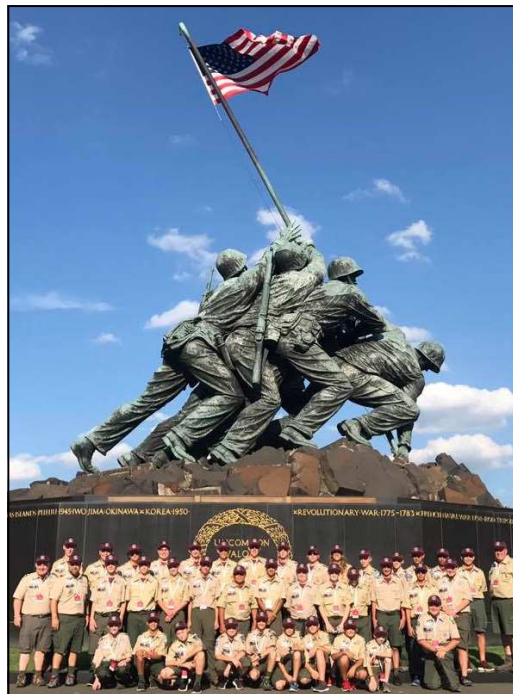


FUMC-Odessa Youth Carry Our Banners Far And Wide The Osage Nation 2017 National Boy Scout Jamboree



Our youth missionaries may be dwarfed by the larger-than-life mural of an Osage tribal member as they pose in front of it in downtown Pawhuska, OK, but their hours of Christian love and labor made them bigger than the vast prairie grasslands. See page 4 for exciting pictures of our students in action as they live our church's mission statement of making a difference in our world.



The 36 members of Jamboree Troop 4219 pose in front of the Iwo Jima Memorial in Washington, D.C. Boy Scouts from our Troop 91 join Scouts from Andrews, Midland and Big Spring on the great adventure of the National Boy Scout Jamboree, July 15—29. See page 5 for pictures of these members of the Buffalo Trail Council.

The Bridge Is Almost Ready...almost



Construction on **The Bridge** continues as the paving of parking lots indicate the eagerly-awaited 'new plant' church is almost completed. Pastor Donnie Williams hopes to begin worship services at the 2901 E. Yukon site by late August.



Todd Salzwedel
Senior Pastor

This last month has been a whirlwind of new information, new experiences, and the beginning of new relationships! My family and I are so grateful for the warm reception you have all extended to us!

In the midst of getting acclimated here at FUMC, I have also tried to get out into

the community to meet other church leaders, community leaders, and people who add to the flavor of Odessa. It's been an enlightening time learning about our new home!

One of the conclusions I have reached is that we are a truly blessed group at First UMC! When I mention that I am from First, I am fascinated by the reputation and perception our church has in the community! From the history and beauty of the downtown campus to the current outreach ventures that include The Bridge, FUMC has substantial impact on the lives of so many in and around Odessa! But far and away, the most significant element that FUMC is known for are the people we have the blessing to call our church family!

On July 23, I went to visit worship at The Bridge, where they continue to meet at LBJ. I shared with them my admiration of the amazing work they have accomplished thus far for the kingdom of God! As I looked around, I recalled times in my past of setting up and taking down chairs, screens, and lighting every time we gathered for worship. The team of people who graciously offered themselves weekly to make it possible for us to gather and praise God continues to

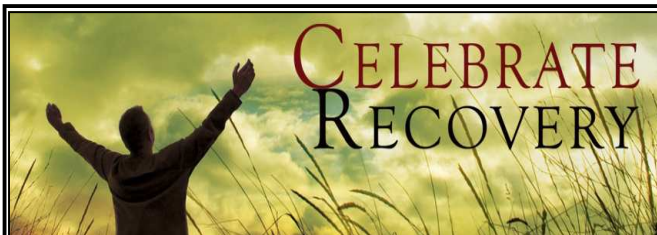


Work continues on the Nick Williams Family Center at The Bridge.

astound me! It was an enormous outpouring of God's love that each person demonstrated without any expectation of repayment.

As I returned back to our downtown campus, I was reminded of the faithful and generous work of so many to make this a possibility. I am amazed at the work of God through each of you as we participate in helping to create a new place for new people to come into a life-transforming relationship with God! All of this reminded me that the perception around the community of the amazing people that call FUMC home is exactly right! God has done, and will continue to do amazing things in our lives, and through us, the lives of so many others as we continue to put our faith and trust in Him!

