

# Beacon

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... guiding our walk

Sebastian United Methodist Church  
1029 Main Street  
Sebastian, FL 32958  
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September 2019



## ***A Word from Pastor John***

One thing you may not know about me (and I hesitate to share – lest you think the Bishop has sent you a jinxed pastor) is that two of the churches I have served no longer exist: North Fort Myers UMC and First UMC Cocoa (later called The Open Door). Both churches had been very strong congregations in the past – a past that was glorious and effective for Christ. Both churches looked back on their past with nostalgia and pride. And both churches had been in decline for decades – until it became clear that they no longer were viable as churches. North Fort Myers church closed, maybe a decade ago. First Cocoa/The Open Door merged into Grace UMC Merritt Island in July of this year.

Sadly, this is a trend throughout the Florida Conference – and really, throughout the nation. There are many congregations in various stages of decline for whom the future is not encouraging. Thankfully, we here in Sebastian are not on the verge of closing – in fact, we are relatively healthy. And yet, there are signs that we are not as healthy as we could be. We need to be on our guard.

It's a sad time for the Church in America – a pruning of dead wood, with the hope that new life can sprout. There is always hope, and I have full confidence that the Church of Jesus Christ will always continue to exist. Before Jesus ascended to heaven, he assured us that he will always be with us, "to the end of the age." That is God's promise to us, and God is always faithful to his promises!

Why is it that some congregations manage to prosper, and even flourish, while others fade and die? What happened to those churches that caused their decline? How did they get to that point?

I'm sure there are many reasons, unique to each situation. However, I believe there are two reasons that are universal among churches that close: 1) They lost their purpose for being, and 2) They failed to adapt to change. As I come to be your pastor, I want us to focus on those two causes of decline, so that we can avoid the fate of other churches that have had to close.

### **1) They Lost Their Purpose for Being**

As my sermon of August 11 shared, all churches should be aware of their "mission." Jesus tells us that we are to "Go... and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." Or, as the Mission Statement of the United Methodist Church puts it, we are to "make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

All churches begin with this mission, but sadly, over time they may experience "mission creep" as other good things they do drain their energy and cause them to lose sight of their "prime directive." They get busy doing many worthwhile activities, and forget the ultimate reason they do them – to help new people experience the grace and new-life they can have in a relationship with Jesus Christ. Churches that grow and flourish are continually reminding themselves of

their ultimate “raison d'être.” They are vigilant in making “course-corrections.” They place their resources and energies toward accomplishing that mission. They ask themselves, “Are we making new disciples for Jesus?”

How are we doing in “keeping the main thing the main thing?” Are we making disciples of Jesus Christ who will transform our world? What “course corrections” do we need to make if we want to truly live into our “purpose for being?”

## 2) They Failed to Adapt to Change

In case you hadn't noticed, the world has changed. Many of our congregations have a default mode – “It's worked in the past, why change?”

Churches like ours have a long history, and grew and flourished in a different era – a time in '50s, '60s, and '70s when growth was pretty much automatic. Church involvement was a “given.” Everyone in the community was involved in a church, or at least believed that they ought to be in a church. Our society reinforced the importance of church attendance and membership. Many of you in this church reared your children in the church of the last century. You brought them to Sunday School and Youth Group. You attend worship as a family and all sat on the pew together. Then they went off to college or into the workforce. Some of them continued to seek-out the church, but a great many did not. If you are like most of us who are older, your children (and therefore grandchildren) are unlikely to be attending worship, and may not see the point of church at all. Obviously, they have not become devoted disciples of Jesus who will transform the world.

Did we fail? Maybe. But it is not totally our fault. Our culture has shifted dramatically. It has become more

and more secularized at the same time as there is an increasing variety of competing world-views, spiritual options, and secular activities competing for the attention of Americans. As a result, church worship attendance is in decline, as those of us who are older age, and people worship less and less frequently. Incomes of churches decline, as church facilities built for a different era age and need expensive upkeep. Financial resources are shifted to maintenance, with less and less money devoted to programs and the staffing needed to reach new people of all ages. It's a downward spiral. If a church is not making new disciples in greater numbers than those who “graduate to the church triumphant,” eventually that church will be no longer viable, and will close.

