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Weekly Announcements & Worship Guide for July 12, 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.*

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wanted: Your Favorite Hymns – We plan to incorporate favorite hymns into our worship during the summer months. Add your favorite to the list at church, give it to Cindy Thames, email to lakebwdfumc@gmail.com or text to 325-800-2450. It would be great to include a story or comment with your submission.

Mission Projects

- **Served 13 families** during June's Food Pantry
- **Collecting cleaning supplies** for the July Food Pantry

Ongoing Ministry Opportunities

- **Sunday worship:** 10:30am; **Sunday School:** 9:30am
- **Tuesday Lunch & Levity** at noon – weekly lunch (provided) with enjoyable company & activities.
- **Women's Group** – 2:00 pm each second Monday. Next gathering: **July 13**
- **3rd Wednesday Food Pantry** – 3:30-5:30 pm (Set up at 3:00 pm).
Next food pantry: **July 15**
- **Bridge Community** – Monthly meeting each second Tuesday, 6pm.
Next meeting: **July 14**
- **Quarterly Potluck** – following worship service – **August 30**

WORSHIP GUIDE for July 5, 2026

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather today in the midst of busy lives and hectic schedules that mirror the chaotic pace of the world around us.

We come to set our minds on the guidance of the Spirit.

We gather as people inundated with constant information, fast-moving news cycles, and ever-present alerts vying for our attention.

We come to set our minds on the guidance of the Spirit.

We gather as people seeking to anchor ourselves in the faith as the world around us is blown to and fro by waves of fear, scarcity, and reactivity.

We come to set our minds on the guidance of the Spirit.

Beloved, come. Come to find rest, grounding and guidance in the Spirit who dwells in you.

We come to set our minds on the Spirit who guides us and draws us together toward life, peace, and flourishing. Amen

OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN – *Every Time I Feel The Spirit* UMH 404**

Refrain:

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Yes, every time I felt the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke, out his mouth came fire and smoke.

All around me looks to fine, ask my Lord if all was mine.

Refrain

Jordan river runs right cold, chills the body, not the soul.

Ain't but one train on this track, runs to heaven and right back.

Refrain

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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

BLESSING OUR TITHES AND OFFERING

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**

***HYMN – *Stand By Me* UMH 512**

When the storms of life are raging, stand by me; (stand by me)
when the storms of life are raging, stand by me. (stand by me)
When the world is tossing me like a ship upon the sea,
thou who rulest wind and water, stand by me. (stand by me)

In the midst of tribulation, stand by me; (stand by me)
in the midst of tribulation, stand by me. (stand by me)
When the host of hell assail, and my strength begins to fail,
thou who never lost a battle, stand by me. (stand by me)

In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me; (stand by me)
in the midst of faults and failures, stand by me. (stand by me)
When I've done the best I can, and my friends misunderstand,
thou who knowest all about me, stand by me. (stand by me)

In the midst of persecution, stand by me. (stand by me)
in the midst of persecution, stand by me. (stand by me)
When my foes in war array undertake to stop my way,
thou who saved Paul and Silas, stand by me. (stand by me)

When I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me; (stand by me)
when I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me. (stand by me)
When my life becomes a burden, and I'm nearing chilly Jordan,
O thou Lily of the Valley, stand by me. (stand by me)

OLD TESTAMENT READING -- *Psalms* 119: 105-112

***HYMN – *Spirit Song* UMH 347**

O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love.
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove
will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Refrain

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.
O give him all your tears and sadness; give him all your years of pain,
and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

Refrain

GOSPEL READING – John 3:16-17

The Word of God

Thanks be to God

NEW TESTAMENT READING – Romans 8: 1-11

This is God's Word

Thanks be to God

SERMON *Living According to the Spirit* Pastor Gerald Gilkey

***INVITATION HYMN** – *Victory In Jesus* UMH 370

I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory,
how he gave his life on Calvary to save a wretch like me;
I heard about his groaning, of his precious blood's atoning,
then I repented of my sins and won the victory.

Refrain:

O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever!
He sought me and bought me with his redeeming blood;
he loved me ere I knew him, and all my love is due him;
he plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about his healing, of his cleansing power revealing,
how he made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see;
and then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit,"
and somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory.

Refrain

I heard about a mansion he has built for me in glory,
and I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea;
about the angels singing and the old redemption story,
and some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory.

Refrain

***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 July 12, 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; next food pantry is Wednesday, July 15
- Students, teachers, & school staff at all levels

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

- Melba Leonhard – home from the hospital
- Velma Bryant, neighbor – ongoing health problems
- Johanna Gonzales and family
- Martha Graves – home from rehab
- **Doc and Charlsye Dodson as they move to Granbury**
- Amberlea, daughter of neighbor Carol Seward – compressed spinal disks & pressure on spinal cord
- Wendi Sarto, neighbor – health issues
- Daniel Morales, neighbor – health issues
- Chip Carpenter, nephew of Betty Martin – recovery from brain surgery & radiation treatments
- Shane, grandson of neighbor Carol Seward – a diabetic 16-year-old having medical tests
- Finn, great grandson of Ann Baugh – recovery from surgery; still hospitalized
- Jim Summers, neighbor – health & mobility concerns
- Rick & Tara Lange – job opportunities

Pantry Prayers

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| • Johnny Eisen – heart attack; is now home | • Mary Kay Brutger – siblings health |
| • Elmer – battling cancer | • Francine Cardenar – Lupita surgery |
| • Letha & Larry Adcock | • Shaunna Franke – daughters |
| • Geneva Hathaway | • James Maxted – prayers of thanks |
| • Benjamin, Carol and Michelle | • Terri Newton – injuries and moving |
| • Craig Seiger - back problems | • Dora Saucedo |
| • Cynthia Stanford - physical therapy | • Jim Summers – family health issues |
| • Teresa Jones - celebration of no chemotherapy | |

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); JoAnn Henderson (neighbor); Carolyn Jamar; Billy Lee; Ann Long; Carol Seward (neighbor); Taff Family members (neighbors); Donna & Alan Ulrich; Kathy Weatherford