



THE MESSENGER

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

*Who Worship Passionately, Love
Extravagantly & Witness Boldly*

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Pastor's message

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Spiritual Gifts

One of The Holy Spirit's functions is the generation and re-generation of life. In Genesis we see The Holy Spirit moving over the surface of the waters, then God speaks and The Holy Spirit moves... and there is light and life, generated by the power of The Holy Spirit!

Then, much later, by the power of The Holy Spirit, the Virgin Mary conceives and the life of Jesus, Emmanuel, God incarnate, begins. Indeed, each of us begins our life, spiritually, by the power of The Holy Spirit.

Regeneration comes as we are reborn. And part of that regeneration is the imparting of Gifts of the Spirit.

Every child of God is filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, specially gifted to play a unique and valued role in the body of Christ. No one is without gift or purpose.

Spiritual gifts are not our talents or skills. They are the grace of God at work within us, empowering us to match our deep passions with the world's deep need. The gifts are given to individuals, but they are given to build and strengthen community and to meet the needs of those around us. I hope you find this compiled list helpful.

Pastor Steven†

Leadership

The gift of leadership is a visionary and forward-looking gift that enables people to stay focused on where God might be leading us as individuals, congregations, and communities at any given time. Leaders look more to where we are going rather than where we currently are, or where we have been. Leaders motivate others to work together in ways that help them achieve more together than any could on their own. Leaders provide examples of how we should order our lives to honor and glorify God.

Administration

The gift of administration allows a person to organize people and resources for greater efficiency, effectiveness, and success. Administrators have the natural ability to apply resources where they will do the greatest good. Administrators are good with details and are deeply aware of how all the parts of a group or organization work together to achieve their goals.

Teaching

The gift of teaching allows people to transform data and information into life changing knowledge. Teachers do not have to stand in front of a class to teach. Often gifted teachers communicate best in informal, one-on-one settings. Teachers have the uncanny knack of helping people learn effortlessly. People internalize and retain the knowledge and learning they receive from gifted teachers. Good teachers transform more than they inform.

Knowledge

The gift of knowledge allows people to automatically convert facts, data, and information into useful and important knowledge. People possessing this gift can learn in a variety of ways, retain what they learn, and understand how learning can be applied in meaningful and productive ways. Those gifted with knowledge have a voracious and insatiable desire to learn more, and they seek multiple avenues for deepening their understanding of God's world, God's will, and God's people.

Wisdom

The gift of wisdom allows people to understand deeper meaning and apply knowledge, beliefs, and experience to everyday situations. Wise, gifted individuals make connections and help other make them as well—to understand the implications of our beliefs and actions. Those gifted with wisdom often understand root causes of disagreements, conflict, and barriers to growth and development. People with wisdom help others understand and clarify options to make good decisions.

Prophecy

The gift of prophecy is the ability to speak God's word to others, or more appropriately to be open for God to speak God's word through us. Prophets do not predict the future, but offer insight and perspective on current conditions and how things might turn out if changes aren't made. Prophets are incisive, clear, and often controversial, communicators. Prophets see things that others often don't,

and they have the courage to "tell it like it ought to be."

Discernment

Discernment is a gift of deep intuition and insight. Discerning people can separate truth from fiction and know at a visceral level when people are being honest. Deeply sensitive and "tuned in," those with the gift of discernment are open to feelings, new ideas, and intuition as valid and credible information. Discernment is not irrational, but trans-rational—beyond empirical—knowledge.

Exhortation

The gift of exhortation is manifest in people who offer encouragement, wise counsel, unflagging support, and empowerment. Those who exhort stay focused on helping people maximize their own potential and live from their own gifts and skills. Exhorters help people feel good about themselves, build confidence, and not grow discouraged. Often, those with the gift of exhortation make others feel good just by being present.

Shepherding

The gift of shepherding is the gift of mentoring and providing spiritual guidance to others to help them develop in discipleship and faith formation. Shepherds take an active and individualized interest in the life of faith of others. Shepherds share from their own faith journey to make the way easier for others. Shepherds are good at asking provocative questions, recommending appropriate resources and experiences, and helping people find their own way to the next level of their development.

