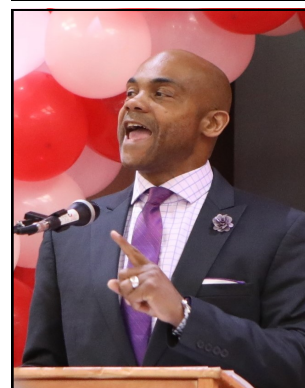


Pray For America: Love One Another



(Left photo) Pastor Todd and Dr. Marcus Goodloe congratulate the hard-working committee members for an excellent event: Jayme Wilson, Alice Salzwedel, and Tamara Stumpner.

(Right photos) Goodie Goodloe mesmerizes the gathering with his intensity, humor, and humility.



In affiliation with the National Day of Prayer Organization, more than 15 Odessa churches worked together to host a luncheon at the Elegante Hotel on Thursday, May 2.

This year's official theme of the National Day of Prayer was "Love One Another." Guest-speaker, Dr. Marcus "Goodie" Goodloe, inspired the gathering with his comments reflecting how the commandment to love one another is "about us." He was referencing the popular television show, *This is Us*, and how it is a reflection of the luncheon theme: Love One Another.

Following the national guideline, Odessa Mayor David Turner offered prayers for elected officials. Odessa Fire Chief John Alvarez offered prayers for public servants. A representative from the Odessa Police Department offered prayers for our military. Pastors Griffin Jones with Crossroads Church, Tim O'Neal with Refuge Ministries, Greg Morris

with Bethany Christian Church, Sean Smith with Asbury UMC, Karin Carlson with Mackey Chapel UMC/First UMC, and Del Traffenstedt with Mission Dorado Church offered prayers for the Media, Odessa Businesses, our schools, our churches and our families. Bob Thayer with Odessa Bible Church closed the event with a benediction.

Sponsors of the luncheon included: Johnson, Miller & Co. CPA's, Forrest Brothers Tire and Alignment, Crossroads Church, First UMC Odessa, Mackey Chapel UMC, Hayes Insurance, Dana Ashton & Ashley Capellini, Tamara & Josh Stumpner, Sewell Ford, Brazile Design and Construction, Inc., Odessa Fence, Inc., A Yard Dog, Inc., and Maple Leaf Marketing, Inc.

Please view more photos from this exciting event on our facebook, *FUMCOdessa*.



Beautiful center pieces created by Yard Dog graced each table.

1st-UMC Celebrates the 6th Anniversary of Celebrate Recovery!

FUMC's Celebrate Recovery outreach ministry began six years ago on May 6, 2013. Since then, we have met every Monday evening from 7-9 pm with only a few exceptions due to bad weather.

On May 6, 2019, we celebrated our anniversary meeting which was meeting #320!

We have shared this Christian Recovery Program with literally hundreds of people who have come through our doors seeking help with their Hurts, Hang-ups and Habits.

Celebrate Recovery began as a dream of John and Cheryl Baker. John dreamed of what a Christian based recovery program should be. It began 28 years ago at Saddleback Church, in Lake Forest, CA. There are now 35,000 Celebrate Recovery churches around the world, and that number continues to grow. We are part of a movement that is bringing the healing power of Jesus Christ to the hurting and broken through working Celebrate Recovery's Step Studies, The Journey Begins, and The Journey Continues.

To date, over 5 million individuals have completed a Celebrate Recovery Step Study.



The Praise Band is one component of the successful Celebrate Recovery Team. (L-R) Jody Wallin, Christine Findley, Margaret Hawkins, and Lori Smith.

I want to personally thank the members and staff of FUMC for their on-going support of our CR program, and the tireless efforts of our CR Leadership Team without which, we would not be able to continue. CR has changed the lives of many hurting and broken individuals by pointing them to the healing power of God through the one and only higher power, Jesus Christ. Praise be to God for the healing that has happened over these past six years. I pray that we may someday be

celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Celebrate Recovery here at our church.

Please come join us, and let God heal your Hurts, Hang-ups and Habits through Celebrate Recovery.

In Jesus' Name--Jody Wallin, Congregational Care Minister

D6 Sunday School Studies for JUNE 2019 New Testament

ELEMENTARY THROUGH ADULT – Ephesians

This study of the book of Ephesians explores the riches of blessings and protections for believers through a grace-based relationship with God. Students can glean valuable instruction and encouragement in recognizing that the gift of salvation is through faith in the work of Christ, as a result of God's undeserved favor, not something that must be earned by personal merit.

