



Something I quickly learned in my studies becoming a pastor is that there is an entire set of words unique to the seminary setting. I was introduced to many words that even if I knew them, I never used them in conversation. Yet these words took on profound meaning. One of the words I was introduced to was “liminal”. It’s OK if you have never heard that word, I had to look it up the first time too. The dictionary definition of liminal is “relating to a transitional or initial stage of a process.” For an example of a liminal time, consider the butterfly. At the start it is a caterpillar making a cocoon. At the end it is a butterfly. The middle stage, the chrysalis, is the liminal space, or the time of transition.

In my studies there was a dual reason why several discussions had an emphasis on liminal space. First, like the butterfly, liminal space is often where transformation happens. Faith by its nature is life changing and transformational. My professors wanted me to think critically about what exactly is happening during that liminal time. Often when we are in a period of transition, we want to get out of it quickly and get on to what is next. However, I was taught to consider and emphasize just how God is at work and present within this liminal space. One of the things that came up again and again, is we often find God most profoundly in those liminal times, and we might have missed those blessed times if we rushed to what is next.

I mention this because November tends to be a liminal time of the year—a period of transition. November tends to be when the seasons move from Fall to Winter. Culturally, November is smashed between the juggernauts of Halloween and Christmas. Within the greater culture, November 1st seems to mark an automatic turning point where pumpkins are replaced with ever greens, Halloween costumes with matching Christmas pajamas, and candy with gingerbread. If you are the type of person who breaks out Christmas decorations on November 1st, then that is fine. However, I do think if we rush too quickly into the “most wonderful time of the year”, we can miss the liminal time of November.

November is a liminal time that we should be aware of and that we should claim as a time to intentionally give thanks. On November 5th we will remember those precious saints who have gone before us. On November 12th we celebrate “Confirmation Sunday” as we have four that will come before us to become members of our church. November 23rd, we celebrate Thanksgiving but some of us will be transitioning as we see an empty seat at the table this year. These are important times.

November is a time of transition. We can rush through it, or we can pause and claim the liminal space. We can use this liminal time to give thanks to God for who God is and what God has done. This November, may we join together in giving thanks to God for all He has and will be doing in our lives.

Till The Nets are Full,
Pastor Brian

CHURCH COUNCIL



The next scheduled meeting is November 7, 2023 at 6PM.

FINANCIAL NEWS: September 2023

2023 Church Income Budget	\$	323,203.00
2023 Church Expenses Budget	\$	322,545.60
Received Income YTD - 2023	\$	245,565.75
Expenses YTD - 2023		234,776.37
Differences (+/-)	\$	10,639.38
Total Income received 9/2023	\$	17,762.13
Total Expenses spent 9/2023	\$	30,581.20
Differences (+/-)	\$	12,819.07

Non-Budgeted Gifts Received

Christian Care Center	\$	120.00
Feed My Sheep	\$	100.00
Small Repair Projects	\$	200.00
Shoe Box Ministry	\$	421.00
Youth	\$	(265.06)
Total	\$	575.94

Memorials

Men's Bible Class	\$	20.00
Total	\$	20.00

October Gifts

10/1 — \$	3,841.00
10/8 — \$	3,976.00
10/15 — \$	4,120.00
10/22 — \$	5,740.13
10/29 — \$	2,463.00

Thank you to everyone who made this year's pumpkin patch a success! We had a great turnout!



The office
will be closed
NOVEMBER 22 & 23
For Thanksgiving

All Saints' Sunday

Nov

5th



WESLEY

CAMPUS MINISTRY

LAMAR UNIVERSITY

A MINISTRY FOR ALL GOD'S PEOPLE

November Ministry Focus:

The Wesley Center at Lamar University

As we have for the last four years, we will continue to support the Wesley Center located at Lamar University in Beaumont. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this ministry and as always mark your checks or place your offering in the monthly ministry box.

ADVENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We will continue our tradition of asking for volunteers to read each Sunday during Advent. There will be a sign up sheet located on the table at the front of the Sanctuary. We have four Sundays in the month of December including Christmas Eve to fill.



21st Annual Hot Dog Supper

DECEMBER 2, 2022
MCDONOUGH HALL
4:30 - 6 PM

SAVE THE DATE FOR ONE OF OUR BIGGEST OUTREACH EVENTS! IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE COOKIES FOR THE EVENT OR VOLUNTEER TO SERVE, PLEASE CONTACT CHERYL OWENS!

THANK YOU VETERANS



Veterans day
★ 11TH NOVEMBER ★



CHURCH CONFERENCE

Thursday, November 16th
6 PM, Sanctuary

All church members are invited to the first GMC Church conference of our church on November 16th at 6pm in the Sanctuary!

R O O T E D

MYF Schedule for November
November 5th - 4:30 - 6 PM

November 12th - 11:45 AM - Shoe Box
Packing Party will be the meeting

November 19th - 4:30 - 6 PM

November 26th - No Meeting

YARN CHICKS
THIS MONTH ONLY
MEETING ON 11/8,
10 AM - NOON

Church service:
9:30 AM
Sunday School:
10:30 AM



THREADS OF HOPE
Every Friday
10AM - 12 PM

Providing handmade and sewn items to local charities. Join us and use your sewing skills or learn new skills to help make a difference in our community!

Send Us Your Photos

As we work on the website daily, we want to be able to put pictures on it with all of our members! Having current pictures on our website is also an outreach tool to our community. We would love to include photos from any time you attend a church related activity or service. It is our goal to keep the website as current as possible.

If you are on Facebook, please do not forget to check in to the church page and say you are here when you are in worship or at an event. This will keep the page at the top of listings for our area when people look up "churches near me" or look us up directly.

Please send your photos to pastor@silsbeemc.com

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