Faith

The gift of faith is more than belief in Jesus Christ, but an abiding foundation of confidence that God works all things together for good, and that the people of God can rise above any obstacle. Faith is the bedrock upon which we build lives, congregations, and communities. People with the gift of faith hold fast to the deep conviction that no matter what we see with our eyes, we can trust the promises and plan of God.

Evangelism

The gift of evangelism is the gift of faith-sharing and proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ to those we meet. Evangelism is primarily a one-to-one or small group experience, grounded in building relationships with others and inviting them to make a decision for Christ. Gifted evangelists do not force their faith on others, but offer relationship with God as a gift, and are ready to tell the story of God and Christ in their own lives.

Apostleship

The gift of apostleship compels people to reach out to new and unfamiliar groups and individuals to invite them into relationship with God and community. Apostles share the story of faith in other lands, cultures, and traditions, as well as welcoming the stranger in their own land. Apostles extend the hand of friendship to those of other generations, nations, and languages. Many apostles desire to be missionaries.

Service / Helps / Hospitality

Servanthood is the gift of doing for others, sometimes to the exclusion of meeting personal needs. Servants look for ways to do for others both within and beyond the congregation and serve, but serve from a sense of identity and call. Gifted servants never feel put-upon or taken advantage of, but see each opportunity to do for others as a way to be true to self. Helping is a gift of support and behind-the-scenes effort that make groups, families, and congregations more effective. Not everyone is gifted to lead, but many are gifted to follow and handle the tasks that are so essential, but less glamorous. Helpers love to serve others, support others, and assist others in the important work of ministry and mission. Tireless in their willingness to serve, helpers are less interested in receiving thanks and recognition than in doing good, valuable work.

Mercy / Healing / Compassion

The gift of compassion moves people to action on behalf of those in need. Compassion is not simply caring about others, but rather such a radical caring that

we have no choice but to make sacrifices for others. Those with the gift of compassion rarely ask, "Should I help?" but instead focus on how to help. Compassion makes us fundamentally aware of the Christ in others and springs from our desire to care for all of God's creatures and creation. The gift of healing is not about transferring spiritual power to eliminate suffering and disease, but the ability to channel God's grace and healing love to those who suffer physical, emotional, or spiritual pain. Healers are moved to be present with those who suffer. Healers pray for those who suffer, visit those who are ill, and are usually moved to extend a hand of comfort and touch to those who are afflicted. Healers give their time and energy to offering aid and comfort to others.

Giving

The gift of giving is the deep commitment to provide whatever resources are needed to support God's will and plan. In addition to radical generosity, those who possess the gift of giving have the uncanny ability to discover and channel new sources of money, time, and energy to needs. Money management skills, grant writing abilities, and the easy knack of asking for donations and cultivating donors are among common skills of gifted givers.

Tongues

The gift of tongues is a communication gift that allows people to speak foreign languages and convey concepts they never formally studied. People with this gift "pick up" the ability to communicate across barriers of language, culture, age, or physical limitation (some people with the gift of tongues work with the deaf or blind). The identification of the gift of tongues as a "secret" prayer language is often misunderstood. An individual manifesting the gift in this way must always be paired with someone who has the gift of interpretation of tongues. These gifts are given for the upbuilding of the body of Christ.

Interpretation of Tongues

Those who are gifted to interpret tongues help build bridges across cultural,

generational, and language divides. People who possess this gift have an innate ability to learn new languages and cultural practices and can help others understand them as well. Foreign speaking people are attracted to those with this gift and feel intuitively that they will be better understood and received by interpreters. Interpretation breaks down barriers.

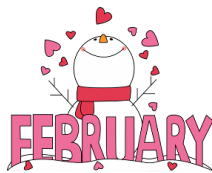
Miracles

The gift of miracles is not about performing miracles, but about living in the miraculous reality of God's creation. Those gifted with miracles never doubt the power and presence of God in creation and are able to help others see and believe in God's power. The gift of miracles does not focus on the extraordinary, but sees the miraculous in the mundane and normal. Living in the spirit of the miraculous, people see God in nature, in relationships, in kind acts, and in the power of love.

at Christ Church 5PM
 6363 Research Forest Dr.
 The Woodlands, TX
26th- Dinner & Bible Study 5:45PM
*** Worship In Person or Online**

