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First Church strives
to be like Jesus!

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

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



VBS 2011 IS NEXT WEEK!!

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!

Ages 3 years (by May 1st) - 4th grade (finished)!

\$10 per child, \$25 for more than 2 children

Teens & Adult Volunteers Needed!

Contact Mindy Standlee for more information!



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A First Church Revival!



Pastor
Charles Geller

Find Pastor
Geller and
First Church on
Facebook!

WOW! Look at all of this. . .

We are in the middle of a revival! God is moving in our place with great efficaciousness! I want to share a few things with you that are so exciting. Here they are . . .

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

You will not want to miss this opportunity to share your 2nd mile love gift with First Church to assist us in our current general budget deficit! This will be on July 17th in each of our worship times! If you do not get a letter in the mail, please call the church office and let us know!

CHURCH UNIQUE – THE MATTHEW 5 LAUNCH

On September 13, The Ministry Coordinating Team (MCT), the programming staff of First Church, and selected leaders in our church will begin a marvelous discovery process that will enhance the direction of First Church for the next 5 years. This will be one of the most exciting launches in the history of First Church! One of the many things that we will be doing is to examine our vision statement and core values to see if we are really living our values out each day as we live for Christ! We will be seeking God with great energy to see which current directions God might be leading us, His children. It is going to be fun, exciting, and productive.

GOD IS WILD ABOUT YOU!! CHILDREN'S VBS SUNDAY JULY 17TH

Our VBS children will be singing in the 8, 9, & 11 worship services! What an incredible morning it will be! You will not want to miss this exciting worship celebration!!

'THE GATHERING' A JOINT WORSHIP CELEBRATION COVERED

DISH LUNCH

SUNDAY SCHOOL/DISCIPLESHIP HOUR - 9:15 a.m.
JOINT WORSHIP AT 10:30 a.m. in Sanctuary

FOCUS ON 'LAUNCH SUNDAY' AUGUST 21ST

Most of us will be back in town from our summer travels for Launch Sunday! We are asking you to invite *FRIENDS, RELITIVES, ACQUAINTANCES, AND NEIGHBORS* to this very special 'kick off' Sunday!! There will be tons of music, celebration, and the sharing of God's remarkable Word!

You might even see a special guest!

Peace!

Pastor Geller

Look for upcoming information on Pastor Bill Stell's
retirement party.

The luncheon will be scheduled on July 31st
after our combined service, "The Gathering."
"The Gathering."

Sympathies & Memorials

SYMPATHIES

To Martin & Christine Martinez in the death of Christine's mother, Dottie Roerden.

To Sharon Doerr and family in the death of Sharon's brother, Lee Martin.

MEMORIALS

In memory of Glenn Galloway from:

Charles & Evelynie Lubowski, Jim & Janet Christen, Kenneth Evans, Pat & Margie Higgins, Bryan & Delia Hoskins, Sybil Thompson, Joe & Dorace Allen, Dick Berrell, Isaac Sanchez

In memory of Margaret Pennington from:

Wesleyan Seniors Class, Larry & Betty Potter, Kennard & Barbara Miller, Bryan & Delia Hoskins, Gloria Jennings, A.G. & Frances Snelgrove

In memory of Gene Franklin from:

Larry & Betty Potter, Bryan & Delia Hoskins,

In memory of Gerry Snyder from:

Larry & Betty Potter, Bryan & Delia Hoskins,

In memory of John Long (father of Barbara Faseler) from:

Larry & Betty Potter, A.G. & Frances Snelgrove

In memory of Jeff Stuart from:

Jack & Carolyn Ensminger, A.G. & Frances Snelgrove

In memory of Glenn Putney from:

Jean Good, A.G. & Frances Snelgrove, Robert & Elizabeth McClure

In memory of Betty Hackney from:

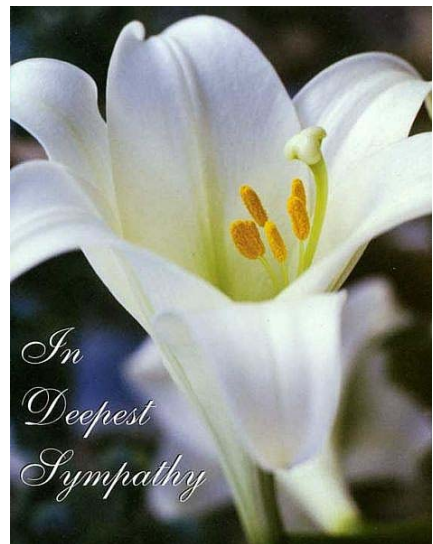
A.G. & Frances Snelgrove

In memory of Pam Kirk Giangrosso (daughter of Wendell & Nina Kirk) from:

A.G. & Frances Snelgrove

In memory of G.C. Pope (father of Lisa Long) from:

A.G. & Frances Snelgrove



FUMC Blood Drive

FUMC Blood Drive
Sunday, July 10, 2011
8 AM to 1 PM
Wesley Hall

To schedule an appointment, visit
www.giveblood.org and login to Digital
 Donor. Enter sponsor code 4134.



