

Celebration Service

October 7, 2018
9:00 AM

I WOULD LIKE MORE INFO ABOUT:

- Sunday School
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Please PRINT your name exactly
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- Clip Tag (Free) Magnetic (\$5)

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Comments or Questions

Any comments or questions about FUMCSS?

You can share them here:

CALENDAR

SUNDAY 7	9:00 am	Celebration Service
	10:00 am	Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	11:10 am	Traditional Service
	5:00 pm	Connexion Group (Stephens)
	6:00 pm	Connexion Group (Reisbeck)
MONDAY 8	6:30 pm	Connexion Group (Atkins)
	7:00 pm	Connexion Group (Eisenberg)
TUESDAY 9	10:00 am	Connexion Group (Comfort-Lowerre)
	12:00 pm	Prayer Time in the Chapel
	5:30 pm	Timothy Team (Grades K-6th)
	6:00 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	6:15 pm	Basement at <i>Fields of Faith</i>
	6:30 pm	Men's Group (Fellowship Hall)
WEDNESDAY 10	6:45 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 am	Circle One Ladies (Marilyn Church's home - 2908 Courtney Circle)
	5:00 pm	Dinner Church
THURSDAY 11	9:00 am	Celebration Service
	10:00 am	Communion in the Sanctuary
	10:00 am	Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	11:10 am	Traditional Service
	3:00 pm	Blessing of the Animals
SATURDAY 13	5:00 pm	Connexion Groups meet
	SUNDAY 14	
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GREETERS:

Date	Sanctuary West 8:45 AM	Sanctuary East 8:45 AM	Sanctuary West 10:50 AM	Sanctuary East 10:50 AM
October 7	Ann Lowerre	Billie Jean Buckler	Mallory Coffey	Daulton Coffey
October 14	Ann Lowerre	Billie Jean Buckler	Mallory Coffey	Daulton Coffey
October 21	Ann Lowerre	Billie Jean Buckler	Mallory Coffey	Daulton Coffey

SERMON

Enough: When Dreams Become Nightmares

The American Dream

Opening Reflective Question: What characterizes the greatest hopes, desires, and dreams of most Americans?

The American Nightmare

The American Dream has become an American Nightmare owing to two distinct yet related "illnesses" that affect us both socially and spiritually. The first of these "illnesses" is: A_____

"A_____" is the constant need for more and bigger and better stuff—as well as the effect that this need has on us.

The second of these "illnesses" is: C_____

"C_____" is an illness that is brought on by the opportunity to buy now and pay later, and it feeds on our desire for instant gratification. Our economy today is built on the concept of C_____.

The Deeper Problem Within

The Apostle Paul warns of the danger of loving money and materialism and how it can often cause self-inflicted wounds. An often-misquoted phrase is "Money is the root of all evil." Rather it is the "love of money which is the root of all kinds of evil"

1 Timothy 6:10 reads: *For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.*

The Bible's Solution

One thing becomes abundantly clear from all the instruction and admonition concerning our often-misplaced pursuit of material things to provide happiness

We need a h_____ c_____.

If we are to continually see change in us we must allow _____ to work in us.

As we do, we begin to sense a higher calling—a calling to s_____ and f_____ and g_____.

A key part of finding financial and spiritual freedom is found in simplicity and in exercising restraint.

With the help of God, we can

- S_____ our lives and silence the voices constantly telling us we need more.
- Live counterculturally by living b_____, not above, our means.
- Build into our budgets the money to buy with c_____ instead of credit.
- Build into our budgets what we need to live g_____ and f_____.

Enough

*When Dreams
Become Nightmares*



WELCOME

Message from the Pastor

What characterizes the greatest hopes, desires, and dreams of most Americans? For most people, the American Dream has to do with a desire for achieving success and satisfying the desire for material possessions. It is the opportunity to pursue more than what we have, to gain more than what we have, and to meet success. We tend to measure our success by the stuff that we possess. The love of money and the things money can buy is a primary or secondary motive behind most of what we Americans do. We want to consume, acquire, and buy our way to happiness—and we want it now.

I have often found that when I prepare to preach on a particular topic I'm preaching to myself as much as anyone else. Preparing this upcoming worship and study series has especially been convicting to me. Over the next few weeks, we will look at some of the financial challenges facing us as a nation and examine our own spending, saving, and giving habits. In addition to exploring biblical principles of financial management, we will learn ways to assess our financial situation and develop a financial plan that will allow us to experience the true joy that comes through simplicity and generosity.

