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First United Methodist News

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Sterling City First United Methodist Church

Family of Harriet Hutchison

Sterling Abbott - Cancer treatments

Courtney Hodges - in Kenya

Maddie Smith - Mission Trip to Ireland

Elizabeth Staggs - Breast Cancer

Bill Keel

Clayton Smith

Dennise Pittillo

Gareth & Courtney Brewer

Stan Horwood

Felicia and Isla Eldred

Skeete Foster

Grace Copeland

Mike & Jaynell Bodine

Rain

LeRuth Stewart

George & Barbara Horton

Churches searching for musicians

Cross Tracks UMC Liberty Hill (fire)

Ceanie Merritt

Jane's niece Karen

Martha Lawson

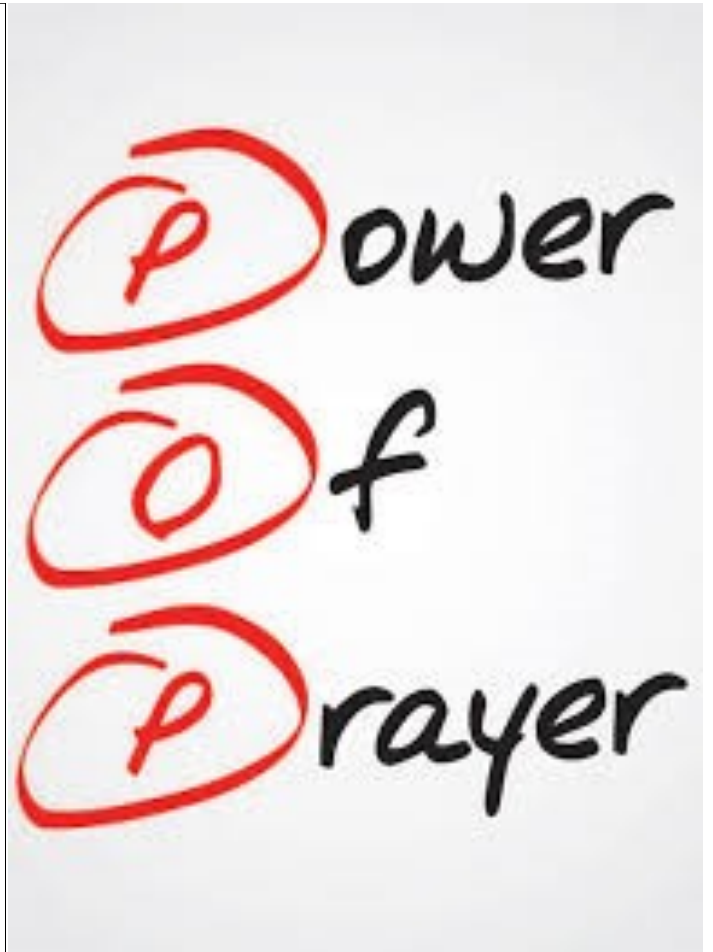
Hailey Peters

Sheldon Johnson

John Wright

Florence Bodine

Leadership of our Country





Hello Friends!

Boxes, boxes, boxes. That is what my home looks like right now as we have moved in the beautiful parsonage provided by you, the church. My wife, Amy and I are very grateful for the welcome we have received into the Sterling City community and our church. Our daughter is away at camp for the next two weeks so she is missing all the fun.

But what about all those boxes? Before we left Sabinal, we discovered there were things (in closets, the bedroom dresser, or in Shelly's room) we no longer needed. We needed to "de-clutter." Many items did not get to make the move and most, we were able to give away.

This week, I had the opportunity to sit in on the Women's Bible Study (Tuesday @ 9:00, if you are interested). The group is reading *The Good and Beautiful God* by James Bryan Smith. Part of the study is a discussion on practices of Spiritual Formation. One of those practices is quiet, to still ourselves and be quiet. For five whole minutes! Well, we made it and discovered that what makes quiet or peacefulness hard is the ability to still our soul. To turn off the world of 24-hour news cycles, work, and/or busyness to make room to listen for God. To "declutter" our mind. To focus on the art of *being* rather than *doing*.

So, church this is my prayer for you on this, my first week in Sterling City. To still ourselves in the presence of God, to "declutter," and listen for the small voice. A small voice who is also the creator of the universe. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Peace, Pastor Glenn



1st Scooter McCaleb

2nd Kas Johnson

4th Kregg McKenney

4th Courtney Parham

6th Meredith Copeland

6th Debbie Horwood

10th Jill Jameson

15th Sarena Terry

16th Robert Janek

16th Peighton Glass

17th Dennise Pittillo

19th Gary Foster

19th Lonnie Horwood

21st Lauren Pittillo

23rd Jinger Hendry

25th Scott Clark

26th Hudson Cox

26th Roger Williams

30th Diana Fox

July Birthdays & Anniversaries

7th Trey & Culley Jo Wilson

9th Clyde & Denise Parham

12th Leslie & Stephanie Stafford

17th Jim & Melanie Noble

19th Bob & Janet Rauch

22nd Kregg & Diana Mckenney

22nd Fred & Betsy Thompson

22nd John & Dennise Pittillo

26th Bobby & LaNae McClure



July Announcements

- ⇒ **Tuesdays @ 9am** - Women's Bible Study
- ⇒ **Tuesday, July 30th** - Matthew Hasty, from Child Protective Services, will speak on recruitment for foster/adoptive homes in our area. This is an information meeting in Sterling City to provide information on the process of fostering and adoption. This meeting is open to the public and will be held in the church Fellowship hall from 5-6pm.
- ⇒ **August 8th - 11th** - Camp Awesomeness 2019 will be at Slumber Falls off the Guadalupe River. The camp is for kiddos entering 4 - 6 grade. The Theme this year is Olympic Faith. Registration is available at <http://lakehillsumc.org/camp-awesomeness-2019> Please contact Pastor Glenn at 325-374-5258 for more information. We are looking at providing transportation, to do this, we will also need a volunteer from the church to serve as a leader to meet our safe gathering guidelines.

