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**THE NEXT COUNCIL
MEETING
JULY 17TH, 7 pm
All are welcome to attend**

**Our Sunday
Worship Schedule**
8 am Early Adult Sunday School
9 am Worship
10:15 am Children's Sunday
School, Adult Sunday School
Choir Practice

Just an item or two....

Please remember to feed our food bin in the Narthex. All items will be taken to the River of Life Food Pantry in Fairfield.



'Jesus wept': Finding God's comfort when times are bad

By Joe Iovino, Reprinted from umc.org

Sometimes, watching or reading the news can be depressing. We attempt to follow the biblical mandate to find and think about whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable, and worthy of praise ([Philippians 4:8](#)). The stories dominating the media, however, often make us sad, frustrated, or angry.

Additionally, we have personal struggles at home and work, with finances, relationships, illness, and so much more.

We turn to our faith for answers, but answers don't often come easily. There are mostly questions. What are people of faith to do in the midst of overwhelming tragedy and strife?

Jesus wept

The shortest verse in the Bible, in the King James Version at least, is just two words, "Jesus wept" (John 11:35). Though only 10 characters, too short even to tweet, that verse has tremendous significance, especially when we are struggling to find hope.

Jesus weeps in the midst of comforting his friends Mary and Martha who are grieving the death of their brother Lazarus. Yes, that Lazarus. The one famous for being raised by Jesus.

Jesus is out of town when he hears of Lazarus' illness. Rather than adjusting his plans to go visit this friend whom he loves (John 11:3), Jesus instead decides to stay where he is for a couple of days. He tells the disciples Lazarus' illness will somehow serve the glory of God, and that God's Son will be glorified through it (John 11:4).

By the time Jesus arrives, Lazarus has been dead four days. Mary and Martha, Lazarus' sisters, are understandably miffed at the lack of urgency Jesus showed. In their own way, each of them expresses their frustration with him. They are convinced their brother would not have died if Jesus had come when he was first summoned (John 11:21, 32).

There, watching the grief of this family and community, Jesus begins to cry. There is debate as to why, John doesn't tell us, but I am convinced it is out of empathy for the pain of those he loves. In that moment, Jesus was feeling Mary and Martha's grief, their sense of hopelessness, their pain and loss. So he cries.

Comfort

There is comfort in knowing we don't worship a stoic God. The God we know in Christ Jesus feels our pain and knows our loss. He weeps with us.

We also worship a God who can take our frustration. Mary and Martha vent, and

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That's right, we have a pictorial, online directory that you can access on your computer, laptop and mobile phone! The directory is password protected-you make up your own password so it is safe to use. Find it at:

<https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com>

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2. Search for Instant Church Directory.
3. Enter your email as it's listed in our church directory.
4. Enter the assigned password into the app to begin syncing.



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so can we. As it is in any healthy relationship, we need to be open and honest with those we love, even when we are angry with them. If anyone can take it, certainly Jesus can.

It is also a comforting reminder that even while we are going through our pain, and Jesus feels far from us, it is not because he doesn't love us. He loved Lazarus, the Bible tells us, even while not taking his illness from him.

New life

Lazarus' story does not end with his death. At his tomb, Jesus calls Lazarus' name and the crowds watch in disbelief as Lazarus emerges...alive. While Mary and Martha thought Jesus had come too late to help, we learn there is never a "too late" with God.

We may believe our situation is hopeless. We may not see a solution. We may not have a clue how to get out of the mess in which we find ourselves. In Jesus, though, there is always hope. There is always the possibility of new life, not just some day in the great by-and-by, but here in this life. This is the whole point of Jesus' resurrection – new life today, and a new life to come.

Questions

When I finish reading the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead, I still have questions. Why did Lazarus have to go through all of this? Why did Jesus come too late to keep him from dying? Why did Mary and Martha have to experience grief?

In the tragedies I experience and read about, I am left with questions also.

Why do some feel so hopeless they take their own lives? Why do people of faith receive devastating diagnoses? Why isn't a doctor and hospital doing so much good, supernaturally protected from illness? Why are families rattled by unemployment and lives lost in natural disasters? Why do we suffer?

While we may not receive all the answers we want, we know Jesus weeps with us.

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FOOD FORUM WAS A BLAST on June 25th. Our Food Forum meets once a month, where master chefs from our congregation provide the recipes and instruction for great ways to feed the family and stretch a family's food dollars. This month's master chef was **Cynthia Gage**, presenting baked ham, roasted sweet potatoes, spinach salad, ham & potato casserole, lentil soup and ham salad. YUM! **Kay Cornish and Susan Pokorski** chair, organize and shop for this wonderful event. Each participant is provided instruction, recipes and all the food needed to make each recipe. Pictured above are (L to R) **Kerri Cossey, Joanna Bartlett, Patricia Weathered, Christina Putnam, Cassi & Billy Yarbrough**. During the summer, participants are encouraged to bring their children. **Merle Hughes** helped the kiddos make their own pizzas. Next month's master chef is **Bill Groce**. **LAKESIDE CARES!**

Kay Cornish & Susan Pokorski chair & organize the Food Forum session. Kay says "I love the way the congregation supports and participates in the Food Forum."



