



THE FLAME

Rev. Michael Bedevian, Pastor



To My Friends and Fellow Members at Crockett,

What a great first month it has been for us! Linda and I have gotten settled into our beautiful home. What an amazing parsonage! We love it! I've really enjoyed leading worship at the Shiloh and First UMC campuses. Both are beautiful sanctuaries, inviting places to praise God and invite the Lord's Spirit to fill our lives. I've had the opportunity to get to know our fine staff here at First Crockett a bit better. I'm so very impressed with their professionalism and devotion to our church. I've made quite a few pastoral calls over the past several weeks. I've had the opportunity to get a closer look at the overall facility. Wow, what a huge property! I've attended a few meetings, including the Lions Club, the Share Board meeting, along with Trustees and Staff Parish meetings, just to name a few. I've even picked up a little technology the last few weeks. And so, this past month, it would be fair to say, I've been soaking up a lot of information to say the least. It's been a great learning experience, and the staff and church leadership has played a huge roll in helping me get some traction in my new role as your pastor. I'm so very grateful!

I'm also very excited to share, we are planning a prayer ministry to be launched in mid-August. In fact, Ruenette Starr has agreed to assist me with this ministry, for which I am very grateful. If you have signed up to be a part of this, you will be getting emails from her over the course of this ministry.

As I shared from the pulpit a few weeks ago, I firmly believe that my ministry along with our work as a church is far more capable when empowered by the Holy Spirit, and this happens through prayer.

The plans for this prayer ministry include meeting in the parlor, a space where we can spread out and maintain a cautious distance. We'll lift up those in need of healing, for the ministries of the church and the leaders who serve this congregation. We'll pray for our country, and we'll lift up the purpose and mission of reaching out to the lost and broken..., just to name a few of our prayer targets. Some participants will pray silently, and others will pray aloud. But the goal is that we'll be able to pray, "together, in one accord", following the example of the early church.

The prayer gatherings will begin August 12, at 11:00 and continue each Wednesday morning. I would also like to start a separate prayer gathering in the evening for those find that timing more helpful to their schedule. Again, please let me or Ruenette know if you'd like to be a part.

There is so much to learn as we walk this journey, growing in Christ together. Please know, I'm very excited to be sharing the journey with you.

Pastor Michael

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Communion Sunday Worship 8:30 Shiloh 10:50 Crockett	3 5:30 Trustees FH	4	5	6	7	8
9 Worship 8:30 Shiloh 10:50 Crockett	10	11	12 11:00 am Prayer Gathering at Church Parlor	13	14	15
16 Worship 8:30 Shiloh 10:50 Crockett	17 5:30 pm Finance 6:00 pm Church Council FH	18	19 Lovelady ISD Back to School 11:00 am Prayer Gathering at Church Parlor	20 Crockett ISD Back to School	21	22
23 BLESSING OF THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS Worship 8:30 Shiloh 10:50 Crockett 	24 Grapeland ISD Back to School	25	26 11:00 am Prayer Gathering at Church Parlor	27	28	29
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August Communion

**BLESSING OF THE TEACHERS
& STUDENTS**

August 23rd @ both services

Join us as we pray for all the teachers and students as the new school year is beginning.



FUMC Congregation

I am so thankful and honored to be presented the scholarship. I was born into the church, raised and confirmed into the church. I have served as an acolyte, missions committee and church council. From the time I have spent in the church I have considered everyone in the church my family. Thank you all for being supportive and I hope to make you all proud.

God Bless,
Daniel Robinson



Our New Prayer Ministry will be gathering every Wednesday at 11 am beginning Aug.12th in the church parlor. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Ruenette Starr at 936-222-0616 for more details....



AUGUST

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Jennifer Shafer | 17
Mike Maiden |
| 2
Catherine Burke
Lawson Hamilton | 18
Greg Bennett |
| 3
Charles Kennedy
Karen Shartle | 21
Leslie Bradley
Patricia Jones |
| 6
Helen Dubcak
Don Jones | 22
Pamela Pearson |
| 7
Dorothy Tipton | 23
Charles Fletcher
Steve West |
| 8
Louis Cook
John McCall, Jr.
Marie Massingill | 24
Virginia Moffitt
Sandy Lawrence |
| 9
Melvin Carlton | 25
Anna Wall
Mary Walker |
| 11
Bill Pemberton
Kyndall Sulewski | 26
James Barrier |
| 14
Judy Ostler | 27
Evelyn Johnson |
| 15
Susie King | 28
Deborah Rightmire |
| 16
Emma Jones
Walker Lea, III | 29
Ryan Robinson
Susan Lawrence |
| | 30
Cherie Carrabba
Bright |

Dear FUMC,
I am writing to thank you for your generous FUMC Scholarship. I was very happy and appreciative to learn that I was selected as the recipient of your scholarship.
Sincerely,
Yazaret Marcelo-Ramirez

Happy Anniversary!

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Spencer & Karisa Burke

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Greg & Shannon Bennett

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Michael & Linda Bedevian



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