



A Great Heritage...

A Great Future...

MAY



Love. Grow. Serve.

The first car I owned was a Dodge Dart. It was unique for two reasons. One, it was given to me, and two, whenever I started it, it sounded like a laser beam, or a ray gun from outer space (*them old Chrysler starters*). Since then, I've owned a few cars, driven a few miles, been in a few fender benders, had my share of tickets, and have learned a few things about getting behind a steering wheel. Here's my list of:

3 Lessons Learned While in Traffic :

- 1.** Being in a hurry is not a good idea ☹️. In my case it leads to frustration, and becoming the dad in that beloved 1983 movie, "A Christmas Story" as he's lighting the furnace on a cold winter's night 😊. I'm gonna turn the corner now; see my blinker, now I'm switching lanes.
- 2.** Being in a hurry while in traffic can be compared to prayer. We pray and expect an immediate answer from God. Some believe all that needs to be done is grab a prayer formula, say the right words, add a little water to the mix, and there you have it – an instant answer to prayer.
- 3.** Yes, the second we cry out we are heard. Yes, prayer is the direct line to God, yes, when all else fails prayer is the answer, and yes, like being stuck in traffic, it seems the answer is delayed and not coming fast enough.

It has been my experience that during times of waiting for the answer to our prayers, God is working out ALL the circumstances involved in our dilemma. While we are seemingly stuck in our personal traffic jam, like an 18-wheeler, God is in the driver's seat He sits above all the other traffic in our lives, and plainly sees what we can't. He knows what's ahead. **Psalm 46:10.**

Jesus loves us enough to give us the right answer to our prayer(s) at the right time, that's part of our growth process. As He grows us up, we learn a little more about who He is. He **LOVES** us. He **GROWS** us. He **SERVES** us. My prayer is we learn to do the same as we walk the walk. As we talk the talk and grow as a church body.

Prayer: Lord, let us walk through this time together to Love, Grow, and Serve others.

Author: K.G.

Pastoral Search Committee Update- May 2023

Dear Church, I am bringing you a detailed update from our committee which began meeting at the end of November 2022 with our first goal being to create a process for us to follow as we start our search. In January, the committee sponsored a church workshop which was very successful with over 50 church members participating. Darnell and Tyra did an excellent job in preparing and executing this workshop then collecting the data. The data was used for the committee to create a church profile and job description.

Job description was posted on INDEED for the month of February which generated 28 candidates- many of these qualified out due to foreign location or denomination not a fit for our church. 4 resumes were received through church email. 1 resume received by US postal mail. Lancaster Search is a ministry search program that provides candidates to churches in need of a pastor. 14 resumes have been received from Lancaster. Job posting is active on 3 Seminary websites with 3 resumes received. Total resumes received and reviewed to date- 50.

In our process, applicants that we would like to interview must be vetted by Global Methodist first for them to be approved theologically. To date 2 have been approved and scheduled for zoom interviews with the pastoral search committee. Global is in the process of vetting 2 additional candidates, as soon as they are approved, we will schedule interviews. We are very excited to be in the interview process.

We have the opportunity to contract an Interim pastor to care for our church while the committee continues the pastor search. Church council voted in favor of contracting an interim pastor upon our recommendation. Interim definition - one called for a specific purpose and period of time to lead a congregation during the in-between times of installed pastoral leadership.

An interim would lead worship on Sunday mornings, be a leader to work with the office, personnel, church leadership and volunteers, make calls and visit with the ill, persons of need and prospective new members. Our greeters are welcoming visitors every Sunday morning so our interim pastor would extend the invitation for these guests to join the church at the conclusion of each service, this is very important during our transition period. The pastoral search committee is in communication with interim candidates. This decision is expected to be made by mid-May, expectations of the committee would be that the Interim would begin serving CMC June 1, 2023.

We would like to thank each of you for all your support and prayers. We trust our God has chosen our Pastor and is preparing him for our church. We pray that OUR eyes, ears, and hearts are open to see what God is doing through this committee and in our church.

