



THE CLARION

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Dear friends,

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

May, 2019 is the month in which we begin to build a new Sanctuary! In August, 2017 the floodwaters of Hurricane Harvey filled our fields and buildings with three to five inches of water. When the rains stopped, volunteers started showing up with wet vacs and brooms, hammers and gloves and straight edges to clear and clean the floors and to begin the lengthy process of tearing away what had been ruined.

The first priority was not the church, but it was rightly the many folks who were impacted in their homes. Some of our people had to be rescued by boat, and some were among the rescuers. When we were sure people were safe, attention turned to our building. Most of you remember that we worshiped outside for several weeks while we readied the Christian Fellowship Center to once more hold services. Our beautiful Sanctuary, which we had long ago outgrown for both services, could not be reasonably restored. The beautiful flooring had to be lifted up with crowbars, board by board, leaving a shell that stood for months.

As we began the rebuilding process of our office building, we created a Children's Wing so that all our Children's Activities could be in one place. Most of the staff offices were moved to the front of the building, a move planned before the flood but made possible by the need for reconstruction. We contracted with Horizons Stewardship, with Ministry Strategist Don Smith, to conduct what turned out to be "Rising from the Water" Capital Campaign, under the leadership of Ken and Daralyn Schubert. We raised over \$1 million, including \$150,000 from The Woodlands UMC and \$145,000 from The Permanent Endowment Fund of Moody Memorial UMC.

Rev. Wesley Duncan offered his architectural services as a gift, and he has done a remarkable work here. Brett McGregor, our chair of Trustees, leads the Building Committee as we move toward building a new Sanctuary.

Cassandra McGregor headed the graphic arts and was part of the design team with Christine Thibodeaux. So many, many people have contributed so much of their time, talent and treasure to this endeavor! There have been thousands and thousands of volunteer hours put into this project.

Planning and weekly meetings went on for months, and at the end of April we held a specially called Charge Conference to build a new Sanctuary. Easter is a time of Resurrection, friends, a time of new beginnings. There is no more fitting time to begin to build a new church than during Eastertide, where we remember what God has done and is doing for us as we Restore, Rebuild and Transform, as we indeed are Rising from the Water.

May, 2019, is the time we are scheduled to begin.

Faithfully in Jesus Christ,
Pastor Frank



The Prayer Corner

by Janie Webster

“The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold of me.” So said Martin Luther, mighty leader of the Protestant Reformation in the 1600’s, about the life-changing power of God’s written Holy Word. And those words of Luther’s amazing metaphor really “spoke” to me this past week as I read the Easter Story that I’d only thought I knew so well!

You see, I usually read the Easter Story from just the Gospel of Mathew, or Mark, or Luke, or John. But this year I read from all 4 of the Gospels. In the process, I saw how much of the story I’d either forgotten or maybe even never known. And, in the process, the story of the cross became more real, relevant, & complete for me! (Like maybe you, I’ve read the Bible completely through. But if you’re like me, that surely doesn’t mean we retain all we read! So, I found myself reading some of the Easter story as if for the 1st time...)

Here are some of the events in this eternal story that “laid hold of me” as I read...First, though I knew Jesus was unfairly judged by multiple tribunes, I’d never actually counted & realized that, during the mere 18 hours of Jesus’ trial, He was shuttled around to SIX different hearings- before Annas, before Caiaphas, before the Sanhedrin, before Pilate, before Herod, then back before Pilate again! And, oh, the agony He must’ve endured during those 18 hours! Furthermore, though I recalled that “tombs broke open” & “many dead were raised to life” when Jesus’ death caused the great earthquake, I didn’t remember having also read in Matt. 27:53, that “they (the dead) came out of the tombs, & after Jesus’ resurrection they went into the Holy City & appeared to many people.” Why, we can only imagine the powerful, life-changing effect those “reappearances” must’ve had in regard to the early spread of Christianity, when added to The World-Changing Resurrection of Jesus!

