



The Messenger

July 13, 2017

Upcoming Events



Shine On...

Carolyn Owen for the great job she does designing and maintaining the church website daily.

Just July

During the month of July, we invite you to dress more comfortable at the Main Campus. Throughout the month in worship, we will be singing more hymns and having special music.



The Season's Charity Choir Concert To Benefit Backpack Buddies

On Saturday, July 22nd at 7 p.m., the Season's Choir will be performing in the Sanctuary at the Main Campus. The purpose is to raise funds for the Backpack Buddy Program. This Program provides food for need based children in Long Beach and is totally funded by donations. It is currently extremely low in funds and cannot continue without your help! For further information about this program, please contact Lori Cripple or the church office at 863-9619.

Newsletter Changes

In August, we will begin sending out The Messenger (church newsletter) on the 1st and 3rd weeks of the month in an effort to be good stewards of time and resources. This will include the paper and electronic versions. If you need something placed in the newsletter, please continue to submit all information by noon on Tuesday prior to its publication.

OAKS Luncheon

OAKS (Older Adult Kindred Spirits) will meet Wed. July 26th at 11:45 a.m. in the Christian Life Center to enjoy a meal and fellowship. All senior adults are invited to come to our luncheon and program. This month's program is about "Senior Exercise."

Our own Sara Schroeder, from Family Physical Therapy, Long Beach, will remind us about some of the activities we can be doing at home to stay healthy. Please come and join us.



Promotion Party

Our preschool through 6th grade Sunday School classes will have a Promotion Party during class time on Sunday, July 23rd, at 9:45 a.m. Our children will change to their new classes on Sunday, July 30th.

New Treasurer Needed

The Board for the Wesley Foundation campus ministry serving the Gulf Park Campus of the University of Southern Mississippi in Long Beach is looking for a treasurer. This is a very part time volunteer position for which training will be available. If you'd like more information please contact Janis Slade at 209-5268 or e-mail janisslade@aol.com.



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.

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.

[Online Giving](#)

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, Bonnie Long, Jeri Allen, Mark Powell, Mary & Dick Kinser, Hazel Holdenmon, Lil Jobe, Paul Hicks, & Mary Kerg.

Last Weeks Givings and Attendance

Budget Offering for 7/9/2017 \$9,965.24

8:30 - 135

11:00 - 55

11:00 @ The Well - 247

Sunday School - 122

Welcome

We would like to welcome Chad and Keri Bracewell into our family of faith here at FUMC of Long Beach.

New Arrival

We would like to announce the birth of Amelia Leona Sheets weighing 6 lbs 3 oz and 19 1/2 inches long to John and Grace Sheets.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 16th

- 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, July 17th

Youth to BigStuf

- 6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting in the Christian Life Center (CLC)
- 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting in the Good News Classroom

Tuesday, July 18th

- 9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the CLC

Wednesday, July 19th

- 7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

Thursday, July 20th

- 6:00 p.m. Revelation Bible Study in Youth Hall

Friday, July 21st

Youth return from BigStuf

Saturday, July 22nd

- 7:00 p.m. Season's Charity Choir Concert in the Sanctuary (Backpack Buddy fundraiser)

This Sunday 7/16/2017

Sanctuary

Rev. Jon Kaufman - Preacher

"Good News for All Soils"

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The Well

Rev. Ben Barlow - Preacher

Series: Fruit of the Spirit

"Goodness"



Crosswords. My wife Ann is an avid solver of crossword puzzles. Every day, we get the newspaper and she reads the news and then works the crossword puzzle. She loves to work them and occasional will ask me for a clue when it comes to Star Trek, The Lord of the Rings, or an astronomy related question. The thing is, Ann uses a pen to work the puzzle and she rarely gets a clue wrong. So, it's ok for her to use a pen, but for me, I would have to use a pencil because of the fact that a pencil comes with an eraser.

Erasers come in handy when you work the puzzle and realize that you've made a mistake. You can take that eraser and just remove the mistake as if you had never made the mistake in the first place.

Wouldn't life be great if we could use an eraser to remove our life mistakes? Personally, I would find that to be helpful. Say the wrong thing and hurt someone's feelings - apply the eraser. Ding up the car in an accident - apply the eraser. Make bad decisions - apply the eraser.

But sadly, life doesn't work out that way. There are no magic erasers (well except for the white cleaning sponges which will clean the walls of crayon). Once words are spoken, they cannot be called back. Once a car is dented, you are paying a lot of money to get it fixed. Bad decisions can mark us for life.

There are no magic erasers, but the good news is that there is forgiveness. When we hurt another person, forgiveness can heal. When we make grave mistakes, God's grace and forgiveness can give us a new beginning. The good news is that though we may think we are writing in pen, God treats us like our life is written in pencil. Mistakes can be erased, and life can be new again. Relationships can be healed and restored and it is all because of the power of forgiveness. What about it? Are there any areas of your life that need the eraser of forgiveness? God is so good at creating a new future by forgiving the past.

Yours in Christ,

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