

# First United Methodist Church Commerce

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June 2018



## Supper served at 5pm each evening

### VBS 2018:

## Rolling River Rampage

June 18-22 @ 5-8pm

Serving Pre-K through 5th grade

Register online at  
[www.cokesburyvbs.com/fumccommerce](http://www.cokesburyvbs.com/fumccommerce)

Monday - wear red

Tuesday - wear green

Wednesday - wear yellow

Thursday - wear orange

Friday - wear blue

**Wanted:** Leaders who want to explore the Word of God with children!

At *Rolling River Rampage* VBS, we will help our children experience the ride of a lifetime with God through missions, dramas, crafts, games, science activities, music, and lots of fun!

### Ways to Help:

- Sign up for a VBS leadership role and join us in the excitement!
- Sign up to help serve and clean up after meals
- Donate any of the following:
  - Blue plastic rectangle tablecloths
  - Craft sticks
  - Baking soda
  - Dish soap
  - Egg cartons
  - Styrofoam
  - Rubber bands
  - Empty 2-liter bottles
  - Aluminum roasting pans
  - Bird seed

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## May God Bless First UMC – Commerce By: Dr. Gregory S. Neal

As we come to the close of my ministry among you, I want to thank you for allowing me to serve as your pastor. It has been my honor, privilege, and joy to travel with you along the road of this life, to share and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ with you, and to be part of your loving family of faith. These years have been good, fruitful, faithful, and meaningful for me ... and, I believe, for you as well.



May God bless the mission and ministry of Commerce’s First United Methodist Church as you now move forward under the pastoral leadership of my friend and colleague in ministry, the Reverend Sam Caldwell. I challenge you to listen to him, learn from him, and follow him as he follows Christ Jesus our Lord. Know that, while I will no longer be your pastor, I will always be your friend and I will always pray for you. And, know that I expect to hear great things from and about First Commerce in the months and years to come!

### Four Years – By the Numbers:

New Members added:	79
Baptisms:	18
Professions of Faith:	26
Communions:	197 (1 <sup>st</sup> Sundays, special days, mid-week/Month Eucharists)
New Ministries begun:	6
Income to General Budget:	\$1,444,985 (July 2014 through May 2018)
Special Gifts, Bequests & Memorials:	\$997,220
Other (Campus Ministry, building, etc):	\$294,412
Number of Sunday sermons preached:	177 (most preached twice each Sunday, some three times)
Average length of sermon:	19.4 minutes
Total amount of time spent preaching:	126 hours (estimated)
New Testament books preached on:	18
Old Testament books preached on:	9
Book most preached on:	Matthew – 40 times
Second most:	Luke – 34 times
Sermons from the Gospels:	112
Sermons from the Pauline Epistles:	36
Bible Study – Books covered:	3.5 (Luke, Acts, Genesis, part of Exodus)
Bible Study – Participants:	35 across 4 years
Bible Study – Number of sessions:	106

**FIRST THURSDAY**

**Potluck Luncheon  
June 7@ 12pm**



**Men's Breakfast  
Monday, June 25  
@ 7am**

**at Omega's Restaurant!**

*Come and have breakfast with*

*Pastor Brian, talk about "stuff" and enjoy fellowship and good food together!*

Our Prayer Chain is here to pray for your urgent prayer needs. Feel free to call or text



your prayer request 8am-8pm or call the pastor and notification will be forwarded immediately to our prayer partners.

Prayer Lead:  
Mary Lou Heatherly 903-456-1412

# THE LIGHT

## FUMC COMMERCE

**Contemporary Service**  
Sundays @ 6pm in the Family Ministry Center

Summer is a great time to try something new! We invite you to join us at The Light for exciting and passionate music with inspiring teaching and the opportunity to connect with each other in a relaxed worship environment. Our First Sunday potluck will be June 3 at 5:00, so bring a friend, bring a dish, and bring your appetite! Then on June 10, we'll celebrate our first-ever Retro Worship, featuring your favorite praise and worship music from the 1990's and early 2000's. Exciting things are happening Sunday evenings at 6:00, so don't miss out!

