



The Messenger

April 2026

First United Methodist Church, Quitman, Texas

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



It is officially spring and April means that summer days are promised on the horizon. FUMC Quitman recently had a wonderful Holy Week

as we celebrated our risen Lord! From Palm Sunday to Good Friday, to our community Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, and of course resurrection Sunday, thanks for participating in all the events that we had here at the church.

As summer approaches we begin to prepare for Senior Sunday, Summer camps, and vacation bible school. Stay tuned for more information on all that is happening around the church in the spring and summer months.

Our current sermon series is “Our Shared Faith,” where we are taking a close look at the historic Apostle’s Creed that we say every Sunday morning. What do the words mean and why do we treat them as foundational to our faith?

Our Wednesday night Bible Study is working our way through Paul’s epistles, and we are currently in the book of Ephesians. What did Paul have to say

to the church at Ephesus and how should we respond as the Church of today?

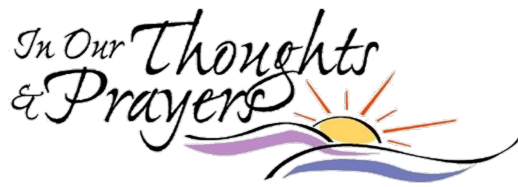
This study will take us right up to our summer break at the end of May. Be sure to join us every Wednesday night at 6pm in the celebration classroom.

There is a lot going on in the life of the church these days, I hope that you will join us in the month of April. The grave is empty, we have heard and seen the risen Lord, now is the time to proclaim to the rest of the world the good news. Jesus Christ is not dead, He is risen!

-Rev. Thomas Harper

**Come &
Worship**






Mickey & Glenda Barnett	Jan Lumley
Darlene Blair	Saundra Mott
Harriett Bevil	Sandy Narkiewicz
Ann Crawford	Pat Neel
Claudette Dixon	Marilyn Odom
Pamela Dountas	Martha Scroggins
Lynda Gibson	Gary Simpkins
Sally Green	Maddox Story
Diana King	Bryan Swenson
	Susan Ukleja

Reignite Your Sundays with Ignite Worship

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.

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

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

Financial Update Through February 2026

Revenue YTD	\$57,363
<u>Expenses YTD</u>	<u>\$62,565</u>
Gain/(Loss)	(\$ 5,202)

*Mark Your Calendars

<u>Sunday</u>	
8:30 a.m.	Worship Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Ignite J.O.Y. Hall
9:30 a.m.	Gathering J.O.Y. Hall
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Worship Sanctuary
<u>Monday</u>	
9:00 a.m.	Line Dancing
<u>Tuesday</u>	
12:00 p.m.	Bell Rehearsal
<u>Wednesday</u>	
6:00 pm	Bible Study all ages
7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
<u>Thursday</u>	
9:00 am	Line Dancing



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8:30 a.m.

Bill & Becky McPherson

11:00 a.m.

Robert Ukleja
Jim & Cheryl Franck

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

OUR SHARED FAITH
(THE APOSTLES CREED)

April 12th - June 7th



April 1 Randy Henington
April 4 Jhett Jackson
April 5 Dawn McCampbell
April 9 Debby Slabaugh
April 11 Billy Armstrong
April 12 Mary Jane Young
April 16 Kathy Burford
April 17 Faye Gardner
April 20 Jean Stobaugh
April 21 Faye Armstrong
April 22 Ginny Harper
April 23 Kelly Roberts
April 27 Marilyn Odum
April 29 Darlene Blair



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Church Council will meet at 1:30
pm in the
Celebration Classroom:

April 12th
July 12th
October 11th

About FUMC's April Rail Offering

United Methodist Council on Relief

UMCOR comes alongside those who suffer from natural or human-caused disasters famine, hurricane, war, flood, fire or other events, to alleviate suffering and serve as a source of help and hope for the vulnerable.

North East Texas Choral Society

Is pleased to Announce its Spring Concert:

Anthem for America
A celebration of
America's 250th Birthday

Saturday, April 25th at 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 26th at 2:00 p.m.

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HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
1200 HOUSTON ST,
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We would like to thank everyone that participated in our Lenten Lunches this year, they were a GREAT success and gave us all an opportunity to hear the gospel from area Pastors. We have received positive feedback from those who attended and look forward to hosting the Lenten Lunches again next year.



Each month we participate in the East Texas Food Bank Mobile Distribution event held on the third Wednesday of each month at 9:00am at the Bud Moody Stadium parking lot. March's event was very successful with reaching over 300 of our neighbors in need. If you are interested in volunteering for future events please contact Pastor Harper.



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.



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



This year's camp will be June 22nd - 27th and is open to 1st graders thru graduated seniors.

For information, contact Judy Johnson or Pastor Harper.



June 22-27 for FUMC VBS.

Judy Johnson is the 2026 VBS Coordinator

Volunteers are needed.

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

It's going to be fun.!!!



Friday September 4th and Saturday September 5th we will be attending the Rock of the Pines Christian Music Festival at the beautiful Nature Preserve in Mineola.



DESERET DANCERS

The Deseret Dancers began in 1997 under the direction of Dawn Freeman as a non-profit ministry providing free dance lessons, recitals, and competition to those in need and those who desire an environment based on family values, integrity, and faith.

Ms. Dawn is able to continue the ministry this year through the kind sponsorship of our church along with the many volunteers who give not only of their time but also their heart.

There is no cost for lessons, and the cost of costumes, shoes and necessities are provided free of charge. Necessities are covered by Ms. Dawn and the donations of others as a heartfelt gift for those who want to dance.

With Deseret Dance, rigorous practice sessions are used to teach proper dance techniques not only for fun, but to gain scholarships and careers. Students learn perseverance, discipline, the quality of core of dance, and how to let their light shine to share with the world.

Unlike conventional dance studios, there are no ballet barres or mirrors, so students must work harder, becoming more disciplined. In addition, modesty is valued along with clean music, and a family environment. They believe that our Savior, Jesus Christ lives and loves us. They advocate prayer, and healthy relationships not only with our Heavenly Father but with each other. They are a dance family that give thanks to our Heavenly Father for the privilege of their ministry.

If interested in contacting Ms. Freeman for more information, you can reach her at 903-630-0524.

The entire congregation would like to recognize our Music Director, Gail Hall, and the choir members for all of their hard work and dedication to our church. They are more than just a singing group, they are a spiritual vessel that uses melody to teach, comfort and uplift our congregation every week during our Sunday service.

The choir recently performed in the beautifully orchestrated Cantata that we enjoyed on Palm Sunday.






“Be the church we are called to be!”

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406 E. Lane Street
903.763.4127
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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