



# The Messenger

## First United Methodist Church, Quitman, Texas

August 2022

*"Come expectantly seeking Jesus. Follow Him boldly. Go witness intentionally."*



Big House Mission Trip hosted by First United Methodist Church, Frankston, Texas.

(details and more pictures inside)



***"Be That Church"***

## Happy Birthday

Aug. 1 Pat Neel	Aug. 16 Brad Floyd
Aug. 2 Karen Fox	Aug. 16 Alan DeGorostiza
Aug. 2 Ron Fox	Aug. 17 Bob Asmussen
Aug. 5 Andrea Tallant	Aug. 23 Vickie Smolek
Aug. 5 Robert Uklejah	Aug. 25 Ava Burroughs
Aug. 8 Debbie Main	Aug. 27 Marshall Newsom
Aug. 10 JoAnn Zimmerman	Aug. 28 Marti Busbee
Aug. 10 Kathy Bargas	Aug. 29 Jerry Gibson
Aug. 10 Ernest Burford	Aug. 30 Carol Tackett
Aug. 12 Lynn Bettis	
Aug. 14 Beth Medlin	



Beth Aikman	Jerry Nichols
Bob Asmussen	Marilyn Odom
Elaine Asmussen	Bobby Phipps
Mickey Barnett	Mary Phipps
Harriett Bevil	Gary Simpkins
Bert & Darlene Blair	Brian White
Betty Bozeman	Mary Wimp
Wally Bradfield	Ron Wimp
Ann Crawford	
Lynn Emmert	
Bruce Grider	
Mike Kostial	

## Taste n See: Summer 2022

A fellowship Bible study for young women in our community

### Summer Gathering Dates

August 14, 2022

6-7:30 pm at Lost Creek Ranch

Contact Sharon at 903-765-3137 by the Friday before gathering so she can set a place at the dinner table just for you.



## August 2022

**8:30 a.m.**

Randy Bennett  
Randall Gary

**\*11:00 a.m.**

Bob King, Brad Medlin,  
John Seekins, Sally Seekins

**\*We need ushers! Please call the church office to volunteer.**

## Financial Update (As of 7-28-22)

(YTD) Giving: \$242,180  
(YTD) Expenses: \$258,536  
(YTD) Budgeted Expenses: \$444.467

## Communion Rail Offering Backpack Program

## \*Mark Your Calendars Weekly at FUMC

### Sunday

8:30 a.m. Worship Sanctuary  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship Sanctuary  
5:30 p.m. Youth Game Night (First Sunday Only)

### Monday

9:00 a.m. Line Dancing  
5:15 p.m. Bell Rehearsal will start Aug. 8

### Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal will start Aug. 17

### Thursday

9:00 a.m. Line Dancing  
5:30-7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts meet in J.O.Y Hall



Aug. 13, 10:00-11:00 am, J.O.Y. Hall  
All-church (Liberty and FUMC)  
Q & A session over the issues and decisions facing the church.



The First United Methodist Church of Quitman is seeking a part-time (15 hours per week) Children's Ministry Coordinator to join the church staff. Working with children from infants through fifth grade, the Coordinator's goal is to facilitate Christian Biblical Learning with fun and exciting programs that help children grow in their faith.

Responsibilities include Sunday School, the church nursery, Wednesday Night Live classes, Vacation Bible School (VBS), and other special children's events.

Applications and job descriptions are available from [office@fumcquitman.org](mailto:office@fumcquitman.org). For more information, call 903-763-4127





## Free Summer Meals for Quitman-area School-age Children Are Available on Mondays from 5:00 pm-6:30 pm:

Beginning on July 25, the Quitman First United Methodist Church (FUMC) and the Quitman Rotary Club teamed to provide daytime meals for school-age children in the Quitman-area. The objective of this Summer-Meals Program is to help meet the nutritional needs of children in families whose budgets for daytime meals may be limited. Under the program, school-aged children are provided with three breakfast and three lunchtime meals each week at no charge. Each meal is intended to be light but nourishing. Refrigeration of a portion of the meals is needed, but preparation is minimal.