### Upcoming Worship

Sunday, June 3

Sunday, June 10

Sunday, June 17

Sunday, June 24

8:45am ~ Chapel  
10:50am ~ Sanctuary  
6:00pm ~ Family  
Ministry Center

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

**Ad Council Chair:**

Mike Roberts (903) 886-2142

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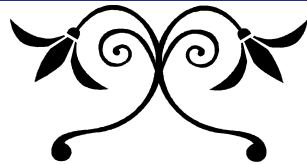
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*The SPPRC Committee*

*Invites you to a*

*Celebration Reception*

*Sunday, June 10*

*in honor of*

*Pastor Greg*

*Come & Go during the Sunday School Hour*

*In the Family Ministries Center*



**Luigi's Gives  
Back Sunday  
June 17**

The First United Methodist Newsletter is the official publication of FUMC Commerce. The newsletter is published at the end of the month. Inputs may be submitted to the Church office to Bonnie Smith, Communications Specialist, at [communications@fumccommerce.org](mailto:communications@fumccommerce.org), or call the office at 903-886-3220. Questions may be addressed to the Church office.

**\*\*The next deadline is Tuesday, June 19 by 9:00am\*\***



Please join us for Children's Sunday School every Sunday morning from **9:45-10:40am** and each evening at 6:00pm.

Our Sunday School Bible Verse for June is: "Teach me your way, Lord, so that I can walk in your truth." Psalm 86:11

### Little Ark Preschool and Pre-K Open House and Graduation on May 16.



### Middle School Youth Going to Bridgeport Camp

Several FUMC Commerce middle schoolers will be attending church camp at Bridgeport Camp the week of June 18-22. They will join about 150 other sixth, seventh, and eighth graders from across the North Texas Conference and spend a week making new friends as they play, swim, worship, and learn about the

Holy Spirit together. Church camp is a significant faith-forming experience for children and youth, and it is an important investment in the future leaders of the church.

There are many ways you can be supportive of our youth as they embark on a week of fun and spiritual growth. First, please keep these youth in your prayers, before and especially during camp. You can also brighten their days at camp by writing notes of encouragement to our campers—it's always exciting to receive mail at camp, and they will love knowing that their church family is thinking of them. You can write a note or card to a camper and leave it in the basket labeled *JH1 Camp* on the table outside each worship area between now and Sunday, June 17. These notes and cards will be handed out to the campers through their week at camp. Thank you for your support of our church's young people!

# CONGRATS CLASS OF 2018!

## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Marley Morris (Little Ark employee)

Makenzie Webb (Little Ark employee)



## COLLEGE GRADUATES

Kira Mills (J.D. Short's daughter-in-law)



# Confirmation 2018

During the 10:50 a.m. worship service on Pentecost Sunday, 9 students, of which 3 were also baptized, responded to the grace of God available to us and promised to live as persons of faith. These students have attended confirmation class throughout the school year to learn more about the Christian faith and the United Methodist Church. Special thanks to confirmation class teacher Craig Jensen and to Pastor Greg and Pastor Brian for guiding our young people on their journey of learning, questioning, and sharing throughout the school year! And special thanks to the congregation for supporting and celebrating our young people!



*Front row:* Matthew Liston, McClaine Clark, Carrigan Oats, Sam Underwood, and Bree Swinson  
*Back row:* Rev. Brian Dierolf, Rachel Pearce, Dr. Greg Neal, Oliver Roberts, Sally Walker, Craig Jensen, and Holly White

# Little Ark Summer Camp

## Summer Camps for school age kiddos

Little Ark is hosting a summer full of weekly themed camps for school age children. You can sign your child up for one camp, or all camps. Your child can attend the camp only, or can stay all day if you need child care. Space is limited, so sign up early to make sure your spot is secured!

**Camp Times:** M-F 8-12

**Camp Prices:** \$70/week Camp Only  
\$100/week for camp+child care

**Ages Welcome:** 1<sup>st</sup> grade through 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Little Ark will provide drinks and snack daily.

For more information call Little Ark at 903-246-5660 or email [jknight\\_littleark@yahoo.com](mailto:jknight_littleark@yahoo.com)

**June 4-8  
Space Camp**

**June 11-15  
Cooking Camp**

**June 18-22  
NO CAMP  
FUMC VBS**

**June 25-29  
Science Camp**

**July 2-6  
Around the World  
in 5 Days**

**July 9-13  
Art Week**

**July 16-20  
Storybook Week**

**July 23-27  
Summer Olympics**

**July 30-August 3  
End of Summer  
Blowout**

# FUMC COMMERCE YOUTH

## SUMMER 2018 CALENDAR



## JULY

## JUNE

Friday, June 1 - Summer Kickoff Party:  
Cookout & Kickball 6:00-8:00 pm

Middle School and High School come together to start the summer right! We'll eat hamburgers and ice cream before we face off in an epic kickball game.