We are glad you are here on this World Communion Sunday as we join together with Christians all around the world in celebrating the sacrament of the Lord's Supper and we begin a church wide study and worship emphasis called Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity.


Rev. Clark

WHO WE ARE

Our Vision

We believe that God has put us here at this time to faithfully seek Him and make Him known through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

Our Values*

Prayer, Love, Worship
Bible-Based Preaching & Teaching
Children & Youth Ministry
Discovering God's vision for our church

What We Believe

Many people believe they are Christian because they were born into a religious home or they go to church, tried their best, or are a moral person. However, the Bible teaches that these things do not make you a Christian. You become a Christian simply by:

1. Acknowledging that you, like all people have sinned and fallen short of God's standards. The Bible calls sin a desire to live independently of God. (Romans 3:23)
2. Personally believing that Jesus Christ died for your sins on the cross and rose again. (Romans 6:23)
3. Repenting (turning away from your sins), confessing, and accepting Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. (Romans 10:9)

You may express your desire and belief in prayer, asking Jesus to come into your life, and receiving grace as God's gift to you. The Bible is clear that we all enter into a relationship with God through His mercy and grace.

*Bold = Focus of Today's Message

QUIET TIME GUIDE

You can incorporate a little of today's worship into your daily quiet time as easy as 1-2-3-4.

- 1 = Begin with reading Inviting God's Presence and Action
- 2 = Read the day's Scriptures from the Feed on the Word list
- 3 = Pray through the Joys & Concerns
- 4 = Finish with the Benediction/Blessing

1. Inviting God's Presence and Action:

Father, we know that contentment with godliness is of great benefit. It brings about a lasting peace and grateful heart that only you can give. Help us to not focus so much on the material possessions that we lose sight of that which is of vital importance. May the character of our souls and the fruit of our actions be of much greater importance than the perishable goods that capture our attention. We look to you for proper balance in the things you have blessed us with and the attitude in which we receive these good things from your hands. Amen.

2. Feed on the Word:

We are using a new way to read through the Bible using Seedbed's reading guide and devotional. To read the daily devotional, sign up at: www.seedbed.com/daily-text

3. Joys & Concerns:

Newest Concerns:

- There are several new confidential prayer concerns.
- Craig & Maribeth Reisbeck request prayer for Tamara who is battling brain cancer.
- Libby Manuel's friend's sister died, prayers for the family.
- Elisha Comfort's dad has failing health and not willing to take care of himself.
- Glenda Gorszcyk petitions prayers for the country's leaders to lead us in hope through the eyes of Jesus.
- Cheryl Comfort needs continued prayers for a job placement, and travel mercies to see Liam's grandparents.
- Mallory & Daulton Coffey need prayers for their grandfather Jeff's cancer.

Joys:

- Happy Birthday for the week of 10/08 - 10/14 are: Beth Graves, Roger Minnich, Shirley Richards, Sharon Wasson, and Maribeth Reisbeck. [If your birthday is coming up and you are not listed we do not have it in our database - let us know!]
- We had 100 participants with the Pack Shack on our 5th Sunday Mission Project. We packed 8,680 meals in 45 minutes! Way to go Team FUMC Siloam Springs!
- Liam's 9th birthday is Oct 3rd. We celebrate Liam!
- John & Colleen Eisenberg celebrate the arrival of their first grand baby, Elijah Benjamin Spencer on Sept 22nd. [11 pounds and 23 inches].

Continuing Concerns:

- Prior weeks prayer concerns.
- Pray for healing [Those on this list have ongoing medical issues and doctor appointments]:
 - Barbara Akins
 - Jessie Bedor
 - Sylvia Burnett
 - Cheryl Comfort
 - Liam Comfort's grandparents
 - Sue Farley
 - Daisye Howell
 - Paul McKay
 - Joallen Moose
 - Karl Mounger's sister, Ruth
 - Randy Murphy
 - Mary Peters
 - Pam Rasmussen
 - Lila Shockley
 - Dale Sugg
 - Al Waggoner
 - Jane Waggoner's daughter, Nicole
 - Co-worker of Dawn Phillips

4. Benediction:

The Lord bless you, and keep you; The Lord make His face shine on you, and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance on you, and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH PACKS 8,680 MEALS IN UNDER AN HOUR!

