



The Messenger

February 2026

First United Methodist Church, Quitman, Texas

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



After a long winter we are finally starting to see the first glimpses of Spring on the horizon. The holidays can leave us weary and in need of rest. I pray that January brought you and your family some of that much-needed

rest as we prepare for the coming season of Spring.

Now that 2026 is in full swing we are excited about what God has in store for our Church in the new year.

February 18th is Ash Wednesday, and we will kick off the season of Lent with our traditional pancake supper in Joy hall at 5:00pm followed by our Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary at 6pm.

Lent is the time where Christians have historically prepared for Easter by observing forty days of adding on or taking away something from our daily life in order to reorient our hearts on Christ in preparation for Easter Sunday.

During Lent we will resume our Lenten lunches every Tuesday (Feb 24th – March 24th) from 12:00 to 1:00 pm. I am inviting the various faith communities and their pastors to join us in an ecumenical hour of food, worship, and message to help us prepare for

Easter. If you are available for lunch during Lent, I highly recommend that you attend.

Our current sermon series is “Focus on These Things” where over the next five weeks we will look at Ephesians 4:21-25 in order to frame our perspective of the world back onto eternal things. Our Wednesday night Bible Study starts at 6pm and will be looking at Galatians and Ephesians in the Spring. Join us as we study Paul’s epistles and seek to go deeper in our faith and biblical understanding together.

With Ash Wednesday, Lent, and Easter all right around the corner things will quickly start to get busy around here again.

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*



Pete Andres	Diana King
Mickey & Glenda Barnett	Saundra Mott
	Sandy Narkiewicz
Darlene Blair	Pat Neel
Harriett Bevil	Marilyn Odum
Ann Crawford	Steve Rhodes
Claudette Dixon	Martha Scroggins
Pamela Dountas	Gary Simpkins
Faye Gardner	Maddox Story
Tony Gardner	Bryan Swenson
Lynda Gibson	Keith Zimmerman



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

***Mark Your Calendars**

Sunday

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

Monday

9:00 a.m. Line Dancing

Tuesday

12:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal,

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Bible Study all ages
 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

9:00 am Line Dancing



February 2026

8:30 a.m.

Keith and JoAnn Zimmerman

11:00 a.m.

John and Cedar Stone
 Marty Jarrell

Gail's Music Corner

The FUMC Handbell Choir will ring during the worship service on Sunday, February 15th. Handbell practice is held at noon every Tuesday.

The Vocal Choir will be rehearsing for Easter music. If anyone would like to join in, come on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm



- Feb. 02 Arnold Mott
- Feb. 05 Beverly Waddleton Johnson
- Feb. 06 Brad McCampbell
- Feb. 09 Marcee Cooper
- Feb. 10 Marsha Brown
- Feb. 11 Robyn Delozier
- Feb. 12 Pamela Dountas
- Feb. 18 Mike Gilmore
- Feb. 18 Diana King
- Feb. 19 Brad Medlin
- Feb. 20 Pam Henington
- Feb. 27 Susan Jarrell
- Feb. 29 Carolyn Manning



We hope that everyone can join us for the Children/Youth Group **Valentine's Day Fundraiser Dinner** on Saturday, February 14th from 6:30-8:00 pm in J.O.Y. Hall.

RSVP at (903) 763-4127

The menu includes; Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Salad, Dessert and a Beverage.

All donations benefit the Children/Youth Group Summer Camp Fund.



Line Dance Class

Classes are held each Monday and Thursday at 9:00 in J.O.Y. Hall.

Classes are \$5.00 each or \$30.00 per month.

To register, call Charlene Anthony at 214-577-7516.

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 2026.





February Sermon Series “Focus on These Things”

Feb. 1

Scripture Acts 9:1-8

Message “How Faith is Formed - Life”

Feb. 8

Scripture Ephesians 4:21-25

Message “Whatever is True”

Feb. 15

Scripture Timothy 3:8-13

Message “Whatever is Honorable

Feb. 22

Scripture Matthew 25:31-40

Message “Whatever is Just”



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

April 12th
July 12th
October 11th

Lay Readers

1st Sunday
Brian Swenson

2nd Sunday
Darrell Slabaugh

3rd Sunday
Stephen Fulce

4th Sunday
Dr. Beverly Waddleton-Johnson

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 provided by Wesley House Nursing Home, Quitman Wellness and Rehab Facility (formerly Caraday Healthcare) and Reflections Hospice. This monthly event would not be possible without them and the generous financial assistance from other local businesses.



Invite a friend to lunch...



COMMUNITY
Lenten Lunches

Quitman First United Methodist Church

**Every Tuesday from
February 24 - March 24, 2026**

**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.**



Reignite Your Sundays with Ignite Worship

Since launching in September, Ignite Worship has become a welcoming, meaningful, and uplifting part of Sunday mornings at First United Methodist Church for many in our church family. This contemporary service offers a relaxed setting to gather, worship, and connect.

Ignite Worship meets every Sunday at **9:00 a.m. in Joy Hall**. With fresh coffee and a *come as you are* atmosphere, the service creates an inviting space for worship and community.

The service features contemporary worship music that is uplifting and Spirit-filled, creating a joyful and encouraging environment to connect with God and prepare your heart for the day and week ahead.

If life has been busy or routines have shifted, Ignite Worship is an easy way to reconnect. Whether you're returning, visiting for the first time, or regularly attend one of our other services and are curious to see what Ignite is all about, you'll find a warm welcome and a service designed to meet you where you are.

Ignite Worship
Sundays at **9:00 a.m.**
Joy Hall

Come experience what Ignite is all about — and let your faith be fired up. 



“Be the church we are called to be!”

First United Methodist Church
406 E. Lane Street
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Sanctuary Worship 8:30 a.m
Ignite Worship J.O.Y.Hall 9:00 a.m.
Gathering in The Well 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m
Sanctuary Worship 11:00 am
YouTube Delayed Recording 6:00 pm

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