Sunday, June 10 - Sr. High AfterLight 6-8:15 pm

Youth who will be in high school are invited to worship at The Light contemporary service. After worship, we'll talk about the sermon and have fellowship time with games and snacks.

Monday, June 18 - Friday, June 22 - Junior  
High I Camp at Bridgeport\*

Middle Schoolers who registered this spring will spend a fun-filled week at Bridgeport Camp meeting new friends, worshipping and playing together, and learning about the Holy Spirit.

*\*Only those who have already registered will be able to go to camp this year. Watch for announcements in January 2019 to get in on the fun next summer!*

Sunday, June 24 - Sr. High AfterLight 6-8:15 pm

Friday, June 29 - Pool Party 5:00-8:30 pm

What's summer without a pool party? Middle and high school youth get to chill out at the home of Jim and Susan Patton. We'll eat hot dogs and watermelon while we enjoy the pool and play games!

Sunday, July 8 - Sr. High AfterLight 6-8:15 pm  
for high school youth— worship, discussion, games, and fellowship

Sunday, July 15 - Middle School Game Day 12:30-3:00 pm

Sixth, seventh, and eighth graders: stick around after the 10:50 worship service for pizza and an afternoon of fun!

Sunday, July 22 - Sr. High AfterLight 6-8:15 pm

Sunday, July 29 - Trip to Shenaniganz 12-6 pm\*

After the one worship service, we'll head to Rockwall for an afternoon of bowling, laser tag, and arcade games. Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers are welcome and encouraged to invite a friend!

*\*There will be a small cost to participate in this activity. Actual time of activity is subject to change. More details will be available as the activity gets closer.*

## AUGUST

Sunday, August 5 - Middle School Movie  
Matinee 12:30-3:00 pm

Stay after church to hang out in the Youth Room and watch a movie. All-you-can-eat popcorn and snacks!

Friday, August 10 - Service & Sun ALL DAY

One last day of fun and mission before we go back to school! We'll spend the morning volunteering at North Texas Food Bank. After lunch, we'll head to Hawaiian Falls waterpark for an epic afternoon of fun!

Sunday, August 12 - Sr. High AfterLight 6-8:15 pm

Monday, August 13 - First Day of School

**FOR MORE INFO:**

Contact Nevin Jackson at [nevin@fumcommerce.org](mailto:nevin@fumcommerce.org)



### FUMC Youth Attend ONE Event

Eleven fifth and sixth graders from FUMC Commerce were among the 300 youth and adults who attended the ONE Event at FUMC Rockwall on Sunday, April 29. The annual event is an opportunity for United Methodist youth from across the North Texas Conference to come together for an afternoon to play, worship, and learn together as one body.



After lunch provided by two award-winning Dallas food trucks, the youth played games. Worship began with a band made up of musicians from youth groups who led the congregation in praise songs. The featured speaker was Rev. Ray Jordan, a United Church of Christ pastor who also teaches African-American studies at the University of Texas at Arlington and has worked with Southern Methodist University, Wesley-Rankin Community Center, Elmwood-El Buen Samaritano UMC and others. Rev. Jordan's message focused on the filters

we apply to our stories and our interactions—how our experiences and identities affect the way we see the world and those around us. He challenged the youth and adults to examine their preconceptions and to use the lenses of faith to see other people as children of God with inherent worth, regardless of color, race, gender, or socioeconomic status. Youth then broke into small groups to share and discuss before coming back together for Holy Communion.

Our youth enjoyed the afternoon and represented our church well. Special thanks to Mike Roberts for driving the bus and being a chaperone.



## ***Congratulations to our 2018 Scholarship Recipients!***

***Ernesto Balderrama, Jr. was awarded the Gary Kibler and Weldon & Annie Reese Kibler Family Scholarship.  
Brooklyn Talley was awarded the Leland & Mary Casey Scholarship.***



**Thank you!**  
Great participation  
in congregational  
worship survey!

The results of the congregational worship survey are in! The participation was amazing: 113 responses were received, more than 90% of those who regularly attend services. And, although we did not know that we would be welcoming a new pastor during the survey period, the results will give incoming Rev. Sam Caldwell a much more comprehensive view of what the congregation prefers than could be gained by trying to build a picture from individual inputs.

