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Some of you folks with a little age on you will appreciate this. The author is unknown:

GOD BLESS THE PARENTS WHO DRUGGED US.. The other day, someone at a store in our town read that a Methamphetamine lab had been found in an old farmhouse in the adjoining county and he asked me a rhetorical question. "Why didn't we have a drug problem when you and I were growing up?"

I replied I had a drug problem when I was young: I was drug to church on Sunday morning. I was drug to church for weddings and funerals. I was drug to family reunions and community socials no matter the weather. I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults. I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the teacher or the preacher, or if I didn't put forth my best effort in everything that was asked of me. I was drug to the kitchen sink to have my mouth washed out with soap if I uttered a profanity. I was drug out to pull weeds in mom's garden and flower beds and cocklebur's out of dad's fields. I was drug to the homes of family, friends and neighbors to help out some poor soul who had no one to mow the yard, repair the clothesline, or chop some firewood; and, if my mother had ever known that I took a single dime as a tip for this kindness, she would have drug me back to the woodshed. Those drugs are still in my veins and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say, or think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack, or heroin; and, if today's children had this kind of drug problem, America would be a better place. God bless the parents who drugged us.

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January Calendar



January 24th

CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM— Prayer Concerns

Ongoing Prayers : Kristy Myers, Kathryn Wilkerson, Margie Hill, Amy Rowland, Carla Imes, Peter Torres, Mo Del Basso, Dean Martin, JoAnne Mitton, Patricia Newton, Norman Hirsch, Robbie Grigg, Palmer, the Chaffin family, Geri Ebert, Howard Pittman, Patty Costanzo, Stephanie Elkins, and those in conflicted areas abroad.

Please call the church office with updates.

**Elder of the Month ~ Janet DeLeon
Fellowship Refreshments ~ Congregational Care & Personnel**



Just before their Christmas break, a representative from one of the elementary schools asked if we could assist getting a child a bicycle so he didn't have to walk so far to school each day. After approval from the Mission & Outreach team, the bicycle was purchased and delivered. The young man was so happy, he gave the biggest hugs and had the biggest smile on his face.

As they have in the past, the Clothing Outlet provided Christmas gifts to the children attending Headstart in Alvin.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------------|-----------|
| Marcel Pannell | 1 |
| Dennis Ashley | 3 |
| Dick Tyson | 3 |
| Barbara Passmore | 9 |
| Dick Frerking | 15 |
| Stephanie Meystedt | 20 |
| Susanne Wilson | 20 |
| Darlene Draeger | 20 |
| Cheryl Case | 21 |
| Hadley Chambliss | 22 |
| Stephanie Elkins | 24 |
| John Melenric | 30 |
| Ron Mercer | 30 |
| Dan Thomas | 31 |



Tai Chi

We will have our first class of 2024 on January 20th at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Tai Chi is a very low impact exercise program that will exercise just about every muscle in your body. It isn't Yoga and much easier to do. It is the Yang style and has 24 moves if there are those who want to learn the form. We will focus on the 28-30 exercise moves. There is a 12 move exercise for arthritis we will learn. Wear comfortable clothes. We will distance ourselves at a safe distance. You will not sweat, or lose weight, or build body mass. It will stimulate pretty much all your muscles. It is very gentle and can be done in a wheel chair. It is effective however. C.O. will provide a copy of all the exercises so you can do them each day from your home. Come and check it out.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Class of 2024

Janet DeLeon
Randy Phipps
Buddy Ruskey

Class of 2025

Jason Elkins
Audrie Gondesen

Class of 2026

Rhonda Ashcraft
Robert Escobedo
Marisa Pearce

Trustees

Barbara Whitfield Ron Mercer Tony DeLeon

Church Personnel

- Moderator - Rev. Dr. C. O. Magee*** · ***Clerk of Session - Marisa Pearce***
- Treasurer - Cindy Waggoner*** · ***Asst. Treasurer - TBD***
- Giving Coordinator - Adrienne Thomas*** · ***Music Director - Scott Gondesen***
- Organist / Pianist - Nancy Melenric*** · ***Secretary - Mandi Odom***

Committee Leadership

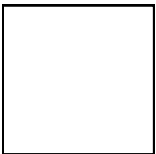
- Education - Barbara Bennett*** · ***Worship - Cindy Waggoner***
- Mission & Outreach - Janet DeLeon*** · ***Stewardship - Randy Phipps***
- Buildings & Grounds - Buddy Ruskey*** · ***Personnel - Marisa Pearce***
- Meals On Wheels - Barbara Whitfield*** · ***Gathering Place - Janet DeLeon***
- School Supplies - Mandi Odom*** · ***Youth Sponsor - Brandi Bowers***
- Clothing Outlet Coordinator - Sheila Follmar***

Seafarer Boxes

The Mission & Outreach Committee, with the assistance from the congregation put together 50 boxes of necessities for Seafarers. Mandi Odom, Morgan Stanley, & Kati Quirk were able to deliver them to the Galveston Seafarers Center to be distributed to visiting ships to the port before Christmas. Thank you for your support!



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