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Contemporary Worship Service
Every Saturday Night at 6 PM

MAY 2019



"I'm tired of waiting, Billy..."

I am a very impatient person--Just ask my wife. Maybe not as bad as that tooth fairy to the left, but close. Our church began a study of the book "Flood Gates" in the fall, and that book stressed the importance of prayer before anything else. Sue Nilson Kibbey recommended that every church start a "Break Through Prayer" initiative and instructed, almost commanded, that the prayer initiative last at least nine months. So, of course I set ours for six months, which I thought was pretty good since my first impulse was to set it for three months. After all, I wanted results now. Come on God, I'm waiting! I'm glad to report I have not been struck by a bolt of lightning, and God has brought about amazing things within my six-month time limit, but I confess to you all and to God that Sue Kibbey was right. I really can't stand the thought of ending the break-through prayer initiative. So, let's keep prayer for another three months, or maybe six months. God will let us know when were done.

Grace and Peace,
Scott

Mother's Day Celebration, May 12

Mother's Day is right around the corner. During the worship service on this important occasion a slide show will be presented of mothers of our church family and we need your pictures! Just place your photographs on the pastor's desk, or email them to scottmartin9262@sbcglobal.net. If you previously sent in pictures, no need to send them again. We will also be handing out carnations and chocolates to all the women of the church.

PENTECOST
WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, May 19

God's sanctuary will become a flame of red as we remember and re-experience the power of God's Holy Spirit, come upon His people. We will have lots of surprises and specials during this dynamic worship service on May 19. Come experience the joy of the Lord!



NOW, BECAUSE OF JESUS, GOD DWELLS AMONG HIS PEOPLE AND WITHIN HIS PEOPLE THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT. THE HOLY SPIRIT GUIDES PEOPLE INTO ALL TRUTH AND EMPOWERS THEM TO LOVE AND LIVE AS JESUS DID.

Youth Yard Sale
Saturday, May 4



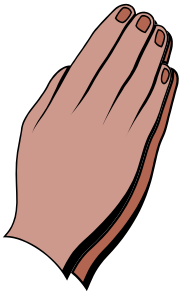
The youth yard sale will be held in front of the church from 8 AM to 3 PM.



Sausage wraps
Saturday, May 4

Come enjoy some delicious food and help support the youth mission trip.

Pray for Our Nation! National Day of Prayer – Thursday, May 2



The theme for this year’s National Day of Prayer, **May 2, 2019**, is **Love One Another**. The theme comes from the words of Jesus in John 13:34, “Love one another. Just as I have loved you.” As the 2019 **National Day of Prayer on May 2nd** approaches, thousands of individuals, churches, and communities will be working to rally millions of Christian’s to once again heed this call!

National Day of Prayer will be remembered in Lytle as people from all the churches gather at the City Hall parking lot at noon for a time of prayer. Please join us as we pray for our community and our country.

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Church Schedule

May 2, Thursday - **National Day of Prayer.**

May 4, Saturday - Christian Motorcyclists Associations’ “Run for the Son.”
 - Youth Yard Sale and Sausage Wrap Sale.
 - Highway trash pickup. Meet at the church at 7:30 PM.

May 6, Monday - Food Pantry Day, 6 to 7 PM. Volunteers needed.

May 7, Tuesday - Council on Ministries meeting at 7 PM.

May 10, Friday - Koinonia Emmaus gathering at New Fountain UMC near Hondo. Music starts at 7:30 PM.

May 11, Saturday - **Church Workday.** Everyone is needed!

May 12 - Mother’s Day.

May 13, Monday - The United Methodist Women will meet at 2:30 PM at the home of Catherine Carroll.

May 19 - Pentecost Celebration.

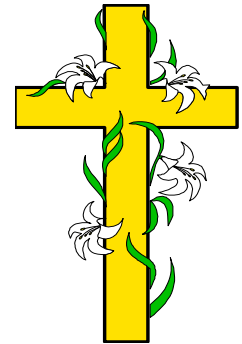
May 20, Monday - Food Pantry Day, 6 to 7 PM. Volunteers needed.

May 23 through 26 – Men’s Walk to Emmaus #4 at Mt. Wesley.

May 27, Monday - **Memorial Day.**

June 24-28 - MAD Camp (Music, Art and Drama), 9 AM to noon.

July 15-19 - Vacation Bible School in the evening.



