

First United Methodist Church *New Braunfels* **THE GOOD NEWS**

<https://www.fumcnb.org>

572 West San Antonio St., New Braunfels, Texas 78130

May 2022

2022 CONFIRMANTS



Paige Bunde



Lauren Edenburn



Francesca Coronado



Breelie DuFrene

First United Methodist Church New Braunfels would like to recognize our 2022 Confirmation graduates.

These students will be recognized during all three services on May 29th.

We would like to thank the following for serving as Confirmation Mentors:
Leila Coronado, Ali Dufrene, Terri Hartman, and Libby Ruppel.

We would also like to thank Pastor Don for leading class when Patrick was out.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
  						
1 VBS ONLINE REG. OPEN SOS SUNDAY 8:15-Traditional Svc 9:30-Contemporary 9:30-Adult SS 9:30-Children SS 11-Friends/Follow 11-Traditional Svc 11-Children/Youth 12:15-Confirmation 5-Jr/Sr High MYF	2 9:30-Staff Mtg.	3 VBS CREW 8-Coffee Connection 9:30-UMW Gen. Mtg. 11:45-UMW Book St. 2-Pray & Play 219 5:30-VBS Crew 6:30-Tues Eve Grp 6:30-Biased Study 	4 1:30-Heart for Home-bound Mtg. WC 6-Digging into Bible 6-Handbells 6-D/S Board Mtg. 6-Youth Bible Study 7-Sanctuary Choir	5 PASTORS OUT OF OFFICE AT TRAINING 10-Stockings 1:30-Mahjong 118 6-Discipleship Mtg. 6:30-Mission/Outreach Mtg.-118 6:30-Church History Study 215	6	7
8 MOTHER'S DAY PASTOR'S COFFEE 8:15-Traditional Svc 9:30-Contemporary 9:30-Adult SS 9:30-Children SS 11-Friends/Follow 11-Traditional Svc 11-Children/Youth 	9 9:30-Staff Mtg. 6:30-Finance Mtg.	10 8-Coffee Connection 1-Faith Stitches 100 2-Pray & Play 219 5:30-VBS Crew 6:30-Tues Eve Grp 	11 PAINTED CHURCH TRIP 8:30-Painted Churches 1-Bridge Group 118 1:30-Heart for Home-bound Mtg. WC 6-Digging into Bible 6-Handbells 6-Eve Cir Open House 6-D/S Board Mtg. 6-Youth Council 7-Sanctuary Choir 	12 NURSERY SHOWER 10-Stockings 1:30-Mahjong 118 6-Nursery Shower-WH 6-Trustees 6:30-Church History Study 215 6:30-Unclobber Study	13	14 PASTORS AT PRE-CONFERENCE MEETING ALL DAY
15 8:15-Traditional Svc 9:30-Contemporary 9:30-Adult SS 9:30-Childrens 11-Traditional Svc 11-Friends/Followers 11-Children/Youth 5-Jr/Sr High MYF	16 D/S 4s RECOGNITION 9:15-D/S Recognition of 4s in Chapel 9:30-Staff Mtg. 6-Worship Mtg. 6:30-Finance Mtg. 	17 CIRCLE DAY 8-Coffee Connection 9:30-UMW Circles 2-Pray & Play 219 5:30-VBS Crew 6:30-Tues Eve Grp 6:30-Biased Study 	18 1:30-Heart for Home-bound Mtg. WC 6-Digging into Bible 6-Handbells 6-Youth Bible Study 7-Sanctuary Choir	19 10-Stockings 1:30-Mahjong 118 6:30-Church History Study 215	20 PARENTS' NIGHT OUT 6-PNO 	21 11-Private Service
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29 CONFIRMATION 8:15-Traditional Svc 9:30-Contemporary 9:30-Adult SS 9:30-Children 11-Friends/Followers 11-Traditional Svc 11-Children/Youth 5-Jr/Sr High MYF	30 OFFICE CLOSED 	31 8-Coffee Connection 2-Pray & Play 219 6:30-Tues Eve Grp				

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

The Church contributions for

Mar. 31, 2022:

MAR. Income - \$98,254.08

MAR. Expenses - \$107,287.87

YTD Income— \$272,026.77

YTD Expenses—\$268,987.92

WAYS TO GIVE -

Online giving

Via mail: 572 W. San Antonio St
New Braunfels, TX
78130

If you need assistance with online giving, please contact the church office 830-625-4513.

