



The Messenger

June 2026

First United Methodist Church, Quitman, Texas

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



Welcome to June and the beginning of the long Summer Months! I pray that everyone will have safe travels during all the vacations, trips, camps, and just playing with friends and family in the days that lay ahead of us.

There are two noteworthy camps in the summer: First our children’s director Judy Johnson is taking seven of our youth back to Lakeview Summer camp June 22nd - 26th. Join us in praying for safe travels and a transformative week for these youth! Then, our VBS week will take place at the end of July from the 27th - 30th as we welcome children from all over the area to play and learn about the love of Jesus. There is a great deal for our Children and Youth to get excited about during the upcoming summer months I hope you will help us to spread the word!

Our Summer Worship Series is “The Reluctant Prophet,” where we will be looking at the book of Jonah through adult eyes. Often, we relegate Jonah to a children’s story because of the fairy tale nature of the big fish. But, there are a lot of good lessons for this book to teach us as adults. Come join us on Sundays this summer to see what this story has to offer us today.

Our Wednesday Night Live Bible Study is taking a break over the summer months, so we will not meet until the fall series begins towards the end of August. But, we plan to have a Potluck dinner on the first Wednesday of each month over the summer for an opportunity to come back together in fellowship.

There is a lot going on in the life of the church these days. I hope that you will join us whenever you are in town and invite someone new to come to church. 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** 



Mickey & Glenda Barnett	Amelia Hood
Harriett Bevil	Diana King
Darlene Blair	Lumley Family
Ann Crawford	Saundra Mott
Claudette Dixon	Sandy Narkiewicz
Pamela Dountas	Pat Neel
Lynda Gibson	Marilyn Odom
Martha & Jim Gould	Martha Scroggins
Sally Green	Gary Simpkins
Venita Holbrook	Maddox Story
	Swenson Family

***Mark Your Calendars**

Sunday
 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

Monday
 9:00 a.m. Line Dancing

Tuesday

Wednesday
 12:00 pm *Bell Rehearsal
 7:00 p.m. *Choir Rehearsal

Thursday
 9:00 am Line Dancing

***June 10th** will be the next Bell and Choir rehearsal.

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. ☹️



June 2026

8:30 a.m.

JoAnn & Keith Zimmerman

11:00 a.m.

Brad Floyd
 Pam & Randy Hennington

Financial Update as of 4/30/2026

YTD Income	\$155,020
YTD Expenses	\$155,546



June 02 Brady Floyd
June 03 Keirsten Armstrong
June 05 Martha Gould
June 06 Kathy Thurman
June 07 David Simpkins
June 09 Gary Simpkins
June 10 Logan Cherry
June 16 Mandy Hubbard
June 17 Michael Narkiewicz
June 17 Mary Bass
June 20 Charlie Baker
June 22 Ben Burroughs
June 23 John Seekins
June 25 Cheryl Baker
June 27 Baylee Nicole Sessions
June 29 Nicholas O'Neal



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

July 12th
October 11th

Our Next Sermon Series



About FUMC's June Rail Offering

CS Food Pantry

Working with others churches, the Food Pantry helps people by providing emergency food that they may not otherwise be able to purchase. The supplies are available for individuals and families in the Quitman area who are struggling financially.

Communion Preparation

John & Sally Seekins

The Senior Breakfast event was a great success. We wish them all the best of luck in their future endeavors!



COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES PARTNERING WITH THE EAST TEXAS FOOD BANK

Summer Food Program for Children

Our church is partnering with the East Texas Food Bank (ETFB) by participating in their Summer Food Program for Children. The program will start on June 30th and go through August 4th. Its purpose is to provide summer meals to children in need within our community.

The ETFB will deliver bulk meals to JOY Hall at mid-morning each Monday afternoon between 12:00pm and 2:00pm. Our first delivery will consist of 50 boxes and 50 bags of non-perishable food items. Each delivery is intended to provide children with 2 meals a day for 7 days. The delivery volume may be adjusted afterwards according to demand.

Using a drive-through distribution process under the covered area of JOY Hall, we will distribute the meals to families on Tuesday evenings from 4:30pm to 6:00pm, or until we run out.

We need at least 3 volunteers to receive the meals from ETFB on Monday afternoons.

We also need 3 volunteers to distribute the meals to families on Tuesday evenings.

If you are interested in volunteering to assist with this important distribution, please contact JoAnn Zimmerman at 979-285-4165 or joann.zimmerman@ymail.com. There will also be a sign-up sheet at the Gathering on Sunday and also the Circle of JOY Meeting being held on June 9th at 4:00pm in the Life Classroom.

Monthly Mobile Distribution

In addition to the Summer Food Program for Children, we are continuing our long-standing participation in the East Texas Food Bank Mobile Distribution that is held on the third Wednesday of each month at 9:00am at Bud Moody Stadium. April's event was very successful with reaching over 300 of our neighbors in need. If you are interested in volunteering for the monthly distribution program, please contact Pastor Harper.

Plastic Grocery Bag Collection

FUMC Quitman needs your plastic grocery bags to be used for the monthly East Texas Food Bank distribution. Collection bins are now placed in both the entrance to Joy Hall and the Narthex. Please drop off your bags here every month, they will be put to good use. Thank you!!

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's 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 - 26th and is open to 1st graders thru graduated seniors.



For information, contact Judy Johnson or Pastor Harper.



On Saturday September 5th we will be attending the Rock of the Pines Christian Music Festival at the beautiful Nature Preserve in Mineola. If you are interested in attending, please see Judy Johnson or call Pam in the church office at 903-763-4127 to get signed up.

**July 27th - 30th
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.!!!





“Be the church we are called to be!”

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406 E. Lane Street 903.763.4127
Sanctuary Worship 8:30 am
Ignite Worship in J.O.Y. Hall 9:00 am
Gathering in The Well 9:30 am
Sunday School 10:00 a.m
Sanctuary Worship 11:00 am
YouTube Delayed Recording by 6:00 pm
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