Sebastian UMC is nowhere near closing. But frankly, if we don't find ways to adapt to the changes that are taking place all around us – if we are not willing to make “course-corrections” in order to accomplish the purpose for our existence – if we aren't willing to adjust the ways we “do church” or the styles of worship we love – if we don't make our top priority reaching new people of all ages with Gospel of Jesus Christ, making fully devoted disciples of Jesus – then we might as well close up shop right now.

My hope for this church is that we will all be open to do whatever it takes to make “course corrections” so that our church will fulfill our calling from God. If we will do that, God will bless our church with fruitfulness and growth (both spiritually and numerically). Let's pray for the wisdom and courage to do whatever it takes to become everything God would have us to be!

I love being your pastor!

John

## Website Links

[www.sebastianunc.com](http://www.sebastianunc.com)

<https://www.flumc.org>

<http://www.gcumm.org>

<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org>

Sebastian United Methodist Church

Florida Conference

United Methodist Men

United Methodist Women



*Trust and obey,  
for there's no other way  
to be happy in Jesus,  
but to trust and obey.*

Ira D. Sankey and Dwight L. Moody were instrumental in creating and inspiring gospel song writers during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. They led many revival campaigns across the United States together. “Trust and Obey” comes from one such meeting. Sankey tells the story of birth of this hymn in *My life and the Story of the Gospel Hymn*. He writes:

“Some years ago,” says Professor [Daniel Brink] Towner...“Mr. Moody was conducting a series of meetings in Brockton, Massachusetts, and...one night a young man rose in a testimony meeting and said, ‘I am not quite sure—but I am going to trust, and I am going to obey.’” I just jotted that sentence down, and sent it with the little story to the Rev. J. H. Sammis, a Presbyterian minister. He wrote the hymn, and the tune was born.

Professor Towner wrote the tune. The text was written by John H. Sammis. The refrain was written first and followed by five stanzas. Most modern hymnals, including ours, include only four, excluding the second stanza. “Trust and Obey” was first published in *Hymns Old and New* in 1887 and entered Methodist hymnals in 1897. The hymn became popular partially due to its use by Sankey and Moody in their revival campaigns.

Proverbs 16:20 was a guiding scripture for “Trust and Obey.” It reads, “Those who are attentive to a matter will prosper, and happy are those who trust in the LORD.” The text reminds us that by walking with God we begin to put our trust in God’s will for our life. Through this journey we learn we can trust God with our sorrows and burdens, especially when they seem to be too much to bear. God is there to journey with us. The more we trust and obey God, the easier it becomes to see the blessings that God gives to us each and every day. The more we learn to trust God, the easier it becomes to obey God. When we become confident in God’s promise to never leave or forsake us, the unsure paths God leads us down become easier to tread.

The first line of this text reminds us that we can only begin to trust and obey God “When we walk with the Lord.” If we notice our trust is waning, we must examine our life to see if we are still walking with God or if we are trying to travel through life alone. God will always walk by our side but sometimes we try to run ahead thinking we know better. Trusting God’s guidance will lead us on the path God has set forth for us. Once we trust God, we begin to live into the obedient life to which we are called. Scripture reminds us countless times that our obedience is a way we show our love to God. God’s love transforms us in ways that allows us to show our love for God by loving other people. Loving some people is easy. Loving some people is difficult. We must remember that God loves us even when we are difficult to love. Trusting God and being obedient to God’s calling in our life provides us with assurance that God will help us love those who we find difficult to love. God walks this journey of life with us. When we trust and obey God, our journey becomes filled with joy and hope.



**Welcome to Fall**  
**Celebrating United Methodist Women 150 year Anniversary!!**

The United Methodist Women meet the third Friday of each month in the Fellowship Hall at 10AM. Our next meeting is: September 20th, 2019 at 10AM Brown Bag Lunch--drinks will be provided.

September meeting program is '**Sharing Our Summer Experiences**' -as we reflect on these I am sure we will see GOD at work in our lives.