Thanks be to God, the Church is all about Jesus, who provides for our salvation and edification. Lord, bind us together by the truth proclaimed by your faithful ministers. Amen

Ephesians 4:1-16

In Prayer,

Sandra McQuiggin

Missions Committee for MAY, 2023:

The Missions Committee will be meeting again on Tuesday, May 9th in the classrooms in the Family Life Center. We will be planning to bring some joy to the residents at Woodland Park Manor in Shepherd on May 18th at 9:30 AM. All are welcome to join us. There will be a collection bin available outside the Church prior to service on Sundays and in the Fellowship Hall during April for new slippers, socks, lotions, and small stuffed animals (like beanie babies). We have 25 women and 29 men to provide for and I am sure we will find a way to meet their needs, show our Christian love and provide some happiness through our visit.

Additionally, we will discuss the continued effort to get the chicken coop up and running at Heaven's Army. At this time, we are finding it difficult to get a mover for the solidly built, 8 x12 building donated by Georgia Lapp (many thanks to her son Mark for stopping whatever he is doing to show potential building movers the project). It has been suggested that we may be able to get a car hauler to winch it up for moving, so we are exploring that option and hope to have some good news to share soon. Don't forget to reserve your place to go to UMCOR for mission's work from 15-20 OCT 23. There is a reasonable fee for meals and lodging during this trip and Lisa Anderson can answer all of your questions. This promises to be a fulfilling time for all!



Save the Date

Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed

We will be having Vacation Bible School June 26-June 30th from 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Please contact the church office or Sherry Wagner 936-433-7044 if you are interested in giving your time for this reward filled event.



Step Up and volunteer to be a Greeter at Sunday services.

Contact Ron Orlando
713-254-7173 for details.

UMYF- **Lost N Found**

Luke 15:10 I once was Lost, but now I am Found.

Thank you Tyra Swanson for the invite to Harvest for the Hungry. It's a great outreach.



Thank you congregation! Our chicken spaghetti fundraiser was well received and we love your support. Thank you Eastex Title for sponsoring.



Join us for Sunday school at 8:45 a.m.

*Happy to serve,
Carri Clark
Youth Coordinator*



THE COLDSRING METHODIST MEN HELD ITS MONTHLY BREAKFAST ON APRIL 12, 2023, WITH 23 MEMBERS AND GUESTS ATTENDING. BREAKFAST WAS SERVED AFTER THE OPENING PRAYER. AFTER THE WONDERFUL BREAKFAST THE COOKS WERE THANKED AND SEVERAL MEMBERS

VOLUNTEERED TO HELP WITH THE CLEAN-UP. IT WAS GREAT TO SEE RICHARD BURROUGHS ATTENDING AFTER SOME MEDICAL ISSUES.

THE SCOUNTING REPORT WAS PRESENTED BY JON WEBB AND THE TREASURER'S REPORT WAS PRESENTED BY JOEL MCDOWELL.

THE SLATED SPEAKER STEVE ROBERTS WAS ILL SO SAN JACINTO COUNTY CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY TODD DILLON AND FIRST ASSISTANT ROB FREYER FILLED IN AT THE LAST MINUTE. APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH SO TODD AND ROB SPOKE ABOUT THIS SERIOUS TOPIC. THEY CITED STATISTICS FOR THE STATE AND GAVE REFERENCE OF HOW TO REPORT SAME AND WHERE TO REPORT SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE. CHILD ABUSE CASES CONSUMES MANY OF THE TRIAL WEEKS OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE EACH YEAR. A BIG SHOUT OUT TO TODD AND ROB FOR FILLING IN AT THE LAST MINUTE AND THEIR TIMELY TOPIC.

THE METHODIST MEN WILL MEET AGAIN ON MAY 10, 2023. TYE CLARK WILL BE THE FEATURED SPEAKER AND WILL PRESENT A TALK ABOUT THE HERO'S PROJECT FOR VETERANS. TYE IS THE SON OF DENNY CLARK AND IS A MEMBER OF OUR CHURCH. BREAKFAST STARTS AT 7:00 AM. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND.

