

### Celebration Service

October 28, 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

#### Fourth Sunday Food Drive

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 Group (McCarvers)  
5:00 pm Connexion Group (Stephens)  
6:00 pm Connexion Group (Reisbeck)  
6:00 pm Connexion Group (Taylors)

SUNDAY  
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MONDAY  
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6:30 pm Connexion Group (Atkins)

WEDNESDAY  
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10:00 am Connexion Group (Comfort-Lowerre)  
12:00 pm Prayer Time in the Chapel  
3:00 pm Main Street Trick-or-Treating  
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 Halloween Hangout  
6:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY  
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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 28	Lynn Oliver	Billie Jean Buckler	Mallory Coffey	Daulton Coffey
November 4	Cheryl Comfort	Lynn Oliver	Katie Rennard	Peggy Dorsey
November 11	Cheryl Comfort	Lynn Oliver	Katie Rennard	Peggy Dorsey
November 18	Cheryl Comfort	Lynn Oliver	Ann Lowerre	Peggy Dorsey

## SERMON

#### Enough Series: Defined by Generosity

*As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.*  
(1 Timothy 6:17-19)

*Some give freely, yet grow all the richer; others withhold what is due, and only suffer want. A generous person will be enriched, and one who gives water will get water.* (Proverbs 11:24-25)

*Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.* (Proverbs 22:9)

#### A Theological Foundation for a Generous Life

##### Created to be generous, tempted to hoard

There are two voices that work against our God-given impulse toward generosity and that tempt us to keep or hoard what we have.

- The voice of f\_\_\_\_\_
- The voice of s\_\_\_\_\_g\_\_\_\_\_

##### Defeating the voices

When we give our lives to Christ, invite him to be Lord, and allow the Holy Spirit to begin changing us from the inside out, we find that our fears begin to dissipate and our aim in life shifts from seeking personal pleasure to pleasing God and caring for others. Although we still may wrestle with the voices from time to time, we are able to silence them more readily and effectively the more we grow in Christ.

G\_\_\_\_\_ is a fruit of spiritual growth.

##### Biblical reasons to give to God and others

- "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).
- "Those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it" (Matthew 16:25).
- "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it" (Psalm 24:1).

##### What Our Giving Means to God

Two passages from the Gospels give us a sense of what Jesus has to say on the subject of giving and stewardship.

- Luke 6:38
- Matthew 25:14-30

##### What Our Giving Means to Us

Through it our hearts are c\_\_\_\_\_.

In it we find the b\_\_\_\_\_ of God.

# Enough

## Defined By Generosity



# WELCOME

## Message from the Pastor

What defines your life? Is it wealth? belongings? faith? Many of us live with a scarcity mentality, worried that we must gather and hoard as much as possible, saving for some imagined "rainy day." Others go to the opposite extreme, focusing on self-gratification. But the Bible promises both God's blessings and joy for those who choose to live another way.

You'll find in this bulletin a *Service Opportunities Sheet*, and a 2019 *Keeping Covenant Card*. You will also receive copies of these in the mail.

Note that the *Keeping Covenant Card* asks you to make five commitments in the coming year. This is a personal and private covenant between you and God and in two weeks you will have the opportunity to place this *Covenant Card* in a sealed envelope in our Joash Chest. This envelope will be mailed back to you, unopened, next fall. Our hope is that this is an opportunity for you to spend time in prayer and reflection, considering how you will support the church and it's ministries with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness in the coming year. Please be watching for the mailing; then fill out the card and bring it with you to worship on Sunday, November 11th.

  
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:

O God, Creator and Sustainer of all life, you instruct us to give generously and cheerfully. And so we come today, offering the funds, time, and gifts you have given us cheerfully and without hesitation or pressure, trusting that in our upside-down life of the gospel, our wealth is measured not by what we have but what we give away. Help us learn to give joyfully as an act of our faith trusting you great God, to bless your church, your people, and your creation through our giving. In Christ's holy 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.
- Reba Seward's daughter, Sarah Krivy is having open heart surgery this week at OKC Hospital to replace a valve.
- The caravan of people from Honduras that God will have His hand on them.
- Billie Jean Buckler's niece, Emily, discovered a large lump on her breasts - prayers please that this is benign.
- Libby Manuel has several friends with serious health issues.
- Marilyn Church's daughter, Julie Gilbert in Wichita Falls TX is battling breast cancer. Julie is a 3rd grade teacher, pray for the students as well.
- Cheryl Comfort needs prayers for her vehicle repair situation.
- Jessie Bedor's Nana passed away last Friday night at a young age of 59yrs. Prayers for the family as this was very unexpected.

### Joys:

- A few birthday wishes this week that we found out about! Marilyn Church, Gail Thorp, and Susi Gilbert.
- Next week's birthday honorees 10/27 - 11/04 are: Daisye Howell, Riley McCarver, and Courtney Thomas. [If your birthday is coming up and you are not listed we do not have it in our database - let us know!]
- Miranda and Walt Stephens are grateful to be homeowners for one year!
- John & Colleen Eisenberg's daughter, Faith and family arrived safely in North Africa early Sunday morning. The baby slept well the entire way. They plan to serve as missionaries for several years.
- Cheryl Comfort is joyful to finally be able to pay for and schedule her counseling licensure exam.
- Carolyn Coffelt's granddaughter, Jananis is now home and feeling better.

### Continuing Concerns:

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

## 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

## WELCOME ATU CIRCUIT RIDERS

This morning we welcome the Circuit Riders Worship Band from Arkansas Tech's Wesley Foundation. The ATU Wesley Foundation is the United Methodist Campus Ministry at Arkansas Tech. The Circuit Riders will be helping lead worship this morning and we will be taking up a special offering to support their campus ministry.

## 3RD QUARTER GIVING STATEMENTS

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

## VOLUNTEERS TO HAND OUT CANDY

Halloween is coming this Wednesday, 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.

## 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 [litlady2@cox.net](mailto:litlady2@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.

## UMCOR RESPONDS

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is one of just a handful of non-profit agencies authorized by FEMA and other federal agencies to act as Early Response Teams (ERT) following disasters like Hurricanes Florence and Michael. They are already on the ground and helping in the recovery efforts. If you would like to donate to these efforts you may do so directly through UMCOR's website and 100% of your donation will go to help victims of the recent hurricanes. Give to UMCOR's relief and recovery efforts at [umcor.org/donate](http://umcor.org/donate) (U.S. Disaster Response, Advance #901670).

## 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 - 10/28/2018

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Joys, Concerns, God Sightings: \_\_\_\_\_

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- 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.*