**Meeting Dates:**

- October 18
- November 15
- November Friday 15th is World Thank Offering month
- December is our Christmas Luncheon (location to be announced)

All ladies are always WELCOME--invited friends or neighbors (do not have to be a member of the church or Methodist to attend)

**Other United Methodist Women Meetings**

- Christ by the Sea United Methodist Church located at 3755 Hwy A1A Vero Beach---- UMW meets the First Wednesday of each month at 11:45 (always a covered dish luncheon)
- Next meeting is September 4---11:45 and all ladies are always welcome.
- Roseland United Methodist Church UMW meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month they are meeting on September 12, 2019 at 10AM at Shiloh Boys Ranch  
10655 Roseland Road  
Sebastian, FL 32958

Shiloh Boys Ranch is one of their mission projects (they will have a tour and discussion--brown bag lunch if you wish) All Ladies are always welcome

**FLORIDA CONFERENCE:**

UMW 46th CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING--  
First United Methodist Church  
72 Lake Morton Dr.  
Lakeland, FL. 33801

November 9, 2019--10AM---4PM

**"A HERITAGE TO SHARE"**

Must register no later than **October 15, 2019**  
(registration forms available at September meeting)

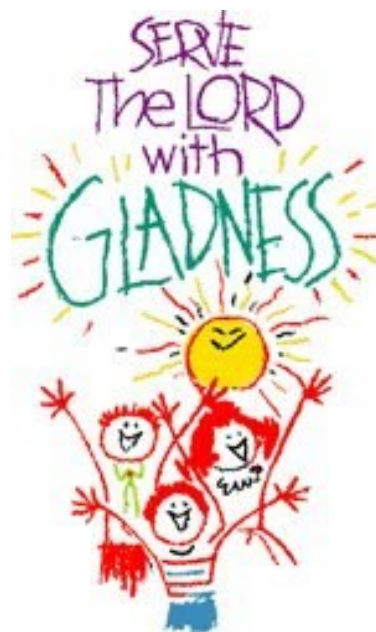
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Lets get several car loads -will be a great way to continue **CELEBRATING OUR 150TH BIRTHDAY**

If you would like a ride to any of these meetings please call Ann 772 589 9596 or Mary 772 664 6186

HAPPINESS

Ann McCullough





# FLORIDA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

## FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING

# NOVEMBER 9, 2019

First United Methodist Church  
72 Lake Morton Dr., Lakeland, FL 33801

*"A Heritage to Share"*

THEN...



"That Handful of Women"  
Photo from UMW website

**Featuring Panel of Former  
Florida Conference  
Presidents**

\$25.00 Meeting and Lunch  
\$12.00 Meeting Only



NOW...



Conference Presidents, Past & Present  
Photo by Dr. Judith Pierre-Okerson



I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your Mother Eunice and I am sure lives in you.

II Timothy 1:5 NRSV



**Asian Rural Institute**  
Rural Leaders Training Center

**BIBLE STUDY & SMALL GROUPS**

Serving At: Asian Rural Institute (ARI) Home  
Country: Japan, Asia and Pacific **Jonathan  
McCurley & Satomi McCurley** They are mission-  
aries with the General Board of Global Minis-  
tries of The United Methodist Church, serving  
as church and community ministries coordina-  
tor at the Asian Rural Institute (ARI) in northern  
Japan.

#### **Sebastian United Methodist Church**

has pledged to help the McCurley's in their mis-  
sion. The blue "spare change tube" is located the  
back of the church for your convenience or put in  
pew envelope and mark McCurley Mission

The Asian Rural Institute. is an international  
training institute for grassroots rural leaders  
from developing countries, mostly in Asia and  
Africa, and is located in Japan. ARI training fo-  
cuses on sustainable agriculture through inte-  
grated organic farming techniques, community  
building, and servant leadership

#### **Beginning Tuesday, September 3**

**Pastor's Bible Study** 10:00 a.m. in the large class room  
"All the Parables of Jesus" (8 week study)

#### **Wednesday Adult Bible Study**

10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

#### **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: NEW MEMBERS WELCOME**

COMING THIS NOVEMBER! The Monday morning Women's  
Bible Study will resume on Monday, November 4, 2019. We  
will be using a unique study this fall:

*Bad Girls of the Bible and What We Can Learn from Them*, by  
Liz Curtis Higgs.

Come learn how God is in the business of changing lives,  
even the unlikeliest ones!

You will gain a deeper understanding of yourself and your  
relationship with God.

Each session will begin with a brief video and then a discus-  
sion of the chapter read in preparation.

