



# First United Methodist Church of Seffner

September 2021

Encourager

Open Hearts. Open Minds.  
Open Doors.

## Upcoming Events:

- September 9th— Truck or Treat planning meeting
- September 18th—Large indoor yard sale
- September 25th—Spaghetti Dinner Fellowship Hall 6– 8PM

## Birthdays

Sept. 1 Diana Brink  
Sept. 1 Marty Davis  
Sept. 4 Kathleen Caraway  
Sept. 5 Patricia Woodford  
Sept. 15 Richard Scionti  
Sept. 17 Amber Conklin  
Sept. 17 Joyce Allen  
Sept. 21 Debbie White  
Sept. 23 Barbara Godin  
Sept. 23 Kinslee McClamma  
Sept. 26 Sara McKinney  
Sept. 28 Brenda Scott  
Sept. 30 Maryse Lamour

## Anniversaries:

Sept. 1 Jim & Dot Blaney  
Sept. 12 Don & Debi White  
Sept. 20 Ed & Pam Hoyos

## September Sermon Series;

### OUR JOURNEY

September 5: Tested  
September 12: Patient  
September 19: Listen  
September 26: Song Sunday

## The Journey You're Walking

*Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. Luke 15:13 & 20*

This past fall we took the camper up in the mountains to see the fall leaves, something we don't get to experience as much here. We had Google Maps guiding our way, there is one problem though when using Google Maps and pulling a camper. It does not always take you the best way. One of the mountains we drove through ended up being a pretty steep grade and one point we had to pull over because the brakes on the truck and trailer were smoking. After this we weren't sure which way was the best way to go, we had to finish this journey with Google Maps.

The next trip we found a map app for RV's and double checked with Google Maps to see if the way it took us. We needed this time to be fine for the camper and truck. It seemed to be alright until we started out and Google Maps insisted we take another steep grade mountain, we decided against it. Brian managed to turn the camper around and we found another way.

Sometimes we think we are on the right journey, we want to go off on our own way. Once when the day care wasn't doing so well, we took on a second job to deliver newspapers. This meant getting up in the middle of the night, packing our young sons into the van and driving for a couple hours. Then we would get home in time to go back to bed for a couple more hours so we could get up and work our jobs. It was very tiring. We wondered away from attending worship services on Sundays. We still prayed, but we weren't close to God. We thought this job was the answer, and it might have been for that time, but maybe it wasn't.

Soon we found out another child was on the way, and we knew with a newborn this was not a good fit so we gave up our paper route. Our money problems didn't end and the day care didn't grow, we weren't sure what to do. We made it back to church and worshipping God, but still there was something missing, a complete trust in God.

The day soon came where we completely surrendered to Him. We were served the foreclosure papers and we knew God was the only one who could fix it. He welcomed us back with open arms and He saved our home.

Sometimes we may think we are on the right journey, but then we realize that way is too steep for us. Then we turn around a try another way, we focus on the one who will make our path straight. God is there with open arms just waiting to embrace you and help you guide you onto the right journey.

Pastor Brian & Diana



Beach Day we had a relaxing day at the beach.

**CHURCH CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD  
ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 AT  
11:30AM IN THE SANCTUARY.**

**THIS WILL  
BE TO VOTE ON THE NEW ROOF AND  
EXTERIOR PAINTING OF THE  
SANCTUARY ONLY. PLEASE BE IN  
ATTENDANCE IF POSSIBLE.**



Pancake & Prayer Breakfast

The pancakes and waffles were delicious. The fellowship was fabulous. Thanks to all those who helped out and those who attended.



## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's church is up and going well. We are learning about the beginning. This month we will continue Jesus' family tree Enoch to Methuselah, Methuselah to Noah, Shem, Ham and Japeth, and Araphaxad, Shelah, Eber and the Tower of Babel 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.

Thanks,  
Diana



## Youth & Young Adult

October 9<sup>th</sup>

7 PM

### Bury the Hatchet

Join us as we get out some frustrations by throwing hatchets or a tomahawk at the target (No not each other).



### *Prayer Warriors*

Do you feel called to pray? We are looking for prayer warriors to pray for a family that came to our Back to School Bash. We have several families still needing prayer. Please contact Diana Brink.