I want to encourage you that as we near the completion of some goals we have set for kingdom work, God is calling us to new ventures all the time! We have the mandate to be a "City on the hill" and a "light unto the nations." We know that individually, we're not likely to accomplish all that we set out to do, but together, we "can do all things through Him who strengthens me!" *Pastor Todd*



What's Going on at Celebrate Recovery for AUGUST?

Every Monday - 6:30 p.m.
Student Ministry Building

Our lessons for the month of August focus on **TURN and ACTION.**

We make a decision to **Turn** our lives and our wills over to the care of God.

Turning your life over to Christ is a once-in-a-lifetime commitment.

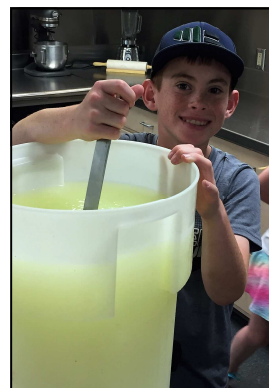
Turning your will over to Him requires a daily commitment.

Recovery happens one day at a time. Our walk with Jesus begins with the commitment to seek and follow God's will. This decision is followed by a lifelong process of growing as a Christian.

Our **Action** is to commit to seek and follow His will.



FoundationKids Serving!



FoundationKids serve at FUMC and around our community. Above the children help the Cornerstone class put together love packs which are given out to the homeless. In the bottom pictures, they are helping prepare food with Samaritans by Grace for the homeless. They have served in several different capacities including at the Midland Baptist Crisis Center. Some of them helped sort clothing donations along with handing out clothes to people in need, and helped unload the food truck. We are blessed with a good group of students.—*April Cole, Children's Pastor*

DID YOU KNOW...



76%

of families wish they spent more "family time" together



61%

of families admit to having a hard time disconnecting from tech devices



91%

of families who play games together say it has a positive impact on their mood

Welcome to D6 at FUMC Odessa! "

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- **Aug.16** Look in your mail for a special details
- **Sept.10** Kids & Youth Sunday School begin D6

We exist for LIFE...To LOVE others, INVITE them to join us as we FOLLOW Christ. .



We had such a wonderful time being Jesus' hands and feet on the Osage Reservation in Pawhuska, Oklahoma during the week of July 2 – 7. We were blessed to be able to help scrape, paint and cut wood for a local former librarian. A few members of our ECHO youth group put on a Kid's Club for local children. And we all were able to work in the local elementary school, cleaning classrooms, painting and landscaping. It was truly a blessing being able to serve!

We also had an awesome time learning about the history and culture of Pawhuska and the Osage Nation. We were able to do several tours of the reservation and met many community members, First United

Methodist Church Pawhuska served the youth free hotdogs, water bottles and apple pie to the community on July 4th.

This trip was truly a blessing for our youth group. THANK YOU so much for your support, both monetary and prayer! — *Caleb Eckel, Student Ministry Pastor*



FUMC youth join in helping to paint and repair houses and do some general clean-up during their Mission Trip to the Osage Reservation in Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

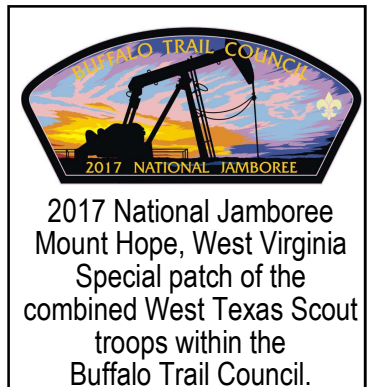
...who Empowers us to make a difference.

Boy Scout Jamboree Troop 4219 was comprised of outstanding Scout troops within the Buffalo Trail Scout Council. The 36-members of Jamboree Troop 4219 included ten Scouts and one adult leader from FUMC-Odessa's Boy Scout Troop 91. Our local scouts truly were outstanding, especially when they wore their white straw cowboy hats among the vast sea of baseball caps worn by the other 39,964 Boy Scouts at the National Jamboree.

The whirlwind 2-week journey to Washington D.C., Baltimore and the Jamboree in West Virginia was filled with typical tourist activities, one-on-one meeting with our local congressman,

a work-day of service, daily adventures, and a special tribute to long-ago fallen Vietnam soldiers from the Permian Basin.

A full accounting of the daily activities can be enjoyed at the FaceBook page for 2017 National Jamboree Troop 4219.