We will meet in the Small Group Room on Monday mornings  
at 10:00. Meetings will last 1 to 1 ½ hours.

**We are always looking for new women to join us.**

Please

let us know if you would like to come, so we can order  
enough books.

Email

Barbara Farrington at [bfarrington201@gmail.com](mailto:bfarrington201@gmail.com) if you  
would like to join us.

We need University of Life teachers for the adult class!  
If you are interested in teaching 4-6 weeks, please see Megan.  
Classes 11:30 AM Sunday



#### **U of L Adult Sunday Education September 1**

In the large classroom on the north side of the education wing

#### **U of L Children's Sunday Education September 1**

Route 66 Books of the Bible in the children's classroom  
on the south side of the education wing

#### **Little Sprouts September 8**

Ages 1-5

Growing in God

Little Sprouts classroom south side of the education wing

**Classes 11:30 am**

# MISSIONS

DONNA OBOURNE, CHAIR

Seems like it has been quite some time since as Mission Chair, I have contributed to the Beacon, I am sad to say. While praying & discerning what a good topic might be, I reviewed some old Mission Beacon Letters, I decided some parts of some of them could bear repeating.

So some of these words may sound familiar, but hopefully, the second time around they will speak to you.

First I want to be sure everyone knows what our Mission Teams are & who heads them up. Some are in action all year & some are coming up very soon & need helpers & Leaders. And some our church community could benefit from knowing more about.

- Concert Series, Is Chaired by Megan Mash for the enjoyment of all & monies collected help our community
- LOL Youth Group, Chaired by Megan & Beth, our youth had their first major mission trip this summer
- Music Camp, Headed by Megan, 3 Camps this summer provided wonderful opportunities for local children
- Ecumenical Council, our representative to this Group is Alan Shepper
- Every Dream Has a Price, Pastor Will chaired this & men from our congregation helped to make dreams come true. Will this continue & who will chair?
- FL UMC Children's Home, Chaired by Phil & Jan Molina – is there a way to partner here in addition to our financial support?
- The FL. Keys Projects had been headed up by Pastor Will – Is this going to continue & who will Chair?
- Thrift Store Emergency Response, Sharon Johnson tracks the help provided to area residents with donations of household goods
- Outreach, Chaired by Ginger Horner, Mugs with brochures were delivered to new folks in Sebastian
- Pastors Grace in Action Fund, I tracked by Sharon as people in need are helped with an occasional monetary gift
- Samaritan Soup Bowl, Chaired by MaryLou & the Thurs. Small Group. Money collected helps the Samaritan shelter/center
- Sandwich Makers, In Need of a Chair. Working together SUMC & RUMC sandwiches are made & dis-

tributed to folks living in the woods along Hwy. 1, 3 times per week

- Stroke of Hope, Chaired by Irene Strever offers hope to folks in our community
- Welcome Table, Chaired by Donna Osborne, continues to provide food & fellowship to our neighboring seniors
- Trunk or Treat, Chaired by Beth Messersmith, has brought much fun & treats to children within our community
- Light Up Night, is a time for us to make ourselves know to our community with food, fun & prayer welcoming the Christmas Holiday season

As Mission Chair, I really want to know what our members are thinking about, regarding how our church addresses needs in our community. I want to know if there are missions we should be involved in that we may not be aware of. I have asked periodically for ideas from all of you regarding mission opportunities. Ideas brought forward can be discussed and voted on By the Admin Council Members.

I believe we are a loving, caring, nurturing group of people here at SUMC. I feel an amazing presence of our Lord when I am at church, or involved in Small Group, or cooking for our seniors or our kids. I often think how different my life and my attitude was prior to joining SUMC. I think there are people in our town that may not know what they are missing, because they don't know the people of SUMC. I believe it is our mission as a church body to reach those people, for their sake and because that is what Jesus expects of us.

I believe it takes a group of people to find ways to bring our church to our community. I can tell you I don't have the answers. I have ideas. I don't know if they are the best ideas for our church. The only way I could know is by a group discussion and possible implementation plans. I believe reaching out to our community is about something far greater than increasing membership. I believe it is about showing others the love & peace of our Lord. So once again I ask you all to share with our church family, whatever Jesus has laid on your hearts. Perhaps a group of like-minded people will come together & make a new mission happen.

