

SEPTEMBER 2023
THE FOUNTAIN
NEWSLETTER



Worship Service: 9:00 am in Fountain of Life Center
Sunday School: 10:15 am

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Labor!

Labor Day is upon us. A day we set aside to rest, to remember, to set aside our work, for one day to think about our work. It is not a Christian Holiday, but a cultural day! However, we do prayerfully honor those who do and who have... labored.

When we think of labor and work, we think of the rich entrepreneurial spirit we celebrate in this culture, and we thank God we have the opportunity we can live it out.

In this culture, we can use some strategies of the business world so that we can build the church. We can, but should we?

On the Sundays in September, I will be doing a sermon series called "Sell It!" and we will explore how our culture and how the scripture can help us grow the church.







I'm really looking forward to spending time with those sermons with you!

See you in church!

Pastor Steve



A Note from Pastor

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School	28  7:00pm Nominations Committee Mtg - WOW	29 No Connected Practice 7:00pm Joyful Noise (FOLC)	30 7:00pm Prayer Meeting (Prayer Room)	31 6:30pm Handbell Rehearsal	1	2
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**Labor Day
Sept. 4th
Office Closed**

**GATHER
every
Wednesday
5:30 - 8:00
See schedule for details**

**Worship Meeting
Sept. 25th
6:00 p.m.**

September Calendar

Birthdays

Kathryn Rowell – September 1
 Taylor Thompson – September 2
 Elaine Keel – September 3
 Wilbur Bohmfalk – September 4
 Mike Freehauf – September 4
 Aldeen Lanning - September 4
 Cindy Stein – September 5
 Hailey Clark-Turner – September 6
 Jared Muennink – September 7
 Dylan Neuman – September 13
 Sydney Simpson – September 13
 Caden Spring – September 13
 Justin Griffin – September 15
 Larry Keel – September 17
 Janet Crain -September 18
 Morris Stevens III – September 18
 Kase Ruiz – September 19
 Barry Hobbs - September 22
 Adam Lowe - September 24
 Bob Jouett – September 24
 Burl Brock - September 26
 Kathy Riff - September 26
 Floyd Skipper - September 27
 Robby Beard - September 28
 Glen Riff - September 29
 Richard Saathoff – September 30

Anniversaries

Jeff & Evelyn Jones
 Sept. 1st

Charlie & Kris Dickens
 Sept. 8th

Mike & Cathy McGuire
 Sept. 20th

Barry & Mary Jane Hobbs
 Sept. 20th

Lindy & Rita Mechler
 Sept. 30th

GOD

BLESS

YOU

New Member
 Mike O'Day

Baptism
 Oaklynn Maria Alexander

Memorials

Morris Stevens
 Clifford & Kim Reed
 Mary Belle Meitzen
 Barbara Brice

Tom Price
 Ronnie & Melody Muennink
 Bobby & Debbie Cox

Ruth Postel
 Peg Tindall
 Mike & Cathy McGuire

Prayers

- ♥ Vicky Phillips
- ♥ Judy Weiblen
- ♥ Kyle Berg
- ♥ Jason Boyce
- ♥ Mike McGuire
- ♥ Helen Muennink
- ♥ Laura Schrutka
- ♥ Joe M. Saenz, Jr.
- ♥ Stella Shultz
- ♥ Joe Nixon
- ♥ Kathryn Rowell
- ♥ Jane Schauer
- ♥ Sheryl Guth
- ♥ Kenneth Roberts
- ♥ Michael Love
- ♥ Denise Parsons
- ♥ Ora Lee Muennink
- ♥ Naomi Fredriksson
- ♥ Floyd Saathoff
- ♥ Peace in our nation
- ♥ People of Ukraine
- ♥ Reconciliation in families

**SENDING YOU
 HEALING
 PRAYERS**

In Honor Of

Bohmfolk Reunion
 Laura Ward & Wilbur Bohmfalk

Our teachers are ready, the classes have been set and Sunday School is back and in full swing! We needed to make some adjustments this year to help with the sizes of the classes, which is wonderful!

