

FIRST LIGHT

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Join us for inspiring worship at 8:15 a.m., 10:50 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. every Sunday • Church School and small groups for all ages meet Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

THIS SUNDAY

Join us in August for the series, "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" exploring the key ingredients of being a good neighbor.

We hope to see you in worship Sundays at 8:15 a.m., 10:50 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., or live at 11:00 a.m. on KAKE TV and live on the web at firstwichita.org.

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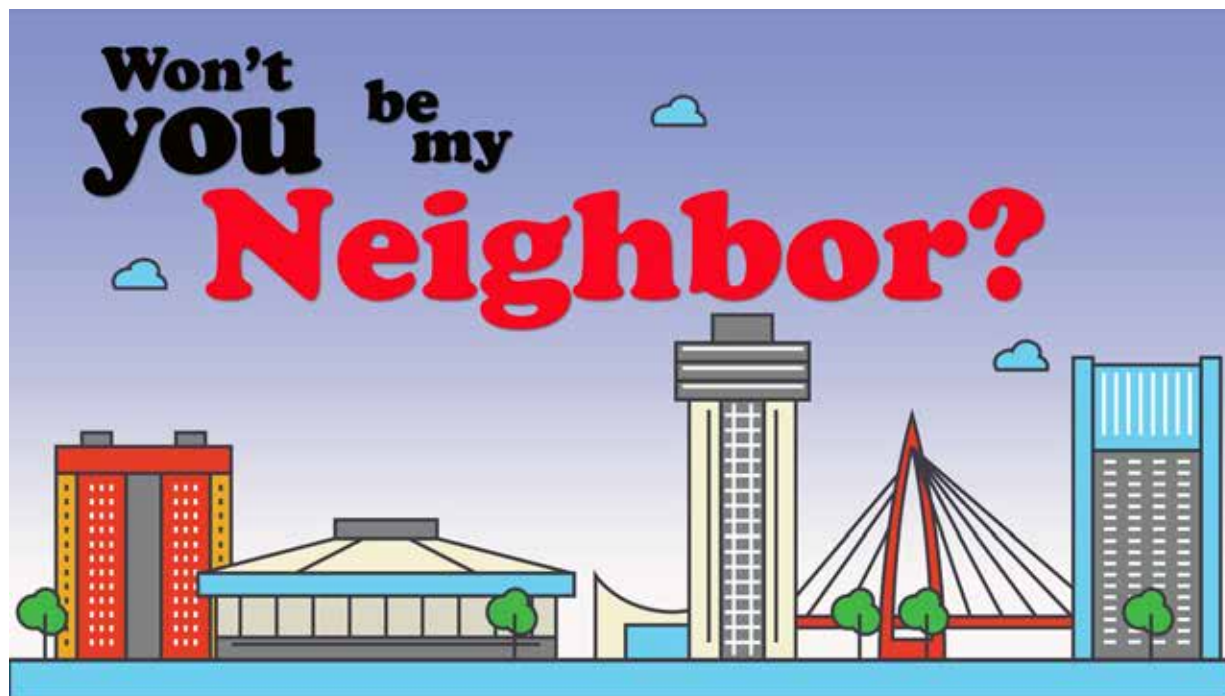
FEED THE HUNGRY

Food collected in the A/B entrance goes to United Methodist Open Door.

**August- food collection:
Peanut Butter**

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Life. Downtown

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330 N. Broadway • 316-267-6244
On Broadway between 2nd & 3rd Streets
in downtown Wichita.



Join us for our August Sermon Series

For decades, Mister Rogers was the quintessential neighbor. When he was interviewed about his opening song he said, "Won't you be my neighbor? Well, I suppose it's an invitation. It's an invitation for somebody to be close to you." In the Christian tradition, when Jesus is asked, "Who is my neighbor," through story and actions Jesus pointed out that everybody is our neighbor, particularly those in need. John Wesley said, "the world is my parish". Maybe that is another way of saying the world is my neighbor, those both far AND near. During this series we will look at the

key ingredients of being a good neighbor: Abundance, Relationship and Joy.

