



SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 1826 NALL ST  
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## THE PIPELINE

VISION; TO WELCOME ALL WHO ARE SEEKING TO FOLLOW GOD  
THROUGH FRIENDSHIPS, SERVICE AND GRACE

### PLEASE NOTE

**Sept 19: 12 pm**  
Church Council-  
sanctuary

**Sept 21: 5:30 pm**  
Trustees-Asbury

**6:30 pm Finance-**  
Asbury

**6:30 pm UMW-**  
parlor

Covid -19: Please continue to practice social distancing and frequent hand hygiene, wear a mask around others, and to get vaccinated.

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This week a local church was giving away books from the private collection of a member who had recently passed. The woman had an extensive collection of Bible commentaries, theology books, early Christian writings and such. This collection was huge- enough to rival most pastors' private libraries. Because these books were being donated at no cost, I thought I would be considerate and pick out one or two books that might enhance my own collection. After about an hour of browsing, I left with two moving boxes filled to the top, so full I could not close the lid. What can I say?

Some of the books I selected were writings from early Christian theologians. These are often the sort of texts I enjoy reading at home, in the evening, in my recliner, with a glass of tea. These writings date anywhere from 150 A.D. through the middle-ages and into modern times. Two thousand years of people devoting their entire lives to meditation, prayer and contemplation of our Christian faith.

I find it interesting when these writings provide a glimpse into everyday life in those times. Sprinkled into the writings of St. Augustine from around 400 AD there are bits of journal entries concerning the general state of society during that age. It is fascinating how similar the issues in the time of Augustine are to the issues we face today. The customs, technology and geographic references change of course, but in matters of human behavior, it seems that some things just never really change.

For me this is a comforting reminder that God's Word is eternal. The teachings from Moses, through the prophets and on to Jesus and to the apostles, are as relevant today as they were thousands of years ago. We see changes in our local customs, hobbies, art and culture, but human nature and the struggles we encounter in the face of adversity and difficulty remain the same. Just as human nature remains steady, God's Word remains constant and relevant.

Isaiah 40:8 tells us, "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever."

Jesus says in Mathew 24:35, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

Praise God for the teachings we have been given to lead, guide, and direct our lives in a world that changes often, among a people who remain very much the same.

Blessings to you all and I look forward to seeing you Sunday!

-Pastor Sean

## C.L.I.C.K.—Christ Lives in Christian Kids

This is a Free program for children in Kindergarten thru 5th grade. Come learn neat things through Bible stories, crafts, creative cooking, games and science experiments. It's from **6-7 pm every Wednesday in the Children's building beginning September 15th.** We hope to see you there! Please do not wear flip-flops.

## SAVE THE DATE

The United Methodist Women's Annual Bazaar will be **Saturday, October 16 from 10 am to 2 pm.** It will be held outside in our parking lot. We will also have the LifeShare bus here for a blood drive.

## SOUTHEAST TEXAS FOOD BANK

Our local Girl Scout Troop #130337 is collecting canned goods for the SE TX Food Bank. A collection box is near the church office. Please bring your donations by September 24.



## PROMISES-UMW

The Promises Group of the United Methodist Women will meet **September 21 at 6:30 pm** in the parlor. *All ladies are invited.* Bring your own salad supper (due to covid).

## THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the school supplies and the monetary donation. Your generosity has helped our students and teachers start the year off on the right foot! Thank you for being His hands and feet - we appreciate you!  
Love, Woodcrest Elementary

We would like to thank our Friend in Christ for the contribution to the Physical Plant Improvement fund in our honor. You are such a blessing.  
Nancy Smith, Niki Lege' & Zack Lege'

Thank you for the donation made in our name to the Physical Plant Improvement fund. Again thank you and may God bless you.

Walter & Hazel Murphy

Thank you to the kind soul who honored us with a donation to the Physical Plant Improvement Fund. God bless you!

Eddie & Rhonda Pagan

## Please Pray For...

Paul Aguillard  
Sherry Baker  
Jim Berwick  
Kent Butler  
Myrna Connelly  
**Judy Cooper**  
Freddie Cotton  
Margi Dalmas  
Maria Dubois  
Phyllis Farris  
Tony Fontenot  
Joan Girolamo  
Conrad Graffagnino  
Sr Julie Greig  
Mitzi Griggs  
David Guidry family  
Merri Haley  
Earl Jeffery  
Brittany Jennis  
Maielle Kyler  
Ann LaCour  
Sherry Little  
Gary Loepeke  
Cele Lopez  
**Donna & Lee Lumpkin**  
Linda Matts  
Larry McFatter  
Robert Martin  
Phyllis Odom  
Jared O'Neill  
Gwen Park  
Mark Pittman  
Amy Prouse  
Kathryn Carrier Runnels  
Elizabeth Saide

**Janet Sanders**  
Danny Schamber  
Theresa Taylor  
Derek Tenner  
Jerry Thompson  
Loretta Thompson  
Andrea Turner  
Blake VanDevender family  
Wesley Welborn  
Paul Williams  
Maxine Wright  
**Our Church**

**Military:**  
Ed Andrews III  
Stephanie Andrews  
Tommy English  
Hunter Harrison  
Travis Johnson  
Kevin Knippa  
Eddie Pierce  
Jonathan Welborn

GIFTS	Sept 6-12
Mailed in	\$4638.00
Online	1595.00
Loose	<u>210.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6443.00</b>

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

This Sunday, September 19 at 12 noon in the sanctuary

## COMMUNITY CARE FOOD ITEMS NEEDED

Jelly  
Bring by Oct 4