



First United Methodist Church of Seffner

AUGUST 2022

Encourager

Open Hearts. Open Minds.



Aug 20 Ice Cream Party 7 pm



BIRTHDAYS

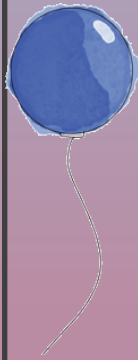
- Aug 4 Anita Salay
- Aug 8 Sherry Salamone
- Aug 9 Eric Stearns
- Aug 14 Dawn Allen
- Aug 24 Nancy Facenda

ANNIVERSARIES

- Aug 8 Paula & Drew Eaton—53 years



- 8/7 The Good Samaritan
- 8/14 Noah's Ark and the Flood
- 8/21 David and Goliath
- 8/28 The Tower of Babel



Before You Know It, You're in the Dark

"Light dawns in the darkness for the upright; He is gracious, merciful, and righteous." Psalm 112:4

We entered the cave with the light behind us. We followed our tour guide through the twists and turns, and ups and downs. We saw the different formations - Goliath, Christmas tree, frozen waterfalls, the mystery river, and the gem of all, the Cathedral.

As we traveled further and further into the cave, we didn't think much about the light we left behind. There were lights along the path and our guide had a flashlight, so there was always some light. When we got to the end of the trail, our guide tells us he is going to turn out his light.

He told us not to be scared and explain that the light would be out for a short time. Now, we'd experienced the light being removed when we were in Mammoth Cave several years ago. But as we stood there in the dark, he began to explain things.

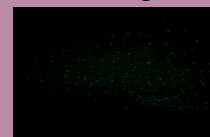
If we were left in the dark for 30 minutes we would begin to question ourselves. If it was three weeks we would begin to think crazy thoughts and feel depressed, we'd become mentally unstable. After three months we would be blind. Luckily for us, we were only without light for a couple of minutes. Then Christmas lights were turned onto the rocks.

This got us thinking though, how slowly we begin to make wrong choices: a little white lie, an innocent flirt, you want what everyone else has, you speak your mind instead of holding your tongue with your parents, and you put other things in place of God. Soon the light is left behind. Slowly you're going through the twists and turns and ups and downs of life.

Before you know it, though, you've done more wrong and soon the LIGHT is nowhere to be found. You start to think crazy thoughts and feel depressed, you become mentally unstable. After a while you've begun to become blind to the LIGHT.

There are glimpses of the LIGHT, you remember that God is love. The promise of forgiveness begins to give you hope. The LIGHT dawns and you come out of the darkness and into the light where you feel God's love, grace, and forgiveness.

Pastor Brian & Diana



YOUTH CENTER



We are Finding Our Heroes in the Bible this month we will meet Moses, Samson, and Ruth. If you aren't able to join us for worship then check out the link on our First United Methodist of Seffner Facebook page Ms. Diana is sharing the message there.

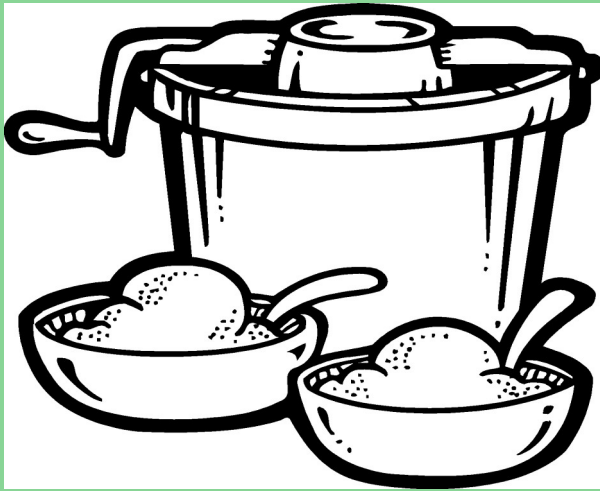


Praise & Worship: 7 PM Every Sunday Night in Fellowship Hall

Bring your friends and join us for a time of worship followed by games!

Open to all ages, we worship with newer praise songs, hear a message, and break off into groups. We then join back together for game time.





