

# 2025

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST



## CHURCH

Grand Saline, TX 75140

### Sunday Activities:

Sunday School—9:55 am

Worship—10:55 am

Tribe— 5:00pm

### Office Hours:

Mon. – Thurs.

10am- Noon, 1- 3pm

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**Senior Pastor**

**903-780-7013**

Well, I guess you could say that we are now in the Dog Days of Summer. The heat has hit and nothing is better than to slow down and relax in the cool shade of the trees or in the breeze of the fan. But where did the term come from? In Roman times, this season from about July 24 th to August 24 th , coincided with the rising of the Dog star, Sirius. It was during this season that the constellation of this star was brightest and nearest to the sun, thus producing the “dog days of summer.” This declaration of these summer days continue. The Old Farmer’s Almanac extends the days to 40 from July 4 th to August 11 th .

In the lectionary readings from the Old King James Bible of 1611, dated the Dogs Days from July 6 th to September 5 th . This roughly corresponds with our surrounding holidays of Independence Day and Labor Day. Charles Dickens in the story, A Christmas Carol, wrote about Scrooge, *“He carried his own low temperature always about with him; he iced his office in the dogdays; and didn’t thaw it one degree at Christmas.”*

And our lives today are much the same. Summer is a time of relaxation, vacation and anticipation. We slow down from the everyday life into a new rhythm. The pace of life at times slows down. We sip on tea and lemonade to cool off. The chores of spring are completed and now a time of relaxation has begun.

For some this means, journey’s to see friends and family or to see new places. It is a time of travel and adventure. But for some it is a season of loneliness. The friends who were around are traveling and they are left alone. The job that gave meaning is off for the summer and the connection is gone. And now they wait and anticipate for the resuming of normality. But for the church, were rarely slow down. Some activities take a vacation but others replace them.

Later this month, we will be holding VBS for the community and prepare for the new school year. Bible Studies go on. Groups ministering to peoples needs continue. God’s work is never on vacation. There is no slow down.

In summertime, it is normal for giving to reduce as people travel. Attendance will also show some decline. But the church continues. If you are able to give generously over the “dogdays”, we thank you.

If you see that people are missing from service, pick up the phone and give them a call. It is easy to get caught up in the rhythm of the “dogdays” but we must not let them control us.

“Come, let’s worship and bow down! Let’s kneel before the LORD, our maker! He is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, the sheep in his hands.” Psalm 95:6-7 CEB

Enjoy and come,

Kelly



# Church Picnic



**Breaking Bread**  
*Community*  
**Food Pantry**



**"For I was hungry and  
you gave me food."  
(Matthew 25:35a)**

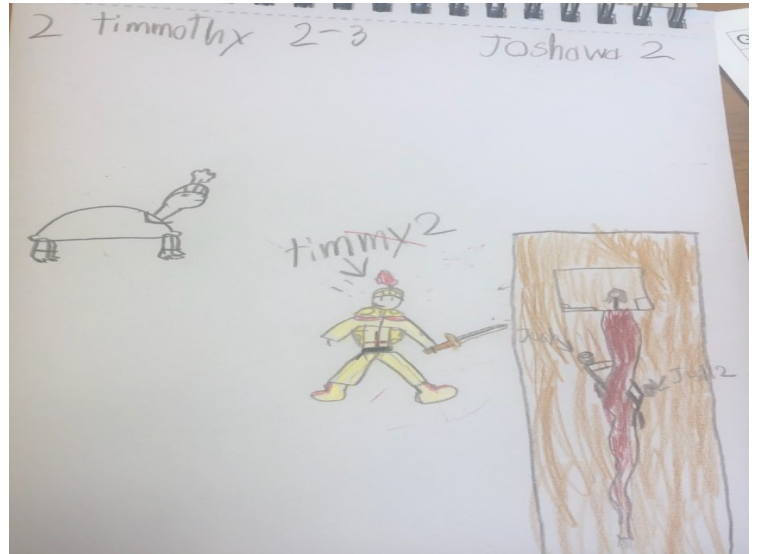
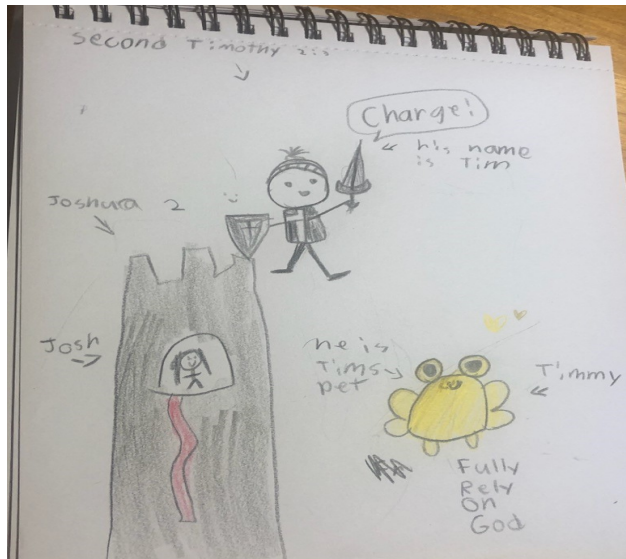
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**1st & 3rd  
THURSDAYS  
4PM - 6PM**