After all, our goal is to Be disciples of Jesus, bringing his love to others & thereby making more disciples of Jesus to bring more love to more people to make more disciples.....

Peace, Joy & Blessings

Donna Osborne, Mission Chair



### **Happy Anniversary August**

Richard & Jeanette Schumacher	September 1
James and Theresa Kraft	September 6
Richard & Vicky Hay	September 20

### **Happy Birthday August**

Mary Wilson	September 2
Foster Crippen	September 8
Betty Stull	September 9
Don Davis	September 11
George Decker	September 11
June Crain	September 14
Kathy Jackson	September 14
Tom Flanigan	September 15
Brad Marx	September 18
Becky Crippen	September 24
Charlie Hino	September 24
Kathy Casey	September 25
Mary Jo Barton	September 26
Jane Cypher	September 26
Andy Messersmith	September 26
Loretta Scardino	September 27
Phil Molina	September 28
Charlee Albert	September 30

### **Computer Circle**

1:00 p.m. Tuesday & 10:00 a.m. Thursday in the church office (conference room)  
Informal instruction on computers and smart phones, all welcome.

**Men's "Out to Lunch Bunch"** Tuesdays at noon.  
Meet at Roadside Café in Sebastian, all welcome.



**Fifth Sunday Offering, September 29**  
one of the vital means of support for the  
Florida United Methodist Children's Home.

Each month that has a fifth Sunday, the United Methodist Churches in the Florida Annual Conference are asked to receive an offering to support the ministry of the Children's Home. When you contribute to this offering, you allow us to carry on the life changing ministry of the Children's Home. The tradition of the Fifth Sunday Offering stretches back to our very beginning in 1908. It is our hope that each congregation will remember to lift up the Children's Home on each Fifth Sunday. We can provide bulletin inserts, pew envelopes, posters and other materials to help each church promote this important offering.

### **Potluck Host Schedule** **6 pm in the Fellowship Hall**

September 18, 2019	Donna Borchsenius & Lois Planeta Program "Lion's Club International" More than just glasses, demo of some equipment used in schools.
October 16, 2019	Ginger & Bud Horner and Mary & George Schulze
November 18, 2019	Admin Council— Program -"Safety Readiness in your Church" Presented by Sebastian Police Dept.
December	No Dinner

**Hosts provide beverages and desserts**  
**Bring a dish to share**

**THRIFT SHOP**

Summer Hours 10 am—2 pm  
Closed—Sunday, Tuesday & Wednesday



## AT A GLANCE

- Please sign the red attendance registration book every Sunday morning, all year

*This is important for keeping our database updated—thank you*

To keep the SUMC database current, please use the attendance registration book to let us know phone number changes, cell numbers, address changes, etc. Use as many lines as you need. thanks

- Altar Flowers** may be dedicated in memory or honor of someone, or a special event. Sign up in the narthex \$30 for two arrangements by Amazing Creations
- Recycle those old Eyeglasses** -There is a box in the church narthex for old eyeglasses. Eye glasses will be given to the Lions Club.
- 1st Sunday is Communion Sunday
- 1st Sunday is Grace in Action (Pastor's Discretionary Fund) please designate that little extra to the Grace in Action fund)
- 3rd Sunday is Noisy Offering bring your change and make a joyful noise to the Lord
- 5th Sundays are Florida UM Children's Home Sundays

## Joining Sebastian UMC

Is God calling you to be part of the ministry of this congregation?

We would be delighted to welcome you into the Sebastian Methodist community of faith!

We receive members into our congregation in the following ways:

**Profession of Faith** - If you presently have no church home, we would be happy to baptize you, if you have not already been baptized, and receive you into our congregation. We believe age is not a factor concerning the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. No one is too young or too old to receive God's grace.

**Transfer of letter from another United Methodist Church** - If you are presently a member of another United Methodist Church, you may transfer your membership to Sebastian United Methodist Church.

**Transfer of membership from another Christian church or denomination** - We welcome you and accept your baptism as valid.

**Affiliate Membership** - If you are presently a member of another United Methodist Church and desire to retain membership in that congregation, we invite you to become an affiliate member of our congregation.

**Associate Membership** - If you are presently a member of another Christian church or denomination and desire to retain that membership, we invite you to become an associate member of our congregation.