Neither did I recall having read in Luke 27-31 about the weeping women who wailed for Jesus as they trailed along behind him. Nor did I recall that Jesus told them NOT to weep for Him, but for themselves- because He knew that, in 40 years, both Jerusalem & the temple would be destroyed by the Romans.

And then, finally, with my recent comparative reading of the Gospels, I was reminded that Jesus spoke SEVEN times as He hung dying on the cross. Matthew & Mark each only mention one statement He made. Luke & John each mention 3. But a comparative reading of all 4 Gospels reveals that those 7 heart-piercing statements our Savior spoke, show us both His complete humanity & divinity. They also show us all He went through to both grant & gain our forgiveness. (We know the number 7 indicates Biblical completion or perfection- & how right- how indicative of Christ’s holy nature, that He chose to leave us with those 7 precious statements to show us so perfectly, all that He is, all that He’s done & will do for us through the cross.).

In closing, Pastor Frank recently reminded us the Gospel of John begins by beautifully stating that Jesus is The Word Made Flesh. Both He, Himself, AND His written Word are new LIFE to us who give ourselves over to Him. Both our Lord & Savior Jesus & His written Word are eternally living & working in our lives. Thank God that the Holy Spirit relentlessly, passionately pursues us through both the pages of God’s Book, & through the stages of our lives...

Thank You, Father, that neither You nor Your Word cease in reaching out & drawing us in. The hymn says we’re “prone to wander, Lord, prone to leave the God we love...” But You won’t have it! You relentlessly chase us down! So, thank You, Lord, for Your patience & mercy. Praise You for Your persistence. May we ever grow in loving obedience & be the Easter people You’ve called us each to be.



Thank you to Ken & Cyndi Burns for all your help with the Easter Fest. Planning with you and the youth pack is always fun. What a blessing it is to have a church family that supported us along the way, it was a fantastic day. Can't wait to do it again next year!!

VBS is getting close. June 17 to 20th (6:00pm to 8:00pm) If you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact me. Power Up is our theme this year, kids will learn

All children activities are held in the children's area in the Church office building (Sunday School, Children's Church, JAM & Nursery).

Nursery is available during 8:30 & 10:45 services ~ Ages 3 years & under

Parents will need to pick up their child(ren) from their classrooms.



Join us for J.A.M. on these Sundays from 5:30-7:30pm

for children in preschool (4 years old by Sept. 1st) through 5th grade!

Stay up to date by signing up for J.A.M. TEXT REMINDERS by

texting @bh6g8f to 81010

(Please note that these dates are subject to change.)

MAY

May 5th

May 12th ~ No Jam (Mother's Day)

May 19th

May 26th ~ No Jam (Memorial Day)

Summer Schedule begins June 5th ~ Wednesday night only 6:00-8:00

JUNE

June 5th & 12th

June 19th~ VBS - No Youth or Jam

June 26th ~ FUGE Camp - No Jam

JULY

July 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st

AUGUST

August 7th

August 14th ~ No Jam (Crosby School Starts the 15th)

August 18th ~ Back to Sunday Schedule

5:30 - 7:30



My name is Mike Watson, and this is my Testimony.

I've been through a lot in my lifetime, but God has really tested me and challenged my faith for the last 4 or 5 years. I lost my 2 best friends in one year, my dad died from leukemia, and my marriage ended after 32 years. I had started searching for a church about 4 months prior to my dad's passing. My world was caving in around me, and I was in a very dark place in my life.

I was raised Catholic and tried to seek spiritual help and guidance from that church. I also tried attending a nondenominational church with my daughter, but it just didn't feel right to me. Then I came here to LHUMC one Sunday by myself looking for the right place for my heart and mind to be opened to our Lord. From the first time I stepped in this church, my life changed. I love my pastor, and the people in this church have all warmed my heart.

God challenges each of us in different ways, and I guess I needed to be humbled one more time. I was working in my yard trimming trees by myself when I fell about 18 feet off a ladder. I was Life Flighted to the emergency room where I stayed in the hospital intensive care for 10 days. I had 9 ribs broken at my spine, a punctured lung, a broken pelvis, a broken wrist, a dislocated finger, and a lacerated spleen. The man that was so proud and indestructible was now fighting for his life. God could have taken me at that time, but I truly believe He has another plan for me.

