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Weekly Announcements & Worship Guide for September 6, 2026

As always, thank you for worshipping in body or spirit as a part of this congregation. Thank you for your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness. This weekly mailing includes this Sunday's worship guide, announcements, and prayer lists. Please join in praying for our worship, mission, and ministries.

Who We Are & What We Do

Vision statement – *We are followers of Jesus, seeking the loving, just and free world God imagines for all people.*

Mission priorities – *Multiply Jesus followers ... Champion children and youth ... Maximize care and healing ... Pursue and embrace diversity ... Tell our story.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission Projects

- **Delivered 10 boxes of school supplies and clothes** to Bangs Elementary School
- **Served 18 families** during August's Food Pantry
- **Collecting hygiene products** for the September Food Pantry

Ongoing Ministry Opportunities

- **Sunday worship:** 10:30am; **Sunday School:** 9:30am
- **Women's Group** – Next gathering: **November 9 at 2:00pm**
- **Lunch and Levity** – 12:00pm every Tuesday. Next gathering: **September 8**
- **Bridge Community** – Monthly meeting with potluck supper each second Tuesday, 6pm.
Next meeting: **September 8 at Lake Brownwood First UMC**
- **3rd Wednesday Food Pantry** – 3:30-5:30 pm (Set up at 3:00 pm)
Next food pantry: **September 16**
- **Bangs High School Sports 2026-27** – radio advertising broadcasted on KOXE 101.3fm

WORSHIP GUIDE for September 6, 2026

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Family of God, we live in a world full of conflict and division.

God calls us to be a people of reconciliation.

We live in a world full of misinformation and confusion.

God calls us to be a people of truth and clarity.

We live in a world that wants to settle disputes with harmful words and actions.

God calls us to be a people who make peace through compassion and honesty.

We live in a world that does not understand the ways of Jesus.

Yet Jesus teaches us to be a people of reconciliation and peace for the good of the whole world.

Amen

***OPENING PRAYER**

HYMN – *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah UMH 127

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.

I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;

feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;

let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.

Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;

be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;

death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee;

I will ever give to thee.

*** THE APOSTLES' CREED, TRADITIONAL VERSION** UMH 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:

 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

 the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,

 and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

 from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

 the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

 the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

 and the life everlasting. Amen

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

BLESSING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory Prayer

***Doxology – UMH 95**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly hosts;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Exodus 12:1-14

This is God's Word

Thanks be to God

***HYMN – *Let There Be Peace on Earth* UMH 431**

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

***GOSPEL READING – Matthew 18:15-20**

The Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God

NEW TESTAMENT READING – Romans 13:8-14

This is God's Word Revealed

Thanks be to God

SERMON *Solving Conflict Resolution, The Christ Way*

Pastor Gerald Gilkey

***INVITATION HYMN – *How Great Thou Art* UMH 77**

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

Refrain

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin;

Refrain

HOLY COMMUNION

The table is the Lord's. Christ is the host.

Therefore, all people – children, youth, and adults – are invited to participate in this holy meal and receive the bread and cup. You are invited to come to the front to receive the elements of this holy sacrament. You are also invited to stay and pray at the altar rail as long as you wish.

INVITATION UMH p. 7

CONFESSION AND PARDON UMH p. 8

GREAT THANKSGIVING UMH p. 9-10

LORD'S PRAYER *(in unison)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Eternal God,

**we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN – *We Are the Church UMH 558

Refrain

I am the church! You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world!
Yes, we're the church together!

The church is not a building; the church is not a steeple;
the church is not a resting place; the church is a people.

Refrain

We're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces,
all colors and all ages, too, from all times and places.

Refrain

Sometimes the church is marching, sometimes it's bravely burning,
sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding, always it's learning.

Refrain

And when the people gather, there's singing and there's praying;
there's laughing and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying:

Refrain

At Pentecost some people received the Holy Spirit
and told the Good News through the world to all who would hear it. *Refrain*

***BENEDICTION/BLESSING**

References

TFWS – *The Faith We Sing*, copyright 2000, Abingdon Press

UMH – *The United Methodist Hymnal*, copyright 1989, The United Methodist Publishing House.

PRAYER LISTS as of September 3, 2026

Those in care centers: Linda Arther; Betty Cooper; Norma Jean Morgan; Virginia Fincher (Carolyn Dobbins' mother); all care facilities' residents and staff

Our world & community

- Peace to end unrest, conflict, & wars
- Our neighbors in need & those we serve
- Students, teachers, & school staff at all levels

Recent requests / updates (*bold print – new or updated*)

- Marsha Rollins - cancer
- Johanna Gonzales and family
- Wendi Sarto, neighbor – health issues
- Daniel Morales, neighbor – health issues
- Chip Carpenter, nephew of Betty Martin – recovery from brain surgery & radiation treatments
- Finn, great grandson of Ann Baugh – home from the hospital, getting his strength back
- Rick & Tara Lange – job opportunities; the Robertson family on the death of Mrs. Robertson

Pantry Prayers

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| • My neighbor across the street | • Benjamin Seward; Carol Seward; |
| • All to be happy and healthy | • Amberlea Wilson; Shane Carwright |
| • Billy Lee – get my life in order | • Johnni Smith; Jenifer Srader |
| • and ability to provide for myself | • John T Summers; Jim R Summers |
| • Dora Saucedo – in need of a job | • Prayers for me, Francine and my mom, |
| • John T. Summers – cancer | • Odela |
| • J.B. Allen - chemo | • Joanna Henderson – prayers for heart and |
| | • lungs to keep working |
| | • Praise God for all “He” has done for me thru |
| | • Lake Brownwood FUMC, for the people |
| | • whom love you! In the Holy Name of Jesus |

Ongoing prayers – A.J. (Peacock's grandson); Betty Alvey (Steve Storm's sister); Arduini Family; Keith Baldwin (Ann Baugh's grandson); Brian Campbell; Tim Campbell; Lynda Dabbs; Hood & Jo Dendy; Patsy Delarosa (niece of the Dodsons); Carolyn Jamar; Billy Lee; Ann Long; Taff Family members (neighbors); Donna & Alan Ulrich; Kathy Weatherford