



The Messenger

First United Methodist Church, Quitman, Texas

August 2024

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



As summer enters its final month, we are preparing for a new season at FUMC Quitman. We have had a busy summer with our youth returning from UM Army and our children's ministry completing VBS at the end of July.

We will help students prepare to for the start of another school years by blessing their backpacks on August 11th during the 11:00 am worship service.

Our Church Council met over the summer and have begun initiatives to help improve all aspects of our church community including worship, small groups, social and hospitality, outreach and much more. These smaller subcommittees will then report back to the Church Council when we meet again in September. We are excited about the energy and new life in the church as we enter the fall.

Our current sermon series "Letters to Timothy: Good practical advice" will continue this month, in it Paul offers wisdom to the younger Timothy that

will prepare him to go on to become the first Bishop of the church of Ephesus.

Our Wednesday night Bible Study starts back up on August 7th and we will be going through the Gospel of Matthew. How does Matthew offer a unique perspective on the life and ministry of Jesus Christ? If you have been thinking about joining us on Wednesday nights this is a great time to jump in!

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 joy in your daily walk and my you and your family be blessed this August.

-Rev. Thomas Harper





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

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 7-29-24

YTD Income	\$206,718
YTD Expenses	\$249,522
YTD Loss	\$ 42,804

Communion Preparation

Keith and JoAnn Zimmerman



Welcome new member Cy Bryant. Cy has a Point, Texas address and has been attending FUMC services via live-stream.

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8:30 a.m.
 Becky and Bill McPherson

11:00 a.m.
 Michelle Dobbs
 David Dobbs
 Kevan Burroughs
 Marty Jarrell



- Aug. 01 Pat Neel
- Aug. 05 Andrea Tallant
- Aug. 05 Robert Uklejah
- Aug. 08 Debbie Main
- Aug. 10 Ernest Burford
- Aug. 10 JoAnn Zimmerman
- Aug. 14 Beth Medlin
- Aug. 16 Bob Farrell
- Aug. 16 Brad Floyd
- Aug. 17 Bob Asmussen
- Aug. 24 Joseph Goodson
- Aug. 25 Ava Burroughs
- Aug. 27 Marshall Newsom
- Aug. 28 Marti Busbee
- Aug. 29 Jerry Gibson
- Aug. 30 Carol Tackett



**Sunday, August 11th @ 11:00 a.m.
Worship Service**

**Children & Youth bring your back-
packs**

Quitman FUMC honored with Quitman Independent School District's "Top Dog Award".

Quitman FUMC has operated a weekend meal program for QISD children in need since the 2011-12 school year. During a School Board Meeting on July 10, QISD awarded FUMC with its "Top Dog Award" to recognize the Church for its long-term benevolence. Shown here are Rev. Harper and Program Leader Keith Zimmerman accepting the award from QISD School Superintendent Chris Mason.



With the current process, the Church raises funds and purchases food from the East Texas Food Bank while volunteers from the Quitman Rotary Club pack the meals and deliver them to QISD on Thursday morning. The meals are distributed to the designated children by QISD on Friday. The cost for food is currently over \$170 per child per year. During 2023-24, more than 80 meals were required each week. All funding is from volunteer or corporate contributions, including one of the church's monthly communion rail offerings.

Our youth participated in UM ARMY this past month. We joined two other churches, Saginaw UMC and FUMC Paris, to serve people in Sherman, TX.



It was a small but mighty camp. We had 25 students and 12 adults at camp. We were able to complete 11 jobs, 4 ramps, and painting plus yard work. It was great watching several of our youth take charge and lead their peers in several projects.

It is a blessing to be a regular part of the UM ARMY's service efforts.





Dear First United Methodist,

Thank you for presenting me with the scholarship, as it will help me with college. This church has brought me closer to God in a way I couldn't express. Thank you for being supportive throughout the years.

Sincerely,
Addison Marlee

Dear F.U.M.C. Scholarship Committee:

I am writing to express my heartfelt thanks for awarding me a church scholarship. Your generosity and support mean a lot to me, and this scholarship will make a significant difference in my education journey. Receiving this scholarship is a great encouragement for me to continue striving for excellence. I am committed to making the most of this opportunity and hope to give back to others in the future.

Best regards,
Dalton Poppenhusen

Thank you so much for recognizing me as
- recipient of the FUMC scholarship. Your support
will be a huge help in continuing my education.
- will send the required forms after I register
for classes next week.

Sincerely,
Logan Simpkins

We survived!!! At least I can say that we didn't lose anybody, and every child was claimed at the end of each day of VBS.

We just finished our 3-day VBS where we made many messes. We hosted nearly 60 kids each day. We had about 15 youth helpers. Crazy and wacky adults numbered near 20. This was a wonderful week of fun and a great time to share the love of Christ with kids from our community.

There are no words nor accolades that can be given that would express the awesomeness of our volunteers, youth and adults that served this year. I was told this week by someone that volunteered, "The amazement of this week with the decorations, the excitement, and the response makes it easy to say that I am proud to be a part of this church."

So, as simple as it sounds but with everything we can muster, we wanted to say a HUGE THANK YOU to the church for the support, the volunteers for their dedication, to the youth for their display of maturity and helpfulness, to the Master of the Puppet show, and the dog that kept us all alert.

Just think...only 11 months until we do it again!!!

Joseph





We thank the **East Texas Food Bank** for providing lunch each day for VBS attendees, teachers and youth helpers.

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sanctuary Worship 11:00 a.m.
plus
Worship on Facebook Live and
YouTube Delayed Recordings

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