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## NEWSLETTER



### **The Finance Committee** met on April 23rd for their first quarterly

meeting of 2024. It is traditional that the Finance Committee meets at least quarterly.

Thank you for all your contributions. We depend on you for God's Church!

The church is happy to report that we are operating in the black. However, expenses are exceeding income and action is needed to sustain the savings.

Income for ministries have been fortunate to receive grant incomes. The church was blessed with a grant to sponsor Gun Violence Day, a youth grant to build our youth ministry, and a Christian Education Grant.

We had some pretty big building expenses:

Termites Spray--\$2700

Wood repair--\$1100

Lighting----\$75

The church has taken actions to see how we can generate income from the use of our building.

We will first begin by publicizing that our building is available for rent following the pandemic.

Help us spread the word. Secondly the Texas Annual Conference has chosen us to participate in a conference cohort where we will work with professionals in the conference to give us ideas on how to market our building use. Thirdly, the church anniversary team will kick off early this year with the intention of increasing financial contributions.

### **United Women of Faith**

Our ministry Donates snacks, coloring books, word puzzles to BAYOU Pines Quarterly. Your Donations are welcomed also. A community Baby shower was held April 20<sup>th</sup> to support Adria Woman's Center. Lots of baby items were donated.



United  
Women  
in Faith



## Detours Mentoring Group

Jan kicked off with over 15 participants and over 10 volunteer mentors.

March chimmed in with Glennisha Carroll to speak on Job search Preparation. And In April Sam Collins spoke on Financial Literacy.

**Organization:** The DETOURS (Destiny-Energize-Trust-Opportunity-Unity-Resources-Service) Mentoring team is a group of men from McKinney MUMC who are willing to volunteer their time and share experiences while

mentoring young men.

**Purpose:** The program's purpose is to give mentees an alternate route to take to enhance their educational and life journey by providing role models that can support them academically socially and or personally.

**Type of Mentoring:** Group Mentoring

**Goals:** The aim of the mentoring relationship is to provide an opportunity to provide:

- ✓ Enhance self-esteem and self-confidence of young men.
- ✓ Empower them to make healthy relationships and lifestyle choices.
- ✓ Promote the importance of a good education!
- ✓ Offer a listening ear.

## Youths

Thanking God for our Young Adults who are working with our Youth Ministry: Dr. Kirshina Winn, Tina Crawford Smith , and Danna Benefield. Our Lil Lambs are too cute . The youth choir , ushers, and praise dancers are growing.The Easter extravaganza was not only fun it drew a very large diverse crowd and the kids had a blast. They culminated the Saturday event by doing a wonderful performance on Easter Sunday morning where our district Superintendent appeared as a surprise guest. We thank our Sunday School teachers , Pat Scott and Pat Bell for their volunteering.





**Young Adults  
Stay Tuned  
“Conversations on the  
Couch” is coming**

**St. Stephens Society**

1st Qtr. donations totaled \$911.43

Four Families were serviced totaling 23 persons in all households.

**From: Evangelism Team**

Amos 5:24 NIV

But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!

**Reordering Our Priorities**

The northern tribes of Israel in Amos' time seemed like they were doing all the right things. They offered sacrifices to God and were exact in their religious observations. And yet, the book of Amos is written to them as a warning—a warning that destruction that would befall them if they refused to change?

Why?

Because they had neglected the true heart of loving and worshiping God.

While they were doing many of the "right" things, it's what they weren't doing that drew God's ire. They failed to take care of the poor and needy. They turned their eyes away from injustice. Many had turned to idols for help and prayer.

Through Amos, God told the people of Israel that it is just as important to be righteous inwardly as it is outwardly. We cannot say we love God and others when we fail to help people who are within our power to help.

Just as James 1:27 tells us, true religion includes helping orphans, widows, and those who are in distress. James goes on to write that faith without works is a dead faith (James 2:26). In short, faith is both believing in the Lord and doing the things He has told us to do.

Take some time to think about your own life: how much time do you prioritize on your own spirituality versus serving others?

What ways can you begin to take steps toward serving in your church, your neighborhood, or your school in order to help those in need. All of these are ways that our faith becomes complete in Christ as we follow Him.



## NUGGETS FROM KOV (KEEPERS OF THE VISION)

The KOV had its quarterly meeting April 11, 2024. The KOV is McKinney’s single governing board. The members of the KOV are Dr. Carlos Phillips, Rev. Vickie Keys, Anniestene Mack, Brenda Mathews, Henry Perry, Carol Johnson, Jerome Bell, Gregory Benefield, Geraldine Carroll, and Cynthia Thornton. Highlights from the meeting are:

### Safe Sanctuary

- Safe Sanctuary certification and background checks are required for all members who volunteer to work with our youth.
- The Texas Annual Conference uses TrainRight, Inc as the company to administer online certifications. Invitations are being sent to known members who are currently involved in a ministry or event with children. We are asking members who have received an email invitation to have these completed **by May 31, 2024**.
- If anyone is planning to assist with upcoming youth events and has not received an invite by email from TrainRight, Inc, please contact Cynthia Thornton.
- Pastor Phillips has completed a 5-hour Sexual Abuse training program that is a requirement to be reappointed.

### Worship/Discipleship

- We will observe Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024.
- VBS will be in mid-June. A formal date has not been set. Four daycare centers have registered to participate. Vickie’s Treasures Daycare is the largest one.

### Nurture

- Had our first quarterly meeting in February.
- Guardians of the Temple is planning on providing a CPR class if the congregation is interested.

### Texas Annual Conference

- The upcoming TAC yearly conference will be June 9-12, 2024, at Westchase UMC in Houston. Delegates from McKinney are Brenda Mathews – Church Delegate and Verma Perry – Southeast District Delegate. See the TAC website for more info.

**JOIN US FOR AN EXCLUSIVE PRE-RELEASE EVENT**

The Prayer Ministry of McKinney Memorial UMC is celebrating the release of Karen Zellers new single, "My Protector (Psalm 91)," This pre-release will be held during our Painted Prayer Time. This is a free event open to the public.

**June 1, 2024 @ 10AM**

What is a "Painted Prayer" - it is a picture prayer book. We gather in quiet time and prayer, using crayons or watercolors, draw our conversations with God. This creates a beautiful one-of-a-kind prayer book.