this will not be exhaustive. It will simply be a guide. Use it. Expand on it. Share it.

Glad to be partnering in prayer with you

David

July Sermons

July 1st

"God ... Bless America ..."
Matthew 20:29-34
*God does want to bless us.
What must we do?*

July 8th

"How We Should Pray"
Matthew 6:5-15
*Don't babble; Don't coerce.
Get to the point!*

July 15th

"Persistence in Prayer"
Luke 18:1-9
Praying without ceasing.

July 22nd

"Focus in Prayer"
Luke 18:10-14
*When we pray is our focus on ourselves?
Or is our focus on God?*

July 29th

"Saturated with Prayer"
Matthew 6:25-34
The importance of living a praying life.



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HELPING HANDS IN ACTION

We are expanding our Hospital Visitation Ministry by sharing the love of Christ with church members who are ill, having surgery or have any other medically related need. Cathy Sanders has willingly stepped up to coordinate this ministry.

This group of volunteers will:

- Visit the member who is in the hospital
- Call the member to check on him/her
- Offer to provide a meal
- Help in other ways; such as, transportation to doctor's appointments, running short errands, etc.

The volunteers will be on a rotating weekly basis. If the volunteers need help, they are encouraged to call on other church members to assist them with the person/family being helped during their assigned week.

Please help us reach out to our congregation by volunteering to serve in this ministry. You can contact Cathy Sanders at 903-655-0334 or the church office 903-657-6588.

Upcoming EVENTS

July

- 1 One Worship Service 10am
Family Life Luncheon 11am
- 9-12 Vacation Bible School 5:30-8pm
- 13 Youth - Six Flags Trip
- 15-21 U.M. A.R.M.Y. Here
- 21 Youth - Tyler Church Under the Bridge
Men's Ministry Breakfast 8:30am

August

- 5-8 Wesley Putnam Family Event
- 10 Youth at East Texas Food Bank
- 12 Back to School / Promotion Sunday
- 22 Wednesday Night Activities Resume

MEN'S MINISTRY

Join us on Saturday, July 21st
at 8:30am for breakfast in the Parlor.
It will be a great time of food and
fellowship. Those who would like to help
cook, please come early. See you there!



COOKIES FOR VBS

We are asking for donations of cookies for
our Vacation Bible School. Cookies can be
brought anytime from now till July 9th.
Please no cookies with nuts or peanut
butter, due to allergies.

ONE service sunday

Special One Worship Service / Luncheon



Join us on **Sunday, July 1st**, for our
special combined worship service at
10am, in our Sanctuary.

Immediately following our worship, we will
gather in the Great Hall to celebrate the
4th of July holiday, with a covered dish luncheon.
Please plan to join us and bring your favorite dish.

ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE

Mark your calendars for our
Vacation Bible School-
Rolling River Rampage!

July 9-12 from 5:30pm to 8:00pm

Parents night will be Thursday, July 12th

A snack supper will be provided each night.

Register at the door!



Memorials

Clare Goodrich

Renaissance Club Memorial

Alice Long

(Mother of Linda Wright)

Jean Colley Memorial
Brenda & Scott Lee Local Missions

Mary Ellen Beall Pinkston

Miriam Powell Memorial

Kenneth Wright

(Father of Robert Wright)

Jean Colley Memorial
Brenda & Scott Lee Local Missions

Preschool Place

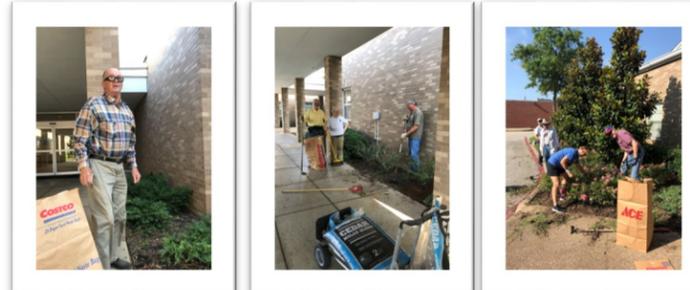


Summertime! We love summertime
at FUMCP. Many of you may not
know that we are open 4 days a week
(Monday-Thursday) in the summer. But yes, we
do have a summer program. We have about half
of our usual population, both children and adults.
We are little more relaxed as kids come and go
for swimming lessons and vacations. We enjoy
fresh fruit snacks and some of us even go to the
splash pad for water play.

