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GOD'S LOVE TO IRVING
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First United Methodist Church of Irving: A Biblically-Based Church!

*"The tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God,
engraved on the tablets." -- Exodus 32:16*

I have been personally blessed by the faithfulness of the wonderful folks of our church in so many ways. One of these is your commitment to the Bible! This is not to be taken for granted. So many of you have been reading through our Bible Challenge and finding God speaking to you through God's Holy Word. Together we are a biblically-based church!

At a time when the world, and even many parts of Christianity, are turning away from Scripture, we are turning towards it. More than just learning *about* the Bible, we are reading to deepen our relationship with God our Father, through Jesus Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

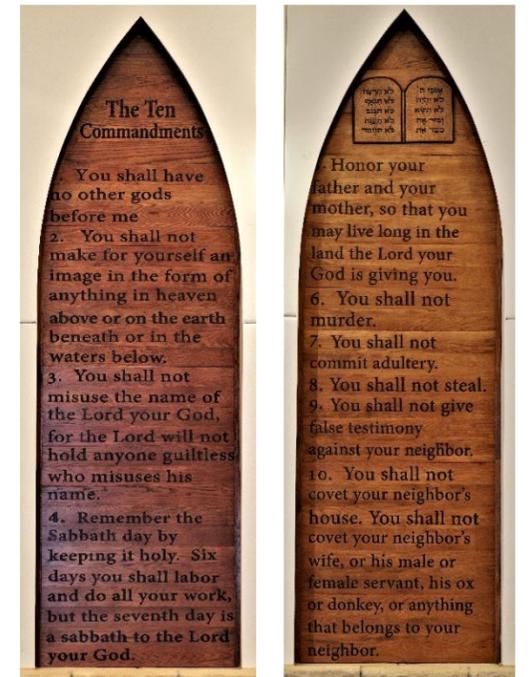
One clear example of our commitment to the Bible is a recent gift to the church by our own Rev. Sammy Hargrove. With much hard labor and love, Sammy created a beautiful woodwork display of the Ten Commandments that he installed in our Sanctuary (see photos)! They are a beautiful testament to a church that still believes in the Bible.

The Ten Commandments were given to Moses by God. God even handwrote them on the tablets Moses carried down from the mountain. That the Creator of heaven and earth would write with His own hand a set of rules for us to live by is amazing! Jesus summarized them with the two great commandments: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind" and "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." How much different the world would be if everyone lived by these simple, yet profound, commandments.

Jump into or jump back into our Bible Challenge readings! Let the God of all creation write His Word on *your* heart.

Blessings!

Doug



ONLINE GIVING



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2021 Bible Reading Challenge!

This year we will be reading through key parts of the Bible from the Old Testament through the New Testament. The major themes of Scripture will be encountered as you read God's inspired word. The Sunday message will almost always be taken from the week's readings.

Week (Theme)	Reading
Apr 26 - May 2 (A Bible Overview)	Genesis 1, 3, 12:1-9; John 1:1-18; Romans 5:1-11; Philippians 2:1-11
May 3-9 (Choosing God)	Deut. 11, 27-30 Joshua 24
May 10-16 (Promised Land)	Joshua 1-6
May 17-23 (Pentecost)	Joel 2 Acts 1-4
May 24-30 (The Holy Spirit)	Acts 6-11
May 31-June 6 (Armor of God)	Ephesians 1-6
June 7-13 (Biblical Stories of Vacation Bible School)	Daniel 3, 1 Samuel 17, Luke 2, Matthew 14, Acts 16



I look out my window after this last rain and see flowers and vegetables in their containers. The rain brought new refreshment for them. Each year as we prepare for Vacation Bible School, we have opportunities to be refreshed. I always get closer to the Lord as I make my preparations and as I study the verses that we will use. This year's focus is on Ephesian's 6:10 "Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His power." June 7th -11th our pastor will lead us as we travel to the North Castle looking for the Armor of Truth, Justice, Peace, Faith and Salvation. We will visit stories from Daniel, I Samuel, Luke, Matthew, and Acts. We will be introduced to Sparky the **ice breathing dragon**. I will get to work with a great team of volunteers that I barely got to meet before the Pandemic hit last year. I didn't know what Zoom was and now we will be able to Zoom with some of our children who do not feel safe coming in person. Please pray for all our volunteers, children and especially our technology gurus- that are willing to try to reach others for the Lord. I will be leading an overview of VBS on Sunday the 23rd right after church in the Hargrove Hall. Come join us before hand to prepare individual Craft or Science kits. I'm calling it my prepacking party May 25th at 1 pm. (also in Hargrove Hall). Then join us on June 7th -11th in person or in prayer. We will put you to use *if you have completed your Ministry Safe certification renewal*. Jessica Jones will help you with this.