D6 2GEN CURRICULUM	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
	Spiritual Blessings in Christ	Riches of God's Grace	Unity in the Spirit	The Believer's Walk	The Armor of God
	Ephesians 1:3-23	Ephesians 2:1-22	Ephesians 4:1-32	Ephesians 5:1-21	Ephesians 6:10-20

PRE-SCHOOL — Armor Of God

Students will examine biblical teaching about the armor of God and explore the truth *God Gives Me Protection*. They will be encouraged to recognize ways God protects His children and challenged to make personal choices to use His armor daily.

Thoughts From Pastor Todd: A Dream Team And A New Worship Service

A few weeks ago, I preached on a passage from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in which he instructed us "do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own" (Matthew 6:34). While I seek to heed Jesus words, the tomorrows are coming way too fast!

The rate of movement here lately has been frenetic in our church and our family. I'm convinced though that only by the grace of God have we come this far! Since January, God has blessed us with amazing opportunities to be in ministry with one another and our community... and I for one am grateful.

I really thought that after the National Day of Prayer/ Night of Praise/May 5th worship, we would be able to take a breath. Boy was I wrong! Instead, we have been witness to the emergence and quick response to two very different and impactful visions that I believe are from God.

First, we began making plans for the long anticipated construction and renovation on our campus culminating in a potential Family Life Center. Though I don't have a lot of confirmed details yet, I would ask that you be in prayer as a "Dream Team" has begun to meet to discern how God might use such a facility for ministry through worship, community engagement, a mission hub, children's/youth ministry, and even sports ministry. Advocates at the city government level are excited about our project and what that could mean for downtown Odessa. Please pray for team that has begun this vital work.

Second, in the past few weeks, an amazing opportunity for ministry and discipleship has literally shown up at our doorstep. In early May, I announced that the church council has agreed to allow recent residents to Odessa the use of our chapel on Sunday afternoons for worship. This is unique in that the folks who are now worshipping among us are refugees brought here by our own government from war torn and volatile areas of Africa. The original intent was for us simply to provide worship space for some of our newest neighbors. A similar ministry exists in Amarillo at St. Stephen UMC where about 200 African immigrants worship weekly. But as God will sometimes do, needs presented themselves and God's spirit tugged at the hearts of many in our church.

The first service was May 19th with about 40 people worshipping in Swahili, and this ministry is quickly growing in scope. Over a matter of a few weeks, people

became aware that these brothers and sister in Christ arrived in the U.S. without clothing, jobs or shelter. People within our church and community quickly mobilized to address some of these deficiencies. It started with an offer of housing (3 houses to date), clothing, offering classes in English, job opportunities, furniture and appliance donations, and eventually assistance in their journey to becoming U.S. citizens. None of this was publicized or asked for in the congregation. Instead, the Spirit of God moved among a few individuals and that spark has caught fire in a miraculous way! It has been nothing short extraordinary to watch people get energized to serve in ways that could only be a movement of God!

This has all happened so fast, it's very hard to explain. For a few days, every time I walked out of my office a different person was stopping me to let me know they had a washer/dryer to donate, a car they were willing to part with/ a storage unit of furniture they would bring. God has been at work.

We are still trying to put some structure to this in order to best serve our new family from "out of town". As we do so, I am confident we will be able to better articulate ways in which you can become engaged if you haven't already. For now, I would encourage you pop your head into worship in the chapel some Sunday afternoon. You don't need to stay the whole time, as worship can last 3 or more hours! But I assure you, whether you understand what is being said or not, the spirit in that room will be contagious. Pray for our newest worship service and congregation: for its leaders and members. Pray for those like Marsha and Dee Melton who have been moved in mighty ways to assist these joyful and grateful people. Pray for those who have been led to become quickly and substantially engaged in aiding these folks as they transition from their own homeland to make this their new home.

If you are interested in learning more about this newest ministry, please talk with me or Karin, Dee or Marsha Melton, or many others who have already been blessed as they bless others.

God is good, and when we open ourselves to his movement in our lives, we truly get to experience those moments like Pentecost when the spirit is palpable among us. What a blessing to be in a church where such movement is not only welcome...it is invited! Invite someone else to join us as we move together where God leads us!

Pastor Todd



Fond Farewell To Organist Gayle Bizzell.