The six meals will be distributed at the covered entry to FUMC's J.O.Y. Hall from 5:00pm to 6:30pm on Monday August 1 and Monday August 8. No paperwork or identification will be required. A family representative only needs to drive into the covered entry and advise volunteers of the number of children who will be served.

This year's Summer-Meals program will conclude in mid-August when the Quitman ISD classes and regular meal programs commence. FUMC and Rotary plan to resume their Summer-Meals Program in 2023, either before or at the conclusion of similar summertime meal programs at the Quitman Schools and Public Library.

## *"Be That Church"*



An Operation Christmas Child church-wide shoebox packing party is planned for either August or September in J.O.Y. Hall. Please start gathering items that can be used for packing shoeboxes this fall. There will be a box in the Narthex to place items donated for the packing party.



Speaker:  
William Cumby



Worship Band:  
Tyler Murphy

August 13  
7pm



Comedian: August 14  
Bob Smiley \$5 Ticket  
7pm

Carroll Green Civic Center  
602 S. McAllister Street  
Quitman, TX 75783

## **BELLS ARE RINGING!!!**



Even though the heat has been unbearable, I am preparing the music and bells for a new year of ringing. We will be starting up our practices beginning on Monday, August 8 at 5:15 in the Bell Room.

If anyone is interested in seeing how this process works, or if you think you might like to join us, you are always welcome!

I am excited about the music selection for these next months and hope that they will give you a special worship experience.

Stay Cool!!!  
Becky Bradfield

## **CHOIR NOTES**



The summer is winding down quickly and we are about to get ready to start up with Choir once again. Anyone who likes to sing is invited to join us. We start rehearsals on Wednesday August 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in the sanctuary choir loft.

**SAVE THE DATE:** On September 11th, the Choir will be hosting a community gospel evening in Joy Hall. This will be a time to invite your neighbors, friends and family to join us. There will be special music highlighting the talents of several folks from around the community, and lots of opportunities to worship together singing some of your favorite hymns and songs. If you play an instrument or would like to be a part of a duet/trio ensemble for the gospel event, please contact me at [mozziecat@outlook.com](mailto:mozziecat@outlook.com).

Keep Singing His Praise  
Vickie Smolek

# YOUTH NEWS

August 2022

Church family,

We have had an exciting summer that has involved youth outings, baseball games, church camp, and a mission trip. Despite the many hours of preparation, amazing participation across the church, and occasional periods of exhaustion I have to say that I am proud and excited by how our youth represented our church, supported each other, and encouraged those outside our group.

In late July we attended “Big House” as our 2022 mission trip. Big House is very similar to UM Army except that Big House allows both junior high and high school students to participate together. We were hosted by First United Methodist Church of Frankston which is south of Tyler. There were six different churches, including ours, in attendance. A total of 120 students arrived on Wednesday afternoon at FUMC Frankston. All were visibly excited about the week ahead. Our church took a total of 18 people, including 12 students and 6 adults.

Our group of 18 was split among different work groups at multiple job sites. One site involved repairing a kitchen sink and cabinet as well as a deck. A second group poured concrete at a sister church. Another group built a ramp, worked concrete, painted pipe fencing, and painted the inside of a church. Our students were also involved in cutting down trees and building decks and stairs.

Several of our students readily assumed leadership roles during our devotional and worship times. Some lead in the prayers, and one of our students lead the morning devotional. It has been amazing to watch students who struggled to lead worship activities seven months ago be so willing now to jump in and take leadership opportunities.

We wish to extend a huge THANK YOU to FUMC for your support, prayers, and love!

Joseph Goodson

We are proud of recent QISD graduate Ethan Reynolds who has enlisted to serve in the Air Force.. Letters and cards may be sent to:



AB Reynolds, Ethan D.  
326 TRS/FLT  
1320 Truemper St.  
JBSA Lackland, TX 78236-6407

DO NOT send packages with food of any kind.



Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Night Games  
From 5:30-7:00 on the first Sunday of each month.

WNL Events will be announced.







