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# COLLEGE MOUND GAZETTE

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“You Are a Stranger Here But Once...”

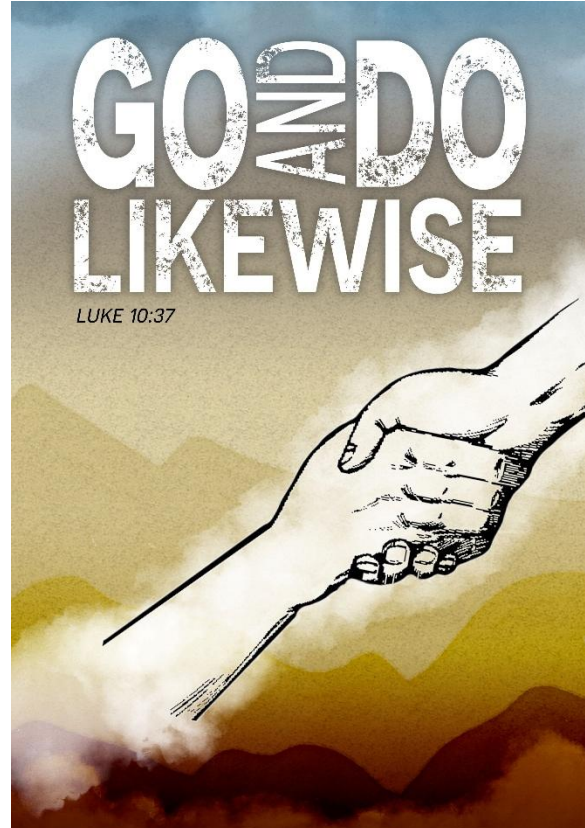
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## *Prayers & Joys*

Our nation and our leaders that they all are open to be led by God’s wisdom, Our law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMS folks, war in Israel and Ukraine, the Vitales, Patti Moran, Frank & Barbara Rasor, Rita Hunt, Clint Matthews, Gilbert Gonzalez, Gene Hagler, the Fettigs, MyLinda Massey, Philip Gonzalez, Kathy Boltin, Kay & Odie Dean, Rock & Reid Fade, Paul Armstrong, Thelda Flanery, Michelle Holstrum’s granddaughter, Billie Sue Squires, Andy Norton

## **This Week at College Mound July 13-19, 2025**

☞ **Birthdays & Anniversaries:**  
Tiffany King – July 15<sup>th</sup>  
Richard King – July 15<sup>th</sup>



**What:** Trip to Branson Missouri to see the play 'David' at the Sight and Sound Theatre

**When:** August 14, 15, 16. Drive to Branson on the 14th, see the play the afternoon of the 15th, and drive home on the 16th. That is a Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

**Where:** Plan to stay at the Thousand Hills Resort Hotel in Branson.

**Cost:** Hotel cost is \$135/night plus tax and we are there for 2 nights. The cost includes a buffet breakfast which includes eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, and biscuits and gravy. The cost to see the play depends on how many people want to go to get the group discount. The cost for a single ticket is \$84.31 but we should get a better deal for a group. You will also owe for meals and shopping.

**How:** If we have at least 10 who want to ride the Church bus, then we will take the bus. Those who wish to drive their own vehicles are welcome to do so.

**What is next:** Contact Dana Reed at [DanaG.Reed@gmail.com](mailto:DanaG.Reed@gmail.com) and (1) confirm names of those who want to go, (2) choose either a room with a King bed or a room with 2 Queen beds, and (3) identify if you want to ride the bus or drive your personal vehicle. We need to know by July 18 to get the special room rate at Thousand Hills Resort.

Roger recently completed a two-week reefer training course, bringing fresh skills and insight to the Terrell fleet. His experience and willingness to jump in made him the ideal fit for the program. We're proud to have him on our team!



Roger Learned spent two weeks up in Minnesota to earn this training! Way to go, Roger!

Ladies of United Women in Faith, your "Christmas in July" event is next week, on Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You are asked to bring a salad of some sort for the luncheon and/or. Also, if you'd like to participate in the gift exchange, bring a \$10 gift. Vickie Reed would like a headcount so please let her know if you will be attending. All ladies of the church are welcome!

