

**Lytle United Methodist Church**  
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**Lytle, Texas 78052-0608**  
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**Lytleumc.com,**  
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**Worship Sat. Night at 6 PM**  
**Sunday morning at 9 AM**

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**APRIL 2018**

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**Food Pantry Fund Raiser**  
**Dinner Theater and Silent Auction, April 7 & 8**

This new dinner theater, a fund raiser for the church's food pantry, will take place on Saturday Night, April 7, at 6 PM and Sunday Night, April 8, at 5 PM, and will include a great meal. Ticket's cost \$12 and there will also be a silent auction each night. Come have fun, enjoy good food, and support the Food Pantry Ministry.

**Get your tickets for the dinner theater this Sunday**  
**or call (830) 772-3345 to make reservations!**

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***Easter Holy Week Events***

**Holy Thursday - March 29**

The Holy Thursday service this year will take place in the sanctuary as we celebrate communion and remember the death of Jesus through music, videos and readings. Come and be part of this powerful time as we remember when the "Lamb of God" gave up his life for us, and as we remember when we accepted His death as payment for our sins.

**Easter Morning Easter Egg Hunt**

Our traditional Easter egg hunt will again be held during the Sunday school time, Easter morning, beginning around 10:30 AM. Have your child bring their basket, but we will have spares just in case. To give our celebration the South Texas twist, we will also have piñatas for the children.

**Easter Sunday, April 1**

**Sunrise Service (7 AM)** – The Easter sunrise service will again be held on the front lawn of our church, and will include a short sermon by the pastor and Holy Communion. It will be a quiet contemplative service to begin the Easter celebration.

**Regular Easter Service at 9 AM**

Christ is Risen! This service will feature communion and beautiful music, including beloved Easter hymns sung as we transform the cross of Good Friday into the flower covered cross of Easter, and powerful choir anthems. After the service we will be serving coffee and donuts. Come, be part of the most special day of the Christian year, and experience God's love.



**M.A.D. Club Play Performance, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM**

Our MAD Club (Music, Art and Drama) spring session is ending with their musical performance on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. The play is called "Kingdom Connections," and takes us into the lives of some of the kings of Israel. The performance will last about thirty-five minutes and refreshments will be served afterwards. Please support this community outreach program and the kids by coming to the play. M.A.D. Club meets on Wednesday afternoons from 4 to 6 PM, and all kids from 2<sup>nd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome. We have both spring and fall sessions of M.A.D. club, and M.A.D. camp will meet during the summer, June 18-22.

## Church Schedule

- April 1 - **EASTER.**
- April 2, Monday - Methodist Food Pantry, 6 to 7 PM.
- April 4, Wednesday - **M.A.D. Club play performance at 7 PM.**
- April 7 & 8, Saturday & Sunday - **Dinner Theater and Silent Auction.** A Food Pantry Fundraiser.
- April 8 - Church wide worship and Bible study venture begins: The Real Heaven, by Chip Ingram.
- April 9, Monday - The United Methodist Women trip to Pioneer Mills and the Guenther House. Meet at the church at 9:30 AM to carpool.
- April 13, Friday - Koinonia Emmaus Community gathering at St. Paul's UMC in Hondo. Team dedication.
- April 16, Monday - Methodist Food Pantry, 6 to 7 PM.
- April 21, Saturday - Adopt a Highway Pickup Day. Meet at the church at 7:30 AM, done by 10 AM.
- April 22 - Dedication of tree in honor of Ruby Reichel.
- April 29 - Run for the Son special offering
- May 3-6, Thurs. thru Sun. - Men's Emmaus Walk #4
- May 12, Saturday- Church Workday

## 5K Run/Walk

Benefit for  
**AugustHeart**

**MAY 5th**

@ Lytle High School

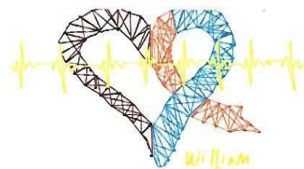
18975 West FM 2790 South \* Lytle, TX

Registration 7:30 - 8:00 AM

Pre-Reg \$25

Race Begins @ 8:30 AM

Race Day \$30



*In Memory of*



*William  
Cogburn*

SPONSORED BY LYTLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH YOUTH GROUP