Way to go church! Last Sunday as part of our 5th Sunday Sharing we came together and packed 8,680 meals in under an hour! More than 6,000 of those meals will go right back into our community through the Manna Center and Genesis House to help address food scarcity in our community. Check out our website and Facebook page for photos and videos of the event.

OMP 2019 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

The 2019 Summer Ozark Mission Project Trip Dates are now available: High School (8th-12th) is June 23-28th and Middle School (6th-7th) is June 9th-13th. The total cost of the trip is \$300. A \$20 deposit is required now to secure your student's spot!

WEEKLY PRAYER TIME IN THE CHAPEL

Wednesdays from 12-1pm the Chapel at FUMC will be open for individual and intercessory prayer. This will be a "come and go" format. Instrumental music will play softly in the background for the duration of the hour to give privacy in your prayer time and lead you into a quiet time of worship to the Lord.

UMW CIRCLE MEETING

Circle One ladies will be meeting this Thurs. Oct. 11 at 9:30am at Marilyn Church's house (2908 Courtney Circle). All ladies are welcome! Manny will be the speaker that day.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - NEXT SUNDAY!

Sunday, Oct. 14th at 3pm we will have a Blessing of the Animals in the parking lot. Bring your pets, and Pastor Clark will pray a special blessing over them!

DINNER CHURCH

Every Saturday through Oct. 27th we will have a ministry called "Dinner Church" at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall. The purpose is to approach the idea of church around the dinner table like Jesus first did with His disciples in fellowship and worship. If you are interested in becoming a Dinner Church servant, please contact Mallory Coffey (malloryecoffey@gmail.com).

CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE

A Called Church Conference has been set for Tuesday, October 23rd at 6:30pm in the Wesley Room to be held in conjunction with the regularly scheduled Administrative Council meeting that evening. The purpose of this Church Conference will be to adopt a simplified structure at FUMCSS and to approve a slate of nominations for the simplified structure to begin on January 1, 2019. All professing members of the church may vote.

MAIL CAMPAIGNS SENT OUT IN SEPTEMBER

We had two mail campaigns go out last month:

1. Letter #2 to inactive members - this list will be read at the upcoming the December Charge Conference for removal of membership in 2018. The list is posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board for review. There were no responses from the letters mailed. If you know any updates on these members please let the church office know.
2. Nominations letters went out to request servants on the church committee for the next year. We extend a big thank you to those who have agreed to serve in the capacity they were asked to serve. The new list will be available at the upcoming Charge Conference meeting on December 2nd, along with a copy posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board.

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES

If your information is not in the back of the church directory and you would like it to be included, or if your info is incorrect, please contact Susan Morris at litlady2@cox.net or 479-601-5962.

MISSIONS CORNER

We're still accepting donations of school kits! On the international level, only certain supplies are acceptable, so pick up a School Kit List at the Mission Corner in the Narthex. As you pick up the supplies, please remember to pray for the students and the teachers in this new school year.

September Memorials were in honor of:

Joe Zimmerman
Trenton McCarver

NURSERY

Childcare for infant, toddler, and preschool aged children is provided during both services. There is also a nursing mothers room located just off the Fellowship Hall. While the nursery is available for our youngest members, parents with school-aged students are encouraged to bring their children to the worship services. Kids activity packs are available on the table in the Narthex.

✦ EXTRA DOLLARS

There is a brochure with the story of the "Extra Dollar" in the Information Rack in the Welcome Center.

CONNECT CARD

Celebration - 10/7/2018

We are so glad that you are here and hope you feel at home as you join us in worship. Whether you are a guest, or a member, please fill out and return this card so we can know you were here!

Please Check Appropriate Box:

- First Time Guest*
- Repeat Guest
- Member
- My address has changed

Name: _____

Names of children ages 0-18 in attendance

today: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

- Check here if you would like to be added to our weekly email list.

Email: _____

Joys, Concerns, God Sightings: _____

- Check box if you do not wish to have your prayer requests published.

**If you are a first time guest today, we have a gift for you! Please go to the welcome table outside the chapel where your completed "Connect Card" may be traded for a gift certificate to Barnett's Dairyette.*