I believe in the power of prayer. God heard your prayers and those from my friends and family. I married Kimberly, the love of my life, 2 years ago. My life has changed so much in the past year. I now look forward to greeting everyone each Sunday morning. I help serve communion when asked to, and I am going to do the Walk to Emmaus in September.

Today, my heart is in the best place it has ever been in my entire life. Glory be to God!

Note from Daralyn Schubert and the Evangelism Committee: Next Meeting May 23th at 1:00pm

Sometimes our faith stories are about miraculous happenings, but they are not always such profound experiences. Sometimes they are about how God is working in our day to day lives. Please consider using this Clarion space as a way to share your faith. Just email your story to me at daralynschubert@yahoo.com or phone me at 281-324-1573.

FINANCIAL REPORT



LORD,
what do You
want to do
through me?

General Giving	3/24	3/31	4/7	4/14	4/21
General Fund	\$8,322	\$5,801	\$9,340	\$8,664	\$5,827
Bible Study Literature	\$17.00				
Directory	\$7.00		\$7.00	\$43.00	
Monthly Budget Needs		\$34,701			\$34,701
Collections Month to Date		\$37,867			\$20,782
Actual Month to Date Expendi-		\$26,123			\$24,639
YTD Budget Needs		\$104,103			\$138,804
Collections Year to Date		\$90,143			\$110,925
Actual Expenditures Year to		\$83,124			\$107,762
Attendance	128	154	160	149	396



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."

Proverbs 31:25-30

Last Chance For Fun,
Fellowship & Food Until
September

**Christian Women will be
Meeting on**

**Tuesday, May 14th at 10 Am
in the CFC**

Any Questions, please Contact
Ann Williams at (281)734-7528

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO
SEEING YOU THERE!**



**REMEMBERING
THEIR SACRIFICE**

NEW SANCTUARY UPDATE

Sanctuary design and construction update / May 2019



Greetings all –

On-behalf of the Building committee I will begin providing a monthly update that will be published in the Clarion, on our website and on the church bulletin boards.

The past month has been focused on finishing design and getting hard quotes from construction contractors. Pastor Frank, Derek Thibodeaux, Jim Stanley, Wes Duncan (Architect) and I conducted a detailed estimate review with our project management firm (HBC) on April 26. 95% of the cost figures were hard quotes from at least 1 contractor. The other 5% had budgetary estimates. The bottom line was \$1,185,000. Although this is within our Ad Council authorized \$1.2mln construction budget it does not have any contingency in it. Every job of this size will have some unexpected work. Things like underground obstructions, material price increases or things that we just missed in the estimate. Standard contingency is 10% of construction costs. We have to create this space in the estimate for the contingency.

HBC will take us through a “value engineering” review to help make the best decisions. The options to reduce cost include reducing stone work on interior and exterior, flooring material selection, parking lot (asphalt vs concrete) and lighting fixtures. Additionally for the larger line items, bids will be requested from additional contractors and we will go with the lower cost proposals. Danny Hannon, HBC project manager, expects that through the value engineering and competitive bidding we can lower our cost and establish a reasonable contingency.

The architectural, civil site plan and building structural drawings have all been issued and reviewed. About 60 drawings so far. HVAC, Electrical and plumbing drawings are in development. I expect 75-80 drawings by the time all design is complete.

The demolition is expected to begin in the 3rd week of May. Some prework will start sooner to put up temporary walls in the foyer where the Education wing meets the original sanctuary brick. We also will make temporary runs for phone and cable since they currently run through or on the original sanctuary. Building construction will continue through Feb/Mar 2020.

