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Attendance & Contributions

January 14, 2024

Worship	110
Online	
Budget 1/14/2024	\$8,669.00
Total as of 1/14/2024	\$485,214

Special Prayer Request

Connie Woodward Karen M. Parsons Beverly Lawley Buster Kornegay Jack Moon Raymond Widener Jan Towers Jean Jordan Joan Verchot Hugh Hudson Kim Hooks Glenn Hooks



THURSDAY NIGHT PAINT CLASS

1/18/24 we will be painting this "Winter Weather". All supplies are included for \$18.00. We meet at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to come. Call the church office to reserve your spot. Or Call Laurie @ 205-401-3124

TURNING THE PAGE SERIES OUTLINE

January 21, 2024 Trust His Heart Zephaniah 3:16-17 January 28, 2024 Give the Best of You Micah 6:6-8

As we navigate through the beginning of our New Year 2024, let's keep our mission ever before us here at First Methodist Church: "To be Passionate Ambassadors of God's Extravagant Love by Boldly Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with Everyone."



January 15, 2024

Greetings My Friends! I pray that as you receive this week's Newsletter, you have 'weathered' the weather? Granted, I am writing on Monday morning, not knowing what's ahead, but preparing/getting ready/anticipating. That sounds a lot like life doesn't it? We can only know the moments we are in, unable to predict what's ahead. Yet, we can be spiritually prepared and ready. What? Yes, we can! The word of God tells us that we are to remain awake, be prepared, and know the times just as we can know the weather.

I mentioned in Sunday, January 14th's sermon, a quote by A.W. Tozer, "You can be as close to God as you want to be." The obvious question to any inquirer is, "do you want to be close to God, and how close do you want to be?" I personally cannot think of any more comfort to know about the seconds, minutes, hours or days before me, than to have faith that God has already gone before me, and I can be assured, I can be as close to God as I am willing to be, in His promises...if I want to be.

Let me ask, "what is keeping you/me/us from being close to God in the way we really want to be?" Are things/people/interests/influencers giving us a greater assurance of some life promise than God has already shown us through His word and through His presence in life? If not, then what's keeping you/me/us from living under the obedience of God's love, mercy and grace? Don't trade God's faithful promises, both in the now and the tomorrows, for the fleeting immediacy of a "reward now."

Again, "You can be as close to God as you want to be," do you want to be close to God, and how close do you want to be? It's your decision...

Blessings, Bro. John Verciglio



MEMORIALS & HONORARIUM

CAPITAL FUNDS— In Honor of Raymond Widener, Brad Hinton, Buster Kornegay & Hugh Hudson. By Jack & Nancy Moon.

CHOIR/HANDBELLS— In Honor of Our Choir & the Music Staff for the beautiful Christmas program. By Jack & Nancy Moon.

BUDGET– In Honor of Buster Kornegay. From the Adult Sunday School Class.

PARLOR USE

A new time of Fellowship and Prayer has begun each Sunday morning in the Parlor. It is a time of welcome, refreshments, coffee, and some scripture sharing time. Join in the great time of CONNECTION. The meeting time is at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday!

A WORD FROM FINANCE

Have you turned in your 2024 Estimate of Pledge Card? If not, please contact the church office at your ealiest convenience. Thank you!

NEW INFORMATION TABLE

In the coming weeks and days, there will be a transformation coming to the brown information podium that stands in the Narthex entrance to the main sanctuary. The Moving Forward Team is helping it become more information friendly. We hope you will find its use to offer not only you, but VISITORS some instant information about our church and how VISITORS can quickly get connected. Please join in support of offering more information quickly about our wonderful church!

Our Christian love and sympathy are extended to the family of Desa Storey, granddaughter of Alan & Marilyn Brown. Desa passed away last week.

Our Christian love and sympathy are extended to the family of David Kornegay at his recent passing. David is the nephew of Buster & Betty Jane Kornegay.