

## Celebration Service

October 21, 2018

9:00 AM

### I WOULD LIKE MORE INFO ABOUT:

- Sunday School
- Wednesday Night Activities
- Children's Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Music Ministry
- What UM Christians believe
- Committing My Life To Christ
- Being Baptized
- Becoming A Member
- Joining a Connexion Group

### NAMETAG ORDER FORM:

Please PRINT your name exactly  
how you would like it to be  
written on your nametag:

- Clip Tag (Free)    Magnetic (\$5)

(please place this card in the offering plate)

### Comments or Questions

Any comments or questions about FUMCSS?

You can share them here:

# CALENDAR

<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>21</b>	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
	5:00 pm	Connexion Group (Stephens)
<b>MONDAY</b> <b>22</b>	6:00 pm	Connexion Group (Reisbeck)
	6:00 pm	Connexion Group (Taylors)
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>23</b>	6:30 pm	Connexion Group (Atkins)
	6:00 pm	Administrative Council Meeting
	7:00 pm	Called Church Conference
	7:30 pm	Ad Council Meeting Resumes
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>24</b>	7:00 pm	Connexion Group (Eisenberg)
	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
	6:30 pm	Men's Group (Fellowship Hall)
	6:45 pm	Basement Student Services
6:45 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>27</b>	5:00 pm	Dinner Church - <i>Last One!</i>
	<b>Fourth Sunday Food Drive</b>	
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>28</b>	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	Nursing Home Ministry
	5:00 pm	Connexion Groups meet

### GREETERS:

Date	Sanctuary West 8:45 AM	Sanctuary East 8:45 AM	Sanctuary West 10:50 AM	Sanctuary East 10:50 AM
October 21	Ann Lowerre	Billie Jean Buckler	Mallory Coffey	Daulton Coffey
October 28	Ann Lowerre	Billie Jean Buckler	Mallory Coffey	Daulton Coffey
November 4	Cheryl Comfort	Lynn Oliver	Katie Rennard	Peggy Dorsey

# SERMON

## Enough Series: Cultivating Contentment

*Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" (Hebrews 13:5-6)*

*[Jesus] said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." (Luke 12:15)*

*Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them; I kept my heart from no pleasure. . . . Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had spent in doing it, and again, all was vanity and a chasing after wind. (Ecclesiastes 2:10-11)*

### RHS: Struggling with Discontent

Perhaps you've heard of restless legs syndrome (RLS), a condition in which one has twitches and contractions in the legs. There is something that works in a similar way, but in the heart—or soul. It's called R\_\_\_\_\_H\_\_\_\_\_S\_\_\_\_\_ (RHS).

Its primary symptom is d\_\_\_\_\_.

### Four Keys to Cultivating Contentment

- Four words to repeat: l\_\_\_\_\_c\_\_\_\_\_b\_\_\_w\_\_\_\_\_.
- One question to ask: How long will this make me h\_\_\_\_\_?
- Develop a g\_\_\_\_\_ heart.
- Where does your soul find true s\_\_\_\_\_?

### Five Steps for Simplifying Our Lives

- Set a goal of reducing your c\_\_\_\_\_, and live below your means.
- Before making a purchase, ask yourself: \_\_\_\_\_? Why do I want this?
- Use something up before \_\_\_\_\_ something new.
- Plan low-cost \_\_\_\_\_ that enriches.
- Ask yourself: Are there major changes that would allow me to s\_\_\_\_\_ my life?

### The Power of Self-Control

Simplifying your life requires the practice of s\_\_\_\_\_c\_\_\_\_\_.

Self-control often comes down to making a choice between instant gratification and delayed gratification for some greater cause. The choice can be examined using three questions:

- What are the long-term consequences of this action?
- Is there a higher good or a better outcome if I use this resource of time, money, or energy in another way?
- Will this action honor God?

### Conclusion: Which tent will you live in?

Ultimately at the end of the day you have to decide which "tent" you will live in. Will you live in "discon-tent" or "con-tent-ment"?

# Enough

## Cultivating Contentment



# WELCOME

## Message from the Pastor

Do you have a tough time separating “wants” from “needs”? Do you sometimes feel consumed by the desire to have more? Do you ever look at your surroundings and feel overwhelmed by the sheer volume of things? When is enough, enough?

Hebrews 13:5-6 tells us to “keep [our] lives free from the love of money, and be content with what [we] have; for he has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” So we can say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?”

Over the past couple of weeks we’ve been discovering joy in simplicity and generosity but because we often suffer that pernicious disease “RHS” cultivating contentment in what we already have can be a challenge.

