



The Messenger

First United Methodist Church, Quitman, Texas

May 2024

“Come expectantly seeking Jesus. Follow Him boldly. Go witness intentionally.”

May Newsletter submission



After a long April with lots of rain we are excited to kick off the summer months with a very busy May. The church will host the “Bizzy Bee (homeschool) Academy’s” annual daddy daughter dance on May 4th.

On the 19th we will celebrate our High School Seniors with a pot luck lunch after church as well as host a breakfast for all of the local area seniors the following Wednesday, May 22nd.

Last month we welcomed 2 new families into church membership, and we celebrated one adult baptism.

Our new sermon series “Ten words that matter” will look at the Ten Commandments as the essential rules for any society to follow in order to thrive and flourish. Regardless of faith or creed, these commandments are necessary for a culture to survive.

Our Wednesday night Bible Study continues with Paul’s letter to the Romans and has opted to keep meeting throughout the summer. If you need to take a break or are going to miss some because of vacation, know that we will be here to welcome you when you come back. In Romans, Paul calls on Christians to live in a religious and politically diverse society with humility and grace towards others, while standing firm on the gospel message of Jesus Christ.

There is a lot going on in the life of the church these days, I hope that you will join us in the coming months. May God grant you peace and new life in your travels and know that your church home is here for you this summer! -Rev. Thomas Harper





Bob Asmussen	Sandy Narkiewicz
Elaine Asmussen	Jack Neel
Mickey Barnett	Marilyn Odom
Darlene Blair	Bobby Phipps
Betty Bozeman	Mary Phipps
Pamela Dountas	Kathy Rhodes
Ann Crawford	Steve Rhodes
Lynda Gibson	Gary Simpkins
Bruce Grider	Karen Steele
Stella Lundy	Brian White
Carolyn Manning	Mary & Ron Wimp
Diane Moseley	

WEEKLY CORE CALENDAR

Sunday
 8:30 a.m. Worship Sanctuary
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship Sanctuary

Monday
 9:00 a.m. Line Dancing

Wednesday
 5:00 pm Youth Meal & Bible Study
 6:00 pm Adult Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday
 9:00 am Line Dancing

Financial Update as of 4-29-24

YTD Revenue	\$127,208
YTD Expenses	\$143,790
YTD Loss	\$ 16,582

Communion Preparation

John and Sally Seekins

**May Rail Offering
TJC Wesley House**

Wesley House serves as home to approximately 80 students each semester, located on the campus of Tyler Junior College in Tyler, Texas. This is a ministry from The United Methodist Church to help students have a place to live and thrive while going to college.



May 2024

8:30 a.m.
John and Sally Seekins

11:00 a.m.
 Dave Simpkins
 John Stone
 Cedar Stone
 Logan Simpkins*

*Need permanent replacement

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- May 01 Lynda Gibson
- May 01 Stella Lundy
- May 01 Sarah Roberts
- May 01 Candy Whitenton
- May 03 Garrett Peek
- May 03 Michelle Dobbs
- May 07 Mark Young
- May 11 Carol Denson
- May 15 Michael Kostial
- May 19 Teresa Fulce
- May 20 Sandy Narkiewicz
- May 21 Daisy Bennett
- May 24 Jerry Busbee
- May 24 Andrew Marcee
- May 26 Addison Marcee
- May 27 Elaine Asmussen
- May 27 Ricky Cameron
- May 28 Judy Johnson
- May 29 Melanie Poppenhusen

**WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS**



Mike and Tammy Gilmore “officially” joined the church at the April 14th 8:30 am service.



Ginny, Sophia, and Elisa Harper joined the church at the April 21st 11:00 am service.

Oh Church. Right when we get comfortable taking a short breather, it is over. We have continued to keep our focus forward to the next step in the youth ministry but always anticipate a crack in the sidewalk. One thing I have begun to notice and even appreciate is that very rarely will you have growth and comfort at the same time. In order to grow physically, emotionally, mentally, and yes, even spiritually, there may be times when we have to get comfortable with being uncomfortable. As we move into this season of ministry it may feel uncomfortable but I am very excited for what is to come in the next few months.

First, I want to say thank you for your support of the youth and children's ministry here at FUMC Quitman. We could never do what we do without each person that has shared of themselves. Our fundraisers have been successful because of each one of you. Maybe the meal was not five-star, the art was beyond expectations, and your vehicle felt smooth and shined for about a day. However, the joy in the face of our youth has been beautiful to see as they come to terms with the idea that they are really cared for here.

Second, May is very busy in the life of our church and youth ministry. We have multiple opportunities connect with each other and share in our fellowship.

May 10-12: Help your mother (or wife) clean out some space. Our Youth will be hosting a community garage sale and will be accepting unneeded items beginning in May.

May 19: Senior Sunday. We will be honoring those graduating from school this year with a focus on the three seniors from our church. Each will have a table of accomplishments and opportunities to share their next adventure. To wrap this special occasion, we will have a potluck style lunch in JOY hall following the morning service.

May 22: As our tradition for many years, we will be hosting the Quitman High School graduating class for a morning breakfast, congratulations and encouragement, and a beautiful reunion with Mrs. Robinson. It is a great start to the day for our graduating seniors. Volunteers and servers are greatly needed.

In the evening, we will host the Baccalaureate Service in J.O.Y. Hall. The seniors will arrive at 5:30pm and we will have our service at 6:00pm.

