



**Come to VBS!**  
*Monday, July 30—Friday, August 3*  
*5:30-8:00*  
*United Methodist Church*

It's summer time and what does that mean? It's time to start planning for Vacation Bible School! The theme this year – Rolling River Ramage – is going to be a fun theme that children of all ages will be able to relate to. Last year was my first year to help with VBS and I had a blast! We will be partnering with the United Methodist Church again this year to bring this fun, educational event to our children. I encourage each of you to consider volunteering. I was very impressed with the organization of the event last year, which made the volunteering very easy! It was also a wonderful way to fellowship with our brothers and sisters at the Methodist Church. Please see the areas volunteers are needed below and contact the church office if you would be willing to help.

- Helpers to guide the groups around (this does not involve leading the lessons, just walking the group to rooms and providing help as needed)
- Preschool helpers. Again, lessons will be prepared, we just need some extra hands!
- A person to lead the game area
- Helpers to prepare and serve supper each night

Also, orders for t-shirts should be placed by June 3 to guarantee a size. After that date, shirt sizes are available on a first-come first-served basis. T-shirts are \$10 for sizes up to Extra Large. Extra-Extra Large are \$13.

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As hard as it is to believe, June is going to be my last full month at First Christian Church before I temporarily depart for my government sponsored camping trip. In the two months since my deployment was announced Lily and I have been overwhelmed by the support and prayers that have been offered on our behalf. That support was evident two weeks ago when 18 members of this congregation traveled to Scott AFB, IL to take part in my promotion ceremony. Your presence touched the leadership of my unit. Thank you to everyone who was able to make it.

The support has also been evident in the understanding and flexibility that has been necessary as I work around my required pre-deployment training. In addition to my normal drill weekends, last week Lily and I traveled to Orlando, Florida to participate in the Air Force Reserve Yellow Ribbon pre-deployment family training event. It was designed to help spouses and families connect to the resources they will need to get us through the time of separation.

The truth of the matter is that this congregation is the greatest resource we could have ever dreamed to have. God has blessed us with a loving and supportive family of Disciples who have been praying for us throughout the years. As I depart, it is a relief to know that not only will Lily be cared for but also the work and ministry of this congregation will continue without skipping a beat.

My last Sunday in Dexter before the deployment will be June 24. While I am away the preaching will be done by the elders, members of the congregation, Jeff Long and Bobby Garner. If you feel called to participate in this preaching by sharing a message, please contact Larry Thompson or Debbie Stidham. Pastoral care will be provided by the shepherding elders with Larry Thompson, Bobby Garner, John Harwell, and Penny Ross-Corona on call for emergencies.

While I am away I will stay in contact as best I can via Facebook and email. My official mailing address will be:  
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Thank you again for everything you have done to make this transition process easier. I appreciate everyone in this congregation and give thanks for the chance to be a small part of your lives. You will all be in my prayers during the next six months.

**June Serving Schedule**  
**Elders:** Debbie Crane & Lisa Thrower  
**Deacons:** Judy Rhodes & Angie Duncan (communion prep.), Jim Hall, Candice Garner, Larry Thompson, Jansen Williams  
**Greeters:**  
 6/03 Lynn Hassell (front); Barbara Bailey (side)  
 6/10 Eric & Sandra Basham (front); Sue Christian (side)  
 6/17 Debbie Crane (front); Sandy Edwards (side)  
 6/24 Lonnie & Ginger Cobb (front); Debbie Ellinghouse (side)  
**Welcome:**  
 6/03 Jim Hall  
 6/10 Sue Grobe  
 6/17 Debbie Crane  
 6/24 Marrine Grobe  
**Worship Leader:**  
 6/03 Pam Horton  
 6/10 Sue Grobe  
 6/17 Debbie Crane  
 6/24 Marrine Grobe  
**Acolyte:** Need Volunteer  
**Computer & Sound Board:** Sean Vanslyke & Sarah Moore  
**Pianist:**  
 6/03 & 6/10 Kim Williamsa  
 6/17 Julie Rybolt  
 6/24 Brandy Mouser  
**Special Music:**  
 6/03 Kellie Reese  
 6/10 Jansen Williams  
 6/17 Robin Rieffer  
 6/24 Larry Speight  
**Open/Close Church:** Tommy Horton  
*(If you will not be able to serve on the Sunday listed, please find your replacement and notify the church office who will be serving in your place.)*

**PRAYER LIST**— Kay Ables, David Adams, The Family of Melba Atherton, Reverend Tom Bass, Mary Ellen Blankenship, Bill & Dee Boesen, Carolyn Carroll, Maxine Daniel, Ginger Evans Dill, Shirley Edwards, Sue Waggoner-Flowers, Janet Hammock, Friend of Eric & Sandra Basham, Raydean Hendrix, Josephine Hueckel, Noreen Hyslop, The Family of Debbie Lewis, Bonnie Logan, Elvena Martin, Betty & Bob Mayer, Lola Montgomery (sister-in-law of Carolyn Montgomery), Winnie Morgan, Diana Orr, Barb Owens, Mae Pope (Mother of Debbie Wilson), Betty Russell, Jerry Russell, Scott Russell, Marty Thompson, Jerry Thrower, Marsha and Pat Williams, Boyce Wooley, Danielle Wunderlich, Bonnie Yersak's son, Tyler

**FRIENDS on a MISSION** → Make plans to join your church family on Saturday, June 9 and Sunday, June 10 as we welcome Dr. Larry and his wife Debbie to town and send them off to Ghana with our blessings! Join them on Saturday evening, June 9 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hickory Log for a dutch treat dinner. Dr. Larry will be sharing in the service on Sunday, June 10 which will be followed by a potluck bbq (meat furnished). We will have a bucket available for donations at each of these events as well as the next two Sundays. Please consider helping Dr. Larry on this mission.

**outreach COMMITTEE** With your participation by providing items, outreach has completed 40 health kits that will be available through Church World Service for any world disasters. Presently, we are still collecting needed baby items sizes 3 to 6 months. Items are: baby blankets, onesies, sleepers, sweatshirts, and disposable diapers. Monies you donated for the Minute for Mission Projects are:  
 Week of Compassion—\$ 580.00  
 Easter Special Offering—\$ 333.00  
 Thanks for your continued support.  
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**SHUT-IN OF THE MONTH**  
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 A visit, card or phone call would mean so much.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	4 6:00 Zumba	5 8:00 Prayer Group  6:00 Pack Night for Summer Food Program	6	7 6:00 Zumba	8	9 6:00 Gathering at Hickory Log for Dr. Larry and Debbie
10 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship <b>BBQ for Dr. Larry following worship</b>	11 6:00 Zumba	12 8:00 Prayer Group  6:00 Pack Night for Summer Food Program	13	14 6:00 Zumba 	15	16
17 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship <b>FATHER'S DAY</b>	18 6:00 Zumba	19 8:00 Prayer Group	20	21 6:00 Zumba	22	23
24 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	25 6:00 Zumba	26 8:00 Prayer Group	27	28 6:00 Zumba	29	30