**Mark your calendar
 up-coming events**

Saturday, March 1st Ladies' Luncheon
 Tuesday, March 4th- Shrove Tuesday
 Pancake dinner 5PM
 Wednesday, March 5th- Ash Wednesday
 Service 7:30PM
 Friday, April 18th, Good Friday Service
 Time to be announced
 Sunday, April 20th Easter Sunday



Calendar of events

- 2nd-** Holy Communion & Worship 9AM*
 Sunday School 10:15AM
- 5th-** Dinner & Bible Study 5:45PM
- 8th-** *Italiano's Fund Raiser dinner 4:30PM*
Dine-in or carry out @ Church Fellowship Hall \$15
- 9th-** Worship Service 9AM*
 Sunday School 10:15AM
- Board of Stewards Meeting 12:45PM
- 12th-** Dinner & Bible Study 5:45PM
- 14th-** *Happy Valentine's Day*
- 15th-** Food Pantry Day 9:00AM
 Volunteers need at 8:30AM
- 16th-** Worship Service 9AM*
 Sunday School 10:15AM
- 19th-** Dinner & Bible Study 5:45PM
- 23rd-** Worship Service 9AM*
 Sunday School 10:15AM
GMC Revival On The Road



**February
 Anniversaries
 & birthdays**

- 6 Craig Hantelman**
- 10 Delise Henry-Grovo**
- 11 Kris Duke**
- 11 Charles Jones**
- 13 Kacey Welch**
- 14 Ken & Angel Van Ostrand**
- 17 Ginie Baird**
- 18 Mindy Mitchell**
- 24 Alison Glau**
- 24 Bob Hantelman**
- 28 Evan Jones**

CHURCH FUNDRAISER



Spaghetti night

SATURDAY • FEB 8 • 4:30 - 8 PM
First Methodist Church Splendora
 28117 FM 2090, Splendora, TX 77372 - 281 689 0425

ADULTS	Menu Spaghetti, bread, salad and dessert	Curb Side or Dine in
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\$15

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Thank you to Italiano's on North Park in Kingwood invite your friends!

Sam Houston Area Revival

February 23 @ 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm



TRINITY CONFERENCE GMC
REVIVAL ON THE ROAD

SAM HOUSTON AREA
 5 p.m. | Sunday, February 23
 CHRIST CHURCH METHODIST
 6363 Research Forest Dr. | The Woodlands Texas 77381

Bishop Kenneth Livingston
 Guest Preacher

GMC revival on the road

Everyone is invited and welcome to revive your spirit and be filled!
 Come hear the Word of God for the people of God!
 Christ Church Methodist
 The Woodlands, Texas
 Let's carpool together. Renew our spirit!
 Hallelujah!



Best Valentine is GOD

Who so loved the world that his one and only Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life."

John 3:16



the greatest valentine is from GOD!

Prayer list

Blessings:

Ed Smith - Experiencing success following immune treatments

Good attendance last Sunday

Concerns:

Gary Fritz & Family - Comfort & Peace - Loss of his Sister

Wanda Earhart and Family - End stage Cancer

Chantel Wilson - Cancer

Sunnie - Tess Nardozzi's granddaughter - Prayers for good ultrasound results

Joey Masterson & Family - Faith

Teresa Blanco - Healing

Sandie Hales - Healing
William Blake - Health
Angel Van Ostrand - Continued
Healing
Patti Lyons - Continued Healing
Carilyn Tompkins - Healing
Craig & Christie Hantelman
The Blake Family
The Keith Family
The Smith Family (Ed Smith)
Ray Ricks
Mary Francis Royall
Charles & Mawana Jones
Gary @ Turbo Valves
Sage Herr
Ralph Madonna
Tommy Johnson
Charlie Kincannon
Cynthia Manis
Ailene Wilson
Duane Hall
Norma Glass
Shirley & Bob Adams
Shirley & Harry Schumaker
Alton Moore
Robert & Mae Bible
Frankie, Evan & Brooke Jones
Debbie Szymanski & Family
Jeremiah Johnson

Bob & Kris - Travel Mercies
Cindy Reed - Travel Mercies
Upcoming Spaghetti Dinner
Fundraiser – Feb. 8th
Wednesday Evening Bible Study
Our Church & Leaders
Our Country & Leaders
Unspoken
The Homeless
DC Plane/helicopter wreck-prayers
for the families & those involved