



First United Methodist Church, Quitman, Texas

A portrait of Dr. David A. Clark, a man with short brown hair and a goatee, wearing a light-colored suit jacket, white shirt, and pink tie. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background is a blurred outdoor scene with green foliage and yellow flowers.

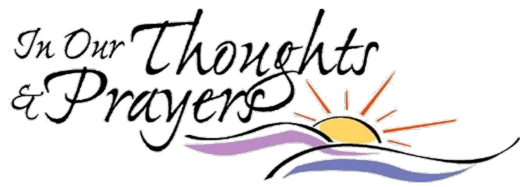
and Christmas were a time of celebration with family and the anticipation of the

With Ash Wednesday, Lent, and Easter all right around the corner things will quickly start to get busy around here again. Be on the lookout for information about our Ash Wednesday Service and upcoming “Lenten Lunches.”

There is a lot going on in the life of the church these days, I invite you to join us in the coming months. May God grant you peace and joy in your daily walk and may you and your family be blessed this February.

-Rev. Thomas Harper

Come & Worship



Corey Backer	Sandy Narkiewicz
Mickey Barnett	Pat Neel
Darlene Blair	Marilyn Odom
Betty Bozeman	Bobby Phipps
Ann Crawford	Mary Phipps
Teresa Fulce	Steve Rhodes
Lynda Gibson	Gary Simpkins
Stella Lundy	Beverly Waddleton-Johnson
Carolyn Manning	Ron Wimp
Saundra Mott	

***Mark Your Calendars**

Sunday

8:30 a.m.	Worship Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Gathering J.O.Y. Hall
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Worship Sanctuary

Monday

9:00 a.m.	Line Dancing
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Tuesday

12:00-1:00 pm	Handbell Rehearsal,
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Wednesday

5:15 pm	Meal
6:00 pm	Bible Study all ages
7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

9:00 am	Line Dancing
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The FUMC Handbell Choir will ring during the worship service on Sunday, February 16th..

Music Director, Gail Hall, has scheduled bell practice at noon every Tuesday and we are very pleased to have several new ringers to complete the choir.

Financial Update 1-29-25

YTD Giving:	\$ 31,868
YTD Expenses:	\$ 25,744
YTD Gain/(Loss):	\$ 6,124
YTD Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 31,616



Communion Rail Offering

Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center

NETCAC offers a safe space to all children 2-17 yrs who have allegedly been sexually/physically abused or witnessed a violent crime. Children come to NETCAC to tell their experiences to a trained forensic interviewer, and receive counselling in an effort to reduce their trauma.

Communion Preparation

Keith & JoAnn Zimmerman

February 2025

8:30 a.m.

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11:00 a.m.

Michelle and David Dobbs
Kevin Burroughs
Marty Jarrell



Feb. 02 Arnold Mott
 Feb. 05 Beverly Waddleton Johnson
 Feb. 09 Marcee Cooper
 Feb. 11 Robyn Delozier
 Feb. 18 Mike Gilmore
 Feb. 18 Diana King
 Feb. 19 Jennifer Goodson
 Feb. 19 Brad Medlin
 Feb. 20 Pam Henington
 Feb. 27 Susan Jarrell
 Feb. 29 Carolyn Manning



Beginner Line Dance Class

New classes will start Monday, February 3, 2025 at 9:00 am in J.O.Y. Hall. Classes are \$5.00 each or \$30.00 per month.

Call Charlene Anthony to register 214-577-7516.

Intermediate line dancing will continue 10:00 am in JOY Hall.



Welcome New Members

Tony and Faye Gardner
 1806 Park Place
 Mineola, TX 75773

There are several open slots available for the church's volunteer landscape groups. These groups meet once a month to trim hedges, pull weeds and dead plants, and general clean-up of the church yard. The monthly process normally only takes an hour or two.

Two more volunteers are needed for February.

From the Church Staff:



It is with sincere gratitude and appreciation that we say thank you for the bonuses. We are so blessed to work for such a generous church family, and we look forward to continuing to serve the church in 2025.

Thank You!



February Sermon Series **“When Religion Becomes Evil”**

Feb. 2

Scripture 1 Corinthians 13:9-12

Message “Absolute Truth Claims”

Feb. 9

Scripture Matthew 7:15-20

Message “Blind Obedience”

Feb. 16

Scripture James 5:7-9

Message “Establishing the ‘Ideal’ Time”

Feb. 23

Scripture 1 John 1:6-8

Message “The End Justifies Any Means”



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Council will meet at 1:30 pm in
J.O.Y. Hall’s Celebration Classroom:

April 13th
July 13th
October 12th



Plan to join us for Valentine’s
Day Dinner on Friday, Febru-
ary 14th from 6:00-7:30 pm in
J.O.Y. Hall.

Menus and other details are
forthcoming.

VETERANS ★ Breakfast ★

From 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. on the first Tuesday of every month, J.O.Y Hall is the location for a Breakfast honoring Wood County military veterans. The breakfast is prepared by Wesley House Nursing Home and Caraday Healthcare.

The monthly attendance has grown to 40-50 veterans who enjoy visiting and trading “war and/or sea stories”. We are blessed to honor our veterans in this way.



Invite a friend to lunch...



COMMUNITY
Lenten Lunches

**Quitman First United Methodist
Church**

**Every Tuesday from
March 11th-April 8, 2025**

Noon to 1 p.m.
(Lunch service opens at 11:45 a.m.)

Lunch, music, and a short devotional.
J.O.Y. Hall at First United Methodist Church

No reservation is necessary.
No charge for lunch **Donations are accepted

Everyone is welcome!

**Check www.facebook.com/fumcquitman/
For the Weekly Speaker.**

Eight (8) students and two (2) adults attended the Extreme Winter 2024 Youth Conference in Gatlinburg, TN. Their 812 mile roundtrip began on December 28 and returned to Quitman on January 1. It was a very cool way to end 2024 and begin 2025.

Along the way, the group visited the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, site of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King and toured the National Civil Rights Museum. Other sites visited were The Lookout of the Bass Pro Shops Pyramid Big Cypress Lodge.





“Be the church we are called to be!”

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Sanctuary Worship 8:30 am
Gathering 9:30 am J.O.Y. Hall
Sunday School 10:00 a.m
Sanctuary Worship 11:00 am
YouTube Delayed Recording 6:00 pm
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HAVE YOU MOVED, CHANGED YOUR PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL?

If so, please contact the church office.

DONATIONS MADE EASY

Want to simplify your giving of tithes, memorials, and other offerings? Then consider using the “Make a Donation” link on the Church’s secure web-site, fumcquitman.org. or simply focus on the QR Code on the right.

PayPal is very safe and reliable and will allow you to Add Special Instructions that specify how your offering is to be applied. It will also provide you with an emailed receipt for your bookkeeping and tax records.

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