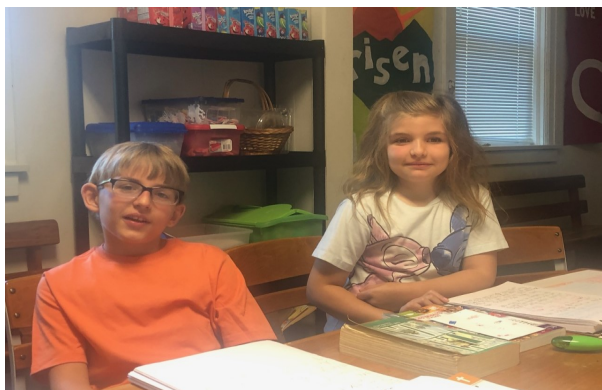
**Serving our neighbors in the  
Grand Saline & Fruitvale ISDs**



# Children's Sunday School - Join us at 9:55am



## Our drawings of Rahab and the spies



## Willow and Remington

The students in 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School Class have been working thru

*The Bible made easy for Kids.*

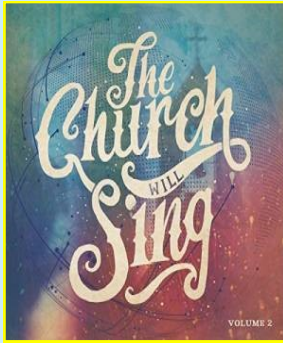
Currently, we are reading the Old Testament Stories together, and then they draw something they have read about in their "Sketch Book" and note the scripture relating to the sketch. In years to come they will have their drawings to remind them of their stories. The book gives the Biblical story and then helps apply the scriptures to their lives.

We have also learned the books of the Old Testament sung to a familiar tune and will soon start on the Books of the New Testament.

The first page of their Sketch Book is the Nicene Creed printed in their own handwriting. Many thanks to the teachers who work with these students: Brenda Miller, Debbie Zajac, Pam Harrison, and Gail Hill.

