

FIRST THOUGHTS

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH



A Word With Pastor Chris

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'The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.' -Psalm 23:1

There has been a lot of crisis in my extended life lately. Have you ever been there? The question is not, 'What do I do if...?' but 'What will I do when I am in crisis? The world is a broken place and God knows that better than anyone. Good things happen to bad people, and bad things happen to good people. But what do I do?

David can help us. I want to go back to those many years ago when this Psalm was written: Few people had any writings, few people could read, the only way people transmitted messages was oral. What that means is that the people had to use their minds—memorize (some rabbis memorized the whole Law) and imagination. So, when this Psalm was read 3,000 years ago, the people had a crystal-clear vision of what David was talking about.

Of course, we have the whole 'sheep are dumb' thing, but keep in mind that sheep are easily frightened and they cannot find food or water on their own(!) The people thought, 'If God is my shepherd then he's definitely got this.'

In Psalm 23 there are only three statements that are personal future tense: 'I shall not want,' 'I will fear no evil,' and 'I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.' Everything else is present tense, making them statements of confidence. David wrote from experience. Somewhere along the line, the Spirit helped David realize that there is a certain 'heart-posture' that is key to our living. Crisis? I will fear no evil. Lost job? I shall not be in want. Insecure and afraid? I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

'He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside the quiet waters, he restores my soul.' One is physical, one is psychological, and one is spiritual. In all three arenas, God meets us... in the present tense, as in, this is happening. On their own, sheep will not lie down in green grass, they will not graze freely, and they don't go where there is calmness unless there is no friction within the flock. 'Ok, I can't find food and water, I don't know that green grass will give me respite, and I don't realize that it is better to drink from a calm stream.' Sounds like I am utterly, completely, without a doubt dependent on God. That can be our 'heart-posture' when life turns us upside down. David knew from experience.

Peace and green pastures, Pastor Chris

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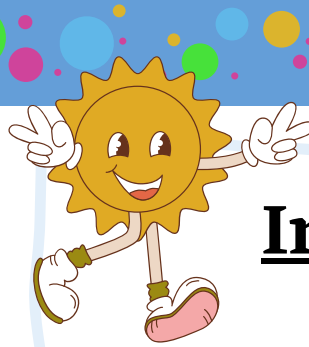
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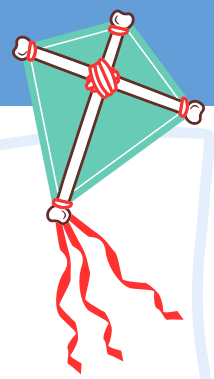
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Hello Summer

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July Newsletter Deadline : June 24th

Altar Flowers

Please visit the link below to view available slots to sign-up or call/email the church office.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084EAEAD2AAAFBC07-46957423-altar#/>

The Pastor's Bible Study

'The Case For Christ'

at 10am in The Parlor

No Bible Study on June 4th



Date

Worship

Offering

5/5	95	3915.05
5/12	97	1199.00
5/19	134	2976.47
5/26	94	4211.39

Altar Guild would like to

Welcome

Karen Cunningham

June Altar Guild

Karen Cunningham & Team



Attendance and Offering for the month of May



Dear Caring Friend & Neighbor,

The presence and heartfelt enthusiasm of all 22 individuals attending the February 1st meeting at First Methodist Church led to a firm decision to resurrect the Christmas Food Box Project. Pleasingly, this reassurance prompted BCPD Chief Rodrigues to retain her long-held position as the guiding light required to take this charitable initiative to a successful conclusion within Matagorda County. Plus, she has recruited her officers and staff to assume key roles.

So, in anticipating that you (and those whom you might represent) are also eager to be an integral part of this countywide endeavor this year, we extend to you a cordial invitation to attend the critically important follow up meeting. It will be held on:

**6:00 to 7:00 Pm, Thursday, June 6, in First Methodist Church's Chapel Parlor
5th and Ave. G in Bay City**

The primary objective in FMC hosting this event is to identify and fill all pertinent tasks and duties. Such a 'shared' investment of the time, talent and resources required will ensure that the holiday food needs of an estimated 650 families are abundantly met.

Basically, the secondary goal is to have this event emerge as a model project which produces meaningful, need-based impacts in its distinct region of the State of Texas. In this regard it is abundantly clear that the more entities that contribute in some tangible way...the greater the divine spirit of the season will be felt throughout our area and the lighter the burden will be on any supporting group or groups.