Blessings,

Juanell Montoya
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Refuge Youth

Hi everyone,

As you all have probably heard my time at FUMC Irving is coming to an end. It has been both a privilege and a blessing to have served the youth and congregation of this church for the past four years. God has taught me so incredibly much throughout my time here at Irving and I am so thankful for my time in ministry here. As we wrap up this school year, I ask for your continued prayers for our youth. They are finishing up another unique year of learning and we even have a few graduating! Pray for our students as they transition new youth pastors, as they transition into new phases of life, and as they transition into the summer.

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Join us for Vacation Bible School

June 7 – 11

In person & Virtual via Zoom

Contact Juanell Montoya
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**Registration is open
through May 24th
and is required**

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MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

APRIL 2021

In Honor of

Kyle Powell to Myrtle Beard Scholarship Fund from Richard & Jennifer Cox
David & Yeonok Lee to their Korea Mission trip from Richard & Jennifer Cox

In Memory of

Herbert Cooper:

to General Budget from Windell & Gayle Baggett
to General Budget from John Tilley
to Myrtle Beard Scholarship Fund from Dick & Jeanell Bischofhausen

John Fox, Father of Rev. Doug Fox:

to General Budget from Windell & Gayle Baggett
to General Budget from John Tilley
to Music Fund from Mary Husa Good

Edelize Filler:

to General Budget from Windell & Gayle Baggett
to Music Fund from Mary Husa Good

In Memory of:

Betty Scarborough, Godmother of Jana Fox, to Music Fund from Mary Husa Good
Dr. Clay Gilbert to General Budget from John Tilley
MaryLou Niethamer to General Budget from Jean Tyrone & Taressa Charlton
Pat Love to Building Fund from George & JoCarol Adamson

MUSIC NOTES

Dear Church Family,

I want to graciously invite you to a very special event. My wife, Yeonok, and I will have a concert including Organ, Piano, Handbell, and Vocal music for our 2021 musical mission trip to Korea. This trip will include musical ministry to The Korean Disabled People's International Arts Foundation, which is very near and dear to my heart. Also, we will have musical clinics to help support worship leaders, music directors, and organists/pianists who serve in small churches in Korea. We would like to have your precious presence at our concert and your support and help is the only thing that can make this successful. The concert will be on **May 2, Sunday at 6 PM** and the concert is being held in the sanctuary.

We look forward to seeing you.

David & Yeonok Lee

David Lee & Yeonok Lee
CONCERT



Trust and obey
For there's no other way

May 2
Sunday
6 pm

David Lee, Director of Music and Worship,
Yeonok Lee, Organist/Pianist at FUMC Irving,
present a fundraising concert for their 2021
musical mission trip to Korea.

Featured Work:
"Organ Sonata No.1, Op.42" by Alexandre Guilmant
"Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho" by Mark Hayes
"Wonderful Peace" by Jason Nelson
"Non Scordar Di Me" by Ernesto D. Cortis
"The Lord's Prayer" by Albert Malotte
"My Tribute" by Andrae Crouch

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* Guest Musician: Jana Fox



Parent's Day Out



It is almost graduation time for our Pre- K class.

Lots of memories there for sure. We have had some of the sweeties since they were babies. They will graduate with honors due to their reading skills. We are very proud of them and all they have accomplished to get ready for BIG school next year.

In addition - it is ENROLLMENT time for both our SUMMER classes and our Fall classes. Please pass this info to anyone you may know who might be interested in our wonderful program. They can reach us by phone, by email, or by FACEBOOK for more info.

Here is to great futures for our Graduates!

Sandi Parker
PDO Director