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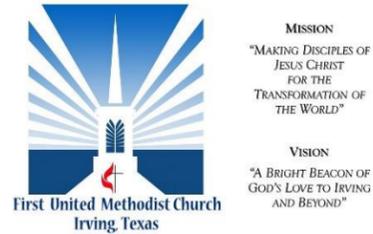
August 2020

Let All You Do be Done in Love

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1 Corinthians 16:13-14



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I just received word from Bishop McKee that "United Methodist churches in the Metro District will remain closed for indoor, in-person worship gatherings for the month of September." This means that there will be **NO in-person Sunday Sanctuary services through September**. We will continue our **Drive-In Worship Services every Sunday at 8:00 AM** (weather permitting!). And of course, we will continue to have our **livestream Sunday services at 10:30 AM!**

As we move into the Fall, other meetings are possible in our facilities (such as Bible studies, children and youth ministries, scouts, etc.). These are the guidelines from the Bishop:

- Smaller groups are safer than larger groups;
- Shorter gatherings are safer than longer gatherings;
- Outdoor gatherings are safer than indoor gatherings;
- Large rooms with good circulation are safer than small rooms; and
- Wearing masks is safer than being unmasked and **must** be required.

As we are working our way through the Jeff Baker Memorial Bible Challenge, many of you have personally told me how you are keeping up and blessed in reading the New Testament. MaryLou Niethamer, who passed away last week, wrote this about Scripture: "**God's words create such vivid visions of His creation, that capture His unequalled power, wisdom, understanding, authority, compassion, humor, and wonder. May we never forget He is God. We are nothing without Him.**"

As we walk together through these strange times, let's heed the words of Paul, "**Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.**" Keep your focus on Jesus and let the Holy Spirit empower you as children of God.

If you have prayer concerns, have other needs, or you want to share your personal God-encounter story, email me (doug@fumcirving.org) or call (972-253-3531)!

Blessings!

Jeff Baker Memorial New Testament Bible Reading Challenge

Week	Reading
Aug. 30 – Sept 5	1 Corinthians 11 – 16
Sept 6 - 12	2 Corinthians 1 – 6
Sept 13 - 19	2 Corinthians 7 – 13

Week	Reading
Sept 20 - 26	Galatians 1 – 6
Sept 27 – Oct 3	Ephesians 1 – 6
Oct 4 – Oct 10	Philippians & Colossians

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MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS
AUGUST 2020

In Honor of:

Church Staff to A/C Fund from the Challengers Sunday School class

In Memory of Theresa Bowers

to Children's Ministry from Diane McCutchen
to Children's Ministry from Richard & Jennifer Cox
to Children's Ministry from Richard Ross & family
to Children's Ministry from Connie Baker
to Children's Ministry from Peggy Richardson
to Children's Ministry from B.J. Bates
to Children's Ministry from her Water Aerobics Class
to Children's Ministry from George & JoCarol Adamson
to Children's Ministry from Ernestine Overland
to Chapel Renewal from Pat Reed
to Chapel Renewal from Donald D. Bowers
to Chapel Renewal from her Water Aerobics Class
to Chapel Renewal & Children's Ministry from friends: Jan & David Blackman, JD & Susan Davis, Joe & Denise Booher
to General Budget from Mrs. T. H. Covington
to General Budget from Windell & Gayle Baggett
to General Budget from Joe & Bobbie Smith

In Memory of Gwynn Sutton

to Chapel Renewal from Jimmy & Christine Burkett
to Missions from Dana Renschler
to Missions from John Lauer
to Missions from A. Ivy
to General Budget from Bob & Jody Dodson
to General Budget from Ralph & Sue Wilson
to General Budget from Jack & Pat Carnell
to General Budget from Joe & Bobbie Smith

In Memory of:

Ange Coleman, mother of Sheree Lorch, to A/C fund from Challengers Sunday School Class
Bill Marks, brother of Phil Marks, to A/C fund from Challengers Sunday School Class
Helen Gryzeck, sister of Bob Maletic, to A/C fund from Challengers Sunday School Class
Pablo Lomangcolob to Music Ministry from Paul & Mary Good
Connor McIntosh to Music Ministry from Paul & Mary Good
Connie Gifford's brother to General Budget from Bill & Mary Holcomb
Betty Jennings to A/C Fund from Jimmy & Christine Burkett

The Bowers family wishes to express their appreciation for the many acts of kindness and memorial gifts for our beloved Theresa. Thank you.



Parent's Day Out



We start back with our new school year on September 8!!! (the day after Labor Day). It is so very exciting to get ready for our new school year!! We have all kinds of plans and exciting things coming up. We ask that you pass this info along to anyone that may be in need for a great school.

The newest addition to our program is "The Zone". This is for elementary age children who are online or home schooled. We will be doing work assist with those children and their set curriculum.

Please remember us in prayer as we head into this new year.

Sandi Parker
PDO Director

Refuge Youth

Hey everyone,

I can't believe it's already back to school time again. As we begin this new school year all our programming is starting online just like the rest of our youths' classes. Please be in prayer for all our students as they begin this school year with lots of uncertainty around what this year will look like and no clear path to being back in person. Pray for our parents who are trying to balance work and home life with students home full time now. Please be in prayer for our teachers and administrators who are trying to forge ahead in an ever changing response to this virus.

In spite of all the new stresses this school year has started with, our youth have had a great time with our small groups on Sunday evenings. We've had some really great conversations and look to carry this momentum into this new year! That being said, we will be unofficially officially welcoming our new sixth graders into youth on September 12th in the South Parking lot with a Drive In Donut celebration. We invite our older youth to come out and meet our new 6th graders and hang out from 9 to 10am and enjoy some delicious donuts! Hope to see you there!

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Hello to all our parents and church family. I can't believe August is over and September is finally here. School has virtually started and we are continuing our Sunday School Zoom virtual meetings. Sunday the 30th we passed out activity pages for our new Fall curriculum. Please check the FUMC Irving Children Facebook page later in the week for pictures.

On our Zoom Sunday School we are hopefully adding music and videos to our 'assembly time' before prayer request and retelling the Bible time. We have tried to stay connected through the summer, but I hope now that vacations are over we will attend Sunday School regularly. Instead of Worship bags I have been sending the parents verses and stories in picture form or sometimes puzzles. If you have not received them please send a good email address to me at children@fumcirving.org.

This summer we have had meaningful memory verses so I will close with Isaiah 41:10 "the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Thank you for the 12 donations that we have received towards the A/C Fund. If you are wanting to donate, you can choose the dropdown box on our website, fumcirving.org/giving, or you can drop off cash or a check at the office with A/C Fund in the memo.



A picture of my setting up for Goodie bags for Drive-thru Promotion Celebration.

God bless you all,
Juanell Montoya
 Children's Director