So, we expect you will want to join us on the 6th. However, to give other parties the opportunity to become part of this unique food security project, as a coveted volunteer or donor, you are asked to bring a friend, neighbor or associate with you to this short, fast-moving (but essential) gathering. Preferably, this will be someone who is not fully aware of the food insecurity situation which exists within our county...but is likely to have a keen desire to help end or prevent hunger in our corner of the world.

**W.R. 'Willie' Younger & Rebecca Sansing
FMC's Food Missions Advocates & 2nd Meeting Co-Facilitators**

Welcome & Worship Center!

Welcoming new members and visitors with information and guidance for our church's programs and activities here at FMC is very important to us.

If you would like to volunteer to man our new welcome center, please add your name to the sign-up sheet located in the Narthex.

ADULT MINISTRIES

We believe that true Christian community is about more than attending a Sunday gathering. We love worshipping together, but it is important to us that you are known outside of just Sundays.

We believe sustained life-change happens best in small groups.

We have groups for every age and stage of life. We want you to have a relational home with a group of people who follow Jesus together, whether that is through a class, a small group, or a Bible study.

Programming

FRIENDSHIP CLASS: Sundays 9AM (in the Parlor)

GOOD NEWS CLASS: Sundays 9AM

FAMILY OF FAITH: Tuesdays 5:30PM-6:30PM- WILL RESUME AFTER SUMMER BREAK

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: Tuesdays 10AM (seasonal)

MISSIONS

We will mobilize people and resources both in our city and abroad to glorify God, share the gospel, and help those in need.

There is so much that God has put on our hearts to pursue, and we believe we have been given everything we need to accomplish all of it.

Ongoing Opportunities

FOOD VOUCHER MINISTRY
Every 3rd Thursday 8:30AM-10AM

HARVEST HOUSE FOOD PANTRY

PRISON MINISTRY

WHAT ARE YOU
DOING SUNDAY?

MUSIC

The Music Ministry of First Methodist Church is mission-minded, striving to take the gospel of Jesus into our community and the world. Worship is our response of love to the God who first loved us. If you or your children love to use your talents to make a joyful noise to the Lord, consider joining one of our choirs.

Weekly Programming

PRAISE TEAM: Sundays 8:30AM
(Singers, Band, Tech Team)

CHANCEL CHOIR: Wednesdays 7PM- WILL RESUME ON Aug. 7th
(childcare available if requested one week in advance)

PRAISE RINGERS HANDBELL CHOIR: August - May
Wednesdays 5:30PM

WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY
10:00 AM
FAMILY WORSHIP
IN THE
SANCTUARY



Children and Youth ministries focuses on laying a Biblical foundation, planting seeds of faith, and digging deep into God's word. We believe that faith formation happens both in the church and in the home, and want to come alongside parents to equip and empower them to be leaders in their child's spiritual journey!

Children and Youth Ministries

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Sundays 10AM
(except 1st Sundays) 4yr old's through 5th graders welcomed

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP CLASSES: Every 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sunday @5PM. Ages 6th-12th Grade @ 5-6:30PM. We will meet in Wesley Hall for dinner, but pick up will be from the Youth Bldg.





Our school is blessed to be housed within the buildings belonging to the First Methodist Church. In addition to that however, we are so grateful and thankful for Pastor Chris McNeill who meets with our students every Wednesday during the school year to plant seeds of faith and instruct the children in the ways of the Lord. We are also covered in prayer by many people and families within the church as part of the prayer buddy program. This program benefits the children as well as the staff by covering each person in prayer and through the thoughtful gifts presented to each individual throughout the year. We would like to extend a big thank you to every single person who is a part of this program from the bottom of our hearts and express our gratitude in loving the staff and the children well. We appreciate you and know what a valuable part of the program you are!

With deepest appreciation,

Cecially Breazeale



CHILDREN'S CHURCH & YOUTH



DIVE INTO GOD'S LOVE AT

Children's Church

JUNE 7TH - NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

JUNE 16 - GOD LOVES DADS!

JUNE 23 - SANDCASTLES WITH GOD

JUNE 30 - BEACHBALL BIBLE BINGO

AGE 4 - 5TH GRADERS WELCOME!



Learning
IS FUN

FUN!



SAVE THE DATE!

Camp Firelight

A SUMMER CAMP *Psalm 56:3*
ADVENTURE WITH GOD

FMC VBS: JUNE 16-20 5PM-7:30PM

CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR THE REGISTRATION LINK! VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED - CONTACT LYNSEY 979-240-4006



ALL 6TH - 12TH GRADERS ARE WELCOME!

YOUTH NEWS

JOIN US 5PM - 6:30PM

FOR DINNER, GAMES, BIBLE STUDY, & FELLOWSHIP!

