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*Open hearts
Open minds
Open doors*

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Reflections on Pope Francis

During his 12-year papacy, Pope Francis has delivered numerous addresses, talks, and statements, along with a variety of exhortations that highlight themes that often revolve around the principles of mercy, forgiveness, social justice, and the importance of maintaining hope and faith. He consistently highlights the Church's role as a "field hospital after battle," underlining its mission of healing and reconciliation. He encourages individuals to become "artisans of a new era of peace, justice, and fraternity," calling for proactive responsibility in addressing global issues.

His messages often center on the dignity of the poor, migrants, refugees, and the elderly, while also emphasizing the significance of marriage, family life, and environmental stewardship. He advocates for "solidarity," calling for a Church that listens and journeys together.

Below is a selection of quotes that embody Pope Francis's vision for a more compassionate and Christ-focused world. Please take careful look at these quotes and see if our world can benefit from them when practiced and applied.

- "To celebrate Easter is to reaffirm our belief that God continually enters our personal narratives, inviting us to challenge our 'conventions'—the rigid patterns of thought and behavior that can paralyze us. To celebrate Easter means allowing Jesus to conquer the deep-seated fear that frequently overwhelms us and seeks to extinguish hope."
- "Let us reflect: How should we express this love? What are the signs of a truly loving individual?"
- "The world encourages us to pursue success, power, and wealth; God urges us to seek humility, service, and love."
- "Each of us is called to be a craftsman of peace, bringing unity instead of division, dispelling hatred rather than harboring it, and opening avenues for dialogue instead of building new barriers!"
- "Even today, amidst much darkness, we must strive to see the light of hope and become individuals who inspire hope in others. Protecting creation and cherishing every person with tenderness and love opens the horizon to hope. It allows beams of light to pierce through thick clouds and brings the warmth of hope!"
- "A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just."
- "The Lord never tires of forgiving. It is we who tire of asking for forgiveness."

- "We must always walk in the presence of the Lord, in the light of the Lord, continually striving to live in an irreproachable manner."
- "Too often we engage in the globalization of indifference. Let us instead endeavor to live in global solidarity."
- "How I wish for a Church that is poor and for the poor!"
- "Circumstances can change; people can transform. Be the first to pursue goodness. Do not grow accustomed to evil, but overcome it with good."
- "Stay alert against the temptation to foster a warlike spirit."

In Christian love and grace, Mel



*Join us on Sunday, May 12 as we
honor our Mothers during the
10:30 a.m. worship service.*



*We wish to thank Mark Chandler, Randy Fox,
the chancel choir and the brass ensemble for
the beautiful music they performed
Easter Sunday.*



Joe Ray Crawford
August 7, 1925—April 5, 2025
Memorial Service:
St. Luke United Methodist
Church
May 14 • 10:30 a.m.

Bill Henderson
passed away April 20, 2025
Arrangements are pending.

Please keep the families of Joe Crawford and Bill Henderson in your thoughts and prayers.



Bob Watkins would like to acknowledge the many cards and notes he's received from St. Luke UMC. He really misses being there and sharing in worship.



If you or someone in your family is graduating from college this year, please contact the church office at 817/838-6834 or email Susan at office@stlukeumchaltomcity.org and we will recognize them in our May 21, 2025 newsletter.



Wednesday Morning Prayer Group & Bible Study
April 30, 2025

Prayer Group † 9:30 a.m. • Bible Study † 10:00 a.m.
Book of Exodus • Fellowship Hall
We invite you to join us.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

Continued Prayer Concerns: Jeanne Anne Pharis; French Congregation & the people of the Congo; Pat Farmer; Jack & Jerrie Lucko; Betty Holshouser; Scott Paris; Barbara Jones; Charles & Pat Hooper; Melissa Lechler & her son, Lucas; Christin Osborn; Darren Isbell; Ed Baker; Sandra Mason; Bob Watkins & family; David Stapp; George & Karen Angle's daughter, Sarah & daughter-in-law, Kristine; Roy & Joan Hudson's son, Richard; Ann Kiker; Barbara Provenzano; sister, Lynn; Lydia Acosta & her husband; Jean P. Isbell; Peggy Fallin; Ruby Lane's nephew, Dan Reynolds; Mary Steward; Burt Moore; Anita McCullar; Doris Crocker; Bonnie Richards; Betty Longeway; family of Lou Coursey; Dayna Cox's son, Brennan; Buddy & DeeDee Hill's grandsons; Milo & Levi; Roy Hudson; Art & Cathy Gordon; George Angle; Roberta Reeves; Michael & Claudia Turner

This Week's Concerns: family of Bill Henderson; family of Joe Crawford; Beverly Bradley; those affected by the earthquake in Myanmar and southeast Asia; those affected by the fires in California; those affected by Hurricane Helene & Milton; the people of the Nazareth, Israel, Gaza, Lebanon & Syria; those affected by flooding; wildfires; isolation & loneliness; gun violence each day in our country; the people of Ukraine & the world; prayers for our nation

