



First United Methodist Church Commerce

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The FUMC-C Children’s Department is teaming with the Commerce community, including the A.C. Williams PTO, A&M-C Children’s Learning Center, and Jerry D. Morris Recreation Center, to host the annual **Trunk or Treat** event at **Halloween on the Square**, Wednesday, October 31st, 2017, 5:30pm – 7:30pm, and we need YOUR help!

You may help in three ways:

1. **Donate CANDY, CANDY, CANDY!! (we need LOTS!)**
2. **Donate money so we can buy CANDY!**
3. **Decorate the “trunk” of your vehicle on Halloween night and hand out candy to kids (or BOTH!)**

Details for Decorating Your Vehicle

If you are interested in decorating the back of your vehicle there are lots of great ideas on Pinterest, or you may contact Kristi Robertson for ideas. If you plan to attend with your vehicle, please contact Kristi (info below). We will line up vehicles in the parking area in the center of the square downtown. Local businesses/churches will set up to hand out candy on the perimeter of the square. This is a great way for kids in our community to have a safe and fun trick-or-treating experience on Halloween night.

Kristi Robertson: Mobile (Text/Call): **(903) 456-2093** ~ **Email:** Kristi.Robertson@att.net

Details for Donating Candy

Please send bags of individually pre-wrapped candy to the church office labeled “Trunk or Treat”. **The more candy the better!** Last year’s *Halloween on the Square* event had approximately 4,000 – 5,000 kids walk through! Sharing the expense of the candy is a huge help. Start sending as many bags of candy as you can now through Halloween.

We are expecting this to be a **spooktacular event!!!**

We will be communicating with you regularly about this event on the A.C. Williams PTO Facebook page. Follow us there at www.facebook.com/acwptopage

Thank you for your help!

**FUMC-C Children’s Department ~ A.C.Williams PTO
Children’s Learning Center ~ Jerry D. Morris Recreation Center**

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From the Pastor:

We give resources to God's work out of gratitude for His grace and blessings. In our area of influence, we plant and cultivate faith in order to grow disciples, strengthen families, and spread the kingdom of God. Giving out of gratitude for the ways God has blessed us is important but it is all about the past. We also give forward, investing in the ways God will bless people in the days ahead through the connections formed here at FUMC-Commerce. This is the way we grow: by turning *outward and forward* to cultivate new disciples by opening the doors of this congregation. Let's go!



Rev. Sam Caldwell, Pastor

From Your Finance Committee



By now you have gotten your 2019 pledge card in the mail. Your finance committee asks that you prayerfully consider what you will do to support the church in the upcoming year. We are seeing good signs of revitalization at the church and to keep things moving forward we need everyone's support.

Just like at home, the church's bills have been increasing so if you can give just a little more it can make a big difference to the church finances. But don't stop there, keep the church and others in your prayers, attend regularly, and consider serving the church in some of the many ways available to people of all skills. Invite others to join us at FUMCC: like they say; the more the merrier.

Consecration Sunday Celebration & Potluck

Sunday, October 7
after the 10:50am service

On October 7th at our Consecration Sunday Celebration, we will receive the very life of Jesus at the communion rail as we dedicate our intentions to grow our financial support of our common ministry in sharing God's love and grace.

Let us celebrate our commitments with a potluck luncheon after the 10:50 a.m. service. Please bring a side dish to share (the finance team will provide the meat).



**Friendship Class
Sunday School Party**
**Thursday,
September 27**
@ 6pm
at the Sartwell's home
(call 903-886-7047 for directions)

All past, present, and future class members are invited to join us for a covered dish dinner and fellowship.

**Reception honoring
Mary Means**
Sunday, September 30
after 8:45am
worship service
in Chapel
Gathering Area

Honoring her 60+ years of faithful service to God by sharing her talents with the early worship service

THE LIGHT

FUMC COMMERCE

Contemporary Service

Sundays @ 6pm in the Family Ministry Center
First Sunday Potluck - October 7 at 5pm

If you haven't already, be sure to join our Facebook group at www.facebook.com/groups/thelightworship/ for the latest information about The Light, including news, upcoming events, and a weekly preview of the songs we'll be singing each Sunday.

