

Sunday, August 13, 2017

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

POCKET VERSE

25 And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. 26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Matthew 14:25-27

PRELUDE Lisa Lowry

WELCOME

***HYMN** *Awesome God* CH #179

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed UM #881

GLORIA PATRI UM #70

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN** *Trust and Obey* CH #571, vss. 1,4,5

***HYMN** *Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone* Screens

BAPTISM (11:00) Patti Brewer

BAPTISMAL RESPONSE : *With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Patti with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in her service to others. We will pray for her, that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.*

SCRIPTURE Matthew 14:22-33 (NRSV) (8:30) Martha Oxford (11:00) Joy Stone

CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00) Pam Greenberg

OFFERTORY PRAYER

"For God so loved the world, that God gave ... !"
John 3:16 (adapted)

***DOXOLOGY** UM #95
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

ANTHEM *Open My Eyes That I May See* Chancel Choir

MESSAGE *Vision Adjusts Focus to See Jesus* Pastor Stephen Cotten

***HYMN** *You Are My All in All* CH #583, vs. 1

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION**
You Are My All in All CH #583, vs. 2

POSTLUDE Yvonne Hampton

*Please stand as able *CH: Celebration Hymnal *UM: United Methodist Hymnal



**Ignite Kids and Youth
Back to School Bash
August 30, 2017
6:00 pm - 7:15 pm**



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT
DINNER & ACTIVITIES**
Resumes after Labor Day.
We need teams to prepare meals
Call the church office
@ 903-537-3616
and let us know if you can help.




Prayer List

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| Tara Allen | Lila Drees | Margie Jagers | Lena Mae Reeder |
| Joe Anderson | Kenny Duck | Nadine Jennings | Dan Rembold |
| Dejah Arnold | James Duck | Jolynn Johnson | Don Rose |
| Troy Arterbury | Sharron Meek Elliott | Blake Jones | Carol Ann Scott |
| David Brewer | Chuck Etheridge | Robert Jones | Peggy Stutts |
| Janie Bynum | Victoria Fletcher | Bob Kerr | Johnny Tom |
| Brandon Cantrell | Jim Fritz | Charles Lowry | June Weaver |
| Patty Cheatwood | Oleta Gann | Lou Gene Maxton | Rick Welker |
| Terri Coleman | Travis Gann | Dennis McBride | Liam Wilmeth |
| Carolyn Dalton | Jan Banman Gracia | Lanny Moore | Wynne Family |
| Elaina Davis | Tommy Heard | Donna Naber | Marilyn Young |
| Barbara Danley | Hailey Hudson | Allen Nottingham | Melissa Zenteicher |
| Norma Jean Draper | Sheryl Hughes | Dawn Parsons | |

Please Note: Names added to the prayer list will remain on the list for 30 days if needed. They will be relisted by request.

If you would like to have a prayer request emailed out or would like to add someone to the prayer list, please email the Church office at office@fumcmv.org



**Wednesday Pastor's
Bible Study will
resume after Labor
day.**



Six areas to promote growth in Christian Fellowship:

- *Programs for Young Families
- *Expanding Programs for Youth
- *Community Services
- *Transportation for Elderly, Youth and Children
- *Welcoming Newcomers
- *Expanding Adult Fellowship.

Which one do you have a passion for?
Contact Jean Ann Marshall to join a team.
903-537-4569
jeanannm@suddenlink.net to join a team.



2017 Lunches of Love

We have reached the conclusion of another summer of Lunches of Love. During the last week we averaged about 85 students each day. All students were able to choose free books to take home which were provided by Lisa Lawrence from the Library. Mrs. Sewell from the Junior High did an art project with the older students.

We say a huge Thank You to our daily bus drivers, kitchen teams, and teaching/activity teams as well as to those who presented devotionals and programs and donated food and money. Lunches of Love is truly a community ministry.

Welcome!

We welcome you to today's worship celebration service. We are happy you are here and pray that your spirit is refreshed.

Please fill out the attendance registry with your name, address and phone number...so we can keep in touch.

FINANCE COUNTERS

August

13 Linda Barnhart Tom Sample

20 Brian Ruyle Neil Scott

27 Mike Fisk Monty Newsom

September

3 Linda Moore Randall Byrd

This Week

Sunday, August 13

8:30 am Worship Service

9:30 am Refreshments

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

6:30 pm Grace Notes

Tuesday, August 15

MVISD Teacher Luncheon

4:00 pm Stephen Ministry

Wednesday, August 16

9:30 am Prayer Time

NURSERY

We have a nursery available for your children in Rainbow Hall.



Administrative Meetings

Finance Meeting

Monday, August 21 @ 6 pm

Nomination Meeting

Monday, August 21 @ 2 pm

Church Council Meeting

Monday, August 28 @ 6 pm

MINISTRIES

MINISTERS	THE CONGREGATION
CHILD CARE DIRECTOR	Ellen Leslie
MUSIC DIRECTOR	Candace Clayburn
MUSICIAN	Yvonne Hampton
MEDIA DIRECTOR	Stephen Marshall
CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR	Kathy Byrd
ADMINISTRATOR ASSISTANT	Lynne Overstreet
FACILITY MANAGEMENT	Cody Bradford
PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR	Ashley Trantham
CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR	Pam Greenberg
YOUTH DIRECTOR	Cindy McDonald
PASTOR	Rev. Stephen Cotten



"COME....Let Me Walk Through Life With You"

"The biggest thing God is doing in your life is teaching you to trust Him.

And faith in Him usually leads you *through* difficulty, not around it."