FUMC College Student Ministry



Summer with the Son College Bible Study

Special Guest Speakers
Special Guest Worship Leaders

Bring a friend!

First Church Youth Center @ 404 Azalea Lake Jackson
Doors open Thursday nights at 8pm for FUN!

For more information, contact the Church office @
979-297-3046 or visit us on Facebook at
<http://www.facebook.com/summerwiththesonministry>

Keep in Touch...

As your college students are headed off to school, please be sure to update their address, email and phone numbers with the Church Office. We want to make sure that they continue to receive all of the communications regarding First Church. Please stop by the Church Office, or call us at 979-297-3046.

Thanks!



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. A joyful heart makes a face cheerful (Proverbs 15:13). Come join us for some fun!!!

We need the following help:

Vacation Bible School – We need helpers for our JOY room and also to be buddies with our JOY children that participate in our inclusion classes. July 11-15 (evenings).



If you would like more information or would like to volunteer, please call Kimberly Bowers 979-236-9427. We love sharing our JOY with others!

Be JOYful Always!

Kimberly Bowers
Joy Ministry Director



JOIN US FOR A WILD TIME AT VBS!

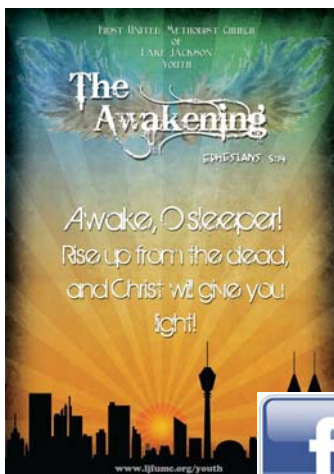
Ages 3 years - 4th grade!

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Registration Forms available in the Church Office or @ lfumc.org

[Share Christ with those around you by inviting your Friends, family & neighbors!](#)

The Awakening - Youth Ministries



Join The Awakening
FUMC Youth on Facebook!

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

Upcoming July Events:

- Astros Game 7/16 - Concert with David Crowder Band After the game. Tickets are \$18 and bring money for food. Please sign up in the Youth Center to purchase your tickets. Be sure to sign up by Sunday 7/10.
- Galveston Trip! Join us July 21st... we'll meet at the church at 9:00 am. Bring money for lunch and souvenirs.
- Lazer Tag... 7/28. Meet at the church 6:30. We'll be back at the church by 11:00pm. Stay tuned for the cost.

* Contact Joshua Johnson at 979-417-1040 for more information!

Calling All Parents! There will be a Youth Parent Meeting on Sunday, July 10th at 7:00 pm in the Youth Center. All parents of Junior High and Senior High children are encouraged to attend. Come and be a part of the First Church Youth Ministry!

A New First Church Bible Study “Faith Lessons on the Promise Land”



Welcome to an exciting adventure guaranteed to make the Scriptures come alive like never before! Ray Vander Laan, historian and teacher, takes viewers to archaeological sites few people ever see, where the geographical and historical contexts

of the Bible takes on powerful relevance for present-day believers. Ray’s video teaching series takes you on a journey to the places of the Bible where many Faith shaping events in history took place. You will love the way he shares unique historic and cultural facts which will amaze and enlighten you. This is the closest thing you will ever experience, short of actually being there, to taking a Holy Land trip. In this series we will discover how God guided His people to a specific place (The Promise Land) to impact the world both in ancient times and today.

Join us on July 20th in the Asbury Room at 6:00pm for dinner and a movie. The course is free with only a donation for dinner. Free childcare can be available on a reservation basis only. For childcare or to make reservations contact 979-297-3046 or if you need additional information please e-mail Bill Stell at billstell@swbell.net.

A thank you note from the Geller’s:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, phone calls, meals and all of the wonderful expressions of love that you have given us. You have truly made this experience easier for us.

Kathy is doing very well and is currently working through her physical therapy. She looks forward to being back at First Church very soon!

Sincerely - Charles and Kathy Geller

The family of Glenn Galloway wishes to express profound gratitude to the members of FUMC for their many kindnesses during his long illness: their prayers, cards, visits, and memorials in his name. A very special thank-you to the ladies who prepared and served delicious finger foods for hours, at Lakewood Funeral Chapel. God bless you all!

Thank You!