# Top 25 Favorite Hymns of FUMC Grand Saline

## Summer of 2025



1. I'll Fly Away, TFWS 2282
2. Amazing Grace, UMH 378
3. Standing on the Promises, UMH 374
4. How Great Thou Art, UMH 77

5. When We All Get to Heaven, UMH 701



6. Love Lifted Me, WS 3101, green book

7. The Old Rugged Cross, UMH 504



8. What a Friend We Have in Jesus, UMH 526



9. It is Well with My Soul, UMH 377

10. Because He Lives, UMH 364



11. Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling, UMH 348



12. Have Thine Own Way, Lord, UMH 382

13. He Touched Me, UMH 367



14. Amazing Grace My Chains are Gone, WS 3104, green book



15. Trust and Obey, UMH 467

16. Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus, UMH 462



17. Since Jesus Came Into My Heart, TFWS 2140



18. Great is Thy Faithfulness, UMH 140

19. Nothing but the Blood, UMH 362

20. Precious Lord, Take My Hand, UMH 474



21. Victory in Jesus, UMH 370



22. Here I Am, Lord, UMH 593

23. Majesty, Worship His Majesty, UMH 176



24. Awesome God, TFWS 2040



25. Lord, I Lift Your Name on High, TFWS 2088





S.A.L.T. Groups of FUMC Grand Saline  
Serving and Loving Together

Beginning in July, we will create 3 to 4 S.A.L.T. groups that will meet bi-weekly at someone's home with the purpose of strengthening our Christian walk together. These groups will gather not for information but be willing to share your Christian walk with one another for the goal of transformation. The Christian life is not about knowing the right things but about living in Christ.

Wesley understood Christian discipleship is more like an apprenticeship to Jesus than a scholarly endeavor where one masters a body of knowledge. Wesley created this process that allowed people to grow their character in Christ and hold one another accountable.

The group will be 7 to 12 people that will agree to meet and share their response to selected questions asking "how is it with your soul?" They participants are their to share their experiences with Christian discipleship and to encourage, support and pray for one another.

The goal again is transformation not information. Sign up sheets will be going up in June.

*"Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other."* Mark 9:50 NIV

Pastor Kelly



Workers needed for  
Church Nursery.  
If you are interested,  
please contact Gail Hill,  
903-312-5283



The Adult Sunday School meets every Sunday morning at 9:50am to 10:45am in the Pairs and Spares room, directly next door to the Church Office. We love new members, and you will be welcomed with loving, friendly faces. Someone in our class will greet you at the door and make you feel right at home. **Please join us.** If you are interested in attending our class, just come on in! Any questions, please call Emile Clifford, Class Teacher- (903) 360-0924, and—we look forward to seeing you! Our July lessons are in the Books of Matthew, Luke and John.



# FUMC Kids Headed to

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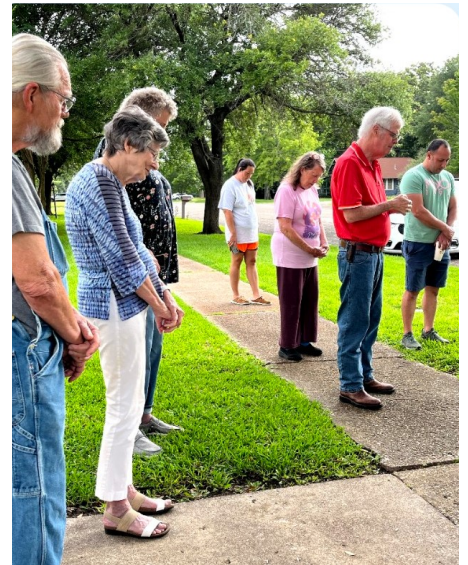




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# The Craft Group

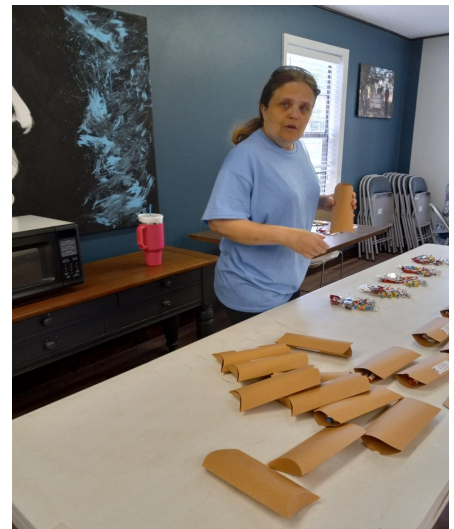
Our community project for June was “care packages” for Grand Saline First Responders. We made and delivered 62 packages. Inside was York Peppermint Patties, Bubble Gum, Smarties, Hershey Kisses, Mounds Bar etc. Blair Currey donated all of the Laffy Taffy which mysteriously was missing all of the banana flavor. Very puzzling! Sue Myers also contributed with purchasing the candy. Each type of candy represented the things 1st Responders do. Like Life Savers represented all of the lives they save. It was fun to make and more fun to give away. Craft Group is providing make and take small projects for the picnic on June 29th after Service. Crafters are always looking for new friends to help in this mission of the Church. We meet the 1st Tuesday of the month in the summer and 1st and 3rd Tuesday during the remainder of the year.