SYMPATHY

To **the Family of Loree Pembleton** on the death of their mother on April 15.

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,
James 5:16 directs us to "Pray for one another" & there's absolutely no doubt that you embrace that thought completely. Since I believe that prayer for others is "a gift" of the heart, I thank you sincerely for your amazing heartfelt gifts. Your prayers for all involved in my recent heart procedure were both heard and felt. How blessed I am!
Love & prayers, Harriet Hargrove

S.O.S. SUNDAY-FIRST SUNDAYS

Please remember to bring your canned goods on the first Sunday of each month, which has been designated as S.O.S. Sunday. All items received will be taken to the local S.O.S. Food Bank. There are baskets located in the Narthex and the side entrance hallway to place your items into.



**Next
Newsletter
Deadline:
May 15th**



Your church family communicates online! Join the conversation at:
www.facebook.com/fumcnb

FAREWELL PARTY

We've had fun for so many years
So this day is not the time for tears
Let's celebrate all the fun we've had
Remember all the good and nothing bad!

Join us to say...

Farewell & God bless

to our Pastors

Pastor Patrick & Stephanie Melton
and Pastor Jason & Kalenda Adams
Sunday, June 5th in Wesley Hall after
11:00 service

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 30, 2022

The Church office will be closed on Mon., May 30. We will reopen on Tues., May 31 at 8:00.



UMW MAY CALENDAR

May 3rd General Meeting: 9:30 AM fellowship hosted by Ruth Circle. Entertaining, enlightening, educational program by the Secretary of Program Resources and a cast of some. (Not thousands, but some.)

May Circle meetings: Most will be May 17th, Tuesday. The circle leader will contact you concerning the time and place your circle will meet.

Kirkwood birthday party: May 27th (fourth Friday) Kirkwood birthday recognition with corsages from Petals-To-Go and cards from the Ruth Circle.

****Yearbook correction for Kirkwood is Eve Circle for June.****

June 7th UMW General Meeting cover dish supper with the Eve Circle in Wesley Hall. A farewell dinner for Pastor Patrick and Stephanie. Special program planned. (There will be time to drive home before dark for those of us not fond of driving in the dark.)

Rummage sale?? Ideas are coming in. A large portion of UMW giving to local and global mission comes from the funds raised at the annual rummage sale.

Coming soon (actually sort of here) is a new name for United Methodist Women. It is United Women in Faith. At this time both names are being used and that is all right to do. Change can be difficult, but there has been so much change in our lives with the pandemic, we are used to managing change.

COLLECTING FOR SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER/SUNRISE VILLAGE



It is almost spring cleaning time! Along with the personal care items; cleaning supplies, paper towels, toilet paper and other paper goods would be appreciated. There is a

box in church office that you can leave your donations in so I can pick them up and deliver them either to Southside or Sunrise Village (the Senior Low income apartments).

Thank you for all your support.



United Women in Faith

You're Invited...

EVE CIRCLE OPEN HOUSE MAY 11

United Women in Faith (formerly United Methodist Women) Eve Circle invites you to our Open House meeting on **May 11 at 6:30 in the Welcome Center**. We are an inter-generational group of women who meet monthly in the evening for fellowship and spiritual growth. If your looking for a low commitment place to get plugged in with other women of faith, this just might be for you! Childcare is provided and all are welcome, church and community members alike. We hope you will come check us out!

FROM THE WESLEY NURSE... MICHELLE TRUCHSESS, RN

 @SouthCentralTexasAHEC 

5 Places to Wear a MASK



- 1 Where Rules Require It**

- 2 Crowded Indoor Spaces**

- 3 Around People at High-Risk For COVID-19 Infection**


- 4 On Public Transit**

- 5 Communities Where Infection Rates Are High**



 @SouthCentralTexasAHEC 

How to Use COVID-19 At-Home Test Kit


Step 01

 **When to Take an At-Home Test**
Positive home antigen tests are very reliable. Get tested 5-7 days after an exposure to COVID.

Step 02

 **Perform the At-Home Test**
To use an at-home test, you will collect a nasal specimen. It is important to follow the manufacturer's instructions or your test result may be incorrect. Visit the CDC website to locate instructions for your specific manufacturer.

Step 03

 **Read Your Result**
Isolate for at least 5 days if positive. Remember to wash your hands before and after you collect a nasal specimen.

