



The Messenger

September 6, 2017

Upcoming Events

Shine On...



All of our Sunday School teachers and Community Group leaders who share their time, knowledge, and love of Christ.

Harvey Disaster Response



Dear Friends in Christ,

As you are aware, the damage from Hurricane Harvey is widespread and ongoing. Our response as a church to this disaster is three-fold:

1. Pray for the people in the communities impacted by the storm.
2. Give to disaster recovery. Already you have given just under \$4000 so thank you! You can give to disaster recovery beginning this Sunday in all of our worship services. If you give in worship, mark your payments for Disaster Relief. If you give online, select the "Benevolence" option. All monies donated in the "Benevolence" option will be directed to disaster relief. We are also receiving supplies for Health Kits and supplies for children.
3. We have made a connection with First United Methodist Church of Vidor, TX. Pastor John Mooney reports that 80% of the homes in Vidor were flooded including their church and parsonage. Please pray for him, his wife Sharon, and their two young children, Tony and Austin, and their community. We are planning on taking a mission team to Vidor on Wednesday, September 27 - 31st. The team will depart from the church at 4 pm on the 27th and arrive home the evening of the 31st. At this time we plan to focus on debris removal from homes and home cleanout. If you are interested in being part of a work team, please call the church office at 228-863-9619.

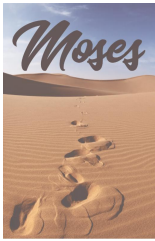
Sharing the Light of Christ



Every second Saturday our Open Table Ministry serves at Feed My Sheep, a homeless ministry in Gulfport. On September 12 volunteers served meals for 60 persons and gave away clothes and 31 blessing bags filled with toiletry items. But best of all, volunteers were able to spend time building relationships with people, praying for them and sharing Jesus with them. God is working through us shining light into lives through this ministry. If you want to help with this ministry, please call the church office at 863-9619.

Family Night Supper and Celebration of Ministry

Join us for a "retirement party" on Sunday, September 10th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center! We will have a potluck fellowship supper and retire the mortgage on our CLC building. It will be an evening spent with reflection of all the events and ministry that has happened in this building over the last 12 years. You won't want to miss it!



Worship @the Main Campus in September - "In the Footsteps of Moses."

Moses is a huge figure of faith but he also was also a reluctant prophet who learned to trust God and live with courage. Join us in September as we journey with Moses, discovering how God moves in the lives of ordinary people to create a future of hope.

Community Groups

Men's Evening Bible Study Mondays at 7:00 PM

Come enjoy support and camaraderie as we delve deep into Scripture and apply it to our daily lives. You are welcome to join at any time. Place: Youth Hall FUMCLB main campus. **Facilitator: Adam Wood**

Guardrails Wednesdays at 6:00 PM beginning mid-September

"Ever wonder what it would be like to have guardrails in ... areas of your life ... where culture baits you to the edge of disaster and then chastises you when you step across the line? Your friendships. Your finances. Your marriage. Maybe your greatest regret could have been avoided if you had established guardrails. In this six-session video-based small group bible study, Andy Stanley challenges us to stop flirting with disaster and establish some personal guardrails." Place: The Myers home (Long Beach) **Facilitator: Kim Myers**

Hosting the Presence by Bill Johnson Wednesdays at 6:30 PM starting September 20

Let the Spirit live inside you! Are you hungry for an encounter with Jesus? Do you want to make an impact on the world? Though all believers obviously have the Spirit of God within them, there is more that enables you to be so full that you overflow His Spirit into your world. Take a journey and meet many great prophets and kings from the Old Testament who were known as people of the Presence-people who, in Johnson's words, "God wanted to be with." Be encouraged toward a pursuit of the Presence of God above all else. Place: The Owen home (Long Beach) **Facilitator: Linda Chambers**

Disciple Fast Track Thursdays at 6:00 PM starting September 21

Explore the Old Testament in this 11-week study and gain an understanding of its main themes while gaining insight into the life and times of the ancient people of Israel as they are led by God. Place: FUMCLB Main Campus **Facilitator: Glenda Hull** Workbook: \$15.00

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University Thursdays at 6:30 pm starting September 28th.

This course from Dave Ramsey includes cash flow planning, dumping debt, retirement planning, insurance and more. Childcare is available through RSVP. You can register online and purchase your materials at <http://www.fpu.com/1049487> Place: FUMCLB main campus Facilitator: Jon Kaufman Materials fee: \$100 **Call the church office at 228-863-9619 for more information.**

Thursday Evening Bible Study Thursdays at 6:00 pm. Space is limited!

Currently studying the Book of Ephesians; the Book of Daniel is next. "Each Thursday we share a meal together, take prayer requests and pray together, study our scripture, and learn to apply it to our lives. The goal is disciple believers based on a better knowledge and understanding of scripture." **Contact Heather Alfonso 228-313-3027 for more information.**

Picnic in the Park

BYOP- Bring Your Own Picnic on Sunday, September 17th, to the Pass Christian park on Scenic Dr. We will gather together after the morning services for a relaxing afternoon of fun and fellowship. (Approx 12:30 p.m) Bring supplies for your own picnic and some extra to share!



