



The Messenger

May 2025

First United Methodist Church, Quitman, Texas

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



May marks the end of another school year and the start of summer! Growing up May was my favorite month of the year because schools were getting out and the promise of

three months of vacation's, trips, camps, and just playing with friends around the neighborhood lay ahead of us.

May 18th is our Senior Sunday where we will honor our four graduating seniors with a special sermon from Joseph Goodson and a Potluck lunch following the 11:00 service. We will not have an early 8:30 service on May 18th but we will still have the gathering at 9:15 and Sunday School at 10am.

On Wednesday May 21st we will have our annual graduation rehearsal breakfast at 8:30 am honoring all of our QISD Seniors and Advisors. This breakfast will be catered by Jan Gorman. Help us celebrate our seniors by praying for their next chapter of life as they move beyond High School.

Our current sermon series "The thin line between Judas and Peter," takes a look at how Judas and Peter both made similar mistakes

during Jesus' passion, and yet were remembered very differently by history. What is the difference between Judas and Peter that matters the most for our story?

Our Wednesday night Bible Study is continuing the study "The Epic of David." Where we are looking at one of the more fascinating characters in all of the Old Testament. This study will last 10 weeks and take us right up to our summer break at the end of May.

Beginning in June we will stop meeting on Wednesday nights for the Summer but will plan to have a Potluck dinner the first Wednesday of each month over the summer. Be sure to join us every Wednesday night at 6pm in the celebration classroom.

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

*Come &
Worship*



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



FUMC Bell Choir

Judy Johnson
 Martha Scroggins
 Tammy Gilmore
 Debra Main
 Carol Denson
 Joan Swenson
 Becky McPherson
 Carol Tackett
 Bill McPherson

Director: Gail Hall

*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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Wednesday

5:00 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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Financial Update as of 3/30/25

YTD Income	\$120,303
YTD Expense	\$ 98,098
YTD Income	\$ 22,205



May 2025

8:30 a.m.

John & Sally Seekins

11:00 a.m.

Dave Simpkins
 John & Cedar Stone
 Logan Simpkins



May 01	Lynda Gibson
May 01	Stella Lundy
May 01	Sarah Roberts
May 01	Patsy Webber
May 03	Michelle Dobbs
May 06	Julia Gary
May 11	Carol Denson
May 11	Bryan O'Neal
May 15	Michael Kostial
May 18	Ray Andrews
May 19	Teresa Fulce
May 20	Sandra Narkiewicz
May 21	Daisy Bennett
May 24	Shaun Baker
May 24	Andrew Marcee
May 26	Addison Marcee
May 29	Melanie Poppenhusen



Saturday, May 17th is clean-up day for church grounds and to prepare for VBS.

Work will be on the children's play area and anything else that needs attention.

About FUMC's May Rail Offering

TJC Wesley House

Wesley House, formerly known as the Tyler Wesley Foundation, is the United Methodist student center on the campus of Tyler Junior College in Tyler, Texas. Wesley House serves as home to approximately 80 students each semester. Their mission is to provide a living, learning and play environment compatible with the ideals of Christian love, and to serve God and God's people on campus, in the community and world.

Communion Preparation

John & Sally Seekins

Congratulations FUMC Members graduating Quitman ISD. We are proud of you. We will celebrate these graduating seniors with a potluck lunch May 18th, JOY Hall, after THE 11:00 am service.