In conjunction with this series several of our Sunday school classes will be utilizing "The Good Neighbor Experiment" curriculum from SoCe Life. We will also be hosting "Downtown Friday Films", a weekly film series, in collaboration with community partners each Friday evening in the Wilke Family Life Center. We hope you will join us as we learn to deepen our relationship with Christ AND be a good neighbor. "Won't You Be My Neighbor?"

■ August 3- 7:00 p.m.
Tallgrass Film Association
Presents: "The 'Burbs"

■ August 5
"Embracing Abundance"
2 Kings 4: 42-44, John 6: 1-14

■ August 10, 7:00 p.m.
Harvester Arts presents:
"A Man Named Pearl"

■ August 12
"Loving Our God"
Ephesians 3: 14-21, John 6: 24-35

■ August 17- 7:00 p.m.
The Forum Theatre Company presents:
"Kinky Boots"

■ August 19
"Loving our Neighbor and our
Neighborhood"
Jeremiah 29: 5-14, Ephesians 4: 1-7

■ August 24 - 7:00 p.m.
SoCe Life presents:
"The Sandlot"

■ August 26
"Where Else is Joy and Life?"
Ephesians 3: 5-13, John 6: 60-69

The Gathering New Location



The Gathering at Mead's Corner will continue! Of course, in the wake of Mead's Corner closing, we will no longer be meeting at Mead's Corner. Instead, we will be forging forward in a new partnership with New Covenant UMC in their Life Support Center at 1718 W. Douglas in Delano. New Covenant UMC has been working directly with marginalized persons in our community while in partnership with other UMC churches (as well as other organizations), and we hope to offer them some energy and opportunity in exchange for a home outside of our doors at 330 N. Broadway. This will help us keep our area of affect expanded while also partnering with a sister church. The Gathering will continue to provide quality worship accessible to all, only at a new location where new friends are sure to follow!

■ The Gathering
5 p.m. Sunday Evenings
New Covenant UMC Life
Support Center
1718 W. Douglas,
Wichita KS 67203
Begins August 5

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The hospitalized, our members and attenders with long-term and terminal illness, their caregivers, the homebound and those who are in nursing homes. Pray for our Guardian Angels and Stephen Ministers.

Articles for the next edition of *First Light* are due Aug. 15, by 9 a.m. Material should be submitted to the appropriate ministry director for approval. Questions can be directed to Erin Davis, 267-6244 ext. 300.

Prayers

Email prayer@firstwichita.org to ask for prayer from the people of First United Methodist Church.

Email pastoralcare@firstwichita.org to ask for a visit, call, or private prayer from the congregational care team.

The Congregational Care Team,
Rev. Cindy Watson,
Rev. Dr. Tal Tittsworth,
Rev. Rebecca Goltry Mohr,
Leslie Coates

Our Mission
Making Disciples of
Jesus Christ
for the transformation
of the world.

Our Vision
Changing lives—
transforming communities

Our Purpose
To create a Christian
community where anyone
can become a completely
committed follower
of Jesus Christ.

First United Methodist Church & community partners present:

Downtown Friday Films

7:00 p.m. | The Wilke Family Life Center
"Free" | 330 N. Broadway, Wichita, KS

August 3 The BURBS TALLGRASS FILM ASSOCIATION	August 10 A MAN NAMED PEARL HARVESTER arts	August 17 Kinky Boots THE FORUM THEATRE COMPANY	August 24 THE SANDLOT Neighboring Movement.org By SoCo Live
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*Nursery Care provided / Children's activities K-5



Celebrating Downtown Alive in August

Get ready to celebrate our TV Ministry during the month of August! We will be sharing blasts from the past all month long. If you are a TV viewer, please join us in person on Sunday, August 19, for Viewer Appreciation Sunday. We would love to have the opportunity to meet and welcome you. We are also planning a special fundraising event. Stay tuned for future details.

Where Did You See God Today?