The following summary is intended to give everyone who participated an overview of what you all said. It is condensed from a detailed report that is posted on the bulletin board near the church office. The survey results are also available in the office for those who want more details.

Overall, 40% of respondents are happy with the traditional, more formal worship style that we find in the 10:50 a.m. service. A less formal but still mainly traditional style is the preference of 27% of the respondents, with 25% preferring a blended style or having no strong preferences. The contemporary style is favored by 8%. These findings closely track the relative attendance of each of the three services now offered.

While most of the respondents identified “worship style” (76%) as an important or very important reason they selected the service they attend, 50% or more of the respondents indicated that the “start time”, “length”, and “whether friends/family also attend” are also important factors.

Based on a weighted average with 5 as “very important”, here is the ranking of the importance of worship components surveyed.

1. Sermon (4.61)
2. Prayer time (4.54)
3. Communion (4.41)
4. Type of music (4.27)
5. Scripture reading (4.20)
6. Children’s time (3.65)
7. Fellowship time / passing of peace (3.50)
8. Liturgy, such as responsive readings (3.10)

Generally, respondents indicated that the listed worship service characteristics were just right. The characteristic with the highest satisfaction rate was “reverence and holiness” of our worship services at 86%. The characteristics that offer more opportunity for improvement include:

- 38% believe we could encourage more special performances, including solos and songs from the children’s choir
- 34% think we don’t innovate and experiment enough
- about 25 % feel we could downplay formality, dignity, and preplanned worship aids

The majority of respondents agree or strongly agree that their primary worship service provides direction (66%), provides understanding of their Christian heritage (60%), strengthens faith (71%), and draws them closer to God (75%).

The majority (77%) are also able to attend the service they prefer. Some respondents (less than 10%) identified frustrations with lighting and sound in the sanctuary and time conflicts as reasons they do not attend their preferred worship service.

The following are themes from free-form responses regarding worship experience:

- Desire to have more children participating in worship
- Gratitude for John Burkett and his organ playing, although for some, the organ is sometimes too loud
- Appreciation of the chancel choir though a few mentioned that the choir is not loud enough and that they wish the choir was among the congregation to help them sing
- Worship is too liturgical and high



- Feeling that applause following anthems is disruptive to the worship experience yet a few respondents noted applause as examples of spontaneity and freedom
- Request for familiar songs and congregational involvement with hymn selection
- Fellowship time should take place before or after the service rather than during the passing of the peace
- Might there be a better time to hold The Light service?
- Suggestion to simplify order of worship bulletin and keep with consistent affirmation
- Recommendation to extend time for silent prayer

### What next?

In the short term, the Pastors and Worship committee will work together to experiment with small changes. The Trustees are working to improve sound and lighting in the sanctuary. Over the longer term, Pastor Sam, Pastor Brian, and the Worship Committee will carefully consider what to change and add based on feedback received.

### Final thoughts

The words of one survey respondent resonated strongly with the Worship Committee and serve as an important reminder for us all:

We need to come together and be open to trying different things, less worried about “losing” our preferred style of worship, and mostly concerned about being in fellowship with one another. It’s a nasty world out there and when we come together to be in fellowship, we shouldn’t get hung up on worship styles. That simply isn’t a kingdom issue. I like hymn sings, contemporary songs, liturgy, choir, praise band – you name it. It only matters that I get to be around people who have hope and we need to keep that centered. The people!

- Anonymous



### S.C.R.P.T. by Judy Rudoff

S.C.R.P.T.—Senior Center Resources and Public Transportation—is a county agency that provides important services to Hunt County citizens. Many of you have seen the big white

