

# First United Methodist Church

## WITH OUR GIFTS

Received last Sunday:...Tithes & Offerings.....\$1,460.00

## WITH OUR PRESENCE

Last Sunday's Morning Service.....22  
YouTube Views (as of Wednesday).....26

## FUMC MISSION STATEMENT

New. Life. Now.

## WITH OUR PRAYERS

Ruth & Emily Neyland have continuing health issues,	Tara Bowman, whose husband Graham, passed away recently.
Johnnie & Olga Rivera.	Kelli Neeb Kemp.
Kay Magee.	Mark Walker, Cheryl Neeb's brother, who is in critical condition.
Denna Sadler.	Rex Whitfield, having severe unknown pain.
Rosie Hopkins & Susie Vestal, her mom.	John Hoffman's family, he recently passed away.
Sara Borden.	Adrienne & Jim Horton and family, who lost their daughter unexpectedly.
Melba Ward.	
Sylvia Thomas.	
Eva Gail Abington.	
Kate Finley, Jessica McGuire Harral's niece.	

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Ministers: All Members /

Pastor: Randy Thomas

12th Sunday after Pentecost - Green

August 23, 2020



## HERE TO SERVE

District Superintendent..... Eduardo Rivera  
 Today's pianist..... Victor Gene Robbins  
 Technical Support..... Vic Ivy & Ray Griffith  
 Secretary / Bookkeeper..... Christina Duarte  
 Children's Service Leader.....  
 Nursery Attendant..... Antonia Terrazas  
 Custodian..... Alexis Duarte & Delia Dutchover



# BLENDed WORSHIP SERVICE

August 23, 2020

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP Standing On The Promises #374

PRAYER

HYMN There's Within My Heart #380

PRAYER & PRAISE CARD

MORNING PRAYER/LORDS PRAYER

PRAISE & WORSHIP Days of Elijah

Holy Ground

SCRIPTURE LESSON James 1:13-15

MESSAGE OVERCOMING TEMPTATION

By Pastor Randy Thomas

INVITATION TO RECEIVE CHRIST AND ALTAR TIME / JOIN

THE CHURCH

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Please let us pray for you and help you any way we can. Please fill out your prayer/praise card in you bulletin, and place it in the offering.

UPDATES

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- ⇒ Happy Birthday:
  - Angela Harral August 28th
  - Brenda Thomas September 3rd
  - Nancy Tarter September 3rd
  - Emily Neyland September 8th
  - Kate Ward September 9th
- ⇒ If you're interested in helping with gift bags for the school district, let's meet in the foyer after services to discuss options.
- ⇒ Children's Ministry will hopefully resume in September.
- ⇒ All sermons and bulletins can be found on our website: [fsfumc.com](http://fsfumc.com), as well as other updates and important information.
- ⇒ El Buen Vecino at 401 S. Valentine is now open for those who need their services. Tuesday and Thursday 2-5, Wednesday 1-5
- ⇒ We have a Food Bank. If you or someone you know can use that service, the office is ready to help Mondays through Thursdays: 9-12 noon and 1-3 pm

**Prayer:** "Lord, I turn to You for help, and I thank You for hearing and answering my call."

3. Receive. Listen to Him in prayer and the Word and He will show you His path.

**Isaiah 30:21 (NIV)**

<sup>21</sup> Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

**Prayer:** "Lord, I am ready to receive Your road map and to walk on the road that you choose for me"

4. Recover. Surrender to God & you will not be in bondage to sin.

**Isaiah 30:22 (NIV)**

<sup>22</sup> Then you will defile your idols overlaid with silver and your images covered with gold; you will throw them away like a menstrual cloth and say to them, "Away with you!"

**Prayer:**

"Lord, I am getting rid of everything that has had control over me so that You can be in control of my life."

5. Rejoice. God always blesses those who live in communion with Him.

**Isaiah 30:23-26 (NIV)**

<sup>23</sup> He will also send you rain for the seed you sow in the ground, and the food that comes from the land will be rich and plentiful. In that day your cattle will graze in broad meadows. <sup>24</sup> The oxen and donkeys that work the soil will eat fodder and mash, spread out with fork and shovel. <sup>25</sup> In the day of great slaughter, when the towers fall, streams of water will flow on every high mountain and every lofty hill. <sup>26</sup> The moon will shine like the sun, and the sunlight will be seven times brighter, like the light of seven full days, when the LORD binds up the bruises of his people and heals the wounds he inflicted.

**Prayer:**

"Lord, thank You for healing my heart and promising to accomplish Your purpose for me."

NOTES:

**\*Please notice the next steps for your card.**

NEXT STEPS

I just accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior.

I just recommitted my life to Jesus Christ.

I will take the steps above to overcome temptations.

I will memorize the memory verse this week.

Please mark your next step on your Prayer Card and place it in the offering. Then, keep the next step above as a reminder for the upcoming week.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

**1 Corinthians 10:13 (NLT2)**

<sup>13</sup> The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.

## OVERCOMING TEMPTATION

**James 1:13-15 (NKJV)**

<sup>13</sup> Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.

<sup>14</sup> But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. <sup>15</sup> Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

**I. TEMPTATION IS BEING ENTICED**

\*Temptation is being drawn away by our own selfish desires & enticed to do wrong.

\*Greek word for enticed means to lure with a bait.

\*Satan lures us with temptations and knows our weaknesses.

\*Temptation is not sin. Sin is acting on temptation. The thought of doing wrong isn't sin but entertaining impure and wrong thoughts is sin.

\*In II Samuel 11, King David does not lead his army in battle as is the custom.

Arno Gaebelin: "He had been in self-indulgence and was self-satisfied with his great achievements. The spirit which characterized later Nebuchadnezzar when he walked in his palace puffed up with pride, which preceded his great humiliation, was no doubt David's spirit also. Had he remained in the presence of the Lord, humble and depending on Him, as we saw him after the Lord had spoken through Nathan this awful sin would not have happened."

**II. TEMPTATION CAN LEAD TO SIN**

**James 1:15 (NLT2)**

These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.

\*David commits adultery with Bathsheba and plots the death of her husband.

\*Temptation leads to sinful action which produces spiritual death.

**Psalms 32:3-4 (MSG)**

<sup>3</sup> When I kept it all inside, my bones turned to powder, my words became daylong groans.

<sup>4</sup> The pressure never let up; all the juices of my life dried up.

\*David admits his sin when the prophet Nathan confronts him saying "You are the man."

**2 Samuel 12:13 (NLT2)**

Then David confessed to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." Nathan replied, "Yes, but the LORD has forgiven you, and you won't die for this sin."

**III. FREEDOM**

**1 Corinthians 10:13 (NLT2)**

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1. Repent and Rest. Repentance is true sorrow for personal sin. Admit it to God.

**Isaiah 30:15 (NIV)**

<sup>15</sup> This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says: "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it.

**Prayer:** "Lord, I hate the fact that I have sinned, yet I alone am responsible and am willing to turn from temptation and trust in You. Lord, instead of doing what I want, I will rest and wait to know Your will."

2. Return. Cry out for help from God and He will hear you and answer.

**Isaiah 30:19 (NIV)**

<sup>19</sup> O people of Zion, who live in Jerusalem, you will weep no more. How gracious he will be when you cry for help! As soon as he hears, he will answer you.