

Join us over the next 21 days as we earnestly pray with thanksgiving. From July 31 to August 20, we ask that you join us as we seek God's guidance and love for the body of FUMC and the community in which we live in.

#### DAILY READING

#### Ephesians 3:20-21 (MSG)

"God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us."

Glory to God in the church! Glory to God in the Messiah, in Jesus! Glory down all the generations! Glory through all millennia! Oh, yes!

Today God, we pray that all people of FUMC Lufkin surrender to the prompting of the Holy Spirit. May you lead us in prayer for:

#### **August 13**

Today is an exciting day of worship, fellowship, and more at FUMC. God, we pray that you bring members and community guests together as we pray for our educators, staff, bus drivers, and students. We pray that this day will be the beginning of a faith family for some and a renewed faith family for others. Amen.

## August 14

Today we pray for our FUMC facilities: My Growing Place, My Growing Place 2.0, and the Children's Wing. May these areas be filled with the Holy Spirit as warm and friendly places that invite people to know more about Jesus. Amen.

# August 15

Today we pray for our after-school programs: My Growing Place 2.0 and Cross Court. May these ministries be ready to receive the children and youth as they begin a new school year. God, please give new and returning staff who come to spend time with the children and youth your grace. Amen.

## August 16

God, as today is the first day for several schools in the community, we are asking for you to bless the FUMC parking lot. This is an area that so many students, parents, and friends come and drop off or wait for in the mornings and afternoons. Help us to be a friendly and welcoming place and space for people to encounter you. Amen.



#### **August 17**

God, we are a few days away from our launch. We pray that you are helping our staff and church members as they put the final touches on the spaces for children, youth, and worship. May each Narthex, Lobby, Sunday School room, and physical space be made ready. Sunday is coming. May you, God, send people to help in these final days and to help put the final touches or simply to pray for the Holy Spirit to move in powerful ways. God you are so good and we cannot wait to see what you are going to do on Sunday, August 20. The excitement is building so that we are a contagious congregation seeking to love you and love our neighbor. Amen.

#### August 18

We pray for those individuals working to put the final touches on the facilities as we prepare for Sunday. We pray for our Sanctuary, Youth and Worship Building, Sunday School Classes, Media Teams, Choir, Praise Band, Ushers, Greeters, Church Staff and Pastors. We ask that we all be well-rested and filled with your Holy Spirit so that we may do amazing ministry tomorrow as we begin our new worship series: REAL QUESTIONS and BIG ANSWERS.

## August 19

Praise God for all the children and youth that attend FUMC. Pray for each student in attendance at the Back to School Bonanza. Pray that all of these young people will come to know Christ in a deeply personal way, that they will know that the Holy Spirit is with them continuously as they begin their new school year, and that God loves each of them immeasurably more than we can imagine.

# August 20

God, we have been praying for you to show up and fulfill your promises. Today is the day that you have made! We will rejoice and be glad in it! We will have our name tags on, smile, and be friendly to all who come. We will do all we can to prepare to sing, pray, and worship as we enter your courts with praise. God, fill our worship spaces with people whom you love and whom you want to have an authentic and joyous encounter with you as a holy God. Holy Spirit, You Are Welcome Here! Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere. We want to be overcome by your presence, Lord. And the end of the day, we will give you all the honor and glory and praise. Amen!

