



Home - a place of refuge, a place to gain strength for life's challenges, a place where we grow together in our commitment to uphold God's Church by our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

**"A Place to Call Home"**

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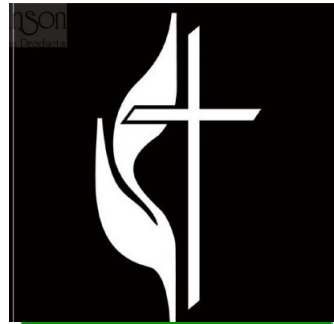
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The power of a church's influence is immeasurable; the ways in which she exercises that influence are countless. We are witnessing first hand this influence at work in the lives of people, many of them complete strangers.

A call came into our church office and was answered by someone other than a pastor. The caller asked, "Is this the church where the pastors make the radio commercials?" "Yes, our pastors are on the radio," she was told. The caller shared how the life she had known for so long had just ended abruptly and that she was deeply hurt. She then added, "I can relate to the commercial about one's 'scars.'" She then asked, "Is it okay if I come to your church?" You probably know what she was told! "Of course, you can come." And she did. The power of a church's influence.

Another call came into the church office from a hospice worker asking if we could minister to a couple where the husband was in the final stages of Alzheimer's. Our Congregational Care team responded immediately. Relationships were established; lasting friendships formed, and eventually tears shed as once total strangers walked together "through the valley of the shadow of death" when the husband died. The power of a church's influence.

Hurting lives were influenced not by "brick & mortar" but by "flesh & blood." The way in which we choose to live our lives determines the power of our influence.

Blessings,  
Ed & Jo Ann

**Welcome New Members!**



**Cory, Carly, Maddie, Ella, & Lillie Barnette**



**Kem & SJ Woodard, Alea & Carter**



**Henry, Alia, & Hollie Johnson**

# WEDNESDAY NITE LIVE CLASSES



**Lessons from the Tackle Box “Letters From Dad” (Fred Hagaman)**  
 The BIG question still remains: If God were to take you home today... what would your wife and children hold in their hands tomorrow that would let them know that they were the treasures of your life?  
 You are invited on a journey...  
 a journey to leave a legacy of Faith, Hope and Love.

## DISCIPLE

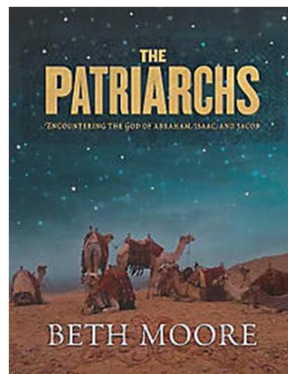
**Disciple (Debbie Migues)**  
 Disciple I Bible Study – Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study – Each 8 week study will involve studying the Bible and small group time with video/discussion. This Fall the 8 week session begins with Creation in the Old Testament - Genesis through Joshua.  
 In the Spring for the next 8 weeks, we will complete the Old Testament with 1st Samuel through Zechariah.



**1st John– A verse by verse study ( Rev. Ed Cooper)**  
*Certainty in an age of Uncertainty*  
 As a Christian, do you ever feel confused, conflicted, bewildered by all that is happening in our world? What do I do? How do I respond? What should I know? Good news! You’re not alone! This 6-week verse by verse study introduces you to similar people with similar questions. Join us!

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**HEBREW NAMES OF GOD (Rev. Jo Ann Cooper)**  
 Did you know that **LORD** and **Lord** have two different meanings? Elohim, El Roy, El Elon, Yahweh Tsidqenu are just a few of the other names for God that we will explore. Each name studied through Scripture will allow us to see an attribute of God that invites us into a deeper relationship with God. This 6 week study will be offered on **Wednesday mornings from 11:00-12:00, beginning August 23rd.** Please contact Pastor Jo Ann for more information.



