



The Trumpet

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The Pastor's Corner

What an amazing time to be part of such a vibrant and flourishing church. I am so honored and thankful to be serving alongside all of you here at Bandera UMC. This is one of my favorite times of the year. The weather has turned cooler, sports are in full swing, and we are so close to being finished with all the political ads – at least for a week or two!!! And, here at the church, we take time to assess the previous year and we begin making plans for the year to come. One of those ways is by creating and approving a missional budget for next year. Much work has already gone into this process and reminded us of many of the ways our church makes a difference.

We support the work of missionaries both here and abroad, we feed and clothe the less fortunate here at home, we are reaching more and more young people with the Good News that God loves them (almost eighty school aged children and youth come every Wednesday!), and we support many local organizations – people know that when they are in need, they can count on us. We are truly blessed to be a blessing!

On Sunday, November 4, 2018 (Commitment Sunday), we are asking those who call this church their home to return an Estimate of Giving card for the coming year. Please take some time to determine the percentage of your total income that you are offering to God and either bring your card with you to church that day or send it in to the church office.

We are also finalizing plans for the Church Conference that will be held on Sunday, November 11, 2018 immediately following our late service. A great meal will be provided and we will take time to celebrate many of the amazing things God has done in and through our church over the last year. And we will hear about some of the really great things we believe God is leading us to for 2019.

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As I think about how blessed we are as a congregation, I am aware that God is calling us to be even more of a blessing to the community around us. We are hoping to reach senior citizens, families with special needs, even more youth and children, and the underserved and less fortunate among us. This all means that we will need **MANY MORE** of you to step up into leadership and servant roles. I believe that God's Spirit is planting the seed in some of you even as you read this. If so, please let me know.

Thank you and thank God for you! Pastor Kyle



FAITHFUL

CHRISTMAS THROUGH THE EYES OF
JOSEPH



Holidays can get complicated - especially for busy families. Amid the decorations, gifts and parties, we celebrate one simple message: A child was born and the world was forever changed. And this year, we will experience it from a different perspective – that of a faithful father. Join us for our Advent series - Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph.

Maybe it's been a while since you were in church or you know someone for whom it has been a while, and that's okay. Now is the perfect time to share Christmas with your family and friends. Please join us during the Holy Season beginning on November 25th.

CHURCH CONFERENCE

Please Join us at 12:15pm



on Sunday, November 11

Travel with Pastor Kyle and a few others from Bandera UMC to the Valley to help construct a BRAND new home in one week for the Carbajal family (see above). We will join with many others UM churches and ALL skill levels are encouraged to attend. You can join for as short as one or two days or as long as the full week!

Talk to Pastor Kyle if you have questions or want to sign up. For more information - <http://www.homeinaweek.org>.

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Oh give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name;
Make known His deeds among the peoples.
1 Chronicles 16:8

FINANCIAL REPORT

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With the September numbers finalized and October tracking looks good, our church financials are strong. While we continue to maintain a secure balance in the operating account, we have also paid down the Expansion Project note to an amount that will allow us to be debt free on the note by years end. Throughout the year we have been able to support our mission teams and their work and accomplishments are evident here and abroad. We should end the year with a surplus in our budget, but we must remember that this is all the result of our church families hard work and generous givings.

As we begin to look ahead to a new fiscal year we need to reflect on where we are. Our church is vibrant with an obvious excitement in our youth programs. The need has been shown that more space is needed for our Sunday school classes as well as our church family which tends to swell over at our 5th Sunday luncheons. We have a Building committee looking at those needs and whatever their results provide I hope we will react proactively and not retroactively.

Commitments were made by us all as we became members of the Church and it is that time when we need to review our individual goals of tithing and service to the Church. If you have been approached for service, I hope you welcome the opportunity, and if you have not been approached I think most volunteers are welcome.

Going forward, it is time for our financial pledges and I prayerfully hope you will give deep thought as to what our Church provides and what you can do to help support our missions.

Let's have another great year.

Wayne Antenen
Finance Chair

ST. NICK FESTIVAL

Hello Congregation

Our St. Nick Festival is scheduled for Wednesday, December 5th. We are in need of clear mason jars in various sizes with or without their lids. Your donations can be brought to the church office during normal operating hours (9am-1pm) or to the church nursery from (8:30am-12noon) on Sundays. Thank you for your help and support.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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2nd	Genie Wright
2nd	Lindsey Lewis
3rd	Shandra Zickler-Sanders
4th	Elizabeth Scott
5th	Richard Treece
6th	Ken Dahlberg
7th	Wes Capes
8th	Turner Warren
10th	Barbara Brightwell
12th	Mitch Freeman
13th	Jamie Ward
14th	Marianne Sandidge
14th	Sully Woodland
15th	Lyndsey DuBose
16th	Amie Gray
17th	Heather Grant
17th	Belva Richardson
18th	Jessica Tyra
18th	Betty Haynes
18th	Carilee Robbins
18th	Dan Sandidge
20th	Tom Connor
21st	Susan D'Spain Cammack
21st	Megan Locker
22nd	Debbie Chastain
22nd	Roger Bellows
22nd	Alec Conoly
23rd	Travis Chastain
24th	Cody Woodland
24th	Suzette Bellows
24th	Wade Brosz
26th	Jean Heep
27th	Jean Darling
27th	Peggy Ashmore
28th	Betty Wayne
28th	Ginny Brient
28th	Rob Sandidge
29th	Michelle Kassai
30th	Ernest Schladoer

BONNIE'S BEAT

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On October 31st, we will hold our Annual Trunk-or-Treat in conjunction with the city's Nightmare on Maple Street event at the city park. We will "open" at 5:30 and hand out goodies until the candy is gone. There will be hot dogs, games, prizes, inflatables, and many other fun surprises! This is a fun evening for all of our church families as well as a great outreach to our community.

C.R.E.W. Fall Retreat is coming up November 3-4, 2018. We will leave BUMC around 8:00 am Saturday morning and head to Knott Creek Falls in Harper, where we will meet up with the youth groups from Fredericksburg UMC and Johnson City UMC for a fun-filled weekend of rest, relaxation, food, and fellowship. We will hike and explore the area, play games, fellowship, worship together, and, as always, EAT! The trip is open to all students in grades 6-12.

HELPING HAND

Helping Hand had a very busy September. We assisted 350 individuals and 135 families, 20 of those families being new to Helping Hand. Through September of this year the monetary value of food, clothes, household items, toiletries, and furniture we gave away totals \$112,720.

Our special food requests for both November and December will be canned goods, stuffing mix, and other items needed to fill both the Thanksgiving and Christmas food boxes for those in need in Bandera County.

Our church will be helping with Ringing The Salvation Army Bell at Lowe's on Monday, December 3, through Wednesday, December 5, from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Sign up sheets will be forthcoming. Your help is appreciated. All money collected stays at Helping Hand.

Thank you for your continued support in so many ways and monetary giving to Helping Hand as we continue to serve those in need in Bandera County.

