

Advent 2021



A baby is born in a stable in the backwater town of Bethlehem. His parents gave him the name Jesus. But the prophets, wise men, shepherds, and angels addressed him by other names, or rather, titles. He was the Messiah, the Lord, Savior, Emmanuel, the Word made Flesh and Light of the World.

Join us this Christmas season for a 4 part series on the God who came in the form of an infant. The first week of Advent is November 28. Each week we will have one adult Sunday School class at 9:45am in the gym, and a weekly worship service at 11, with candle lighting, special music, children's plays, and a message leading to the birth of Christ. Invite your friends. Show up. And let your heart be filled with the light of the season. (Children and youth will have class at 9:45 as well.)

The Christmas Eve Service will be at 7pm on December 24, with a children's nativity (all children can participate), a hopeful message, and all can take part in the final candle lighting, symbolizing the entrance of Christ, the Light of the World, into our presence.

Be sure to pick up a Family Guide to Advent with devotions, readings, and activities for the whole family. Get the full experience of Christmas this year. This guide will help your family focus a little less on Santa, and little more on Jesus. And perhaps you'll renew some old traditions, or start some brand new. (Available November 28)

Wishing you peace and joy this year,

Pastor Tina



THE CHURCH
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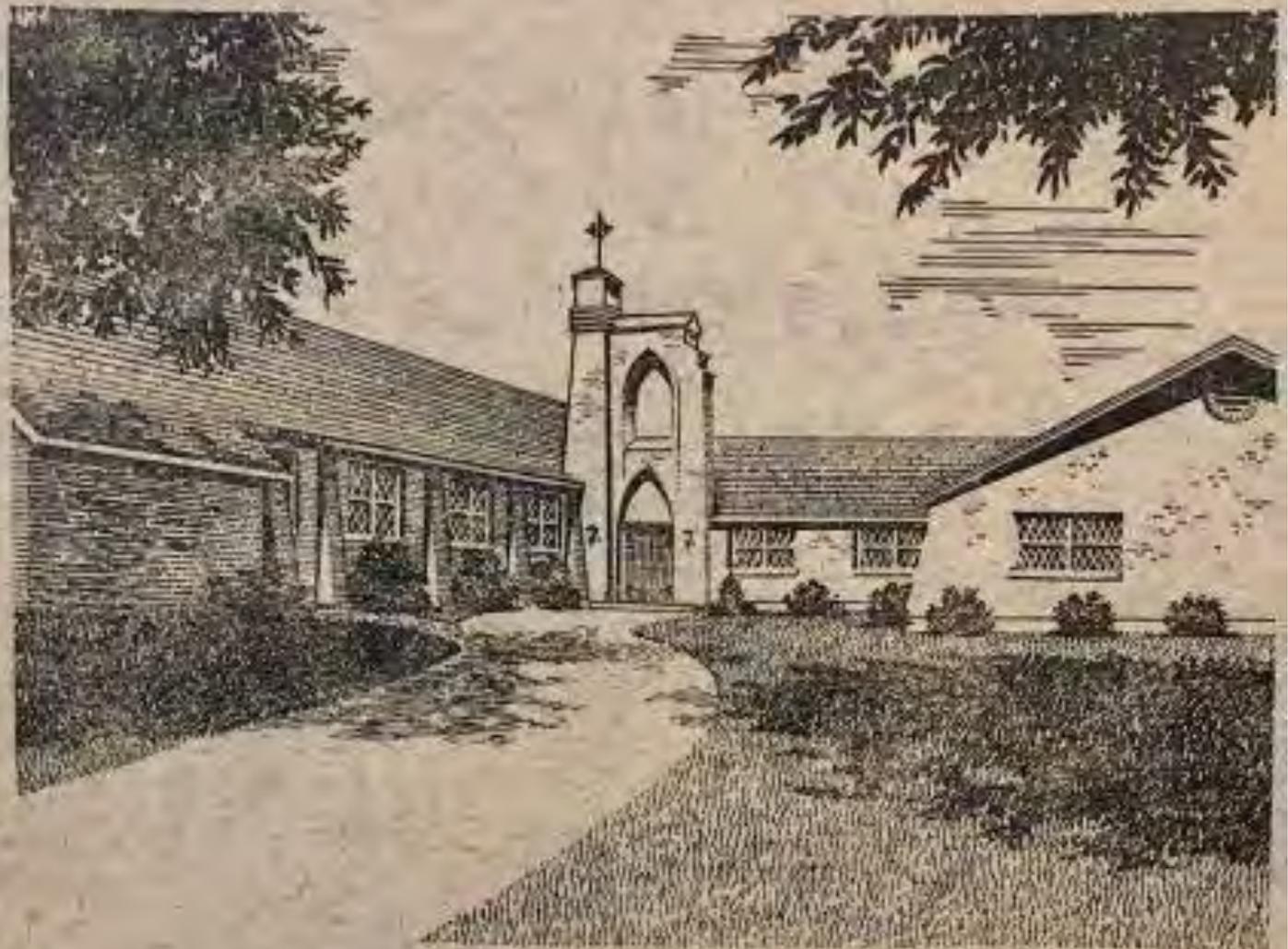
As Church Historian, I was given a church bulletin for a Memorial service held November 25, 1963, for President John F. Kennedy.

This bulletin was found in the home of the late Mary Elizabeth Bennett Brigman by her granddaughters, Kristy and Misty Crawford. Mary was our oldest member at the time of her death.

I had never seen it before, so I wanted to share with our members in the November - December Newsletter.

*Amy Livingstone Nichols
Church Historian*

This Church Opens Its Doors and Says, Come!



