

WEEKLY UPDATE

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[A message from Pastor Rhea](#)

Luke 20:9-16

9 He began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard, and leased it to tenants, and went to another country for a long time. 10 When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants in order that they might give him his share of the produce of the vineyard; but the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. 11 Next he sent another slave; that one also they beat and insulted and sent away empty-handed. 12 And he sent still a third; this one also they wounded and threw out. 13 Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.' 14 But when the tenants saw him, they discussed it among themselves and said, 'This is the heir; let us kill him so that the inheritance may be ours.' 15 So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? 16 He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Heaven forbid!"

The parable of the wicked tenants is an excellent example of just how far unchecked arrogance and self-righteousness can take us from God, and from our identity as God's people. It can so twist and distort us that we cannot see the reality that stares at us in the mirror.

The tenants have become so utterly convinced of their importance, even though the land where they live and work belongs to someone else, that they think anything they do is excusable. They can do nothing wrong, and anyone who doesn't agree is just in the way.

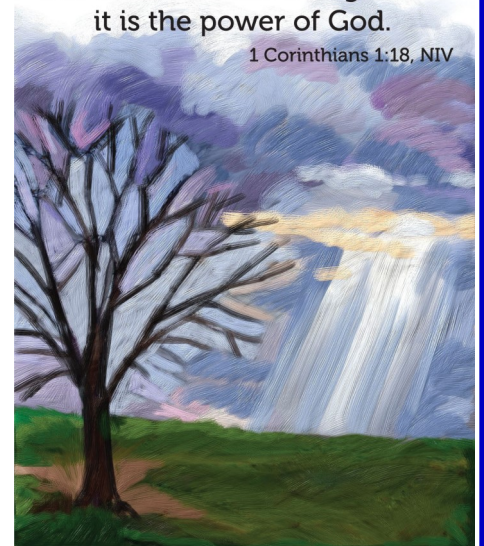
But the thing about such arrogance is that it never begins in that extreme. It begins when we can't recognize our place in God's kingdom: we are servants. It begins when we refuse to practice humility, grace, compassion, and fail to see God's image in others. And it ends with us thinking our image is God. Let us instead look to Jesus, and remember that his humility led him to suffer so that we might be saved.

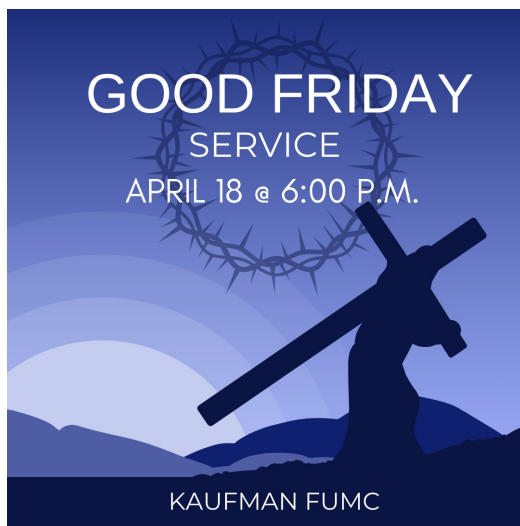
See you Sunday!

Rhea

For the message of the cross
is foolishness to those
who are perishing,
but to us who are being saved
it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18, NIV





**At our Good Friday Service
we will reflect on the
suffering and crucifixion of
Jesus, with music and
readings from the Passion
narrative.**

Lenten Sermon Series: Faith Works

MARCH 9- BELIEVING (ROMANS 10:8B-13)

This is the foundation of faith. We must examine our own belief and whether it matches our words and actions.

MARCH 16 - IMITATING (PHILIPPIANS 3:17-4:1)

As we grow, we need examples of faithfulness to which we look and aspire to follow.

Choral Special "Grace"

MARCH 23 - LEARNING (1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-13)

We must be able to adapt and improve as we continue to learn and grow.

Children's Choir Special "Awesome God" and "Only a Boy Named David"

MARCH 30 - RECONCILING (2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-21)

As we learn and grow, we will also make mistakes. We must not only learn from them, but work to heal the hurt we cause when we fail.

Choir Special "Written In Red"

APRIL 6 - BEING HUMBLE, BEING CONFIDENT (PHILIPPIANS 3:4-14)

There is a balance that comes with maturity, and a healthy spirit seeks that balance.

Joyful Ringers ft. Dave Spaulding "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

APRIL 13: PALM SUNDAY - LOOKING TO JESUS (PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11)

As we enter into Holy Week, preparing to witness to Jesus' experience of trial, death, and resurrection, we look to him as our example. By looking to Jesus, the life we are building comes together.