(Lake Michigan Work Team Report)

Our team motto was to "let your light shine, so that others may see your good work and give praise to you Father who is in heaven." - Matthew 5:16

"Where did you see God today?" That is the question that was asked of the eleven work team members who traveled to Lake Michigan Camp and Retreat Center on the eastern shore of Lake Michigan. This camp is part of the United Methodist connection, but it had been without a director for several months, and needed a lot of maintenance work done to prepare for the summer sessions. The new director, her husband, and three employees were desperate to get things in order for the first big group of campers that were coming the week that we arrived.

"Where did you see God?" In the work of God's hands, shown by the labor done by the work team members. We cleaned cabins, scoured bathrooms, sanded and painted bathroom stalls, installed new paper holders in all of the shower houses, measured and plotted camp sites, and helped in the kitchen. We moved boxes, checked smoke alarms in the cabins, and made sure fire extinguishers were in place and well-marked. We cut down trees and hauled off brush. In addition, we put up insulation in the new cabins so they could be used for summer guests.

"Where did you see God today?" In the sound of the waves gently lapping at the shores of Lake Michigan, and in the beautiful golden sunset across the waters. God was in the soft sound of the wind in the tall pine trees, and the scent of freshly chopped wood. In the quiet time around the campfire, roasting marshmallows and listening to the birds sing.

More than all of this, we saw God in the people that we met along this journey. In the



new camp director who had been at the camp for just one month as she tearfully expressed her gratitude to God for sending this team to the camp. We saw God's gift of hope in the young man who works at the camp and had been coming there since he was six years old, when he shared that having us there had given

them all renewed hope that this camp was going to survive. And we saw God in each other, as we all worked together, each to his/her own abilities, but all for the good of the camp, so that many could come and learn to know God better. Our prayer is that others will have seen God in us and the work we did.

OUR GIFTS

JUNE 2018 OFFERING

\$68,989.53

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE

\$597,425.28

BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE

\$593,595.00

EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE

\$556,072.34

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

MISSIONS

\$265.00

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE

\$2,492.00

CAPITAL FUNDS

\$120.00

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE

\$3,130.00

VAN MAINTENANCE FUND

\$0.00

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE

\$0.00

ORGAN MAINTENANCE FUND

\$0.00

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE

\$0.00

TELEVISION MINISTRY

\$9,158.00

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE

\$123,463.47

BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE

\$125,575.50

EXPENSES YEAR-TO-DATE

\$123,697.85

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

\$78,532.53

RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE

\$726,510.75

Is it Time for You to Head Back to School?

As we approach the start of a new school year, would you consider helping in one of our partner schools, Park or Washington Elementary? There are many opportunities to make a difference in the lives of our neighborhood children while helping with their education.

First Church member, Brad Sherard, wrote the following about his experiences as a mentor: *"I have mentored a fifth grade boy at Park the last eight years. All eight students have had difficult family circumstances, and unique backgrounds and personalities. A mentor goes to the school one day a week and eats lunch with a student. Over lunch we talk and play games. It gives us a chance to get to know each other, have some fun, and understand what makes us similar and different. Discussions can be serious or humorous, and sometimes both at the same time. I have been blessed to make eight new friends who are very different from me. The mentoring experience helped guide me to sponsor a boy through Compassion International in Honduras the last three years. I think mentoring also impacts the students in a positive way. This year during our last lunch together, my fifth grade boy thanked me for being his friend and wept."*

Deb Seely, First Church Lay Leader, shared the following about being a listener for children learning English: *"I worked for an hour to an hour and a half once a week in Mrs. Perrone's Newcomer's class at Park. (A Newcomer's class is designed to teach recent immigrant elementary children to read and speak English.) I would listen to a student read a short ESL reader, and then listen to the next student read. I usually heard 5 or 6 students during my time there. I enjoyed helping them learn to read a new language."*



Judith Oswald tutoring at Washington Elementary

Judith Oswald, First Church member, reflected on her experiences tutoring two children at Washington:

"I found my tutoring experiences with two African refugee first graders highly rewarding. I worked with them 30 minutes once a week on math skills. They were such sharp kids, eager to learn. The teacher prepared fun activities for us and we used manipulatives, little toys, to achieve number skills. All children love success, and these children, though limited by language, were eager to master their math. I looked forward to our time together every week, and gained a new appreciation

for the teachers who have the challenge of working with disadvantaged kids who have the additional disadvantage of language barriers." In addition to mentoring, tutoring, and listening to new readers, volunteers might assist classroom teachers in material preparation, help with health check paperwork, serve treats and special meals, and an abundance of other tasks.

