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to be like Jesus!

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- Teaching God's Word!
- Loving one another!
- Strengthening families!
- Sharing the Good News!

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# The Messenger

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## THE SON IS SHINING THIS SUMMER AT FIRST CHURCH!



Join us at First Church this Summer for a lineup of fun filled Sunday  
Worship Services! We have all kinds of fun activities  
planned for the whole family.

Date	Services	Event	Information:
June 12th	8, 9 & 11 am	Hawaiian Sunday	Get out those favorite Hawaiian shirts and join us for a fun laid back Sunday.
June 19th	9 & 11 am	The Needhams Worship & Father's Day Pot Luck Lunch	Don't miss powerful worship with the Needhams & stay for a delicious Father's Day Potluck Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall.
June 26th	9am	Faith in Action Sunday	Come and hear the Youth from Faith in Action Weekend.
July 3rd	8, 9 & 11 am	Red, White & Blue Sunday	Celebrate Freedom! Wear you patriotic colors as we celebrate freedom. Stick around for a hot dog lunch.
July 10th	8, 9 & 11 am	Blue Grass Sunday	Join us for outstanding blue grass worship music!
July 24th	8, 9 & 11 am	"Roots Sunday"	Focus on outreach... join us as we focus on outreach! Invite a friend or family member.
July 31st	10:30 am Joint Service	"The Gathering"	We'll all gather together for a special joint Worship Service! A covered dish lunch will follow the service and Sunday School will be at 9:15am.
August 7th	8, 9 & 11 am	"Dining with the King"	Come dine with the King on a special Communion Sunday.
August 14th	8, 9 & 11 am	"Sweets for the Soul"	Bring a picnic lunch and gather together as a Church Family! First Church will provide free ice cream.
August 21st	8, 9 & 11 am	Launch Sunday... Up & Away!	It's time for school again... we'll gather together as we get ready to send the kids back to school.



Join First UMC - Lake Jackson  
on Facebook and get connected!

## We Can't... But HE Can!



**Pastor  
Charles Geller**

**Find Pastor  
Geller and  
First Church on  
Facebook!**

We find ourselves in one of the most exciting times in human history. 2011 is here and opportunity is cascading right in front of us. I cannot think of a better, more exciting time to be a Christian. Jesus told us that we are salt and light in a dark world. We have been rebirthed for a purpose. We are called to be witnesses for the Light. Jesus! Our lives should reflect His truth and His love as we seek to share Him with our entire world. He has birthed us in Spirit, so that He can live His supernatural life through us as His family.

First UMC is in transformation. We are seeking to find His will and purpose for His Church. Lake Jackson demographics are rapidly changing; therefore, we are seeking new ways to reach the people that we call "fellow citizens" of Lake Jackson and surrounding areas.

I want to thank each of you that have been so faithful to God during this past year. We have had wonderful additions to our church family, and we continue to offer His love, especially to all that seek to journey with us in Christ. **WE ARE FAMILY!** We are family together in the "faith that we share in Christ Jesus."

2011 is a year of excitement. It is a time when we dedicate ourselves to the position and understanding that **"in Christ, we can do all things, because He strengthens us."** My preaching theme for this year will be, **"WE CAN'T, BUT HE CAN."** In His power all things become possible. Because of Him and in Him we can do the impossible. Please note that the accent is not on us. The clear and unmistakable power and strength is found in Jesus Christ. We, His Church, will continue to bow down and worship Him, we will seek to humble ourselves before His mighty throne, and we will continue to seek being His resurrected people in witness and deed.

I am so excited to be your pastor. It is an incredible privilege to watch God transform First United Methodist Church into the likeness of Jesus Christ. We have opportunities that cry out with joy and excitement. I am so thankful that together we are First Church during this incredible journey.