# Liberty Lines

By: John Sparks

The writings I have presented about the formation of the **Global Methodist Church** has been resourced from material provided on the movement's web site. I urge each of us from both congregations to visit that web site as we all develop our own understanding of this alternative to the United Methodist Church.

In particular I recommend a recently published article by Walter B. Fenton which appears on the website for its treatment of 14 **beliefs** that Fenton calls "Our Witness to the World."

Fenton explains that the founding council of the Global Methodist Church is still in the early stages of its formation saying..."the Church's 17-member Transitional Leadership Council and its very small staff will address political and social policy issues with restraint and modesty. The council members and staff readily acknowledge their tasks are transitional in nature guiding the new Church to a convening General Conference where duly elected representatives will begin to give more definitive shape to the denomination."

"Consequently, the council has acted with restraint when setting forth guidelines for the Global Methodist Church's social witness to the world. In paragraph 202 of the *Transitional Book of Doctrines and Disciplines*, the TLC has adopted 14 statements rooted in scripture and the teachings of the church universal, to inform and guide GM Church members as they engage lessons in the public square."

Fenton continues "While Council members bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to their work, they and the Global Methodist Church's staff are committed to modesty when asked to speak directly on the Church's behalf regarding specific political and social issues." They strongly encourage current GM Church members and those interested in joining the new Church to carefully read and prayerfully reflect on the 14 statements as presented in Fenton's article.

See you all at the meeting on August 13 in Quitman!



**Liberty United Methodist Church**  
**2581 Highway 154 East**  
**Quitman, TX 75783**  
**[www.libertymc-Texas.com](http://www.libertymc-Texas.com)**

**8:30 a.m. Sunday School**  
**9:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary**  
**Tuesdays 9:30 a.m. Prayer Group**

**[www.libertymc-texas.com](http://www.libertymc-texas.com)**

As of July 24, 2022

YTD Giving: \$72,431.13  
YTD Expenses: \$53,787.53



**Holy Communion Offering**

**Quitman, Holly Lake, and Hainesville**  
**Volunteer Fire Departments**

*Happy Birthday!*

**Aug. 4 Kay Redmon**      **Aug. 30 Charlie Smith**  
**Aug. 6 Pat Bingham**  
**Aug. 7 Kathy Goodman**  
**Aug. 11 Priscilla Massey**  
**Aug. 18 Patricia Bradshaw**  
**Aug. 20 Sam Hill**  
**Aug. 22 Charles Long**  
**Aug. 26 Nathan Nance**  
**Aug. 26 Spencer Rye**

*Happy Anniversary*

**Aug. 2 Ken & Pat Murry**  
**Aug. 3 Darrell & Twila Wanker**  
**Aug. 3 Doyle & JoAnna Nelson**  
**Aug. 10 Bob & Robin Stewart**  
**Aug. 17 Arlan & Ann Flake**  
**Aug. 26 David & Carolyn Hicks**



We're sending FUMC-Quitman Students & Educators Back To School with Our Prayer & Blessings!

**FUMC-Quitman**  
**406 Lane St., Quitman, TX 75783**  
**(903)763-4127**  
**Sunday, August 14th**  
**@ 11am Service**

Students & Educators are encouraged to bring their backpacks or briefcases to the service to be blessed.



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 P O Box 1643  
 Quitman, TX 75783

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 Quitman, TX

**First United Methodist Church**

406 E. Lane Street  
 903.763.4127

Sanctuary Worship 8:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
 Sanctuary Worship 11:00 a.m.  
 YouTube Delayed Recording 6:00 p.m.  
**FUMC Quitman**

[www.fumcquitman.org](http://www.fumcquitman.org)

**Liberty United Methodist Church**

2581 E. St Hwy 154  
 903.638.9634

Sunday School 8:30 a.m.  
 Worship 9:30 a.m.

[www.libertymc-Texas.com](http://www.libertymc-Texas.com)

**HAVE YOU MOVED, CHANGED  
 YOUR PHONE NUMBER OR  
 EMAIL?**

If so, please contact the church office.

**“Transforming God’s Children Into Disciples”**