If you are interested in participating in our ministries at Park and Washington, e-mail Libby Eaton (firstchurchlady1@gmail.com) or contact Annette Schmidt at church. You will be blessed!

OUR FAMILY

We grieve the deaths of:

Serilda "Pete" Thompson,
mother of Martha Stroot

Herb Seem, husband of
Roberta Seem,
brother-in-law of
Carolyn Vosburg

Ruth Schrag, mother of
Linda Mack

Daryl Brown, brother of
Rosemary Daves

Elton Garrison

Eleanor Bray, mother of
Marcia Hillman-Kurtz

Linda Kurtz Graser,
sister of John Kurtz



Midweek Prayer Services

Thank you to all who participated in the Midweek Prayer services in the Chapel. We were led each week with different spiritual disciplines by Patricia Tristan, Ernie Krehbiel, Lark Anton, Evelyn Fisher, Janet Robinson, Deb Seely, and Dave Brant.



Summer Camp Recap

This summer, First Church and El Mesias UMC sent 18 campers to week camp and 6-day campers. Camp was full of outside activities including hiking, swimming and bonfires. Throughout the week the children participated in worship three times a day, and the camp pastor lead them in stories of the Bible, with many campers committing their life to the Lord. Greg Anton was our lay person accompanying the campers. He also took lots of pictures of our children and had a great time.

Camp Horizon does a wonderful job training their leaders and these young people become super heroes to our campers. Camp Horizon is a blessing to our church and we plan to attend for many years to come. If you would like to hear more about the children's experiences, contact Patricia Tristan, to schedule a visit to your Sunday school or small group.



Day Campers

Vacation Bible School Celebration

Babylon Vacation Bible School was a success! Thanks to the many volunteers that made VBS happen. More than 60 volunteers were involved, from creating props, to decorating, cooking, greeting, registering walk-ins, teaching, to playing music videos and helping in the nursery and Pre-K areas. This year, our church was able to reach out to 48 children from our community and church. We were also able to teach youth and tweens how to be leaders, with 15 young people involved in leadership roles. Most of all, we celebrate the willingness of so many people to spend time with children creating relationships.

Special thanks to all who donated snacks, craft items and funds to make VBS possible. We also rejoice with our mission ministry, The Wichita Children's Home, an organization that serves children in Wichita who are at risk. The VBS children collected \$128 to buy items for the home.

At Vacation Bible School, we learned that even in hard times God is with us. When we are afraid God is with us and when we are thankful, God is with us. God is present at First Church and El Mesias and wants to bless us through our giving and our service.

Fly UP!

Children are invited to join their new class on Sunday, August 12 at 9:30 a.m. Children will meet their teachers and get to know their new friends. These are the following age groups and assigned classes:

- K-2st Grade – 106C – Miss Ann and Miss Michele
- 3-4th Grade – 108 C – Miss Viri
- CORE-56 – 311C – Miss Heather



Week-long Campers



Vacation Bible School



Vacation Bible School

Blessing of the Backpacks
 Join us for Blessing of the Backpacks on, August 19 during Downtown Alive Service at 10:50 a.m. We would like to bless your children as they start a new school year. Children are welcome to bring their backpacks, to receive a special backpack tag and small gift.

Children's ministry continues to grow and needs your help! If you are considering giving of your time, resources and gifts to this ministry, please contact Patricia Tristan, patriciat@firstwichita.org. Or visit our Facebook page: [@corekidsfirstwichita](https://www.facebook.com/corekidsfirstwichita)

Baby Diaper and Baby Wipes Drive

THANK YOU! During the Baby Diaper and Baby Wipes Drive from Mother's Day through Father's Day, we received 3,222 baby diapers, 4,610 baby wipes and 228 Adult Diapers. These will be given to the United Way for

distribution. In addition, we received \$1030.00 to purchase diapers and wipes! We will always accept baby diapers, baby wipes, and adult diapers. We will alternate giving them to Open Door and the United Way.



