

A Great Heritage...

A Great Future...

September



Greetings Coldspring Methodist Church. September has arrived. That means I have officially been the Senior Pastor at Coldspring Methodist Church for ninety days. Is my probation over? I hope everyone is growing enthusiastic about the activities we have planned for the next few months. If you are not up to date, I will defer to Sandra's message in this month's newsletter. I'm happy to be writing about an interesting word I've heard floating about Coldspring for many months. I hear church members using the word. I hear fellow pastors at local churches saying it. I heard it was used at a Chamber of Commerce meeting. That word is "Revival!"

When most Christians hear the word *revival* it invokes memories of muggy evenings inside a canvas tent with; folding chairs, hand fans, sweaty preachers in white suits, and for some, a snake or two. Everybody's praying for everyone else to come to Jesus. Repent and be saved. While, that's one kind of revival, and certainly worth hosting. It's not what people are talking about.

Webster defines revival as: "a renewed attention to or interest in something." It's as if the texture of Coldspring is shifting towards that "renewed something." Folks can feel it. There's a vigor stirring in the air. Like static electricity before it becomes static. The Coldspring community is experiencing a yearning to come together in love and duty. Those of us who participated in the school prayer walk last month felt it. Many even used 'that' word *revival* to explain the sensation. We all collectively, but quietly, agreed that there was a growing presence, a renewal of God's spirit in the community. Everyone was energized, some were crying. Most went home wondering what to do next.

Coldspring Methodist Church, what do we do with that new presence of God's spirit among us? In Mark 2:22 Jesus says,

"And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins."

New wine represents the new covenant of grace. Jesus is the new - and people are to put on a new way of thinking that embraces His gospel of grace! Coldspring is experiencing many new things; new teachers, new pastor, new residents, new mindsets, and a new season soon upon us. The revival is here, and we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. God is calling us into an exciting new season of change, a new purpose. How blessed we are to be a part of it!

For His Glory
Rev. D!



A NATIONAL CELEBRATION! SEPTEMBER 17

National Back to Church Sunday began in 2009 as church attendance in America was declining and church leaders began to look for ways to involve their congregations in reaching out and inviting friends, neighbors, and coworkers to come back to, or try church for the first time. It is a day set aside for churches across America to invite their community to a Bible-based church like Coldspring Methodist Church whether for the first time or as a returning member. This is our fourth year participating. The theme this year is ROOTED – in Faith, In Prayer, In Bible Study, In Community.

Our celebration will include two worship services on the 17th. We will have an 8:30 service outside under the shade trees! We will have our 10:00 service in the sanctuary. No Sunday school for adults on the 17th BUT we will have Childrens Church at 10am so invite those families with children- Charlene will have arts and crafts as they hear about Jesus. **Looking for a volunteer to help with Childrens Church- If this is your gift then please share it with us and the children!**

The challenge is to pray for the Lord to give you 5 names of people you should invite to church. Then you will write them on the bulletin tear off – post them on your refrigerator. Pray for our Lord to give you the opportunity to invite all 5 of them to our celebration on September 17th.

Our annual **Bake Potato fundraiser for UMCOR** will take place after the 2nd service. You and your guest can fellowship with others in the Fellowship Hall or take out will be available as well. Last year around \$1000 was raised for those famous baked potatoes- I know this year will be a blessing!

PRAY – INVITE – PRAY – COME TO CHURCH – WORSHIP - EAT

Blessings from your Evangelism Team!

Memorials

Don Freel in loving memory of Richard Light.
Dianna Raymond in loving memory of Esther Best.
Dianna Raymond in loving memory of Truitt Thompson.
Dianna Raymond in loving memory of Elizabeth Ross.

Dianna Raymond in loving memory of Gene Roeseler.
Dianna Raymond in loving memory of Linda Winkelmann.
Dianna Raymond in loving memory of Kathy Sinclair.
Dianna Raymond in loving memory of Sylvia Roeseler.