Upcoming Worship

Sunday, October 7
Consecration Sunday

Sunday, October 14

Sunday, October 21

Sunday, October 28

8:45am ~ Chapel
10:50am ~ Sanctuary
6:00pm ~ Family
Ministry Center

FIRST THURSDAY

Potluck Luncheon
October 4 @ 12pm



Luigi's Gives Back Sunday October 21

If you take your bulletin after church, Luigi's will send us 10%. Help support our church by eating some good food!

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Ad Council Chair:

Mike Roberts (903) 886-2142

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Craig Jensen (903) 886-8713

Serve Team Chair:

Amy Stark (903) 246-1487

Lay Member:

Gene Lockhart (903) 886-3498

WELCOME

New Members

Welcome to our new members:

- o Jamie, Brianna, Wyatt, and Michael Bourcy
- o Sandra Rungger
- o Kay Shope
- o Karla Roffee
- o Pete and Maggie Adrian



The First United Methodist Newsletter is the official publication of FUMC Commerce. The newsletter is published at the end of the month. Inputs may be submitted to the Church office to Bonnie Smith, Communications Specialist, at communications@fumccommerce.org, or call the office at 903-886-3220. Questions may be addressed to the Church office.

****The October deadline is Tuesday, October 23 by 9:00am****

Children's Ministry

Please join us for Children's Sunday School every Sunday morning from **9:45-10:40am** and each evening at 6:00pm.

Our Sunday School Bible Verse for October is: "Look at how good and pleasing it is when families live together as one!" (Psalm 133:1)



Little Ark had a great September. Pastor Sam continues his chapel lessons on Mondays, and has asked preschool to be involved with these lessons.

We had over 60 grandparents join us for grid-dlecakes to celebrate Grandparents Day. A huge thanks to the Patton's for making the pancakes and helping with clean up. Also thanks to Amy Stark for serving and clean up, and our substitute grandmothers, Mrs. Blohm, Mrs. Doughty, and Mrs. Fane.



Donuts with Dad will be held on October 4th. Little Ark preschool and pre-k will be out for fall break beginning October 5th. We can't wait to see everyone back on October 15th!!

fumc-c children's council

Our Children's Council is focused on the mission of making disciples of the children of Commerce and all children we reach in the broader community, while strengthening our own faith through our ministry. We are meeting and working together to plan programs, Sunday school education, and activities to meet the needs of our children. We are planning Christian-based, kid-centered events throughout the year. Look forward to seeing our active kids!

Contact with FUMC Youth Ministry

Join our Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/415260338564559/>

Follow us on Instagram: [@fumccommerceyouth](https://www.instagram.com/fumccommerceyouth)

For Parents:

- To sign up to receive texts using Remind, go to <https://www.remind.com/join> and enter class code **fumccumyf**, or text **@fumccumyf** to **81010**
- To sign up our email list, send an email to nevin@fumccommerce.org with the subject line "Subscribe to Email List"

Contact Youth Minister Nevin Jackson directly: **903.461.9752** or nevin@fumccommerce.org

united methodist youth fellowship

The Youth Ministry is exploring what it means when Jesus calls us to **FEED (ALL) MY SHEEP**. As we've begun our in-depth study of the gospel of Luke, we're learning about what it means to carry out Jesus' mandate to proclaim the good news of God's kingdom to everyone everywhere. In September, we talked about how Jesus chose unlikely people to be his disciples, including Matthew, the tax collector, and Simon Peter, an ordinary fisherman. We also began discussing Jesus' teachings to his disciples, starting with the list of beatitudes in Luke 6:20-26.



Youth took "happiness selfies" to illustrate some of Jesus' teachings in Luke 6:20-26: "Happy are you who hunger now, because you will be satisfied" [top] and "How terrible for you who have plenty now, because you will be hungry." [bottom]

Special Thanks to our Youth Parents who have been bringing snacks and to our awesome adult volunteers: Jim and Susan Patton, and Tammy Naizer!

United Methodist Youth Fellowship happens every Sunday afternoon from 4:00 to 6:00. with games and fellowship, snacks, worship, bible study, and small group discussion. If you know any middle school or high school youth, please invite them to come and see what UMYF is all about. There is always room for more, and each student is welcome!

