



Hi Friends!

How is it February already? We are less than a month from Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent. If you're curious, Lent is simply the 40 days (excluding Sundays) prior to Easter. It is a time when people try to reflect on the sacrifices of Christ, and acknowledge that in Christ, we have been given eternal life. For thousands of years, people have practiced their own self-sacrifice during Lent to connect further with Christ through the Holy Spirit. Some give up something like sweets, TV, social media, etc. Others add something like a new spiritual practice, daily Bible reading, an extra time of prayer, or giving away of their resources. I highly encourage you to consider one of these practices for Lent 2022. I have found they draw me closer to Christ, and I land in Easter with a renewed sense of worship for God.

A few things I want to highlight:

This Sunday, Gene & I are hosting a **Super Bowl party for YOUTH!** We will have lots of food, fun, and prizes. Please join us at the parsonage (402 East McFarland) at 5pm, until the game is over. Bring a friend!

Wednesday, March 2, at 7pm, we will have an **Ash Wednesday Service**. I encourage you to attend with your families. It will be a short, but meaningful service with the imposition of ashes.

And finally, **please welcome Bishop Saenz** to our conference! He began the work of Bishop on January 1st for the Central Texas Conference of the UMC. He is inviting the people of the CTC to complete a very short survey so that he might gain some valuable insights as to how people feel about their churches, ministries, and conference – what we do well and where we believe we have opportunities to do more.

Bishop Saenz sees the work happening in the Central Texas Conference as THE work Christ and the church have called him to this season. He feels it is vital for that calling to learn about the people, churches, ministries, and small groups of the Conference - what clergy and laity think their congregation does well and where the opportunities are for improvement. Likewise, it is equally as crucial to know what are the perceived strengths of the Conference overall, and how it can be better.

Please take a few moments before Feb. 25, 2022 to prayerfully and thoughtfully complete the brief Congregational Survey .

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Tina Schramme



Youth Super Bowl Party

All youth in 6th - 12th grade are invited to join us for a RAMS vs BENGALS Super Bowl Party! There will be Food, Games, Fellowship, and Prizes!

Date: February 13th

Time: 5pm

Place: The Parsonage (Gene and Tina's house)





Administrative Council

Happy Valentine's Day and blessings everyone.

Your Administrative Council met at the end of January, and I would like to share some thoughts with you.

We have formed a new committee, the Long-Range Planning Committee. The goal for us is to prepare our church for all the growth in Grandview. Also, to review and to offer the programs and activities that we want our congregation to have access to.

What direction would like your church to go? What activities, what programs and where do you want to see our church in the next 5 years. We really would like your input. Just stop and chat with Wesley, Tina, or me. We want to hear from you. Want it to be private? Just drop a note to the office or in the collection plate.

We look forward to hearing your suggestions.

Barbara Rudduck
Chair – Administrative Council



We have lots of exciting things in the works for families and youth this year! Pastor Tina is hosting a Super Bowl party for the youth at the parsonage on February 13th from 5:00pm until 10:00pm. Dinner will be provided.

Looking forward in the year, we plan on having a quarterly service project for our youth. Our first service date will likely be in March, stay tuned for further details.

Glen Lake Camp registration is open! For any youth wanting to attend camp this summer, please let Pastor Tina, Sarah Davis, or Bria Wallace know so that we can start to get a head count and plan our camp weeks. Rumor is that Pastor Tina may volunteer for one of our camp weeks! As always with camp, we try and offset the cost for families as much as possible, and we will be having some fundraisers in the coming months. Our goal is to send each child to camp at no cost to the families.

We are working on planning a summer mission trip for the older youth and will announce more information on that as the plan comes together. We will also be scheduling quarterly youth and/or family outings.

We want you and your kids to love this church and to have hearts of joy while learning and sharing the gospel. If you have feedback or suggestions, we have open ears. We hope that this year breathes life back into our youth and family ministry so that we can be a beacon of light in our community and beyond.

God loves you and we love you!

-Family Ministry Team



Little Zebras Learning Academy

February 2022

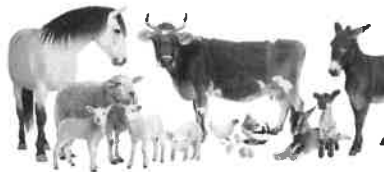
Our second semester is well under way and since January our enrollment is up to a total of 59 kids. We will start re-enrolling our current families and their siblings in March and then open enrollment for new families will begin in April/May. We will be raising tuition by \$20/mo for next year.



Congratulations to our 3 yr old teacher, Shelly O'Neal, on the birth of her son, Hayes. He was born Feb. 1, 2022 and is such a cutie! Shelly plans on returning to work in 6-8 weeks.



We have Farm Day coming up on Wed. March 30th. We will set up in the parking lot and the kids will get to pet and learn about different farm animals. Our Little Zebra parents are amazing in their willingness to help out. Look for pics on Facebook.



Little Zebras will be hiring for the 2022-2023 school year. We are looking for teachers who are loving, patient, team players, and willing to share God's love with our kids. We work Monday and Wednesday from August-May and have most GVSD holidays off. Will train the right person. Contact Michelle for more info.