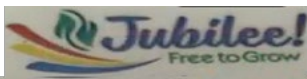


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**Youth Group Responses**

- They are people who care about me
- It gave me a place to learn about Christianity
- It is dedicated to Community
- I get to help others
- It gave me the opportunity to be part of Church
- The people here are amazing and it helped me continue my journey life \_\_\_\_\_ upon me???
- It is an inviting community
- Fun place to worship
- I met different people
- Good place to hang out with friends
- Youth Group
- They are nice
- God
- It has an amazing pastor
- They love me and I love them like family
- I can learn about God
- All are welcome
- It is a fun place
- I meet different people
- Snacks
- Mission Trips
- Everyone is welcome
- Pastor Alex
- Shannon gives candy
- They taught me that Jesus washed feet
- The people are kind and loving
- Everyone is accepted
- They accept me for who I am, as I am
- The youth group are my best friends
- It's a good place to hang around with people and learn about God
- They are kind
- They take care of me
- I can learn about God
- We are nice
- All of the new friends I have met
- I meet different people
- My church is kind to me
- They always look after me
- The people God has connected me with
- I love the church
- The people, pastors, congregation, and everyone else are friendly, helpful, and considerate
- It has amazing youth group
- Our leaders are trustworthy, loving, and helpful
- There are people who care about me
- Fun Activities
- Missions – Mission Trips, Love Packs, Helping Community
- Church events are an enjoyable use of my time
- It is a good place to hang out with friends
- It has helped me grow musically and spirituality
- It does so much for others
- All the new friends I have made



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## Congregation

### Feelings Generated by the Church

#### Spiritual Feelings

1. Learn about scriptures – Jesus
2. I love a place where I am assured weekly that I am a beloved child of God
3. Of the support and fellowship it provides
4. The church is greater for me
5. Connection and safe place to worship
6. Gratitude, Forgiveness of Sins, and Family
7. The love and joy of Christ evident in our church family
8. The Holy Spirit always present. The warmth and faith of the people of this church.
9. This place and it's people show me God is working in this world
10. Of the loving and kindness we give and receive
11. Of the kind and loving heart of the congregation
12. Fellowship, service, and renewal of faith
13. Freedom to worship with my family
14. I am learning about God's love
15. I found my church home! My spiritual home! Found my faith again!
16. The love of God shines in the people
17. It grounds me and all my friends in Christ
18. To have a church that I'm excited to attend and look forward to all the love that I feel in it
19. The church is a part of who I am as a person. An extension of myself and my best self
20. Love
21. Spiritual growth
22. The church prays and supports my Grandpa
23. The love of Christ is so evident in all that we do. The love and care of the church members has sustained my family for many years.
24. Of the focus on the unconditional love and acceptance of Jesus Christ
25. Everyone is friendly, the music is beautiful and the sermons are thoughtful and inspiring and well delivered
26. Fellowship
27. It showed me generosity and abundance in ways I had not experienced in church
28. It is the first place I was met by a loving welcoming God instead of a harsh God and a welcoming community
29. It is a place to be myself
30. Grateful of worshipping in Flower Mound
31. I see God's love in so many people
32. Opportunities for fellowship, service, and to grow in faith
33. Prayers and support women's fellowship and missions fellowship
34. Of the love, kindness, strength, support, and spiritual guidance I receive at FMUMC
35. Worship
36. I feel loved and appreciated!
37. Of the abundance of love and encouragement
38. A safe place to come close to God
39. I feel the presence of God!
40. Another way to define me
41. It provides me shelter, fellowship, and somewhere to celebrate our Lord
42. Of his Grace and being a child of God
43. It gives my family an opportunity to come closer with one another

44. They are so welcoming and have helped me grow my relationship with God
45. It shows me God's love and reminds me of who I truly am
46. Worshipping with others teaches me to be out in fellowship with others and to grow in the spirit
47. It helps me be closer to God
48. It helps me be a more loving and caring person as we experience love from those here
49. Of prayers that are freely shared and God's presence with us when we gather
50. It gives me a center to my life
51. It feeds my spirit, soul, and meets me where I am
52. It is an open and loving church
53. I get to hear the Word of God
54. Fellowship

## Congregation

### *Feelings Generated by the Church*

#### Feeling Welcomed at Church

1. I feel a real sense of belonging. A part of a church community that welcomes all to participate in the body of Christ
2. It's acceptance
3. Of total acceptance
4. The welcoming feeling I have felt being new to the church
5. It has welcomed my family with open arms
6. The church has been so welcoming and make me feel like part of the community
7. Everyone is welcome
8. Of the loving, caring, and generous people
9. If feel represented and cared for here and at peace. That's never happened at church before.
10. FMUMC brought me to a place of reconnecting and belonging
11. They always try their best to make people smile
12. Genuine people and genuine acceptance
13. I am welcomed
14. I am always welcomed
15. The accepting people and calming environment
16. We are a warm and welcoming church
17. Of the people and their openness and love
18. Everyone genuinely cares about each other
19. Our church welcomes all families and involves all families regardless of their talents
20. It surrounds me with sense of love and acceptance
21. I can let my "Mask" slip and be myself here. Fully loved.
22. My church makes me feel welcome and I have learned so much
23. I feel welcomed and loved
24. A beautiful and welcoming place to worship
25. We embrace everyone all the time
26. You may feel welcome, love, and needed. I miss you!
27. This church is a place where everyone is welcomed and loved without exception!
28. I hear and see a message of inclusion that loves / accepts all
29. Love and acceptance are practiced here
30. Of warm and loving welcome of myself and my family
31. Our welcoming church family