LOADS OF LOVE

A MINISTRY OF THE WESLEY NURSE IN
COLLABORATION WITH FUMC & GUMC

We are collecting laundry supplies and quarters for our homeless neighbors and for the underserved in our community! Thank you for your support!



For security, if donating quarters for laundry facilities, please place in the "Laundry Bank" located on church secretary's desk! Laundry Supplies can be placed in the "Helping Others" bin in the main hallway.

- Vaccinations remain free at [pop-ups](https://pop-ups.covid19.sanantonio.gov) listed at covid19.sanantonio.gov.
- Homebound seniors: Medicare will pay a doctor or other care provider to give the COVID-19 vaccine in the home, more info [here](#). Additionally, homebound people ages 60+ and/or their caregivers can call the Alamo Area Council of Governments at [\(210\) 477-3275](tel:2104773275) for a home vaccination visit.

The Wesley Nurse of Methodist Healthcare Ministries is taking new clients. If you are an uninsured member of this community or know of someone that meets this criteria, please contact Michelle R. Truchsess RN by **email or text** to set up an appointment. mtruchsess@mhmc.org, 830-360-4500.

Michelle Truchsess, RN, is a Wesley Nurse with Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas, Inc. (MHM). MHM's Wesley Nurse program is a faith-based, holistic health and wellness program committed to serving the least served through education, health promotion and collaboration with individual and community in achieving improved wellness through self-empowerment. Learn more at www.mhm.org.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

Adventure Island VBS is well underway! We have a few openings for Crew Leaders (youth and adult). Please contact Mallorie to get plugged in! If you are 18 or over, you will need to go through the Safe Gatherings online training and background check. If you need help with this, we will get you going!

Pre-Registration begins on May 1. Registration is limited and mandatory. A link will be sent out to all families and put on the Facebook page on May 1.

June 20-24 Age 4 (by June 20) through completed 3rd graders (9 a.m. – noon)
July 18-22 Completed 4th and 5th graders (10 a.m. – 3 p.m.)

VBS CREW are NECESSARY! Here are some ways you can jump into the adventure!

Pray for VBS, the team, the volunteers, and the children who God is sending to our church.

ALL NEW! Everyone is welcome at our work nights. We will kick off each work night with a short Bible study to dive into the adventure our kids will be going on! Following the study, we will work on VBS! Come at 5:30 April 26, May 3, May 10, May 17, May 24. Many hands make light work! We meet upstairs in the kid's wing.

Plan to serve as a crew leader or rotation leader/assistant during the week of VBS. Training will be June 12 after the 11:00 service, lunch is provided. Contact mallorie@fumcnb.org to serve! Be sure to take care of your safety training early. Log in at www.safegatherings.com. If you have trouble with this or are unsure of what it involves, check with Michelle Sonnen. She's a pro!

June 13-17 we will be meeting at 9 a.m to transform our VBS area into Adventure Island. All are welcome and encouraged to help us this week!

A big thank you to all who have been and are supporting VBS with your donations and your time. It takes the whole body to bring this week of fun and learning to the community!



Journey to the Cross

The kids had a great time learning the Lord's Prayer on Wednesday evenings in Lent. You can see a video of the kids singing on our Facebook page.

Palms In the Park was so much fun! We hunted eggs, played games, waved palms, and sang for the church on a glorious day at Landa! Thank you to the youth for helping us manage all the fun!



PARENTS' NIGHT OUT 2022

PNO lasts from 6 – 9:30 pm and we do ask that you pick up your child(ren) on time. A craft is always provided, along with activities in our gym, outside (weather permitting), and in our classrooms.

Online Registration & Payment required at sign up.
Sign up at: fumcnb.org or link on FUMC Facebook page

Rates: **\$10** per child
includes Pizza and juice.



2022 Dates

~~CANCELLED~~
~~Jan 21~~

Feb 18

Mar 18

~~CANCELLED~~
~~Apr 15~~

May 20

June 17

July 15

Aug 19

Sep 16

Oct 21

Nov 18

Dec 9 AND Dec 16



THANK YOU ALL!!

Be sure to hug and thank a Sunday School teacher! We have had amazing teachers all year long who have loved our kids and shared their faith in mighty ways! A big shout out to: Gail Doerr, Rhonda and McKenzie Jones, Angelica Coronado, Eddy Wetsel, Katy and Kevin Rothe, Tyana Michalec, Vida Linton, Leann Donato, Lori Brown, Lauren Holland, Cathy Clark, Nicole Moncada, Brenda and Ally Wideman, Karmen and Conner Binka. Also our welcoming check-in station team: Heather Engler, Jennifer Appleby and Dominic, Megan Comstock, Sarah and Sally Boatright, and Tara Gregg.



