

First United Methodist Church Commerce, Texas



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August 2024 Newsletter

MISSION OF THE MONTH - CISD Family Services

CISD Family Services has been selected as the August Mission of the Month by the Serve Team. More recognized as Stuff the Bus (with school supplies), all dollar bills dropped in the collection plate will go to support Family Services year-round programs for CISD students and their families.

While acquiring school supplies remains the goal—an expensive undertaking in itself—children and their parents have access to showers and washing machines including detergent and fabric softener. Administrator Allison Walker uses an extensive network to provide financial, material, health, and emotional support. If, for example, a family's house burns down, Walker can quickly email people to provide food, clothes, furniture, school supplies, and even housing.

Say Yes to the Dress is a program that supplies free prom dresses and all the accessories. It began as a one-day event. Now it begins in February and lasts until Prom. It now even supplies some men's formal wear.

Family Services will hold it's annual Back to School Bash at the High School July 31st. Besides picking up school supplies, students will have a vaccine clinic, health and dental screenings, sports physicals, and haircuts available.

There are several ways you can support this mission.

1. You can drop a dollar bills or write a check with Stuff the Bus on the memo line in the collection plate each Sunday in August. If you give on-line, just click on the appropriate button.
2. Donate a prom appropriate dress or accessories including shoes, even nail polish and make-up.
3. Place school supplies such as clear, plastic backpacks, composition notebooks, glue sticks, big pink erasers, #2 pencils, pens and folders in the bin in the gathering area.

Let's support CISD Family Services that support our kids and their families.

Trustees would like to Thank:

Huffman's Farm Supply for maintaining our ground cover beds along the entrance to the church. They look great! Especially compared to this time last year. Thank you Huffmans.

Luann Huffman and Mary Lou Heatherly for cleaning and organizing our church library. Yes, we do have a library and now a very functional one. It is just down the hall from the office. Check it out next time you are here. Also feel free to take a bible for yourself or someone else.

Jon Parker for shredding our field behind the church. And our entire church family who are picking up trash and looking for repairs.



Notes From Cheryl



Vacation Bible School is a great opportunity to help new families find our church. Our VBS starts next week (August 5-8) and will be held in the evenings from 5:30-8:30 pm.

We need people to help! What a great opportunity to show hospitality, build relationships, and offer our faith community to others, especially those families that are unchurched. VBS forces us to think about our friendliness level. If we up our game at VBS, we may make life-changing connections with kids and their families.

We need several positions. The time is now! God is calling you to serve! Where can God use your gifts and your time to make this VBS special?

Coming Soon!

Wednesday Worship starting with dinner (donations accepted) 5:15-5:45, Bible study for all ages (Music & More for children), youth, and adults, 5:45 – 6:30 pm; choir rehearsal 7 – 8 pm. Nursery provided for babies and younger kids through 8 pm. Reservations are requested for meal and nursery.

September Back to School Study: Five Love Languages (Adults, Kids, Youth, God)

Youth Study: Five Love Languages, plan mission and fellowship activities

M&M (Music & More): Work with our choir director, Meagan Jones, to prepare a musical presentation this fall.



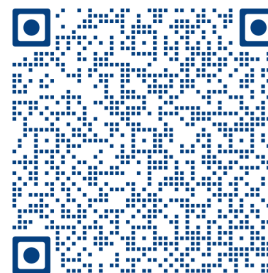
VBS (Breaker Rock Beach) August 5-8th from 5:30p.m. to 8:30 p.m. We rely heavily on volunteers each year to make things run smoothly. I will be placing sign ups on the table in the Narthex near the Sanctuary doors. You may sign up there or email me at: jamiebourcy@gmail.com

Please consider helping! We will need kid friendly meals provided for each night, as well as group and class leaders. All adults volunteering to be class and group leaders will need to have up to date ministry safe training. I need 3 group leaders who will escort 1-2, 3-4 and 5-6 to their stations, I also need a craft leader and a rec. leader. If you can't volunteer all 4 nights that is ok too, we can never have too many volunteers and we encourage our Youth to volunteer as well. I am excited for our theme this year!



Use this QR Code to sign up children for a fun week at :

Breaker Rock Beach!



Prayer List 7-31-24

Recent Concerns:

- ◆ Our world, country and leaders
- ◆ All who are affected by the war in Israel
- ◆ Judy Rudoff
- ◆ Lisa McGuyer (home)
- ◆ Nancy Roberts, Mike Roberts' mother
- ◆ Larry Eldridge
- ◆ Danny Duncan
- ◆ Mike Smith
- ◆ Bill Heitholt
- ◆ Rev. Dr. Rita Sims
- ◆ Chester Webster
- ◆ Betty Martin
- ◆ Anna Blohm
- ◆ Wyman Williams
- ◆ Rose Stapleton
- ◆ Jack Kelly, Jill Grove's father
- ◆ Glenda Helton
- ◆ Ken-healing from a broken back

Continued Prayers (long term):

- ◆ Jack Gray
- ◆ Richard Young
- ◆ Carlos Rickman
- ◆ Richard Stapleton, Al Stapleton's brother
- ◆ Georgia Gholston
- ◆ Manuel Harrison
- ◆ Melanie & Judy Cortea
- ◆ Brenda Mosley Longhoffer
- ◆ Robert Seay
- ◆ Rita Thompson

Ft. Worth:

- ◆ Mary Louise McMahan

Those serving in our military:

- ◆ Celeste Young and Chandler Teague, great-grandchildren of Lee Riddle
- ◆ 1st Lieutenant Cameron Lehr
- ◆ Lt. Dan Barton
- ◆ Daniel Chamberlain
- ◆ Sgt. Stephen Smith & Denise Smith

If you are interested in volunteering to help with Sunday School or the nursery, please see Ashlyn.

UP COMING IMPORTANT DATES

- August 1 First Thursday Luncheon** at noon
Serve Team meets at 2:00 pm
- August 4 Admin. Council** meets at 11:00 am
- August 5-8 Vacation Bible School** meets at 5:30 pm
- August 5 Prayer Shawl** skipping this month
- August 11 Back to School Bash** after church
- August 15 Prayer Shawl crafting** meets at 9:30am
First Day of School CISD
- August 22 Prayer Shawl crafting** meets at 9:30am
- August 26 Finance** at 6:00pm

ONGOING WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

- Tuesdays-Men's Breakfast Group** meets at McKay's Country Kitchen at 8am
- Wednesdays-Country Home Estates** Worship @ 2pm

If you are interested in giving flowers for the altar, please visit with Luann Huffman before worship on Sunday or contact her at 903-366-2899 or huffman01@cumbytel.com.



We had a crane come and work on the leak during July. That crane was really tall!

This should fix the problems with the steeple and surrounding roof.

Little Ark Gallery



Top row: Preschool pre 4th celebration. Science Day in Pre K. Tiny Tots playing on water day.
Bottom Row: Toddler 1 Popsicle break.

**In case of emergency pastoral care need,
please call or text Pastor Cheryl at 940-613-5375.**

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