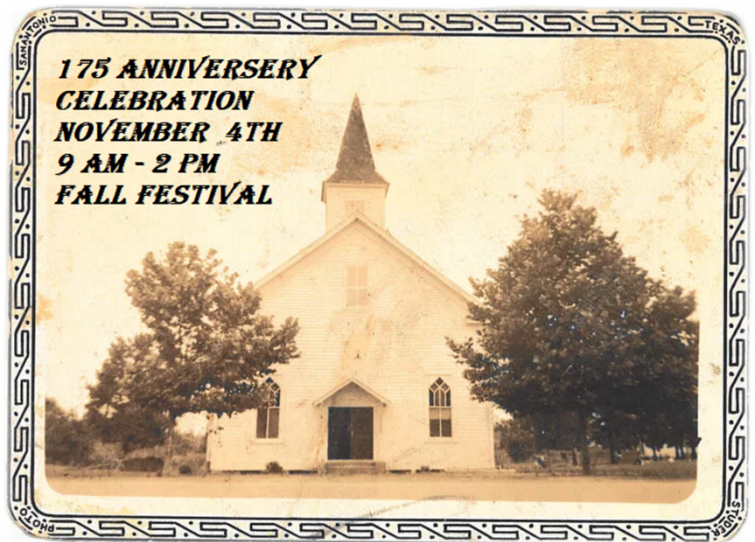
'CELEBRATING 175 YEARS OF SERVICE'

READY, SET, CELEBRATE! Plans have begun for our community celebration of our 175th birthday.

Evangelism and Missions committee jump started the process by forging a framework for the event and selected a theme! This event will be “all hands-on deck” for our church as we welcome the community and our members for a fun day of food, music and activities designed for all ages. The date that has been selected is November 4, 2023, which will quickly be upon us. The hours of the event will be 9am to 2pm. The theme is “Celebrating 175 years of Service.” We will have a short meeting in the sanctuary following the service this Sunday on September 3, 2023. During this meeting we will be looking for church members to provide any additional ideas for activities, offer any resources or connections you might have, and most of all, volunteer to take charge of one activity on our list. Most activities are offered for a 30 minute or one hour block. More details to come so Stay Tuned.

Some of the activities we have planned include:

- ❖ Prayer/Welcome Booth
- ❖ Cut Out Fun Photo Spots
- ❖ Church Property Tours
- ❖ Patriotic Hymn Singalong
- ❖ Reading of our Church History
- ❖ Story time or veggie tales
- ❖ Arts and crafts
- ❖ Displays (informational, firetruck)
- ❖ Sack race
- ❖ Inflatable obstacle course
- ❖ John the Baptist dunking booth
- ❖ Cake / Cookie Walk
- ❖ Raffle
- ❖ Community Lunch (BBQ) with Cake Cutting
- ❖ (Easter) Egg Spoon Race
- ❖ Water Balloon Catch
- ❖ Favorite Hymn Sing Along
- ❖ Christian rock concert
- ❖ Bluegrass entertainment
- ❖ Bible trivia
- ❖ The Gospel Message



Come be a part of this Historical Event for Coldspring Methodist Church.

Sharing the story of Jesus with our community.

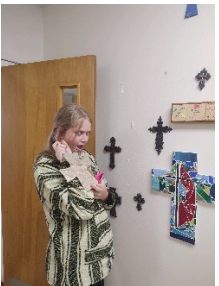
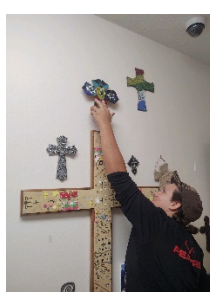
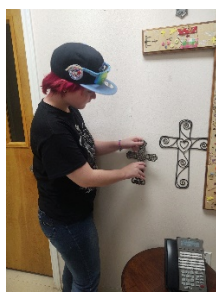
UMYF- **Lost N Found**

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

First off, thank you to Dan Darby and Shelley Thompson for letting the youth group swim in the Cape. A great time was had by all.