Thanks to all of the First’s Foods servers for the months of June: Ron Engle, Tom Crawford, Bob Patton, Barbara & Ronnie Tribble, Carol Edwards, Veronica & Robert Hicks, and Chris & Kayleigh, Karen Bowman, Kim & Kimberly Bowers, and Beverly Barnhart



Lend a Helping Hand

We have two families that are in need of a car, if you are able to help, please contact the church office at 979-297-3046, or Suzanne Sargent at 979-297-4766

In Our Prayers...

Margarite Verrett
Wilda Guess
Jim Goins Family
Kathy Geller
Joyce Mardis
Gene Shaw
Kay Alcott

Theresa Moss
Darline Kelley
Brad & Jenny McCoy
Ryan Vollemaere
Frances Bitter & Family
Bill & Joyce McCutchen
Barbara & Ken Miller

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, July 6, 2011

7:00 am - Emmaus Group Meeting [Lib]
 7:00 am - Methodist Men's Breakfast [WH]
 10:00 am - Mom's Bible Study [WP]
 6:00 pm - Small Group Study [WP]
 6:00 pm - Youth Study/Game Time [YC]

Thursday, July 7, 2011

9:00 am - SLP Summer Session
 11:00 am - Clergy Covenant Group [WP]
 6:30 pm - Barbershop Group [Rm 23]
 8:00 pm - College Bible Study [YC]

Friday, July 8, 2011

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
 6:00 am - Men's Friday Morning Prayer
 Breakfast [WH]

Sunday, July 10, 2011

Bluegrass Sunday
 8:00 am - FUMC Blood Drive [WH]
 8:00 am - Traditional Worship [Chapel]
 8:30 am - First's Foods [WH]
 9:00 am - Contemporary Worship [Sanctuary]
 10:00 am - Sunday School for all ages
 11:00 am - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]
 1:00 pm - Youth to Center for the Art's &
 Sciences
 5:00 pm - The Awakening Youth
 Group [YC]

Monday, July 11, 2011

5:30 pm - Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

9:00 am - Chapel Intercessory Prayer
 9:00 am - SLP Summer Session
 9:30 am - Bridge Group [AR]
 9:30 am - Taking the Word to the World
 Bible Study [Chick-Fil-A]
 5:30 pm - Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

7:00 am - Emmaus Group Meeting [Lib]
 5:30 pm - Vacation Bible School
 6:00 pm - Small Group Study [WP]
 6:00 pm - Youth Study/Game Time [YC]

Thursday, July 14, 2011

9:00 am - SLP Summer Session
 5:30 pm - Vacation Bible School
 6:30 pm - Barbershop Group [Rm 23]
 8:00 pm - College Bible Study [YC]

Friday, July 15, 2011

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
 6:00 am - Men's Friday Morning Prayer
 Breakfast [AR]
 5:30 pm - Vacation Bible School

Saturday, July 16, 2011

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
 3:00 pm - Youth to Astro's Game

Sunday, July 17, 2011

8:00 am - Traditional Worship [Chapel]
 8:30 am - First's Foods [WH]
 9:00 am - Contemporary Worship
 [Sanctuary]
 10:00 am - Sunday School for all ages
 11:00 am - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]
 2:00 pm - Trustee Meeting [Lib]
 5:00 pm - The Awakening Youth
 Group [WH]
 6:30 pm - Administrative Board Meeting

Monday, July 18, 2011

9:30 am - Carriage Inn Women's Circle
 6:30 pm - Stephen's Ministry Mtg. [Lib]
 7:00 pm - Troop 325 Mtg. [WH]

Tuesday, July 19, 2011

9:00 am - Chapel Intercessory Prayer
 9:00 am - SLP Summer Session
 9:30 am - Bridge Group [AR]
 9:30 am - Taking the Word to the World
 Bible Study [Chick-Fil-A]
 6:30 pm - Mission Committee Mtg. [Lib]

Wednesday, July 20, 2011

7:00 am - Emmaus Group Meeting [Lib]
 6:00 pm - Faith Lessons On the Promised
 Land Study [AR]
 6:00 pm - Small Group Study [WP]
 6:00 pm - Youth Study/Game Time [YC]

Thursday, July 21, 2011

9:00 am - SLP Summer Session
 6:00 pm - Finance Committee Mtg. [Lib]
 6:30 pm - Barbershop Group [Rm 23]
 8:00 pm - College Bible Study [YC]

Friday, July 22, 2011

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
 6:00 am - Men's Friday Morning Prayer
 Breakfast [WH]
 9:00 am - Youth to Galveston

Sunday, July 24, 2011

Roots Sunday
 8:00 am - Traditional Worship [Chapel]
 8:30 am - First's Foods [WH]
 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]

First Church Attendance

Dates	June 19	June 26
Sunday Services	315	327
Sunday School	136	126

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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:
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 Up & Away!	It's time for school again... we'll gather together as we get ready to send the kids back to school.



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