EmberHope/Youthville

EmberHope/Youthville, a United Methodist agency serving children and families, celebrated its 90th birthday on June 23. Rev. Evelyn Fisher, EmberHope board member, represented First Church and received a plaque recognizing our Community of Hope partnership with the organization on the congregation's behalf.

EmberHope/Youthville currently has children in more than 200 foster homes across the state of Kansas and more than 30 foster homes in Texas. The agency also serves up to 45 young women on the Newton campus, as well as families served through its Functional Family Therapy program.

Community of Hope Partnerships are ongoing relationships with congregations who are providing extra support by providing space, supporting foster families, residents of the Newton campus or serving in other ways. First Church now provides office space for the Director of Programs as well as supporting the agency through mission giving. Numerous First Church members, including Lois Short and Delaine Hartmann, have served as board members over the years.

A pressing current need is for families and individuals who are willing to train to open their homes to foster children. Contact Rev. Fisher (e.fisher@live.com) for more information.



Trietsch UMC, Flower Mound, Texas

It was a joy to have the Trietsch UMC Youth Choir from Flower Mound, Texas, with us on Sunday, July 15. They stayed in the Wilke FLC Saturday night and then helped set up tents for VBS.

A wonderful group prepared breakfast and lunch for them. They shared music with us during Downtown Alive! They will continue their tour going to Kansas City and The Ozarks before returning home. THANK YOU to all who helped with meals.

September Mission Drive — Feminine Products

What does a woman do when she can't afford feminine hygiene products? A woman can not use "food stamps" to purchase them. The \$4 to \$5 dollars a month to buy them is often needed to buy other necessities. Most women who need these hygiene products would be in the age range to have children at home. Living

under the poverty level with children is a constant budget juggling act. This is an opportunity for First Church to be compassionate and to assist women in retaining their dignity.

In September, the Local Mission Commission is collecting all types of feminine hygiene products for Open Door.

Bring them to the AB entrance or D entrance and put them in the container provided. If you would rather write a check, the Local Mission Commission will purchase the products for you. Make the check out to FUMC and in the memo write Sept. Mission Drive.

MISSION

Missions Calendar

July 29 – August 4: Camp
Fontanelle Family Work Team
August: School Supply Drive
August 2, 6:30 p.m., Room
101B: Family Promise Steering
Committee
August 26: Mission Lunch to
benefit our Missionaries
September: Feminine Hygiene
Products Drive
September 7: Open Door 1st
Friday
September 20-23: Bailey, CO
Work Team
September 30: Mission Lunch to
benefit General Work Teams &
2019 Work Teams announced

Mission Lunch

Sunday, August 26
Meredith Hall
11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
To benefit our Missionaries

Menu

Meatloaf
Roasted potatoes
Brookville creamed corn
Red hot Jell-O salad
Roll
Apple crisp

Food of the Month Calendar:

August: peanut butter
September: tuna
October: canned vegetables
November: canned fruit
December: pasta/ mac and cheese



Noble Work Team

In late June, a team comprised of members of both West Heights and First Church headed down to Noble, OK, to work on homes damaged in 2015. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) definitely stays until the work is done! While there have been many other disasters since 2015, the decision to continue to work when the focus moves elsewhere speaks to a strength and faith and commitment that is noble indeed!

The team of five spent their time hanging, sheetrock as well as mudding and taping for residents in Noble, with the UM Disaster Response from Oklahoma alongside volunteers from Americorp. What a blessing to be part of such a great team. God is at work in the world in marvelous and wonderful ways!



Please join us on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. for any of the classes listed below.

Double Ring 106B

The class has been involved in a number of different topics over the past few weeks including special guests speaking on mission and social justice in the UMC. Also, our own Mary Herrin provided an overview of one of the church budgets, the general fund, and indicated that Downtown Alive (TV Ministry) and Mead's Corner are separate from the general funds. It was very informative.

