



# FIRST NEWS

“Helping people grow to love Jesus and each other.”



Dear FUMC Heath,

What a great summer we've had! Despite being out of the sanctuary and losing other space to construction, the show has gone on. We've had Sunday School classes meeting in different rooms and worship happening in Fellowship Hall, it's been cramped, but it has gone very smoothly. All of us on staff are thankful for everyone's flexibility and good nature about all this.

And most of all, Vacation Bible School went off without a hitch, even in our limited space. It's been said many times already, but thank you to each and every person who donated their time, money, resources, and especially prayers to make "Maker Fun Factory" a great success. You made it possible for lots of kids to hear the gospel, have seeds of faith planted in their lives, learn to worship, and learn to give (it was all worth a pie in the face)!

Now August his here and we'll soon be gearing up for back to school, the return of Lil' Voyagers, and (more important to some) football season. So enjoy the rest of summer, stay cool, and stay in prayer for our church and community.

Love and Peace in Christ,

Pastor Omar



# OUTREACH

## H.A.T.S.

August 2

1:00pm

Bingo Bonanza!

1st Baptist Church Heath

Heath Area Terrific Seniors is a group that meets the first Wednesday of each month for fun and fellowship.

One Man's Treasure will be holding a garage sale on **Saturday, Sept. 30**. Please start saving items they can use in the sale, like furniture, household goods, kitchen items, dishware, clothing, jewelry, pictures, children's toys or equipment, sporting equipment, anything else you feel will sell well!

Times are 8AM-2PM or when we shut it down, 601 Forest Trace, Rockwall, 75087. If you think you'll have something to donate, please let us know. The week before the garage, we'll start collecting the items so we can price things. If the items are larger like furniture, and you can't deliver it, we can try to figure out how to get it picked up.

Feel free to contact Sheree or Angel about your items.

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**One Man's  
Treasure**  
*Clothing that makes a difference*

For more information about the One Man's Treasure organization, [www.onemanstr.org](http://www.onemanstr.org).

## The Bridge

For the past several years, a group from our church has been volunteering and serving breakfast at The Bridge, a homeless shelter in downtown Dallas. Our assigned date is the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, and we need 10 volunteers each month. Breakfast is served from 7:30 to 8:30, and those that wish to carpool meet at the church to leave at 6:30 am.

We are in need of additional volunteers who would like to join us in this outreach project in our greater community. If you would like more information, or would like to volunteer, or simply go one time to see if it is a fit for you and your schedule, please contact Kerri Bergerhouse or Dennis Conder.

# DISCIPLESHIP

## WALK TO EMMAUS

**Men's Walk 269 September 21 -24 @Sabine Creek**

**Women's Walk 270 November 9-12 @Lake Lavon**

The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. The program's approach seriously considers the model of Christ's servanthood and encourages Christ's disciples to act in ways appropriate to being "a servant of all." For information about Emmaus Walks please call Barbara Rohde at 713-595-2800 or [robbarrohde@aol.com](mailto:robbarrohde@aol.com).

# MUSIC MINISTRIES

**Like Music in worship?!**

**We need your participation to make it richer and richer!**

**Chancel Choir** is looking for new members to join the fun and enrich every rehearsal and worship experience. This is open to any and all who love to sing God's praise, no audition required!

Practice is each Wednesday night from 7:00pm to 8:30pm.

Fall session begins August 9.

How about acoustic guitar?

There's a group for that too! Bring your guitar and jam with us.

**Acoustic Circle** meets each Monday at 4:00pm

Fall session begins August 14.

And last but certainly not least, **Bell Choir!**

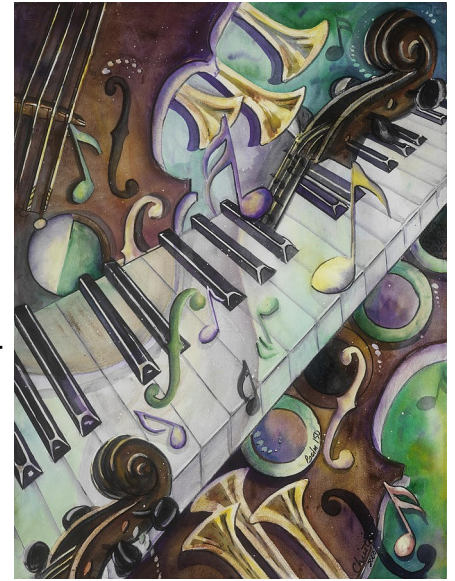
Beginner ringers welcome! If you like to dance, or can keep regular tempo this group is for you!

**WARNING!!!!** too much **FUN** can be hazardous to your laughing stomach.

Come join the "Bell's Angels" bell ringers in rehearsal Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm.

Fall session begins when the construction is done.

