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Hello everyone!

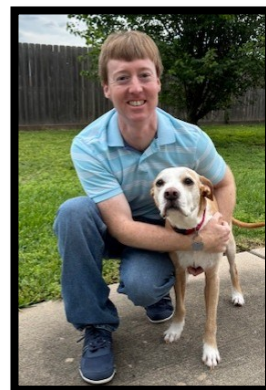
I am looking forward to getting to know everyone, and joining you in fellowship and ministry. I will give a little of my background for those of you who have been curious. I'm originally from Tupelo, MS, and grew up going to a United Methodist church there. I went to college at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, MS, where I received my B.A. in Theatre. In 2010, I moved to Texas to be closer to my girlfriend, Stephanie, who would later become my wife. We started attending St. John's UMC in Richmond, and I started volunteering with the youth. In 2013, I went from being a volunteer to being the Youth Director, and served in the position for close to seven years. Helping the youth grow to understand God's grace and love was an incredibly rewarding experience.

As rewarding as the position was, I knew that it wasn't my end goal. The problem was, I did not know what was. My pastor gave me opportunities to preach, and I would visit people in the hospital as well. People would say things to me like, "You should be a preacher/pastor", but I thought they were only saying those things because they thought I was a good public speaker, and visiting someone in the hospital wasn't a big deal to me. There is a lot more to being a pastor than just those things. Later though, when talking to another pastor, he told me that God can speak to us through the affirmations of other people. I had this dawning realization that God had been calling me into pastoral ministry, gifting me in these different ways, and I had failed to recognize it. When I told my pastor I felt called to go into pastoral ministry, he said, "Finally," as he had seen it way before I had. Thankfully, no one asked, "Really? Are you sure about that?" I realized that God had been at work in me in ways I was only beginning to recognize.

In 2019, I started seminary at Perkins Theological Seminary, and graduated in 2022. I served as a pastoral intern at Christ Church in Sugar Land, and in July 2022 I started my first appointment as the Pastor of Boling UMC and Van Vleck FUMC. In 2023, Stephanie was diagnosed with lung cancer, and died in July 2025. God was with us through the ups and downs of that journey, and we definitely felt grace at work through the people of my congregations. While I am humbled that they have expressed their gratitude to me, I will always be more grateful for the love they showed me and my wife.

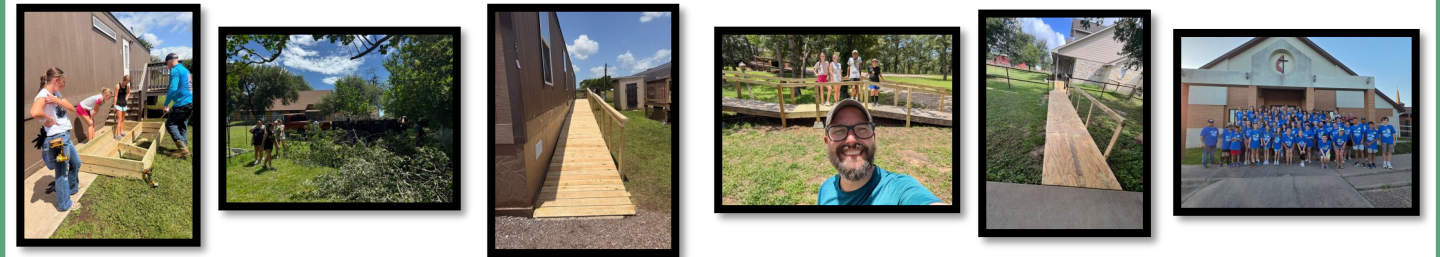
As I know how God's grace has been with me, I look forward to seeing God's grace continue to be at work as we are in life and ministry together.

Blessings,
Pastor William Murphree



BIG House 2026

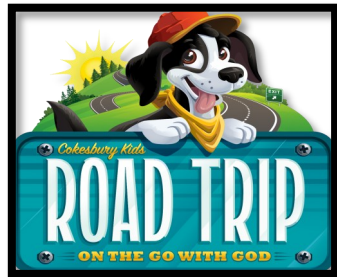
This year we were in Rockdale and Lexington!! We had over 25 worksite with 4 of those being ramps! Lexington took 18 kids and 4 adults!



