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*Contemporary Worship Service*  
*Every Saturday Night at 6 PM*

JUNE 2019



## Ephesians: God's Master Plan

Sunday morning worship during the summer will focus on an expository sermon series on the book of Ephesians, which details God's master plan for bringing light into the darkness of the world. Except for breaks to celebrate our MAD and VBS programs, each Sunday will march us through the book of Ephesians: from Ephesians 1:1 on June 2, to the command to "Put on the Full Armor of God" in Ephesians 6 at the end of August. We hope you join us in this journey.

Grace and Peace, *Scott*

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## Happy Father's Day!

Father's Day will be celebrated on June 16 with special music, GoodDad bars, and our slideshow presentation of some of the fathers of our church family. We need your pictures! Just place your photographs on the pastor's desk, or email them to me at [scottmartin9262@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scottmartin9262@sbcglobal.net).



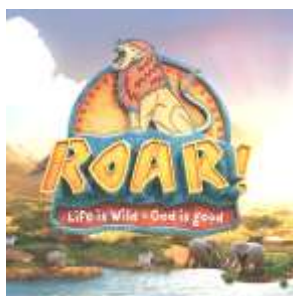
## Free M.A.D. Camp, June 24-28

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.



## VBS Volunteers Board

Vacation Bible School is one of our most important outreach ministries, but it can't happen without you. In the back of the sanctuary is our VBS volunteers board. God and your church are counting on you. Please sign-up this Sunday.



# Church Schedule

June 3, Monday - Food Pantry, 6 to 7 PM.

June 5-8 - The Rio Texas Annual Conference in Corpus Christi.

June 8, Friday - Emmaus monthly gathering at St. Paul's Lutheran Church In Hondo. Fellowship and food starts at 6:30 PM.

**June 15-22 - Youth Mission Trip to San Augustine, Texas.**

**June 16- FATHER'S DAY**

June 17, Monday - Food Pantry, 6 to 7 PM.

June 24-28, Monday through Friday - M.A.D. Camp (Music Art and Drama), 9 AM to noon.

June 28, Friday - M.A.D. play performance at 7 PM in the sanctuary.  
Everyone is encouraged to come!

June 30 - Covered-dish Brunch and Youth Mission Trip slide show during the Sunday school hour.  
- Rehearsal/read-through at 2 PM for our September interactive dinner theater.

July 15-19, Monday through Thursday - Vacation Bible School, 5:30 to 8:30 PM.

September 7 & 8 - Interactive Dinner Theater to support and honor active military, veterans, and our country.



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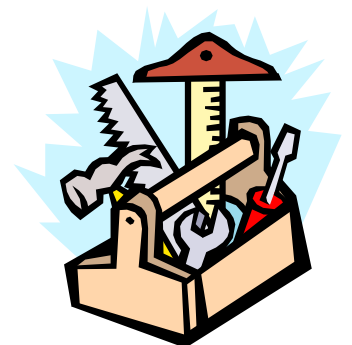
# Youth Schedule

June 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 U.M.Y.F. At The Church 4:00 pm-6:00 pm	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 U.M.Y.F. At The Church 4:00 pm-6:00 pm	10	11	12	13	14	15 Leave for Mission Trip Meet at 6:00 am
16 Mission Trip	17 Mission Trip	18 Mission Trip	19 Mission Trip	20 Mission Trip	21 Mission Trip	22 Return from Mission Trip
23 No U.M.Y.F.	24 Help With M.A.D. Camp 9am-12pm	25 Help With M.A.D. Camp 9am-12pm	26 Help With M.A.D. Camp 9am-12pm	27 Help With M.A.D. Camp 9am-12pm	28 Help With M.A.D. Camp 9am-12pm	29
30 Mission Trip Slide Show after the Worship Service  Ice Skating Trip Noon - 6pm						

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# 2019 Youth Summer Mission Trip

The Youth Summer Mission Trip team would like to sincerely thank all those who have supported them by becoming "Mission Trip Stockholders." The youth will be working with the same mission ministry as last year, Next Step Ministries, but this year they will be doing construction work and witnessing on the Navajo Nation Reservation surrounding Crownpoint, New Mexico. The trip will take place from Saturday June 15 to Saturday June 22. Through your generosity, and their fundraising projects, they have raised the funds needed for this mission trip. You have equipped them so that they may help others, and witness to people through their words and their actions. After the trip the "Stockholder Meeting" will take place during the Sunday school hour on June 30 as the youth share pictures and stories of their mission trip experience.





Congratulations to some of our  
2019 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING SENIORS

**Summer Mathis**  
**Garrett Ralph**

**Yancey Miller**  
**Faythlin Warren**

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**“Congregations Working to Protect Children and Youth!”**

Our church, in conjunction with our Rio Texas Annual Conference, has put in place common sense practices and training to protect our children and youth from abuse: sexual, physical and emotional. This includes a church policy and free training. The 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 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 at a physical site (a nearby church).

