Please Pray Three Times Each Day for our Church, and the Search Committee Brian, Terri, Karen, LaVerne, Steven, Chuck, Betty S., Bobby, & Dale, ---

CHURCE

and the Right Candidate and Family to find us.

Next Sunday, August 13, Teacher Appreciation

as our Children's Bible Classes complete the 2016-2017 year and prepare for

PROMOTION SUNDAY, August 20, 2017

We have a new class age beginning!

Women's BIBLE CLASS- an in-depth study of books of the Bible. Judy Moore is teaching HEBREWS, and everyone is encouraged to participate if they wish. All women welcome! Wednesdays - coffee, often a delicious snack, and visiting starts at 10:00 A.M., with class beginning at 10:30.

Thank you, Church!

Your Food Pantry has provided 573 bags of food so far this year.

Next Annual Food Drive MARCH & APRIL, 2018!



Your Benevolence Program has assisted 482 families financially so far this year.

Everybody Welcome: Lunch Bunch— **August 6, STAY FOR FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON!**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome **Brian French**

Sing Songs Together Jerry Fenter

Chuck Reed Prayer

Sing Together

I Peter 2:19-23 **Ryan Ross**

Communion and Offering

*Glenn Smith

Sid Temple

John Hodges

Carl Hunt

Karl Norwood

Felix Kneuper Sermon

Sing Together

Closing Prayer & Grace Greg Guy

STAY FOR LUNCH! Visit with Felix & Lenora, Sean, Hannah & Kara Immediately following worship today. **Everyone!** ~ Come back to hear **Felix** at 6 PM ~Worship in the Auditorium—All Care Groups!

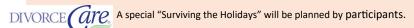
GriefShare continues Wednesdays at 7 PM



Paula Leggett & Betty Keith facilitate

DivorceRecovery will resume: Wednesdays at 7 PM

September 6 -November 15 & November 29-December 6



For the benefit of all worshippers, please silence all electronic devices during worship.



A place where God is praised, lives are changed, needs are met, and friends are made!

Meeting Times

Sunday:

Bible Class 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM

Everyone Welcome at building, with Caregroup #1 6:00 PM Other groups meet in the area. See the LeBlanc or French families for information. Everyone Welcome!

Wednesday:

Women's Bible Class 10:00 AM **Devo, then Coffee & Conversation** 7:00 PM **GriefShare** 7:00 PM DivorceRecovery will Resume Sept. 6, 2017

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SERMON NOTES	~FELIX KNEUPE

August 6, 2017

The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going, both now and forevermore. ~Psalm 121:7-8

WONDERFUL **PROMISE** WHAT A WONDERFUL PROMISE! THE LORD WILL KEEP ME FROM ALL HARM. HE WILL WATCH OVER MY LIFE. THE LORD WILL WATCH OVER MY COMING AND GOING, BOTH NOW AND FOREVERMORE! GOD IS LOOKING OUT FOR ME AND YOU. GOD IS LOVE. GOD LOVES YOU AND ME AND HE WATCHES OUT FOR US. The Lord knows everything about us. He knows our innermost thoughts. He knows your heart. He knows how many hairs are on my head even when I am bald from chemo. Though we are bombarded with news of evil happenings, we have faith and the promise from God that he will be with us. Though we may be threatened with danger, though we may be faced with a serious illness, this is not God's doing, but God is with us and keeps us from harm. On this 70th anniversary, I think of the most horrendous experiences of the people in the death camps in Germany and how the survivors give God credit for their survival. I think of those of us faced with cancer and death threatening illnesses, and it is the faith in God that keeps us on the positive promise of God. I think of those of us who have lost loved ones, especially children, and I think that it is God's promise that gives the sunshine back to us. WE DO NOT LIVE IN A PERFECT WORLD, BUT IT IS GOD THAT PICKS UP WHEN WE HAVE NO HOPE. IT IS GOD THAT WRAPS HIS ARMS AROUND US AND GIVES US PEACE AND HEALS OUR HEARTS. We are children of God and God loves us. We share this love with others and teach others of God's love and the way to salvation through God's love. THE LORD WILL KEEP US FROM HARM. THOUGH OUR PHYSICAL BODY MAY SUFFER, OUR **SPIRIT IS STRONG.** I think of Stephen and when he was dying, while being stoned. Stephen looked up and saw the glory of God and Jesus on his right hand. Stephen was full of the Holy Spirit. God was watching over Stephen and he went home. May each of us remember that we have this same assurance.

