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# Stouffer's

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT –

*Do what you know to do*

As I write, I'm at a Starbucks in Liberty, MO, outside of Kansas City. (Yes, it's the vacay, but I didn't know what to write before we left so this.) As the week has rolled along we've had a great time doing what we want to do, resting, reading, and relaxing! I still don't know what to write exactly - there is so much afoot in our world... This morning, as I did some fishing where we're staying, all of a sudden it hit me:

"When you don't know what to do, do what you know to do."

One of the staples of my days includes reading and remembering the Psalms. One of my favorite is Psalm 121. Through the year living in Southeast Texas, I remember and recite this psalm looking forward to being among hills and mountains. When I'm out and about among the hills, these words seem to be part of my breathing:

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
from where will my help come?

2 My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.

4 He who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The Lord is your keeper;  
the Lord is your shade  
at your right hand.

6 The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.

8 The Lord will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.

Of course, the psalmist wrote this about being in or near Jerusalem, noting the topography of the land, from every direction, someone going to the city must pass through a valley and then "go up to Jerusalem." Yet the city itself is not the source of our help, God is. The Lord who made heaven and earth is the source of our help and our very present hope! Some have taken this psalm to say that "no harm" can ever come to God's people. We know that to be different. For me, it means that whatever life brings God keeps me, God's got my back, if you will.

When I don't know what to do or think or write or pray or read, I pray this psalm.

*Jon*

Rev. Jon Stouffer, Lead Pastor



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep our entire First UMC Beaumont community in your prayers.

If you have a specific request, our prayer team would love to be praying with you.

Email us –

[prayer@fumcbeaumont.org](mailto:prayer@fumcbeaumont.org).

## THE UPPER ROOM

The Upper Room daily devotionals are on the tables in the hall and available to anyone who wants one. The church furnishes them for your spiritual growth.

**If you know someone who needs one mailed to them, please call Ruby Nelson at 409-781-6798.**

## EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT

Do you like staying in the know with news from First UMC? Sign up for our weekly community life news emails, and monthly Spire email.

Do you prefer reading your news in print? Sign up for our monthly Spire mailing list.

**Sign up or update your information with Erika Leggett Clabough.**  
[Erika@fumcbeaumont.org](mailto:Erika@fumcbeaumont.org)



## EPIC TALES: BIBLE STORIES TO SHARE SUMMER SERMON SERIES

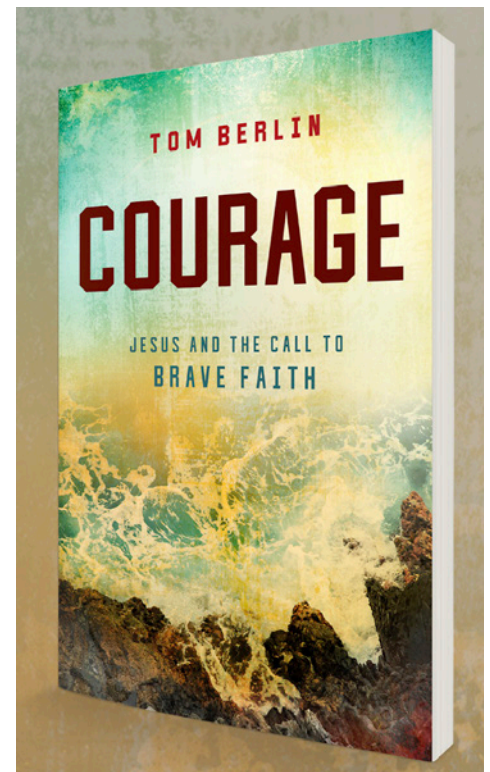
This month we will be hearing our favorite “epic tales” from the Bible. We will explore some of our favorite big-themed, life-changing stories in the Bible during Sunday morning worship. We encourage you to think about these stories as they may have inspired and resonated with you at some point in your life. We look forward to sharing these stories with you and your families as we love the city with the heart of Christ.

## COURAGE SMALL GROUP

Sometimes, I need help taking that next step. Maybe you do as well! Starting Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m over zoom and again on Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at noon in person we will be starting two new small groups. This six-week study will focus on courage. Courage is something that we all need so we can follow our hearts, persevere, and to expand our horizons.

In *Courage: Jesus and the Call to Brave Faith*, pastor and author Tom Berlin challenges us to unlock the courage that we already possess as Christ followers. By examining the life of Christ, we will begin to understand what true courage is and how God works in the lives of Christ followers as they exhibit a brave faith. Once we have eyes to hear what Jesus is showing us, once have ears to hear, we can begin to find the remarkable life Jesus offers us. This small group will be offered on at noon in person and over zoom at 7p.m.