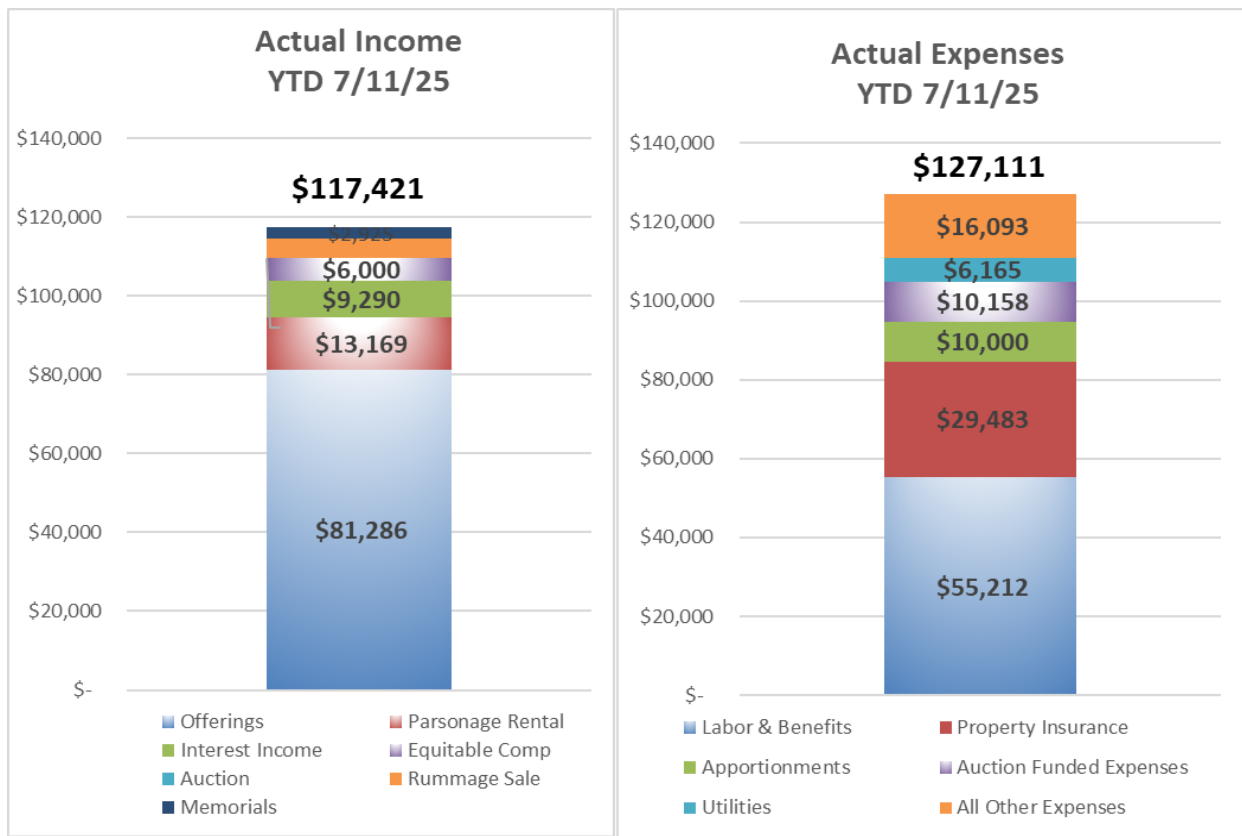
#### Internet Links for College Mound Activities

Sunday Worship at 11 a.m.: <https://www.facebook.com/CollegeMoundUMC/>

College Mound Website (Tithes): [www.collegemoundumc.com](http://www.collegemoundumc.com)

Submit items for Gazette: [becca10000@aol.com](mailto:becca10000@aol.com) or call/text 972-345-9149

Submit Prayer Concerns: [kathyboltin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kathyboltin@sbcglobal.net) or call 972-754-2685



### Cathy's Corner

We're hearing the stories every day. The child who was barefoot when she was evacuated because she had given her Crocs to her friend. The counselors who showed a bunch of little boys how to easily scurry up to the rafters and beams of their cabin by climbing from the top bunks that where they slept. The step-father of a network reporter who ran from house to house along the Guadalupe to rouse his sleeping neighbors by pounding on doors and hollering, "Get up, get up, the river's flooding." And then there's a recently minted Coast Guard swimmer who rescued 165 people.

Scott Ruskan, Aviation Survival Technician Third Class, loaded 165 men, women and children, one at a time, in a basket to be safely and securely carried by a helicopter to high ground. He comforted children who were away from family and with a servant's heart, when a little one asked if a beloved stuffed animal could go, the answer was yes. He worked for 30 hours straight. When a reporter interviewed him, Scott Ruskan, AST3, insisted that he did the work for which he and his fellow Coast Guardsmen were trained. He declared he was just doing his job.

The words that Queen Esther heard centuries ago are so fitting – "*...and who knows but that you have come to your position for such a time as this.*" Esther 4:14. Because of the tireless efforts of Ruskan, helicopter pilots, camp counselors and others, 165 people woke up this morning with a future ahead of them. And one stuffed animal has his little boy.

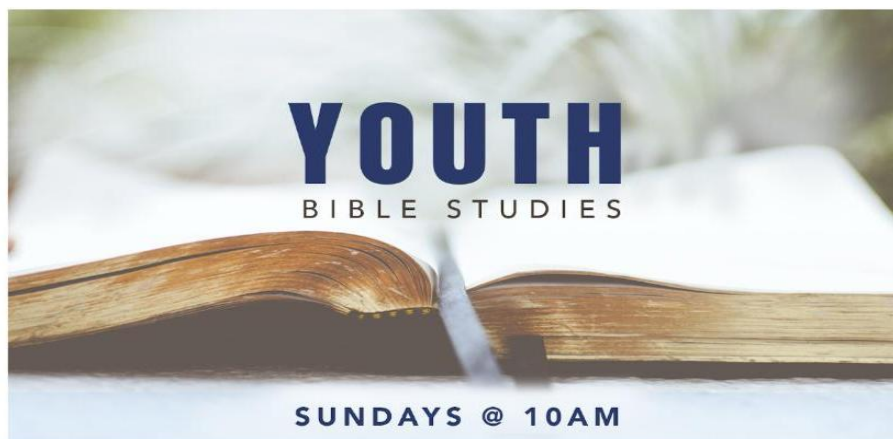


Congratulations to Aspen Moore (and grandmother Shari Cassidy)! This baby shower will be held Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 2-4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Get with Vickie Reed or Susie Arredondo for the link to her Baby Registry.



If you feel led to donate to flood relief for the recent floods in Texas, here's a simple way to do it, using our own electronic tithing system. Just scan the QR code above using your smartphone camera. Put in an amount you'd like to donate, and in the "Memo" section, write "Flood Relief". Then add your credit, debit or bank account information. See Dana Reed if you need help.

Calling all youth, level up your Bible skills by joining us for Sunday School! We have just started a new study on how to read and understand the Bible. No boring lectures, just real talk and relevant insights.



Last week we learned about what it means to be "divinely breathed into". How God divinely influenced the human authors of the Bible so that what they wrote is the word of God. Next week we will dive into important concepts such as inspiration, transmission, and translation. Hope to see you there.