We celebrated our monthly social with Breakfast on Broadway catered by Jimmy's Egg. We also had a number of wedding anniversaries in June and nominated our new officers for the coming year. It's been a busy time but we're always ready to welcome guests to our class, so come join us won't you?

50/50 107B

This month we celebrated Independence Day with remembering all the sacrifices that people make for us. We have enjoyed several speakers that shared their knowledge and time as our class experienced wonderful lessons. On June 29, we had our annual summer class breakfast in the Parlor. We had good food, a fun program and lots of M&Ms.

We were saddened by the loss of our member, Vi McGinness.

Stop by room 107B and receive a smile and a handshake. Visitors are always welcome!

Inspire Parlor

Our class continues in our study of, "Making Sense of the Bible" by Adam Hamilton. In July we had a social at Ken and Denise Hole's home, it was fun playing Telephone Pictionary together! We enjoy our space in the Parlor and welcome anyone who is in their 20-30s to grow in faith and fellowship.

Koinonia 303D

Every Sunday Koinonia class members enjoy gathering for study, discussion, and fellowship. The lesson is prepared by a class member. Recent lessons have come from "Parables of Jesus from the Back Side," "I Didn't Sign Up for This," and a book about Mary Magdalene.

Our prayers are with members of our class who are dealing with health issues. We miss you and lift you up in our prayers.

We enjoy eating meals together on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. and Friday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Stop by 303D on Sunday morning to pick up a schedule of planned events, then join us for a friendly meal.

People's Open Doors 300D

We continue to study the book of Acts, led by Barbara Simons. We all have an opportunity to read from the scriptures and enjoy class discussion.

We have participated in many opportunities to support First Church. The 4th of July Celebration for the RNC with a craft project, bingo and donated prizes, ice cream and cookies, and a great fireworks display coordinated by our class. Class members also volunteered with the Treitsch Memorial UMC Choir gathering, attending the Senior Sizzle, and participating with VBS. In August we will make and serve a meal at Open Door.

We have been blessed with a new member and visitors. Our prayers and thoughts are with Brenda Triplett, as she recovers from surgery. We always keep in prayer our members that are unable to attend. People's Open Doors strongly focuses on the fellowship of our class members and welcomes anyone for friendship and Bible study.

Pneuma 302D

Pneuma was blessed to welcome Rev. Doug Morphis as he continued the exploration of near death experiences by sharing his own experiences with our class. He posed four questions for us to consider about death. Is death the end? Are we more than a

physical body - is there a soul? Does it make a difference how we live our lives? Does it make a difference what we believe? He also offered that all near death experiences appear to have the same four qualities: an out of body experience; a movement from dark to light; a religious experience; and a command to go back. In August we will begin the "Neighboring" curriculum.

Pneuma members have been active serving in the community. We had members who helped prepare and serve lunch at Open Door; helped prepare and serve meals to the youth from Texas; helped with VBS; and will be helping with back to school activities for Park and Washington.

Pneuma Ladies were hosted by Laura Sherard in July and will be hosted by Linda Ebright in August. Our class mourned with Linda and Stuart Mack on the death of Linda's mother, Ruth. We celebrated with Donna and Marvin Blankenship on the birth of their new grandson, Clyde.

We welcome anyone who is searching for a "family" with whom to share their faith and life journeys.