**For more information contact**  
**[Julius@fumcbeaumont.org](mailto:Julius@fumcbeaumont.org)**  
**or 409-832-0295**



# Loving the City

## THE TASTING FOR SOME OTHER PLACE

**Tuesday, August 16 | 5-7 pm | Beaumont Civic Center**  
**Advance tickets are on sale at the church and Jason's Deli for \$10**  
**All volunteers and attendees must have a ticket.**

First UMC Beaumont is a member church of Some Other Place, an ecumenical mission where people of all faiths come together to provide service to those in need of assistance.

Ticket sales for the Tasting help keep the programs of Some Other Place working. Programs include emergency services such as food, clothing, shelter, utilities, medicine, and transportation. Meals on Wheels delivers hot lunches to homebound residents. The Nutrition Center serves a hot lunch four days a week and a sack lunch two days. Programs like Back-to School, Thanksgiving Store, and Christmas Giving Tree make life easier for many, many people in our community.

More than 50 churches and groups will host booths of delicious treats at the Tasting. A special treat is the music of local band Mid-Life Crisis. Buy tickets to help the cause. Come enjoy the fun!



## KAIROS KITCHEN

**Saturday, July 23**

Calling all who enjoy supporting our community! Kairos Kitchen needs volunteers. We will also collect bug spray for our guests. Remember we start setting up at 2 p.m. and serving at 5 p.m. We will be serving from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., clean-up to follow. We should be done by 7 to 7:30 p.m.



## SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

**Bed Build –**

**Saturday, 16 July**

**8:30 a.m. – noon,**

**12:30 – 4 p.m.**

2950 Milam Street, Bmt., TX.

Pre register at [bit.ly/shpvolunteer](http://bit.ly/shpvolunteer)

**Delivery Day –**

**Saturday, 23 July,**

**9 a.m.**

2950 Milam Street, Bmt., TX.

Bring your cordless drill with charged up batteries.

SHP Volunteers beat the June heat and built 23 beds for Southeast Texas kids. Delivery teams brought beds to 45 kids in the Beaumont, Port Arthur, and Orange areas.

Volunteer with SHP this July!

# From the desk of —



## MRS. MOORE

PRINCIPAL OF CHARLTON POLLARD ELEMENTARY

**I thank my God always for you and your commitment to Charlton Pollard. In the 2021-2022 Academic year you supported us by:**

- By reading to our at-risk students (ROAR)

- Providing emotional and social support for our teachers and staff

- Celebrating our teachers birthdays by bringing for Bundt Cakes monthly

- Participating in activities i.e. Trunk-or-Treat (We will be having a Trunk-or-Treat on October 31st, 2022. It will be open to the public)

- Donating school supplies and backpacks

- Treating the staff for Teacher Appreciation

**Some of the goals I would like to reach for the 2022-2023 school year include:**

- More volunteers for ROAR/activities

like Mother and Daughter Tea, Dad and Daughter Dance, Mother and Son Dance

- Social and Emotional Assistance for Teachers (perhaps every month supplying a designated amount of time where teachers could go into a calming room and enjoy quiet time while eating snacks for a hour)

- We want to be able to provide for our students in need the following items:

- School supplies

- Uniforms

- Hygiene products (deodorant, feminine products)

- Hair supplies (combs and brushes, bows, hair products so that we can comb our students hair)

- Wash/dry students clothing that are dirty (We have a washer and a dryer, however we need items like washing detergent, dryer sheets, clorox, fabric softener)

- Incentives for students for attendance, honor roll, behavior, improvement

**HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF \$2,500 IN DONATIONS!**

**Blessing the Backpacks — July 31**  
**BISD First Day of School — August 10**  
**Donations as of July 1 — \$1,050**

We encourage you to make financial donations toward our school supply order for Charlton Pollard Elementary!

Please contact **Phyllis Fernandez** for more information.  
[Phyllisbeaumont@fumcbeaumont.org](mailto:Phyllisbeaumont@fumcbeaumont.org)

Charlton Pollard Elementary

School  
Supply  
Drive





## FOR THE LOVE OF ART — SKETCHING HOURS AT FIRST UMC

First United Methodist Church Beaumont will be opening its facilities for artists to sketch during the months of August and September as part of our For the Love of Art series.

