



# The Messenger

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## Note from Jon

**Vacation Bible School is Here!!** It's time for VBS and we are excited! Last year, VBS was based out of the home because of Covid. This year, we are back on campus and hosting students and their families as we seek to help ground them in faith and trust in Jesus. Thank you to all our volunteers who have come forward to help lead these students to connect with Christ.

Our goal every year at VBS is to help children and their families experience Jesus through Bible stories, crafts, games, music, and refreshments. We want them to learn the Bible stories and connect their lives to following Jesus, but we want something else to happen as well. We want to be able to help the children and their families see the presence of Jesus in us. We want them to see that Christians have a generous heart. We want them to see the authentic love we have for them and for God. We want them to have fun and to know that following Jesus can be fun too. We want them to

know that when they are served meals, they are served by generous and loving souls who love them and love God. We want them to know that when they are taught music, they can sing for joy in praising God.

This year, we are focusing on teaching faithful living through trying times as seen through the lives of the biblical witness of Esther and Daniel. They lived through a very tough exile experience of danger and challenges that we can only imagine. But they lived through it all with courage, love, and with faithfulness to God trusting that God would bring them through. They placed their hope in their faithful, loving, and generous God who provided for them in their time of exile.

My hope is, that as a church body, we can receive the witness of Esther and Daniel and pour ourselves into the lives of the children and families we encounter so that they will see the presence of our faithful God in how we live through this week, love those who we encounter and serve them with a generous heart. Wouldn't it be great if we could live like this every week in every season? With a full and grateful heart for all of you, love in Christ, Jon

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## Upcoming Events

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**Shine On...** The Chancel Choir and the Well Worship team that help lead us in worshipping God.



## Vacation Bible School

Our Summer Games VBS will begin Sunday, July 11th at 5:30-8:00 p.m. We are excited to be able to welcome the community back on our campus for this event. It is going to be a great week, and there are several ways you can be a part of it!

1. Register your child to come to Vacation Bible School and invite a family to come.
2. Start praying now for the week of VBS. Pray for our volunteers, the children who will attend, and for the impact our church will have on the kids who spend this week with us and for the families that bring them.
3. Sign up to bring a watermelon for one of our dinners (call Lori Cripple).
4. Come Saturday, July 17th, at 9:00 a.m. to help us reset the campus for worship.

If you have questions about anything regarding Vacation Bible School, call Lori Cripple at (228)324-3622 or email at [lcripple@hotmail.com](mailto:lcripple@hotmail.com).

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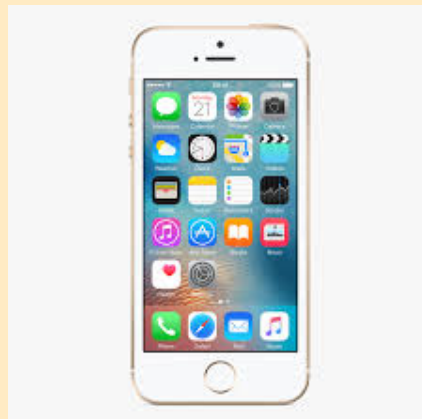


## New Directories

We will begin printing updated directories. If you would like to update your photo or information, you can go to our online directory (CTRN) and make needed changes. Please do so by July 31st.

If you need assistance in updating your information, please contact the church office at 228-863-9619.

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## iPhone Needed

We are in need of an iPhone 10 or newer for streaming. Please contact the church office at 228-863-9619 if you are able to help.

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## Special Need Adult Class Leaders Needed

We are resuming a Sunday school class for special need adults in July. We are grateful for two leaders but we are still seeking a few more volunteers to help love and lead this class. Call the church office @ 863-9619 to find out more information.

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## New Church e-mail Address

The new e-mail address for the church is  
**[firstumclb@gmail.com](mailto:firstumclb@gmail.com)**

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## Men and Women's Softball Schedule

### Men

July 19th @ 6:15 pm  
July 19th @ 7:30 pm  
July 20th @ 6:15 pm  
July 27th @ 6:15 pm  
July 27th @ 7:30 pm  
August 3rd @ 6:15 pm

### Women

July 12th @ 7:30 pm  
July 19th @ 6:15 pm  
July 26th @ 6:15 pm  
August 2nd @ 7:30 pm



**JULY YOUTH  
CALENDAR**

- JULY 4TH - NO YOUTH - HAPPY 4TH!
- JULY 7TH - VBS SET UP 10 -12 AM
- JULY 8TH - VBS SET UP 6-8 PM
- JULY 9TH - VBS SET UP 10-12 AM
- JULY 10TH -VBS SET UP 9 AM-UNTIL DONE
- JULY 11TH -15TH VBS - 5:30-8:00 - DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP TO HELP
- JULY 16TH - VBS CLEAN UP 9AM
- JULY 18TH - SUNDAY FUN DAY -WAVE POOL AT BUCCANEER STATE PARK 4-8 MEET AT YOUTH HALL BRING MONEY FOR SNACKS
- JULY 20TH -WORK DAY IN HERITAGE HALL 9-3 LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED
- JULY 22ND -WORK DAY LBMS 5:30-8:00 MEET AT LBMS DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED
- JULY 25TH - SUNDAY FUN DAY -DETAILS TO COME
- JULY 27TH - SEASHORE MISSION WORK DAY 8:30-4 BRING A SACK LUNCH AND PLENTY OF WATER

Sign up to help with VBS on the church websites.

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## Upcoming Sermons

### July 11th

Main Campus Worship “Faithful In a Den of Lions”

Daniel 6:10-18

The Well Worship “Faithful Prayer”

Daniel 6:1-28

### July 18th

Main Campus Worship

The Well Worship “Training in Godliness”

1 Timothy 4:8

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\*If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please contact the church office at 863-9619 or by email to [prayer@fumclb.org](mailto:prayer@fumclb.org).



We would like to express our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Jeanne Rishel.

We would like to express our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Cathy Yates.

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We would like to congratulate Brant and Megan Irby on the birth of their daughter, Skyler Jeanne Irby, born June 11th in Tacoma, WA., weighing 7 lbs. and 20 inches long. The proud grandparents are Ron and Gay Irby and proud Uncle Sean Irby.

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# Calendar

## **Sunday, July 11th**

- 7:00 a.m. UMM Breakfast in CLC
- 8:30 a.m. Sanctuary & Online Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
- 11:00 a.m. The Well Worship at USM Fleming Auditorium
- 5:30 p.m. VBS

## **Monday, July 12th**

- 9:00 a.m. Silver Foxes in the CLC
- 5:30 p.m. VBS

## **Tuesday, July 13th**

- 9:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in Moore Hall
- 5:30 p.m. VBS

## **Wednesday, July 14th**

- 5:30 p.m. VBS

## **Thursday, July 15th**

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

5:30 p.m. VBS

### **Sunday, July 18th**

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary & Online Worship

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

11:00 a.m. The Well Worship at USM Fleming Auditorium & Online

4:00 p.m. Youth Sunday Fun Day Youth Hall

### **Monday, July 19th**

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

6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting

7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting

### **Tuesday, July 20th**

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

6:00 p.m. Recovery Group Moore Hall

### **Wednesday, July 21st**

6:00 p.m. Well Band Practice

### **Thursday, July 22nd**

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

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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.