If you need more information on any of these groups, please contact Keum at [worship@fumcheath.org](mailto:worship@fumcheath.org)



Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD!  
Psalm 150:6

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Join us on Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> for Blessing of the Backpacks! We invite all students and teachers to bring their backpacks to the service as we pray blessings over all those beginning a new school year.



**August 27th 12:00-3:00pm**  
**Frank and Kerri New's house**  
**2 Shepherds Way Heath, TX**

Join the children's ministry on Sunday, August 27th right after church for one last party before school starts! Lunch provided...the whole family is invited! RSVP to [abie@fumcheath.org](mailto:abie@fumcheath.org) by August 21st!

Thank you to all who helped spread the love of Jesus to our kids during VBS through donations, prayers, and service! We brought the Word of God to around 35 kids each night and we could not have done it without all of you. Please continue to pray for our kids and the seeds that were sown!



Thank you to everyone who helped with Kids Against Hunger, it was a great success! The kids raised \$700 during VBS and on Sunday, we packaged a total of 2,174 bags which provides 13,074 meals! Pray for all the children that will be fed as the food is sent to Honduras!



# YOUTH

## HELP NEEDED!

The youth are having a Back-to-School Lock-in on Wednesday, August 23rd from 6:00pm - 7:00am and we need adults to help chaperone throughout the night! If you can take a shift at any time, even for just a couple of hours, please contact Abie!

# SUMMER YOUTH WEDNESDAYS

**Stay connected with our youth by joining us every Wednesday afternoon for some fun!**

**Here's this summer's schedule:**

August 2nd	Swim Party (Lunch provided)	12:00-3:00pm
August 9th	Lunch @ Chiloso	12:00-1:00pm
August 16th	Movie & Pizza @ Church	12:00-3:00pm
August 23rd	Back2School Lock-In!	6:00pm-7:00am

**We can transport any youth that needs a ride!**

**\*\*Please RSVP to events the Monday before!\*\***

# CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTIONS

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1—David Keane  
6—Phillip Bergerhouse  
12—Karen Babb  
13—John Burriss  
14—John Hohenshelt  
    Kay Chamberlain  
16—Richard Farrington  
17—David Gilliland  
18—Chuck Dale  
    John Keane  
19—Kerry Johnson  
    Sherry Snider  
21—Eddie Lennox  
24—Don Pardue  
29—Denise Monkress  
31—Rebekah Johnson

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

5—Hal & Cathy Gilley (40 Years)  
6—Omar & Jenn Rikabi  
16—Derrell & Brenda Evins  
18—John & Carolyn Keane  
19—David & Phyllis Johnson  
23—John & Lori Lawing  
    David & Dana Gilliland  
    Harold & Pat Mims  
24—Brett & Cassie Thames  
    Richard & Kathy Farrington

\*If we missed a Birthday or Anniversary, we are so SORRY!! Please email [kerri@fumcheath.org](mailto:kerri@fumcheath.org) to get it added to our list.

## PRAYERS IN THE PARLOR

Meets each Wednesday (off-site) to pray for the needs of our congregation, community and the world. If these “Prayer Warriors” can pray for you or a loved one, please click [here](#) to submit your prayer request or call the church office.



Worship needs your help! Please look on the Welcome Center for sign up sheets for August to help with taking up offerings during church and one for Communion Elements (juice and bread). If you could sign up for one, two or for the whole month, it would be appreciated!



Construction is temporarily on hold due to insurance adjustors and City of Heath.

We will keep you updated!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

August 2—Youth Pool Party  
August 7—Acoustic Practice Resumes  
August 9—Chancel Choir Practice Resumes  
August 9—Youth Lunch  
August 16—Youth Movie & Lunch  
August 23—Youth Lock In  
August 27—Blessing of the Backpacks  
August 28—1st Day of School (Rockwall)

## STAFF

**Kerri Bergerhouse—Administration**  
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**Keum (Kim) Hwang—Worship**  
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## CONNECT

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## FINANCIAL UPDATE

**January Beginning Cash Balance: \$92,400**

**Year-to-Date Results for 2017:**

General Fund Receipts:	\$163,185
General Operating Expenses:	<u>(\$177,231)</u>
Net Operating Results:	(\$14,046)

**June Ending Cash Balance: \$78,354**

Congregation,

The above reflects our general fund cash position and use of funds for the first six months of 2017. Thank you for your continued support for our collective operating, ministry and outreach efforts.

Our dedicated accounts are as noted in the following summary:

Building Fund:	\$4,759	(used in payment of parsonage debt service)
Assets/Equip:	\$26,783	(music A/V, van replacement, bell tower, Trustees, etc.)
Other Dedicated Funds	\$18,135	(Children's and Youth Funds, UMM Funds, etc.)

Please visit with me if you have any questions or would like additional information on the financial position of the Church.

Peace in Christ,

Brett Thames