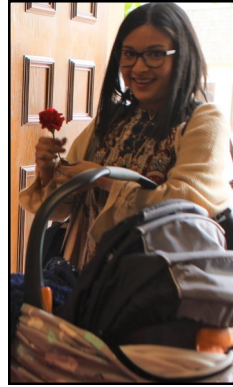
For 18-years, organist Gayle Bizzell has made the traditional worship service come alive with her musical skills.

Gayle is pictured reacting to the tribute given by Larry Johnson, on behalf of the sanctuary choir.

Pastor Todd presented roses as a token of gratitude for her dedication.

Honoring Our Mothers

The Church was bustling on Mothers' Day. All women were given a carnation at the Traditional and the Fellowship worship services. Adorable children led the call to worship and stole the show with their singing. The United Methodist Women hosted yet another beautiful tea honoring Mothers. The premiere of the FoundationKids' Photo Booth was a huge hit with new mothers and with mothers who have years of experience. Please view more photos on our facebook. FUMC/Odessa.



Honoring Our Senior Class of 2019



Benjamin Corman

Graduating from Permian High.

Plans to attend UTPB majoring in Music Education and Vocal Performance

Wants to be a music teacher and performer.



Abigail Gutierrez

Graduating from Permian High.

Plans to attend UTPB majoring in Business & Management.

Wants to be a Business Manager.

Favorite Bible verse: *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" — Philippians 4:13*



Grace Henry

Graduating from Permian High.

Plans to attend West Texas A&M major in Music Education
Wants to be a Music Teacher.

Favorite Bible verse: *"We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love. — Romans 5:3-5*

Bryndle Meinkowsky

Graduating from Permian High.

Plans to attend University of North Texas, majoring in Speech-Pathology.

Wants to be a Speech pathologist and ASL interpreter.

Favorite Bible verse: *"Do not be afraid—I am with you! I am your God—let nothing terrify you! I will make you strong and help you; I will protect you and save you." — Isaiah 41:10*



Andrea Muzquiz

Graduating from Odessa High.

Plans to attend Odessa College to major in Nursing.

Wants to be a Nurse at Cook's Children's Hospital



Zachary Zarazua

Graduating from Permian High.

Working at All American Chevrolet Odessa

Plans to be a Diesel Technician

Jack Carney

Graduating from Odessa High.

Will attend OC to study Business
Future career: Business Manager



The Spice of Life group met last Thursday, and had a great time together. There

were about 30 in attendance.

Russell Kimble cooked a great meal for us, and Dee Melton assisted him in serving it all up and making everything just right! Thanks, guys, for your hard work and dedication! Our birthday honoree this month was, Kay Szenasi. Kudos also go to Marsha Melton who decorated our tables with beautiful decorations and furnished the candy treats as well as the door prize. Jody Wallin



Jody Wallin and Kay Szenasi

gave a short program based on a Mother's Day theme.

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 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

*Blessings to you all,
Jody Wallin, Congregational Care
Pastor*

FoundationKids Say THANK YOU for helping send kids to camp through the very successful — and delicious — BBQ Fundraiser.



Family Date Night is a great time to come out and enjoy a night of fun fellowshiping with your family and friends. It's a wonderful opportunity to express yourself through art. We welcome everyone to enjoy the fun with us!
*Melanie Taylor, Assistant
Family Ministry Director*



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James & Caroline Ater Howard
Builders Sunday School Class
Doris Mason
Wanda Chenault
Shonna Harper

In Memory of James L. Chenault Given by Wanda Chenault

In Memory of
Mary Williams
Given by
Shari & Michael Santorelli
Nancy & William Stewart



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Geneva Mosley Joslin
Given by
8am Sunday School Class

In Memory of
Jim Morris
Given by
8am Sunday School Class

In Memory of
Genie Miller
Given by
Lura & Dick Sivalls

Children's Clothes Closet

In Memory of
Genie Miller
Given by
Doris McElmurry

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In Memory of
Genie Miller
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In Honor of
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Given by
Wanda Chenault

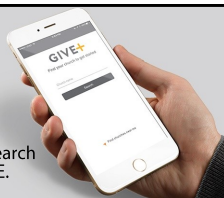
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10:16 AM	The Bridge Worship, —3901 E. Yukon
11:00 AM	Fellowship Worship —Fellowship Center

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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*To **Love** others, **Invite** them to join us as we **Follow** Christ,
who **Empowers** us to make a difference.*



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