Choral Palm Sunday Special "On That Day When He Rode Into Jerusalem"

Gather at the Cross

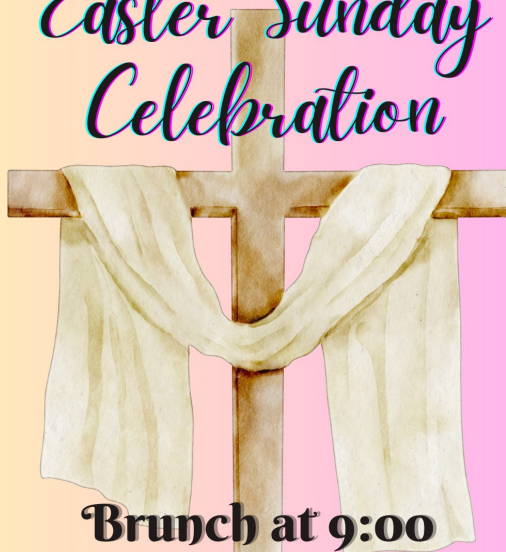


Open Invitation to Members & Guests

You are invited to join the Agape Class and Gather at the Cross on our church grounds Easter morning at 8:15, prior to Easter Brunch. We will have a brief ceremony, removing the black cloth that represents mockery, suffering, crucifixion, and death of Christ and replace it with the white cloth that represents the resurrection of Christ. The white cloth remains on the cross from Easter Sunday through Ascension Day when the cross remains bare until next Lenten season.

Chairs will be brought out for this brief ceremony. Please join us as a meaningful way to begin our special Easter Sunday.

Easter Sunday Celebration



Brunch at 9:00
Egg Hunt 9:45
Resurrection Celebration 10:15

Our Easter Sunday Celebration will begin with our annual Brunch and Egg Hunt. Please bring a breakfast - type dish to share.

As you enter the sanctuary on Easter Morning, for Resurrection Celebration, on April 20, please add a flower to our cross for the *Flowering of the Cross*. You may bring your own or use some of those that are provided.



We are receiving donations of wrapped Easter Candy, pre-filled Easter Eggs, and plastic fillable eggs. Please drop off in the West Room or church office.



SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER

APRIL
27

JOIN US AFTER
CHURCH FOR A
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VBC.

**SUGGESTED
DONATION: \$15**



Embark on a Road Trip Adventure at VBC!



Join us for a journey where young travelers explore exciting destinations with the navigator and their pup, Scout! Through Bible stories, games, and challenges, they'll discover that God is always with them. Road Trip VBC is more than just fun—it's a journey of faith and friendship!



Kids will set their GPS to biblical truth, learning from Biblical heroes and our theme verse, *"The Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."* Joshua 1:9

Mark Your Calendars: June 24th - June 27th!

There's a place for everyone to help make this adventure possible! Whether you pass out flyers, donate items, decorate, sing, cook, teach, or drive the bus, your talents are needed and appreciated.

Interested in volunteering? Contact

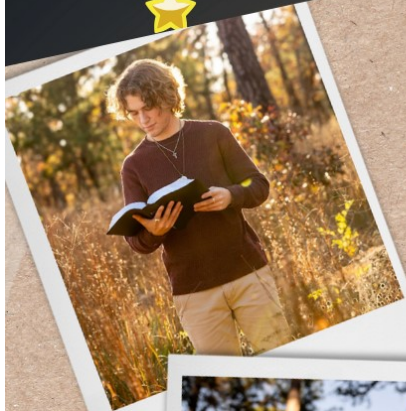
Leslie Bullock 325-201-3855 or

Shiloh Lear 580-743-0071

Let's create an unforgettable
journey together!



Beau Thompson 2025



We are proud to announce that Beau will be graduating from Kaufman High School. He will be attending the University of Texas at Austin as a Neuroscience major with Honors in Plan II and Polymathic Scholars.

