

THE VOICE



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Happy May!

I love the month of May and not just because it has Homecoming, my birthday, Star Wars Day, Mother's Day, Pentecost, and the Justin Timberlake memes. It is a month of transition from Spring to Summer, from school to a break, so for me it feels like a time of new beginnings. There are so many possibilities! It honestly always ends up being a very busy month but full of so much joy! This May will be no different.

While last year we were so limited with interactions thanks to Covid-19, it felt like we missed out on so much. This time we get to do it all! My prayer for this month is that we would be filled with joy and thanksgiving. We truly have so much to be thankful for during this transition month. We have all been through so much this last year. We all need some good news and some things to celebrate.

This month we will celebrate Homecoming with parade, festivities, and worship. We will celebrate the mom's in our lives, biological, honorary, adopted, and friends. We will celebrate our graduates who have made it through two of the strangest years at school to reach the end! We will celebrate their new beginnings with the next steps they make. We will also celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, giving us power to go and do the good things God has called us to. We will also give thanks to those who gave their lives in armed service for our freedom.

Friends, that's a LOT to celebrate! I hope you will join us this month in celebration and joy. Admits the trials and struggles, God has poured out His love on us. Thank you LORD!

Blessings,

Pastor Raegan

Upcoming Sermon Series

We start this Sunday, May 2nd with a new sermon series called Firm Foundation. It will be focused on the teachings of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. At the heart of Jesus' teaching is the Sermon on the Mount, which includes the Beatitudes, the Lord's Prayer, the Golden Rule and much more. Jesus closes the sermon by saying that those who hear his words and practice them are like those who build their homes on solid rock and ignoring them is like building your house on sand. They are as followed:

Salt & Light	Matthew 5:13-16
Ethics of Jesus	Matthew 5:20-22, 27-29, 43-44, 48
Be Happy in Jesus	Matthew 6:25-34
What's the Motive	Matthew 6:1-2, 5, 16, 19, 21
4 Rules to Live By	Matthew 7:1-2, 7, 13, 12



I'm excited to dive into these scriptures and see what we can all learn together. Let's have a great May!

'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.'

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ~Matthew 5:13-16'

Easter at Lexington UMC



Baptism of Samuel Henderson



On Sunday, April 18th Pastor Raegan baptized Samuel Henderson, son of Justin and Lauren Henderson.

The church would like offer a big thank you to the Trustees for getting things ready at the church for Easter, to Mike Stefek for fixing a broken window in the Fellowship Hall, and to Barbara Demeree and Jan Lynn for cleaning up the beds and planting beautiful flowers. We are so thankful for each one of you!!

Heritage Sunday, April 25, 2021



God blessed us with beautiful weather to worship at Early Chapel for Heritage Sunday. Thank you to Bryan Ladd for leading worship, the Woodwards for transporting tables and chairs, Monica Eberz for bringing out the chicken dinners, and Peggy Borgfeld and Katherine Ladd for supplying drinks. Thank you to all who joined us.

2021 Church of the Year



Rev. Robert Besser, dir of Congregational Excellence from the Texas Annual Conference of the UMC presented Lexington UMC with the 2021 Church of the Year for the West District of

small membership churches. On hand to receive the award were Matt Everett, Chuck Moore, Bryan Ladd, Holly Newton, Rebecca French, and Wendy Stover. This would not be possible if not for the hard work of all of our members. Thank you all!!

Visit to Mrs. Hall



We were so blessed to be able to see Mrs. Hall this past month. She sends you all her love.

Mobile Food Pantry

May Mobile Food Pantry will be Friday, May 14th at 11 a.m. Distribution will be similar to the recent ones where clients will remain their cars and pick up food in a drive thru line. The Free-Will Lunch will be at the Family Life Center on May 14th as well. This month's menu is: king ranch chicken, stewed zucchini and tomatoes and apple crisp. Served as carryout only.



May Birthdays

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| 1—Bob Belyeu | 14—Judy Belyeu |
| 1—Cal Turner | 17—Laura Harris |
| 4—Raegan Seaton | 18—Laurie Brewer |
| 6—Lee Lewis | 21—Barbara Cooper |
| 6—Chad Robertson | 23—Cara Carter |
| 6—Natasha Wofford | 25—Jan Lynn |
| 8—Coen Stowers | 28—Bryson Carter |
| 8—Keely Schumpert | 29—Stephanie Kellenberger |
| 8—Javier Casiano | 29—Deb Nuckols |
| 9—Corbin Brade | 29—Terrie Smith |
| 12—Tate Townsend | 30—Lee Marks |
| 13—Bryan Ladd | 31—Norma Thomas |
| | 31—Kylee Retzlaff |



Tithes & Offerings

Thank you for continuing to give your tithes and offerings!
As of April 30th total offerings were **\$19,231.00.**

Ways to give:

- At Church:** during service, at the church office or in the drop box on the office door.
- Online:** www.lexingtonumc.org on the "donate" page.
- Mail or Bill Pay** (through your bank): PO Box 116 Lexington, TX 78947

Memorials

"...I thank God for you—the God I serve with a clear conscience, just as my ancestor did. Night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers."

2 Timothy 1:3