JUNE 7 NO YOUTH TONIGHT

JUNE 14 LATE NIGHT BASH - 6PM TO MIDNIGHT

JUNE 16 NO YOUTH / VBS BEGINS

JUNE 23 & 30 NO YOUTH / YOUTH @ UM ARMY

COME ONE
COME ALL



Congratulations Confirmands!



Genevieve Somer Rose Byrn
Korbyn Ruth Coates
Elizabeth Ann Curtner



I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13

Marvelous May



at Youth & Children's Church

friends



Church Nursery

IS OPEN EVERY SUNDAY
FOR NEWBORNS - 3 YR OLDS

Mando Rossman - Nursery Coordinator



IT'S ALWAYS A PARTY IN
CHILDREN'S CHURCH

AGES 4 - 5TH GRADERS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US ON THE
2ND, 3RD, 4TH, & 5TH SUNDAYS EACH MONTH
IN WESLEY HALL @ 10AM

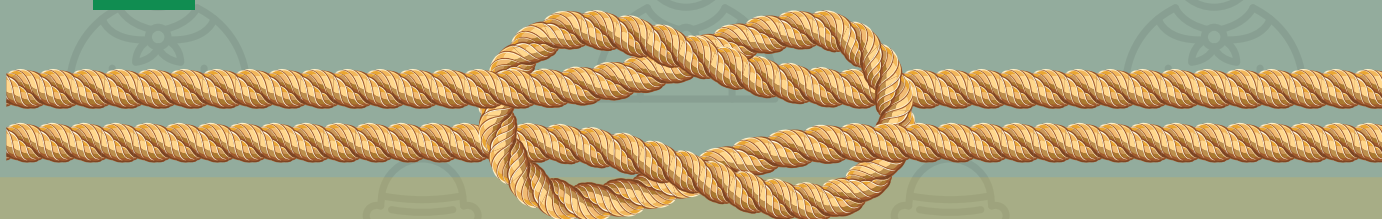
CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO STAY WITH THEIR FAMILIES IN THE SANCTUARY ON 1ST SUNDAYS TO
CELEBRATE COMMUNION TOGETHER



JUNE 2024



SCOUT



Congratulations Graduates!

CUB PACK 4545

The Cubs will be doing several summertime activities between now and the start of school in late August when Fall Recruiting starts.

The week of June 2nd to June 8th both troops will be attending summer camp at Trevor Rees- Jones Scout Camp near Athens, TX.

TROOP 45 for BOYS

Troop 45 thanks all of you who attended our 39th Bar-B-Que. We were very successful. The troop will continue meeting during the summer on Wednesday nights from 7:30 pm to 8:45 pm in the Youth Building except the week while attending summer camp.

TROOP 145 for GIRLS

The troop will continue meeting during the summer on Thursday nights from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm in the Youth Building except the week while attending summer camp.



Remember - Flag Day is Friday June 14th.

This commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress.



Happy Birthday

<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Date</u>
RJOE HARTLEY	1
SARAH MCGEHEARTY	5
RONALD AUTIN	6
MITCH THAMES	6
ARON GING	9
JESSES HERRERA	11
GLENN GING	12
SUSAN PARISH	12
MEGAN GING	13
ANNA HATCHETT	14
FRANCES ROSE	14
DREW ESTLINBAUM	15
HUBERT JOHNSON	15
GEORGE DURETT	17
DALTON RODRIGUEZ	17
ALTA CRAFT	18
BETHANY RULEY	22
FAITH GRISHAM	24
NANCIRUTH AUTIN	25
JONATHAN REIS	26
MIKE ESTLINBAUM	28
COLTON COATES	30
CHANCE WILSON	30

Anniversary Date

Brent & Kathy Abels	4
Mike & Jessica Estlinbaum	13
Ronald & Nanciruth Autin	20

JUNE

Birthdays & Anniversaries

WANT TO BE INCLUDED...?

IF WE DON'T HAVE YOUR BIRTH DATE OR ANNIVERSARY ON FILE, WE'D LOVE TO INCLUDE YOU IN OUR CELEBRATORY WISHES!

