



Cuero First United Methodist
Main Sail



2022

Following Jesus

Jesus of Nazareth was not the only influential figure who appeared on the Judean scene in the two centuries surrounding His birth, But He is the only one who changed the world because He was the only one from God. (Acts 5:38-39.)

Why were people drawn to Jesus? Why do they follow Him today?

For at least three reasons: His miracles, His teachings, and His character. His teachings have received more attention through the years, much more than His character.

Ironically, it is His character that Christians have been called to develop. He has not charged His followers with producing miracles or creating teachings of their own,

We have His miracles and His teachings in the Scriptures, but we have been empowered to display His character. What was His character like? The people of first century Judea were not used to a person who lived a life of love, joy, peace, endurance, compassion, generosity, integrity, humility, and self-discipline day in and day out.

Everyone is loving sometimes, joyful on occasions, and peaceful when in non-stressful circumstances. Said another way, everyone has moments or days, when they demonstrate the opposite of Jesus' character.

The people of that day were not used to someone demonstrating those, and other godly traits. All the time: Jesus' character, as much as His miracles and teachings caused people to continue to ask, "Who is this man?"

Fast forward to Paul's letter to the Galatians where He draws distinctions between normal people and Spirit-filled people. We know what the character of "normal" people are like.

Paul gives some examples in Galatians 5: 19-21. But then he does what Jesus' biographers did not do. He gives a list of nine character traits that born-again people can cultivate in their lives, calling them "the fruit of the Spirit."

Jesus was anointed by and filled with the Holy Spirit and manifested these traits in His life. The fruit of the Spirit of God in a human being was submitted to the Lordship of the Spirit.

And the same can be true in the life of a Christian who is submitted to the leading of the Spirit of God.

We can have the character of Jesus Christ. We can manifest the fruit of the Spirit.

Paul later wrote that the ultimate purpose of the Christian's life is to be conformed to the image of Christ (Romans 8:29) living in us.

As we submit to the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit, we allow Christ to live His life through us.

It is no longer us who live, but Christ living in us. When we live the life like that, we will be living a life that is beyond amazing. The world today needs the same thing that the first century world needed the presence of God in our midst.

And when the followers of Christ today use the fruit of His Spirit, the world today will be drawn to history's most amazing life in Jesus Christ.

Pastor John



Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 27 – Friday July 1
9:00am – 12:00pm

Hosted By:

First Presbyterian Church
302 N McLeod St

Volunteers Needed!

We have registration forms
here in our church office.

More information call:

Pam @ 361-275-5272(FUMC)

Joy @ 361-275-2662(Presbyterian)

Church Office Hours

June 27 – June 30

1pm – 3pm

The office staff is
volunteering at VBS during
the morning hours.

Thanks!

Leadership Council Meeting

June 13

6:30pm

Fellowship Hall



United Women in Faith

(UMW)

June 20

6:00pm - Meal

6:30pm – Meeting

Fellowship Hall



L.I.F.F.T. Meeting

June 21

2:00pm

Fellowship Hall



Happy Father's Day

June 19



John Wesley - June 28, 1703 – March 2, 1791

A Fascinating Fact about John Wesley

JOHN WESLEY RODE FAR ENOUGH ON HORSEBACK TO CIRCLE THE EARTH 10 TIMES. Wesley rode 250,000 miles! He was convinced that it was important for him personally to spread the gospel through relationships and continue to grow closer to God in those relationships. Asked if he would consider walking instead of riding, he replied, "Nay."

June Worship Leaders



Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Children's Sermon
6-5-22	Tom Cheatham	Sue Halbert Dorothy Brown	
6-12-22	Sarah Ritchea	Mildred & Stayton Weldon	Colette Barth
6-19-22	Earl O'Connor	Bobby & Charla Jones	Sarah Ritchea
6-26-22	Evelyn Boedeker	Mildred & Stayton Weldon	Rev. Wanda Ritchea

Hooray!

The AC unit is now working in Doodle's Room, thanks to the generous donation from the **Doodle Smith Trust**.

Small groups should start using Doodle's Room instead of the Fellowship Hall, to avoid using the big a/c units.

Please set the temperature to your comfort BUT remember to set it back to where it was. (80 in summer/60 in winter)

thankyou



PENTECOST SUNDAY



On Pentecost Sunday, we remember the day the disciples received the Holy Spirit in a special way. The story in Acts 2 describes a powerful wind and tongues of fire as the Holy Spirit was poured out on people from all over the world who came to Jerusalem to celebrate a Jewish feast. At the first Pentecost over 3000 people were baptized, creating the first church. This is why Pentecost is known as the birthday of the Christian church.

The word Pentecost comes from a Greek word meaning fiftieth. The Jewish Festival of Pentecost (called *Shavuot*, meaning "weeks" in Hebrew) falls on the fiftieth day after the original Passover. On that day, God gave the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai. The Christian festival of Pentecost falls on the 50th day after the resurrection of Jesus.



Happy Birthday

Bradley Drehr	2 nd
Zane Lemke	4 th
John Eldridge	6 th
Walker Taylor Pickett	12 th
Margie Frazier	23 rd
Wanda Ritchea	30 th



Happy Anniversary

R.A. & Becky Van Wormer	5 th
Wayne & Sonya Wolf	13 th
Ethan & Katie Etlinger	22 nd
Robert & Colette Barth	25 th
Steven & Charlotte Wolf	29 th

C.A.M.A.L. House Collection

June

Canned Fruit