Special Shout out to these amazing Sunday School Teachers: Ashley Lowe is teaching Pre K-Kindergarten, Melany Ohlhausen is with 1st-3rd grade, Rosa Brigance is heading up our 4th & 5th grade class, Melisa Joyner and Brett Beard are leading the 6th-8th graders, and Kristin Muennink is guiding the 9th-12th grade group. We would like to thank our wonderful volunteer teachers and those who help with our Sunday School classrooms. Without them we would not be able to accomplish such great things!

And with the kids being back at school, so is Gather At The Fountain on Wednesday Nights! The schedule has changed a little for this season in hopes of better accommodating our younger group. Pre K - 5th grade are meeting for their special Bible Study time from 5:30 pm-6:10 pm. During this time, the parents of those littles can meet for their own class and time of fellowship where Pastor Steve will be going through "Grow At Home - A Beginner's Guide to Family Discipleship ". Then ALL AGES will gather back together in the FOLC at 6:15 p.m. for Worship and Dinner! The older Youth (6th-12th grade) will meet from 7pm-8pm for Bible Study.

This season all the youth will be learning about Discipleship and what it means and what it looks like to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. All are welcome and invited to participate in New Fountain's Gather At The Fountain Nights! A schedule of 'Gather' is also printed in this newsletter. Please let Kristin know if you would like to help with any aspect of 'Gather'.



A Note from Kristin

2023 GATHER

"WHAT THEN, BROTHERS? WHEN YOU COME TOGETHER, EACH ONE HAS A HYMN, A LESSON, A REVELATION, A TONGUE, OR AN INTERPRETATION, LET ALL THINGS BE DONE FOR BUILDING UP." 1 CORINTHIANS 14:26



We have a place for you.

Sept. 6 KICK OFF 'GATHER'

Sept. 13 - Canceled

HISD 'Meet The Owls'
Support our Owls, Barry Field 6:45 p.m.

Sept. 20

Sept. 27

Oct. 4

Oct. 11 - Canceled

HISD Homecoming Parade & Pep Rally
Support our Owls, 27th Street Parade 6:00 p.m.

Oct. 18

Oct. 25 - Potluck at 7A Corn Maize

Nov. 1

Nov. 8

Nov. 15

Nov. 22 - Break for Thanksgiving

Nov. 29

Dec. 6

Dec. 13- Jan. 3 - Break for Christmas

SEPTEMBER

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WEDNESDAY DISCIPLESHIP

5:15 - 6:15 p.m.

YOUNG FAMILY BREAK OUT GROUPS

Children's Bible Study (PreK - 5th) - Youth Building,
Parenting Bible Study - FOLC Hallway (Nursery Available)

6:15 - 6:30 p.m.

WORSHIP TOGETHER - FOLC

6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

DINNER TOGETHER - FOLC

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

BREAK OUT GROUPS:

Prayer Team - Prayer Room FOLC

Youth Bible Study (6th - 12th grade) - Sanctuary

Fellowship/Small Groups - FOLC

Sign up for desserts on Wednesdays



If you feel called to be on a cook team, help with a bible study, or participate in worship, please reach out to Kristin at 830-426-6761.

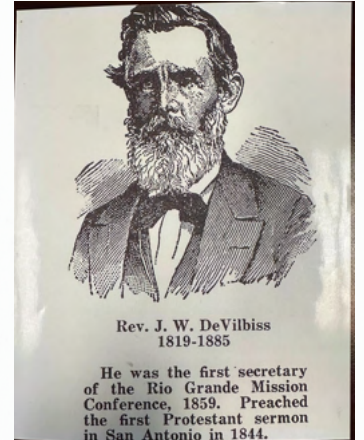
Extra, Extra Read All About It !!!

New Fountain's 165th Anniversary Celebration

The Celebration Committee has been busy gathering and editing historical information to update the Precious Memories History Book that was printed in 2008 for our Church's 150th anniversary. This amazing work's first entry begins in April of 1836 and goes on to the present day. The roots of New Fountain run deep, and a copy of the Precious Memories History Book will bring you and your family and future generations to come full circle of our history.