School is off to a great start. I've gotten to watch Macie for Livingston volleyball and Dillon with Shepherd football along with the cheerleader Dawson and Kaylee on the drill team.

We've hung some new crosses on the wall. Make sure you pray for our high school students.



Join us for Sunday school at 8:45 a.m. and/or Wednesday night at 5:30

*Happy to serve,
Carri Clark
Youth Coordinator*



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

Contact Ron Orlando
713-254-7173 for details.



PureJoy!

Devotional

A Heart to Obey

This day the Lord thy God hath commanded thee to do these statutes and judgments: thou shalt therefore keep and do them with all thine heart, and with all thy soul.

Deuteronomy 26:16

One of the best ways to ensure a deepening friendship with God is to have a heart that wants to obey him. When our hearts are eager to respond obediently, we are in a good position to experience God's friendship and hear his voice.

Never forget, as you grow in your friendship with God, that your relationship must be based on Who He is and not on what He can do for you.

As human beings, we do not appreciate it when people want to be our friend because we have an ability to get them something they want. But when someone wants to

be friends with us because of who we are and just because they enjoy us. We respond positively. That principle applies with God also.

So, keep in mind that your relationship with God should be based on Who He is not what He can do for you.

Cucumber Salad



Ingredients

- 2 lb. cucumbers, thinly sliced
- 1 small red onion, thinly sliced
- 5 tbsp. apple cider vinegar
- 1 tbsp. granulated sugar
- 4 tsp. kosher salt
- 1/2 tsp. ground black pepper
- 2 tbsp. fresh dill or chives, chopped

Directions

1. Combine the cucumber, onion, vinegar, sugar, salt, and pepper in a medium bowl. Toss gently to combine; let stand for 30 minutes.
2. Stir in dill or chives just before serving.

School for Little Children

We are super excited that school has started. The children are getting used to a new class and routine, some are even making new friends. We will send home a school calendar with our celebration days as well as closures for holidays. Parents who have not sent your child's supplies please do so, please include a water bottle for your child's use, we will send it home on Fridays to be cleaned, we will also send home nap supplies. All these items need to be brought back on Mondays. Parents who visit the fair and rodeo this year please take a moment to visit our display in the education barn.

Please be aware our hours are 7:00-5:30. Parents arriving after 5:30 will be charged a \$2.00 per minute late fee. All payments are due no later than Wednesday afternoon, payments made after that are subject to a 5% late fee. Beginning September 1, 2023, activity fees in the amount of 25.00 will be due for all children ages 1 and above.

Themes

Mrs. Kaitlyne and Mrs. Randi's classes All About Me

9/4 My Face, 9/11 My Senses, 9/18 Arms, Hands, & Fingers, 9/25 Legs, Feet, and Toes

Mrs. Charlene's theme is Awesome Me, 9/4 Physical Me, 9/11 Feeling Me, 9/18 Social Me, 09/25 Curious Me

Ms. Sherry's theme is 09/04 My School and Me This, Way to Pre-K 9/11, Physical Me 9/18, My Senses, 09/25 I Think and Feel

Our Lesson Plans are from the Frog Street Curriculum. They have activities that cover all developmental areas for children. They also have included a way to teach biblical characteristics.

Birthdays

Selena 09/07

Brilyn 09/08

Raelyn V. 09/11

Owen 09/11

Olivia 09/26

Wyatt 09/29

Holidays (Closures)

September 4, 2023, Labor Day

We hope your child enjoys their time at the SFLC and has fun learning things here. Parents having questions please do not hesitate to reach out to us, we want your child to have a positive experience at SFLC and that can be achieved through us working together!!!