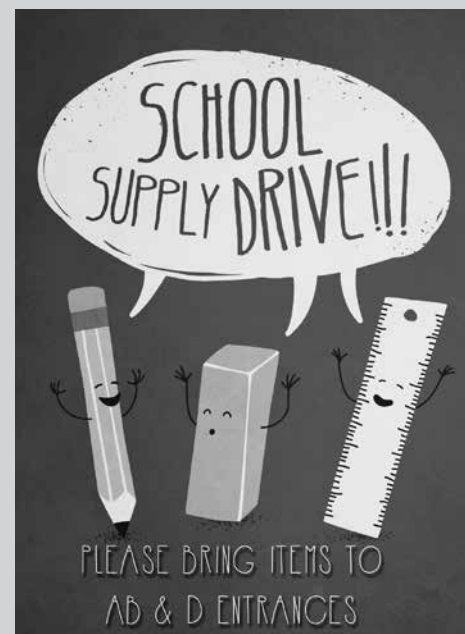
RNC 100D

Our Sunday School lessons for August will use the movie "I Can Only Imagine" based on the most played Christian song in history. This movie about the life of the lead singer of Mercy Me tells an amazing story of running from a troubled life and a broken relationship that beautifully illustrates the power of forgiveness and God's life. Many of our members are attending Camp Pride for a week full of swimming, activities and great food.

Seekers 306B

We finished up July with Faith in the Flicks—"The Same Kind of Different as Me" based on a real story. This inspiring story takes place in Dallas Fort Worth area and tells of a woman who had a passion for homeless persons. The next week we attended the all church Sunday school class by Deann Smith, the Executive Director of Open Door.

Seeker men enjoyed breakfast out and Seeker women were treated to a barbecue at the home of George and Susan Stover. We have members in the hospital, slowly healing at home, going through chemotherapy, and having out-patient surgeries. Please remember them in your prayers. We also express our gratitude for grandchildren's visits, new class members, new places explored and opportunities to serve in our church, community and country.



School Supply Collection

During July and August we are collecting the following items for our neighborhood schools!

- Black Expo Dry Erase Markers
- Kleenex
- Colored Pencils
- Gallon and Quart sized Ziploc style bags
- Disinfectant wipes

Calendar August @ First Church

1	Wednesday Camp Fontanelle Family Work Team 7/29-8/4 11:00 AM Daytime Quilters - 308B 12:00 PM Apple Core - 302B 5:30 PM Downtown Alive Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary 6:30 PM El Mesias Bible Study - 200D, 301D, 111C, 200C	11	Saturday 12 8:15 AM Heritage Worship - Chapel 8:30 AM Religious Nurture Center - 100D 9:30 AM Core Kids Sunday School K-6th Grade C Bldg 9:30 AM Core Youth Small Group - 200D 9:30 AM Sunday School - Church Wide 10:30 AM El Mesias Worship - 200D 10:50 AM Downtown Alive Worship - Sanctuary 11:00 AM Core-Kids Worship - 110C 5:00 PM The Gathering - 1718 W. Douglas	20	Monday 3:30 PM Local Missions Commission - 101B
2	Thursday 9:00 AM First Place Quilters - Quilters 10:00 AM Hand Up - A-B Entrance	13	Monday 1:00 PM Archives - 208B 5:30 PM SPPRC - Pastor Cindy's Office	21	Tuesday 10:00 AM Discipleship Staff Meeting - 304C 5:30 PM DTA Committee - Media Suite 5:30 PM Stephen Ministry Supervision - 302B 7:30 PM Summer Organ Concert
3	Friday 11:00 AM Open Door Lunch Prep - Meredith Hall Kitchen 7:00 PM Downtown Friday Films - Wilke FLC	14	Tuesday 2:00 PM Caregiver Support Group - 200D 2:00 PM Dementia Caregiver Support Respite - 200D 5:30 PM Adult Council - 204A 5:30 PM Board of Trustees - 308B 5:30 PM Hospitality & Integration Team - 107B 7:00 PM Kids Council - 310C	22	Wednesday 11:00 AM Daytime Quilters - 308B 12:00 PM Apple Core - 302B 5:30 PM Downtown Alive Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary 6:30 PM El Mesias Bible Study - 200D, 301D, 111C, 200C
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Senior Sizzle!



What a tail waggin' time we had at the first Senior Summer Sizzle of 2018! We played a fun get-to-know-you game, ate puppy chow, and had a special presentation by Officer Joe Camp and his bloodhound, Blue. Several friends stayed behind as we watched the classic cartoon, "Lady and the Tramp."

Please join us for the second Senior Summer Sizzle in the Wilke Family Life Center on August 8 at 1:30 p.m. - the theme is Beach Party! Plan to play "beach blanket bingo" and to hear another educational program. See you there!



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