Thank you to all the people who have taken this training so far. What about you?

**Interactive Dinner Theater Moved to September**

**Saturday & Sunday, September 7 & 8**

As a follow up to last years “Shoestring Theater” the church will again be putting together a dinner theater to help our returning troops through Cru Military Ministry. Rehearsals on the play will take place Sundays at 2 PM, starting June 30. If you are interested in being part of the cast or backstage crew, sign-up on the sheet on the church bulletin board. We would love to see lots of new faces for this new interactive dinner theater.

**Silent Auction to be held**

There will also be a silent auction with this play, since silent auctions are fun and a good source of extra funds for our military ministry. Think about what items you might be willing to donate.

**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*

“... and blessed be our church nursery which allows certain congregation members to catch up on their sleep during my sermon.”

Call/text Amanda at 830.569.7552  
Email - [Amanda.morrow7@icloud.com](mailto:Amanda.morrow7@icloud.com)

**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](http://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*

# Prayer Concerns

- **Vicki Wanjura** (Pam and Franklin's daughter-in-law)—just diagnosed with aggressive breast cancer
- **Sunny Sramek** (Dave and Tiffany Johnson's niece)—18-year-old, missing in Nebraska
- **JW Petrash**—on hospice
- **Al Garza** (Alexis Hunt's father)—stage IV cancer
- **Bill McMonagle**—recovering from pneumonia
- **Rose and David Lynn**
- **Family and fiancée of Kris Saenz** (friend of Heather and Ian Simons)—he was killed in an accident
- **Rodney Scantlin** (Scott's brother)—recovering from appendectomy
- **Reid and Missy Scantlin**—newly married
- **Robin Carmichael**—health issues
- **Debbie Hunt**
- **Shelle McMillan**
- **Cruz Gomez**—brain tumor, surgery went well
- **Ann Sollock**—cancer
- **Lucy Lucer**
- **Mary Snyder**—has fallen several times
- **Dorothy White**
- **Mark Pringle** (Bethel Kay's son)—severe stroke, now in Castroville
- **Jeannie Simmons**—severe health problems
- **Merry Merz**—cancer
- **Dan and Jan Garza**—Dan with advanced cancer, Jan with early stage cancer
- **Phillip Escalante** (Felix's brother)—bladder cancer
- **Irma Kelley**—stage IV breast cancer
- **Nell Nixon** (Annette's sister) dementia, poor health, prayers for Annette as well
- **Raymond Orta**—stage 4 cancer, and for salvation
- **Felix Escalante**—health
- **Martha Foster** (Shelle McMillan's mother)—dementia
- **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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<p><b><u>Monday Night Guy's Group</u></b></p> <p>All of the men of the church, and friends, are invited to a weekly men's gathering. It takes place on Monday evenings starting at 7 PM at the church and dinner is served. The focus is fellowship and service as the guys gather to lift one another up in their daily Christian walk.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Narcotics Anonymous</u></b> <b><u>Tuesday Night Meeting at 6 PM</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Alcoholics Anonymous</u></b> <b><u>Wed. Night Meeting at 7 PM</u></b></p> <p>A big thank you to the leaders of these groups and to all you church members who support these groups by allowing them to use our facilities.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Facebook/Website</u></b></p> <p>Check out our facebook site (facebook.com/lytleumc) and our website (Lytleumc.com). A big thank you to Amanda Morrow for keeping our social media going strong.</p>
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## **Children's Sunday School Digging Into the Bible**

In Sunday school our children are continuing to dig into the Bible as we travel through "The Bible in One Year." "Dig In" is designed for great flexibility as the kids experience different activity blocks including: Core Bible Discovery, Deeper Bible, Talk-about Videos, games and crafts. Be sure to bring your children to Sunday school, from 10:15 to 11:15 AM each Sunday.

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## **House of Mercy Orphanage**

*The mission of the House of Mercy is to provide a safe, nurturing, God-centered home for the abused, neglected and homeless children of Coahuila, Mexico. Over 140 children have come to the Casa since it's opening in January 2005.*

Piedras Negras, Mexico is a border town of countless orphans. The House of Mercy is designed to provide care both physically and spiritually. The House of Mercy provides temporary housing



for 106 children, including food, clothing, and Christian education. Future plans for the House of Mercy include a church, school, cottages and a medical facility. **You can donate to this ministry through the Sunday offering plate. Just designate your check for "House of Mercy Orphanage"**

**6:10 PRAYER**  
**Lord Break Through**  
**Matthew 6:10 (The Lord's Prayer)**  
**"Your kingdom come, Your will be done**  
**on earth, as it is in heaven"**



Pray each day  
at 6:10 AM  
or 6:10 PM

Pray for  
your home,  
work, country  
and church

Lord, break through the fog of our future  
Lord, break through our fixation on the past  
Lord, break through our fear of change

**Lord, give us the courage  
to walk into your future**

# What a Difference Six Months of Prayer Makes

Last November we began a church-wide prayer campaign—praying for God to break through our stagnation and feelings of hopelessness. Did He ever answer! There is a new energy, a new excitement, a new hope as we walk into the future. Lord, thank you for Joseph and Amanda and all the other new people. Thank you for our worship design team, and our nursery team. Thank you for our youth and our MAD program. Thank you.