AUGUSTHEART GIVES ACCESS TO FREE LIFESAVING HEART SCREENINGS FOR TEENAGERS BECAUSE THEY KNOW IT SAVES LIVES! PLEASE JOIN US IN REMEMBERING WILLIAM AND HIS PASSION FOR RUNNING AND HIS DEDICATION TO AUGUSTHEART AND THEIR LIFE SAVING SCREENINGS!

COME JOIN THE FUN!

Pre-registration available soon @ [run.signup.com](http://run.signup.com)

## Youth Schedule

April 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Easter Sunday 7:00 am - Sunrise Service 9:00 am Traditional Service 10:15 am Children's Easter Egg Hunt  No U.M.Y.F.	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  Dinner Theater
<b>8</b>  Dinner Theater	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>  U.M.Y.F. At The Church 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>  U.M.Y.F. At The Church 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  Community Church Youth Gathering at Lytle High School Gym 6:30 pm-8:30 pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>  U.M.Y.F. At The Church 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	<b>30</b>					

April 7 & 8: Church Dinner Theater to support the Food Pantry. The youth are needed to help serve dinner. For those helping on Saturday evening, please be at the church by 5:15 pm. For those helping on Sunday, please be at the church at 4:15 pm.

April 25: Prevailing Word Church, First Baptist Church of Lytle, Trinity Baptist, and our church will be having a combined Youth Gathering at the High School Gym. (6:30 pm - 8:30 pm). There will be food, music, volleyball, basketball, hang-out time, and a message given by Prevailing Word Church. Come join us for an exciting evening and Bring A Friend! Anyone in 6<sup>th</sup> Grade - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited.

Other Important Dates- Put These Dates on Your Calendar!

May 4: Prepare for the Jogging for William 5K

May 5: Jogging for William

June 23 - 30, 2018: Mission Trip to San Augustine County, TX.

# The Real Heaven

## A six week church wide study

### April 8 – May 13



Starting April 8, the Sunday after Easter, our church will begin a six week church wide worship series and Bible Study to learn the scriptural truth about heaven, with the help of pastor Chip Ingram. Chip Ingram is the author of “A Roman’s 12 Christian.” There will be three resources to help us:

1. Saturday Night or Sunday Morning Worship.
2. Small Group Bible Studies – a video based Bible study led by Chip Ingram (with individual work books). You can attend any of the existing small group Bible studies, or become part of a new group. Talk to the pastor or call the church if you would be willing to host a small group for this study. The church will supply you with guidance and the Bible study resources.
3. The Study Book - “The Real Heaven” by Chip Ingram – the church has just a few books for purchase, but we recommend you order an electronic or hard copy for you or your family.

The more we understand God’s Word about heaven, the less susceptible we will be to the fiction and lies produced by Hollywood and popular culture. The more we understand God’s Word about heaven the more joy we will experience anticipating it and the more we will be able to prepare for it here and now.

Scott

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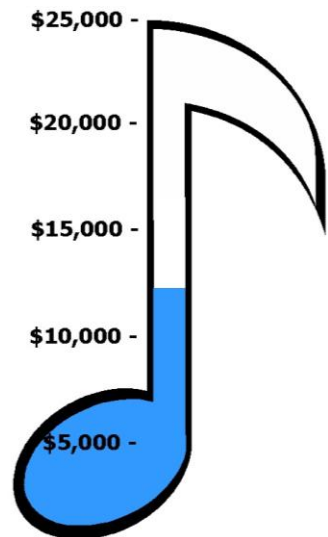
### **Following Christ/Sound System/Capital Campaign** **Has Officially Kicked Off**

“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of God” – Romans 10:17

Rather than using a bar graph or a thermometer to gage the progress of our new sound system capital campaign, we decided a musical note would be more appropriate. In the coming weeks you will see the level inside the musical note rise as we receive donations and pledges to this ministry need. Right now we have received over \$12,000 and the campaign has just begun. The funds raised will be used to:

