

STEWARDSHIP FOR 2018

2018 budget \$ 580,648.46
Received Nov. 5, 2018 Budget 12,414.00
Received to date, Budget 454,375.36
Received Nov. 5, 2018 Bldg. 1,195.00
Received to date, Bldg. Fund 46,982.50

ATTENDANCE, NOV. 5, 2018

Sunday School.....1 12
Early Service.....45
11:00 AM Service.....1 52
Total Worship.....197

USHERS: Ralph Weems, III Shane Alpe Gene Childress
Bob Harrell Gil Lyon Greg Sugg

COFFEE & JUICE: Men's Bible Class

SOUND TECH: Julie Gray **LAY READERS:** 8:45 AM Bruff Sanders, 11:00 AM Dawn Swartz

WORSHIP COMMITTEE FOR NOV: Janet Jameson & Ann McClellan

GREETERS FOR 11/11 - Carolyn Burgess, Linda Drake, Bob Wyman, Nita Wyman

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Thad & Tracey Holcombe (11/11)
Tres & Kate Anderson (11/18)

PRAYER CHAIN: Norma Atkins

Remember in Prayer

In the Hospital

At Home

Jennie Cantrell Jim Ross Sue Rushing
Geonette Pendley Liz Cook Boyce McNeece
Grathan Christian Tricia Smith Anna Thompson & baby Rorie
Ethan Donahoo Penny Pearson

Dugan

Mary Frances Miller
Bitsy Weaver

WP Living Center

Barbara LeBlanc
Tommy Miller

The Manor at Traceway

Evelyn O'Hara Wallace

Trinity Place

Martha Priest
Marguerite Breland

The 11:00 AM worship Service is broadcast on WKBB 100.9 FM.

First United Methodist Church
P. O. Box 293
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When I think of our stewardship campaign theme "Here I Am, Send Me", I think of the story of Elijah. God told him where to go, and he went, although sometimes he went with reservation. After Elijah announced the drought to King Ahab, God told him to hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. There he was fed by ravens and he drank from a brook; then the brook dried up. After that, God told Elijah to go to Zarephath and a widow there would supply him with food. When he got there the widow only had enough flour and oil to prepare one last meal for herself and her son. Elijah told her to make him a loaf of bread before making the bread for herself and her son. He told her the jar of flour and the jug of oil would not run out until the day the Lord sent rain.

When I think of this story, I am reminded of our stewardship theme, "Here I am; Send Me." God calls us to trust Him and His plan. The widow had to trust that she and her son would be fed throughout the drought; Elijah trusted God for his every need. This story also applies to us: do we trust God with our finances, our families, our jobs and our future? The widow first had to give food to Elijah before she was able to make a loaf of bread for herself and her son. God calls us to give to Him first. He calls us to give Him our time, our talents, our gifts, and our service first. When we give to him first, everything else falls into place.

We must trust Him and say to God, "Here I am, Send me." He will provide when we give to him first.

-- Rebecca DeSantis