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What's Next?

For the last eight months we have been challenging, teaching, encouraging and working toward helping all of us grow in our faith. The word for that is discipleship. We've focused on developing a plan for growth, growing in our prayer life, growing through worship and Bible study, and most recently, through service to others.

So, what's next? Now we look toward growing in another area of our lives – our finances. Wait! We are not asking you to give more money to the church. This isn't about helping the church's finances; it's about helping your own personal financial situation.

Our focus for September and October will be to help you improve your financial situation in concrete and specific ways. You don't have to live paycheck to paycheck. You can get out of debt. You can save enough to send your kids to college. You can look forward to retirement without fear. You can put aside enough to weather a crisis.

This help will come in the form of Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. This is a nine week course beginning Wednesday, September 13th. We will be offering classes at noon and 6:00 PM. See website links on Page 3 for course registration and information.

If you have already taken Financial Peace University, we will also be offering a follow up course, *Smart Money Smart Kids*, at the same times. This six-week class is for parents to learn how to teach your kids the key principles of money. You will learn how to create teachable moments in your family's everyday routine. You'll also learn how to build your kid's character and give them a solid understanding of how money works and how to make wise decisions.

In Christ's Service,

Lynne

FINANCIAL *Peace*
UNIVERSITY

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- 8/11 - Church-wide Pool Party
- 8/12 - Brazoria County Dream
Center Back-to-School
Bash
- 8/13 - Blessing of the Backpacks
- 8/20 - Blood Drive
- 8/27 - Women's Ministry Dinner
- 9/13 - Financial Peace University
& Smart Money Smart
Kids Courses Begin
- 9/22 - Joy Ministry Back-to-
School Sock Hop

Happy Birthday!

AUGUST

AUGUST 1:
Amy Daeschner

AUGUST 2:
John Settlemyre
Ralph Hendricks
Leroy Linder

AUGUST 4:
McKenna Cravey

AUGUST 5:
Bob Patton
Carol Escuriex
Margie Miles

AUGUST 6:
Sandy Reinhart

AUGUST 7:
Rogers Michna
Archer Goldman
Kori Seiwell

AUGUST 8:
Lisa Gibson

AUGUST 9:
Peggy Wille
Kailey Aycock
Ann Orr

AUGUST 10:
Dolly Stallings

AUGUST 11:
Bethany Hankinson
Robert Reyna

AUGUST 12:
Michael Tummins
Drew Cameron

AUGUST 13:
Kristina Johnston
Jack Miller
Bill Kees

AUGUST 14:
Frank Grady

AUGUST 15:
Jeff Fry
Brad Miles

AUGUST 16:
Robin Pelton

AUGUST 17:
Billy Easter
Monica Overman
Megan Overman
Clydene Kees
Anne Hanson

AUGUST 18:
Amanda Wood

AUGUST 19:
Valerie Larson

AUGUST 20:
Nina Kirk

AUGUST 21:
Pam Rester

AUGUST 23:
Bobbie Nell Higgins

AUGUST 24:
Cheryl Wood
Bob Hanson
Phyllis Strong
Chris Edinger

AUGUST 26:
Tipton Masterson
Alice Lentz

AUGUST 27:
Ron Stanford
Kayli Seiwell

AUGUST 28:
Ed Munson
James Carter

AUGUST 29:
Michael Lee

AUGUST 31:
Mimi Valek
Shelly Millar

GIVE a PINT GET a PINT
BLOOD DRIVE
DONATE — SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 FROM 8-1

THE BLOOD MOBILE WILL BE IN THE YAUPON PARKING LOT

GET A FREE PINT OF BLUE BELL!

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Or contact Kelly in the office.

SYMPATHIES



On the death of:

JANICE SEIDULE

Condolences can be sent to her husband:

**Arnold Seidule
8 Heritage Oak Ct.
Lake Jackson, TX 77566**

Feeding the Hungry

The Food Basket recently sent out their quarterly report for April thru June. During that time more than 20% of the 71 Food Basket volunteers were members of FUMC- LJ.

Through your service, 21,888 meals were provided to 209 families representing 692 individuals who came to the Food Basket an average of five times each during those three months.