- Part 1: Replace the Sanctuary Sound System – \$19,488**
- Part 2: Replace the Speakers in the Main Hallway - \$840**
- Part 3 (If Sufficient Funds are Donated) Work on the Fellowship Hall Sound System – Around \$3,000**

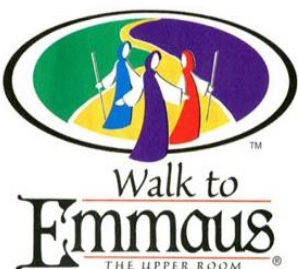
Please be in prayer about how God is calling you to be involved in this church-wide effort. Remember how critical this need is. Our sound system is vital to our future. It is not only essential to our Sunday morning worship service (so that people can hear the lay speakers, the choir and the pastor), it is the backbone to our children’s Music, Art and Drama program, our Saturday night service, our children’s Sunday school, funerals and weddings, Vacation Bible School, and much more. Please remember that while we need some big gifts to meet the goal, we need even more smaller gifts. \$500, \$200, \$50—all gifts are needed because we are doing this as a team—as a church. We can’t do it—but God can do it, through us.



**Following Christ into the Future Church Sound System Capital Campaign**  
 Update - March 25, 2018

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### **Emmaus Gathering at St. Paul’s Lutheran on Friday, April 13**



The monthly gathering of the Koinonia Emmaus Community will be at St. Paul’s Lutheran in Hondo this month, on Friday, April 13 at 7:30 PM. Mark the date now and be sure to be at the gathering for lots of music, praise and testimonies, and some fun, food and fellowship. The team for Men’s Walk #4 will be dedicated that evening as well. The Men's Emmaus walk is just 5 weeks away, at Mt Wesley May 3-6. There is still room for pilgrims, so talk to the pastor or someone else who has already gone and get your application submitted. The Kononia sponsored Women’s walk will take place October 18 through 21.

If you would like more information about Emmaus, a very special Christian retreat, call the church office, pick-up a brochure in the church entranceway, or see the Emmaus bulletin board.

# Prayer Concerns

- **Brad Boyd and family**—Brad’s mother, Francine, died two weeks ago
- **Gene Gunn and family**—daughter, Cheryl, died of cancer two weeks ago
- **Molly Melton** (Malcolm Brown’s daughter)— brain tumor
- **Gene Gunn**—diagnosed with cancer      • **Gaye Lynn** (Bethel Kay Bateman’s friend)—stroke
- **Rose Marie Smith** (Connie Norton’s mother)—diagnosed with breast cancer
- **Annie Rhoades**—had toes on one foot amputated      • **James Gardner** • **Stewart Allen**--health
- **Penny** (Suzie Sollock’s aunt)—cancer has spread to her throat
- **Helen Tietzman** (Connie Scott’s mother)—health, and prayers for Connie and her family
- **Kevin Warren**—had a seizure, medical bills      • **Rose Lynn**—health, and for David
- **Bobby McConathy** (coach in Lytle)---esophageal cancer      • **Joseph**—13-year-old with brain tumor
- **Austin Zavala** (LB and Scott Scantlin nephew)—motorcycle accident, multiple injuries
- **Dorothy Granberg** (Karla Dominguez’ mother)—recovering from lower leg amputation
- **Felix Escalante**      • **Warren Wanjura**—starting radiation for cancer
- **Nancy Burns**—health, surgery rescheduled      • **Terry Gray Chandler**—brain tumor
- **Wayne Morgan** (Escalante brother-in-law)—finished chemo      • **Roger Lockhart**—on hospice
- **Marsha Boener** (Michelle Keith’s aunt)—breast cancer      • **Marta Becerra** (Lollie’s sister)—cancer
- **Felix Alvarez** (Gloria Johnson’s brother)—released from halfway house, prayers for success
- **Gwen Dominguez** (Jim and Karla Dominguez’ niece)—stage 4 brain cancer
- **Lisa Wells**—on chemo again, good scan results again
- **Jay Bateman** (Jack’s son)—mouth cancer      • **Jean Rouse**—breast cancer, hip surgery
- **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 Soldiers and Civilians Working with the Military**

