

Sir, give me this WATER
so that I won't get THIRSTY
AND have to keep coming here
TO DRAW WATER.

JOHN 4:15, NIV

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**Weekly Update of
First United Methodist Church of Kaufman**
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Week At a Glance

Sunday, January 9

9:00 a.m. Agape Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Praise & Worship

Monday, January 10

6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Tuesday, January 11

12:00 p.m. Kaufman Sewing Guild

6:00 p.m. Kaufman Bee Meeting

6:00 p.m. Raggamuffins

Wednesday, January 12

10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study

5:15 p.m. Fellowship Supper

5:45 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study

6:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 13

4:00 p.m. Trinity Rehearsal

6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

If you have a meeting or event to add to the calendar, contact Pam in the church office.

Dear Members, Friends, and Supporters of the FUMC Kaufman Family, What a joy it is to begin a new year at FUMC with you! We accomplished many goals during 2021 and finished the year united and strong with a surplus of over \$3,000. You are a great people, a great congregation and God blesses us with a brand new year in which we can share the love of God.

On Sunday, we remember what it means to follow Jesus in baptism. It is our calling in baptism that causes us to be a people of love, a people of discipleship, and a people of service to all people.

Where is it that we should utilize 2022 to express the love of God in the community of Kaufman and the other areas we serve? Where do you see God directing us to serve?

God is faithful to stretch our hearts with the love that God pours into us such that we will overflow with God's love in ministry when we search for people in need.

God is at work within us. Let's move "earnestly" with God toward the forward growing edge of our lives, our faith and our church!

God's best to you and yours,
Stephen Cotten, Pastor

Faith's Role in Love

In *It's Okay Not to Be Okay*, Christian author Sheila Walsh looks at the all-encompassing love that Jesus expects of his followers.

He commands us to "love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself"

(Luke 10:27, ESV).

But we can't love that way without faith, Walsh writes. "*I'm not living by faith if I have an answer to everything.*"

If I understand everything God does or doesn't do, then all I need to love him with is my mind. We're called to love him with more." That "more," she explains, involves these paradoxes:

"We love with all our heart, even when it's broken.

We love with our soul, even when our humanity wrestles against our situation.

We love with our strength, even when it's almost gone.

We love with our mind, even when we don't understand."

Even if God's purposes and plans don't make sense here on earth, we can heed this advice from the great preacher Charles Spurgeon: "When we cannot trace [God's] hand, we must trust his heart."

I am updating our church records and contact information.

Please email, call/text, or mail the following info for all household members.



Name:

Address:

Phone Number: (please note if it's cell or home. Also let me know if you would like to receive text messages on your cell phone.)

Email:

Birthday:

Wedding Anniversary:

If you have any questions, call/text me at 214-538-4727 or email fumc-kaufman.org.

Thank you,
Pam Caffey



If you feel sick, we ask that you please take care of yourself and one another by staying home.

People with COVID-19 have reported a wide range of symptoms from mild to severe illness.

Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Anyone can have mild to severe symptoms.

People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

This list from the CDC does not include all possible symptoms. Older adults and people who have severe underlying medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing more serious complications from COVID-19 illness.



Debbie Gilham - January 2
Maegan McNeely - January 2
Shiloh Lear - January 9
Kelly Caffey - January 10
Gil Altom - January 12
Pam Caffey - January 15
Ann Harris - January 16
J.H. Kirk - January 19
Joe Resendiz - January 21
Carol Altom - January 29

Bible Study with Stephen Each Wednesday

- ◆ Mornings at 10:00 a.m.
(Coffee & refreshments provided)
- ◆ Evenings at 5:45 p.m.
(Come at 5:15 p.m. for fellowship supper)

If you have questions,
contact Stephen or the church office.

Sunday School Classes

Agape Class meets each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
in the Adult Education Center.
Coffee is ready at 8:45.

Raggamuffin Class meets at the home of
Mike & Pam Rogers & Jim & Earlene Davis
(Alternating Months)
on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

NEW CLASS!! Begins January 16

- ⇒ New Adult Class
- ⇒ Children Sunday School

If you would like to volunteer to help with
Children or Youth Sunday School,
please call the church office, or let Pam know.

Community Outreach

NOW Backpack Program

NOW Backpack Program will be an ongoing mission for us throughout the school year. The program is run by the school counselors and the student leadership class.

They provide food on the weekends to those students that may not have access to necessities at home.

There are 17 students in the program.

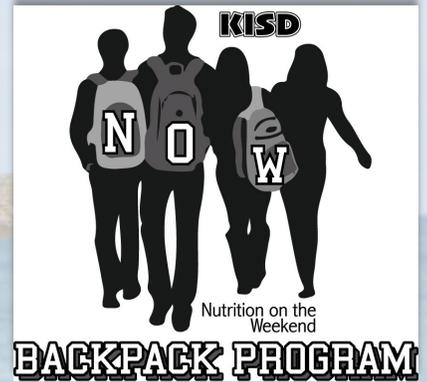
Each Friday, the students receive a duffle bag of

non-perishable food items and once a month toiletries are put in their personal backpacks.