Many years ago, I found myself in the middle of the Gulf of Mexico on a small fishing boat for an 8-hour deep sea fishing excursion. A storm was brewing ahead of us and about 45 minutes into the eight hour day, most everyone was hanging off the side of the railing giving up their breakfast. Somewhere between throwing up the eggs and the toast, I remember thinking, "I'd give everything I own for a helicopter rescue right now." I was desperate...I was scared....and I wanted off that boat!



It's interesting that most times God doesn't detour us around life's difficulties. He leads us right through the big fat middle of the storm.... where we get hit in the face with the blinding rain, the hurricane-force winds and we become intimate friends with the railing on the boat. Where this life's journeys take us *through* cancer, *through* train wrecks, *through* miscarriages, *through* heart attacks and yes, even *through* death.

We tend to say, "Father, show me how to go *AROUND* the storm....how to pass *OVER* the fire....how to *AVOID* the waves altogether." But He smiles that loving smile of His, looks us straight in the eye and says, "No, I want you to understand I'm deeper than the water; My presence is more mighty than the wind. And I want you to be able to trust Me in any situation, and the only way you're going to learn that is by going *through* the storm, not around it."

"When you pass *through* the waters, I will be with you, Liz." Isaiah 43:2



And then He holds out His strong and scarred hand to us and says, "COME....let Me walk through it with you."

Liz Etheridge

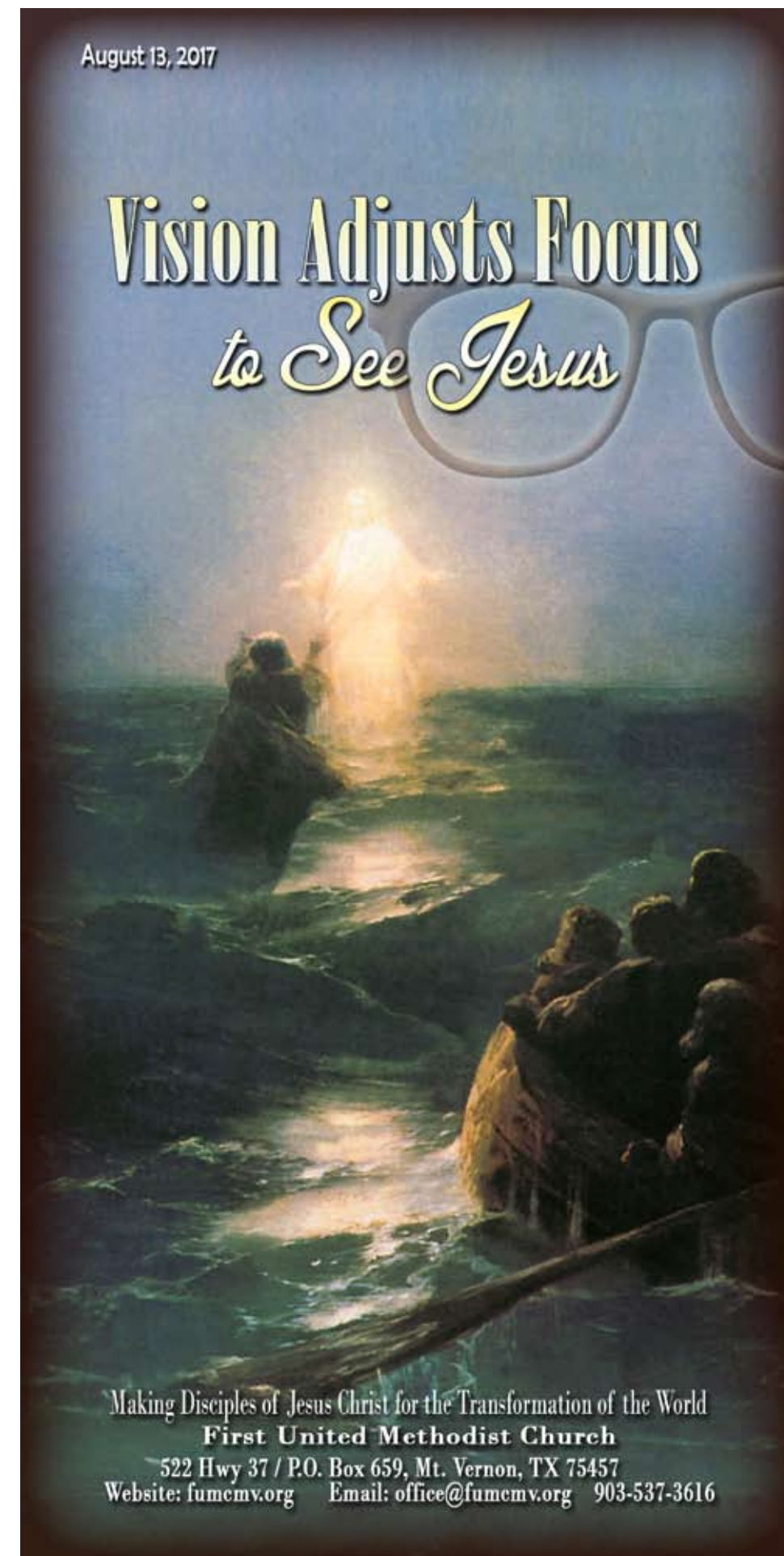


Widow Support Group

Grace Fellowship Ministries in Winnsboro, as a community outreach, has started a non-denominational program designed for widows. They have extended their loving hand of friendship to any widow in our church. They meet at Grace Fellowship Ministries on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 11am. It's a safe place to surrender and a fun place to be. For additional information contact Jean Ann Marshall at 903-537-4569 or Beverly Kelley at 903-285-0980.

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