buses with blue puzzle pieces, with the telephone number 903-454-1444 known as the Connection. However, you may not be aware of the services it can provide or how to avail yourself of them. The Connection is a bus service that travels throughout Hunt County and even provides a Park and Ride option. To ride the Connection one needs to make a reservation 24 hours in advance at 903-454-1444 and follow the prompts (although reservations must be made before 3pm; confirmation might be as late as 7pm.) People of all ages may use the Connection; however, for those over 60 years old, rides to the grocery store, pharmacy, hospital, or doctor’s office are free. For other destinations like the post office, library, bank, or beauty shop, the charge is \$2 each way in town and \$3 each way in the county. For those under 60, the \$2 and \$3 fees apply for every trip. Same day reservations—if there is space available—can be made at a cost of \$4 each way. To take advantage of the Park and Ride option, reservations must also be made 24 hours in advance by calling Logistics Care at 855-687-3255. The Connection will pick you up and take you to Rowlett where DART buses will take you to Dallas destinations. For those who qualify for Medicare or Medicaid, there is no charge. For those without those insurances, the fee is \$5 each way. All Connection buses have mechanisms so that people using walkers or wheelchairs can easily and safely board. The Connection also does some pro-bono work. Currently it is transporting Greenville middle school students to the Commerce Community Gardens one a week so they can have a gardening experience.

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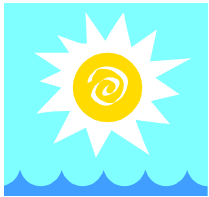
### S.C.R.P.T. (Continued)

Another S.C.R.P.T. program less well-known where unencumbered funds can really make a difference is the nutrition program. Each day approximately 350 meals are cooked to be delivered between 11:30am and 12:30pm. That's over 60,000 meals a month! Deliveries are made five days a week, including two frozen meals for the weekend. Deliveries are also made to two community sites: Hunt Regional Emergency Medical Center at Commerce and S.C.R.P.T. headquarters in Greenville, so people can enjoy company, play Bingo, and other games and have health screenings. Because most of the funding comes from the Texas Department of Agriculture, strict guidelines for calories and portion size must be followed. A S.C.R.P.T. dietician designs the menu and assures the requirements are met. Unencumbered funds allow the agency to add extras: a quart of real milk each week instead of powdered milk or providing five meals a week to someone who may only qualify for three.

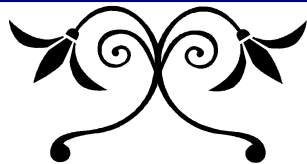
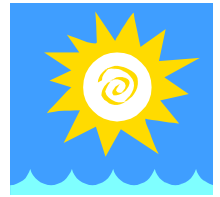
Funding for S.C.R.P.T. comes from several major sources: Hunt County grants, T-DOT, and the Texas Department of Agriculture.

What can I do to help?

1. Spread the word about what S.C.R.P.T. has to offer.
2. Put a dollar or designated gift in the offering plate in June, since S.C.R.P.T. is the June Mission of the Month.



As you travel and take vacations this summer,  
don't take a break from your giving.  
We are grateful for your faithfulness!



*The SPRC Committee*

*Invites you to a*

*Welcome Reception*

*Sunday, July 1*

*in honor of*

*Pastor Sam Caldwell*

*Come & Go during the Sunday School Hour*

*In the Family Ministries Center*



#### WCM Summer Schedule

Movie Night: Every Tuesday @ 7p  
Bible Study: Every Wednesday @ 7p (based on movie).



*In memory of...*

**Mary Beth Tuck**

By: Edna O'Quinn

**Eleanor Sandifer**

By: Susan Lampe

**Roger Humphries**

By: Judy Rudoff



*In honor of...*

**Nancy Doughty**

By: Mary Lambert Smith

**e-GIVING Give Online**

Remember, you can always give your monthly contributions securely online. To set up a recurring contribution, visit the church website at [www.fumccommerce.org](http://www.fumccommerce.org), and click on "Ways to Give" and create a profile if you haven't already.

**By the Numbers**

**Attendance**

	<u>Early</u>	<u>Late</u>	<u>Light</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>Wed.</u>
<b>Apr 29</b>	—	96	—	35	
<b>May 6</b>	36	78	23	48	
<b>May 13</b>	42	82	19	49	
<b>May 16</b>					8
<b>May 20</b>	31	129	10	46	
<b>May 27</b>	39	49	20	34	

**Financial Information**

**General Operating Fund**

	<u>as of April 30, 2018</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Income:	\$ 28,006	\$104,097
Expenses:	\$ 38,896	\$125,940
	-\$ 10,890	-\$21,843

**Reading the Bible Daily**



As you seek to grow closer to God through daily prayer and Bible study, you may have your own favorite daily readings. If not, you will find Scriptures for each day listed below. We hope you'll read daily and ask yourself: "How will I be different today because of what I just read?" Some other questions you might ask are: What does this text say about who God is?" "What does this text say about who I am/who we are as human beings?" "What does this text say about our relationship with God?" You may want to reflect on paper with a journal or note pad. We hope this will become a part of your daily prayer time.

