

**First United Methodist Church
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FUMC's Missions and Outreach Programs



What can you do?

To volunteer for any of the Missions or Programs described herein, contact the Mission Leader named in the program description or the Church Office.

Your financial support for any of these Missions can be made as a Collection Plate or Communion Rail Offering, at the Church Office, or through the "Make a Donation" tab on the Church's web-site.

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Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization. Its mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. These simple gifts are shipped outside the United States to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease; and to children living on Native American reservations in the U.S.

Annually FUMC Quitman's church members are encouraged to pack one or more shoe boxes with small toys, personal care items, school supplies, clothes and craft or activity items. For the past several years Quitman FUMC has also served as a collection point for other area churches and organizations which participate in the Shoe Box program

Church members may also provide monetary support for OCC's "The Greatest Journey", a dynamic, 12-lesson Bible student course. After receiving a shoebox gift, children are encouraged to enroll in The Greatest Journey which guides them through what it means to faithfully follow Christ.

Offered through local churches around the world, this course, developed by Samaritan's Purse and the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, teaches boys and girls how to know Christ, grow in their faith, and share this Good News with others. Local teachers engage children's classes with colorful Bible stories and Scripture memorization. As a result, families are reached, churches grow, new churches are started, and communities are transformed

Contact Marti Busbee: (903) 383-3344

East Texas Food Bank Mobile Pantry

The East Texas Food Bank (ETFB) Mobile Pantry puts ETFB on the front lines in fighting hunger by delivering fresh produce to communities with a high percentage of people in need of assistance. For Wood County, Quitman FUMC, the Rotary and Pilot Clubs, and others provide volunteers who help spread the word about the program and assist in the actual distribution. The Wood County Distribution takes place on the third Wednesday of every month at Quitman's Bud Moody Stadium. There is no documentation or eligibility test to receive the free produce. Hundreds of Wood County families have benefited from the monthly distribution.

Contact: Sam Scroggins (903)763-4127



QISD Back Pack Program

The Church purchases food from the East Texas Food Bank and volunteers from FUMC and Rotary work with the Quitman Independent School District (QISD) to provide supplemental weekend meals for students whose parents may not be able to adequately supply it themselves. Volunteer teams of 2 normally pack the meals at FUMC on Thursday morning for delivery to QISD later that day. The meals are distributed as needed by QISD on Friday.

Contact Keith Zimmerman (979) 299 8047

Wood County Child

Protection Board

The Board provides children that are placed in foster care with an initial clothing allowance, a monthly allowance, back-to-school money to help with clothes and school supplies, Christmas gifts and money to help with summer activities. They also operate the Wood County Rainbow, that serves as a no-cost outlet for clothing, hygiene items, and other supplies for children just coming under Child Protective Services supervision.

The Board is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, so all donations are tax deductible within the limits imposed by federal law.

Contact Keith Zimmerman (979)299-8047

CS Food Pantry

FUMC and other church volunteers assist with the stocking and management of Quitman's Christmas Sharing (CS) Food Pantry. The CS Food Pantry was opened in 2013 to provide a variety of basic foods to assist local individuals or families who are struggling financially. It is located at 603 Cliff Street and is available on Tuesday and Thursday mornings to anyone within Wood County who does not have access to another community food pantry.

Contact Rita Johns (903)216-8538.

Summer Meal Program

During the summer break for Quitman schools, FUMC and the Quitman Rotary Club team to provide light but nourishing meals for children of families who are unable to do so independently. The Summer Meal Program normally begins at the beginning of July after similar programs are concluded at Quitman's schools and the Public Library.

Contact Sam Scroggins (903)763-4127

Tyler Junior College Wesley House

Wesley House needs the support of the district churches! Wesley House is the campus ministry at Tyler Junior College. It is both a ministry to the entire campus and a residential ministry to approximately 80 college students who live in the ministry's side-by-side dormitories. Wesley House is located in the heart of campus across from Rogers Student Center at 1400 E. Lake St., Tyler, Tx 75701.

Hundreds of students at TJC are touched by this ministry each academic year and this ministry invites your participation and support in this incredible mission field.

There are currently several opportunities for local churches to plug into the campus ministry at TJC.

Contact Keith Zimmerman (979) 299 8047

Youth Ministry Missions

Every summer, the Quitman FUMC Youth Ministry undertakes a service mission outside the local community in areas that are in need of community services. A wide variety of locations and mission activities have been addressed by the annual mission trips. Most recently, our youth and their adult leaders traveled to Sherman, Texas where the work activities included painting,, building a wheelchair ramp, and removing unwanted bushes and trees from public areas. Along with a bit of hard work, the mission trips always include a variety of Christian music, worship, fun activities, and good food tailored to the tastes of teenagers.

Contact: Joseph Goodson (903)763-4127



Other Supported Ministries Include:

- United Methodist Committee on Relief
- The Methodist Children's Home
- The Wood County Rainbow Room

For more information, see "Favored Ministries" at www.fumcquitman.org or contact the Office at (903)763-4127.