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*Contemporary Worship Service
Every Saturday Night at 6 PM*

JULY 2019



I confess I have selective hearing. Two banners hang in the church: Ephesians 2:8, “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith,” and Ephesians 4:22-24, “Put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires... and put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.” Lord I confess I readily hear your word of grace, and am quick to accept forgiveness. Lord I confess I am a lot slower to hear Your call to radical change, to become a new person. I have selective hearing.

I also have selective hearing in disagreements. I hear my side very clearly. I pat myself on the back all the time. But I fail to hear the good arguments and valid points of the other side. I have selective hearing.

I also have selective hearing in service. I am quick to hear Your call when You are guiding me to do something I want to do, and feel I’m good at it. I confess I am very hard of hearing when You ask me to do something uncomfortable, or something that seems too hard.

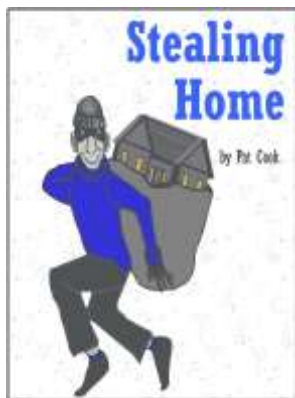
I confess I have selective hearing... and I bet you do too. Jesus, please help us to “see” our selective hearing and help us to truly hear everything you would have us hear, and do everything you would have us do.

Grace and Peace,
Scott

Vacation Bible School 2019, July 15-19

VBS starts in one week. Are your kids going to be there? Are your neighbor’s kids going to be there? “Roar: Life Is Wild—God is Good” – This epic African adventure engages the whole herd. At Roar, kids explore God’s goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. The fun will take place in the evenings, 5:30 to 8:30 PM, Monday through Friday, from July 15 to 19. We still could use more crew leaders, who help shepherd a small group of children through the different “stations,” so please pray and consider helping. We truly need you. Everyone, please keep this important ministry in your prayers. Call (830) 772-3345 today to sign up all your children, or simply show up on July 15.





A Comedy Dinner Theater Experience

To raise funds for Military Ministry,

Saturday, Sept. 7 at 6 PM or Sunday, Sept. 8 at 5 PM

Tickets go on sale in August, or call (210) 772-3345 to make reservations for “Stealing Home”—burglars, funeral homes and family. Rehearsals take place Sundays at 2 PM and if you are interested in helping with the production, with cooking, or serving, please talk to director Connie Norton. Remember that all the funds raised will help our active and retired military through Bible studies, Bible resources, Christian marriage counseling and retreats, and PTSD recovery through CRU Military Ministry.

Show your care and help promote this comedy 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.

The United Methodist Women are taking their normal summer break and will meet again in September

Monday Night Guy's Group

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 in the Youth Building and dinner is served. The focus is fellowship as the guys lift one another up.

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Church Schedule

July 4, Thursday - INDEPENDENCE DAY

July 8, Monday - Food Pantry Day, 6 to 7 PM.

July 9, Tuesday - Finance and Administrative Council meetings

July 12, Friday - Emmaus gathering at First UMC in Devine.
Singing starts at 7:30 PM.

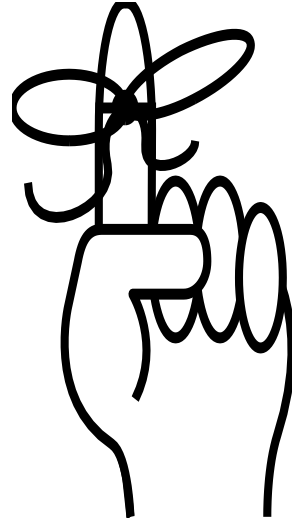
**July 15 - 19, VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL,
5:30 - 8:30 PM, Monday through Friday.**

July 20, Saturday – First team meeting for fall women's Walk to Emmaus.

July 22, Monday - Food Pantry Day, 6 to 7 PM.

August 24 - Adopt a Highway pick-up day. Meet at the church at 7:30 PM for breakfast tacos.

September 7-8, Saturday at 6 PM and Sunday Night at 5 PM - Interactive Dinner Theater to support and honor active military, veterans, and our country.