The Family of Jenny Lea Allison
 Rev Rhett Ansley
 Dorothea Atkerson
 Nancy Bixby
 Beau Briggs
 Lynn Burgess
 Brenda & Ron Cannon
 The Family of Bill Carlisle
 Carpenters for Christ
 Belinda Carterby

Nannette Chandler
 Barbara
 The Family of Steve Elliott
 First Responders
 Clark Fritz
 John Gage
 Kathy Grace
 Suzie Grizzard
 Sharon Hall
 Tom Hecker
 Waymon Hughen
 Avery Hughes
 John
 Jane Jones
 Baby Casson
 The Family of Becky Kimbrough
 Hazel, mother of Ron Kjellsen
 Walter Landon
 Heather Manning

Jackie Messer
 Pat Metcalf
 Our Military and their Families
 fighting terror
 The Family of Tom Nyman
 Mary Rist
 Faye Robbins
 Joel Mark Robbins
 Pastor Thomas Q.
 St. Elmo Christian Youth Center
 Tex Schutz
 Ed Scruggs
 Nicole Steffls
 Jay Suggs
 Eileen Suggs' Son
 President Trump
 Judy Waycaster
 Wayne Westlake



Biblical Superhero Event

*Sunday, July 23rd,
 3 - 7 pm*

*Back-to-School Event for the Whole Family!
 Free School Supplies!*

*Dinner served, Projects & Crafts, Games plus a Superhero Cape
 Mom, Dad & Kids are welcomed to join this Superhero event at
 Lakeside UMC, 515 FM 416, Streetman, TX 75859*

Sunday, July 2nd
COMMUNION

8 am Early Sunday School
9 am Worship
10:15 am Children & Adult
Sunday School
Tuesday, July 4th



Happy 4th of July!

6-10 pm July 4th Celebration,
IOOF Park in Corsicana
Wednesday, July 5th
6 pm CYC
7 pm Bridge
Saturday, July 8th
11 am-Midnight, Angels of

Corsicana
Fund Raiser,
632 N Beaton Street
Sunday, July 9
8 am Early Sunday School
9 am Worship
10:15 am Children & Adult
Sunday School
Tuesday, July 11th
1 pm Stephen Minister
Wednesday, July 12th
6 pm CYC
7 pm Bridge
Friday, July 14th
6 pm CYC
Sunday, July 16th
COMMUNION
8 am Early Sunday School
9 am Worship
10:15 am Children & Adult
Sunday School
Monday, July 17th
Back-to-School Work Day
6 pm Finance Committee
7 pm Council



Tuesday, July 18th
Food Pantry Day
1 pm Stephen Ministry
7 pm SPR Committee
Wednesday, July 19th
6 pm CYC
7 pm Bridge
Friday, July 21st
6 pm CYC
Sunday, July 23rd
8 am Early Sunday School
9 am Worship
10:15 am Children & Adult

Sunday School
Tuesday, July 25th
10 am FOOD FORUM
1 pm Stephen Ministers
Wednesday, July 26th
6 pm CYC
6 pm GAMES NIGHT
Sunday, July 30th
8 am Early Sunday School
9 am Worship
10:15 am Children & Adult
Sunday School
6:15 pm 5TH SUNDAY SING

*Have fun this
summer!*



Gina Valdez	July 12
Sue Rice	July 12
Janet Martin	July 15
Betsy Metcalf	July 16
Vic Rice	July 18
Brad Emsley	22 July
Will Zachry	22 July
Lisa Lot	25 July
Carole Stubblefield	July 28

Fifth Sunday SING



Join us for
an evening of
fun and fellowship as
Stuart & Tammy Anderson,
(from the Grapeland area),
perform a concert of
bluegrass gospel favorites.

Sunday, July 30, 6:15 pm



Sharon & Lee Largent
July 6
Diane & Tom Jones
July 7
Wendy & Chris Zachry
July 10
Linda & Dennis Little
July 17
Shirley & Sam Finley
July 24
Gina & Tony Valdez
July 28

June Average Attendance
Worship 90
Sunday School 17, Nursery 3
No Bible Study Until Fall



Church Office Hours are Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8-5:30, lunch time around Noon. Please make a note of our new email address:
lsumc416@gmail.com