Repairing a walking trail near Mount Hope was the service project for Troop 4219.

Before returning home, Troop 4219, visited the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial. According to the FaceBook posting, the scouts "had cards to place on the wall for the 16 servicemen lost from Midland, 45 from Odessa, 19 from Big Spring and 1 from Andrews. Each boy took one from his hometown and found the name and left a card. Given the names are chronologically, it shows you how friends and classmates may have died together when the names (or cards) are close. Very impactful moment for all of us. Hometown Heroes."





Spice of Life

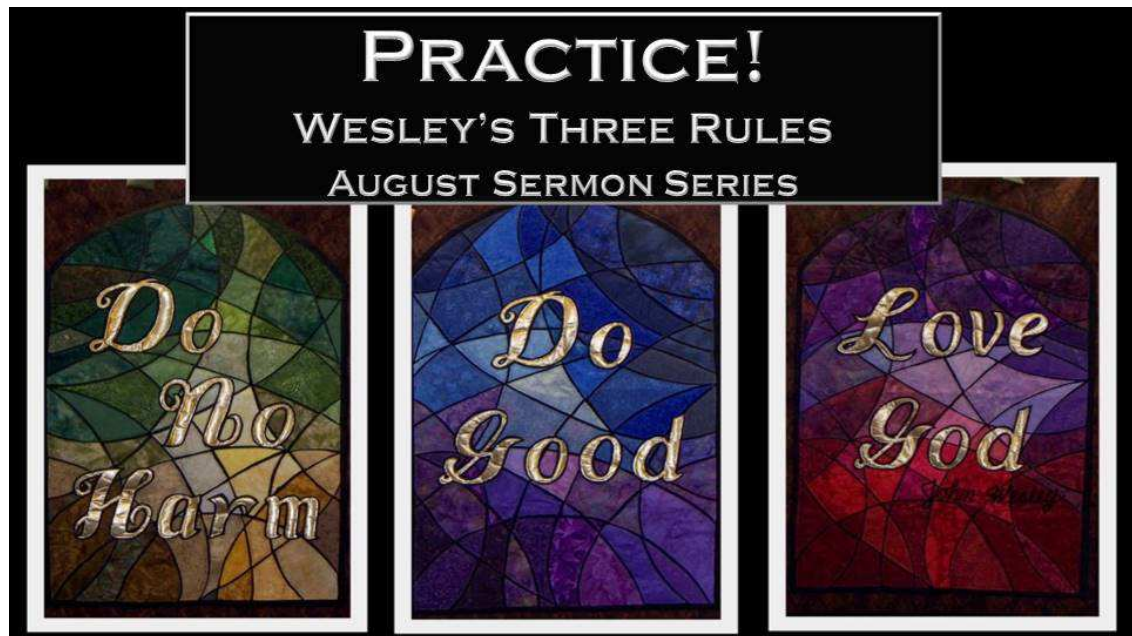
The Spice of Life group met July 20, and had a great time together. There were roughly 25 in attendance. Russell and Beverley Kimble, and Steve and Debra Meador prepared a great meal as usual. It was wonderful egg salad and ham salad sandwiches with all the goodies to go with them. Just right for a hot summer day! Our birthday honorees this month were, An Ell Crudup, Jean Heggemeier, and Marvin Hambry. Marsha Melton decorated our tables with beautiful decorations. Marlene Moss made a beautiful wooden cross for the door prize; Johnnie Williams surprised us with a pop-in visit; and Jody Wallin gave a short program based on the theme of Freedom and Liberty. If you haven't come to "Spice of Life," we hope you will come join us next month and give us a try. I believe you will enjoy the food and fellowship and be glad you came. We always meet on the third Thursday of each month at 11:30 – 1:00 a.m.

Blessings to you all,

Jody Wallin, Congregational Care Pastor



Marvin Hambry, An Ell Crudup and Jean Heggemeier celebrate their birthdays as Beverley Kimble looks on.



August 6 "Simple...Right?"
Do No Harm - Romans 12:17-19

Doing no harm requires diligence
 in how we observe and interact with the world around us.

August 13 "Take a Deep Breath"
Do Good - Romans 12:9-13

It takes deliberate action to on our part as representatives of the Body of Christ.

August 20 "Focus"
Attend to the ordinances of God—Stay in love with God - Hebrews 12:1-2
 Focus on God, the rest of our life seems to fall into place much easier.



