



The Messenger

July 2026

First United Methodist Church, Quitman, Texas

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



Happy 250th birthday America! I hope that you and your family had a wonderful fourth of July weekend. July marks the midway point in a long and hot summer! 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.

We have just returned from our summer camp to Lakeview where 7 youth and 4 adults traveled to Palestine Texas to learn about God and share the love of Christ with others. During that same week we hosted youth from Round Rock FUMC at our church during their Middle School Mission Trip.

We are looking forward to our VBS week at the end of the month from July 27th – 30th where we will have kids from all over Wood County coming through the doors of the church to learn about the Love of Jesus. There is a lot for our Children and Youth to get excited about during the upcoming summer months.

Our Summer series is "The Reluctant Prophet," where we are continuing to look 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 around this summer and see what this story has to offer.

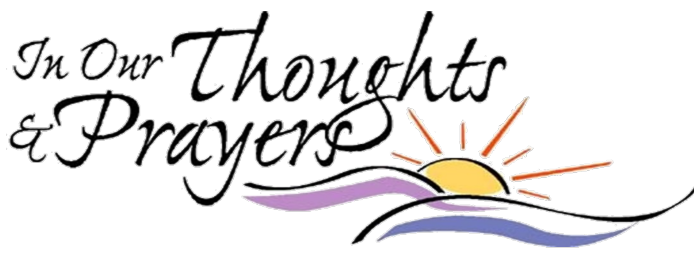
Our Wednesday night Bible Study is taking a break over the summer months and will not meet until the fall starts back up towards the end of August. We plan to have a Potluck dinner on the first Wednesday of each month over the summer with a game night to go along with good food and fellowship.

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 Greene	Gary Simpkins
Venita Holbrook	Maddox Story
	Swenson Family

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. ☕

*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
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*Tuesday

4:00 p.m.	Summer Meals Distribution
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*Wednesday

Thursday

9:00 am	Line Dancing
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**Bells and Choir will be taking a break during the month of July. Practices will resume in August.*



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8:30 a.m.

Susan Kincaid
Bill Bonnette

11:00 a.m.

Stephen & Teresa Fulce

Financial Update as of 5/31/26

YTD Income	\$194,422
YTD Expense	\$187,549



July 03	Pete Andres
July 03	Sally Greene
July 04	Saundra Mott
July 04	Austin Dobbs
July 06	Cathy Rhodes
July 07	Greg Simpkins
July 08	Nancy Kinder
July 15	Brad Gibson
July 16	Logan Simpkins
July 16	Julissa Suarez
July 19	David Johnson
July 21	Jason Edwards
July 23	Nicholas Poppenhusen
July 24	Katherine Newsom
July 26	Landon Cherry
July 27	Susan Ukleja
July 31	Sally Seekins
July 31	Shirley O'Neal

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Church Council

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

July 12th
October 11th

Our Current Sermon Series



The Reluctant Prophet

June 14th - August 2nd

About FUMC's June Rail Offering

Wood County Special Education
(Wood County SSA)

Serving educating and training students with significant disabilities from Quitman, Mineola, Alba Golden, Hawkins and Yantis.

Communion Preparation

Keith & JoAnn Zimmerman



Our children and youth had a wonderful time at this years' Lakeview Summer Camp. Lots of good memories to last a lifetime.

We can't wait until next year!



Hosts for the Round Rock FUMC Middle School Mission Trip.



Quitman FUMC was pleased to welcome back our former Youth Director, Taylor Ory, and his team of students and counselors from the Round Rock First United Methodist Church for their 2026 Middle School Mission Trip. While in Quitman, they worked on several home projects around the area while spending their nights and having morning meals in our church complex. A special thanks is extended to FUMC church members Michelle & Ricky Cameron, Kevan & Will Burroughs, and Carol Denson who arranged some special outings for the group during their week in Quitman.



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, Reflections Hospice, and Aspen Hospice and Palliative Care.

This monthly event would not be possible without them and the generous financial assistance from other local businesses. 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.



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 started on June 30th and will go through August 4th. Its purpose is to provide summer meals to children in need within our community.

The ETFB is delivering bulk meals to JOY Hall at mid-morning each Monday. Our first delivery consisted 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. Afterwards, the delivery volume may be adjusted 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.



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. Each month's event has been very successful in 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!!

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



On Saturday September 5th an FUMC group 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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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 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 “Give On-Line” link on the Church’s web-site, fumcquitman.org, or simply activate the QR Code on the right.

The “Tithe.ly Donation System” is safe and reliable, and it allows you to Add Special Instructions that specify how your donation is to be applied. It will also provide you with an emailed receipt for your bookkeeping and tax records.

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