

August  
Days

# Faith *Matters*

Becky's Billet-doux

## *Being Transformed*

*"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect."*

Romans 12.2

How do you feel about being transformed? Does the thought excite you or worry you? The Holy Spirit has complete power to renew your mind and transform you into a person who seeks only to do God's will. When God changes our worldview, we stop looking at only the here and now, instead we start looking past this time and into the world to come. Looking past this world, changes how we see this world. Our priorities shift to be more in line with God's will than with our own.

God's transforming power in your life happens only within his mercy. Worship becomes how you live your life, not a time relegated to Sunday mornings. Your integrity, work ethic, putting others first, and the like become your life, your ministry. Your behavior no longer needs to be secret but can be scrutinized and not found lacking. Your personal choices begin to reflect God's love for your neighbors instead of our sinful looking-out-for-good-ole-#1 behavior. This transformation is what creates the priesthood of all believers.

The priesthood of all believers means that each of us has a ministry. Your ministry likely happens in your workplace, or in your volunteer positions or with your physical neighbors. The church is NOT called to only be ministers within the confines of the church building. The church is the people, not a physical location. And the church works in the world. You are called, as a child of God, to minister to those around you. You are called to tell your story of how God has transformed and is transforming your life. You are called to be of service to those around you, not by just writing a check but also in an up close and personal way, to be the hands and feet of Christ. In your transformation, what is your God story? Can you tell that story out loud? Try it. What is your ministry? Who is around you that needs your help, your love and support? If you can't think of anyone, ask God to open your eyes to see his people as HE sees them. God did not call you and teach you to leave you sitting on the couch. He calls you into his service in the world. It may be scary, but remember, he goes with you, even to the ends of the earth.

Happy Ministering!



As an LCMC Congregation we subscribe to the LCMC Statement of Faith which includes: We believe, teach, and confess the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

## Prayer Requests



Lord, do whatever you need to do in me, so that you can do whatever you want to do through me.  
In Jesus' name, Amen.

- † Adams, Calvin (Angie Gullett's dad, prayer for salvation; health; eye issues)
- † Ard, Farrell & Kellie (healing)
- † Arnold, Dale (healing)
- † Brown, Donna (healing)
- † Boring, Carma (Jo's step-daughter, healing)
- † Boring, Jo (healing)
- † Bryant, Sue Ellis (loss of husband, Jim)
- † Burditt, Larry (Angie Gullett's brother-in-law, Parkinson's & his dad for healing)
- † Candace (mom), Avyn (son) in NYC- Avyn healing, treatment for cancer)
- † Carr, Billie (Betty Lively's sister, healing)
- † Collerd, Tyler
- † Cox, Wanda (Angie's sis-in-law, heart issues, health)
- † Donavan, Nancy (healing)
- † Eilers, Melvin (healing)
- † Estrada, Mary
- † Garrison, Marilee (lung cancer)
- † Gonzales, Cheyanne (RSV, hosp.)
- † Graves, Steve (rec. from surgery)
- † Pr. Fisks, Paul (healing)
- † Fowler, Ginnie (treatments)
- † Fowler, Jerry
- † Gullett, Angie (eye injections, back therapy, health)
- † Hennig, Pearl (home doing PT, healing)
- † Pr. Kaskela, Jerry (healing)
- † Maddox, Dub (rec. leg amputation )
- † McCarter, Sarah (healing)
- † Merritt, Kidd Family (in the loss of Gertrude Merritt)
- † McGee, Helen (healing)
- † McIntosh, Karla & T & family (loss of her sister, Kathy Stokes)
- † Mullins, Ellie (6 yr old, received kidney, autoimmune disease (FSGS) seems to be going into remission; fighting an infection)
- † Nance, Bodhi (Watson's grand-son)
- † Otwell, Joyce (health)
- † Perez, Marsha (health)
- † Scott, Abe (cancer, for healing)
- † Scott, Becca (for son and grand-son, Dillon and Lincoln—moved)
- † Scott, Kay (Becca's aunt rec. knee replacement))
- † Silhan, Charlie (Complications, back in hospital)
- † Southard, John (healing)
- † Stanley, Kelly & Raymond & fami-ly (loss of family member)
- † Stokes, Bobby (loss of wife, Kathy)
- † Strickland, Gary (salvation)
- † Vencil, Naylan (home, recovery)
- † Watson, Marlene (Complications from Covid, rec. from surgery)
- † Weaver, Sharlene (home, heal-ing)
- † West, Kim (healing)
- † White, Bill (healing)
- † Worthen Family (Ty, Shelbie and baby boy Worthen)
- † Pray for all those affected by Covid-19 and protection against the Delta Variant

### Homebound

- † Larry Minor, Phyl-lis Dudley, Helen McGee, Charles & Charlene Miller, Barbara Ridge, Dan Womochel, Jo Hafer, Evelyn Byerly.