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Youth Schedule

July 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 U.M.Y.F. At The Church 4:00 pm-6:00 pm	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 U.M.Y.F. At The Church 4:00 pm-6:00 pm	15 V.B.S. 5:30 - 8:30	16 V.B.S. 5:30 - 8:30	17 V.B.S. 5:30 - 8:30	18 V.B.S. 5:30 - 8:30	19 V.B.S. 5:30 – 8:30 Pool Party @ The Keith's 9:00pm-11:00pm (For those who helped with VBS)	20
21 No U.M.Y.F.	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 U.M.Y.F. At The Church 4:00 pm-6:00 pm	29	30	31			

July 15 – 19: Our church's V.B.S. program is this week. The youth are needed to help. There will be a pool party at the Keith's house on Friday Evening from 9:00pm – 11:00 pm for those who helped. We can arrange transportation home after the party since it will be late.

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First Sunday Breakfast Taco Sales

The youth group continues to feed the hungry hoards at their now "First Sunday Breakfast Taco Sales." They will be selling your favorite breakfast tacos before Sunday school. The next sales are on July 7th and August 4th.

2019 Youth Summer Mission Trip

The Youth Mission Trip took place June 15 – 23 this year. There were six adults and seventeen youth that participated. Their destination was Crownpoint, New Mexico. They again connected with Next Step Ministries, which is doing extensive work on this Indian reservation and community to help those in need. Our group broke



into two work teams for the week.

One team, led by Kevin Warren, worked on a home of a single mother with four children. The home was in bad shape because of past occupants and several mission teams over the weeks had been working on it. Our team was the last team on the job and spent the week painting.



The rest of our youth and adults worked on a building at the hosting church called "The Pavillion." This building is used by Next Step ministry for staging all their team over the summers. Our team



worked on a concrete and wood walkway and ramp, large barn doors and the building ceiling. The ceiling was composed of wood from pallets, so the youth spent a lot of time taking apart wooden pallets. The barn doors were constructed two years ago but no one could figure out how to install them properly. They

are now installed, thanks to our team.

The mission trip company that the youth group works under, Next Step Ministries, not only plans a week where youth can learn to serve and be the hands and feet of Christ, but they also make sure the youth have a time of worship and learning about God. Each morning after breakfast, they had morning devotions, then devotions during lunch, and would finish off the day with a worship service and a time of reflection on how God is working in their lives. The youth mission trip was a blessing for everyone.

Thank you to all those who also participated in this mission trip through your prayers and financial contributions.

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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.

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Kononia Community, Friday, July 12th

The next monthly gathering of our own Koinonia Emmaus Community will be at First Devine UMC on Friday, July 12. Devine is close, so let's have a great turnout at the gathering for lots of music, praise and testimonies, and some fun, food and fellowship. Fellowship and food start at 6:30 PM.

The first team meeting will be July 20 for the upcoming women's walk, led by our own Michelle Keith. The walk will take place this fall, October 24-27. Several people from our church will be team members, so this would be a great walk to attend. Talk to the pastor or someone else who has already gone and get your application submitted. If you would like more information about Emmaus, a very special Christian retreat, call the church office, or see the Emmaus bulletin board.



Prayer Concerns

- **VBS**—prayers for volunteers and that children would hear and respond to the gospel
- **Prayers for the families of JW Petrash, David Grant, Mary Brown, and Carl Ernest's sister, Helen**
- **Ian and Heather Simons and the boys**—new town and new jobs
- **For United Methodist Church, General Conference and delegates for 2020**
- **Annette Nixon**—healing
- **Linda Bahlmann**—health
- **Sharon Pilgrim**
- **Al Garza** (Alexis Hunt's father)—stage IV cancer, for healing and salvation
- **Lee Craig** (Linda Bahlmann's brother)
- **Kevin Warren**—injury to hand
- **Robert Alexander** (Jim's brother)—health
- **Debbie Hunt**
- **Cruz Gomez**—brain tumor, surgery went well
- **Ann Sollock**—cancer
- **Mary Snyder**
- **Dorothy White**
- **Mark Pringle** (Bethel Kay's son)—severe stroke, now in rehab
- **Jeannie Simmons**—severe health problems
- **Merry Merz**—cancer
- **Rose Lynn**
- **Irma Kelley** – stage IV breast cancer
- **Felix Escalante**--health
- **Nancy Burns**—health
- **Nell Nixon** (Annette's sister) dementia, poor health
- **Martha Foster** (Shelle McMillan's mother)—dementia
- **Vicki Wanjura** (Pam and Franklin's daughter-in-law)—having difficult chemotherapy
- **Sunny Sramek** (Dave and Tiffany Johnson's niece)—18-year-old, missing in Nebraska
- **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**—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)