Peace - Pastor Geller



## Taking the Word to the World Bible Study

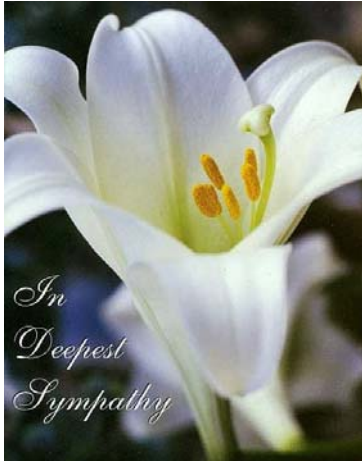


121 Highway 332 W # A  
Lake Jackson, TX 77566

Join us for the "Taking the Word to the World" Bible Study at the Lake Jackson Chick-fil-A every Tuesday morning at 9:30 am. We are beginning a study in I John. Come enjoy breakfast and study God's Word with Pastor Geller

**For more information, email  
Pastor Geller at [cggeller@aol.com](mailto:cggeller@aol.com)**

*Sympathies & Memorials*



**MEMORIALS**

**In memory of Gene Franklin from:**

Kenneth Evans, Dale Proctor, Lee & Nancy Berry, Gene & Ann Taylor, Bill & Curly Leshikar, Andy & Deana Wheeler, Dennis & Eileen Davenport, A.G. & Frances Snelgrove

**In memory of Jo Kaski (mother of Kim Wendel) from:**

Clydene & Bill Kees

**In memory of Gerry Snyder from:**

Gene & Ann Taylor, A.G. & Frances Snelgrove

**In memory of John Chambers from:**

Andy & Deana Wheeler, Gene & Ann Taylor, A.G. & Frances Snelgrove

**In memory of John Schuhmann from:**

A.G. & Frances Snelgrove

**In memory of Cooper Gibson from:**

A.G. & Frances Snelgrove

*Father's Day at First Church!*

**Join the Needhams at First Church!**

**Sunday, June 19th at the 9 & 11am Worship Services**



**Make Plans to Attend and Mark Your Calendars Now!**



*Father's Day  
Potluck  
Luncheon  
Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>  
12:00pm  
in Wesley Hall*

*Join us after the Needhams!  
Also, enjoy a presentation by  
Kyehan Lee: Witnessing for Christ:  
Growing Faith in India*

*Suggestions on what to bring:  
A-G bring side, H-P bring dessert,  
Q-Z bring meat or main dish*