### Nursing Homes

- † Grover Charsha Rm. 406, Jack Tarter Rm. 703, Billie Carr (Betty Lively's sister) Rm. 616 (Parks); Marsha Perez Rm. 805 (Lincoln Tower); Frieda Theesfield (Madison Medical Resort) Rm. 203; Ronda Scott (Angie's cousin) Rm. 303 Sienna ; Freddie Wheeler – Cowden Cottage Rm. 11A (Manor Park—Midland) Merry Gay Mesker (Granbury), Marilyn Batson (Dallas); Rosemary Browning; Charles & Shirley Garrett (Asst. Living) (Dallas); M'Liss Schneider (Knopp in Fredericksburg)



## Volunteers Needed

We need readers, ushers, Altar Guild and office volunteers. Please sign up to work one Sunday a month by visiting the 'Sign Up' table in the foyer.

We would like to pre-plan fellowship luncheons. The next one to be planned would be in August. (It does not mean you are required to do all the work.) If you would like to coordinate this fellowship please call Billy at (432)770-5801.

We need someone to deliver altar flowers to our homebound and nursing home members. If interested please contact the church office. Vases and containers can be donated to the church via a drop-box in the narthex.

## Schedule of Events

- 🕒 Bible Study - Tuesdays - 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
- 🕒 Sunday School for all ages - Sundays - 10:00 AM
- 🕒 Worship Service at 11 AM



- 🕒 August 9th - 14th - Pastor Becky is on Vacation
- 🕒 August 10 - 1st Day of School Coffee & Donuts - 7:30 - 8:00 AM
- 🕒 August 17 - Board Meeting
- 🕒 August 21 - Church Workday
- 🕒 August 22 - Seminarian Micah Johnson will preach.
- 🕒 September 15 - Theology Study - 6:00PM
- 🕒 September 18 - Tailgate Party & Fellowship - sign up by the coffee bar

Please visit the church calendar on the website for more information at <https://faithfellowshipodessa.org/church-calendar/>

We helped six families in July!

If you have vegetables or fruits from your garden, please bring them to sell after worship. You can put them on our Harvest Table in the Narthex. The proceeds will go to our Food Pantry.



## Garden Update



Still the same as last report, but we still need people to volunteer to dig up smaller trees. See Bruce for more details.

I will be collecting money for the Beasley's back to school needs by August 7 so the gift card can be delivered.

There is a list of needs to fill the backpack for Ryan our BP family.

Please initial what you want to buy and pull the tab of same item(s) as a reminder.

Thanks in advance, Terri



Our Mission is to Gather God's people, and to Grow in faith and Service to Christ

# Tid Bits

(NEWS FROM AROUND THE CHURCH)



Faith Fellowship gave 5% (10% of general offerings for the month) of our tithes to the following Ministries in June:

- † \$410.32 to The Rainbow Room (organization that protects abused chil-dren)
- † Augustana District for \$410.32



Congratulations to Ron & Linda Harrison on the birth of their great-grandchildren, twins Ember & Easton born in May.



Jo Hafer sends her greetings to everyone!



What is the meaning and use of liturgical colors? For other Sundays after Pentecost Green is used, to indicate our growth in faith as we follow the teachings and ministry of Christ.



For Our September Campaign, be on the lookout for the booklets on August 29th.



Choir Practice resumes Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021 at 5:15 p.m.



Thank you to Blooming Rose for providing us with Altar Flowers for Sundays.

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## Classifieds

We are offering ad space for \$5 donations in our Newsletter. If you have:

- a business you want to promote;
- have something you want to sell;
- someone you need to hire;
- or are looking for recommendations

Please fill out a form, or email the office and we'll put it in our next Newsletter.



## Church Directory

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