Crafters

GSFUMC

Jolene Morgan

(903)







Children's Christian Academy will  
begin Newsletter articles again in August.

Eva Carnes, Director

Youth Sunday School

Middle School and High School

## EQUIPPING THE NEXT GENERATION

Growing in Christ



Angela Gowins, Teacher





The Brunch Bunch is a Ministry of our Church that sends greeting cards to help someone's day be better and know they are loved and thought about! If anyone has a special person that we can send a card to, please contact Sue Myers and we will be happy to send it. We hope you will join us for this rewarding Ministry. As we say, ***"the more the merrier."*** Praise God to all those who come to make out cards and to those receiving them.

Our meeting was on June 30th, Bob Gray led us in prayer, Gail Hill led in a 2nd prayer. Present: Bob Gray, Patsy Crow, Gail Hill, Sue Myers, Pastor Kelly, Maxine Watson.

We sent out 32 cards for the month of July and praying that they will send sunshine and a smile to all who receive...

Our next Brunch Bunch meeting is Tuesday, July 28th at 11:00am, we will be sending cards for August 2025. We always have a delicious lunch! If you would like to come, just bring yourself and a dish or just join us to encourage others.

We always have a wonderful gathering, enjoying the company and making out cards to those who need some love and comfort at this time.

Love in Jesus,



The Flower Chart for 2025 is up in the Narthex. If you would like to sign up to have flowers in memory of or in Honor of someone and the date you would like. The Crafters can make the arrangement for a \$20.00 donation to the Craft Group. You may bring fresh flowers or have a Florist deliver them to the Church on Saturday before the specified Sunday.

If you have any questions, please call Jolene Morgan (903) 738-2789 or the Church office (903) 962-3151.







The Joy Choir is now on Summer break, but hope during Bible School we will have some review activities - watch for the July Newsletter for upcoming news.

We welcome new members from our church and the community.

Please pray for our ministry!

In Loving Service,  
Gail and Martha



Adult Handbells and Adult Choir are on break for  
the Summer.

If you know of someone who would like to sing a Solo,  
Duets or other Musical Groups interested in singing  
during Worship, please notify the office.



# The Joy Choir



*The Joy Choir is preparing music to share with the Congregation, and we are having fun along the way.*



The Gathering Sunday School class meets at 9:55am

*"Multiple generations on a journey seeking to live as Christians today."*

The Wired Word curriculum used by The Gathering Class uses Scripture and current events to encourage learning through thoughtful discussion. Each week we examine a current event and Scripture selected by The Wired Word to find relevance for our lives whether it be our family, work, or church relationships. We look forward to the New Year.

Ginni Biggs—Leader



*Tribe is on  
Summer  
break*





## *Bible Study Wednesdays at 3:00 pm*

*\*No Bible Study on these dates: May 7, May 14, October 1, October 8, November 26, December 24, December 31\**

