



Prayer Lists

Newly Added:

Congratulations to TAMU-C graduates!
Cathy Morgan's mother
Lunsford Family

Continued Prayers for Church Family

Kelsey Hall	Mark Sullivan
Donna Cottle	Janet Skauge
Bill Terrell	Jeff Helton
Gene McKenzie	Sally Grove
Nell Avery	Mary Nell Roberts
Louis Ragsdale	Fred Tarpley
Helen Dickson	Peggy Fox
Jean Ward	Robert Seay
Gary Kibler	

Continued Prayers Family & Friends

Fred Klaus	Kathryn Scott
George O'Kelley	Chance Thornton
Sherial Williams (Doris Kerbow's niece)	
Bill Cole (Judy Anderson's father)	
Scott Sands (Carolyn Miller's brother)	
Jan Hawkins (Kent Holbert's sister)	
Gwen Dean (Jim Brown's sister)	
Becca Smith (Mike Smith's mother)	
Sam Duckworth (Jessica Duckworth's young son)	
Jane Otani (Sue Porter's friend)	
Whitney Bramitt (Danny Shepherd's daughter)	
Jewell Stovall (Helen's Rowe's sister)	
Mary Sue Walker (Helen Rowe's sister)	
Johnny Davis (Sue Davis' son)	
Walker Rainey (Sharon & Lanny Rainey's grandson)	

If you have someone you would like to add or remove from the prayer list, please let the church office know (903-886-3220).



Remembering those serving in our military.

Our Troops and their families
Jim Hunsicker (in Afghanistan)-Carolyn Miller's brother
Matt Skelton (in Iraq) Mariann and Mack Andrews' nephew
Robert Starkey-Haiti (Wanda Beane's brother)
Travis Miller (in Afghanistan)-Lena Faulkner's great-grandson
Aaron K. Brister-son of Eddie and Roberta Brister
Alex Dech (in Afghanistan)-Pastor Ron Dech's son
Chris Hall-Kelsey Hall's brother
1st Lt. Daniel Robnett-Wanda Robnett's grandson
Nathan Grove
David Wheat- Edna O'Quinn's nephew
Sgt. Stephen Smith & Denise Smith
Lt. Col. Peter Bailey
Lt. Col. Richard Bailey
Lt. Col. Keith Williams
Rusty Webb-son of Margaret & Tommy Overturf
Dwayne Hooe-neighbor of Margaret & Tommy Overturf
Brian Richards- nephew of Judy Rudoff
Keith L. Boone-former Associate Pastor
Terry & Robert Starkey - brothers of Wanda Beane
Lt. Dan Barton
Kris Yoder-son-in-law of John & Rebecca Sneed
Staff Sgt. Geoff Abbe & Sgt. Eric Abbe-cousins of Ladonna & Chris Patterson
Garrett Johnson

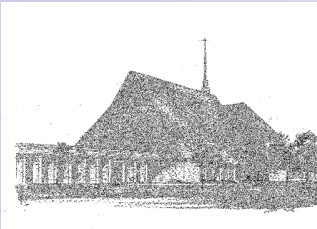


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Dear Church Family,

Spring always brings with it a sense of transition. The students (of all ages!) are ending their school year and looking ahead to the next year with new schedules and plans. We transition from the pace of the school year (which in our town seems to affect all of us!) to the pace of summer... just a little slower and a little less chaotic.

Needless to say, this spring has brought its own heightened level of transition and chaos into our lives on Meadowview Rd. The girls and I are getting ready for our big move. They are most excited about living 3 blocks from my parents. I am excited about that, too, of course! We have found a pretty, little house perfect for the 3 of us, and the girls will be attending the same elementary and high schools that I attended. Crazy! But fun!



We are also finding ways to say goodbye. Since the girls will be coming back to Commerce every other weekend or so, they are feeling much less pressed to say any goodbyes. I, on the other hand, think there's no way I can say all the things I want to say to all the people I want to say them to... it's not humanly possible! My gratitude overwhelms me at times... for the journey shared these past seven years... for friendships and grace extended, for the holy ground we've walked together through deaths and illnesses and births and marriages and baptisms and so much more, for a town that feels so much like home, it's hard to imagine not living here.

All that's to say, I've been thinking a lot about transitions, about leaving one way and embracing the new. I know, spiritually deep down, that every new step requires loss, but that doesn't make the losing any more palatable. So, I'm trying to focus on the parts of you that will always be a part of me. That way it's not loss... it's gain!

Who you are has shaped who I am, who Elizabeth and Caroline are. Everything we've experienced together has molded us into who we are today. God is pretty amazing, don't you think?! ...taking all our circumstances and experiences and conversations and weaving them into the fabric of our lives so that they can never be lost. I'm holding onto that image. It's helping me make this transition. So, everywhere I look I'm giving thanks for a part of you and a part of this place that lives in me. Thanks be to God!

See you in church on Sunday!