First UMC will be open on Tuesdays in August from 11am to 3pm. Additional facility time is available by appointment. September dates and times will be announced in August.

Help us protect our collection and facility by staying 12 inches away from artwork not touching artworks, stained glass, or cases. Visitors are not permitted to enter the chancel (altar) area.

We encourage you to sketch in the sanctuary and building with only pencils and dry low-mess art media and avoid obstructing pathways for other visitors. We also encourage you to be mindful of pencil and eraser shavings and dry media residue, leaving no trace when you are finished.

We ask that parents or caregivers carry kids' pencils or sketchbooks while walking through the facility.

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# INTO THE WOODS

Music and Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim  
Book by James Lapine

Originally Directed on Broadway by James Lapine  
Orchestrations by Jonathan Tunick

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 20**  
**2 P.M. & 7 P.M.**

First United Methodist Church Beaumont  
**Benefit performances for Sleep in Heavenly Peace**

**Featuring First UMC Members & Friends:**

Lance Orta, Wynelle Guidry, Synia Thomas, Hillary Howerton, Cole Howerton, Matthew J. Taylor, Jacob Wills, Angela Pickering, Laura Strawther, Genevieve Brassard, Bryan Brassard, Dallas Gray, Roxane Gray

## WEEKLY RHYTHMS

### SUNDAYS

#### Sunday School

9:45 a.m.

#### Family Worship Service

11 a.m.

In-Person & Livestream

#### Small Group with Robin & Charlie Snoek

6-7 p.m.

### MONDAYS

#### Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

7 – 8:30 p.m.

### TUESDAYS

#### Connect Group with Liza Nelson

Noon

### WEDNESDAYS

#### Chancel Choir Practice

6 p.m.

#### Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

7 – 8:30 p.m.

## DO YOU HAVE UPCOMING EVENTS?

Email event info and pictures to –

[Erika@fumcbeaumont.org](mailto:Erika@fumcbeaumont.org)

**August Spire Deadline for entry – July 20.**

## STAY CONNECTED

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 First UMC Beaumont

 [fumcbeaumont.org](http://fumcbeaumont.org)

 (409) 920-PRAY

## JULY & AUGUST DATES TO KNOW

### SUNDAY, 3 JULY

#### Harmonies of Liberty Worship Service

11 a.m.

### MONDAY, 4 JULY

#### Independence Day

Church office closed.

### SATURDAY, 9 JULY

#### VBS 2022 – Make A Splash for Jesus!

9 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Registration is required – [fumcbeaumont.org/vbs22](http://fumcbeaumont.org/vbs22)

#### 2nd Saturday Faith Seminar

9 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Meeting in the Chapel

### TUESDAY, 12 JULY

#### Meet the Neighbors Business Breakfast

9 – 10 a.m.

### WEDNESDAY, 13 JULY

#### Games Day – Fellowship & Fun

10 a.m. – Noon | Rothwell Hall  
Contact Ruby Nelson (409)-781-6798

### FRIDAY, 15 JULY

#### Some Other Place – Service Day

8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

### SATURDAY, 16 JULY

#### Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build

8:30 a.m. – noon, 12:30 – 4 p.m.  
2950 Milam Street, Bmt., TX  
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### MONDAY, 18 JULY

#### Finance Committee Meeting

6 – 7 p.m. | Library

### TUESDAY, 19 JULY

#### United Women in Faith – UMW Meeting

6 – 8 p.m. | Phyllis Fernandez's House

### SATURDAY, 23 JULY,

#### Sleep in Heavenly Peace Delivery Day

9 a.m. | 2950 Milam Street, Bmt., TX  
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### SATURDAY, 23 JULY CONTINUED

#### Kairos Kitchen

Rothwell Hall

Set up: 2 – 5 p.m.

Serving: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Clean up: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

### MONDAY, 25 JULY

#### Board of Trustees Meeting

6 – 8 p.m. | Library

### WEDNESDAY, 10 AUGUST

#### Games Day – Fellowship & Fun

10 a.m. – Noon | Rothwell Hall  
Contact Ruby Nelson (409)-781-6798

### SATURDAY, 13 AUGUST

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Civic Center

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### SATURDAY, 20 AUGUST

#### Sleep in Heavenly Peace Delivery Day

9 a.m. | 2950 Milam Street, Bmt., TX  
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### SATURDAY, 27 AUGUST

#### Kairos Kitchen

Rothwell Hall

Set up: 2 – 5 p.m.

Serving: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Clean up: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.



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