YOU'RE INVITED...

Our Church Nursery is in need of new toys and items that help the nursery workers care for our young children.

We have all been to baby showers where we shower the new parents with love and gifts. Let us shower our church nursery with that same love & gifts.

Bring a present/gift card, dress up if you wish; maybe even wear a hat. We will play games, have dessert and celebrate our littlest children.

Custom registries can be found on:
Amazon: FUMC Nursery
Target: FUMC New Braunfels



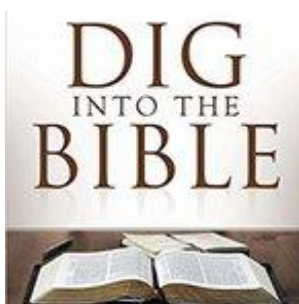
The church nursery is available every Sunday morning during all 3 worship services. We care for ages Birth to Age 4. If you have any questions, please contact Mallorie at mallorie@fumcnb.org.

DISCIPLESHIP

Group	How / Where	When	Current Topic	Contact
Sunday School Classes				
Foundation	Room 217	Sun, 9:15am	I & II Chronicles beginning in January	Jane & Al Cunningham cunningham.janellen@gmail.com or aval802@aol.com
Revised Version	ZOOM	Sun, 1:00pm	<u>Forgiveness</u> by Hamilton	Jim Wright jimwrightgroup@netscape.net
Finders Keepers	Wesley Hall New study 5/1 begin	Sun, 9:45am	<u>You Were Made for this Moment</u> , video study by Lucado	Gary Spitzer gspitzer51@att.net
Friendship	Room 118	Sun, 9:30am	<u>Romans</u> video study by Max Lucado	Donna Huser donnahuser@yahoo.com
Harmony Seekers	Room 215	Sun, 9:30am	<u>Life Is...</u> by Judah Smith	Beckie Stratemann bbstratemann@sbcglobal.net
S.A.L.T.	Room 100	Sun, 9:30am	<u>Entering the Passion of the Christ</u> by Levine	Cathy Clark cat2bzar@gmail.com
Friends and Followers	Room 217	Sun, 10:30am	Guided Discussions on Hamilton & Stanley sermon series	Adam Oliver aoliver2127@gmail.com
United Methodist Women				
Circle Groups	Check with leaders for mtg location	3 rd Tues, 9:30am 3 rd Wed 6:30pm	Various programs and Service projects	Emily Poling, president UMW tjiranch@hotmail.com
Other Groups				
Pray and Play	Room 219	Tues, 2:00pm	Prayers, Chats & Table Games	Sharon Gray rgvsharon@sbcglobal.net
Dig into the Bible	Room 118	Wed, 6:00pm	Isaiah	Don Snyder, don@fumcnb.org
Women's Study	Room 118 6-weeks	Tues, 6:30pm	<u>Now That Faith Has Come</u> by Beth Moore	Traci Owens traci_owens@att.net
Men's Coffee Connection	Casa Garcia's	Tues, 8:00am	Breakfast and fun conversation	Pastor Don Snyder don@fumcnb.org
Diversity & Inclusion Studies	Room 118 6:30pm	1st & 3rd Tue. 2nd & 4th Thur	<u>Biased</u> by Jennifer Eberhardt <u>Unclobber</u> by Colby Martin	Lee Brinkerhoff thebrinkerhoffs@att.net
New Studies			See Adult Bulletin Board for new Interest Groups and Studies forming now	



GENTLEMEN
let's get together for a great
breakfast and fun conversation!
HOSTED BY PASTOR DON
Our group meets WEEKLY on TUES. mornings.
beginning October 12, 2021
8:00am at Casa Garcia
1691 New Braunfels St, 78130
Contact (830)-625-4513 or
don@fumcnb.org for info



Join Pastor Don on Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm for Bible Study in Room 118. All are welcome to join.

DISCIPLESHIP

It is exciting to hear reports of the initial gatherings of the new Interest and Study Groups. See the opportunities listed below, contact a leader (or two,) and become involved!

Interest Groups

Renew and Recharge – a group for parents and caregivers of young children.
More meetings are being planned now!

Contact John and Amber Garcia john.austin.garcia@gmail.com

Nature / Gardening – a group for gardeners, hikers, and all who love the earth.