We are working on ideas to preserve elements of the church's history. These ideas are tentative because some of these items have risk of being damaged during removal. With that said, we aim to repurpose the metal cross in front of the sanctuary and mount it on top of the new entrance tower. Marc Pell will remove it, modify overall lengths, weld a base plate, then sand blast and powder coat it. We will remove a section of the stained glass in the east eave, frame it in wood and hang as a lighted decoration at the main entrance. We will preserve some of the brick from the sanctuary wall and build a display at the location of the original corner stone of the sanctuary. We'll have a plaque with a rendering of the original sanctuary with date of construction. Finally we will use the large wood cross from the CFC as the center piece of the new stage. Again these ideas are work in progress and there is some risk of damage during removal

but we will do our best to preserve this history! If you have any other ideas let a member of the Architectural Sub-team know.

The work to design and select an audio/visual contractor has also begun. Doug Spitz and George Wilkinson are heading up this effort. They've received a proposal from an AV firm but the bid was about twice the \$50K that we have budgeted for AV. Doug is working with Wes Duncan on alternatives and aims to have a recommendation by 1st week of May.

Last night (April 29) we had the Charge Conference to vote on the building details, cost and loan amount. We had a great turnout for a Monday night. Around 90 church members attended!

Here's the summary by the numbers:

Construction budget	= \$1,200,000
AV budget	= \$50,000
Furnishings (chairs)	= \$30,000
Total project	= \$1,280,000
Capital campaign Contributions	= \$585,000 to date of \$1,000,000 commitment
Approved loan amount	= \$500,000
Tx Dot Land sale	= \$129,000
Expected residual loan	= \$200,000 – 250,000 (depending on final capital campaign contributions YE2021)

The membership voted on the building, cost and loan.....and approved the resolution UNANIMOUSLY!

I must point out that the capital campaign is on track so far but it must continue to provide capital for us to complete the construction. For example, If campaign donations stopped we would have a short fall late this year and could not complete construction. So please prayerfully consider the donation commitment you made.

2 Corinthians 9:7

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

Finally, Its easy for us to get caught up in all the business of design, construction and financing.... We need to remind ourselves why we are building this Church. It is a house of God and will bring members of this community to know the love of Jesus Christ for generations to come!

Sincerely,

Brett McGregor, on behalf of the building committee

Committee Members:

Wanda Baker	Doug Spitz*
Lizzy Burkhart	Jim Stanley*
Linda Davis	Christen Thibodeaux*
Cassandra McGregor *	Derek Thibodeaux *
Jesse Soto	Ann Williams

* member of Architectural Sub-Team

Significant Contracts:

COMPANY NAME	WORK SCOPE	VALUE	COMMENTS
Houston Building Co.	GC/Project management	\$94K	\$5K/mo, \$34K on completion
RIGID building systems	Metal frame structure	\$30K	Down payment, total contract \$150K
I A Naman Assoc Inc	Electrical design	\$5K	Electrical systems, power distribution, fire alarm
DPS Surveyor	Survey and topography	\$3.5K	Building locations, parking lots and boundaries
QC Labs	Soil report for civil design	\$3.8K	Soil boring & test for foundation/paving design
Stanley, Spurlock & Hamilton	Civil Engineering	\$8K	Site plan, drainage, paving, slab
1st Liberty National Bank	Loan	\$500K	4.85% APR, no early payoff penalty

ISAIAH 43:2
When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN | LHUMC

Date		Land Sale	Flood Relief	New Sanctuary
12/31/2018	Balance Forward	\$ 129,792.22	\$ 13,500.24	\$ 499,083.36
1/31/2019	BALANCE	\$ 129,792.22	\$ -	\$ 536,195.34
2/28/2019	BALANCE	\$ 129,792.22		\$ 515,352.46
3/13/2019	HBC			\$ (5,000.00)
3/20/2019	Directional Project			\$ (3,500.00)
3/31/2019	CC fees, MTD			\$ (39.74)
3/31/2019	Donations, MTD			\$ 21,240.93
3/31/2019	BALANCE	\$ 129,792.22		\$ 528,053.65

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8:30am ~ Worship
 9:45am ~ Sunday
 School
 10:45am ~
 Worship

