
Welcome!

*Glorifying God and living the abundant life:
This is our purpose!*



Have you ever used a GPS device? I have one in my car and it is very useful in my travels. But it is not perfect. It doesn't identify all roads or sometimes it directs a longer route than what is necessary. What I appreciate about GPS is that I

always know my current location and that helps me reach my final destination. With GPS it is difficult to get lost! That is one of the purposes of Christ's Church: *it reminds us of our current location and it guides us to where we need to go!*

Jesus Christ said in John 10: 10: *"I came so that you may have life and have it abundantly!"* At First UMC Gonzales, we strive to show our love for God and our neighbors and seek to live the abundant life God wants us to live by being filled with faith, hope, and love.

I hope you consider making us your church home. We have a place for you! Please use this packet of information to become familiar with our ministries. We are here to love and serve you. God bless!

Pastor Andy Smith

Office Staff

Pastor.....Rev. Andy Smith

I have been Pastor at First UMC since June 2009. Prior to Gonzales I served in Castroville and Flatonia, and before that I was the Youth Director in San Marcos and Elgin. Along with the whole staff, I am here to serve and to share God's blessings with you.

Youth Director.....Joel Griffin

I am here to provide quality Christ-centered programs and events for youth (7th-12 grades) and their families! Our mission is to connect youth with God, each other and a greater cause through worship, missions, discipleship and fellowship!

Children's Ministry Willa Keck

May I help your child find a Sunday School class or give you information on our afterschool program, summer camps or Vacation Bible school? I want to help children learn about God and their faith through these programs and loving volunteers.

Program Director..... Betty Wharton

Are you looking for information about activities at the church or for information on the use of the facilities? All events, or meetings must be scheduled through the church office. I am here to help you find out what, when, where, and how.

Office Secretary..... Felicia Cantu

Did you need that done yesterday? Felicia has it ready! Here to help anyone who calls or walks into the office with a need. She is ready with a smile and open heart.

Wesley Nurse.....Shirley Goss

Offers a holistic approach that focuses on the entire person: body, mind and spirit. These programs and services are designed for optimal health, and promote self-empowerment, collaborate with individuals, congregation, community and available resources to provide relevant meaningful services.