**The Patriarchs (Lorrie McKay)**  
**The Patriarchs: Encountering the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob - Bible Study FOR WOMEN** by **Beth Moore** Throughout this 10 weeks of exciting, engaging intrigue, participants will plunge into the heart of Genesis, to God’s remarkable pursuit of relationship and to the unfolding of His earthly plan: that through one nation—and ultimately, one man—all people on earth will be blessed. Many of the most profound and enduring concepts in the whole counsel of God’s Word are initiated in this marvelous book of beginnings.  
 Isaiah 51: 1-2 “Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the Lord: Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn; Look to Abraham, your father, and to Sarah, who gave you birth. When I called him, he was only one, and I blessed him and made him many.”

Here’s a chance to learn how we made one more from one too many– a study of Genesis 12-50 with Beth Moore guiding our way. All you need to participate in this 11– week study is a Bible and a member book for “The Patriarchs” member book. Come join us for a look into the past.

# Focus on Caring



## Assisted Living Friends

- Bailey Place Assisted Living, Bunkie, LA- Vernalea Floyd
- Brookdale- Patsy Honigman
- Marigold House- George & Elaine Telfiero, Mary Maddox
- Montclair Park Assisted Living, Shreveport, LA- Patti Wisenbaker

## Nursing Home Friends

- Hilltop- Meril Crawley
- Matthews Memorial- Joan Payne
- Oak Haven- Virginia Smith
- Regency House- Frances Buckalew
- The Oaks- Cecil Hammond
- Out of State- Willa Vee Messer, TX



## Homebound Friends

- Elaine Beck
- Ayme Beeson
- Marcy Bowen
- Rick Bryan
- Belinda Carner
- Geneva Clark
- Dee Jones
- Al Lauret
- Bernie Misner
- Fred Tannehill



- 1- Alexander Morrow
- 2- Bretta Lutz, Reyn Sewell, Doris Lofton
- 3- Randy Crawford, Betty Morgan, Bernie Misner
- 4- Harold Corley Sr.
- 5- Jay Slayter
- 6- Maggie McWaters
- 7- Ray Bennett, Judy Bruce
- 8- Jenny White
- 9- John Sewell, Meril Crawley, Judie Barnette, Erin Stroud
- 10- Ritchie Martin
- 11- Richard Robinette, Sylvia Kerry, Jeff Meilleur, Jay Evans
- 12- Bob Nash
- 13- Michelle Hoben, Barbi Kokemor
- 14- Barney Ford, Alice Wood
- 15- Bob Sebastian
- 16- Jackson Price
- 17- Chase Slayter, Susan Grand
- 18- Ginnie Locke
- 19- Melba Keiser, Peggy Martin, Noland Marcantel, Nicole Weir
- 20- Randall Keiser, Jerrie Stehr
- 22- Virginia Smith, Jeanie Simmering
- 23- Sue Lee, Connie Gates
- 24- Ben Stewart
- 25- Rae Delaney
- 26- Patricia Cain
- 27- Drema Miller
- 28- Sydni Fontenot, Glenn Lacour
- 29- Laura Miller, Roy Walker, Deanna Hodges, Catherine Wiley
- 30- Jim Hurst



- 2- Tom & Binnie Gauthier, Billy & April Nugent
- 4- Charles & Niki Hoyt
- 6- John & Claire Dauzat, Larry Owens & Nita Taylor
- 7- Hal & Inez Ward
- 10- Jay & Denise Evans
- 12- Rodney & Sharon Moore
- 17- Dale & Judie Barnette
- 22- Dale & Tammy Bordelon, Lane & June Cripps
- 27- Phillip & Cori Tassin



**October Newsletter Deadline is Wednesday, September 20th**  
 If your ministry or small group has something upcoming or has done something you would like to share, the newsletter article deadline is September 20th. Anyone can submit a 250 word or less article by the deadline each month. If you have questions, please contact the church office.

“Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how much mercy he has shown you.” Mark 5:19

# UPCOMING SEPTEMBER EVENTS



**Breakfast — Sunday, Sept. 3rd**  
7:00am, Fellowship Hall



Lisa Clark with the American Cancer Society will be our guest speaker. We hope you'll join us!

**OWL Salsa & Jelly Sale**

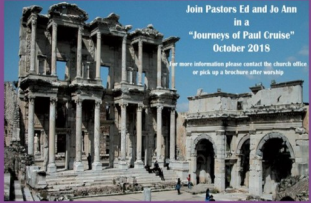


The United Methodist Men Ministries will sell OWL Salsa and Jellies Sunday, September 3rd from 9:00 AM—1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall to support the Louisiana Children's Home in Ruston.



**STONE SOUP MINISTRY**

When: Sunday, September 3rd  
Time: 4:00-5:00PM (The church van will be leaving FUMC at 3:30PM if you need transportation.)  
Where: Parking lot of old KRRV building, 1515 Jackson Street  
We provide a time of worship, sharing, as well as a light sack meal, to those who can't come to us.  
We hope you'll make time for this outreach ministry. You will leave feeling greatly blessed!



Join Pastors Ed and Jo Ann in a "Journeys of Paul Cruise" October 2015

There will be an information meeting about the "Journeys of Paul Cruise" on September 5th at 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall



**Discipleship Ministry Team Meeting**  
Thursday, September 7th  
6:00 P.M.  
Large Conference Room



**Pizza & Praise**

A worship experience especially for children and young families  
September 10th @ 5:30PM  
in Fellowship Hall



**Red River DULCIMER ENSEMBLE**

The Red River Dulcimer Ensemble, along with singers from Arc Angels Choir, under the direction of Jane Oxenhandler will be our guests at Coffee & Conversation with Women on Monday, September 11th at 10:15am  
Contact Jane Jones (641-8884) for more information. New members and guests are always welcome! Invite a friend!




**Church Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, September 12  
6:00pm  
Pairs & Spares Classroom

**Parents' Night Out**

Friday, September 15th 6PM-9PM

Who: kids ages birth to 6th grade  
Where: PFUMC Children's Department  
Cost:\$5  
Bring the kids for a time of fellowship, food and fun! Sign your kids up today by calling the church office or following the link at pinevillefumc.org.



**Reademption Book Club**


Tuesday September 19, 6:00pm  
Z: An Experimental Mutiny Against Excess by Jen Hatmaker  
Order on Amazon.com  
Contact Bonnie White @basnmw@gmail.com or 318.451.6728.  
Reademption Book Club on Facebook & Receive updates by texting @readem to 81010.



**Estelle Dameron-Betty Cummings Circle Meeting**  
will meet on September 19 @ 10:00am in the parlor



**MIDMONTH COMMUNION**  
September 20th 12:15-12:45



**Dianne Bolton Circle**  
Kick-off Meeting— Thursday, September 21 @ 6:00 at the home of Debbie Morrison.  
The Program will be "The Magnolia Story" (aka HGTV Fixer Upper Story)

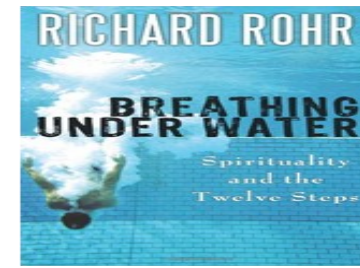


**CHARGE CONFERENCE**  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD, 9:30AM-12:00PM  
ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ALEXANDRIA



**Worship Committee Meeting**  
Tuesday, September 26th  
6:00pm  
Large Conference Room

# UPCOMING BIBLE CLASSES



**"Breathing Under Water: Spirituality and the Twelve Steps" (Dr. Kelley Pears)**  
Dr. Kelley Pears will lead a 6-week class on how the gospel principles in the Twelve Steps can free anyone from any addiction. Using Richard Rohr's best-seller, *Breathing Under Water*, as a guide, this open-forum type class will allow participants to share personal stories of faith, fear and growth.  
**This class begins Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> @ 9:45 AM.**