## Mom's Bible Study

**COME JOIN US!!**

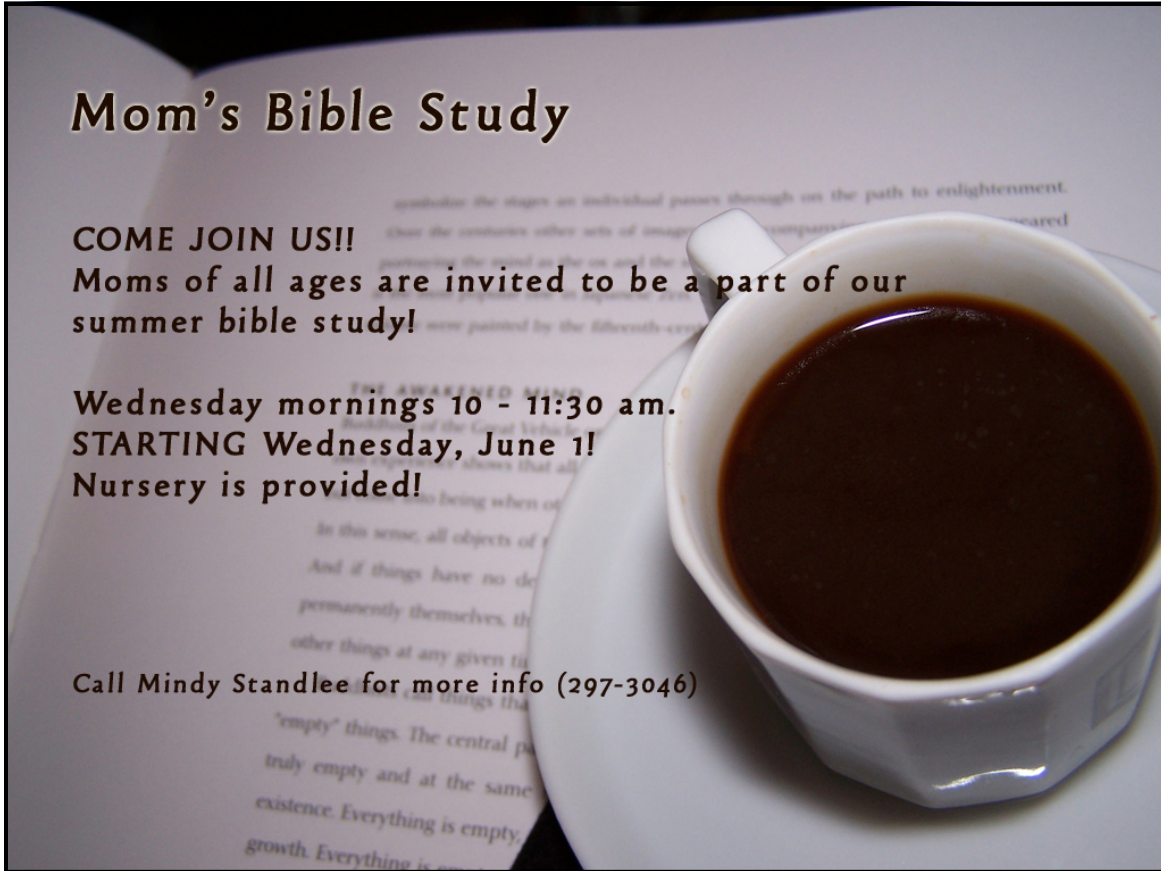
**Moms of all ages are invited to be a part of our summer bible study!**

**Wednesday mornings 10 - 11:30 am.**

**STARTING Wednesday, June 1!**

**Nursery is provided!**

Call Mindy Standlee for more info (297-3046)



## Joy Ministry - Care for Children with Special Needs



God loves a cheerful server. He wants us to help others come closer to him. **Psalm 100:2** says to “**Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs**”. JOY Ministry is glad to be a part of God's world and this church. Come join us for some fun!!!

### We need the following help:

- **Sunday school teachers** – as many Sundays as you can provide. We will train you and help you see JOY each Sunday.
- **Vacation Bible School** – Need helpers for our JOY room and also be buddies with our JOY children that participate in our inclusion classes. July 11-15 (evenings)
- **Clubhouse Mondays** - Our JOY children want to attend this camp, so we need volunteers to be buddies to them during the month of June. Each Monday from 9-11 am.

If you would like more information or would like to volunteer, please call Kimberly Bowers 979-236-9427.

Be JOYful Always!

Kimberly Bowers  
Joy Ministry Director

Children's Ministries



**CLUBHOUSE MONDAYS**  
 Mondays in June  
 9-11 am  
 Starts June 6th!  
 297-3046



**Faith**  
 Trusting in what you can't see  
 because of what you can see

**KIDS SHINE** Sundays 10 am

**Sign up Now!**

Registration forms are available in the Church office, Wesley Hall or online: [lfjumc.org](http://lfjumc.org). Call for more info! 297-3046

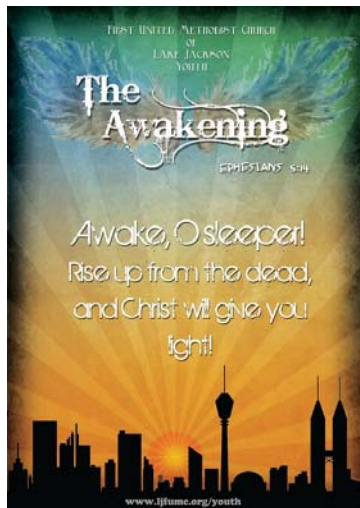
Ages 3 years - 4th grade!  
 \$10 per child, \$25 for more than 2 children



**PANDAMANIA**  
 Where God is Wild about You!

**Vacation Bible School**  
 July 11-15, 5:30 - 8:15 pm

**The Awakening - Youth Ministries**



Summer is here and we have tons of fun activities planned in June! Come and join us...