# Congregation

## Feelings Generated by the Church

### Feeling a part of a Community

1. It's a very welcoming community which loves to serve those in need
2. Of the amazing people and the outreach, we do
3. I love the missions targeting hunger and the homelessness
4. It gives me a sense of community and something to look forward to every week
5. It has given me opportunities to serve
6. The church provides an opportunity to meet great people and help the community
7. The way it cares for the community
8. The mission work and the outreach
9. We support one another and the community with grace
10. Of it's commitment to the community outreach and internal fellowship
11. Faith and service to the community
12. Of what our church does in the community outreach
13. Of the love and care we provide each other and our community. This is a place of caring.
14. Of the welcoming spirit of community to all who enter
15. Of the outreach to our local communities
16. Of discipleship and community
17. We love all people and help others beyond our walls
18. They – we – are open to all
19. Being in a community
20. How well we care for each other and the community
21. I feel like what we do for others is much bigger than us
22. Of all the mission work performed for the community and the children's programs and staff
23. Community
24. Missions
25. I am able to be the hands and feet of Christ thru missions and outreach
26. The encouragement to be a part of the outreach to others.
27. The mission of the church in our community
28. The good things our church does in the community
29. It gives me a sense of community
30. The community

# Congregation

## Feelings Generated by the Church

### Feeling a part of a Church Family & Gained Friendships

1. The church is a strong community (family) of support for us, making us feel special. The church is a 2<sup>nd</sup> home for our family
2. Of the long-term friendships and relations I've been a part of at our church
3. It is my "Home" and I can count on everyone to be like family
4. It is my family
5. Being there during difficult times. Uplifting us and allowing us to join the "Family"
6. It feels like home
7. The opportunity to make new friends of like faith
8. New friends and belonging
9. Meet new people and friends
10. New friends and learning to grow
11. All my friends I have made and all I can do to help others
12. Of the friendships it fosters and the many ministry opportunities it encourages and supports
13. Friends I have made. Has become my family. I have been loved through good and bad times.
14. It is a family, my family serving God.
15. I have made life-long friends here!
16. Friends who have become family and a place to belong
17. Family church and friends
18. Of the wonderful people that help it be the best place in the whole wide world
19. Our people care so deeply for one another
20. Fellowship and support of fellow members
21. It provides me with a group of people who cares about me
22. Of how supportive everyone is to each other
23. My church is an extended family
24. I feel God's love for me through all the sweet people here
25. It feels like home
26. Of the people I have met and the friends it gives me
27. Of the friends who have become family
28. Of the family, friends, and connections it has given me
29. It provides an ongoing sense of family
30. Of educational opportunities and friends made in classes

# Congregation

## Pastors/Staff

1. The staff and membership are very welcoming and supporting in spreading the Good News!
2. Our wonderful pastors and church leadership
3. The power sermons and the sincerity of the pastors
4. For our people, staff, and pastors working so hard during COVID years when we could not be in person together.  
Thank you for not giving up during a trying time
5. The pastor's friendliness and the love of God
6. Our pastors and leaders are well-educated and the practice loving kindness
7. Church Staff
8. I love our pastors. They make me feel connected.
9. Our wonderful pastors and the staff, and our Sunday school classes.
10. Pastors' friendship and the good feeling for the week after a church service
11. It allowed me to serve as an Associate Pastor to this grace filled church. An honor. Pastor Bill
12. God's love and our loving congregation and Pastor Alex for sure.
13. It has wonderful women pastors and it is welcoming
14. We have genuine and truly caring pastors
15. We have loving, available, and committed pastors
16. Of how the people and pastors have helped our daughter grow in faith and how they have supported us in times of need
17. Our ministers, sanctuary, member relationships, and the Sunday school classes.
18. I love the people and pastors
19. A staff that loves beautifully

## Children Worship

1. It gives us a place to raise our children in a safe Christian environment
2. Of the Body of Christ, Missions, & Youth Ministries
3. Our church involves my family and celebrates my child with disabilities by finding ways for him to participate in worship
4. The open doors and welcoming nature to allow my children to learn and grow in faith
5. Children ministry – teaching my girls about God's plan for them
6. The many outlets and opportunities for my children to grow as a beloved child of God
7. Of the children's program. Our daughter loves Sunday school
8. Our fantastic children's ministry

## Music Program

1. I enjoy the choir and friends.
2. Worship feels of the services and the beautiful music.
3. Music
4. We make beautiful music together in the name of the Lord!
5. The wonderful music held here.
6. The music is beautiful and leads to worship.
7. Our Amazing Praise Band!
8. A music program that enhances worship
9. Beautiful music
10. The music ministry

# Congregation

## Misc.

1. All the support and love during times of illness and sadness!
2. Slow Flow Yoga
3. Provides the Lord's Table every Sunday at 8:30am
4. All the things the men's group does with a happy heart
5. Support during the worst time of my life