*Tom and Beverly Rodgers home  
8602 FM 16, Van*

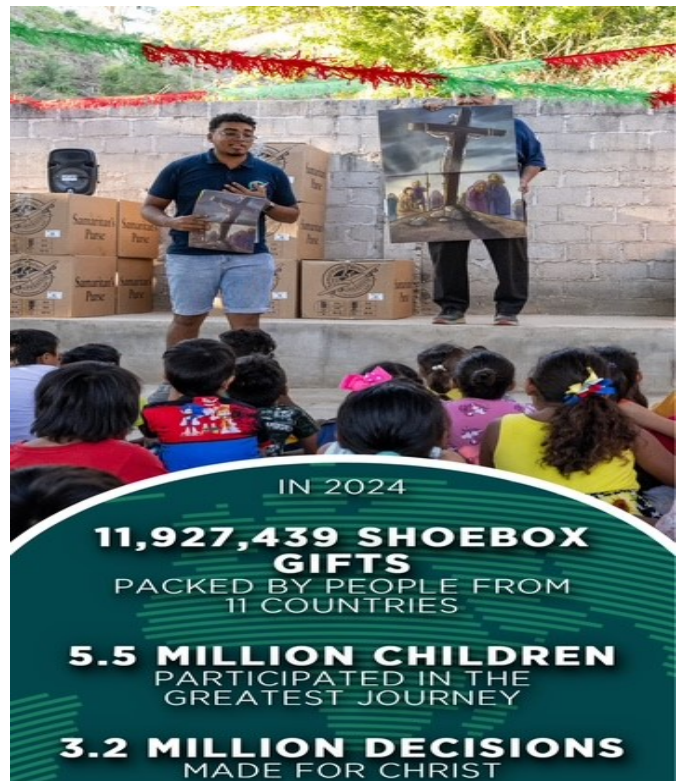


## Operation Christmas Child



Samaritan's Purse sends gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children in need around the world together with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

National Collection Week | Nov. 17-24, 2025



IN 2024

**11,927,439 SHOEBOX GIFTS**

PACKED BY PEOPLE FROM 11 COUNTRIES

**5.5 MILLION CHILDREN**  
PARTICIPATED IN THE  
GREATEST JOURNEY

**3.2 MILLION DECISIONS**  
MADE FOR CHRIST



# Men's Breakfast

Food, Fellowship & Faith

2nd Saturday each month  
at 8:00am  
in the Genesis Building

Oh, what fun!! Another joyful  
Breakfast Club! ❤️



**FUMC Women's Breakfast**

**3rd Saturday each month at 8:30am**



# First United Methodist Church Cross Wall's

If you would like to have a Cross on the wall, please contact Pastor Kelly or Maxine in the office.

The procedure is: purchase a Cross of your choice, bring it to the office with a note of how you would like the inscription on the plaque. (usually two lines will fit, sometimes 3).

The cost for the plaque is \$25.00, make the check payable to the Church and add Cross Wall in the memo. There is lots of room left on the 2nd wall!







food

games

family

**FAMILY NIGHT**

*Join us for a night of great fellowship,  
good food and a night of fun!!*

**First Wednesday  
each month at 6:00pm  
in the Genesis Building**

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Taco Tuesday gathering every  
Tuesday at the Dairy Queen in  
Van @ 1:00pm







## **Month of July 2025**

6th : Dave Orchard & Kay Barber

13th : Tom Rodgers & Larry Tull

20th : Gary Barber & Pam Orchard

27th : Dave Orchard & Kay Barber





Pastor Kelly and his family, Jolene and Jimmie Morgan, Jim Berry, Beverly Lowry, Bill Berry (Jim Berry's brother), Elaine Gwaltney (Gail Hill's cousin), Bill and Lisa Waldon (Sue Myers's daughter and son-in-law), Sue Duncan (Janet Cheatham's sister-in-law), Karla Friedman, Delois Currey, Dolores Means, Dean Stone, Nina Hernandez, Claudeane Sublett, , Jaye Easterwood, Maxine Moore (Jaye Easterwood's sister), Dean Stone, Montgomery Martin (Sue Myers's grandson), Jane Johnson (Jim Berry's sister), Doris Welch (Marilyn Smith's sister), Shannon Curtis -heart problems, Tom Faggart, Cathy Masters, Laiken Welch (Brenda Miller's niece), Tommie German, Jane Kepler, Danny Storey (Dr. Ron and Kay Sherbert's brother-in-law), Deena Kirkpatrick (member of Jill Krone's Church), Ann Berry, Asher Hawkins, Corbon Heizer (Gail Hill's grandson), Ron and Lou Lewis (Marilyn Smith's cousin), Wanda Hickman, Heidi Abell (Sue Myers's daughter), Scott Nemeth, Shirley Alvey, Robert Good, Carolyn Thorn (Bruce & Janet Cheatham's niece), Tom Matthews, Hunter Redman (Family friend of Dean and Ann Stone), Kay Sherbert, Suzan Storey (Dr. Rons sister), Laura Davis (Dean Phillips Grandmother), Melanie Rodgers, Maxine's cousin (her husband passed away), Debbie - asking prayers for her and her family, heart issues (Diane Ingram's sister), Donna Reynolds - cancer surgery (Kay Sherbert's Niece).

