



# FIRST NEWS

"Helping people grow to love Jesus and each other."

A vibrant poster for Vacation Bible School. At the top, a large, glowing blue banner reads "TREASURED" in bold, block letters, with the subtitle "Discovering You're Priceless to God" in a smaller, cursive font below it. A red parrot is perched on the left side of the banner. In the background, there's a jungle scene with a monkey on the left and a butterfly on the right. The main title "VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL" is written in large, yellow, 3D-style letters. Below the title, the dates "August 1 - 5" and the time "4-6:50pm" are listed. The age group "Pre-K (4)- 5th Grade" is also mentioned. A green banner at the bottom right reads "DINNER WILL BE SERVED!" in green, stylized letters. The entire poster has a tropical, jungle-themed background.

# OUTREACH

## Genesis Center

The Genesis Center provides homes for both women and their children in a Christian based environment. FUMC Health supports this center through donations, financial giving, and time spent working in the warehouse or in the center.

Gently used donations and monetary gifts are always welcome. You can drop items at the church , or take them directly to the Genesis Center. (2675 TX 34, Kaufman, TX).

Monetary donations are **ALWAYS** appreciated!

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

### Sunday School Kick off Party

Sunday, August 15

9:15am

Breakfast will be served



### \* YOUTH BACK 2 SCHOOL BAIS H \*

SUNDAY AUGUST 15  
5-7PM

DINNER | GAMES | DEVOTIONAL

FUMC Heath  
140 Smirl Drive  
Heath, TX

## MUSIC MINISTRIES

Throughout 2020 & half of 2021, we've gone through some stuff. To claim some normalcy we've done some great things during that time and one of the things we're going to do is "CHOIR!" Every voice is important, every voice is precious, every voice matters and everybody is called to join us **August 11<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm**, to **SING**. Your voice will add to worship experience every week and your presence will enhance each rehearsal. You will experience the Holy Spirit through music and I know you'll feel the warmth of our seasoned singers. How can I guarantee this experience? I know the people of this church, I know the Holy Spirit, and I know your time will not be in vain.

Come and see what God has for you in each song.



For more information about  
Music Ministries, please contact  
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## CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTIONS

A chalkboard-style graphic with a dark green background. At the top left, there's a small "ABC" with a pencil. The main title "Back To School" is written in large, white, outlined letters. Below it, the text "BLESSING OF BACKPACKS" and "&" are in yellow, and "NEW SERMON SERIES" is in white. There are icons of a backpack, a basketball, a ring, and a pencil scattered around the text. The date "AUGUST 15, 2021" is written in white at the bottom.

## August Birthdays

- 1—David Keane
- 6—Phil Bergerhouse
- 12—Karen Babb
- 14—John Hohenshelt
- 16—Eric Allen  
    Richard Farrington
- 17—David Gilliland
- 18—Chuck Dale  
    John Keane
- 19—Sherry Snider
- 21—Eddie Lennox
- 24—Don Pardue
- 29—Denise Monkress

## August Anniversaries

- 5—Hal & Cathy Gilley
- 6—Omar & JennRikabi
- 14—Ken & Linda Maxwell
- 16—Derrel & Brenda Evins
- 18—John & Carolyn Keane
- 23—David & Dana Gilliland  
    Harold & Pat Mims
- 24—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.



Hot weather, summer gardens are producing well this year partly due to the rains we have enjoyed and that have reduced the high temperatures we normally experience this time of year. Mold and insects have also thrived in this environment. A reminder that sevin dust and/or sulfur powder are good bug repellents and not near as harmful as some insecticides.

I use sulfur powder mixed half with baby powder in a shaker jar and sprinkle my clothes prior to dressing. Prevents chiggers. I also put it on my dogs to greatly reduce chewing and licking their paws and scratching their ears. I spread sulfur pellets on my yard for those same reasons. Sulfur is a natural element. I have used it for 80 years on myself.

