



First United Methodist Church

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A Word from Pastor Tom:

Welcome to the first edition of the church newsletter!!! We plan on producing this and mailing it each month to further the goal of improving communication throughout the church. 2018 is going to be an eventful year for First Church as we have much to do as we make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

I am excited to let you know of a few of the plans we have for 2018: we will begin a Spiritual Gifts course, we will offer new Bible study options in the evening, we will concentrate on what it means to be good stewards in all areas of our lives, and we will be working with HH Architects on Sanctuary Renewal!

Make plans now to attend worship regularly, deepen your prayer life, attend a new study or participate in a new group, and become closer to Christ everyday!

Church Ministries

The Table, where we plan, dream, and implement ministries, will meet on Saturday, February 10th, from 3 – 5 in the Fellowship Hall.

Hungry to serve the community and love your neighbor? Join the **Outreach and Mission Friends** as they serve Red Beans & Rice on February 11th. Join them at 9:45 am in the Fellowship Hall kitchen as they prepare the meal.

The next **Kairo's** weekend is February 15-18, pray for those helping and those introduced to Christ, it can change lives!

Upcoming Events

February 13

Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner,
6:00 pm and *Walkin' n Rollin'*
Parade, 7:00 pm

February 14

Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 pm

February 25

Chili Supper and Dessert
Auction, 5:00 pm

Important Announcement

The Church Leadership is now in place and you can find the list on the web page or in handouts at the church. Pray for them and if you would like to get more involved, talk to Pastor Tom.

We will be having a membership audit soon and need your correct address, phone number and email and the best way to contact you! Stay tuned for more information.

Check the web page often for calendar updates and the latest news!

ACADEMY KIDS Vonda Sutton, Director

What a blessing to have 100 or so children learning about Jesus and God at our church every day of the week! The children have chapel, learn Bible stories, have fun, and learn what all preschoolers and pre-kindergarteners need to learn, how to share and how to nap!

If you have an opportunity, stop by anytime and take a look at the fruitful ministry happening and you will be blessed knowing that you are part of loving your neighbor and loving the community!



Academy Kids

EBENEZER FELLOWSHIP Rev. Sylvanus Chapman



“Ebenezer” is the name of the African ministry of FUMC Mesquite. This name depicts the bible story (1 Samuel 7:10 -14) and, as African descendants from third world nations, we consider this fellowship as our EBENEZER. This was indicated by Daniel, a member from Uganda, in his testimony at the recent New Year's Eve Service: *“Since my arrival in the United States and my joining the Ebenezer Fellowship, the Lord has been blessing me and my family abundantly.”* (1 Sam. 7:12).

The Fellowship has attracted many third world Christians since its inception in 2014. As part of our activities, we have come up with several developmental programs in the Dallas Metroplex including “Africa Day” Celebrations, Weddings, Funerals, Memorial Services and a Special Thanksgiving Service for Sierra Leone’s Independence Anniversary.

The Fellowship has also hosted several other African groups and programs. The Tegroma Development Organization of Sierra Leone holds their monthly general meetings the first Saturday of each month.

With a membership of 30, we cater to all Africans living in the Mesquite/Dallas Community, so you don't need to be a United Methodist to become part of Ebenezer, as there are two types of membership: (I) Full Membership (F.M) and (ii) Affiliate Membership (A.M)

Ebenezer Fellowship worships at noon in the Education Building, 2nd floor.

BRIDGE KIDS NEWS

Leigh Anne Akins,
Coordinator

Feb. 13th, *Walkin' n Rollin' Parade*, 7:00 pm, dress up your bikes and roll or dress up yourself and walk!

YOUTH NEWS

Claudia Howe,
Coordinator

Feb. 4th, Mesquite Tree Nursing Home Valentine’s Activity, 4-6 pm

Feb. 11th, Serving at the Red Beans & Rice neighborhood mission, 5 pm

Feb. 18th, Bishop’s Rally, (grades 5 – 7) and off-site fun for others, 5 pm

Feb. 25th, Working the Bake Sale table at the Dessert Auction, 5 pm