



# The Pipeline

## First United Methodist Church Port Neches

MISSION: To know God and to make God known

### FROM THE PASTOR



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"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!"  
**Matthew 7:24-27 (NRSV)**

Our Vibrant Church Initiative Leadership team has been reading a book called *Renovate or Die: 10 Ways to Focus Your Church on Mission*, by Bob Farr with Kay Kotan. This Sunday we will meet to discuss how the concepts in this book impact our church in our quest to become more vibrant. If the title *Renovate or Die* sounds urgent—and maybe even a little confrontational—that's because the situation, according to author Bob Farr, is desperate.

To put this on a personal level, Farr assumes that God is calling our church to reach the unchurched, regardless of what it may cost those already on the inside. Farr assumes we are (because most churches are) poorly positioned to fulfill this calling. When we do try to engage our local contexts in ministry, we often stop short of true renovation. But new carpets or paint amounts to little more than remodeling. If we are to truly renovate, some metaphorical demolition and new construction is inevitable.

In his career as a pastor, Farr has encountered significant opposition to change, and he does not deny the likelihood of such opposition rising up against efforts at renovation in our church. So he calls upon pastors (me) to be the key leaders of change. This first of Farr's ten suggestions puts the onus squarely on the shoulders of the clergy, calling us to move beyond the temptation to placate the noisiest in our congregations and instead lead with boldness and vision.

Once committed, the pastor can then lead the congregation through the processes necessary for renovation.

*Renovate or Die* appeals to churches and church leaders who sense the need for change, but need some direction on how to go about it. That is why you voted to engage in the VCI Process. Several places in this book Farr says, "If you lead, you are going to bleed." It is my intention to lead our church where this process determines God is calling us to go. I am going with God's idea of the church because my job is the church—not just my job—it's my calling.

While none of the ten ideas for renovation are particularly new, Farr presents them with a clarity and conviction meant to inspire his readers not just to agree with his principles, but to act upon them. Fasten your seatbelts church, we are in for one of the most exciting rides God has taken us on in a while.

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Curtis

## In Our Thoughts & Prayers

### HOSPITAL

Max Odom St. Elizabeth's

### CHURCH MEMBERS

Stephanie Andrews	Jeff Martin
Amy Boneau	Tom McFerrin
Donna Clifton	Phyllis Odom
Chuck DuBois	Ann Prouse
Cookie Felps	Ruth & Troy Reynolds
Joan Girolamo	Bonnie Snelson
Dale Manuel	

### FAMILY MEMBERS

Jaimie Daws	Amy Read
Janet Duncan	Michael Rhodes
Candice Franklin	Maurine Roberts
Jane Frazier	Tookie Schamber
Brenda Guidry	Chelsea Scott
Merri Haley	Mary Ann Sigur
Gail Hamilton	Ted Tudor, Jr.
Betty & Fred Hogg	<b>Margaret &amp; Gerald Vincent</b>
Herman Miller	Susan Youngblood
Bryan Matts	
Mark Pittman	

### ASSISTED LIVING/REHAB

Paul Aguillard	Gwen Park
Kathleen Bobbitt	Betty Ragan
Mitzi Griggs	Bruce Thompson
Shirley Hurd	Ted & Beverly Tudor
Larry McFatter	

### FRIENDS

Sherry Baker	Tom O'Neill
Roland Bieber family	Lew Sheffield
Wanda Bienvenue	Mike Sheffield
Aaron Broussard	Spikes Sturdivant
Alison Clary	Ken Suitt
Dee Culpepper	Dodie Taubert
Linda Denzlinger	Mike Trahan
Jada Gentile	Andrea Turner
Rachel Hall	Gerald Vincent
Betty Healin	Margaret Vincent
Natalie Laws	Janet Waitt
Tabatha LeBeouf	Carly Walker
Jon Lindenberger	Charlotte Warren
Terry Lloyd	Wesley Welborn
Carol Loupe	Ginger Williams
Dom Mars	Wanda Wood
Jared O'Neill	

### MILITARY

John Alexander	Kevin Knippa
Ed Andrews III	Eddie Pierce
Stephanie Andrews	Jonathan Welborn
Dalton Celusta	Eric Youngblood
Tommy English	Military Families
Brian Howard	
Travis Johnson	

### HOMEBOUND

Freddie Cotten

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

### Jaxon Parker Andrews

born Saturday, March 9, 2019

7 lbs 11 ozs, 20 inches long

Parents: Stephanie & Ed Andrews III

Grandparents: Frank & Rhonda Smith,  
Edward Andrews, Jr. and Barbara Andrews

Great Grandparents:

Max & Phyllis Odom, Beverly Smith



**UMW Esther Group**  
book study  
with Pastor Curtis  
**An Earth Perspective for  
Covenantal Living**

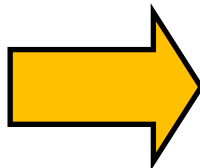
continues

**March 19 at 10 am**  
in the Parlor

**UMW**  
**Executive Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 2,**  
**6:30 pm-parlor**

**General Meeting**  
**7:00 pm-parlor**  
**All Ladies are invited!**

**Mark your  
calendar**



**EGGcellent Easter Adventure**  
**Sunday, April 14**  
**2-4 pm**

Egg hunt, games, face painting  
and more!  
Find the lucky egg and win a BIKE!

