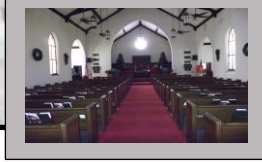


FIRST FRUITS

WE GIVE OUR FIRST FRUITS

BECAUSE HE GAVE US HIS ONLY SON

July 2022



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First Things First...

Do not fret because of evildoers, be not envious toward wrongdoers. Psalm 37:1

The English author, Charles Dickens, opened one of his best-known novels with these words:

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to heaven, we were all going direct the other way—in short, the period was so far like the present period, that some of its noisiest authorities insisted on its being received, for good or for evil, in the superlative degree of comparison only. ~ *A Tale of Two Cities* (Page 1, Paragraph 1)

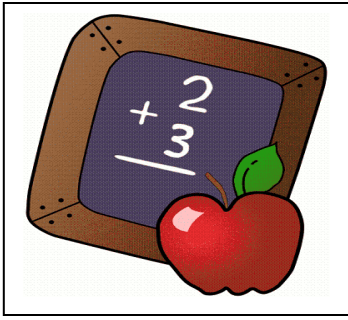
While Dickens wrote his descriptive commentary as a comparison of the United Kingdom and France during the French Revolution, “the period was so far like the present period” he could have been writing about the current-day United States. July brings the celebration with thanksgiving that the Creator of the Universe established our nation, and by His Providence and Preservation it continues as the world’s greatest and most successful country. Notwithstanding its flaws, our nation surpasses all others.

Despite the favor shown to its people, American culture has abandoned the morality of God’s Word. Worse than that, it seems as if those who reject God’s way prosper in every endeavor. David pondered this paradox as he constructed Psalm 37. At a minimum, he states thirteen times that the Lord sees the deeds of the wicked and brings evil to an end. Conversely, David proclaims more than two dozen times that God will protect, deliver and exalt the righteous. I particularly like verse 18: *The Lord knows the days of the blameless, and their inheritance will be forever.*

When life looks unfair or that wickedness is beginning to have an upper hand, I encourage you to read Psalm 37 and remember that in the end God wins!

Jesus loves you and so do I!

Pastor Grier



First School And Day Care

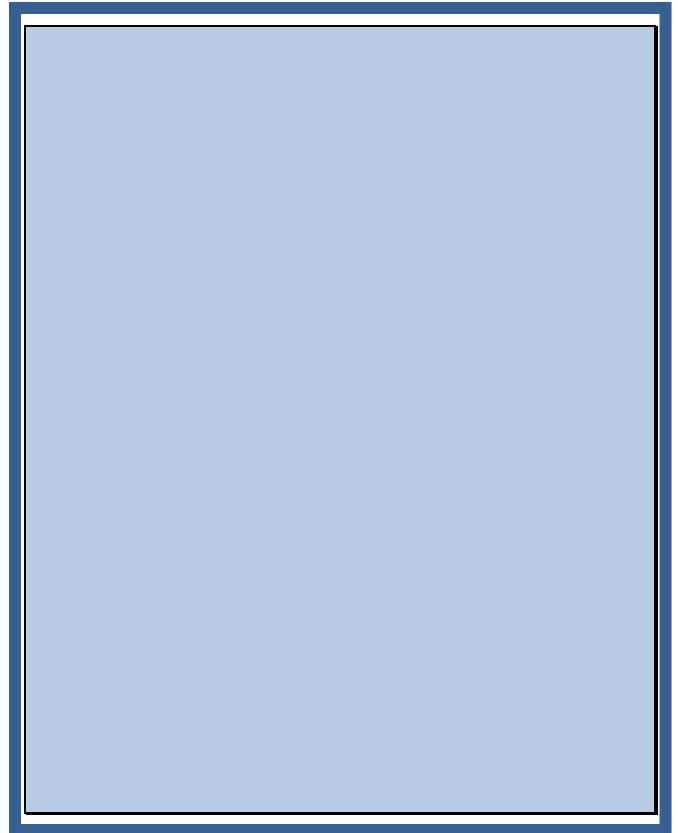


The First School has 120 kids and a full wait list. Summer has been in full swing, and we are preparing for our Texas Rising Star certification. Every three years we must recertify. We have been so busy making sure everything is ready and we are all prepared. Texas Rising Star allows us to enhance the quality inside the classrooms and educate our teachers for free. It also allows more grant opportunities and an enhanced rate as well as a discounted rate for the parents who are on assistance.

When TRS comes to observe us, it is a 3-day process where we are observed inside the classroom for how the teachers interact with the kids and to check out our room environment. They also check teacher qualifications. 4 Star is as high as you can get, and we have reached the 4-star level in the past and we are hoping to keep the 4-star level this year. This year it will be more challenging because they have changed the rules and how we are graded to become a lot stricter.

Our church recently voted on purchasing the house next door so we can expand. We are very excited about the new opportunity this brings to our school. I want to thank each one of you for your support in growing our school so we can continue to be a lighthouse to our community. I know even more great things are on the horizon and we are so excited!