THE BREAKFAST COOKS CAN USE HELP. IF YOU WISH TO HELP, PLEASE CONTACT ME, ROBERT TRAPP, AT 936-525-8835 AND I WILL SEE THAT ONE OF OUR REGULAR COOKS CONTACTS YOU. WE PLAN TO MEET AGAIN IN JUNE AND WILL NOT HAVE BREAKFAST FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST. WE WILL START UP IN SEPTEMBER AFTER OUR SUMMER BREAK.

THE MEETING WAS CLOSED WITH A PRAYER. SEE YOU MAY 10.

ROBERT TRAPP-PRESIDENT



Pure Joy!

Shared from Jesus Always- Sara Young'

The Present Moment is the point at which time intersects eternity. It is also the place where you can encounter Me --- your eternal Savior. So, keep your thoughts focused on the present as much as you can, enjoying My Presence here and now. Invite Me into whatever you are engaged in. If you ask, I will open your eyes and awaken your heart so you can see more fully all that the present contains. I delight in meeting with you in your wide-awake heart! I came into the world so that you may have life in abundance – till it overflows.

Colossians 3:23 – Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men.

Vegetable Ceviche Dip for Memorial Day

- 1 can hearts of palm, sliced
- 1 can artichoke hearts, chopped
- 2 large avocados, diced
- 1 large cucumber, seeded and diced
- 1 large red pepper, finely diced
- 2 mangoes, diced
- 1 red onion, finely diced
- 2 tbs fresh tarragon, chopped
- 1/4 fresh dill chopped
- 1/4 cup fresh parsley, chopped
- 2 tbs olive oil
- 1 orange, juiced
- 1 lemon, juiced
- 2 limes, juiced
- 2 tsp old bay seasoning
- 1 tsp salt and pepper



- Combine all the vegetables and herbs together in a large bowl and toss until combined. Pour over the olive oil, orange juice, lemon juice, lime juice, Old Bay, and the salt and pepper and toss. This will hold for a week in the fridge without the avocado's browning, it's basically magic. Serve with tortilla chips.

School for Little Children

It is hard to believe May is here. The children love the weather being warm; we are spending more time outside. Sometimes we tend to get messy, please make sure your child has at least one change of clothes available at all times. The clothes are needed whether or not they are potty trained; the last thing we want to do is disturb you at work for clothes. Parents wanting bug repellent or sunscreen on their child must provide it and send a written permission form. Make sure to label product with their name.

We will begin summer and fall sign ups in the middle of the month, they will last until June 1, 2022, then will open for new enrollees, watch for an email and note coming home. Parents wanting their child or children to return to SFLC for the new school year please sign-up ASAP, we have a waiting list for the fall and I will not be holding spots. Availability will be limited once we open registration.

We also want to remind parents our closing time is 5:30. Any child picked up after 5:30 will be charged a late fee of \$2.00 per minute per child.

BIRTHDAYS

Levi K.	05/20	Eliana	05/15
Sage	05/27	Sadee	05/08
Maxwell	05/28		

THEMES

Toddlers (Miss Kaitlyne and Mrs. Randi) Traditional Songs; Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, Itsy Bitsy Spider, The Wheels on the Bus, Five Little Ducks

Pre-K 2/3 (Mrs. Charlene) Animals; Zoo Animals, Farm Animals. Ocean Animals, Circus Animals

Pre-K ¼ (Ms. Sherry and Miss Kenzee) Changes; Changes In and Around Me, Earth Changes, Nurturing Earth, Before and Now

Our Character Traits are Patience and Pride

HOLIDAY

Closed May 29, 2023, for Memorial Day

CELEBRATIONS

May 1-5 Teacher Appreciation Week

May 5, 2021, Cinco de Mayo

VACATIONS

Children attending school during the summer months may have a week of vacation, provided you did not use them during the school year. Please notify the office when you have your vacation dates. I want to make sure your account gets credited properly; days used, as quarantine did not count as a vacation.

We would love to thank you for all of your support. Your children are a blessing to us.

