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Happy September!

“Christian community is the place where we keep the flame of hope alive among us and take it seriously so that it can grow and become stronger in us.” ~ Henri Nouwen

Back in August, I had an unfortunate incident with a dog we wanted to adopt. The incident left me with 10 stitches, a trip to the ER, and a trip to the vet for my dog. The incident left me sad, embarrassed, and in a ton of pain. But it is also because you, the church, responded in amazing ways. One family stayed with my kids and fed them dinner while I went to the ER. Another family helped me get the other dog back to the shelter. And still, another came over to the house and cleaned up my dog. Then people brought us meals. Countless others prayed for me and my family. I was honestly so touched by the support.

At its best, that is what the church is; a people who step in during times of joy and sorrow. The ones who show up, sometimes without having to be asked because they saw a need. It is what it means to embody the body of Christ, to truly care for those around us. Now, let's be real, oftentimes the church falls short. We are imperfect people, and we miss things around us. But that doesn't mean we should stop trying to be a community of faith.

For the start of Fall, we are going to be practicing how we can be the church at home, in our schools, in our community, and more. We will look at how we can take aspects of Sunday Morning Worship with us everywhere we go. There is more detail about the sermon series below.

We will also have discussion questions to go over each week. I want to encourage you to get together with a group, your family, a group of friends, or anyone, and go over the questions together. Let's have this be more than words we hear on Sunday mornings. Let's add the things that we learn through this series into our daily lives so we can respond at the church, the body of Christ to those around us in need.

And I want to say thank you to those who have done that for me. You made me and my family feel so loved and cared for. I'll be honest, I am not great at asking for help so thank you for helping anyways!

Blessings
Pastor Raegan



Fall Sermon Series: Bringing Home the Church

Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.” —John 14:23

In a day of statistical decline in church participation, what if we imagined marriages as little churches and households as living demonstrations of the way that God's love is reoriented around Jesus? In this sermon series, we are invited into a kind of radical kinship rooted in family-community love. Based on the book by Gannon Sims, we will see how our homes can become hubs for missions pointing toward our true home where we—no matter our previous experiences of family or home or love—can find kinship in God.

Promotion Sunday

Pictured here is our youth and teachers from the Contemporary Service whom we prayed for the Sunday before school started.



Volunteer Opportunities

Our Youth has been meeting for 2 weeks now and is going great! Our M&M's program will be starting on **September 7th**. Both programs are on Wednesdays and run from 3:45 to 5 PM. If you are interested in helping with either program please reach out to Pastor Raegan in the office.

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. 1 John 3:18

Back to School Bash



On Sunday, August 21st we held our annual Back to School Bash! The kids enjoyed playing messy games; which included: water balloons, paint balls, water guns and shaving cream Twister. We topped it off with Hot Dogs and Sno Cones!!



Shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; 1 Peter 5:2



- 4—Kaleigh Taizan
- 7—Tara Schafer
- 7—Stacey Washington
- 9—Jan Woodward
- 10—Richard Townsend
- 11—Michael Brewer
- 13—Pat Rao
- 14—Chris Borgfeld
- 15—Austin Retzlaff
- 15—Dana Brewer
- 20—Misty Schumpert
- 23—Noah Boettcher
- 26—Priscilla Brister
- 28—Lorene Hall
- 29—Connie Sanders

Youth Football Road trip

We will be taking our Youth to the Lexington vs Rockdale game in Rockdale, Texas on **Friday, September 9th**. Time is still to be determined. If your youth would like to go with us we will need everyone to RSVP with the church office.



Poinsettia Orders for Christmas Eve Service are due by **Sunday, September 25th**. Orders can be placed by filling out a form at the church and returning it to the church office. Poinsettia's are \$12 per plant. Poinsettia's are purchased from Down Home Ranch.

Memorials

In Memory of Gary Sims

by... Cherry Stover

In Memory of Carl Letterman Jr.

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In Memory of Dixie Reat

by....Annette & Jamie Woodward

by....Raymon & Nancy Puente

by....Matt & Judy Everett

by....Jan Woodward

by....Douglas W. Hanson III

In Memory of Tim Otte

by.....Sandy & Mark Groschke

by....Beth Bratton

by....Richard & Dena Kocian

by....Richard & Carole Fry

*as of August 30, 2022

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



Join us on **Monday, September 12th** at 6:00PM in the Family Life Center for Life Hack Night and Dinner! (Childcare available upon request) Bring your Life Hack to share with the group or come and learn a few Life Hacks! Please RSVP with the church office. We hope to see you all there!



Text for Info: We have enrolled in a text service so that we can text you updates about Church Events! All you have to do is text **LUMC** to **833-676-4943** to subscribe for church info. If you want to know about Youth events then text **YOUTH** to **833-676-4943**. We will have more groups coming soon!!

Get Connected at LUMC on Sunday Morning

Sunday School 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Children; meet in Fellowship Hall

Youth 6-12th grade; meet in FLC Classroom

With leader, Stewart Hervey

Men's Gathering; meet in the 2nd classroom with leader, John Gibbs

Journey Class for Adults; meet in the 1st Classroom with leader, Cinda Lewis

Mobile Food Pantry

Mobile Food Pantry will be **Friday, September 9th** 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 **September 9th** as well. This Month's Menu: Chicken Parmesan, Spaghetti, Tossed Salad & Peanut Butter Cake.



Tithes & Offerings

Thank you for continuing to give your tithes and offerings! Total Monthly Offerings for **July** were **\$25,261**.

Ways to give:

1. **At Church:** during service, at the church office or in 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

On 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.



Fall Bible Study: Long Story Short starts **September 12th** at **10:00 am** and **7:00 pm**. The Bible can be daunting. It's ancient, enormous, and sometimes challenging to understand. *Long Story Short* opens up the Christian Scriptures by sharing the biblical narrative in a way that requires no prior engagement with the Bible. It traces the big story of who God is and how he is saving the world through six simple movements: Creation; Fall, Israel; Jesus; Church; New Creation. With this framework in place, readers will not only understand how the little stories of the Bible fit together into a seamless whole, they will also be compelled to step into the drama to be part of its performance. Childcare available upon request.

Join us for snacks and fun as we watch Minions The Rise of Gru! **Friday, September 23rd** at 6:30 PM in the Family Life Center. Come in your PJ's and bring a comfy seat if you'd like! We hope to see you all there!



"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19