Lakeview Camp 2026

Lexington took 30 kids and 5 adults! 3rd year of one of our Lexington kids getting awarded "COW" Camper of the Week!! That kid this year was Randy Hudgens. We had Memphis with our Senior High who gave her powerful testimony to the entire camp! A lot of fun was had, memories were made and bonds were strengthened! We are so proud of all of these kids and how well they represent our church and community!





VBS 2026 is just around the corner!
 This year we will host "Road Trip: On the Go with God!"
 July 20th-22nd
 from 6:00 - 8:30pm;
 3 nights only!

Please contact the office if you are interested in helping out.

We are also looking for fake or real house trees/plants, tires (pool floats), poster boards, paper streamers.

Also, if you have any old street/highway signs we could borrow.

Please let Holly Newton know if you have something we could use.

- 7/12 1PM and 7/13 2PM Decorating
- 7/14 6PM VBS Meeting in the FLC
- 7/21-7/23 6-8:30 VBS
- 7/24 1PM VBS Takedown



- 3—Dawson Janda
- 5—Amy Janda
- 6—Hannah Jackson
- 8—Carson Jackson
- 8—Genevieve Eberz
- 12—Joan Jackson
- 13—Dan Harris
- 14—Bradley Reynolds
- 16—Joe Jackson
- 17—Suzy Borgfeld
- 20—Willis Brewer
- 21—Wyatt Retzlaff
- 24—Darrell Marek
- 27—Kevin Ahrendt
- 29—Wayde Dodds
- 30—Paisley Stevenson

Thank you to all those who came up to our Church Work days and helped out around the church grounds!

Thank you to all those who have worked to help prepare the parsonage for Pastor William Murphree!!



Total Monthly Offerings for
May were \$16,039.
 Thank you for continuing to send in your tithes!

Ways of sending in your monetary gifts:

1. **At Church:** during service, at the church office, or the drop box on the office door.
2. **Online:** www.lexingtonumc.org on the "donate" page.
3. **Mail or Bill Pay** (through your bank):
 Po Box 116 Lexington, TX 78947
4. QR Code



A Gift was given to Lexington UMC

In memory of Robert Ahrendt

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|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| by... Dorothy Ahrendt Moore | by... Claudia Morris |
| by... Tim & Linda Yanta | by... Gloria Shelton |
| by... Judy Jackson Dobson | |



In memory of Diana Massengale

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| by... Willis & Jeannine Brewer | by... Judy Jackson Dobson |
| by... Carole Urbanosky | by... Edward L Duewall |
| by... Matt & Judy Everett | by... Chase & Holly Newton |

In memory of Terry Todd

by... Jan Alexander

"...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

To make a memorial write "memorial" in the memo line of your check and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office.

Save the Date

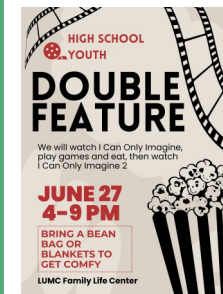
- 8/2 Back to School Bash
- 8/9 Back to School Blessings & Summer Recap



The Central Texas Food Bank is bringing free, healthy food to Lexington! Every month held at the Lexington City Park at 10 a.m.. If you know of anyone who would benefit from this program please let them know. This month's mobile food pantry is **Tuesday, July 7th.**

Sunday Morning @ LUMC

- Sunday School 10:30-11:15 a.m.
- Men's Gathering; meet in the 2nd classroom with leader, John Gibbs
- Journey Class for Adults; meet in the 1st Classroom



High Schoolers

We will be having a double feature day on **June 27th** from **4-9PM** in the FLC. Watching **I Can Only Imagine 1 & 2**



This Sunday, July 5th, 2026.

We will have communion in both services at 9:30 and 11:15 AM. Communion Sunday's (the first Sunday of the month), we take a special offering at the rail for the **St. Stephen's Fund**. This money is used to help those in need in our community. With this fund, we help people in emergency situations and those that may need some help with their utilities.