- **Ian Simons**—Air Force      • **Brandon Hunt**—joining Army Reserves
- **Ross Moffitt** (Chris and Fred Brauchle 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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## Notes of Thanks and Miscellaneous News

**From the Pregnancy Care Center** - Thank you so much for your awesome donation. We want you to know that mothers and children will be blessed by your generosity. May the Lord bless you abundantly.

**“I can only imagine” Showing in Theaters** - Don’t miss this great Christian movie.

**Tuesday Morning Prayer Group, 9 to 10 AM** – Join us for this weekly prayer time at the church. We use the prayer list from worship, add to it as needed, then we pray—some out loud, some in silence.

**School Tutors Needed** - The Lytle schools have set up a tutoring program and are looking for volunteers from the community and especially from the churches. Tutors may work on a regular weekly schedule or on an “as available” basis. Call the church office for more information.

**National Day of Prayer** - Thursday, May 3, is National Day of Prayer. Please look in next month’s newsletter for details about this event, and mark this day on your calendar.

**Narcotics Anonymous** - The N.A. message is “that an addict, any addict, can stop using drugs, lose the desire to use and find a new way to live.” Narcotics Anonymous is hosted by our church and meets every Tuesday evening, 6 to 7 PM, in the fellowship hall.

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Ruby Reichel Memorial</u></b></p> <p>A tree has been planted at the entranceway to the church parking lot in memory of Ruby Reichel, and on Sunday, April 22 at 10 AM we will be spending a few minutes to dedicate the tree and the marker and to remember Ruby.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Christian Youth Gathering Lytle High School</u></b> <b><u>Wednesday, April 25, 6:30 to 8:30 PM</u></b></p> <p>The churches of Lytle are putting on a combined youth gathering at the high school on April 25. There will be food, music, a worship play and testimony, and basketball/volleyball.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>School Parent/Community Assembly</u></b></p> <p>Jeff Yalden will be speaking at the Lytle High school about mental health, teen suicide and motivation and the parents and community are invited to hear him at an assembly in the High school auditorium on Monday, April 30 at 6 PM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>School Backpack and Food Pantry Ministries</u></b></p> <p>A big thank you to all our volunteers helping with the backpack ministry and the food pantry. Together these efforts are working to feed God’s hungry people in the Lytle area. Talk to Linda Stewart, Kyle Jackson or Nan Boyd if you are being called by God to help.</p>
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## CMA: Christian Motorcyclists Association

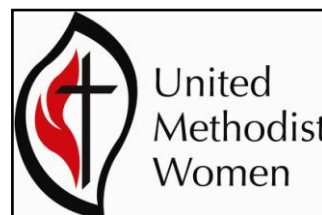
CMA is a non-profit, interdenominational organization, dedicated to reaching people for Christ in the highways and byways through motorcycling. Since its beginning in the mid 70's, CMA has had over 136,000 applicants for membership and over 1,000 chapters chartered in the United States. CMA is not a motorcyclist club but a ministry. Robert Hunt is our church contact for the local chapter of the Christian Motorcyclists Association.

### Run for the Son – Saturday, May 5

On Saturday, May 5, 2018, motorcyclists from all over the United States and Canada will participate in the thirtieth 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](http://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?"

### The United Methodist Women Spring Event

The United Methodist Women will be going on a road trip for their April meeting. They will meet at 9:30 AM at the church to car pool to San Antonio to visit the Pioneer Mills. Afterwards they will be having lunch at the Guenther House on the Pioneer Mills property. All of the ladies of the church are invited to join in this fun trip. For more information about this trip or about the United Methodist Women in general, please call Linda Bahlmann @ 210-837-0650.