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GOD IS WATCHING OVER YOU AND ME AND KEEPING US FROM HARM. HE PROTECTS US

AND SAVES US NOW AND FOREVER. . . and I ask you, "Just how wonderful is that!" Thank you, Jesus, for loving me. Thank you, God, for loving me. Thank you, Holy Spirit, for loving me and for being with me always. Amen. ~ Jean Gunn, 2015

FAMILY NEWS. NOTES & PRAYER REQUESTS

Congratulations!

Susan Theriot Lee & Jerry Hinson

Wed August 3, 2017

Our sympathies and prayers for the family and friends of Judy Moore's sister

Lannie Romero Simmons

who died Saturday, July 22, 2017

Services will be August 12 at 11:00 AM

at The Higher Way Jones Memorial United Methodist Church Eternal Rest Funeral Home 4610 S. Wayside, Houston

Our sympathies and prayers for the family and friends of

Felix Kneuper's Mother

Linda Kneuper

September 9, 1939 —August 4, 2017

Services in Brenham, Texas Monday, August 6, 2017



Please continue to hold in your prayers:

Ina Sue Arnould, Gene Badgett, Beavers Family, Ronnie Beavers, Joann Bloodworth, Jake Brinkley, Van Campbell, Van Cox, Harold & Martha Ann Dixon, Glenda Donnell, Shirley Duhon, Fruge Family, Alexis Green, Jean Gunn, Elaine Guy, James Handley, Jan & Carl Hunt's friend, Nan Gregg, Alan King, Jack Hyde & Pam Kingston, Shirley & Kim Knighton, Heather Knighton's co-worker, Lori Neumann, Diana Landry, Susan Lee's family, Jean Lonadier, Allen Melton, Frances Messina, Judy Moore, Baby Tressie (Kaylani), Nichols Family, Pricilla Bertolio, Ray & Debbi Petree, Eretta Pettit, Leslie Reed's mother, Judy Brushaber, Needa Reed, Pam Romero, Everett Sanderson, Isaiah Shannon, Frances Shoemaker, Carol &Glenn Smith and Carol's mom, Smiths' friend Melissa Carolle, Sid & Peggy Temple, Melody Temple, Norma Trahan, Sheila Yancey.

ATTENDANCE Sunday 7/30/17 AM 97 PM 32 Wed 8/2/17 27

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MINISTRIES & OPERATIONS BUDGET

Weekly July MONTHLY to date Year to Date % <u>-age</u> Actual Regular+ online reg \$ 2,472.00 \$ 12,550.34 \$ 90,083.95 79.09% 2017 BUDGET \$ 3.674.42 \$ 15.922.50 100.00 % \$ 113.907.02 Over / -Under -\$ 1,202.42 - \$ 3,372.16 -\$ 23,823.07

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Bless this food we say but what we really mean is bless this space the creaky floors and worn pews Paul in the center

Gina on the side

Cathy by the aisle Bless this food we say but what we really mean is

bless this time an evening of life traded turned into togetherness

as we sidle up with sagging plates of casseroles

Bless this food we say but what we really mean is bless this agenda and these spreadsheets bless the presentations and payroll these volunteer hours and ideas all given in the service of something often unseen

but felt just the same anytime the door opens the bulletin is given

the hand extended Bless this food we say

but what we really mean is

thank you for the hands

that prepared it

thank you for the love it speaks

thank you for the meal the table that you promised

to all

May everything we do this night

open the doors that much wider and pass a warm plate to any traveler who stops

by this house

~Jeremv Rutledae