To put this in perspective, that is roughly the same as feeding every member of our congregation once a day, every day, for a month! Well done!

Here are some of our FirstYouth Lending a hand at the Food Basket



FINANCIAL Peace UNIVERSITY

What if you knew where all of your money was going each month?

What if you were debt-free, investing and making wise spending decisions?

With Dave Ramsey's class Financial Peace University, you CAN take control of your money and start planning for your future.

FUMC - Lake Jackson will be offering classes on Wednesdays at Noon & 6PM, beginning September 13th. For course information and registration, see (click) a website link below for the class time of your preference:

Noon Class:
Financial Peace University (1.5 hrs), 9 week class
<http://www.fpu.com/1044106>

6PM Class:
Financial Peace University (1.5 hrs), 9 weeks class
<http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/classes/1042186>

Smart Money Smart Kids—The exciting new class for parents, based on the #1 *New York Times* best-selling book!

This class will focus on the work-money connection, personal responsibility, and how work reflects our relationship with God.



It will show you how to encourage delayed gratification and teach your kids to set specific goals for saving, and it will share the Bible's perspective on debt so you can raise kids who can identify and reject the cultural myths that say debt is normal.

FUMC - Lake Jackson will also begin offering this class on Wednesdays at Noon & 6PM, beginning September 13th, for those who have already been through the Financial Peace University course (a prerequisite). For course information and registration, see (click) a website link below for the class time of your preference:

Noon Class:
Smart Money Smart Kids (1 hr), 6 week class
 NOTE: FPU is a prerequisite
<https://www.smartmoneysmartkids.com/classes/1044107>

6PM Class:
Smart Money Smart Kids (1 hr), 6 week class
 NOTE: FPU is a prerequisite
<https://www.smartmoneysmartkids.com/classes/1043620>



Faithful Servant

Amanda Wood has served in our Children’s Ministry for the last 11 years. She teaches Sunday school with a quiet grace that I admire deeply. Amanda has also volunteered in Submerge as a Confirmation mentor.

Her time as a shepherd for our tiniest disciples has come to a close. Amanda is being called to serve with our terrific technology team. She is excited to start running the projector and pursuing other “techy tasks”. Although we will miss her in Children’s Ministry, I am excited to see what Christ has in store for her in other areas of our church.

Sincerely in Christ,

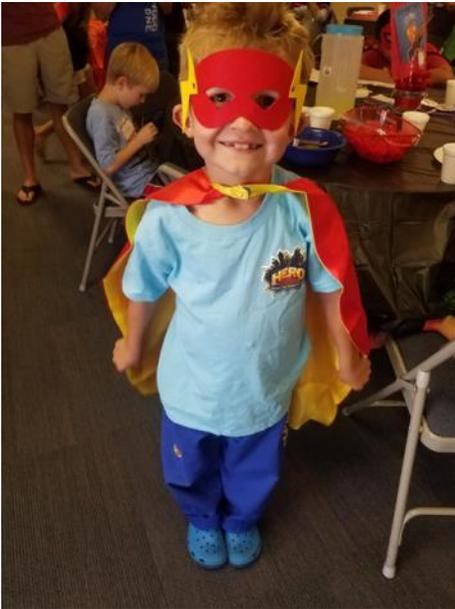
Lindsay Pulido



“If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and I where I am, there My servant will also be. If anyone serves Me, him My father will honor.”

John 12:26





LJ FUMC

Children's Ministry

Vacation Bible School

VBS was a major success! The kids had a blast and deepened their faith in Christ. We all enjoyed the fun music led by Misty Hankinson each night. Skits performed by Bryson, Luke and Seung were SUPER fun. I am humbled by the support and dedication of all those who served our children during VBS.

With 64 adult & youth volunteers and student attendance at an average of 125, we had a fantastic week!



Coming Soon!

August 6th
Sunday School
Teacher Meeting

12pm - Asbury Room
*lunch provided

August 11th
Family First Night

LJ outdoor pool
7 - 9pm

*snacks & drinks provided

August 13th
Blessing of the
Backpacks

9am & 11am services

August 17th
BISD resumes school

“Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.”