First Methodist Church

Fourth and Scurlock

Robert Briles, Minister

Grandview, Texas

"The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former . . . and in this place will I give prosperity," says the Lord of hosts.

MEMORIAL SERVICE
for
PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY
November 25, 1963

Let the people enter in a spirit of prayer and meditation.

THE PRELUDE

MOMENTS OF SILENT MEDITATION

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever.

People: Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee.

Minister: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.

People: It is the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. Amen.

THE HYMN "O God Our Help In Ages Past" 533

THE COLLECT

O heavenly Father, thy word is a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path; we humbly beseech thee thou wouldest be pleased to open and enlighten our minds, through Jesus Christ, who is the true light of the world, that we may understand thy word in the plainness and purity, and frame accordingly the course of our lives; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

IN COMMEMORATION (Let the people respond by reading the bold type)

Let us now praise God for His gift of love through great men.

IN WHOM THE LORD SHOWED FORTH HIS GLORY, HIS MIGHTY POWER IN DAYS OF OLD.

Men who bore dominion in the earth, and men famous for their might.

GIVING COUNSEL BY THEIR WISDOM, AND SPEAKING WITH
PROPHETIC POWER.

For our own beloved president whom thou didst send
to lead us.

WHOSE COURAGE AND WISDOM WAS AN INSPIRATION TO THE
PEOPLE OF THE WORLD.

A man who lead in perilous times and caused his
people to run with patience.

WHOSE DEVOTION TO HIS BELOVED LAND WAS HIS DEEPEST
CONCERN.

May his devotion fall upon us and cause us to turn
unto thee as the rock of our salvation.

MAY THY BLESSINGS ABIDE IN US AND QUIET OUR
TROUBLED SOULS, AND BRING UNTO PERFECT PEACE AND
CONFIDENCE IN THY LOVE. AMEN.

THE GLORIA

THE LESSON FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

THE PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

THE MEMORIAL MEDITATION

THE HYMN

"More Love To Thee"

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THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE



As we enter the Holiday Season, we note how very blessed our little church is.

October saw the Administrative Council preparing the budget, readying for our Charge Conference and preparing for the Nomination Committee's report. If you have given any thought to joining a Committee, we would love to hear from you!

Halloween Trunk or Treat was a huge success, and Lord's Acre is looking awesome!

And of course, Thanksgiving gives us all a chance to be so very appreciative for all our blessings.

Barbara Rudduck
Admin. Council Chair
"Vivere la tua vita"
Live your life





LAY LEADERSHIP

Greetings Church Family!

My name is Scott Richardson, and I was asked to be the Lay Leader for our congregation here at FUMC – Grandview. As Lay Leader, I represent each of you at all the various committee meetings throughout the year.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to visit with me. If I don't know the answer to your question, I'll find out from someone who does.

Let us all work together to grow our church and further God's Kingdom!

Blessings,
Scott



Little Zebras Learning Academy

November 2021

Things are moving right along at LZLA. We've had our share of sick kids and teachers, but things seem to have finally leveled out. We keep sanitizing and washing hands. If anyone has extra hand soap, we can always use that. We have plenty of hand sanitizer at the moment.



Our costume parade was amazing and we had approximately 50 parents come help hand out candy. While we did FB Live the event, somehow it and the pictures we posted were taken down. Technology fail!



Our Thanksgiving Feast for kids and staff only will be Wed. 11/17.



Blocks are so important in preschool, but good quality ones are surprisingly expensive. Our goal is to have a set of large building blocks for each of our 3's & Pre-K classes. The look on children's faces when they build a tower with big blocks that are taller than them is priceless. While we have some of the smaller wooden blocks, we are hoping for the bigger size.



Benefits of building blocks include:

- Hand eye coordination – The child has to learn to place the block on the block tower in such a way that does not topple the tower.
- Teaches kids early math and engineering skills through hands on learning. ...
- Spatial awareness
- Improves fine motor skills
Enhances logical thinking capability – it provides mental stimulation and teaches kids cause and effect. ...

Our PreK class will be singing for the congregation on Sunday, 12/5/21. It will be a songs that we will be performing at our Christmas concert.





Sundays @ 9:45am & Wednesdays @ 6:30pm

Bible Study
Topics

Sunday
Morning

Justification:
Right with
God

Wednesday
Evening
Groove

Youth Devotional

And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows. - Luke 12:7

Have you ever felt like no one gets you? Maybe you feel like your parents or friends just don't seem to understand what you're going through. It can be really difficult in those times to know who you should turn to for help. Today's Bible verse helps us know where to turn to in difficult times. This verse shows us that God really gets you more than anyone else. He gets you because He created you. That means He knows all about you, and knows the number of hairs on your head. God loves you in a deeper way than anyone else can, because He made you who you are. Because He knows you so well and understands you, you can turn to Him when things get tough. So, on days when you feel like no one gets you or you feel like you're not worth much, remember today's verse. You can take comfort knowing that God loves you so much!

This Month's Challenge: Your Value Comes From God Don't ever let yourself feel like you are alone. You always have God in your corner. Your value comes from God. Share your troubles with God because he understands everything about you. Remember Pete & I are always here to support you.

**In His Service,
Pete & Meghan York**

FINANCE

Dear Church Members,

The Finance Committee has met twice in the last month to prepare a Church budget for 2022.

I am pleased to say that there are “no bells or whistles” in the budget, but we believe we have covered the needs of our Church to maintain our building and parsonage, pay and support our Pastor, Church employees, and perform community involvement and outreach.

If anyone has any questions about our budget, I would be happy to answer them.

Hoping everyone enjoys Lord’s Acre and has a Happy Thanksgiving.

Steve Wells,
Chairman - Finance Committee