The counselors also requested these items specifically: (We have collection boxes in Fellowship Hall and Church Office)

- * Peanut Butter, Bottled Water, Fruit Juice Boxes
- * Jeans (all sizes for students 6-8 grades, no holes or tears, new or gently used washed are okay)
- * Shampoo, conditioner, soap or body wash
- * Dry Shampoo

If you can help, contact Pastor Stephen or Pam.



Meals On Wheels

Our church delivers meals each Wednesday throughout the year to those served by Senior Connect - Kaufman Meals on Wheels.

This would be a great ministry to invite a neighbor or friend to go along with you. It's a blessing to those you serve and to you.

The location to pick up meals is at 607 E. Fair Road, located within the Kaufman Civic Center.

You can do a ride along with any of the seasoned volunteers to check out the route and to see if this is a ministry you would like to help with.

For more information or to volunteer,
contact Pam Caffey.

Biblical resolutions

Hold firmly to your faith (Hebrews 4:14)

Assemble with the saints (Hebrews 10:25)

Pray and thank God earnestly (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18)

Petition God for great blessings (Malachi 3:10)

Yield not to temptation (1 Thessalonians 5:22)

Notice opportunities to serve others (Galatians 6:10)

Examine yourself daily (2 Corinthians 13:5)

Work diligently for the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58)

Yearn for righteousness (Matthew 5:6)

Exercise godliness (1 Timothy 4:7)

Aim for sinless perfection (Hebrews 6:1)

Redeem the time, living wisely (Ephesians 5:15-16)

Puzzle!

Match each clue with the correct biblical dreamer.
Use the Scripture hints if needed.

- ___ 1. This person's brothers were irritated to hear of certain dreams.
- ___ 2. Angels went up and down a ladder in this person's dreams.
- ___ 3. This person dreamed about skinny cows eating fat cows.
- ___ 4. After an unpleasant dream, this person warned a loved one to avoid Jesus.
- ___ 5. This person saw a statue whose feet were smashed by a stone.
- ___ 6. A dream warned this person (plus family) to flee to Egypt.
- ___ 7. This person saw a vine produce grapes, with juice squeezed into a cup.
- ___ 8. A dream warned about Herod's evil plan.

- A. Pharaoh
(Genesis 41:17-21)
- B. The Magi
(Matthew 2:12)
- C. Jacob
(Genesis 28:12)
- D. Pharaoh's cupbearer
(Genesis 40:9-11)
- E. NT Joseph
(Matthew 2:13)
- F. OT Joseph
(Genesis 37:9, 11)
- G. Pilate's wife
(Matthew 27:19)
- H. Daniel (Daniel 2:31-35)

Answers: 1. F, 2. C, 3. A, 4. G, 5. H, 6. E, 7. D, 8. B

God, you are always doing "a new thing" (Isaiah 43:19) in the world and in my life.
On the cusp of this new year, open my heart to your good plans.

Lyrics for Sunday, January 9, 2022

Trust and Obey

CCLI Song # 7056336

Trust and obey
For there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus
But to trust and obey

When we walk with the Lord
In the light of His Word
What a glory He sheds on our way
While we do His good will
He abides with us still
And with all who will trust and obey

Not a shadow can rise
Not a cloud in the skies
But His smile quickly drives it away
Not a doubt nor a fear
Not a sigh nor a tear
Can abide while we trust and obey

Then in fellowship sweet
We will sit at His feet
Or we'll walk by His side in the way
What He says we will do
Where He sends we will go
Never fear only trust and obey

Trust and obey

I Surrender All

CCLI Song #23189

All to Jesus I surrender
All to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him
In His presence daily live

I surrender all
I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed Savior
I surrender all

All to Jesus I surrender
Humbly at His feet I bow
Worldly pleasures all forsaken
Take me Jesus take me now

All to Jesus I surrender
Make me Savior wholly Thine
Let me feel the Holy Spirit
Truly know that Thou art mine

All to Jesus I surrender
Lord I give myself to Thee
Fill me with Thy love and power
Let Thy blessing fall on me

All to Jesus I surrender
Now I feel the sacred flame
O the joy of full salvation
Glory glory to His name

Lyrics for Sunday, January 9, 2022

Adore

You stepped down from heaven
Humbly You came
God of all creation
Here with us
In a starlit manger Emmanuel
Light of the world here to save

Adore Come let us adore
O come let us adore Him
The Lord
Worship Christ the Lord
Let all that is within us adore

Wise men bring their treasures
Shepherds bow low
Angel voices sing
Of peace on earth
What have I to offer to heaven's King
I will bring my life my love my all

Angels sing praises ring
To the newborn King
Peace on earth here with us
Joy awakening
At Your feet we fall

Lord, I Want to be a Christian

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart,
In my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart,
In my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

On Eagle's Wings

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

When Jesus Came Down To Jordan

When Jesus came to Jordan
to be baptized by John,
he did not come for pardon
But as the sinless one.
He came to share repentance
with all who mourn their sins,
to speak the vital sentence
with which good news begins.

Come, Holy Spirit, aid us
to keep the vows we make;
this very day invade us,
and every bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction,
the gift we covet most:
to share the resurrection
that leads to Pentecost.

Take My Life, and Let It Be

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of they love.
Take my fee and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.