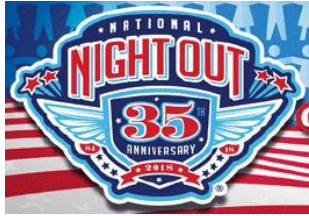


We went "fishing" for scripture to discover Jesus' call to Simon Peter: "Don't be afraid. From now on, you will be fishing for people" (Luke 5:10b).



UMYF Fall Events

- o Six Flags Fright Fest – Saturday, September 29
- o Tailgate and Game Day at Texas A&M-Commerce – Saturday, October 13
- o Urban Air Trampoline Park in Rockwall – Saturday, November 3
- o Shopping and Ice Skating at Galleria Dallas – Saturday, December 15



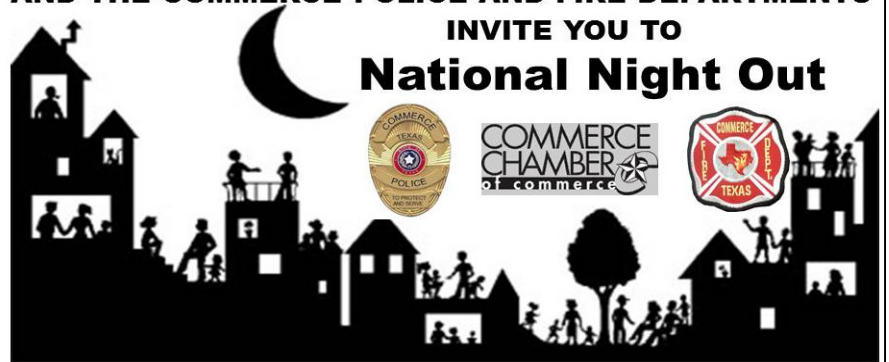
National Night Out

**Tuesday, October 2 @ 6-8pm
at the Commerce Police Dept.**

We are looking for 8-12 volunteers to work 1/2-hour slots at the FUMC-C table as we hand out bottled water and stickers while we connect with the community.

Please consider joining your church family at this positive community event!!

**COMMERCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
AND THE COMMERCE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS
INVITE YOU TO
National Night Out**



October 2nd 6PM-8PM
At the Commerce Public Safety Building
1103 SYCAMORE

**** FREE FOOD FUN AND GAMES ****
(tours of police and fire station, bounce house, games, food, shows, and more)

Prayer Shawl Ministry



FUMC Prayer Shawl Ministry meets in the Prayer Shawl room each month and had to add a table in September for new participants. Members knit, crochet, and quilt items to be given to church members and others who are ill or who have had a death in the family. All church members are welcome to send names of persons in need of a prayer shawl or lap robe or to be added to the list of holiday card recipients. If an item has already been taken, then a card will be sent. Prayer shawl members gathered at MUGS in September to create Thanksgiving cards for home bound members and those in care facilities. Other projects include chemo caps that are distributed at the cancer hospital in Greenville, mufflers and stocking caps for Operation Gratitude, and items to be sold at the Merry Market in December. Proceeds from the market and memorial donations are used for cards, postage and yarn. Prayer shawl meets at 9:30 a.m. on the second Monday of each month. All knitters and/or crocheters are welcome to attend or to donate items. Members will give lessons to new or out of practice crafters. Contacts are Laura Milligan, Janet Latham, or Susan Patton.

MISSION of the MONTH

October's Mission of the Month is Hunt County Clothe-a-Child (HCCAC), which has been providing clothing to children in need since 1989. All \$1 bills and designated gifts placed in the offering plate during October will benefit this important program.



Last December, HCCAC was able to provide clothing for 100% of the 304 qualifying Commerce children. Commerce students referred by teachers and counselors are provided with \$50 - \$75 worth of clothing and shoes purchased at our local Wal-Mart. Also throughout the year, Clothe-a-Child provides help to families in distress, due to fire, flood, tornado or other natural disasters.

If you want to help with shopping days in early December, contact Belinda Miller, Commerce Elementary School counselor, at 903.886.3757.



SAVE THE DATE
COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22
11 AM-1 PM



Serve Opportunity

October is Hunt County Gives Registration Month

Volunteers are needed to help with registration for the Hunt County Gives Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets during October. Hunt County Shared Ministries – FISH, in partnership with the Hunt County Coalition, provides this annual, countywide assistance. Basket distribution dates are Saturday, November 17, and Saturday, December 15.