#### Presence and Gifts for June 2025

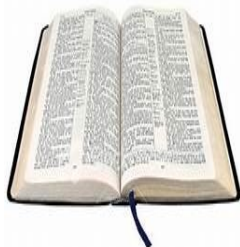
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06/08 - 47  
06/15 - 49  
06/22 - 55  
06/29 - 54

06/01 - \$ 2,433.00  
06/08 - \$ 4,955.30  
06/15 - \$ 2,118.00  
06/22 - \$ 2,336.08  
06/29 - \$ 5,412.00

When making a check to a Ministry of the Church, make check payable to FUMC and  
add the specific Ministry at the bottom of the check.

#### Scripture Readers for July 2025

07/06 - Kay Sherbert  
07/13 - Gail Hill  
07/20 - Linda Ridout  
07/27 - Kay Barber



**Ushers for July**

**Dave Orchard & Gary Barber**





# 2025

**A Community on a Journey  
to Love God  
and Love Others**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1.</b> Craft Group 10am <b>6pm -Bible Study</b> <b>"Inside the Lord's Prayer"</b>	<b>2.</b> Bible Study 3:00pm Tom & Beverly Rodgers home  <b>Jake Morrison &amp; Thomas Miller Birthday</b>	<b>3.</b> Food Pantry 4 - 6pm	<b>4.</b> <b>Independence Day</b>	<b>5.</b>  <b>Gail Hill Birthday</b>
<b>6. Communion</b>  Sunday School 9:55am Worship 10:55am	<b>7.</b>	<b>8.</b>  <b>6pm -Bible Study</b> <b>"Inside the Lord's Prayer"</b>	<b>9.</b>  Bible Study 3:00pm Tom & Beverly Rodgers home	<b>10.</b>	<b>11.</b>	<b>12.</b>  Men's Breakfast 8:00am in Genesis Building  <b>Joe &amp; Karla Friedman Anniversary</b>
<b>13.</b>  Sunday School 9:55am Worship 10:55 am	<b>14.</b> <b>VBS 9am-12pm</b>  <b>Remington Gilleland &amp; Karla Friedman Birthday</b>	<b>15.</b> <b>VBS 9am-12pm</b>  <b>6pm -Bible Study</b> <b>"Inside the Lord's Prayer"</b>	<b>16.</b> <b>VBS 9am-12pm</b>  Bible Study 3:00pm Tom & Beverly Rodgers home  <b>Dan Zajac Birthday</b>	<b>17.</b>  Food Pantry 4- 6pm	<b>18.</b>  <b>Richard &amp; Joyce Cross Anniversary</b>  <b>Delois Currey Birthday</b>	<b>19.</b>  Women's Breakfast 8:30am
<b>20.</b>  Sunday School 9:55am Worship: 10:55am  3:00pm - Board of Stewards  <b>Bryan Boyles Birthday</b>	<b>21.</b>   <b>Kay Sherbert Birthday</b>	<b>22.</b>  <b>6pm -Bible Study</b> <b>"Inside the Lord's Prayer"</b>	<b>23.</b> Bible Study 3:00pm Tom & Beverly Rodgers home  <b>Graham Boyles Birthday</b>	<b>24.</b>  <b>Dave Orchard Birthday</b>	<b>25.</b> Food Truck 10am Grand Saline H.S.  <b>Chance Conatser Birthday</b>  <b>Harry &amp; Emile Clifford Anniversary</b>	<b>26.</b>  <b>Anabelle Neubauer Birthday</b>
<b>27.</b> Sunday School 9: 55 am Worship 10:55am	<b>28.</b> Brunch Bunch 11am	<b>29.</b>  <b>6pm -Bible Study</b> <b>"Inside the Lord's Prayer"</b>	<b>30.</b>  Bible Study 3:00pm Tom & Beverly Rodgers home	<b>31.</b>		

*"Be still and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth." Psalm 46:10*

*Debbie Zajac's favorite Bible verse*

**Church Office Hours**

**Monday -Thursday  
10:00 am -12:00 pm**

**1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

**Phone# (903) 962-3151**