*Order forms will be placed in the church bulletin or you may call the church office to reserve your copy.

You may pledge a monetary gift in honor/memory of a loved one for a stronger future for New Fountain. *Look for bulletin insert at a later date.



A beautiful Christmas ornament commemorating New Fountain's 165th year has been designed. *Look for bulletin insert to place your order later in September.

History Fact:

The first mention of Methodist mission activity among the Germans at New Fountain is in their own church records - in 1857 Reverend John W. DeVilbiss held a meeting at Soldiers' Camp. It was the first camp meeting held at New Fountain, almost a year before the congregation was organized.

NEW FOUNTAIN'S
165TH
CELEBRATION
Looking to the Past for a Stronger Future Together!
OCTOBER
22
BEGINNING WITH 9:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



August Crew for
S. A. Food Distribution

August 2023
Dear Church family,
Thank you for the New Member package of gifts, books, and fruit. The candy has already been eaten and the fruit is in use. The books are ready to be read. Thank you. We look forward to being part of this church family.
And thank you for the Wraps of Love log blanket. I have used it often as I sit with my knee elevated! Healing is slow but will be finished soon.
Thanks again,
Ann and Owen Klopfer

TO - NEW FOUNTAIN -
THANK YOU ALL FOR THE BEAUTIFUL CARD. I MISS YOU ALL AND I MISS SUNDAY MORNINGS WITH THE CHURCH FAMILY. I HAVE VERY GOOD MEMORIES.
I AM DOING WELL, THANK YOU. GOD HAS BEEN GOOD TO ME.
LOVE TO ALL.
RITA RICHARDS

**Thank
You!**

Events & News



NEXT LUNCHEON



Tuesday, Sept. 12th
11:30 a.m. FOLC



September Communion Offering Samaritan's Purse

SAMARITAN'S PURSE MOBILIZES STAFF AND EQUIPMENT AND ENLISTS THOUSANDS OF VOLUNTEERS TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY AID TO VICTIMS OF TORNADOES, HURRICANES, WILDFIRES, FLOODS, AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS IN THE UNITED STATES. THEY OFTEN STAY BEHIND AFTER THE INITIAL RESPONSE TO REBUILD OR RESTORE HOUSES FOR NEEDY FAMILIES.



JULY FINANCIALS

Year-To-Date Financial Report			
Ending July 31, 2023			
2023 Approved Operating Budget		\$379,000	
Weekly Giving Goal		\$7,300	
General Operating		Building Fund	5,407.48
Income	222,732.98	Income	1,079.21
Expenditures	(198,825.30)	Expenditures	-
	23,907.68	Balance	6,486.69
Original disaffiliation loan amount:		\$93,405.25	
Donations received:		\$26,786.00	
Current disaffiliation loan balance:		\$62,282.12	

Giving & Finances

WAYS TO Respond



AREAS OF SERVICE

Worship Team

- Set up Crew
- Audio Visual Team
- Lay Reader
- Children's Sermon
- Communion
- Music (band(s) or handbells)
- Usher
- Acolyte
- Altar Decor Team

Education Team

- Wee Worship Teacher
- Sunday School Teacher
- Adult Sunday School Teacher
- Adult Bible Study Leader
- Gather Volunteer with Youth/Children
- Nursery Volunteer
- Substitute Teacher
- Vacation Bible School

Family Ministries Team

- Donut Team
- Bereavement/Meal Team
- Gather Night Cook Team
- Holy Smokers
- Kitchen Team - Special Events

Operating Team

- Church Finance
- Membership
- Building & Grounds
- Office & Building Technology

Hospitality Team

- Greeters
- New Visitor Team
- Seasonal Decor Team
- Community Outreach

Other Ministries

- Seasoned Saints
- Blessings in a Backpack
- Griefshare Team
- Prayer Team
- I'd like to talk to Pastor about how I can Respond!

Name: _____
Phone #: _____
Email: _____