Hunt County residents who are clients of the Commerce Food Pantry and/or the Bread of Life Food Pantry may sign up for the holiday food baskets in Commerce at any of the locations and times below. And, this is when volunteers are needed!

- **First Presbyterian Church**, 1216 Monroe Street, during Commerce Food Pantry hours from 2 to 4 p.m. on Thursdays, October 4, 11, 18, and 25
- **Church of the Nazarene**, 301 Hwy 224, during Bread of Life Food Pantry hours from 5 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, October 17
- **First United Methodist Church**, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, October 26, and from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 30

Our church family has been a faithful supporter of FISH through Drop-a-Dollar giving, the designation of Merry Marketplace funds, and its BBQ fundraiser. Please consider giving your time to follow your donations at work. Contact Angela Roberts at 972.765.6547 to volunteer.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MERRY
MARKETPLACE
& LUNCH FOR
MISSIONS
COMMERCE

Saturday, December 1, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

How to Plug In to the 6th Annual Fundraiser Benefiting Missions

- ✧ Spread the word that orders for fresh evergreens are due Monday, November 5 by noon.
- ✧ Bring your artificial Christmas tree beginning Sunday, November 25, to create a welcoming forest in the Family Ministry Center. (You are welcome to take your loaner tree home on December 3.)
- ✧ Bake, can, and create for the Bakery.
- ✧ Bring quart jars and tops for the stew (no sizes under a quart, please).
- ✧ Use your 40% off Hobby Lobby coupon to purchase craft supplies to get creative or a fun Christmas décor item for the Market.
- ✧ Look in your closet for that vintage item or antique that will become someone's treasure at the Market.
- ✧ Volunteer by calling/texting Ann Underhill at 903-886-3922 (home) or 301-775-8791 (cell).
- ✧ Invite family, friends, and neighbors to shop, eat, and have lunch.

Our Prayer Chain is here to pray for your urgent prayer needs. Feel free to call or text your prayer request 8am-8pm or call the pastor and notification will be forwarded immediately to our prayer partners.

Prayer Lead:
Mary Lou Heatherly 903-456-1412

FUMC-C
PRAYER
CHAIN
Ministry





The Serve team is selling Christmas evergreens again as a fundraiser for missions. Sherwood Forest Farms in Washington handcrafts their items from fresh evergreen trimmings. The wreaths and garlands were such a hit the past two years that we've added swags.

Our program will be offering evergreens to decorate your home or office and also the opportunity to send a gift item across the country or across town. We will have a sample wreath on display in the Gathering Area on October 28 and November 4 and are hopeful the wonderful scent and beautiful greenery will encourage you to support our fundraising efforts.

Sales materials will be available from the bulletin board outside the church office, and the link to the online ordering tool will be posted to the church's website and Facebook page. Please spread the word about our sale to your family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues! We appreciate your help!