Thank you,
SFLC Staff

SEPTEMBER Anniversaries

Michael & Linda Price	09/07
Jerry Winnie Baack	09/13
Randy & Valentina Duke	09/17
Paul & Mary Miller	09/29

September Ushers

10:00 a.m. Julie Amszi & Kelsey Ramsue

September Greeters

September 3 rd	Frank & Anne Closs
September 10 th	Ron Orlando & Bea Glassco
September 17 th	Lisa Anderson & Monica Viator
September 24 th	Mark Simmons & Denise Thurmond

SEPTEMBER Birthdays

Jeff Faulkner	09/01
Marilyn Blackmon	09/02
Wally Busted	09/08
Marilyn Collier	09/09
Darnell Schrieber	09/12
Shirley Burleson	09/13
Lacy Faulkner	09/13
Heather Dillon	09/14
Bea Glassco	09/15
Elaine Montgomery	09/16
Jackie Cleveland	09/20
Mary Miller	09/23
Wayne Brignac	09/25
Cameron Dillon	09/26
Bubba Faulkner	09/26
Norman Dow	09/29

COLDSRING UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

July 2023

	<u>Jul 23</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Income				
TOTAL INCOME	<u>32,647.24</u>	<u>28,007.66</u>	<u>4,639.58</u>	<u>116.6%</u>
Total Income	32,647.24	28,007.66	4,639.58	116.6%
Expense				
Ask the Client	187.88			
Personnel Expense	11,178.34	16,455.54	-5,277.20	67.9%
Administrative Expenses	-494.32	1,666.65	-2,160.97	-29.7%
Finance Committee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Bus Expense	552.81	166.66	386.15	331.7%
Christian Education	0.00	208.33	-208.33	0.0%
Children & Youth	170.93	187.49	-16.56	91.2%
Senior Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Evangelism	70.83	183.33	-112.50	38.6%
Fellowship	97.65	120.00	-22.35	81.4%
Missions	-482.34	350.00	-832.34	-137.8%
Music Expense	0.00	162.50	-162.50	0.0%
Worship	133.22	166.66	-33.44	79.9%
Buildings & Grounds Expenses	3,584.05	5,544.14	-1,960.09	64.6%
Church Utilities	2,239.14	2,937.48	-698.34	76.2%
Beyond the Local Church	0.00	3,500.00	-3,500.00	0.0%
Total Expense	<u>17,238.19</u>	<u>31,648.78</u>	<u>-14,410.59</u>	<u>54.5%</u>
Net Income	<u>15,409.05</u>	<u>-3,641.12</u>	<u>19,050.17</u>	<u>-423.2%</u>



SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Holy Communion Sunday Garza Sunday School Classes In Faulkner Room 8:30am Sunday School all ages 8:45am Worship Service Sanctuary/Live Broadcast 10:00am	4 <i>Labor Day</i> OFFICE CLOSED Boy/Cub Scouts 7:00pm	5 Mission/ Evangelism Committee Meeting 3:30pm	6 CMYF Youth Group 5:30pm • 7:30pm Psalm 23 Study (Ken Garza) 6:00pm	7	a	9
10 Garza Sunday School Classes In Faulkner Room 8:30am Sunday School all ages 8:45am Worship Service Sanctuary/Live Broadcast 10:00am	11 Boy/Cub Scouts 7:00pm	12 Women with Grace Book Club 10:00am Share the Bread 1:00pm	13 CMM Breakfast 7:00am Finance 815am CMYF Youth Group 5:30pm • 7:30pm	14	15 Women with Grace Prayer Blanket/Busy Bodies 10:00am	16
17 Back to Church Outdoor Worship 8:30am Back to Church Children's Church 10:00am Back to Church Worship Sanctuary/Live Broadcast 10:00am UMCOR BBQ Baked Potato Fundraiser 11:00am	18 Church Council Meeting 5:00pm Boy/Cub Scouts 7:00pm	19	20 CMYF Youth Group 5:30pm • 7:30pm	21 Trustee's Meeting 5:00pm	22	23
24 Garza Sunday School Classes In Faulkner Room 8:30am Sunday School all ages 8:45am Worship Service Sanctuary/Live Broadcast 10:00am	25 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Boy/Cub Scouts 7:00pm	26 Share the Bread 1:00pm	27 CMYF Youth Group 5:30pm • 7: 30pm	28	29	30