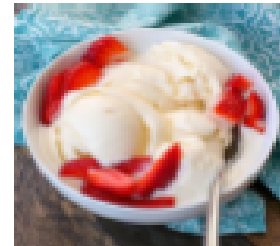
What flavor would you make? If anyone makes some homemade ice cream, remember that the office is open M-Th, 9-2, and we will be happy to be your taste testers!

The Best (and Easiest) Ice Cream You'll Ever Make

Rich and creamy homemade vanilla ice cream recipe that only requires five ingredients!

Prep Time
5 mins

Total Time
5 mins



★★★★★

4.65 from 329 votes

Course: Dessert Servings: 6 servings (about 1.5 quarts) Calories: 373kcal

Ingredients

- 1¾ cups heavy cream
- 1¼ cup whole milk
- ¾ cup sugar
- ½ teaspoon fine sea salt
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract or 1 vanilla bean split in half lengthwise or
- Optional: 2 cups of add-ins - soft brownies, cookies, and blondies work great

Instructions

1. Pour 1 cup of the cream into a saucepan and add the sugar, salt. Scrape the seeds of the vanilla bean into the pot and then add the vanilla pod to the pot. Warm the mixture over medium heat, just until the sugar dissolves. Remove from the heat and add the remaining cream, milk, and vanilla extract (if using extract). Stir to combine and chill in the refrigerator.
2. When ready to churn, remove the vanilla pod, whisk mixture again and pour into ice cream maker. Churn according to the manufacturer's instructions. Transfer the finished ice cream to an airtight container and place in the freezer until ready to serve. Enjoy!

Notes

Feel free to skip the simmer step and simply whisk everything together, then pour directly into the ice cream maker. The ice cream is absolutely delicious this way, as well as when simmered and chilled first.

Nutrition

Calories: 373kcal | Carbohydrates: 30g | Protein: 3g | Fat: 27g | Saturated Fat: 17g | Cholesterol: 100mg | Sodium: 97mg | Potassium: 119mg | Sugar: 28g | Vitamin A: 1103IU | Vitamin C: 1mg | Calcium: 103mg



Italian Dinner & Seffner Game Night

September 17th

6 PM

Come get your fill of Italian deliciousness. Gather your team together as we play minute to win it games in a friendly night of competition.



**COME JOIN US
WE NEED YOU!
NEW BELL CHOIR FORMING**

*WE NEED 6-8 PEOPLE WHO WOULD LIKE TO JOIN
THE BELL CHOIR*

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED , CONTACT ;

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Church Council will meet Thursday, Aug 4, at 7pm. Bring your goals for the remainder of the year. We will also review the goals we set the beginning of the year. If you are unable to attend, please email me your report ahead of time at thewjallens4@gmail.com.

Blessings, Joyce Allen



The Irene Circle will resume meeting Aug 8 at 7pm. This is a mission-minded group of ladies that reaches out to our members, the community and wherever we see a need. Join us as set some goals for the fall. For more information or questions, give me call (813-404-1936). Hope to see you on the 8th.

Blessings, Joyce Allen

STAYING IN GOD'S WORD THIS SUMMER



(Click the photo for a preview of the study)

Mondays @ 7 PM

We will begin our new study Isaiah on 8/15. Join us as we discover how Isaiah's words can help us trust God more. We will learn to trust more deeply in God and find comfort and peace.



Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays @ 9 AM

We will learn that our hard circumstances can become an opportunity for success.

(Click the photo above for a preview of the study)



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Stewardship Minute

“Be generous, and you will be prosperous. Help others, and you will be helped.” Proverbs

11:25GNT

Our Giving to date for July 2022:

\$ 9,945.07

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Please join us in welcoming our new office administrator. Her name is Carol Allen and no, she is not any relation to the Allen's. Carol moved to Florida from St. Louis, Missouri. She is a huge baseball and hockey fan of the St. Louis Baseball Cardinals and the St. Louis Blues. She loves to sing and go to the beaches. Please stop by the office or email and welcome her to FUMC of Seffner at seffnerfumc@gmail.com.