With Deepest Sympathy

*To Maudi & Bob Winn
for the loss of Maudi's sister
Mary Uzzle*

*To Shelia Norris;
Barbara & Mike Norris
Susie & Danny Schnaubert
Lisa & Colby Brazile, Jack,
Eve & Guy
for the loss of Shelia's husband,
Dan Norris*

*To Teresa & Mark Alexander
and
Pamela & Mark Mounts
for the loss of Teresa &
Pamela's brother,
Richard Doyle Blount, Jr.*

*To Mary Jane & John Smith
for the loss of their nephew,
Brian Cooke*

*To Kris & Steve Riley,
for the loss of Steve's mother
Ana Riley*

Memorials for July

**In Memory of
Marcie Bush
Given by
Sheri & Jack Wood**

**In Memory of
Jean Johnson
Given by
Mike Withrow
Betsy Triplett-Hurt & Buzz Hurt**

**In Memory of John Mason
Given by
Georgene "Genie" Miller
Marcy & Chas Weatherby**

**In Memory of
Shelly Weaver
Given by
PhyTex Rehabilitation
Jerry Dempsey
The Staff of Marshall Morgan D.D.S.
The Staff of George Hilal D.M.D.
Patsy Staggs
Mike Withrow
Katie & Brian Leddon**

**In Memory of
Vesta Poe-Ellis
Given by
Phillip & Patty Godwin**

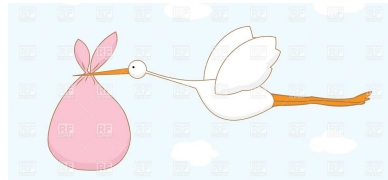
Samaritans By Grace

**In Memory of
Robert Dale
Given by
Susan & Donnie Butler
Marcy & Chas Weatherby**

Family & Youth Ministries

**In Memory of
Shelly Weaver
Given by
Mr. & Mrs. Billy Perkins
Susie Williams
Joyce & Bobby Walker
Susan & Donnie Butler
Compton & Boren Orthodontics
Debbie & Bill Heard
Kay & Doug Whitefield
Cheryl & David Watkins
Earlene Lagow**

**In Memory of
Marcie Bush
Given by
Sheri & Jack Wood**



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Big brother Max



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| 8:00 AM | Adult Bible Class |
| 9:00 AM | Traditional Worship —Sanctuary |
| 10:00 AM | Sunday School, all ages |
| 10:16 AM | The Bridge Worship, —at LBJ Elementary 6401 Amber Dr. |
| 11:00 AM | Fellowship Worship —Fellowship Center |

First United Methodist Church, Odessa, Texas, founded in 1890, is a community of Christians who have pledged to support this church with their presence, their service, their gifts and their prayers. We dedicate ourselves to spreading God's Word throughout our community and to providing meaningful worship experiences, fellowship, and opportunities to fulfill the teachings of Jesus Christ through a variety of ministries. As United Methodists, "our doors, our hearts and our minds are open to all those who seek God's Grace."

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First United Methodist Church-Odessa Mission Statement

*We exist for **LIFE**...*

*To **L**ove others, **I**nvite them to join us as we **F**ollow Christ, who **E**mpowers us to make a difference.*

Echo Student Ministry

Aug 3-5 Rock the Desert
meet at FUMC at 3pm
August 9 Trip to Balmorhea
August 16 ECHO Kickoff Party
August 23 ECHO Youth Group
every Wednesday @6pm

Foundation Kids

August 12 Swim Party
August 23 Wednesday Nights
every Wednesday, 6pm-8pm
Wednesday Nights -Calling All
Faithful Adult Volunteers
August 25 Parent's Night Out
6-8:30pm \$5 per child

School Supplies for FUMC Children's Center

Drop supplies in boxes located in Narthex & Fellowship Center

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| Markers | Batteries(AA, C, & D) | Dry erase markers |
| Crayons | Bibs with snaps | Dry erase boards |
| Washable finger paints | Hot glue sticks | (small) |
| Tempra paints | Large and small poster boards | Paper plates (large and small) |
| Bubbles | Glue sticks | Curling ribbon |
| Large Ziploc bags | Craft sticks | Glitter |
| Small Ziploc bags | High lighters | Q-Tips |
| Toddler paintbrushes | Stickers | |
| Construction paper | Sticky notes | |
| Packing tape | Tissue paper | |
| Masking tape | Bottled glue | |
| Pompoms | Water colors | |
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