Welcome! Today in worship, we will release these burdens, address our human tendencies head-on, and learn how to change our ways. We’re glad you’re here!

  
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:

Oh Lord, You are our shepherd and we should not be in want, but so often we struggle to be content and do want; forgetting that you have graciously provided us with every spiritual blessing in Christ and everything we need for life and godliness. Thank you for often not giving us what we want, because our desires would draw our hearts from being satisfied in You. Help us to be content in You with what You have given us and to not be focused on what our flesh wants or the world tells us we should have. According to Your Word and steadfast love, fill us with the joy and satisfaction of contentment in Christ. In his name we pray, 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](http://www.seedbed.com/daily-text)

## 3. Joys & Concerns:

### Newest Concerns:

- There are several new confidential prayer concerns.
- Confidential concerns for a church family needing assistance financially, in desperate need of dental care, and eye care.
- Many confidential concerns from parents and grandparents for their children in the family.
- John & Coleen Eisenberg’s daughter, Faith and her husband, Daniel will leave on October 19th to go to North Africa as missionaries. Their son, Luke is 5-1/2 months old.
- Elisha Comfort’s friend as she adjusts to living in a nursing home.
- Cheryl, Liam, and Elisha Comfort are looking for a rental house to share - hoping this transpires by the end of this month.
- Carolyn & Chuck Coffelt’s granddaughter in Kosovo is in the hospital with high fever and dehydration. She is responding to treatment and doing better than a few days ago.
- Reba Seward’s daughter, Sarah Krivy is having open heart surgery this week at OKC Hospital to replace a valve.

### God Sighting:

- Carolyn Taylor was ignited at last Saturday evening’s Dinner Church. Her faith increased through the faith of a homeless couple. God is so good!

### Joys:

- Happy Birthday for the week of 10/22 - 10/28 are: Cleone Dailey, Randy Murphy, and Daisye Howell.
- Gorszczyk’s contend if you have not attended Dinner Church yet, you are missing out on great food, great fellowship with your church family and people from our community, along with great inspiring devotionals. Joyful for the weekly Dinner Church team!
- Reba Seward is thankful her eye surgery has recovered well, which allows her to help Sarah during her recovery from heart valve replacement.

### 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

## 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.

## 3RD QUARTER GIVING STATEMENTS

The 3rd quarter giving statements will be available the next two Sunday’s outside the Sanctuary near the Ushers Table. This a good time to review how you are measuring up for your year end giving goal.

## VOLUNTEERS TO HAND OUT CANDY

Halloween is coming up on Wed. Oct. 31st, and we need a few volunteers to hand out candy and glowsticks to the kiddos trick-or-treating downtown! It will be from 2:30-5:30pm. If you would like to help, please contact Manny: [manny@fumcss.com](mailto:manny@fumcss.com). Basement & Timothy Team will have their regular meetings that night.

## DINNER CHURCH

There is just one more Saturday Dinner Church events left for October! We hope you join us 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.

## BASEMENT FALL WORSHIP NIGHT

November 7th the Basement Students will be having a Fall Worship Night at New Life Ranch. Meet at the church at 6:15pm to ride over together. Dress warmly!

## WEEKLY PRAYER TIME IN THE CHAPEL

Wednesdays from 12-1pm the Chapel at FUMC is open for individual and intercessory prayer. This is a “come and go” format. Instrumental music plays 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.

## 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 [lilady2@cox.net](mailto:lilady2@cox.net) or 479-601-5962.

## THANKSGIVING MEAL SIGN-UPS

Sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall for all the ways you can help with the Thanksgiving Community Meal this year! Let’s all come together and share with each other in grateful heart. See David Graves if you have any questions.

## CHRISTMAS PLAY SIGN-UPS

The Christmas Play sign-up sheet for this year’s Christmas Play is on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. Rehearsal will take place during the Sunday School hour in November. The play is scheduled for Sunday evening, December 16th. If you have questions or ideas please contact Carolyn Taylor at 479-233-0031.

## FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2018:

	Sept	Yr to Date	
Income (Gifts)	34,784	275,516	
Expenses	31,293	279,953	
Net Gain/<Loss>	3,491	-4,437	
Conference Tithe still due		3,903	
Adjusted Net Gain/Loss YTD		-8,340	
General Checking Balance 8/31/18		24,126	
Monthly income amount needed to meet budget		32,304	
Good stewardship suggests we reserve approximately one month’s operating expenses, and pay 100% of our Conference Tithes and District Apportionments.			
	YTD Due	YTD Pd	YTD % Pd
2018 Conference Tithe	28,610	24,708	86%
District Apportionments	2,753	2,753	100%

## 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 - 10/21/2018

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

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

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*\*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.*