UPCOMING EVENTS



Aug 11 - Friday
Churchwide Pool Party
(Lake Jackson
Outdoor Pool)
7-9pm

Aug 13
No Sunday Night Youth

Aug 20
Movie & Dinner Night
McFarland USA
Rated PG
5-7pm

Aug 27
Kayaking, Games &
Cookout at the
Bachman's
3:30 to 7pm
(Drivers Needed)

Sept 3
Lake Jackson
Mission Work - TBD
5-7pm

Sept 10
Skit Night
5-7pm

Kim Copeland - Youth Director youth@ljfumc.org
Vannysa Vega - Youth Ministry Assistant vannysa.rojas@gmail.com

South Texas Trip

On July 29th, fourteen of us rolled out on a 5 hour trip down to Brownsville and South Padre Island. It was my first time to take the youth group on a fun trip away like this. We went to South Padre Island to the beach and to Schlitterbahn. We stayed at First UMC in Brownsville and attended worship, Sunday School and youth group with them. We also spent several hours at the Good Neighbor Settlement House, which is a shelter in Brownsville. Thank you to Vannysa Vega (*our amazing youth ministry assistant*) for the idea for this trip. Vannysa grew up at First UMC Brownsville, and several of her relatives there provided food for us during our stay. Look for pictures and an update of our trip in the next newsletter.



*In His Service,
Kim*

Save the Date

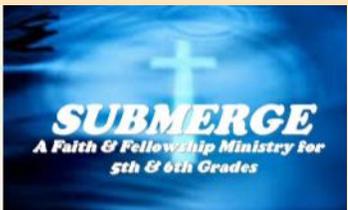
Join us at the 9am or 11am worship on Sunday, August 6th to see us award the first Nabors UM Army scholarship.
#FirstYouthProud

Summer Youth Update

As of July 25, our youth have donated more than \$140 to the Food Basket and Carpenter's Hands and have completed more than 550 hours of service (through UM Army, two different VBS programs, Crystal Crafters and the JOY ministry.
#FirstYouthProud



FirstYouth includes a lot of fun events during the year. If you have a student in 7th through 12th grade and do not receive a weekly email of events, please email me at youth@ljfumc.org to get on the list.



**Attn: Upcoming 5th & 6th Graders -
September 10th from 3:45 to 4:55pm
Wesley Hall - Submerged in Skits**

For our upcoming 4th & 5th graders, we have a faith & fellowship group that's especially for you. Our Submerge group meets during the school year from 3:45 to 4:55pm at church on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month (with adjustments for holidays and special events). Plan to join us on Sunday, September 10th at 3:45 in Wesley Hall for Gagaball, a fun skit, a devotional and a snack.

****Look for the full fall schedule of events in the next newsletter.****



First Youth Lake Jackson



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women's ministries

Our goal is to promote growth opportunities for women in our church through spiritual, service, and social activities.



GIRLS' NIGHT OUT

Friday, August 25 5:30pm
Main Street Steakhouse in Danbury
Contact Mary Helen Israel, 297-6968 or
mh-israel@sbcglobal.net

Women's Ministry Dinner

Sunday, August 27, 5PM
Asbury Room

CIRCLE MEETING at CARRIAGE INN

3rd Monday of each month 9:30AM
Contact Phyllis Motes, 297-5296



*Join us as we share a meal,
enjoy fellowship and help
us shape this ministry into
God's instrument for the ladies
in our community of believers.*



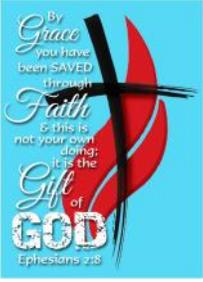
Society of St. Stephen News

June was a very busy month for Society of St. Stephen. The needs were great and behind each need was a heartbreaking story.

One case was a young woman who is thirty-three weeks pregnant and has two children. She had to stop working because of complications with her pregnancy. Her husband left the area without paying any of the expenses. The apartment served an eviction notice. Her mother paid the amount owed to stop eviction and Society paid her electric bill.

Another case involved a woman and her children who are staying at the family unit of the Salvation Army shelter. She began experiencing severe seizures and was taken to the emergency room. Society paid for her prescribed seizure medication.