Many Blessings,
Bree Joines
The First School Director



JULY READINGS

- 07/03 Exodus 5:10-23, Psalm 52:8-9, Romans 13:8-14, Mark 10:28-34
- 07/10 Exodus 6:1-13, Psalm 53:1-6, Romans 14:1-12, Mark 10:35-45
- 07/17 Exodus 6:14-25, Psalm 54:1-7, Romans 14:13-23, Mark 10:46-52
- 07/24 Exodus 6:26-30, Psalm 55:1-3,23, Romans 15:1-7, Mark 11:1-11
- 07/31 Service led by Kist By Grace



- 07/05 Lynda Christenberry
- 07/10 Charlotte Watson
- 07/11 Jimmy Nielsen
- 07/12 Jan Nelson
- 07/20 Charles Bard
- 07/23 Gloria Campbell
- 07/24 Matthew Stewart
- 07/26 Linda Atchetee
- 07/31 Billie Jean Bram



- Our FLC Family**
- Dorothy Atchetee
 - Harlo & Rhonda Atchetee
 - Charles Bard
 - Ron Chambles
 - Shirley Chatel
 - Lynda Christenberry
 - Nora Hollingsworth
 - Marilyn Kight
 - Kim & Larry Ledwig
 - Family of Diane Nelson
 - Lloyd Nelson
 - Odis Newton
 - Jimmy Nielsen
 - Becky Sample

- Ashley Schoeneberg
- Ruth Speckels
- Bentley

- Friends of FLC**
- Albina Joines



- 07/12 Gaynard Wigginton
- 07/17 Benjamin Hernandez
- 07/19 Nora Borak
- 07/22 Kathleen Joines

List will be cleared on the 1st in January, April, July and October. Please help us stay current; call the office with changes or additions.



**PRAY FOR
ALL WHO
SERVE IN
THE US MILITARY**



- 07/13 Leroy & Billie Jean Bram
- 07/24 Pastor Clyde & Alys Grier

WE'RE HERE WHEN YOU NEED US



OR



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COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, July 21st
6:00 p.m.

Pastor Clyde Grier:
Phone: 979-541-6173

FLCEC Manna Meals Team

Our Team will not have a date to serve at Manna Meals during July.



WOMEN OF THE WORD

WOW Food Drive
Sunday, July 3rd

A = Always
S = Say
A = A
P = Prayer



Pre-Gathering Seminars:

(To explore theme more deeply)
Seminar begins Friday, July 29th, at 1:00 p.m. To attend add \$15 more

Youth Gathering & Lock-In for Grades 6-12 held concurrently!

LCMC Texas District Gathering

July 29 - 30, 2022

(5:00 p.m. Friday evening – 3:45 p.m. Saturday)

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

4102 N. Ben Jordan St., Victoria, TX

Theme: Pray earnestly

Keynote Speakers: Jeremy Walloch

Mike Bradley

Tickets: \$65 thru 6/29, \$75 after 6/29

To Register: Forms are available in the church office
Or register online:

www.lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering



July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM w/Communion WOW Food Drive	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM	11	12 First School Board Meeting 5PM Newsletter Items Due	13	14	15	16
17 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM w/Communion	18	19	20	21 Church Council Meeting 6PM	22	23
24/31 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM	25	26	27	28	29 LCMC Texas District Gathering Victoria	30 LCMC Texas District Gathering Victoria

July Responsibilities

ASSISTING MINISTER: Calvin Borak

SEXTON: David Kight

USHERS: Odis Newton, Alvin Yackel

ALTAR GUILD: Nora Borak, Diane Stewart,
Haley Orsak

READER

3rd Ted Schoenfield
 10th Calvin Borak
 17th Cathy Schoenfield
 24th Diane Stewart
 31st Helen Johnson

If you are unable to serve on your date,
please find someone to take your place.



JULY FLOWER CALENDAR

3rd Open
 10th Open
 17th Open
 24th Pastor & Alys Grier
 31st Open

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE
July 2022

Date	Reading	Date	Reading
1	Isaiah 22	17	Isaiah 38
2	Isaiah 23	18	Isaiah 39
3	Isaiah 24	19	Isaiah 40
4	Isaiah 25	20	Isaiah 41
5	Isaiah 26	21	Isaiah 42
6	Isaiah 27	22	Isaiah 43
7	Isaiah 28	23	Isaiah 44
8	Isaiah 29	24	Isaiah 45
9	Isaiah 30	25	Isaiah 46
10	Isaiah 31	26	Isaiah 47
11	Isaiah 32	27	Isaiah 48
12	Isaiah 33	28	Isaiah 49
13	Isaiah 34	29	Isaiah 50
14	Isaiah 35	30	Isaiah 51
15	Isaiah 36	31	Isaiah 52
16	Isaiah 37		

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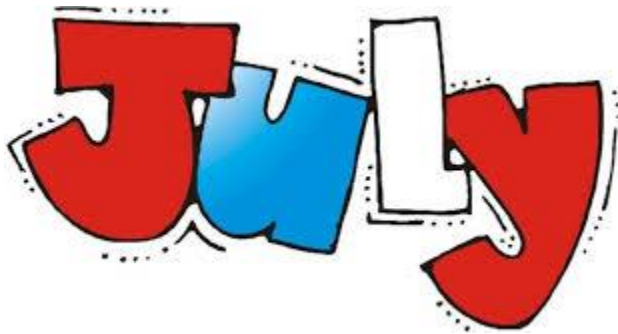
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Cindy Mathews, Jimmy Nielsen*

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Join us on Sunday mornings!

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m
Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.