**Upcoming June Events:**

- **UM Army:** June 6th - 10th in Athens, Texas
- **Movie Night:** June 16th - Meet at First Church at 7pm. Be sure to bring money for tickets and snacks
- **Pool Party:** June 22nd - at Clute Pool 8pm - 10pm. We will be joined by Chapelwood UMC & Freeport UMC
- **Faith in Action Weekend:** June 24th - 26th. See Joshua Johnson to register for this exciting missions weekend
- **Beach Day:** June 30th - Meet at First Church at 4pm. Please wear a modest bathing suit - dinner and snacks will be provided!



**Join The Awakening FUMC Youth on Facebook!**



**Alpha Bible Study  
Challenging Lifestyle  
Series Three**

Have you heard all the talk about Alpha around this place? Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 in the Asbury Room. The course began on May 18th and will run for six weeks. Each week we will have a meal together, watch a video, and share in a brief discussion time. Child care will be provided by request only. There is no charge for the course or childcare but a donation for the meal will be appreciated. Contact the Church office for reservations or childcare, 979-297-3046 for more information.

**Fire Wood for Sale!**



The Trustees recently completed some major tree trimming at the Parsonage and have about a 1/2 cord of Live Oak/Pin Oak un-split fire wood on sale for \$100. Please contact Keith Zimmerman at (979) 299-8047 if you are interested!

**Preschool Summer Programs!**

**School For Little People**

First United Methodist Church  
404 Azalea, Lake Jackson

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 9:00 - 12:00

Session I June 7 - 30

Session II July 5 - 28

Ages 6 months - 5 years  
(starting kindergarten)



For more information, please call (979)297-3641, or visit our website [www.schoolforlittlepeople.com](http://www.schoolforlittlepeople.com)

**Thank You!**

Thanks to all of the First's Foods servers for the months of April and May: Jo Conway, Norma Stell, Denice Lambert, Meghan Faulkner, Tina Moore, Christi Cameron, Don Christian & Drew Cameron, Kelly Solyom, Sharron Shockley, Kim Lee, Beverly Barnhart, Vernon Long, Robert Orr, Mary Florence Platt, Kelly & John Colosimo, & Danny Colosimo

**First UMC Strives to be Like Jesus, so Let us "Love one Another"**

Member Care is working to identify members of our congregation who need "Love!" Can you transport people to appointments? Can you visit a shut in? Can you help provide meals? Or, do you need any of these services?

Please contact Member Care at 979-299-5017-Karen Bowman or Bill Stell at 979-297-3046.

**In Our Prayers...**

Frances Bitter & Family  
Toni Galloway and family  
Brad & Jenny McCoy  
Ryan Vollemaere  
Barbara & Ken Miller  
Gene Shaw  
Erin & Marti Moffitt

Ken Truman  
Gale Truman  
First Church Staff Members  
First Church Volunteers

**If you or someone you know would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact the church office.**

## First Church Calendar of Events

### Wednesday, June 1, 2011

7:00 am - Emmaus Group Meeting [Lib]  
10:00 am - Mom's Bible Study [WP]

6:00 pm - Challenging Lifestyle Alpha Course [AR]

6:00 pm - Youth Study/Game Time [YC]  
7:30 pm - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal [Choir Rm]

### Thursday, June 2, 2011

11:00 am - Clergy Covenant Group [WP]

6:30 pm - Barbershop Group [Rm 23]

### Friday, June 3, 2011

#### **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

6:00 am - Men's Friday Morning Prayer Breakfast [VH]

### Sunday, June 5, 2011

8:00 am - Traditional Worship [Chapel]

8:30 am - First's Foods [VH]

9:00 am - Contemporary Worship [Sanctuary]

10:00 am - Sunday School for all ages

11:00 am - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]

5:00 pm - The Awakening Youth Group [YC]