Time to consider late summer and fall gardens. Remove weeds, spread compost and otherwise start prepping your gardens. It's not too late to plant hot weather plants (think black eye peas and okra) and fall tomatoes are a definite. Fall gardens can be very productive!

Hamms just east of Terrell has some very good peaches this year. A little pricey but getting juicy, sweet peaches is worth it.



Again reminding you to get your pets vaccinated. Distemper is raging through many animal shelters right now including Dallas. Infected shelters are closed to new intakes. Death rates are very high for this disease and it is preventable.

Watch your fur babies for fleas and ticks. Both carry diseases that also can infect humans. Visit with your Veterinarian for solutions!

Remember the pavement and even bare dirt can be hot enough to burn paws! If you can't walk barefoot on the surface, don't ask your pets to.

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## Socks and Shoes

A little boy about 10 years old was standing before a shoe store on the roadway, barefooted, peering through the window, and shivering with cold. A lady approached the boy and said, "My little fellow, why are you looking so earnestly in that window?" "I was asking God to give me a pair of shoes," was the boy's reply.

The lady took him by the hand and went into the store and asked the clerk to get half a dozen pairs of socks for the boy. She then asked if he could give her a basin of water and a towel. He quickly brought them to her. She took the little fellow to the back part of the store and, removing her gloves, knelt down, washed his little feet, and dried them with a towel.

By this time the clerk had returned with the socks. Placing a pair upon the boy's feet, she purchased him a pair of shoes. She tied up the remaining pairs of socks and gave them to him. She patted him on the head and said, "No doubt, my little fellow, you feel more comfortable now?"

As she turned to go, the astonished lad caught her by the hand, And looking up in her face, with tears his eyes, answered the question with these words: "Are you God's Wife?"

Author Unknown



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As you know, our church has faced tremendous challenges over the past months as we have done our best to navigate the pandemic. Doubtless, all the decisions we've made have not been perfect, but we have tried to seek the mind of God and sought His wisdom.

As we have returned to worship together, again, we've tried to do so with a sense of care while striving to gain some semblance of "normalcy." We often hear that people can't wait to "get back to normal." Someone at one point said that "normal is just a setting on the dryer."

Many churches have seen drops in both attendance (online or in-person) as well as financial drops. We believe God will help us through any of the challenges we have faced along the way.

Our goal at FUMC Heath is to do our best to provide an atmosphere where people are welcomed, regardless of where you may stand on these issues.

\*If you feel it best to attend church with a face covering, then please do! Perhaps you think that you have adequate immunity due to having the virus or from getting the vaccine, then, by all means, you are encouraged to attend church!

Yet, please know if you are still in a place where you don't feel quite ready to return; we do understand. We will continue to live stream services each Sunday at 10:30am.

We don't believe God's long-term answer for anyone is to spend their church time at home watching online. The Word of God is still true when it shares the following: Hebrews 10:25 (NLT) And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

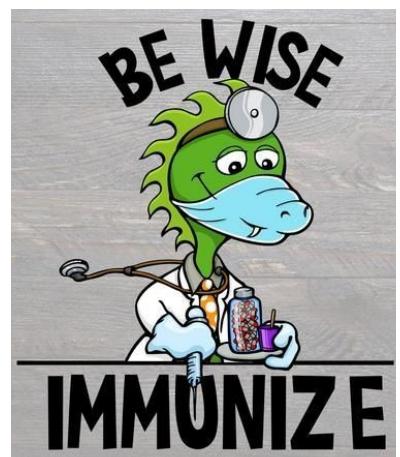
If you are out and about doing other things such as shopping, sporting events, etc., why not consider joining us for worship as well!

We want to see our church family! We are strongest that way because, truly, we are better together!

Hope to see you Sunday!

\*The church will continue to follow all CDC guidelines.

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As editor of this newsletter, I would love your input to make it more newsworthy for our congregation.

If you would like to write a testimonial, short story, poem, what made you join this church, what you love about this church, etc., please let me know. Just know that it may or may not make it into the newsletter, or it may not be published until a later date.

Suggestions are ALWAYS welcome.

Thanks!

Kerri