Cruisin' the Coast

We will have our annual Cruisin' the Coast party on Monday, October 2nd, at 4:00 p.m. We will meet at the corner of Jeff Davis and 4th St. There are sign-ups sheets for set up, clean up, and food in the lobby of the main campus and the Well!

Older Adult Kindred Spirit (O.A.K.S.)

The September OAKS Outing is to Ocean Springs on Friday, September 22nd. We will board the church van at 9:00 a.m. and head to the Gulf Islands National Seashore Visitors Center for an educational visit, followed by lunch in town and a brief stop at the Caboose Shop (carries Walter Anderson items). Sign up at the August 23rd meeting or call 864-0163.



United Methodist Women News

Mark your calendars!

Rummage/Bake Sale

Oct.7th 8:00 to 1:00 pm with more information to follow.

Circle Meetings

Circle 1	Sept. 18 th	6:30 pm	Linda Sample
Polly Mincher	Sept. 12 th	9:30 am	Katherine Randall

Program/Mission World Thank Offering
Flowers Circle One

New Organist Needed

We are currently looking for an organist. If you know of anyone that would be interested, please contact Mandy Long at 228-697-5034 or email: lodilong@cableone.net.

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, Pat Newcomb, Bonnie Long, Jeri Allen, Mary & Dick Kinser, Lil Jobe, Trish Badeaux, Karen Samuelson, Ricky Bullock, Dot Hilton, Butch Borzik, Dawn McGinn, Linda Boone, Peter Psikogios, & Mary Kerg.

In Sympathy...

We would like to express our Christian love and sympathy to Carol Reeves at the death of her father, Major Albert Crowder.

We would like to express our Christian love and sympathy to David Keith at the death of his mother, Louise Keith.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, September 10th

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
5:00 p.m. United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF)
6:00 p.m. Family Night Supper and Celebration of
Ministry in the
Christian Life Center (CLC)

Monday, September 11th

6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting in the CLC
6:30 p.m. Exchange Club Meeting
7:00 p.m. Administrative Board Meeting in the Good
News
Sunday school class

Tuesday, September 12th

- 9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the CLC
- 7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

Wednesday, September 13th

- 5:30 p.m. Heart and Soul for Youth
- 6:30 p.m. SPRC Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, September 14th

- 5:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study in the Library

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- 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
- 12:00 p.m. Bring Your Own Picnic at the Pass Christian
Park
- 3:30 p.m. Puppets upstairs in Moore Hall

Monday, September 18th

- 6:00 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 19th

- 9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the CLC
- 7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

Wednesday, September 20th

- 5:30 p.m. Heart and Soul for Youth
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, September 21st

- 5:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study in the Library

Sundays Sermons and Scriptures

Main Campus Sanctuary

Rev. Jon Kaufman - Preacher

Sermon Series: Moses

Sept 10th - Defining Moments

Exodus 3:1-15

Sept 17th - The Exodus

Exodus 12:1-14

The Well USM Fleming Auditorium

Rev. Ben Barlow - Preacher

Sermon Series: David

Sept 10th - David and Saul, part 2

1 Samuel 24:1-22

1 Samuel 26:1-25

Sept 17th - David and Saul, part 3

1 Samuel 31:1-13

2 Samuel 2:1-7

2 Samuel 5:1-5



Preparations. We are preparing for assisting the recovery effort in Texas after Harvey, but we are also making preparations for the possibility that the Mississippi Gulf Coast might bear the brunt of a hurricane before the end of the season. The preparation involves partnering with local and out of area churches to aid in the immediate aftermath of a storm.

First, we are working with Christ UMC of Long Beach for the emergency use of some of their space for worship and offices, if the main campus is damaged too badly. They were gracious enough to allow us to worship there following Katrina until the sanctuary could be made ready for use once again. We thank them again for their graciousness.

Secondly, we are partnered with Heritage UMC outside of Hattiesburg. They have offered to our church family space in their homes for whoever needs to evacuate from Long Beach before or right after a storm. Should you need to evacuate, please call the church office and we will help you. In addition, they would be poised to offer their staff to help and work teams to aid in recovery in the short and long term. Many thanks to Heritage for their gracious partnership.

Thirdly, if Harrison County is included in a Tropical Storm Watch or Warning or a Hurricane Watch, all programs are subject to cancellation and will be handled on a case by case basis. If a Hurricane Warning is

issued, all programs are automatically cancelled. In the event of a storm, we will continue to update information by emails and social media. Please make sure that we have a current email address so we can keep you informed in the event of a storm.

We pray we will never need this plan, but are thankful for those willing to partner with us and pray for all those who are in the path of storms and recovering.

Grace and Peace,

Jon

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