Our Military: Ryan Kelly Hampton; Kyle Johnson; Krystal Calvert; Evan Hill; Nathaniel Hill; Alex Sullivan -Green; Harrison Lenox; Junior Chowe



Holy Communion † Sunday, May 4, 2025

Communion will be served during our in-person worship service. We will invite all who are able to come to the altar to receive communion. As usual during our online worship service we will invite you to participate in communion by having your own elements ready.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

EMMANUEL CLASS:

We had nine in attendance. Anna Allen joined us this week and it was so good to see her. Our class appreciated Bonnie Harter stepping in to cover for Beverly Bradley since she is ill. Prayer concerns: family of Bill Henderson, Beverly Bradley, family of Joe Crawford. *Mary Ross*

GENESIS CLASS:

He is Risen!! Happy Easter! We had a nice large group with a visiting Mel for our annual Easter Brunch. Lots of wonderful goodies. Just a few missing and know that you were truly missed. We will resume our lessons next week with the beginning of Chapter 13. Continued prayers for Art and Cathy, Dayna's friends and the Hill's friends.

Doughnuts:

April 27—Amy West

5/4—Art & Cathy Gordon

5/11—Anita Bookout

Have a great week and we'll see ya next week.

Anita Bookout

UPPER ROOM CLASS:

Hallelujah to our Lord for Easter! Greetings from the Upper Room Class. We had twelve members present, plus one visitor, Gerry & Gail LaRue's daughter, Maya LaRue. Thank you to Ann and Virgil for the wonderful Easter breakfast. Joys: Easter Morning; the rain; joyful for our visitor; Darryl Miller is doing better. Concerns: Betty Longeway; Doris Crocker; Garry Gilland and his sisters, Delisa and Debbie; Byron Lechler; Rose Mascari; Barbara Provenzano's sister, Lynn. We have selected a committee to nominate officers for the coming year. Morning prayer was given by Jack Bostick, "We thank you Jesus for giving us our salvation." The devotion was given by Ann Van Schuyver, she read a story by Robert E. Hayes entitled, "A Story We Never Tire of Hearing" based on Matthew 28:2-5.

Anniversary: Gerry & Gail LaRue—May 11

Birthday: Mary Ruth Ellis—May 25

Resale Shop: \$301

Devotion & Refreshments: Debbie/Gloria

Lesson: Managing Finances God's Way—Psalm 24:1, Deuteronomy 8:18

Yard Sale: May 17

Gloria Lechler



Second Chance Resale Shop Yard Sale • May 17 • 10 a.m.—3 p.m.

INSIDE & OUTSIDE YARD SALE

Fill a bag (supermarket size) of clothes for \$3.

All clothes INSIDE 50% off.

All items in the kitchen, books and puzzles are priced 50% off.

The yard sale does not include jewelry, the curio cabinet, fixtures, or furniture.

Selling grilled hotdogs & a small bottled water for \$2 and a bag of chips for 50¢.

**PUNCH CARDS ARE NOT ACCEPTED
AT ANY YARD SALE.**



The youth will meet again on **May 14 & 28.**

The youth meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month.



The next *E-Messenger* Newsletter will be published **May 7** and all submissions need to be in the church office by **May 5**. Thank you!



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Sunday Services: Sunday School • 9:15 a.m.

In-person and Online Worship • 10:30 a.m.

French Worship Service • 2:00 p.m.

Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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Faith & Fellowship



Sunday, April 27, 2025

2nd Sunday of Easter

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service
2:00 p.m. French Worship Service

Monday, April 28, 2025

No Activities

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

No Activities

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

9:30 a.m. Prayer Group
10:00 a.m. Bible Study
6:00 p.m. French Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 1, 2025

9:00 a.m. UMM Breakfast—Bluebonnet Café

Friday, May 2, 2025

10:00 a.m. Second Chance Resale Shop

Saturday, May 3, 2025

10:00 a.m. Second Chance Resale Shop

Sunday, May 4, 2025

3rd Sunday of Easter † Communion Sunday

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service
2:00 p.m. French Worship Service

Monday, May 5, 2025

9:00 a.m. Newsletter Submission DEADLINE

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

No Activities

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

9:30 a.m. Prayer Group
10:00 a.m. Bible Study
6:00 p.m. French Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal



*Join us for worship every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for
In-Person Worship or Online Worship
via our Facebook page: SLUMC—Haltom City*

Sunday, April 27, 2025 • 10:30 a.m.

2nd Sunday of Easter

Sunday School • 9:15 a.m.

Weekly Attendance • April 9

Prayer Group—6

Bible Study—15

Youth—14

French Bible Study—10

UMM Breakfast • April 10—6

Sunday, April 13

Sunday School—62

In-Person Worship—85

Online Worship—371

French Sunday School—8

French Worship—50

Weekly Attendance • April 16

Prayer Group—6

Bible Study—13

French Bible Study—9

UMM Breakfast • April 17—

April 17 Maundy Thursday Service—In-Person—23; Online—270

April 18 Good Friday Tenebrae Service—In-Person—52; Online—301

Sunday, April 20

Sunday School—65

In-Person Worship—96

Online Worship—331

French Sunday School—12

French Worship Service—54