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Youth Schedule

May 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Set up for Yard Sale 4:30 pm – 8:00pm	4 Yard Sale & Sausage Wrap Sale 7:30 am – 3 pm
5 No U.M.Y.F.	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 U.M.Y.F. At The Church 4 - 6 pm	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 U.M.Y.F. At The Church 4 - 6 pm	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 No U.M.Y.F. Memorial Day Weekend	27	28	29	30	31	

May 3: Set up for Yard Sale. We will need to set up tables and pull stuff out of the storage room. Please be at the church as soon after school as you can.

May 4: Yard Sale and Sausage Wrap Sale: Be at the church at 7:30 am to help open the yard sale. We will also be selling Sausage Wrap Bagged Lunches during the Yard Sale. We will close up at 2:00 pm, clean up and be done by 3:00 pm. We need people to stay through clean-up!



The Parents came to drop their children off at the nursery.

Nursery Volunteers Needed

The Church has recently decided to add a rotating volunteer position to the nursery! This is a wonderful chance for anyone looking for a way to serve within the body. It's a chance to love on the littlest and share Christ with them and their parents. The nursery is an amazing ministry opportunity! Are you feeling called to serve? Let Amanda Morrow know when you're available! She would love to add you to the rotation.

"Whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. For he who is least among you all is the one who is great." - Luke 9.48

"Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." - Matthew 19.14

Call/text Amanda at 830.569.7552
Email - Amanda.morrow7@icloud.com

(For the record, the pastor picked out the cartoon, not Amanda, so don't blame her)

Church Work Day, Saturday, May 11

Show your care, by helping to keep God's church looking good! Our spring workday is scheduled this year for Saturday, May 11. We will gather at 9 AM to begin work, (or when you can come) and take a break at lunch for a meal provided by the church. This will be a very satisfying day and joyful day as we all work together.



Adopt a Highway Pick-Up Day, Saturday, May 4 at 7 AM

As part of the "Don't Mess with Texas Trash Off," our church will be doing our once a quarter trash pick-up along highway 463, starting from the Lytle water tower and heading out beyond Lake Shore Estates. We will meet at the church at 7:30 AM for breakfast taco provided by the church. We will then head out to clean up as a service to our community. We will be done before 10 AM.

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Run for the Son – Saturday, May 4

On Saturday, May 4, 2019, motorcyclists from all over the United States and Canada will participate in the thirty-first annual Run for the Son, which raises funds to spread the light of Jesus around the world. Those participating in this event will raise money by seeking individuals to sponsor them on a ride, usually taken with their local chapter. Donations are tax-deductible and information about how the funds will be distributed is available at www.cmausa.org. Robert Hunt will be representing our church in this event. Will you help spread the light of Jesus through CMA's "Run for the Son?"

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Free M.A.D. Camp, June 24-28



Our Free M.A.D. summer children's program (Music, Art and Drama) will take place June 24-28, Monday through Friday, from 9 AM until noon. The focus will be the preparation of a wonderful musical called "Danny and the Shacks," which will be performed Friday night at 7 PM. Come along on this Biblically-inspired, Won't-Bend-Won't-Bow-Won't-Burn Babylonian epic, recounting the adventures of

Daniel and his bandmates, "The Shacks" (better known to you Bible scholars out there as Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego!). Through it all, the powerful truth of God's Word and the importance of being obedient and faithful to His teaching comes through loud and clear in a storyline so fantastic and faith-affirming, it could only come from the Word of God. Call (830) 772-3345 today for more information or to sign up your children, or simply show up Monday morning, June 24.

Free VBS 2019, July 15-19

It's time to gear up for Vacation Bible School 2019. VBS will take place July 15-19, Monday through Friday. This year it will again be in the evenings, from 5:30 to 8:30 PM. It will include a snack meal, so food preparers are needed as well as the usual small crew leaders and station leaders. We need lots of volunteers, so please mark these dates now that you might be able to help. Keep this ministry in your prayers. Call (830) 772-3345 today to sign up your children or simply show up on July 15.



Youth Summer Mission Trip to Crownpoint, New Mexico

Our annual youth mission trip will take place June 15-22. The youth will be working with the same mission ministry as last year, Next Step Ministries. This year they will be doing construction work and witnessing on the Navajo Nation Reservation surrounding Crownpoint, New Mexico. To raise money for this trip, the youth have already participated in several fundraising efforts including a yard sale, sausage wrap sales, and breakfast taco sales. To help raise the rest of the money needed for this mission project, the youth have set up a “Wall of Stock.”