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### Six People Have Already Completed Safety Training And Many More on the Way



The church should be a safe place, but it will only be a safe place if we act together. Our Outreach Team, led by Jim Pruett, is designing and implementing a church plan to help protect us from dangers like fire and "active shooters." At the same time our In-reach Team, led by Michelle Keith, has put in place procedures and training to help protect the individual vulnerable members of our church from another kind of danger: sexual abuse, physical

abuse and emotional abuse. The key component of children/youth safety is training and background checks every two years for staff and for all volunteers who are willing to help make our church a safer place.

This free background checks and training is broken down into three steps:

- Step 1 – register on [safegatherings.com](http://safegatherings.com) and provide information for background checks.
- Step 2 – a 1.5 hour slide show safety training you go through on your computer.
- Step 3 – a 2 hour live training class that can be easily taken on your computer as a webinar, or which you can attend at a physical site (at a nearby church).

Details about each of these steps is provided at <https://riotexas.org/safesteps>. We thank those who have already completed these three steps, and those working on them. What about you? Help us to make our church a safe church. - Scott

### Adopt a Highway Pick-Up Day, Saturday, April 21 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.

### Church Work Day May 12

**Show you care, by helping to keep God's church looking good!**

Our spring workday is scheduled this year for Saturday, May 12. 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.



## Contemporary Worship Service

The first six months of our new Saturday night contemporary service has been a blessing. Saturday nights are a great time for folks who work on Sundays and for the younger crowd. The service features uplifting and encouraging praise songs, prayer, and preaching from Pastor Scott Martin. Please get the word out to anyone who might be attracted to a contemporary Saturday night worship service.

### “Wall of Stock” Youth Mission Trip Fund-raiser

Starting the last Sunday in February and then continuing on the last Sunday of March and April and then each Sunday in May, we will be having a “wall of stock” 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.

### 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 chicken bar-b-cue Plate 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.



### Prayer Servants

Pray for each other... The prayers of a righteous person are effective. - James 5:16 - After each worship service, prayer servants from the church’s prayer team are available in the front of the sanctuary for private prayer. Just come forward any Sunday. A faithful church family prays for one another.

### Summer Children’s Music, Art and Drama Camp

The Inreach Team is making plans for this year’s MAD Camp. During MAD Camp (mornings Monday through Friday) the children (2<sup>nd</sup> grade and above) work on art projects; design, paint and construct sets; work on music; and put together a Christian drama to be performed on Friday Evening. The date set for this Music, Art and Drama Camp is June 18-22. If you might be willing to help, please talk to Scott Martin at (210) 772-3345.

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## A Record of Our Faithfulness

March 4 - Sunday School - 34  
Worship - 86 + 30  
Offering - \$10,677.26

March 11 - Sunday School - 32  
Worship - 69 + 17  
Offering - \$3,806.00

March 18 - Sunday School - 32  
Worship - 69 + 13  
Offering - \$3,833.00

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### Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary in April

Birthdays:

Derrick Gomez	2nd	Zechariah Wagner	16th	Richie Cantu	27th
Matthew Ahr	3rd	Connie Scott	17th	Kody Villarreal	28th
Ricardo Castillo	3rd	Payton Pringle	17th	Bethel K. Bateman	29th
Trystan LaFond	3rd	Patrick Norton	17th	Brandon Johnson	29th
John Ahr	4th	Judy Crain	18th	Justin Jackson	30th
Leala Marquez	5th	Amanda Scarborough	18th		
Gaye Collins	5th	Brandon Hunt	19th	Anniversaries:	
Lanna Mangold	5th	Rose Lynn	21st	Bill & Jeanie Acton	4th
Nicole LaFond	7th	Amanda Wagner	21st	George & Billie Light	8th
Kim Ruth	9th	Shelly Martinez	23rd	Lloyd & Connie Scott	14th
Charles Yorke	11th	Ashley Martinez	23rd	Billy & Linda Stewart	14th
Tom Tomlinson	13th	Reed Harris	27th	Jim & Karla Dominquez	16th
Brent Vogel	14th			Steve & Dorothy Mathis	17th