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12:30pm Bible Study

7:00pm ~ Prayer

			1	2 Methodist Men 7:00Pm	3	4
5 YOUTH & JAM	6	7 Ladies Bible Study	8	9	10	11
12 MOTHER'S DAY NO YOUTH	13	14 Christian Women 10Am	15	16	17	18
19 YOUTH & JAM	20	21 Ladies Bible Study	22	23 Evangelism Meeting 1:00pm	24	25
26 YOUTH & JAM	27 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED	28 Ladies Bible Study	29	30	31	

God Answers Prayers

Alan—Stage 4 cancer—
Kent Zavala's superior
Bryna Armstrong—7 yr.
old, possible neurologi-
cal issues—Terrie &
Marc Pell's granddaugh-
ter
Dave Binnig—Home
recovering—Carole Bin-
nig's husband
Sydney Bollom—Home
recovering from knee
surgery 4/1
Gary Bright—Hosp.,
heart problems—Ann &
Tobe Williams' request
Christopher Anthony
Brown—Born 3/25/19—
Kirk Jordan's nephew
Dorothy Brown—
Successful foot Surgery
3/28
Sam Cobb's Family—
Died 3/29—Amy Soto's
request
Robert Craig—Critically
injured in bus acci-
dent—Finn Yoakum's
request
Crosby ISD—Serious
financial crisis
Sharon Crump—
Treatment side ef-
fects—Daralyn Schu-
bert's request
Hannah Daiz—Missing
6th grader—Rhonda
Burkhart's request
Teresa Dodgen—
Cancer, no more treat-
ment, some tumors
shrinking—Richard
Dodgen's mother
Uncle Don—Surgery 4/5
to remove mass from
spinal cord—Cassandra
McGregor's request

Cousin Dylan's Family—
Died—Leah Watson's
cousin
Sybil Echeverri's Family
- Died 4/2—Cynthia Ad-
ams' mom
MaryEllen Gardner—Pet
scan 4/29
Shirley Garies—Broke
bone in pelvis
Gloria—Dementia—
Jeanie Shuler's mom
Baby Grace—ICU, sep-
tic—Cassandra
McGregor's request
Mrs. Harper—Hospital,
God knows—Dave
Harper's mother
Dave Harper & Family—
Structural problems with
home
Charlie Haws—Tx. Chil-
dren's, seizures, test-
ing—Charles Jordan's
grandson
Peter Jacquot
Virginia Jennings-
Moore's Family—Died
4/21—Karen Holiday's
request
McGregor's request
Christine Jordan—MS,
extreme leg pain
Julie—Urethra severed,
next doctor appt. 4/18,
UTI—Jeanie Shuler's
sister
Sandy Lane—Breast
cancer, testing to deter-
mine treatment—Janie
Webster's request
Bill Laurents—Home
recovering stamina

Linda Laurents—Home!
Joyce Lloyd—Cancer
Nancy Jo—Breast can-
cer—Debra Crapse's
request
Nick—Hosp., burn victim
of KMCO fire—Andrea
Pennington's neighbor
Paula Oliver's Family—
Died 4/11—Ann Wil-
liams' sister
John Parker—Hosp.,
serious cellulitis in leg—
Ann Williams' brother-in-
law
Kathleen Smith Peters—
Pancreatic/liver can-
cer—Frank & Brenda
Coats' request
James Reed—Multiple
stitches in hand
Ross Richardson—
Home recovering from
major blood clot leg, an-
other in lung—Oliver
Richardson's dad
Henry Schmidt—Fell,
sprained wrist, bruised
ribs, urology concerns
Jeanie Shuler—Fell, 3
cracked ribs—Janie
Webster's request
James Smith—Colon
cancer— Sarah R.
Smith's brother
Nan Stein—Home re-
covering
Drew & Jade Tarver—
Marriage concerns—
Amy Soto's son
Gary Terry—Northeast
Hosp., Strokes—Pat

Terry's husband
Buddy Townsend—
Testing week of 4/15 for
various health concerns
Jan Way—Health con-
cerns
Matt Williams—Skin
grafts not healing
properly, procedure 4/18
to help healing—Ann &
Tobe Williams' son
Tamara Wolf—God
knows—Frank Coats'
request
Casey Yarbrough—CNS
Lymphoma B, retesting
4/29—Stacie Marion's
son