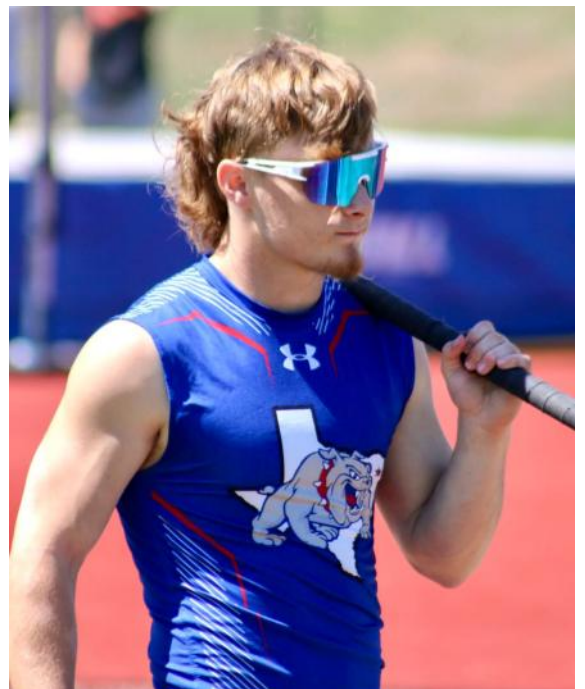
Zach McFerran



Peyton Kruckner



Kash Davis



James Goodson

SUMMER 2025 GATHERING, POTLUCK, AND *WNL SCHEDULE

DATE SUNDAY GATHERING AND POTLUCK HOSTS

June 1 Covenant

June 4 WNL POTLUCK

June 8 Journey

June 15 Life

June 22 Open Door

June 29 Covenant

July 2 WNL POTLUCK

July 6 Journey

July 13 Life

July 20 Open Door

July 27 Covenant

August 3 Journey

August 6 WNL POTLUCK

August 10 Life

August 17 Open Door

August 24 Covenant

August 31 Journey

***Note that the WNL Meal and Bible Studies will be suspended from June 1 until QISD Schools begin the fall semester. Summer Chancel and Bell Choir Rehearsals will be determined by the Choir Director.**



United
Women
in Faith

United Women in Faith is the only official organization for women within The United Methodist Church. In 2022, United Methodist Women began doing business as United Women in Faith. Founded in 1869, the organization now has nearly half a million members.

There will be a meeting May 13th, 5:30 pm in the Celebration Room to explore the formation of United Women in Faith in Quitman. This organization plans to meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month and is open to all.

There will be several opportunities for our Children & Youth to participate in summer activities.

**Church Camp at Lakeview
June 23-27, 2025**

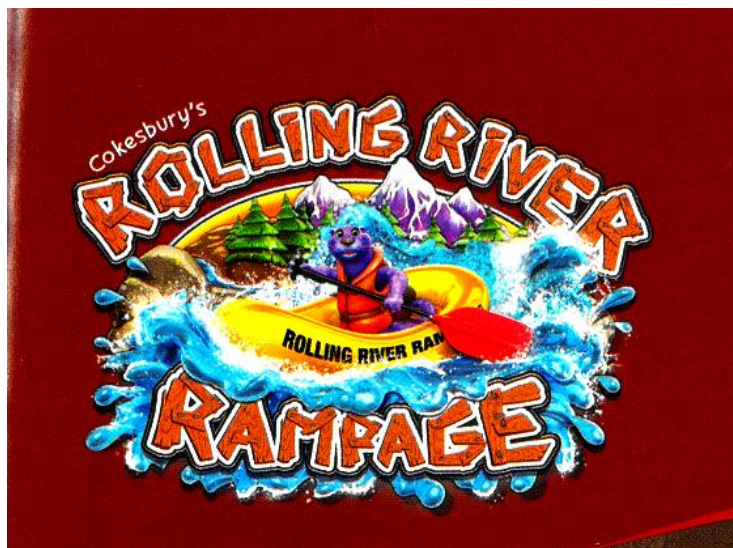


The camp is open to 1st graders thru graduated seniors.

For information, contact Judy Johnson or Rev. Harper.



For additional information, please contact Joseph Goodson. Volunteers needed.



July 28-31 for FUMC VBS.

Judy Johnson is the 2025 VBS Coordinator

Volunteers are needed.

To volunteer, please contact Judy at 214-770-3135.

It's going to be fun.!!!



CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are working on a new Church Membership Directory. Family portraits are needed. If you have not had your new family photo taken for the directory, please call the church the office to arrange a time.

Monday, May 12th is the deadline for new Directory portraits. Portraits can be taken after Sunday worship service or by special appointment.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2025

If you are willing and able, the following items are being requested for the month of APRIL: **Small toys for GIRLS of all age groups (ages 1-14).**

Collection bins will be located in both Joy Hall and the Narthex (main entry to the Sanctuary).

Let's have a great kick off for 2025!

Questions? Call or text Pat Kostial at (619) 379-6920. Together, we can serve our Lord as His disciples....



Do you have 4 Hours a Week to Spare?

Wood County Healthcare is seeking volunteers to work the UTHealth Quitman Hospital Front Desk

Contact: Beverly Haynes
713-447-6903 or

Email:
bevhaynes56@gmail.com to
volunteer

FREE LUNCH PROVIDED



“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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