**Daily Scripture Readings:**

Friday, Jun 1	Mark 3:1-6
Saturday, Jun 2	2 Corinthians 4:7-12
Sunday, Jun 3	Psalms 139:13-18
Monday, Jun 4	Mark 3:20-30
Tuesday, Jun 5	Mark 3:31-35
Wednesday, Jun 6	1 Samuel 8:4-20
Thursday, Jun 7	1 Samuel 8:19-20
Friday, Jun 8	Psalms 138
Saturday, Jun 9	Psalms 138
Sunday, Jun 10	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Monday, Jun 11	1 Samuel 15:34-35
Tuesday, Jun 12	1 Samuel 16:1-13
Wednesday, Jun 13	Psalms 20
Thursday, Jun 14	Mark 4:26-29
Friday, Jun 15	Mark 4:30-34
Saturday, Jun 16	2 Corinthians 5:6-10
Sunday, Jun 17	2 Corinthians 5:6-17
Monday, Jun 18	1 Samuel 17:1-11
Tuesday, Jun 19	1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49
Wednesday, Jun 20	Psalms 9:9-20
Thursday, Jun 21	Mark 4:35-41
Friday, Jun 22	Mark 4:35-41
Saturday, Jun 23	2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Sunday, Jun 24	2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Monday, Jun 25	2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27
Tuesday, Jun 26	Psalms 130:1-4
Wednesday, Jun 27	Psalms 130:5-8
Thursday, Jun 28	2 Corinthians 8:1-9
Friday, Jun 29	2 Corinthians 8:8-15
Saturday, Jun 30	Mark 5:25-34



## Prayer Lists

### Recent Concerns

Family of Hugh Hanby  
 Family of Freda Lambert  
 Family of Walt Bailey (Tom Bailey's brother)  
 Family of Tony Bert Ogletree (Mimi Dobbs' stepfather)  
 Ann Chamberlain (Pete Chamberlain's wife)  
 Trish King  
 Debbie McCord  
 Judy Rudoff  
 Our Country's Leaders

### Continued Prayers (long term)

Healing and peace for our hurting country and world, John Avery, Debra Burton, Gene Casselberry, Martha Clevenger, Kenneth & Carol Cline (Tammy Naizer's parents), Harold Coker, Garrett Cramer, Lois Cranford, Corky Drinkard, Jack and Gladys Gray, Sally Grove, Margie Hamlin (Linda King's mother), Preston Helton (Jan & Jeff Helton's grandson), Doris Kerbow, Zachary Madden, Harold & Priscilla McFarland (Julia Robinson's parents), Mary Means, Betty Morton, Richard Norton, Robert Seay, Dana Shelton, Billy Stocker (J.D. Short's uncle), Geneva Teel

**Briarcliff:** Allen Martin and Janet Sullivan

**Oak Manor:** Barbara Gish and Euple Walker

**Draughn's/Country Home Estate:** Roger and Jean Arnold, Helen Cole, Joe and Mary Louise McMahan, Edna O'Quinn, and Gayle Shumate

**Austin:** Ruby Vander Velde



### Remembering those serving in our military...

Lt. Dan Barton  
 Daniel Chamberlain  
 Josh Ham-Nadine & Clay Yeager's grandson-in-law  
 Sgt. Stephen Smith & Denise Smith  
 Col. Keith Williams  
 Kris Yoder-John & Rebecca Sneed's son-in-law

*"The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective."  
 James 5:16*

*Help us hold each other in prayer by contacting the church office with new prayer concerns and updates on existing prayer requests.*

*If you have someone you would like to add or remove from the prayer list, please let the church office know (903-886-3220).*

To watch or listen to Dr. Neal's sermons online, go to:  
[www.revneal.org](http://www.revneal.org)  
[www.youtube.com/revneal](http://www.youtube.com/revneal)  
[www.facebook.com/RevNealVideo](http://www.facebook.com/RevNealVideo)



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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE  
 NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**  
 Articles for the next newsletter are due  
**Tuesday, June 19 by 9:00am**