**Life after divorce (Rev. Jo Ann Cooper)**  
Those of us who have experienced, or are experiencing, a new path because of a broken relationship understand the struggles, the opportunities, and the anxieties that come from starting over. We hope you will join us as we walk through scripture, tradition, reason and experience in our journey towards healing and new beginnings. For more information please contact Pastor Jo Ann.  
**Class will begin October 18<sup>th</sup>-November 15<sup>th</sup>.**



**Pumpkin Patch 2017 is almost here!**

Set up and decorate the patch September 30  
Pumpkin delivery October 1st  
Trunk or Treat October 22

**Look for sign up sheets At Ministry Fair on September 10!**

Sign up online at [www.pinevillefumc.org](http://www.pinevillefumc.org) or go to this link:  
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c48a8ac2da1fa7-pumpkin>

**Backpack Program**

\$12,400.00 was raised for this year's Backpack Program! A special thanks to everyone that contributed!




**Donuts & Devo**  
Beginning September 7th

Start your morning off with JESUS, Friends & Harlow's Donuts!!!  
**THURSDAY mornings at 6:30 AM**  
We will have a short devotion, prayer, fun and donuts, of course!!!  
Bring a Friend!!!  
BYO\$\$ #LitJesus

# Youth Focus

Julie Lafosse  
Director of Student Ministries



Here are a few stories from some of our youth who attended Convergence this year:

This is my fourth convergence and this year my experience was very different. I've never been to see homeless camps before. It was very eye opening and I've realized how much stuff I have that I take for granted. For example like my phone and a nice bed. My "wow God" moment was definitely when Michael (one of the homeless gentlemen we met) came on the bus. He was so happy and enthusiastic and then he prayed for us even though it feels like it should be the other way around. Despite all of his hard times he never lost his faith in God and I think we all need to take a lesson from him and stop taking things for granted, especially God's love.

My experience at convergence was amazing I enjoyed it and had fun. But it was real eye opening to me how these people live and that's their lives and how we have everything almost and they have nothing it just makes you realize how good we have it no matter what even when we think the worlds coming to an end because our phones are about to die, but this weekend was a true adventure and I enjoyed it.

My experience at Convergence was awesome. I never knew how some homeless people could be so full of happiness. I'm not homeless and they seemed more happy than I normally am.



# Kids' Focus

Niki Hoyt  
Director of Children's Ministries



## KICK OFF

CALLING ALL FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE STUDENTS!

JOIN US SEPTEMBER 17TH FROM 4-6 PM.

Food, Fun, and Fellowship!

Bring a friend!

For more info call Niki at church office!

## Upcoming Fun for PFUMC Kids!

September 15: Parent's Night Out, 6:00 -9:00 p.m.

September 10: Pizza and Praise, 5:30 p.m.

September 17: Planet 56 Back to School Kick Off, 4:00 p.m.

## Volunteer Spotlight: Ritchie Martin!



Family Members: Denise, Michael (19), Henry (17)

Occupation: owner and operator of Martin Meats

Volunteer Position: I teach 5/6 grade Sunday School, and Jr high boys on Wednesday nights

My favorite Bible verse: Philippians 4:13

I have taught Sunday School total for about 20 years, 7 here at PFUMC, youth for about 6

I love seeing the kids learn more about Jesus, and helping in any way I can.

If anyone wants to make a difference in the lives of children/youth I would recommend that they take the first step and volunteer. It will be one of the best decisions you will make.

## What Being an Acolyte Means To Me

By Harry Hoben

Hi, my name is Harry. I am 10 years old and I love to acolyte. It is an honor to bring the light of Christ into the church. Because God did many things for me, I can serve him by acolyting. I love to serve my God, family, and church.