6:30 pm - Carpenter's Hands [Rm. 14]

\*UM Army Group Leaving Today for Athens, TX

### Monday, June 6, 2011

9:00 am - Clubhouse Monday's

6:30 pm - Stephen's Ministry Meeting [Lib]

7:00 pm - Troop 325 Mtg. [VH]

### Tuesday, June 7, 2011

9:00 am - Chapel Intercessory Prayer

9:00 am - SLP Summer Session

9:30 am - Taking the Word to the World Bible Study [Chick-Fil-A]

6:30 pm - Ministry Coordinating Team [WP]

### Wednesday, June 8, 2011

7:00 am - Emmaus Group Meeting [Lib]

7:00 am - Methodist Men's Breakfast [VH]

10:00 am - Friendship Club [AR]

10:00 am - Mom's Bible Study [WP]

6:00 pm - Challenging Lifestyle Alpha Course [AR]

6:00 pm - Youth Study/Game Time [YC]

7:30 pm - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal [Choir Rm]

### Thursday, June 9, 2011

9:00 am - SLP Summer Session

6:30 pm - Barbershop Group [Rm 23]

### Friday, June 10, 2011

#### **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

6:00 am - Men's Friday Morning Prayer

Breakfast [AR]

### Sunday, June 12, 2011

8:00 am - Traditional Worship [Chapel]

8:30 am - First's Foods [VH]

9:00 am - Contemporary Worship [Sanctuary]

10:00 am - Sunday School for all ages

11:00 am - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]

5:00 pm - The Awakening Youth Group [VH]

### Monday, June 13, 2011

9:00 am - Clubhouse Mondays

7:00 pm - Troop 325 Mtg. [VH]

### Tuesday, June 14, 2011

9:00 am - Chapel Intercessory Prayer

9:00 am - SLP Summer Session

7:00 pm - Boy Scout Committee Mtg. [Lib]

### Wednesday, June 15, 2011

7:00 am - Emmaus Group Meeting [Lib]

10:00 am - Mom's Bible Study [WP]

6:00 pm - Challenging Lifestyle Alpha Course [AR]

6:00 pm - Youth Study/Game Time [YC]

7:30 pm - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal [Choir Rm]

### Thursday, June 16, 2011

9:00 am - SLP Summer Session

6:00 pm - Finance Committee Mtg. [Lib]

6:30 pm - Barbershop Group [Rm 23]

7:00 PM - Youth Meet for Movie Night

### Friday, June 17, 2011

#### **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

6:00 am - Men's Friday Morning Prayer

Breakfast [VH]

### Sunday, June 19, 2011

8:00 am - Traditional Worship [Chapel]

8:30 am - First's Foods [VH]

9:00 am - Contemporary Worship - The Needhams [Sanctuary]

10:00 am - Sunday School for all ages

11:00 am - Traditional Worship - The Needhams [Sanctuary]

12:00 pm - Father's Day Potluck Lunch [VH]

2:00 pm - Trustee Mtg. [Lib]

5:00 pm - The Awakening Youth Group [YC]

## First Church Attendance

Dates	May 15	May 22
Sunday Services	368	307
Sunday School	155	131

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**Vacation  
Bible School  
July 11-15,  
5:30 - 8:15 pm**

### REGISTRATION HAS STARTED FOR VBS 2011!!

Register Now! Be sure to stop by the Church Office or the Panda display in Wesley Hall to sign your children up or visit us online at [www.ljfumc.org](http://www.ljfumc.org)!

**Ages 3 years (by May 1st) - 4th grade (finished)!**  
\$10 per child, \$25 for more than 2 children

**Teens & Adult Volunteers Needed!**

**We are getting ready for a WILD ride at Vacation Bible School!**

**VBS Donation Request: Can you help us by donating these items?**

- 30, 3 ft bamboo poles
- Volley ball net
- Cardboard tubes (all sizes)
- Cardboard boxes (about diaper box size)

Please bring all donated items to the Church Office! Thanks for your support!