Sales Dates

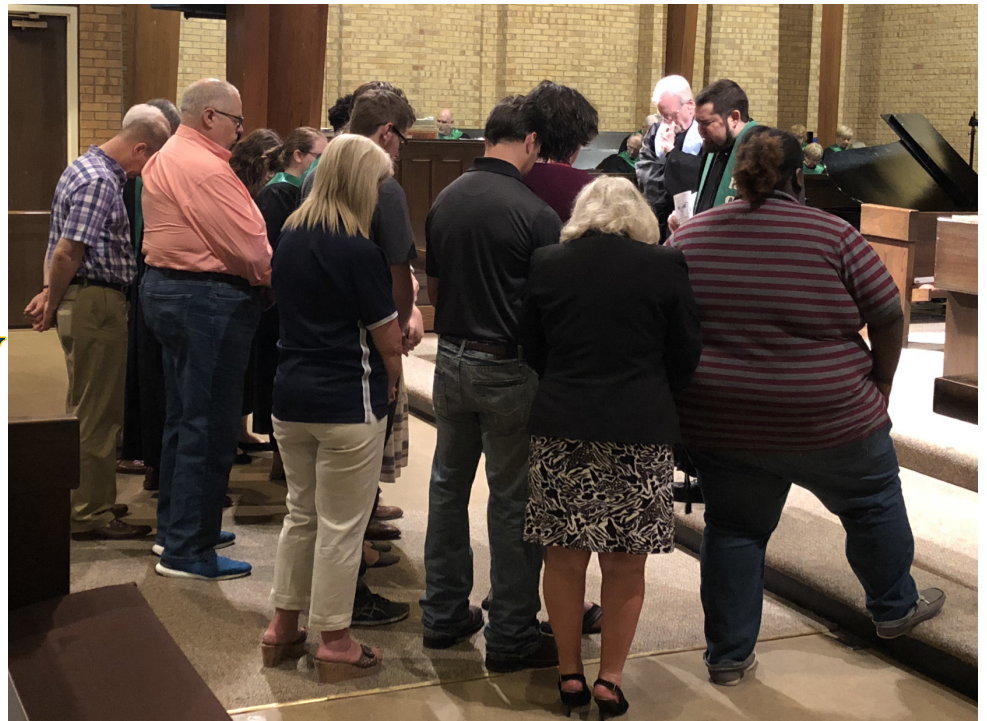
Monday, October 15 – Monday, November 5
Contact Angela Roberts at 972.765.6547 for more information.

Delivery Dates

Pre-ordered evergreens will be available for pick up from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on December 1 at the Merry Marketplace and Lunch for Missions. Direct delivery gift items will ship from Sherwood Forest Farms within the first two weeks after Thanksgiving.

Blessing of Lions

Lions Sunday on September 9





Wesleyan Campus Ministry Pride Retreat

by David C. Kemp

On the weekend of September 15th and 16th, the Wesleyan Campus Ministry at Texas A&M – Commerce traveled to Oak

Lawn UMC to participate in a mission opportunity and the Dallas Pride Parade. We met up with Synergy Wesley from the University of Texas – Dallas on that Saturday and volunteered our time serving Oak Lawn' clothing ministry by sorting, organizing, cleaning up, and moving clothes, boxes, and other items so

Oak Lawn could better serve the community. Afterwards we all went to a local burger restaurant and enjoyed some personal fellowship as we engaged with each other and got to know one another a bit more. Personally, I met and talked to Kat Singleton from Synergy Wesley where we discussed how both of our campus ministries have given us an inclusive and safe place to grow in our faith. Saturday was ended with a small group discussion over contemplation and better understanding what it means to be made in the image of God. Brian Dierolf, the campus pastor at the TAMUC Wesleyan led the discussion over contemplation, which spoke to me and many of the others. He then served communion to everyone. UTD Wesley's campus minister, Brittany Burrows, led us in worship and in a powerful activity about knowing what it means to be made in the image of God. The small group was extremely meaningful to the retreaters. We have all struggled with feelings of isolation and rejection due to the unfortunate nature of many churches and Christians choosing to hate those with different gender representations and/or sexual orientations instead of loving them. Because of this, the small group was very personal and meaningful to, especially to the new students who had yet to fully experience what love and acceptance by true Christians is like.



On Sunday, we helped Oak Lawn prepare for their 11am service and Pride Parade. Some of us assisted a local activist by helping him install his art piece which centered around bringing awareness to the sexual violence many middle-aged and older LGBTQ+ individuals face. Others helped Oak Lawn personnel set up equipment on the front stairs for the morning service. While others assisted Oak Lawn with their ADA accessible seating area which helped disabled persons view the parade from a safe and comfortable space. During the setup we all enjoyed a wonderful service by Oak Lawn where a great message of walking in the life God has called you, regardless of what others say, was preached. Finally, we watched the Dallas Pride Parade and continued to assist as needed. Overall, the entire retreat was a great opportunity to serve mar-

ginalized communities and show the world what true Christian compassion and justice looks like. Not only did the retreat serve the community, it also served everyone who participated in it; we all made new friends and grew closer to preexisting ones, along with deepening our faith and individual walks with God.



Men's Breakfast
Monday, October 29
@ 7am
at Omega's Restaurant!