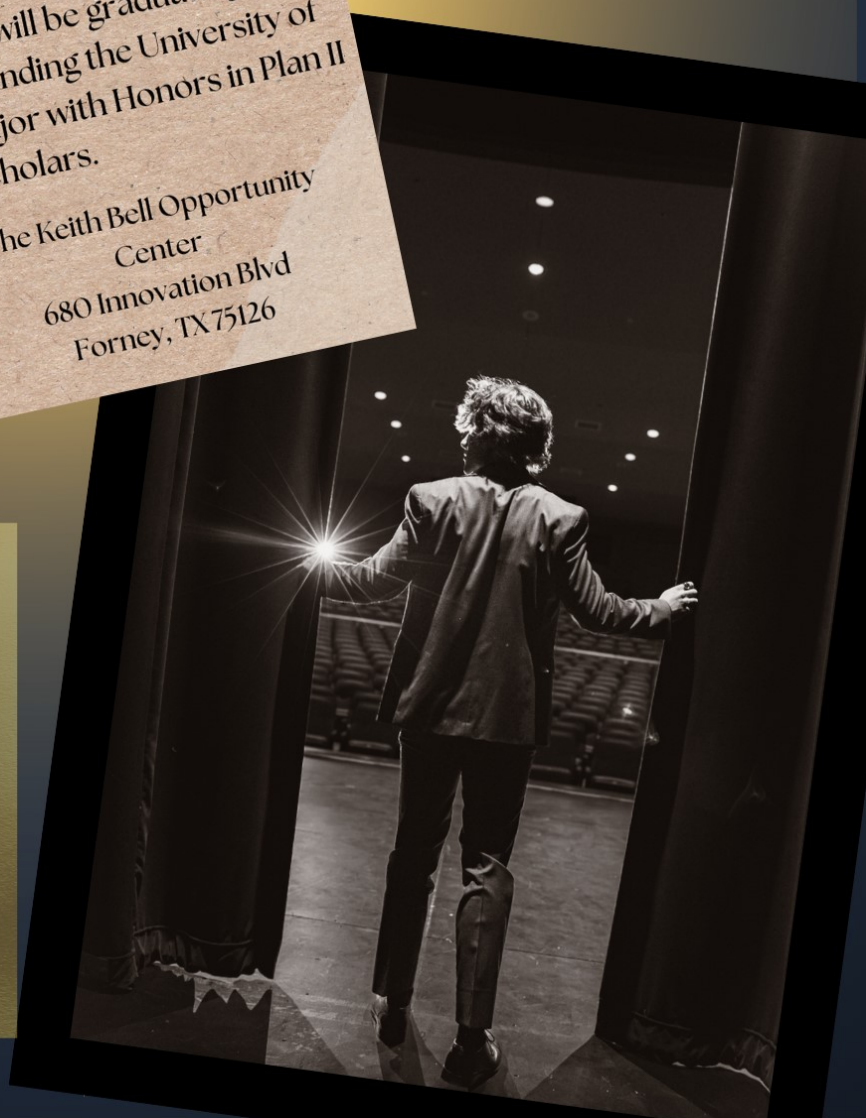
May 16, 2025
7:00 pm

The Keith Bell Opportunity
Center
680 Innovation Blvd
Forney, TX 75126

On May 4th, after worship service, everyone is invited to gather in Fellowship Hall as we honor our Class of 2025 Valedictorian, Beau Thompson, and celebrate his accomplishments, thus far. There will be many more in his bright future.

The Thompson's would like to thank the entire congregation for being their "village".

Please continue to keep Beau in your prayers as he continues his education in Austin.





Sunday School

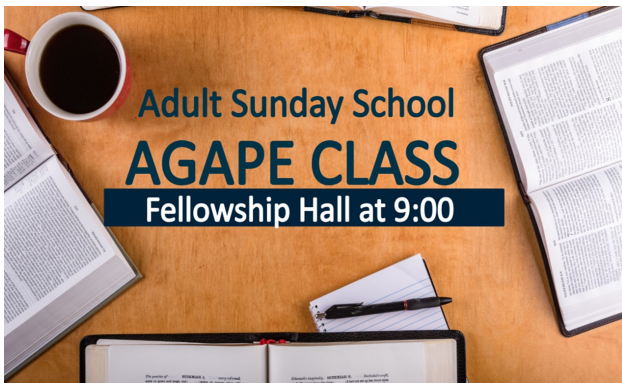
Where Bible Study and Fellowship Meet

All Classes begin at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday



Adult Sunday School Class meets in Adult Center. *Come learn, and grow in grace with us.*

Good Fellowship, Good Conversation, Good Friends, and Good Coffee.



Adult Sunday School **AGAPE CLASS**
Fellowship Hall at 9:00

Bring your children ages Pre-k through 5th grade to our weekly Sunday School Class in the Orange Room.

With games, video, songs, activities, and bible lessons, Leslie, Robin, and Tana will help your kiddos learn what matters most is to Simply Love Jesus and each other.



1 John 4:7 'Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God.'



Mr. Mike is excited to lead our youth with biblical teaching, encouraging them to live into their growing faith, and mentor them as they seek to apply Christian values in their daily relationships.

Mike with bring the donuts!

Birthday Blessings!

Toby Kitchens - March 30

Nora Goodman - April 2

Al Shoultz - April 19

Hallie Patterson - April 20

Mike Pottorff - April 25

Luana Johnson - April 26

Tonianne Nelson - April 30



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 13, Palm Sunday

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Children and Youth Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, April 15

10:00 a.m. Friendship Sewing Group

2:30 p.m. Mary Group

6:30 p.m. Rachel Group

Wednesday, April 16

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

5:00 p.m. Trinity Rehearsal

5:30 p.m. Children's Choir

5:45 p.m. Bible Study

6:00 p.m. The Joyful Ringers Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 17

6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

Friday, April 18

6:00 p.m. Good Friday Service



April 20 - Easter Celebration

April 27 - VBC Fundraiser Lunch

May 4 - H.S. Graduation Luncheon

June 10 - Salad Bar Luncheon Fundraiser

June 24-27 - Vacation Bible Camp



NOW Backpack at OP Norman Jr. High

At this time we have 18 students identified as in need for the service.

Below is the list of things that are in need:

Shampoo and Conditioner
peanut butter
tuna or chicken pouches
small juices

The Leadership class and Mrs. Maly thank you so much for the generosity of the church. It helps out tremendously!

Senior Connect - Kaufman Meals on Wheels

Partnering with Senior Connect, our church delivers a hot meal to our neighbors each Wednesday throughout the year.

If you would like to learn more about this ministry, please contact Pam Caffey.