May 26: We will have a VBS meeting in The Well at 2:00pm. We will discuss the theme and lay out what and who is needed to make this year's VBS a success. We hope that you will come to hear all the details.

Thirdly, after the business of May we will continue into our plans for church camp. This year we are returning to Glorieta, NM the week of **June 16-22**. We are excited to travel again in the safety of the new van as we learn what it means to surrender completely. We are still in need of a female leader (ideally a couple) to enjoy a beautiful and relaxing vacation in the mountains.

In addition to camp, we have a mission trip that is beginning to come together. I will be the Director for the UM ARMY mission week in Sherman, TX. We will be embarking on Sherman, TX the week of **July 14-20**. This is very special to us because our youth have begun to notice that there are people in their own back yards that need to see the love of Christ. Not every mission trip has to be international to be impactful.

Our youth have a heart for those around the corner. It is awesome to watch! If you want to see the youth break out of their shell and serve, connect, and be challenged I would like to encourage you to consider coming with us this year. See the great things God is doing among our youth and those from other Methodist churches across Northeast Texas.

Finally, to end our summer with an explosive bang we have scheduled Vacation Bible School (VBS) for three days on **July 29-31**. Not to spoil it but you may want to come out and be a part because I just might end up with pink hair!!

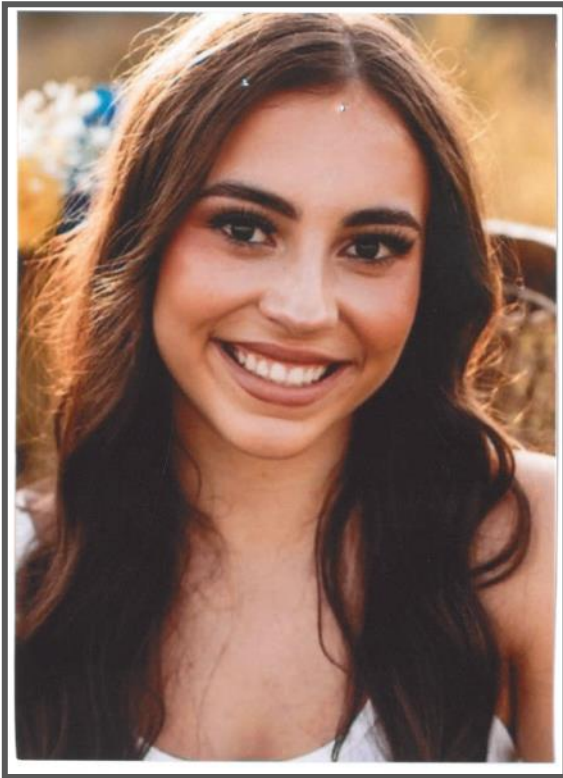
Church family, things are happening among our youth that excites me for their future. Our youth are growing in their knowledge of God and in their desire to communicate the Gospel to others, connect with other Christians, to be challenged to grow spiritually, to cultivate a life of servanthood, and to celebrate God with their lives.

Jennifer and I could never experience this transformation without the church's prayers and support. Again, thank you and we covet your prayers for the upcoming season of ministry.

Joseph



The youth car wash fundraiser for the mission trip and summer camp was held April 21st Thank you church members for supporting our youth.



Addison Marcee



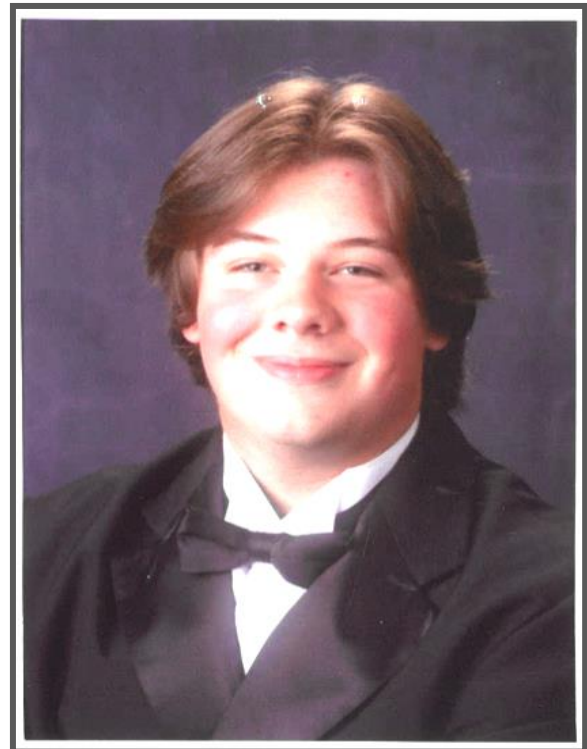
**CLASS OF
2024**

The FUMC Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that a \$1500 scholarship will be awarded to each of our church family's graduating seniors.

A potluck luncheon to honor our graduates is planned for Sunday, May 19th after the 11:00 worship service. Everyone is invited to bring your favorite dish to J.O.Y. Hall for the celebration.



Logan Simpkins



Dalton Poppenhusen

TOTAL ECLIPSE TAILGATE PARTY

← **TURN HERE** →

APRIL 8
11:30-3:30
\$5/CAR

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
PARKING LOT
FOOD, MUSIC, & FUN

Chick-fil-A sandwiches and Ginny Harper's Eclipse Cookies were very special treats for those attending FUMC's April 8th Solar Eclipse Tailgate Party.

It was a rocking good time thanks to some really cool Eclipse viewing glasses and the musical creativity of Party DJ Mike Gilmore.



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