Lisa



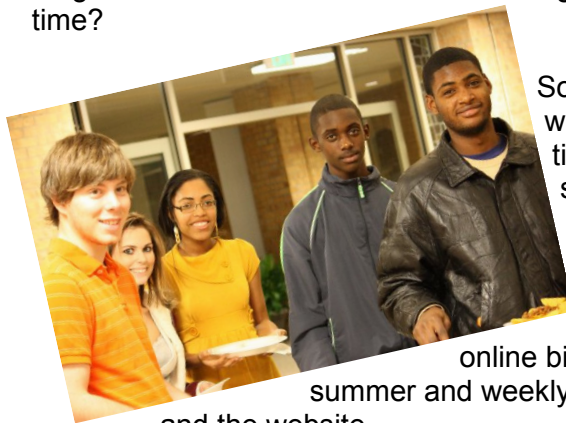
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The Bridge Experience
...it's church rethought

We have the best time at The Bridge of making disciples of Jesus Christ. We have an average worshipping community of 45-50 people who think "church is fun"! We have had the awesome responsibility of welcoming new people each week to The

Bridge; people who would not have ordinarily entered the doors of FUMC-Commerce. We REJOICE for the GREAT things God is doing in our midst. However, in our rejoicing, there is a concern. Over the past few weeks, we have faced the reality that our affinity group will be gone throughout the summer. Which means, over 85% of our worshipping community will not be in Commerce; what do we do? How will we be good stewards of our resources during this time?



So...throughout the summer, The Bridge will go "under construction". This will be a time of praying, retooling and strategizing, so that we can create a more fruitful Bridge Experience beginning in August. While "under construction" The Bridge will continue to operate in gaining momentum and strength. There will be online bible study sessions throughout the summer and weekly video messages posted via facebook and the website.

We decided this would be an appropriate opportunity for us to look back at the success of The Bridge and also look ahead to how we can be an even greater witness in Commerce!



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Worship

May 16, 2010

Rev. Lisa Greenwood will preach on Nehemiah 2:17-20

Please join us to recognize our graduating Seniors this Sunday!

*8:45 in the Chapel
10:50 in the Sanctuary*

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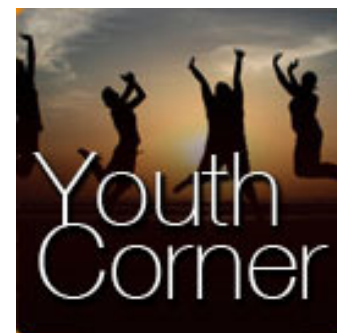
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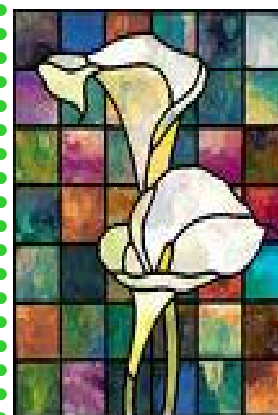
The UMW will meet May 18th at 10:00am. Carole Walker will bring the program on her mission trip to Africa. Our mission project for May is goodies for Oak Manor bingo prizes. All Methodist women are invited!



The Youth Canoe Trip has been rescheduled for May 31st. We still have some spots left open if anyone wants to join us! Contact Hayley for more details at hayley@fumccommerce.org.



ONE SERVICE- June 6



To allow for travel to Wichita Falls for Annual Conference, Sunday, June 6 we will have ONE Worship Service beginning at 9:00am with a light brunch to follow.

Please join us for Pastor Lisa's last worship service as we celebrate her ministry and service to FUMC-C!

Sunday, July 4th
Join us for a reception to welcome our new senior pastor, **Rev. Valarie Englert.**
It will be a come-and-go event held during the Sunday School hour.

Congratulations to Michael Naizer! He placed 5th in the state in UIL Science!



Reading the Bible Daily



As you seek to grow closer to God through daily prayer and Bible study, you may have your own favorite daily readings. If not, you will find Scriptures for each day listed below. We hope you'll read daily and ask yourself: "How will I be different today because of what I just read?" Some other questions you might ask are: What does this text say about who God is?" "What does this text say about who I am/who we are as human beings?" "What does this text say about our relationship with God?" You may want to reflect on paper with a journal or note pad. We hope this will become a part of your daily prayer time.

Daily Scripture Readings:

Sunday, May 16	Revelation 22:12-21
Monday, May 17	Acts 2:14-20
Tuesday, May 18	Romans 8:14-17
Wednesday, May 19	Acts 2:1-12
Thursday, May 20	Psalm 104:24-28
Friday, May 21	John 14:23-29
Saturday, May 22	John 14:25-27
Sunday, May 23	Ephesians 1:15-23
Monday, May 24	Proverbs 8:1-4
Tuesday, May 25	Proverbs 8:22-31
Wednesday, May 26	Psalm 8
Thursday, May 27	Romans 5:1-2
Friday, May 28	Romans 5:1-5
Saturday, May 29	John 16:12-15