



Newest Request 1st: Gene Brogdon, Family of Jan Truax, Cheryl Clifton, Family of Danny Edwards, Sheldon Smith, Billy Willet, Betty Jo Thompson, Aries Haygood, Fred Brogdon, Eddie Wright,

Johnny Jones, Charles Lee, Rachel Thompson, Jim Kight, Mousie, Dianne Avret, Pam Griggers, Bowen Family, Merle Wilkes, Fran Williams, Charles James, Mary Ann Kavakos, Jess Inman, Eugene Joyner & Family, Connie Anderson, Marion Franklin, Betty Gray, Betty Grimes, Kate Kennedy. ***We are honored to be in prayer for the needs of our people. If you would like to add your request to our prayer list, please call the office or fill out the prayer request slip on Sunday mornings. If you would like to receive additional prayer from our prayer chain, please call Jane Benton at (912) 293-6543.***

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July 19, 2017

"Our family is our first church." --Jessica LaGrone, Dean of Chapel, Asbury Theological Seminary

Next month, we'll begin an important and exciting journey. We'll be focusing on our First Church. While our church is named Lyons First United Methodist Church, the first church in our lives is made up of those closest to us--our family and our friends.

On August 13th, we will begin our church-wide journey called "Grow at Home" based on the book by the same name by Winfield Bevens. My hope is to celebrate family discipleship and equip families and extended families to make their homes their first church.

This is a series about family discipleship. How can we live our faith among those who know us best? What is our opportunity and responsibility in our children's faith? How can we break the ice and have a thriving life of discipleship in our own inner circles?

This is a series for everyone. Many among us experienced discipleship in our homes growing up. Others have actively invested in the faith lives of their children as they've grown up. Whether you currently have children at home or not, you have a lot to offer every family and every child. After all, we all share in the vows we made to every baptized child.

So, get ready to celebrate family discipleship! Our youth and children will offer special presentations in worship. Families in our church will read the Bible passages in worship.



We will have a special Heritage & Homecoming Service and covered-dish lunch on August 20th with special guest Rev. Bill Bagwell (who is proud to have raised his children in Lyons!). And we'll have a special Parent's Night Out on Friday, August, 25th. (See inside for details).

Plan to join us beginning August 13th. Invite people you know to this exciting time. And begin praying for everyone's "first church" today!

Do you have a special story of family discipleship? Did your parents/guardians help you grow in faith? Did you have any special times of family discipleship with your children? Your stories can inspire others. We want to hear them! Please send them to me at pastorjimmorrow@gmail.com or call me and we'll get together!

With Joy in Christ,

Pastor Jim

Announcements

Parent's Night Out When: August 25th from 6-10 p.m.

Where: Children's Ministry Room, FREE

Children must be at least 3 months old.

Bring your kids in their PJs and a sleeping bag/something to cuddle up with! We will be watching movies, popping popcorn, making our own ice cream sundaes at the ice cream bar, eating pizza, playing games and learning about Jesus!

To register your child, please sign up here:

<http://lyonsfumc.org/ministries/parents-night-out>

Children & Youth Back to School Bash on August 6th 2-5 p.m. at Speck and Sarah Nobles home. Please join us as we fellowship and enjoy this time before our busy schedules start back up. See you there!

Canoe Trip: "The Youth will have a canoe trip on Saturday August, 5! Any youth who want to attend need to sign up in the youth group and talk to JD Mitchell. It's almost upon us so sign up as soon as possible!"

We do not have a time for the canoe trip yet. We are waiting until closer to the date to know whether we need to canoe on another river and that could affect the time. JD Mitchell

Nominations for the Heritage Recipient are being accepted until August 10th. Nominees must be church members for at least 15 years and have served many aspects of our church activities. Please be prayerful in your nominees as well as for our Heritage committee. You may turn your nominations in at the church office or give them to Mary Ellen

Assisting on Sunday, July 23, 2017

Ushers: Branden Bowen, Pacer Joyner, Bill Hammock
Jimmy Brandenburg

Nursery Volunteers: Brooke Smith & Kim Alexander

Flowers: In Memory of Louise & Cleo Smith

Given By: Randi & Tommy Smith

Assisting on Sunday, July 30, 2017

Ushers: Kirk Little & Crew

Nursery Volunteers: Amanda Morrow & Jamie Winge

Flowers: To the Glory of God

Given By: Dot & Dickie Alexander

Assisting on Sunday, August 6, 2017

Ushers: Mike Lothridge, Jay Mosley, Kevin Hill
Kim Stephens

Nursery Volunteers: LaWana Smith & Debbie Johnson

Flowers: In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. W.A. Flanders, Roy
J.B. & Kenneth Flanders

Given By: The Family

Assisting on Sunday, August 13, 2017

Ushers: Mike Calhoun, Charles Nobles, Powell Collins
Gil Williams

Nursery Volunteers: Lori Tuck & Sandra Williams

Flowers: In Memory of M.H. & Myrtle Calhoun

Given By: Mike & Vickie Calhoun & The Family

Attendance & Stewardship

	7/2/2017	7/9/2017
Morning Worship	131	113
Evening Worship	No service	No Service
Sunday School	72	72
Budget Received	\$5,628.00	\$5,560.00
Budget Needed YTD	\$176,865.12	\$183,415.68
Actual Receipts YTD	\$157,328.54	\$162,988.54
Bldg Fund	\$105.00	_____
Food Pantry	\$100.00	_____
Youth	\$25.00	_____
WOH Thrift Store	_____	_____
Capital Campaign	\$730.00	\$119.45

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