



The Messenger

June 15, 2017

Upcoming Events



Shine On...

Our worship planning team who work quietly and diligently behind the scenes at the Main Campus in planning our worship: Lori Cripple, Mandy Long, Mary Woodruff, Jane Cockrell, Beth & Rex Dean, Lena Beth Chancey, Susan Taylor, and Karen Dykes.

Volunteer for Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be the week of July 9th-13th. Here are ways you can participate!

1. Be a group leader during VBS week.
2. Help decorate for VBS. We will have a "crafting night" on Friday, June 23rd, to make some of our decorations. You can help decorate the week before during any of these times: Mon (7/3) from 5:00-7:00, Wed (7/5) from 5:00-7:00, Fri (7/7) from 10:00-3:00, and Sat (7/8) from 9:30 until we're finished.
3. Donate food for dinners. There will be sign-up sheets in the lobbies for things like cookies, chips, animal crackers, etc.

Volunteer sign-up forms are available in the lobby of the sanctuary and the Well.

Registration forms for kids are also available in the lobbies or online at www.fumclb.org.



Do You Have a Big Question of Life or Faith?

In August, our worship service at the Main campus will focus on the big questions of life and faith. We want to hear what your questions are. Please email any questions to Jon Kaufman or drop in the offering plate on Sunday.

Ice Cream Social

Please plan to join us on Sunday, July 2nd at 6:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center (CLC) for our annual ice cream social. Bring a quart of homemade or store bought ice cream, toppings (whipped cream, nuts, syrup, sprinkles, cherries, to name a few), or some finger sandwiches to the CLC and join us for some fun and



fellowship.

Study on Revelation Led by Jon Kaufman

The book of Revelation has a message of encouragement and hope for people in troubling times. In this 6 week small group class, we will study Revelation from the perspective of those Christians who first read it using the resource of "Revelation for Today," by Dr. James Efird professor of New Testament of Duke University. Classes will meet on Thursdays at 6 pm, beginning June 29th, in the Youth Hall at the Main Campus. Books are \$13 each and can be picked up at worship at The Well and Main Campus starting June 18th. To register, call the church office at 228-863-9619.

Children's Ministry Mission

Children's Ministry will be sponsoring a day of fun at Big Play Family Fun center for the children at the Harrison County Emergency Shelter. The shelter is dependent on support from the community in order to provide entertainment for the children who find themselves living at the shelter over the summer. We will be taking donations on Sunday, June 18th, that will go towards the cost of food and games for these kids. Thank you in advance for your support of the children!



Community Group Opportunity

Marc Massie will be leading a community group that meets on Thursdays at 6 p.m. in his home. He can be reached at:

chapsmassie@gmail.com. He will give directions via email. We have recently finished Philippians and have decided to continue with Paul's epistles by looking at the Ephesian church. This will likely be 9 week study. We have been running 8-10 people and have room for a few more. This would be the perfect time to join us as we start a new series.

Weeks 1 and 2: Acts chapters 18-20 looking at the founding of the Ephesian church.

Weeks 3-8: The Book of Ephesians.

Week 9: Revelation 2- The message to the church at Ephesus.

Men and Women's Softball Schedule



Please come cheer us on to victory! The home games will be located the Goldin Sports Complex, 12136 Prudie Circle in Gulfport. Please find the times and fields listed below for the coming week:

6/20 Field 1 8:45 Home Faithview Baptist

Women's Softball

6/19 Field 4 6:15 Away Bible Baptist

6/20 Field 3 6:15 Home First Baptist of Biloxi



Summer Mission Project

The school supply lists (for the Long Beach School District) are now available in the lobby of the sanctuary and the Well. We are collecting school supplies as our church wide summer mission project.

Gospel Singers of America

There will be a 3 week summer music school in Pass Christian beginning June 18th for K-12 and adults. The camp will include: day students and overnight campers, theory, rudiments, sight reading, directing, composition, and instruments. If interested, contact Glen Taylor at 225-281-3724 or for further information www.gosofa.org.

Online Giving

Just a reminder, you can go to our website at fumclb.org and click on the Online Giving tab to make giving quick and easy.