**Weekly Room Use Groups**  
**Alanon meets Tue & Thurs 7:30 pm LCR**  
**AA Closed Session Tue 6:30 FH**

*September 2019*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 10 am Coffee Hour 11 am FH UofL classes 11:30 am LOL Youth 3 pm YR	2 Church Office Closed Happy Labor Day	3 10 Am Pastor Bible Study LCR 10 am Aphasia FH 1 pm Computer CO 4 :30 pm Children's Choir 6 pm Lay Servant Meeting CO 7 pm flute Re-hearsal	4 10 am Bible Study FH 3 pm Joyful ringers 6:30 pm Girl Scout CCR 7 pm Handbells	5 10 am Computer Circle CO 7 pm Choir Re-hearsal	6	7
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22 Worship 10 am Coffee Hour 11 am FH UofL classes 11:30 am LOL Youth 3 pm YR	23 6 pm Worship committee CO	24 10 am Pastor Bible Study LCR 1 pm Computer CO 4:30 pm Children's Choir 7 pm flute	25 10 am Bible Study FH 3 pm Joyful ringers 7 pm Handbells	26 10 am Computer Circle CO 7 pm Choir Re-hearsal	27 Welcome Table Kitchen all Day	28 Fellowship Hall Leadership Workshop All Day
29 Worship 10 am Coffee Hour 11 am FH UofL classes 11:30 am LOL Youth 3 pm YR	30	<b>Men's Out to Lunch Bunch meets at 12:00 pm</b> <b>Tuesdays at the Roadside Restaurant in Sebastian</b>				



## Disaster Preparedness Committee

- *Looking for volunteers* to help Alan Hulse and Bill Messersmith put up and take down church family hurricane shutters if needed.
- *Church Family Members*—If you will need help to put up and take down your hurricane shutters please contact the church office now to be placed on the storm shutter help list.
- Committee is looking for a calling tree coordinator to help during a disaster.

Call the church office at 772-589-5230

## NOTE FROM TRUSTEES

With all the storms this summer, the SUMC education wing has developed serious roof damage causing leaks. Estimate for repair is \$11,000. This expense was not anticipated when we set our 2019 budget.

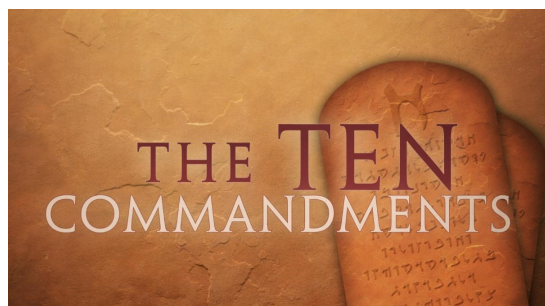
If you would like to help with this unexpected expense, you may make a donations (over and above your usual tithe). Mark your check for "roof repair."

Thank You!

On behalf of Bishop Carter,  
please join us for worship  
as we celebrate  
Rev. Dionne C. Hammond's  
installation to the office of  
District Superintendent  
Sunday, September 22, 2019 at 4:00 pm  
First United Methodist church  
110 East New Haven Avenue  
Melbourne, FL  
Haitian food to follow!  
RSVP [FLUMC@ACflumc.org](mailto:FLUMC@ACflumc.org)  
By September 15th  
Or  
Call Pastor John if interested

## New Sermon Series Starting Sunday!

Pastor John will begin a sermon series on The Ten Commandments: God's Keys for the Joyful Life," this Sunday. Each week we will focus on one of God's "top ten" commands. Be in worship every week and invite your unbelieving or unchurched friend to join you for this important series!





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### All our Trust in You God



Loving Father, Almighty God....help us put ALL our trust in YOU!  
Forgive our foolish ways...Like wayward sheep we walk in harm's way...

We need Your Gentle Arms to Guide us back to You every day!  
Refresh in us a renewed Spirit....one that feeds our soul so that we may be closer to You day-by-day. Lead us in the direction and fashion that pleases You, God, so that we might be a reflection of Your Amazing Grace in all we say and do. Thank you God for blessing us with Your Holy Love and for the beauty of this earth... help us be better guardians of all the living creatures on it.

In Jesus' Name, Amen  
Nancy L Fox July 24, 2019