Contact Vicki Freeman vfreeman@earthlink.net

Crafting / Art – work on projects and learn new skills. Initial meetings coming soon.

Contact Cindy Bennett cynthialynnbennett@yahoo.com

Wesley Walkers – walk for fun and health. Devotional time. Info on safety and comfort.

Wednesdays 7:15 p.m. in Landa Park near Fredericksburg St.

Contact Vida Linton vlinton53@att.net

Classical Music Lovers – options to attend a wide variety of classical music concerts and recitals.

Contact Karen Akkerman kakkerman@gmail.com

Travelers – let's visit and experience new places!

Contact Don Snyder don@fumcnb.org

Karen Andrews karen@fumcnb.org

Faith Stitches – knit or crochet prayer shawls and other items to bless others.

2nd Tuesdays at 1:00, Room 100.

Contact Harriet Sollberger hsollberger@gmail.com

Food and Dining – for those who love cooking and eating. Lunches at local eateries, 3rd Tuesdays at 11:30.

Other activities being planned now.

Contact Terry Snipes terry.snipes@gmail.com

Study Groups

Dig in the Bible – an ongoing verse-by-verse Bible study. Join us any time. Wednesdays 6:00 in Rm 118

Contact Don Snyder don@fumcnb.org

Church History and Virtual Visits – roots of the Bible and our faith.

Thursdays 6:30 in Rm 215

Contact Robert Snipes rsnipes@yahoo.com

Steve Freeman taperfree@earthlink.net

Fostering Diversity and Inclusion – create a more inclusive community.

Contact Lee Brinkerhoff brinkerhoffs@att.net

Please contact Karen Andrews karen@fumcnb.org or at the church office if you have questions about these new groups or if you have an idea for a group you would like to help create!



YOUTH GROUP SCOOP...

MAY

Sun, May 1st > Confirmation WK #7, 12:15pm – 2:00pm.

Sun, May 1st > MYF, 5:00pm – 7:00pm.

Wed, May 4th > Bible Study, 6pm.

Sun, May 8th > **Mother's Day! NO Confirmation. NO MYF.**

Sun, May 8th > Senior Sunday information due **TODAY!**

Wed, May 11th > No Bible Study. Youth Council at 6:30pm.

Sun, May 15th > Confirmation WK# 8, 12:15pm – 2:00pm.

Sun, May 15th > MYF, 5:00pm – 7:00pm.

Wed, May 18th > Bible Study, 6pm.

Sun, May 22nd > Senior Sunday

Sun, May 22nd > MYF, 5:00pm – 7:00pm. Senior Sunday Roast at MYF!

Wed, May 25th > Bible Study, 6pm.

Thurs, May 26th > Last Day of School!

Thurs, May 26th > New Braunfels graduation

Fri, May 27th > Canyon Graduation

Sun, May 29th > Confirmation Sunday

Sun, May 29th > MYF, 5:00pm – 7:00pm.

JUNE

Sun, June 5th > Patrick's last Sunday! Going away reception after the 11:00am service.

Sun, June 5th > MYF, 5-7pm. Patrick's last MYF with us!

June 13th – 17th > VBS Work Week

June 20th – 24th > VBS

June 26th – July 1st > River City Work Camp

class of 
2022

2022 GRADUATING SENIORS

Any FUMCNB members who have a graduating Senior this year, please contact Michelle as soon as possible. Email

michelle@fumcnb.org. Senior Sunday will be Sun., May 22nd.

**DEADLINE TO TURN IN ALL
YOUR INFO IS SUNDAY,
MAY 8th.**

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY-MAY 29

Join us on Sunday, May 29 during all 3 worship services to watch our Confirmands be confirmed.



RIVER CITY WORK CAMP 2022:

June 26—July 1 @ FUMC. This camp is led by our High School youth and volunteers to specifically give incoming 6th graders to completed 12th graders, an opportunity to make a real difference in our community. Our youth spend the week working on a local project, learning, worshipping, and fellowshiping together. Registration forms are available on the Youth Bulletin Board or on our website under Youth Camps. Volunteers are always needed for this camp, so please contact michelle@fumcnb.org, if you are interested.

CAMP EAGLE: July 11 - July 16

Camp Eagle Adventure Camp in Rocksprings (ZERO cell service boonies), Texas. I can easily say this is the **BEST** adventure camp I have ever seen or experienced.