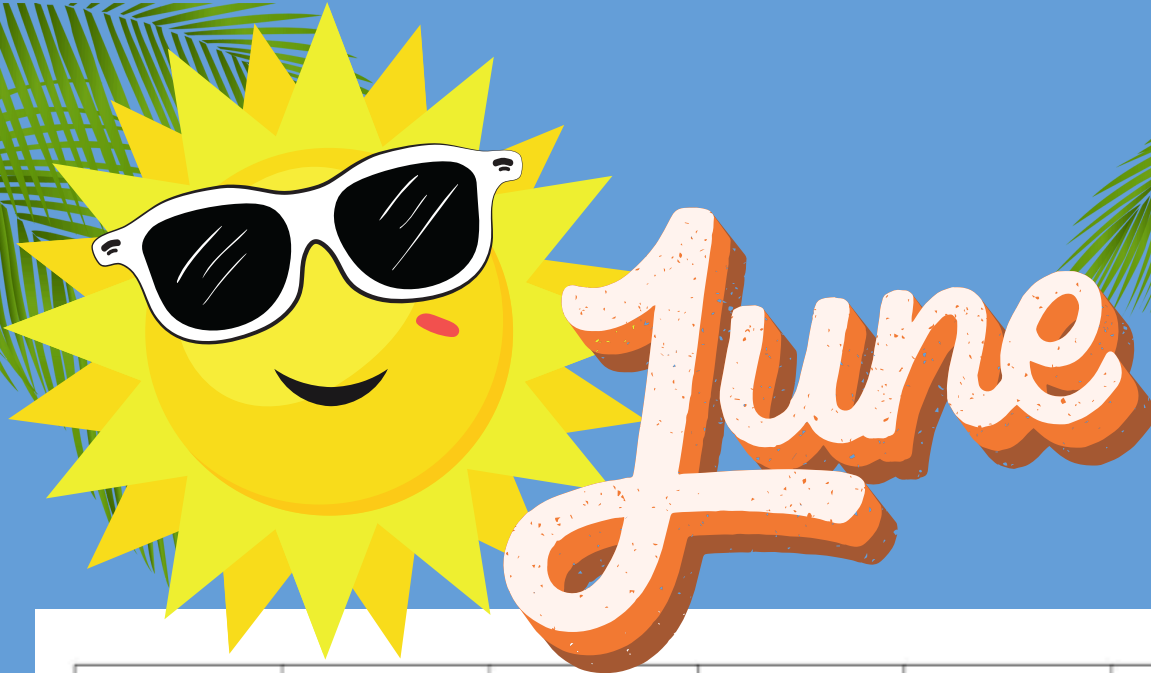
CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 245-4627 OR EMAIL:FUMCBC@SBCGLOBAL.NET

Please Pray For:

Israel
Louise Teutsch
Mary Ellen Reynolds
Simon Desoto
Audry Griggs
Michelle and Marcel Poirrier
B.J. Reynal
Deborah Machicek
Steve Sliva
Luis Camacho
Russell Lidberg, Jr.
Marilyn Lidberg
George Adams
John Wells
Barry Fry

Judy Pennington
Taylor Smith
Diana Ruiz
Collin Gann
Kaye Claybourn
Melissa Foster's dad
Greg - Terry & Michelle's friend
Sarah McDonald Mirelez
John Greenway
Eleanor May & Family
Don Storey
Ty Pressley and his family
Donna Rice
Ira Rose
Tim Ridgeway

~Please provide updates for Prayer Concerns when you are aware of them~



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATUDAY
					CHURCH CLOSED OFFICE	1
2 Communion 8:30am Praise Team 10am Worship in person & Live stream worship	3	4	5 7:30pm Troop 45	6 6AM Reunion Meeting 7:30pm Troop 145	7 CHURCH CLOSED OFFICE	8
9 8:30am Praise Team 10am Worship in person & Live stream worship	10	11 Pastor's Bible Study 10am - The Parlor	12 7:30pm Troop 45	13 6AM Reunion Meeting 7:30pm Troop 145	14 BASH Youth Late Night Bash 6pm-Midnight Youth Bld.	15
16 FATHER'S DAY 8:30am Praise Team 10am Worship in person & Live stream worship VBS 5pm-7:30pm	17 VBS 5pm-7:30pm	18 VBS 5pm-7:30pm Pastor's Bible Study 10am - The Parlor	19 VBS 5pm-7:30pm 7:30pm Troop 45	20 VBS 5pm-7:30pm 6AM Reunion Meeting 8:30am-10am Food Pantry 7:30pm Troop 145	21 CHURCH CLOSED OFFICE 9am-12pm Glory Guild Youth Building	22
23 8:30am Praise Team 10am Worship in person & Live stream worship Youth @ UM Army	24 <u>Newsletter Deadline</u>	25 Pastor's Bible Study 10am - The Parlor	26 7:30pm Troop 45	27 6AM Reunion Meeting 7:30pm Troop 145	28 CHURCH CLOSED OFFICE	29

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8:30am Praise Team
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HELL
Summer



grow in grace

CHANGE SERVICES REQUESTED

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