“Wall of Stock” Youth Mission Trip Fund-raiser

Through the month of May we will be having a fund-raiser for the Youth Summer Mission Trip. There will be a cork board with stock envelopes pinned to the board. Each envelope will have a stock (donation) amount printed on it. Amounts will range from \$1.00 to \$150.00. Stock holders can simply take an envelope or envelopes and put that dollar amount into the envelope. Place the envelope into the collection plate or give it to Diana Jackson or Scott Martin. If cash is used, please write your name on the back of the envelope so that your contribution can be credited to you. Be a “stockholder” in our youth.

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Prayer Concerns

- **Vicki Wanjura** (wife of Tyson Wanjura)—aggressive breast cancer
- **Sunny Sramek** (Dave and Tiffany Johnson’s niece)—18-year-old, missing
- **Debra (Scarborough) North**—diagnosed with uterine cancer
- **Belinda Newman**—tests for abnormal bleeding
- **Al Garza** (Alexis Hunt’s father)—diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer
- **Families of Christians killed in Sri Lanka and in Africa** and for those wounded. .
- **Elaine Douglas**—safe time in Seattle • **Debbie Hunt**
- **Shelle McMillan** • **Beverly Miller**—re-broke her leg
- **Cruz Gomez**—brain tumor, having surgery, prayers for her and her doctors
- **Ann Sollock**—cancer • **Lucy Lucer** • **Mary Snyder**—has fallen several times
- **Dorothy White** • **Mark Pringle** (Bethel Kay’s son)—severe stroke
- **Jeannie Simmons**—severe health problems • **Merry Merz**—cancer
- **Dan and Jan Garza**—Dan with advanced cancer, Jan with early stage cancer
- **Nathan Golan** (Debbie Pruett’s cousin)—bone cancer, responding to treatment
- **Rose Lynn** • **Irma Kelley** – stage IV breast cancer
- **Nell Nixon** (Annette’s sister) dementia, poor health, prayers for Annette as well
- **Martha Foster** (Shelle McMillan’s mother)—dementia
- **Felix Escalante**—health • **Raymond Orta**—stage 4 cancer, and for salvation
- **Nancy Burns**—health • **Marsha Boener** (Michelle Keith’s aunt)—breast cancer
- **Our missionaries around the world and for the persecuted church**
- **For the church staff and their families**
- **For our president and leaders** (1 Timothy 2:1-4)
- **For our military and our veterans**
- **For our nation and for the spread of the gospel of Jesus Christ**

Our Church Family Military

- **Ian Simons**—Air Force • **Brandon Hunt**—Army Reserves
- **Ross Moffitt** (Chris and Fred Brauchle’s grandson)—Air Force
- **William Reichel**—Army, in Germany • **Forrest Keith**—Kevin Keith’s son, Navy
- **Kyle Pringle**—Army • **Josh Orbinati**—Michele Brown’s nephew, Coast Guard
- **Craig Wolf**—Air Force • **Jonathan Heiman**—Navy
- **Jon and Brianna Hartwig**—Army, Jill Daggs’ daughter and son-in-law
- **Joyce Biggs** (George Bahlmann’s great-niece)

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Miscellaneous News!

Father’s Day: June 16 - We will be celebrating Father’s Day with “Good Dad” chocolate bars and a slide show of fathers of our church family. We need your pictures! Place your pictures on the pastor’s desk, or send them to scottmartin9262@sbcglobal.net.

Annual Conference - Annual Conference, a meeting of representatives from every church in our conference area (the Rio Texas Conference) will take place in Corpus Christi, June 5-8. Please keep our delegates in your prayers: Michelle and Kevin Keith and Rev. Scott Martin.

MAD Celebration – Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make our MAD Club possible (Music, Art and Drama). Special thanks to Lolly Becerra, Carmen Swift, Lisa Meyer, Debbie Herman, Becky Escalante, Kellie Meyer, Scott Martin, Irma Bayne, our parents and all our food providers. Our MAD musical presentations on Wednesday April 24 and Sunday April 28 went great, thanks to the hard work of our MAD kids and all of you who came to worship God and cheer on the children.

New Giving Options

In recognition that many people no longer use checks, two new ways of giving donations to the church, or to church ministries, has been put into place:

1. Online:

- Go to the church website, www.lytleumc.com, and go to the “donate” page. with a link to our giving portal. Once there, you will be able to register and give one time or regularly (for example monthly) by check or credit card.

2. By text from a mobile device:

- Text GIVE or TITHE to 830-224-2780. The GIVE text will give you all the choices of funds (tithes and offerings, youth, etc.); the TITHE text will go directly to tithes and offerings.