Thanks



**THERE WILL BE A VERY BIG INDOOR  
YARD SALE ;**

**SEPTEMBER 18. 8AM-12PM**

**LOTS OF GREAT ITEMS ‘**

**Most items \$1.00**

**BRING YOUR FAMILIES AND  
FRIENDS**



*Praise & Worship; 7 PM*

*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.*



**September 5,12,19,26: Thrive Praise & Worship:** Sundays, 6:30PM in Fellowship Hall

**September 6,13,20,27: Tops Club Meeting:** Mondays, 5:45PM in the Fellowship Hall

**September 6,13,20,27: Aerobics:** Mondays, 6:30PM in the Fellowship Hall

**September 6,13,20,27: Women's Bible Study:** Mondays , 7:00PM in old Nursery

**September 1,8,15,22,29: Men's Bible Study:** Wednesdays, 9:00AM in the Good News Room

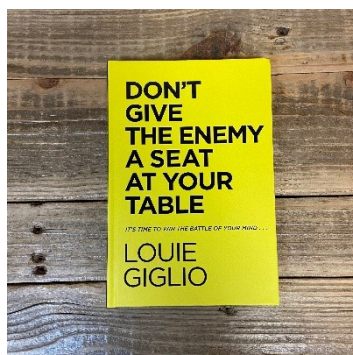
**September 1,8,15,22,29: Worship Singers Rehearsal:** Wednesdays, 7:00PM in the Sanctuary

**September 10,24 : Emmaus Reunion Group:** Friday, 6:30-8:30PM in the Good News Room

**September 7,14,21,28 : Country Western Band Group:** Tuesdays, 6:30PM in Fellowship Hall

***Men's Bible Study***

***Wednesdays @ 9 AM***





### Alter Flower Calendar

Please consider providing altar flowers in honor or memory of your friends and loved ones. These flowers not only grace our worship center with their beauty but honor loved ones as the church community gathers for worship each Sunday. The cost is only \$25.00. Please note your payment is for altar flowers. Sign up on the flower calendar on the door outside the sanctuary.

## Stewardship Minute

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” - 2 Corinthians 9:7

Our Giving for August

\$14,410.07

### Giving Options

Your donations to the church may be brought to Sunday Worship Services, mailed or made by PayPal online.

Thank you so much for your support!

Mail:

P.O. Box 607

Seffner, FL 33583

PayPal:

Website:

Use our Donate Online button on our website at [fumcseffner.com](http://fumcseffner.com)

**YOUR GIVING  
MATTERS!**



### EARN REBATES FOR OUR CHURCH

If you purchase anything from Amazon you can have 1/2 percent of your purchase price rebated to our Church. There is no extra cost to you and brings added funds to our Church. Contact Jim Blaney at [jdblaney@msn.com](mailto:jdblaney@msn.com) for questions.

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2. If you have an account with Amazon go to “my account”
3. Go to “Settings”
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Weekly Events:		
Monday:	Meals on Wheels	Morning (FH)
	Venture Crew	6:30 p.m.
	Boy Scouts	7:30 p.m.

# SEPTEMBER 2021

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## Spaghetti Dinner & Game Night

September 25<sup>th</sup>

6 PM – 8 PM



***PLEASE REMEMBER THE  
CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE  
CLOSED MONDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 6TH , FOR THE  
LABOR DAY HOLIDAY.***

Join us for dinner and friendly competitive games

## Trunk Or Treat Planning Meeting

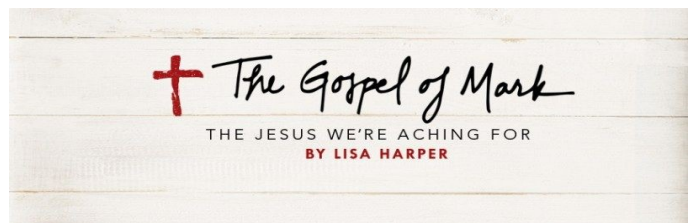
September 9<sup>th</sup>

7 PM

Good News Room

This year's Trunk or Treat will be October 30<sup>th</sup> 4 PM – 6 PM.

Anyone interested in helping us get this event planned please join us for this important meeting.



Women's Bible Study

Mondays @ 7 PM

We are continuing with The Gospel of Mark it is never too late to join us.