PRESCHOOL GRADUATION

This year the Coldspring Methodist Church has asked that we hold our annual ceremony during Sunday service. We have it scheduled for Sunday, May 21, 2023, during the 10:00 a.m. service. The children will wear a cap and gown for the ceremony. We are looking forward to sharing this special moment with our church family.

SFLC Staff

MAY Anniversaries

Tom & Mary Patton	05/04
Rick & Pat Light	05/09
David & Barbara Bailey	05/15
Paul & Betty Herndon	05/20

MAY Birthdays

Fritz Faulkner	05/05
Mark Simmons	05/05
Rebecca Darby	05/15
India Adams	05/18
Shelley Thompson	05/19
Allison Goehrs Barsalou	05/23
Kayla Franklin-Mize	05/26
Vicki Jowell	05/26
Jim Bough	05/29
Dawson Franklin	05/31

May Greeters

May 7 th	Frank & Anne Closs
May 14 th	Ron Orlando & Bea Glassco
May 21 st	Dianne Griffith & Monica Viator
May 28 th	Denise Thurmond & Debbie Elledae

May Ushers

10:00 a.m. Mark Simmons

COLDSRING UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
March 2023

	<u>Mar 23</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Income				
TOTAL INCOME	<u>21,886.79</u>	<u>28,007.67</u>	<u>-6,120.88</u>	<u>78.1%</u>
Total Income	21,886.79	28,007.67	-6,120.88	78.1%
Expense				
Personnel Expense	12,270.83	18,085.88	-5,815.05	67.8%
Administrative Expenses	680.01	1,666.65	-986.64	40.8%
Finance Committee	54.13	0.00	54.13	100.0%
Bus Expense	0.00	166.66	-166.66	0.0%
Christian Education	1,004.78	208.33	796.45	482.3%
Children & Youth	508.38	187.49	320.89	271.2%
Senior Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Evangelism	560.99	183.33	377.66	306.0%
Fellowship	793.19	120.00	673.19	661.0%
Missions	1,875.86	350.00	1,525.86	536.0%
Music Expense	535.00	912.50	-377.50	58.6%
Worship	25.96	166.66	-140.70	15.6%
Buildings & Grounds Expenses	3,406.93	5,544.14	-2,137.21	61.5%
Church Utilities	3,180.05	2,937.48	242.57	108.3%
Beyond the Local Church	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Expense	<u>24,896.11</u>	<u>30,529.12</u>	<u>-5,633.01</u>	<u>81.5%</u>
Net Income	<u>-3,009.32</u>	<u>-2,521.45</u>	<u>-487.87</u>	<u>119.3%</u>



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Boy/Cub Scouts 7:00pm	2 Evangelism Committee Meeting 3:30pm	3 CMYF Youth Group 5:30pm - 7:30pm	4	5	6
7 Holy Communion Sunday Sunday School Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall 8:45am Worship Service Sanctuary/Live Broadcast 10:00am	8 Boy/Cub Scouts 7:00pm	9 Mission Committee Meeting 9:30am Share the Bread 1:00pm	10 CMM Breakfast 7:00am Finance 8:15am CMYF Youth Group 5:30pm - 7:30pm	11 SPPRC Meeting 5:00pm	12	13
14 Mother's Day Sunday School all ages 8:45am Worship Service Sanctuary/Live Broadcast 10:00am	15 Boy/Cub Scouts 7:00pm	16	17 CMYF Youth Group 5:30pm - 7:30pm	18 Ascension Day Mission Group "Woodland Park Manor in Shepherd Nursing Home" Visit 9:30am Trustee's Meeting 5:00pm	19 Women With Grace Prayer Blanket/Busy Bodys 10:00am	20
21 School For Little Children Graduation Sunday Sunday School all ages 8:45am Worship Service Sanctuary/Live Broadcast 10:00am	22 Boy/Cub Scouts 7:00pm	23 Share the Bread 1:00pm	24 CMYF Youth Group 5:30pm - 7:30pm	25	26	27
28 Pentecost Sunday Sunday School all ages 8:45am Worship Service Sanctuary/Live Broadcast 10:00am	29 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED Boy/Cub Scouts 7:00pm	30	31 CMYF Youth Group 5:30pm - 7:30pm			

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