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. - 2 Corinthians 9:7

Emmaus News

The Men’s walk to Emmaus will take place May 23 – 26 and will be the best walk ever. The welcome home for all the pilgrims will take place Tuesday, May 28, at New Fountain UMC near Hondo. Our May community gathering will also take place at New Fountain on Friday, May 10. Food and fellowship start at 6:30 PM.



Preparations for the fall Women’s Walk to Emmaus, led by our own Michelle Keith, are underway. Many of our folks will be on the team for this walk, which takes place October 17-20 at Mt. Wesley. This is going to be a great experience for all, and we hope to have many pilgrims from our church on the walk. Perhaps God is calling you to be a pilgrim! Applications and more information on the Walk to Emmaus, a once-in-a-lifetime spiritual renewal weekend, can be found in the information rack in the church entrance hallway.

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Methodist Food Pantry Fundraiser



An email received: “By invitation from one of your regular supporters I attended your event on March 30th. What a unique way to bring attention and support a cause. Please let me know of future productions. May all the blessings you group bring to others came back to you ten-fold. – regards.”

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<p><u>Church Food Pantry</u></p> <p>The Food Pantry is open on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month, from 6 to 7 PM, and volunteers are always needed at 2:30 PM and 5:30 PM. Thank you for your Sunday offering, part of which funds this ministry</p>	<p><u>United Methodist Women</u></p> <p>The UMW’s purpose is to serve the Lord through missions, service, study and worship. All the women of the church are invited to the May 13th meeting, which will take place at 2:30 PM at the home of Catherine Carroll. Come join this wonderful fellowship of committed Christian women. Call Bethel Kay Bateman at (210) 415-0783 for more details.</p>	<p><u>Backpack Ministry</u></p> <p>This ministry has been a great addition to our church’s outreach efforts, and we thank all those who have participated. We are coming to the end of the 2018/2019 school year. We look forward to next year.</p>
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Easter Lily Dedications



From Kitty and Jim Alexander
in honor of Chris and John
Alexander

From Linda Bahlmann
in memory of
George Bahlmann, Iva Craig,
and Emmie Bahlmann

From Jack
and Bethel Kay Bateman
in memory of Jay Bateman

From Brad, Nan and Kasen Boyd in memory of
Francine Boyd, and in honor of Bryan Boyd
and Leon and Rose Thumann

From Catherine Carroll in memory of Alfred Carroll
and in honor of her kids and grandkids

From Ricardo Castillo in memory of
Encarnacion and Francisca Castillo and Nikki Holley

From Mary Nell Gray Hall in memory of
Alice Delia McMarrian and Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Gray

From Kyle and Diana Jackson
in memory of Ann Jackson and Norma Yorke

From Kyle and Diana Jackson
in memory of Stella (MeeMaw) Jackson

From Kyle and Diana Jackson in honor of
Tiffany Moreno and Heather Simons and their families

From Kevin, Michelle, Eleni and Emma Keith
in honor of Joan Salem and Elaine Douglas

From Betty Kroeger in memory of Ernie Kroeger

From Scott and Linda Martin in memory of
Ann Jones and Les Martin, and in honor of Vera Martin

From Steve and Dorothy Mathis
in memory of their ancestors

From Steve and Dorothy Mathis
in honor of their daughters, Samantha and Summer

From Joseph and Amanda Morrow in memory of
Sarah Floyd, and Joe and Sherry Morrow

From Glenn and Connie Norton
in memory of Charlie Smith, and Bill and Jean Norton

From Glenn and Connie Norton
in honor of Rose Marie Smith

From Betty McGinnis in memory of
John McGinnis and family and friends

From Billy and Linda Stewart
in memory of J. D. and Frenchy Grant, loving parents,
and in honor of their children and grandchildren

From Bob and Garnett Wagner
in honor of their children

From Lois Wanjura
in memory of Franklin Wanjura, Sr.

From Frank & Pam Wanjura
in memory of Richard and Helen Wanjura
and Franklin Wanjura, Sr.

From Michael and Lisa Wells in memory of
Don and Barbara Smith and Reid and Pat Wells
and in honor of their children and grandchildren

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Youth Breakfast Taco Sales: The youth need to raise money for their summer mission trip, and have planned several fundraising efforts. In addition to their yard sale and the sausage wrap sale, the youth also sell tacos on the first Sunday of each month. The taco's will be sold at the beginning of the Sunday school hour. Help the youth by coming and buying some tacos.