Come and have breakfast with Pastor Sam, talk about "stuff" and enjoy fellowship and good food together!

e-GIVING Online

Remember, you can always give your monthly contributions securely online. To set up a recurring contribution, visit the church website at www.fumccommerce.org, and click on "Ways to Give" and create a profile if you haven't already.

By the Numbers

Attendance

	<u>Early</u>	<u>Late</u>	<u>Light</u>	<u>SS</u>
Sept 2	29	81	18	40
Sept 9	41	94	17	49
Sept 16	42	68	15	41
Sept 23	49	81	10	42

Financial Information
General Operating Fund

	<u>as of August 31, 2018</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Income:	\$ 30,467*	\$232,749
Expenses:	\$ 30,562	\$251,461
	-\$ 95	-\$18,712

*includes extra giving



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:

Monday, Oct 1	Job 1:1
Tuesday, Oct 2	Job 2:1-10
Wednesday, Oct 3	Psalm 26
Thursday, Oct 4	Hebrews 1:1-4
Friday, Oct 5	Hebrews 2:5-12
Saturday, Oct 6	Mark 10:2-12
Sunday, Oct 7	Mark 10:13-16
Monday, Oct 8	Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Tuesday, Oct 9	Psalm 22:1-2
Wednesday, Oct 10	Psalm 22:1-15
Thursday, Oct 11	Hebrews 4:12-16
Friday, Oct 12	Mark 10:17-22
Saturday, Oct 13	Mark 10:23-27
Sunday, Oct 14	Mark 10:28-31
Monday, Oct 15	Job 38:1-7
Tuesday, Oct 16	Job 38:34-41
Wednesday, Oct 17	Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c
Thursday, Oct 18	Hebrews 5:1-4
Friday, Oct 19	Hebrews 5:5-10
Saturday, Oct 20	Mark 10:35-40
Sunday, Oct 21	Mark 10:41-45
Monday, Oct 22	Job 42:1-6
Tuesday, Oct 23	Job 42:10-17
Wednesday, Oct 24	Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22
Thursday, Oct 25	Psalm 34:8
Friday, Oct 26	Hebrews 7:23-28
Saturday, Oct 27	Mark 10:46-52
Sunday, Oct 28	Mark 10:46-52
Monday, Oct 29	Ruth 1:1-18
Tuesday, Oct 30	Ruth 1:15-18
Wednesday, Oct 31	Psalm 146



Prayer Lists

Recent Concerns

Wayne Bruno	Garrett Cramer
Sammy Elwell	Bob Grove
Bobbie Hansen	Richard Norton
Michaela Prussack	Pat Skauge
Geneva Teel	

Continued Prayers (long term)

Healing and peace for our hurting country and world, our world and country's leaders, Debra Burton, Ann Chamberlain (Pete Chamberlain's wife), Martha Clevenger, Kenneth & Carol Cline (Tammy Naizer's parents), Harold Coker, Lois Cranford, Carol Davis, Corky Drinkard, Bill Ray Ellis (Luanne Huffman's cousin), Mel Fox, Jack and Gladys Gray, Betty Grimm (Lauren Dierolf's grandmother), Sally Grove, Margie Hamlin (Linda King's mother), Preston Helton (Jan & Jeff Helton's grandson), Rheba Icenhower, Doris Kerbow, Steve Lawson, Zachary Madden, Allen Martin, Debbie McCord, Donna Perkins, Harold & Priscilla McFarland (Julia Robinson's parents), Mary Ogletree (Mimi Dobbs' mother), Robert Seay, Billy Stocker (J.D. Short's uncle)

Oak Manor: Mary Elizabeth Channon, Barbara Gish and Euple Walker

Draughn's/Country Home Estate: Roger and Jean Arnold, Helen Cole, Joe and Mary Louise McMahan, Edna O'Quinn, and Gayle Shumate

Austin: Ruby Vander Velde



Remembering those serving in our military...

Lt. Dan Barton
 Daniel Chamberlain
 Sgt. Stephen Smith & Denise Smith
 Col. Keith Williams
 Kris Yoder-John & Rebecca Sneed's son-in-law

*"The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective."
 James 5:16*

Help us hold each other in prayer by contacting the church office with new prayer concerns and updates on existing prayer requests.

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

**In case of emergency pastoral care need,
 please call or text Pastor Sam at 214-842-9252.**



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