

## Flat Stanley & God Sightings

There is an activity that some school children participate in, called “Flat Stanley.” A paper cutout of a boy, Stanley, is passed from one child to the next, or mailed to friends and relatives abroad. Every time Stanley goes to a new place, you take a picture of him in that location and send it to the class so that they can learn about the places Stanley goes. It’s a great way to see the world and learn about new things without leaving your local area.

I’ve participated in a number of “Flat Stanley” projects over the years and this year some churches have modified this and created “Flat Jesus” to send with members and worshippers while they are away so that congregations can see where they are spreading the love of Jesus in the world.

We don’t have a Flat Jesus to use this year, but we can still be on the lookout for where God is in the world around us, and how we can spread the love of Jesus to everyone we meet. It’s part of what we’ve talked about as we explore the book of Nehemiah together in worship.

As I returned from the youth mission trip (thanks again for making it happen), I clearly see Jesus in our students. Not only did they serve others in Corpus Christi, but this past week nearly all volunteered for Vacation Bible School to help those even younger than them experience the love of Christ. I’ve watched one student in particular grow in her faith tremendously, even hoping to be baptized soon. Church, this is why we do what we do. Can you imagine all the people in our community that God might want to reach through us?

Where have you seen God recently? As you go about your regular business in the coming days and weeks, I encourage you to be on the lookout for “God Moments” and to bring them back and share them during Joys and Concerns during worship. Let’s spread God’s love!

- Pastor Molly

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### This Issue

- Youth Mission Trip
- Group Tools Checklist
- School Supply Drive
- Art Club
- Blessing of the Backpacks

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### Farewell Party

for

**Madison**

**Boboltz**

On Sunday, August  
4th @ 11:30 AM

bring a card, give a  
hug as she goes back  
for her last semester  
at Hardin Simmons.



# Walking with Nehemiah: Transforming Heartbreak for Others

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship

We will journey with Nehemiah as we uncover who God is asking us to encourage, what walls God is calling us to tear down or repair, how we might lead others to experience God's love through daily living.

Average Presence in  
Worship for July:

58

August 4: **Walk Before You Talk** | Nehemiah 2:11-18

Madison Boboltz Preaching

Total Offerings  
in July:

\$15,923

August 11: **Stay In Your Lane** | Nehemiah 3

YTD Receipts vs.  
Expenses:

\$4,292.29

August 18: **The Nay Sayers** | Nehemiah 4: 1-9; 13-15

Blessing of the Backpacks

## Upcoming Events

- 4th: **Madison's Reception**  
11:30 AM  
**Theology on Tap**  
6 PM
- 5th: **Grief Support**  
1 PM
- 10th: **UMM Meeting**  
9 AM
- 12th: **Threadbenders**  
7 PM
- 13th: **UMW**  
10 AM (meet in UMW  
Room/Potluck)
- 18th: **Backpack Blessing**  
10:30 AM
- 26th: **Threadbenders**  
7 PM

## Chair Yoga

Wednesdays at 10 AM

## Pastor's Bible Study\*

Wednesdays at 1 PM

\*8/21: 1:15 PM —2:15 PM

## Lunch Bunch

Wednesday at 11:30 AM

- 8/7: **Catfish Sam's**  
8/14: **Tin Cup**  
8/21: **Pulido's**  
8/28: **JR's**



**We can't thank all our volunteers, participants and church family enough for your support this year! We give God thanks for you!**



## Art Club Volunteers

We are looking for crafty volunteers to spend 1-2 hours, once per week as we try something new with Blanton Elementary

students afterschool. Our first will run for 6 weeks beginning in September. Day of the week TBD. Let Pastor Molly know if you're willing to help kids with crafts or bring a snack.

Pray for this new ministry opportunity!

## THE GREATEST MAN IN HISTORY IS JESUS

HE HAD NO SERVANTS, YET THEY CALLED HIM MASTER.

He had no degree, yet they called Him Teacher.

HE HAD NO MEDICINES, YET THEY CALLED HIM HEALER.

He had no army, yet kings feared Him.

HE WON NO MILITARY BATTLES, YET HE CONQUERED THE WORLD.

He had no army, yet kings feared Him.

HE COMMITTED NO CRIME, YET THEY CRUCIFIED HIM.

He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives today.

THANKS TO PEGGY LEASURE FOR SHARING THIS POEM

# BLANTON & THORNTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

9 x 12 construction paper  
wide rule notebook paper (200 count)  
composition spiral notebook (70 count)  
box of tissue  
folders with pockets/brads\*  
sealable gallon baggies  
crayons (8 pack & 24 pack)  
markers (8 count)  
colored pencils (12 count)  
glue sticks  
#2 pencils  
baby wipes (80 count)  
eraser (pink pearl)  
liquid hand soap (7.5 oz pump)  
headphones, over the head

4 4 oz white glue bottle  
ruler  
hand sanitizer (7.5 oz pump)  
9 x 12 manila paper  
12 x 18 manila paper  
1" 3-ring binder  
pens, red & black  
5 tab colored dividers  
\*2 each: blue, green, red, yellow

Uniforms:  
polos, turtlenecks, sweaters/sweatshirts  
in navy, white, light blue  
skirt, short, pants in navy or khaki  
belts

## COLLECTION THROUGH AUGUST 18

**Sunday, August 18**

**10:30 AM**

**Bring your bag!  
Invite students  
and teachers  
to worship  
with you.**



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# Blessing of the Backpacks

Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.