Our Church Our

Nation/Government

Our Military

E. Texas Tornadoes

Sri Lanka

Homebound

Jane Allen

Adriana Bartliff

Harlan Broeker

**Roger & Dorothy Cass-
man**

Gloria Cerrato

Judy Champagne

Jack Coble

Sharon Crump

Alma Farley

Sue Groves

Billie Medley

George Messinger

Oma Dell Morris

Betty Platou

Carl & Sherrill Poteet

Nita Regan

Delores Scott

Jack Sherer

Jerry & Ann Sparks

Anthony Thompson

REVOLUTION YOUTH MINISTRIES

A NOTE FROM KEN



Hello Youth Family!

April was an absolute amazing month for our Youth Ministry. This Easter Season was the most spiritual season that I have ever personally experienced. We kicked off the month with a church workday and got a lot accomplished. We then showed the Passion of the Christ to our Youth and had a very deep and meaningful discussion afterwards. Later in the month the Youth teamed up with our Children's Ministry for our first Annual Easter Fest. It was so much fun and can't wait for the next one. On Easter Sunday, our Youth lead the Sunrise Service and they did an absolute amazing job! We have so much talent in our Youth Family and they never cease to amaze me. We ended the month with our annual G3 beach trip and had such a great time.

With the passing of my Mother a couple of months ago, I had to check myself and what I truly believe. Through lots of prayer, tears, and anger, God lead me to a deeper understanding of Jesus resurrection. Even though I will miss my Mothers hugs, our long phone conversations, her laugh when I make terrible jokes, her homemade dressing and steak fingers, I can live knowing that my Mother truly is in a better place. My Mother was healed from all diseases through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Thank you God for giving us hope and a life worth living. Thank you for giving us your son Jesus.

Our Youth encourage me to be a better person and to live my life for Christ. They always tell me how much of a blessing our church is to them, but little do they know, they are a true blessing to our church. Our Youth are becoming prayer warriors and I cannot be more excited! During our beach trip, there was a couple getting married on the beach right in front of us. Our Youth came up with the idea to go and pray over them as soon as they were finished with the ceremony. We watched them run into the ocean after they officially became a married couple, then we walked over and asked if they cared if we prayed over their marriage. Without hesitation, they agreed. We all put our hands on them and prayed. Words can't explain how meaningful that was for me and I can only imagine what it meant for the newlywed couple. God is working through the hearts of our young people, and it's exciting to watch.

Love you guys! - Ken

MISSION:SERVE UPDATE

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MISSION:SERVE makes a difference in the lives for those who get assistance from the Huffman Food Pantry. **THANK YOU!** We could not serve our community members in need so effectively without YOU, our generous members and friends

with giving hearts. Thank you for your continued support! If you have any questions or would like to make any adjustments to your donation each week, please call Cassandra McGregor at 713-628-9380.

MISSION:SERVE Reminders

If you would like to receive reminders, notes and updates regarding MISSION:SERVE, you can text @aee96k to 81010

Together, we can change the world...one lunch at a time.



JOIN US @ REVOLUTION YOUTH!

Revolution Youth Ministries is a place where youth (6th grade to 12th grade) can come hang out with their friends for fun, fellowship and learning more about who we are in Christ. YOU are invited to..

WORSHIP WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30-8:15pm

SUNDAY FUNDAY @ 5:30-7:30pm ■ Drama 4:30pm

COMING UP MAY

May 1, 5, 8 • Youth

May 10 • Special Dinner for the Youth at CFC

May 12 • No Youth (Mom's day)

May 15, 19, 22 • Youth

May 26 • No Youth

May 29 • Youth

LOOKING AHEAD: VBS June 17-20; FUGE June 24-28; UM Army July 21-27

Check website and social media pages for last minute updates!

STAY CONNECTED!!

CALL ■ (713) 875-6447 | **TEXT REMINDERS** ■ Text @766g88 to 81010

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