



First United Methodist Church Long Beach

# The Messenger

July 5, 2018

## Upcoming Events



### Shine On...

All of the youth and leaders who travelled to serve in Vidor, Texas.

### It's Time for VBS!

We are ready to **GO FISH!** on July 8th-July 12th. It's not too late to volunteer! If you are unable to sign up for the week of VBS, we also have other ways you can support Vacation Bible School!

**If you would like to help us prepare and decorate for VBS, we will be setting up during the following times:**

Friday, July 6th 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 7th 9:00 a.m. until finished

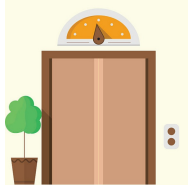
**If you would like to donate any of the desserts for the week, look for the sign up sheet in the lobby of the sanctuary and at the Well!**



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### Elevator Available

The newly installed elevator that is in Moore Hall is up and running



for those who made need it. Instructions to operate are hanging on the wall next to it.

## Youth Mission Trip to Vidor, Texas

Last week, a team of 12 adults and 34 students travelled to Vidor, Texas to help over 20 families move closer to recovering from the floods of last year that were a result of Hurricane Harvey. Throughout the week, we learned as we served and worshiped, that we were created in His image and restored though Jesus to become His masterpiece. Thank you so much for your prayers and support. We are truly a congregation on the move for Jesus. Here are a few photos of them at work serving this community.





### Save the Date

We are excited to be hosting FAM JAM on Saturday, August 11th, from 2-4:00 p.m. This will be a fun event presented by the Mississippi UMC Conference for kids in Kindergarten-6th grade AND their families. Please join us for an afternoon of games and worship!



### Online Giving

Just a reminder, you can go to our website at [fumclb.org](http://fumclb.org) and click on the Online Giving tab to make giving quick and easy.

[Online Giving](#)

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## Weekly Updates and Events



PC & Dee Havens, James & Pat Holifield, Kayne Troutman, Debbie Knight, Wanda Miller, Chrissy Edwards, Diane Saul, Randal Guthrie, Barbara Ballanco, Kathy Reynolds, Lois Jones, Patrick Kirkland, Connie Durham, Janis Slade, Pat Newcomb, Shayla Hosey, Dawn McGinn, Shorty Haulk, Wayne Eason, Dawn Rhoades, Martha Hart, Tommye Taylor, Jo Holyfield, Tina Botte, Dick Kinser, Martha Owen, Cathy Yates, Mary Kerg, Marie Ward, Bob Chatham, Mark Powell, Wanda Stevens, Lou Scardino, Rick Bullock, Jerry Hayward, Anne Ladner, and Jennifer McKenzie



A donation was given in memory of Mary Kinser by the UMW Circle One.

A donation was given in memory of Betty Collins by UMW Circle One.

A donation was given in memory of Leon Long by the Aldersgate Sunday school class.

A donation was given in memory of Barbara Barlow by the Aldersgate Sunday school class.



We would like to express our Christian love and sympathy to the family and friends of Barbara Barlow, who passed away on June 28, 2018.

We would like to express our Christian love and sympathy to lantha Hines and family at the death of her brother-in-law, Leon Long.

We would like to express our Christian love and sympathy to Cathy Yates at the death of her husband, Chet Yates.

We would like to express our Christian love and sympathy to the family and friends of Reba Lundy, who passed away June 20, 2018.

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## Weekly Calendar

### **Sunday, July 8th**

- 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. Creative Ministries upstairs in Moore Hall (MH)
- 4:00 p.m. Permanent Endowment Meeting in the Library
- 5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School

### **Monday, July 9th**

- 9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class (CLC)
- 5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School

### **Tuesday, July 10th**

- 9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the Christian Life Center (CLC)
- 5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School

8:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

### **Wednesday, July 11th**

5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School

### **Thursday, July 12th**

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class (CLC)

5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School

### **Sunday, July 15th**

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. Creative Ministries upstairs in Moore Hall (MH)

### **Monday, July 16th**

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class in Youth Hall

6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting in the CLC

7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting in the Good News classroom

### **Tuesday, July 17th**

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

7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

### **Thursday, July 18th**

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class in Youth Hall

### **Youth Calendar**

We will not be having UMYF on Sunday nights or Heart and Soul on Wednesday for the month of July.

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## **Sundays Sermons and Scriptures**

Main Campus Sanctuary  
Rev. Jon Kaufman - Preacher

July 8th  
"Jesus Feeds 5000"  
John 6:1-15

July 15th



The Well USM Fleming Auditorium  
Rev. Ben Barlow - Preacher

July 8th  
"Words for Wisdom: Caring for Others"  
Proverbs 22:22

July 15th  
"Words for Wisdom: Pride vs. Humility"  
Proverbs 16:19

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Vacation Bible School. When I think of Vacation Bible School, my mind goes back in time to the days I was a child going to vacation bible schools in my church. I remember the crafts (along with the white paste), the bible stories, the games, and of course the snacks.

It was at VBS that I first realized that the story of the prodigal son was more than just a story in the bible, but was a story of what it means to be human and what God is like who loves us even when we are not perfect. I remember all these things, but what I really remember are the people - people like Miss Barbara who told me the story of the prodigal son and helped me to make the connections to God in the story. It was people like Barbara, who loved me and made a difference in my life, that I remember with thanks. She, along with others, planted the seeds of faith in my life that have taken root and born fruit.

As we begin VBS this Sunday, I want to offer thanks to those of you who are showing up to volunteer, those praying for the work of VBS, and those who contribute resources. We are making crafts, telling the bible stories, learning new songs, doing science experiments, and it all is about telling the story of Jesus and planting the seeds of faith in the lives of the children who we will meet that week. One day the seeds you plant in the lives of children will take root and bear fruit. You are making a difference in the lives of children and creating space in their lives for Jesus to work and to shape their lives. Who knows what God can accomplish when we work together to plant the gospel seeds? Only God knows, but in the future someone will look back and thank you and the Lord above because you loved them enough to be sowers of the seeds of grace.

Love in Christ, Jon

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### **Our Mission**

Make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

### **Our Vision**

To be a church that makes disciples that Live Like Jesus, Love Like Jesus, and Serve Like Jesus.