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Weekly Updates and Events

Prayer Concerns...

PC & Dee Havens, Pat & James Holifield, Kayne Troutman, Debbie Knight, Wanda Miller, Chrissy Edwards, Shorty Haulk, Joseph Poupart, Jackie Branch, Jan Flynn, Sandra Gibson, Randal Guthrie, Diane Saul, Barbara Ballanco, Kathy Reynolds, Cory Miller, John Harrison Doucet, Lois Jones, Barbara Barlow, Alibe Hinton, Susan Molesworth, Jason LaFrance, Jeremy Smith, John French, Janis Slade, Rev. Love Loftis, Patrick Kirkland, Carl & Doris Flethrich, Rev. Ron & Connie Durham, Carol Hill, Caitlyn Johnson, Shayla Hosey, Darrell Clark, Pat Newcomb, Ricky Bullock, Millie Treadaway, Bonnie Long, Jeri Allen, & Mary Kerg.

Last Weeks Givings and Attendance

Budget Offering for 6/11/2017 \$10,240.80

8:30 - 118

11:00 - 66

11:00 @ The Well - 222

Sunday School - 118

Welcome

We would like to welcome Lance and Marilyn Thornton into our church family of faith here at First United Methodist of Long Beach.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, June 18th

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary Morning Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Morning Worship

11:00 a.m. Worship @ The Well - Fleming Auditorium USM

3:30 p.m. Puppets upstairs in Moore Hall

Monday, June 19th

Older Elementary to Camp Wesley Pines

Tuesday, June 20th

9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the Christian Life Center (CLC)

Wednesday, June 21st

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice (HH)

Friday, June 23rd

Older Elementary return from Camp Wesley Pines

This Sunday 6/18/2017

Sanctuary

Rev. Jon Kaufman

Series: Beginnings

"Promises Kept"

Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7

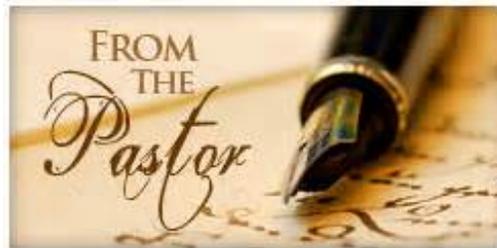
The Well

Rev. Ben Barlow - Preacher

Series: Fruit of the Spirit

"Joy"

Galatians 5:16-26



Signs. When I drive I-10 going east, I see all the signs and billboards and I especially notice the sign for Mobile. As I see that sign, my thoughts go to my mother who lives in Mobile, along with my older sister and two of her four children and her grandchildren. When I see the sign, I think about my mother and how long ago it was that I lived at home as a kid. I remember she and my dad and the family experiences we had together. I remember how much they loved my sisters and I and the sacrifices they made for us and how much they taught us about life, faith, and the important things. The sign on I-10 means more to me than just pointing the way to the city ahead, but at a deeper level, the sign points to mom, to family, and to important relationships.

This is what a sign does - it points to something else; a city, a soft drink, a concert, a business or a church. Signs are more than metal or paint.

Signs point to things we need to know about.

In John's Gospel when Jesus changed water into wine, John names it as a sign and all the miracles or supernatural events such as healing a blind man or feeding the crowds are called signs. These are all signs that point to the deeper things of God that say something about God. They point to God's love, God's compassion for people, God's abundant provision and God's faithfulness. Everything Jesus did was a sign pointing to God.

As disciples of Jesus, we too have the role of being "signs" pointing to God. Our words and our actions point to that on which we base our lives. The only question is - when someone looks at you or me, do they see something of God at work - are there signs of God? John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement in the 1700's had three rules to help us stay true to being "signs" for God. They were 1) Do no harm in word or deed. 2) Do all the good you can in all circumstances. 3) Stay connected to God by personally being open to God in worship, prayer, scripture reading, and the Lord's Supper. I invite you to pray about our role together as being "signs" for God because there are so many people who won't know the way to God until they see the signs of God in you.

Yours in Christ,

Jon

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