



# The Messenger

September 5, 2019

## Upcoming Events



### Shine On...

Betsy Bullard, who leads the Silver Foxes, providing healthy exercise for us!

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## Pathways of Hope

**Pathways of Hope** seeks to offer persons who are facing challenges in day-to-day living a sense of hope and a path that can lead to restoration and wholeness. Each session is intended to equip and encourage individuals toward understanding each challenge.

Workshops will include:

**September 8th:** Understanding Addiction for Individuals with Addiction or their family members.

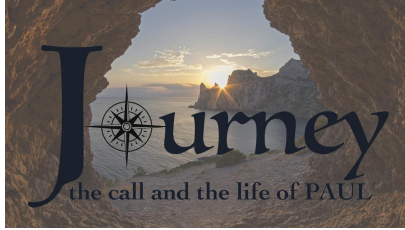
**September 15th:** Breaking the Stigma of Mental Illness

**September 22nd:** Financial Freedom for Individuals and Families

Each session will begin at 6:00 pm in the Christian Life Center with a meal provided. Please RSVP to the church at 228-863-9619 or [fumclb@cableone.net](mailto:fumclb@cableone.net). Childcare available also by RSVP.

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## **New Sermon Series at the Main Campus** **Journey: The Call and the life of Paul**

September 8 - October 13

The Apostle Paul is the most influential figure of the Christian church. He wrote almost half of the New Testament books sharing a passion for Jesus and the Gospel. Paul's journey was one of resisting the gospel to being the gospel's most ardent advocate. He embarked on a life journey with Jesus that not only changed his life but changed the world. Join us in worship as we discover the life of Paul and how his life and journey speaks into our lives and our world.

Sept 8 - The Call of Paul

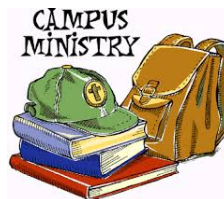
Sept 15 - Called to the Gentiles

Sept 22 - The First Journey

Sept 29 - The Second Journey

Oct 6 - The Third Journey

Oct 13 - Paul's Later Life



### **College Ministry**

We believe it is important to maintain connections with our youth after they head off to college. If you have a college student (or are one!), we would love to have an address in order to send happies and words of encouragement throughout the year.

If you would like to serve on the college ministry team by keeping in touch with our college students, please let Lori Cripple know at (228)324-3622 or by email at [lcripple@hotmail.com](mailto:lcripple@hotmail.com).



### **Save The Date**

Mark you calendars for the Fall Rummage/Bake Sale on October 5th. Start gathering



Kiwanis Club of Long Beach  
1st Annual Pancake Breakfast  
September 21st at Grace Lutheran Church  
7:00 am - Noon  
\$5.00 All-U-Can Eat  
Carry Outs Available  
Walk-Ins Welcome  
Proceeds to fund our Youth Programs

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### **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! Paper directories are available in the lobby.

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### **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 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, 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, Brooke Williams Ball, Callahan James Ball, Linda Robison, Sherry Alley, Peggy Rowell, Lil Jobe, Andrew Beets, and Patricia Badeaux



A donation was given in memory of Joyce McCauley by Norman and Mildred Dilley.

A donation was given in memory of Floss Roberts by Norman and Mildred Dilley.

Donations were given in memory of Dee Havens by Scott and Laurie Lester, Norman and Mildred Dilley, Rhonda Roberts, and Lillian Lester.



We would like to express our Christian love and sympathy to Christy Burns and family at the death of her mother, Kathy Burns.



We would like to welcome Rhonda Hatch into our family of faith here at FUMCLB.



Thank you for all the cards and prayers while in Houston.  
Mary Kerg

Thank you for your prayers and cards. And a special thank you to all the ladies that brought all of the wonderful food.

Peggy Rowell

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## Weekly Calendar

### **Sunday, September 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)
- 5:00 p.m. United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF)
- 6:00 p.m. Pathways to Hope in the CLC

### **Monday, September 9th**

- 9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes Exercise Class in Christian Life Center (CLC)
- 6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting in the CLC
- 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting in the CLC

### **Tuesday, September 10th**

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

### **Wednesday, September 11th**

- 5:30 p.m. Heart and Soul for Youth
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice in choir room
- 7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice in Youth Hall

### **Thursday, September 12th**

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

### **Saturday, September 14th**

- 11:30 a.m. Open Table Ministry

### **Sunday, September 15th**

- 8:30 a.m. Sanctuary Morning Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Morning Worship
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- 3:30 p.m. Creative Ministries upstairs in Moore Hall (MH)
- 5:00 p.m. United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF)
- 6:00 p.m. Pathways to Hope in the CLC

### **Monday, September 16th**

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

6:30 p.m. UMW Circle 1 Meeting

**Tuesday, September 17th**

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

**Wednesday, September 18th**

5:30 p.m. Heart and Soul for Youth

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice in choir room

7:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

**Thursday, September 19th**

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

**Saturday, September 21st**

8:00 a.m. Mental Health Training in the CLC

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## **Sunday Sermons and Scriptures**

Main Campus Sanctuary  
Rev. Jon Kaufman - Preacher

**September 8th**

"The Call of Paul"

Acts 9:1-9

**September 15th**

"Called to the Gentiles"

Galatians 1:13-2:1

The Well USM Fleming Auditorium  
Rev. Ben Barlow - Preacher

**September 8th**

"Outward: Enemy"

Luke 6:27-36, Matthew 5:43-45, Romans 12:20, Luke 23:34

**September 15th**

"Outward: Neighbor"

Matthew 22:37-40, Luke 10:2-37

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## Note From Jon

Hope. We all need hope - I know I do. Hope is the antidote to the sense of feeling helpless when circumstances seem overwhelming. Because, face it, we all will experience events in life when things seem too big and we seem too small. We might find it hard to smile, experience joy, or experience peace. We might wonder if we will ever find it again. Hope is like a light in the midst of darkness. Hope is the belief that the worst things are never going to be the last things.

For we who follow Jesus, we follow one who was hope. He was/is hope for the hopeless. He was/is strength for the weak. He helped the blind to see, the lame to walk, and those who were held captive by life to be set free. Jesus spent his life giving and being hope.

As His people in the church, our call is also to be a people who radiate hope. This is why we are taking the step to offer Pathways of Hope beginning this Sunday evening at 6 pm. In these series of seminars, we want to speak hope into those of us who are struggling with addiction or have family members struggling with addiction. We seek to be hope for those who are living with mental illness. We want to offer hope to those of us who yearn for financial freedom.

Each of these seminars will be led by professionals who are skilled in helping people understand the clinical underpinnings of addiction and mental health. Participants will come away with an understanding of what is happening physically. In the Financial Freedom seminar, participants will come away with tools that will help regain control of their finances.

We want participants to understand and to experience freedom but we also want participants to know that they are not alone and that there is a community of faith, a church who loves and cares for our community, in the name of Jesus.

One final note - if you don't think you are one who needs these seminars - that's ok. But please think of the people in your circle of relationships who could experience a new hope and invite them to come with you. You too can be a light of hope for the people in your life.

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.