The **Society of St. Stephen** is a group of people from First United Methodist, Chapelwood United Methodist, and Christ Lutheran churches who are committed to providing emergency or temporary assistance to local people in need.



Summer of Missions

REVIEWS & UPDATES

You've Got Mail - support our American Heroes -

Our church family wrote more than 330 personal cards, which will be delivered to our US military men and women via the Military Moms/Wives of Brazoria County! Let's pray that each card brings a special blessing to every person who receives one.

Church Service at Clemens -

42 members of our church family worshipped with 144 inmates in the chapel of the TDC Clemens Unit on Friday, July 14. We sang, prayed and shared the Lord's Supper together. Two inmates shared their personal testimony, and Pastor Lynne preached. All who attended experienced something really special!

Red, White and Blue Jean Sunday -

Nearly 200 pairs of jeans were collected and donated to the Brazoria County Dream Center for distribution to children in our community as part of their back-to-school program. Awesome!

Beanies for Newborns -

Our Prayer Shawl ministry group made 45 beanies for newborn babies, which were delivered to the local hospital in June and July. Such a sweet way to share love and warmth from our FUMC family!

VBS -

What a fantastic week it was here at Hero Central! 64 adult and youth volunteers provided support for our VBS activities, and we averaged 125 kids in attendance for the week. Whew! Great job!

It has been a very busy summer here at FUMC and there is much more to come! There are endless [ongoing] opportunities to share your love through service. We hope you will find a place to "put hands and feet" to your faith because serving others in the name of Christ is one of the very best ways of growing in our discipleship...becoming the people God created us to be. And there's nothing better than doing it together!

SWEET VOICES CHOIR

All boys and girls in Grades 3-6 are invited to join us
as we begin a new year of singing on

Tuesday, September 5

The choir will meet every **TUESDAY** afternoon in the Asbury Room from 3:45 - 4:30.

Snacks will be served at 3:45pm; singing begins at 4:00.

Directors are Laura Mays and Misty Hankinson.

For more information, call Laura Mays at 979-297-2823 or contact the church office.

Joy Ministry Fun Friday

Back to School,

50's

SOCK
HOP

September 22, 2017

6pm - 8:30pm

Joy Ministry Rooms



Contact Kevin or Anne Anderson
for more information
anne_m_anderson@yahoo.com

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Don't let your next emergency
WRECK your finances.



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If you're interested in learning more about the class, see Page 3 for website links to information and registration.

Finance Committee Update

Stewardship Report as of 7/31/2017

Budget needs weekly \$13,565

Budget needs to date \$411,470

Budget receipts to date \$400,455



Get your FUMC t-shirt today!



Adult sizes - \$10
Child sizes - \$5

Shirts are available for sale in the church office.



<u>2017 Communion Offerings</u>	<u>Amount Given</u>
January - <i>Pastor's Discretionary Fund</i>	\$ 339.00
February - <i>Freeport Port Ministry</i>	\$ 1,058.00
March - <i>UMCOR</i>	\$ 738.65
April - <i>Easter Offering</i>	\$ 13,045.00
May - <i>Golden Cross</i>	\$ 1,160.00
June - <i>Prison Ministry</i>	\$ 1,028.00
July - <i>Habitat for Humanity</i>	\$ 979.00
August - <i>Crystal Crafters</i>	
September - <i>Back Pack Buddies</i>	
October - <i>Society of St Stephen</i>	
November - <i>Food Basket</i>	
December - <i>Christmas Offering</i>	



Brazos Mall 979-297-4002

Bring in your church bulletin on Sundays or Wednesdays to receive 10% off your bill and our church can get back another 10%! Just ask your server for more details.

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First Church strives to be like Jesus!

- Praising God!
- Teaching God's Word!
- Loving One Another!
- Strengthening Families!
- Sharing the Good News!

FREE
ADMISSION

Family First Ministry invites you to...

SPLISH SPLASH

Dive into a new school year!

August 11, 2017 • 7-9 PM
Lake Jackson Outdoor Pool
300 Magnolia Lake Jackson, TX

Bring swim suit & towel
Snacks and drinks provided