At the same time all I listed above is going on,
we are busy in the office preparing for a
fantastic **49th school year** beginning in mid-
August. We will kick it off with a week of
professional development and planning for our
teachers and then open for the new school year
on August 13th. Many of our classes are already
full and have waiting lists, but there are a few
spots open if you know of someone who is looking
for a high quality preschool.

Keep your eyes open for volunteer opportunities
as we spruce up our building and playgrounds in
July.

THANK YOU!



Thank you to everyone that came and
helped during our church work day on
Saturday, June 23rd. It was a great time of
fellowship, and the church looks great!

CELEBRATIONS AND PRAISE



Celebrating the birth of
Tatem June Sabella,
daughter of Brodie & Kaysie,
and granddaughter of
Kenneth & Chrystal Sabella.



Dear Caring Ministry,

Thank you for the beautiful flowers
and to know that they graced the
altar makes them very special indeed!

Gratefully,
Bess Davis - Azalea Place

MUSIC NOTES

UPDATE—Last month we were preparing for our first Fine Arts Camp. This month... it's a very fond memory. We had 30 children in attendance...and may I add, they were VERY enthusiastic. Each day gave the campers an opportunity to sing, paint and create, and to learn scripture by memory with sign language. Reviews (in the form of surveys filled out by parents and guardians) were stellar. This will definitely be a continuing endeavor each summer.



Special thanks for all who made the week such a remarkable venture. These include: Emily Ricks (visual arts); Fran Alford, Emili Foster, Riley Foster, and Kennedy Foster (dramatic arts); Emma Bowell, Mary Margaret Tipps, and Karen Mobbs (musical arts). One camper said in his survey that his favorite part of the camp was SNACKS...and I thank Betsy Brooks for creating healthy snacks for the camp.

CAN'T WAIT FOR NEXT YEAR'S CAMP!!



Here's a puzzle for you. What does 50 for 50 mean?
More about this in future newsletters!!

Grace to you.....Jack



Dear FUMC Church Family,

Thank you for the graduation gift. Target is one of my favorite places to shop, and I'm sure that I can find some items for my dorm room the next time I go. Thank you for considering me as I make the transition from high school to college.

Sincerely,
Graham

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the gift card to Target. It will come in handy as I shop for dorm accessories. Also, thank you for the luncheon on Senior Sunday. It was very tasty. Again, I appreciate your kindness and generosity during this special time.

Love,
Hope Hacker

FUMC,

Thank you so much for thinking of me during graduation. I really appreciate the gift card and the lunch yall put on for me and my family. I have had so much fun growing up in such an amazing church!

Love,
Marcy

Dear First United Methodist Church Family,

Thank you so much for the amazing senior service and lunch. I am very appreciative of the church for dedicating time and effort to honor my fellow graduates and I. I am also very thankful for the Target gift card, it will be very useful while I buy supplies for school. I will miss attending the First United Methodist Church every Sunday, but I look forward to the visits home when I can come back and worship with my church family.

Thank you,
Brady Robertson



THE MASTER'S STORYTELLER

**WESLEY PUTNAM
FAMILY EVENT**

AUGUST 5TH - 8TH

Come hear the Master's Storyteller as he presents a unique blend of story and song. If Elijah, a prophet from the Old Testament, appeared today, what would he look and sound like? Through the imagination of Wesley Putnam, "the Mater's storyteller," you might meet Elijah as a Bronx cop, or see Daniel from the lion's den as a West Texas cowboy. These and other stories bring ancient characters to life and convey truth in a fresh, relevant way for our generation.

There will be refreshing times of praise and worship, as Wesley and his wife Felicia bring an exciting blend of old and new songs to help people express their love for God.

