



The Messenger

July 3, 2019

Upcoming Events



Shine On...

All of those who have donated money for the purchase of VBS t-shirts.



VBS 2019

Get ready for VBS this summer... we will be having a blast! Vacation Bible School will be July 14th-18th from 5:30-8:00 p.m. each night. This event is free, and dinner is included each night. We are going to have a ton of fun so you won't want to miss spending the week with us. Registration forms for kids are available in the lobby of the sanctuary and The Well.



Church Directory

You can now download our online church directory onto your phone! It is a great resource for phone numbers and addresses for your church family, and you will have access to update your own profile. Search for CTRN Online Church Directory in your app store. If you do not already have a login and password, please contact Lori Cripple or the church office and we will update it for you!



Save the Date

We will be hosting Fam Jam again this year on Saturday, August 10th, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. This will be a fun time filled with games and laughter. You don't have to have kids to come! Mark your calendars for this event. You won't want to miss it!

Please come out and support our teams!

Men's Softball Games



July 15 @ 6:45 PM on Golden 1
July 16 @ 6:45 PM on Golden 1
July 22 @ 6:45 PM on Golden 1
July 23 @ 6:45 PM on Golden 1
July 23 @ 6:45 PM on Golden 1
July 23 @ 8:00 PM on Golden 1
July 29 @ 6:45 PM on Golden 1
July 30 @ 6:45 PM on Golden 1
July 30 @ 8:00 PM on Golden 1

All games are at Goldin Sports Complex on Prudie Circle in Gulfport.

Women's Softball Games



July 15 @ 6:45 PM on Golden 3
July 16 @ 6:45 PM on Golden 4
July 22 @ 6:45 PM on Golden 4
July 23 @ 6:45 PM on Golden 3

All games are at Goldin Sports Complex on Prudie Circle in Gulfport.

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



PC & Dee Havens, Kayne Troutman, Debbie Knight, Wanda Miller, Chrissy Edwards, Randal Guthrie, Barbara Ballanco, Kathy Reynolds, Lois Jones, Patrick Kirkland, Connie Durham, Janis Slade, Pat

Newcomb, Shayla Hosey, Dawn McGinn, Shorty Haulk, Wayne Eason, Martha Hart, Jo Holyfield, Tina Botte, Cathy Yates, Mary Kerg, Marie Ward, Wanda Stevens, Rick Bullock, Joyce McCauley, Blakely Hammons, John French, Wanda Lee Corley, Chuck Cruthirds, Mindy & George Barker, Hank Viehmann, Alana Rutledge, Pam Serrato, Sharon Pierce, Micki McDonough, Betty O'Brien, Giovanni Fontecchio, Dave Blazick, Don Kerkove, Caitlin Johnson Irwin, John Lever, Renkert & Sharon Meyer, Anne & Mike Ladner, Spears/Wilson Family, Linda Baker, Charlie Gibson, Sawyer Family, Linda Robison, and Patricia Badeaux



Donations were given in memory of Norma Napier by Jason & Judith Malley, Bill & Penny Denmark, Betsy Bullard, Doug & Joyce St. John, and the Good News Sunday school class.

A donation was given in memory of Stephanie Bass by Betsy Bullard.



We would like to welcome John Quinn into our family of faith here at FUMCLB.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 7th

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

Monday, July 8th

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class in CLC (Christian Life Center)

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

7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting in the CLC

Wednesday, July 10th

7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

Thursday, July 11th

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class in the CLC

Sunday, July 14th

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

5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 15th

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class in the Christian Life

5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School

6:30 p.m. UMW Circle 1 Meeting

Tuesday, July 16th

5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, July 17th

5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School

7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

Thursday, July 18th

9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class in the CLC

5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Sunday Sermons and Scriptures

Main Campus Sanctuary
Rev. Jon Kaufman - Preacher

July 7th

"Joseph: Trapped Behind Bars"
Genesis 39:19-23

July 14th

"Joseph: Looking Back and Seeing God"
Genesis 45:1-9, 14-15

The Well USM Fleming Auditorium
Rev. Ben Barlow - Preacher

July 7th

"Joseph: Grace vs. Revenge"
Genesis 45

July 14th

"Joseph: Father and Son Reunited
Parallel to Prodigal Son"
Genesis 46

Note From Jon

July 4th. I always look forward to July 4th because I am grateful to live in a country such as ours with the freedoms we enjoy. I still remember the bicentennial year of 1976 and the emphasis on remembering those events, places and persons, at the center of the formation of this nation. I was an avid reader of history and from an early age read biographies of Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, Lewis and Clark, and others. I enjoyed learning about our national history.

During family vacations as a child, my family visited Washington DC (in 1976). We toured the White House, walked through the halls of Capital Hill, visited the Washington Monument, the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials, and watched the changing of the guard at Arlington National Cemetery. Later in life, we took our kids to the same places in addition to Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington.

We have a number of freedoms that are part of the fabric of our country that make our nation unique. I learned from my childhood reading of our values that include justice, fairness, welcoming the downtrodden, and opportunity for all. I feel fortunate to be a citizen of our nation.

So, this 4th of July, I'm going to enjoy fireworks but I am also going to offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the freedoms we enjoy. I'll also remember to pray for people who lead this country on a national

level and local leaders. They need our prayers and we are obliged to do so whether we like them or not.

But I will also remember that while I will be a citizen of our country for a short number of years, I yearn to be a forever citizen of the kingdom of God that knows no boundaries. This kingdom is not limited by time and space and its values are linked forever to the cross of Jesus Christ who lived in such a sacrificial way that he ensured the healing and renewal of all creation. These are the values I yearn to exhibit and yearn to experience for these are the high values of the Kingdom of God.

So on this July 4th, we can give thanks for the freedoms we have as a citizen of our nation, but more than that we can celebrate, that as disciples of Jesus Christ, we are made to be citizens of the Kingdom of God whose Lord is Jesus Christ who lived and died and rose again for the healing of all nations.

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.