GREAT lessons and great worship. Wonderful team building. Incredible adventure activities. True spiritual growth time. Middle School and High School camp. To register or if you have questions, please contact Michelle at michelle@fumcnb.org.

*The FUMC
Mission Team
invites you to*

CELEBRATE THE

4th at First

**BBQ
Plate**

**\$10 for adults
\$5 for kids**

**572 W. San Antonio St.
New Braunfels, 78130**

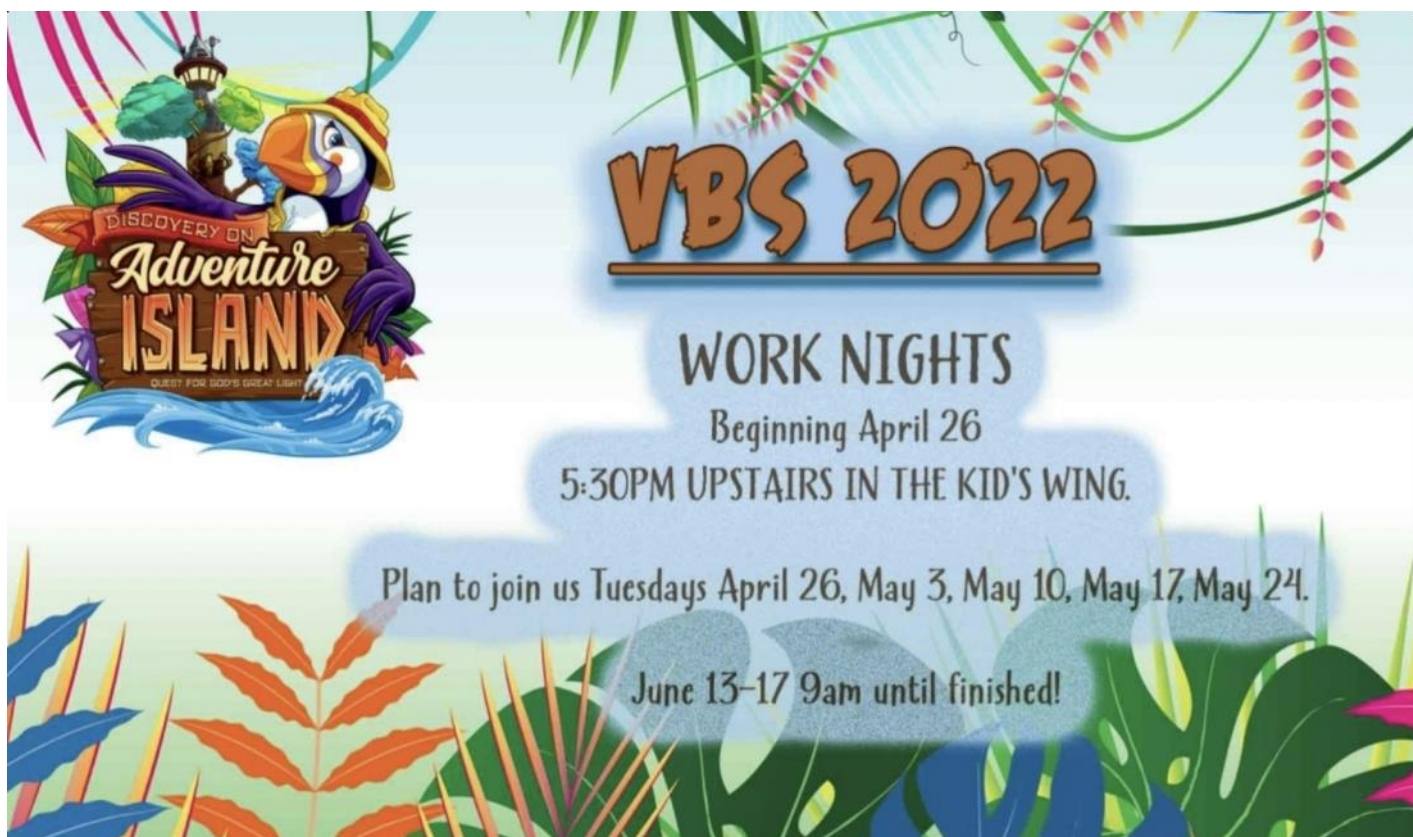
10 am - 2 pm | Dine in or Drive Thru

**All proceeds benefit
Comal County Crisis Center**

**Call (830) 625-4513
for more
information**



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Church Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 8am-4pm
(Closed for lunch 12-1)

Friday 8am-12pm