Lord, help us not to get complacent. Help us to not be okay with good enough. Help us to always seek your will and do your will.

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. – Philippians 4:6*

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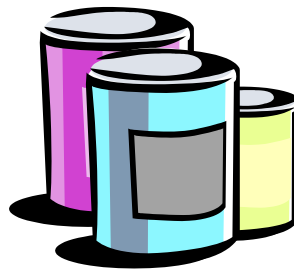


## A Big Thank You to Our Backpack Food Ministry Volunteers

Our backpack ministry ended for the summer and we would like to thank all those who helped, especially ministry leader Nan Boyd. The backpack food ministry was a blessing to children and families in our area.

## Food Pantry Ministry

Our food pantry continues to help between 80 and 100 families twice a month. In June our regular food pantry days are June 3 and 17. Our workers have been terrific, but we can always use more. Just come at 2:30 PM to help bag the groceries, and/or come at 5:30 PM to help prepare for the 6 to 7 PM rush. Thank you for supporting the Methodist Food Pantry.



## Jeffrey/Bryan Scholarship

Congratulations to Summer Mathis, this year's recipient of the \$300 Jeffrey/Bryan Scholarship. This scholarship is given once a year and is named after Jeffrey Farmer and another young man.

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## Emmaus News



Our May 23-26 Men's walk to Emmaus was the best walk ever. Welcome to all the new pilgrims. Now it's time to prepare for our fall Women's Emmaus Walk, which will take place at Mt. Wesley October 24-27, and will be led by our own Michelle Keith. Preparations for this walk are underway. 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. In other Emmaus news, don't forget our next Koinonia gathering, June 14, at St. Paul's Lutheran church in Hondo. The Koinonia Emmaus community is made up of Emmaus people from many churches, who join together on the second Friday of each month (6:30 PM) for a praise filled community gathering.



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CAN YOU SCROLL BACK UP?  
08-07-2015



08-02-2013



THIS WORKS SO MUCH BETTER THAN ROVER DID  
03-27-1998

## How We Support for Our Troops

<p><b>Stephen and Karen Dorner Military Ministry</b></p> <p>The Dorners are ministry leaders in the Military Ministry group of Cru (Campus Crusade for Christ). Through spiritual seminars, materials (especially Bibles), and conversations, they support our returning soldiers and those still in the field. Stephen and Karen are totally supported by donations like that from our church. Be sure and read their latest newsletter "Dorner Digest" posted in the entranceway.</p>	<p><b>Military Honor Board</b></p> <p>Our Military Honor Bulletin Board is in the entrance hallway. If you have a relative or friend currently serving, please get their picture up on the board in our church entranceway. You can post the picture yourself, put it on the pastor's desk, or e-mail your picture (and information) to <a href="mailto:scottmartin9262@sbcglobal.net">scottmartin9262@sbcglobal.net</a>.</p>	<p><b>Fund Raising Event</b></p> <p>Each Summer we hold a fundraising event to help our military. Last year was our Interactive Dinner Theater called "Shoestring Theater" This year's play will be on September 7 &amp; 8.</p>
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## Miscellaneous News!

**Annual Conference** – Annual Conference will meet in Corpus Christi, June 5-8. Please keep this important meeting in your prayers, as well as our delegates: Michelle Keith, Kevin Keith and Scott Martin.

**A Big Thank You to our Church Workday Volunteers** - Thank you to the Hughes family for fixing doors and waxing pews, to Linda Martin for prayer garden work, to Malcolm Brown for fixing the prayer garden gate and bathroom stalls, to Becky Escalante, and many others.

**A Big Thank You to our Highway Pick-up Day Volunteers**

**Youth Breakfast Taco Sales** - The youth sell tacos on the first Sunday of each month to help fund their summer mission trip. The taco's will be sold June 2 at the beginning of the Sunday school hour.

**UMW Meeting** – The United Methodist Women are taking their normal summer break, and will begin meeting again in September.

**Run for the Son Update** – Donations continued to arrive for our special offering to support four global evangelistic ministries through "Run for the Son." A total of \$2,700 was collected. This offering will help reach people with the Good News through Missionary Ventures, Open Doors, the Jesus Film Project and the Christian Motorcyclist Association. Robert Hunt is our representative to CMA and Run for the Son.

**Christian Tract Ministry** - In the entranceway is a rack of free tracts. Take as many as God is calling you to take. You may also want to take one of the green flyers explaining different ways of using them. If all of us handed out one or more tracts a day, think about the people that might be saved.