This time of renewal is for kids too. BibleQuest is a fast-paced program designed to make learning Bible facts and truths exciting for elementary students. You will be amazed at how much they learn in a short time. You won't want to miss a single night!

6:00pm BibleQuest - Special activities for children 1st grade through 5th.

7:00pm Worship & Drama

HELP NEEDED!

We are going to be hosting U.M. A.R.M.Y. again this summer, **July 15-21**.

As you know, they will be coming to work on homes in our area. While they are helping our community, here are several ways we can help them.

If you can help us in any of these ways, please call the church office and let us know, or email btyson@fumchenderson.org. If you have any questions, please contact Betty Tyson (903-657-6588).

- ⇒ Provide **homemade cookies and cakes**
- ⇒ One or two groups/classes to provide an **evening meal or two**. The youth will be providing the Sunday evening meal.
- ⇒ **Homes for small groups to shower** each evening Monday-Friday.



Financial News



May
Disbursements \$57,663
Receipts \$48,655

~ Our Presence ~

	June 3rd	June 10th	June 17th	June 24th
CG Service	89	78	93	107
Traditional Service	98	129	110	124
Total:	187	207	203	231



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Coming Up!

August 5-8

Bible Quest for Kids
at 6:00pm
Day Spring Revival
Family Worship
at 7:00pm

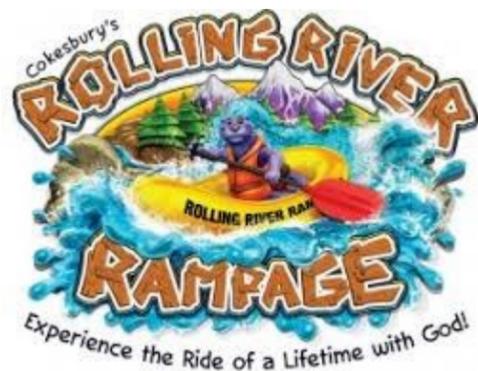
Wednesday Nights

Friends and
C.H.A.M.P.S. will
start back on August
22nd at 6:00pm and
dismiss at 7:15pm.

Questions?

Contact our Children's
Director, Debbie Tipps -
903-657-6588
dtipps@fumchenderson.org

FUMC Children



Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God!
Children ages 5 through 5th grade
are invited to join us for

Rolling River Rampage VBS

July 9—14 from 5:30 to 8:00pm

A snack supper will be served each night at 5:30pm in the Great Hall. VBS will begin at 6:00pm. Please join us for parent's night on Thursday for dinner and more VBS fun! Register at the door.

Please join our Mission Possible Friends this summer in

Operation Back-to-School

We need your help collecting school supplies (pencils, pens, glue, colors, scissors, paper, etc.), backpacks, belts, tennis shoes, polo style knit shirts (any solid color), shorts & pants (khaki, navy or black) for girls and boys grades K thru 8th. A variety of sizes will be needed. We will collect items across from the library throughout the summer months to be distributed through the Yates Park Project in August.



FUMC Youth



The youth will start meeting
on Sunday Nights starting July 1st.
Join us from 4-6pm,
as each Sunday will have a different focus rotating
between service, study, fellowship, and fun.



Joins us on July, Friday the 13th, as we go
to Six Flags Over Texas in Arlington.
The cost is \$39 a ticket if we take a group of 15 or more,
so invite your friends as we have a fun day at the park.
Sign up before Wednesday July 11th!



Saturday July 21st the Youth will be going
to Church Under A Bridge in Tyler, Tx.

Coming Up!

July 1st

First Sunday Night Youth

July 9th-12th

VBS

July 13

Six Flags Trip

July 21

Church Under A Bridge

If you are interested in
preparing a meal for the
youth please contact
Emma Boswell at
eboswell@fumchenderson.org

Wednesdays

6-7:30pm.

Food, Youth Group
Games, Worship, Bible
Study, & Prayer.

...and now...

SUNDAYS

4-6pm

Study, Service,
Fellowship, and
FUN!

Questions?

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