(Rumor is there's going to be  
**5000** eggs!!)

### **REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER CAMP**

Registration is now open and enables parents to start paying fees  
throughout the year rather than just at the deadline.

**Children as young as entering 3rd grade may attend.**

Registration is completely online at [www.lakeviewmcc.org](http://www.lakeviewmcc.org).

**NO DEPOSIT REQUIRED.**

Choose from one of the weeks below:

June 9-14 Tri-District

**June 16-21 South/Southeast District**

June 23-28 East/West District

June 30-July 5 North/Northwest District

July 7-12 Mixed

**Scholarships are available.**

**Please let the office know if you want to attend.**

# NEWS FROM THE PEWS

EGGcellent Easter  
Adventure  
Committee Meeting  
Sunday,  
March 24  
12:00 - noon  
Lunch  
will be  
provided.



## No Story Hour

March 17  
SPRING BREAK

### HELP NEEDED:

We are in desperate need for people to help us out with the sound system for services Sunday morning. We currently have 2 teams and we are in need of at least 2 more. You would be working the sound and recording the services for both contemporary and traditional services. You will be trained and it is very rewarding to make the people heard worshipping our Lord. Please contact Rob Emanuel if interested 332-0099.



# PRESENCE

Sunday, March 10, 2019

Sunday School .....	66
8:50 am Praise Service .....	62
11 am Traditional Service ....	60
Worship Total .....	122



## GIFTS

March 4-10  
Offering

Sys. Contrib.	\$5102.00
Online	2050.00
Loose Plate	<u>158.00</u>
TOTAL	\$7310.00

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**March 17**  
2 pm: VCI Leadership-Asbury

**March 19**  
5:30 pm: Trustees-Choir room  
6:30 pm: Finance-Choir room  
6:30 pm: UMW Promises-parlor

**April 14**  
Palm Sunday

**April 18**  
6 pm: Maundy Thursday  
Service

**April 19**  
6 pm: Good Friday Service

**April 21**  
Easter Sunday

**April 26-28**  
VCI Consultation Weekend

J.E.S.U.S. Band  
will practice March 17  
4 - 4:45 pm  
in the Sanctuary  
Kindergarten thru  
5th grade

Watch for  
church  
announcements  
on the screens  
before  
each service.



March  
17  
Saint  
Patrick's  
Day

## SERVICE

March 17, 2019

Greeters  
Pathfinders

Children's Sermon  
Pastor Curtis

No Story Hour

## Happy Spring Break!



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### J29—Youth Ministry Wednesdays (March 20)

6:15 pm J29 Youth (6th-12th grade)

### 4th Sundays (March 24)

3-4:30 pm Big 4:5 (4th + 5th Grades)  
4-6 pm J29 Sr High (9th - 12th Grades)

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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

### SUNDAY, March 17

8:50 am Praise & Worship  
10 am Sunday School  
11 am Traditional Worship  
2 pm VCI Leadership-Asbury  
4 pm J.E.S.U.S. band

### MONDAY, March 18

9-11 am Disciple study-Asbury  
6 pm Cub Scouts-CB  
7-9 pm Disciple study-Asbury

### TUESDAY, March 19

9 am-2 pm MDO  
10 am UMW Esther group-parlor  
10 am Loose Threads  
5:30 pm Trustees-choir room  
6:30 pm Finance-choir room  
6:30 pm Promises-parlor

### WEDNESDAY, March 20

6 pm C.L.I.C.K.  
6 pm J29 Youth  
7 pm Chancel Choir

### THURSDAY, March 21

9 am-2 pm MDO

### SATURDAY, March 23

Cub Scouts-hall

### SUNDAY, March 24

8:50 am Praise & Worship  
10 am Sunday School  
11 am Traditional Worship  
12 pm EGGcellent Mtg-CB  
3 pm Big 4:5-hall  
4:30 pm J29 Sr High-hall

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

### Second Sunday In Lent March 17, 2019

#### LECTIONARY READINGS

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18  
Psalm 27 UMH 758  
Philippians 3:17-4:1  
Luke 13:31-35



To receive reminders, ministry news, weather cancellations, & more simply text @fumcpn to the phone number 81010.