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

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

Food Pantry Ministry Continues to Serve

Our food pantry continues to help between 80 and 100 families twice a month. Because of the 4th of July holiday and VBS, we have rescheduled our food pantry days to the 2nd and 4th Mondays in July (July 8 and 22). Our workers have been terrific, but we can always use more. Just come at 2:30 PM to help bag, or at 5:30 PM to help hand out food from 6 to 7 PM. Thank you for supporting the Methodist Food Pantry with your prayers and through your donations to the church.



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.



M.A.D. Camp Completed! Music/Art/Drama Program, June 24-28

Our M.A.D. summer children's program (Music, Art and Drama) was a wonderful success. All week long the thirty-three children participated in art projects, music and drama, as well as some fun games and refreshments. The center of the camp was the preparation of a musical called “Danny and the Shacks.” The message of the play centered on the importance of standing firm in the midst of trying times. All of the kids learned the music, some worked on the drama portion of the musical, and everyone worked on many individual art projects, including painting, stained glass, etc... We thank our leaders: Drama—Kellie Meyer, Music—Irma Bayne, Art—Scott Martin. We also thank all of our other volunteers: adults and youth. We especially thank the Lord for making this fifth year of the MAD program a success.



Spiritual Growth Study Opportunities

Children’s Sunday School

Our children’s Sunday school program is journeying through the Bible with the help of an exciting curriculum called “Dig-in.” “Dig In” is designed for great flexibility as the kids experience different activity blocks including: Core Bible Discovery, Deeper Bible, Talk-about Video and crafts. Be sure to bring your children to Sunday school, from 10:15 to 11:15 AM each Sunday.

Adult and Youth Sunday School

Small Group Bible Studies

Sunday evenings at 6 PM
Wednesdays Mornings at 10 AM
Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 PM or 7 PM

Child/Youth Protection Training

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:

Step 1 – register on safegatherings.com and provide information for background checks.

Step 2 – a slide show training you go through on your computer.

Step 3 – a live training class that can be easily taken on your computer as a webinar, or at a physical site.



Adopt a Highway Pick-Up Day
Saturday, August 24 at 7:30 AM

Our church has adopted highway 463, starting from the Lytle water tower and heading out beyond Lake Shore Estates, and we are responsible for picking up litter four times a year. Our next “Adopt a Highway Day” is Saturday, August 24. We will meet at the church at 7:30 AM to eat breakfast tacos 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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A Big Thank You

A big thank you to Michelle Smith, daughter of Chris Brauchle, who lives in San Antonio. Michelle donated a nice financial gift to the church, which will be used to help pay for this year of salary for Joseph Morrow. If you remember, Joseph was employed mid-year, and for this year his salary is coming from our music fund and memorial fund. If anyone else would like to donate a special gift for this need it would be greatly appreciated.

Irma Bayne Going on one Month Sabbatical

Irma hasn't taken more than a Sunday off per year for twenty-five years, and it's time for her to catch up. She will be taking the month of July off (but since she will still be in Lytle it will be hard to keep her away). The Sundays in July will continue to be led by the chancel choir, with Joseph Morrow selecting music, and Joseph and others directing. On July 28 the Living Dust Praise Band will lead the service. May Irma enjoy this time, and come back refreshed.

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Memorial Dedication Opportunity

On March 10 we placed a memorial plaque next to the new cross by the food pantry, in remembrance of Molly Melton, Malcolm Brown's daughter. At Malcolm's suggestion, the church is opening the base of this cross to others who would like to purchase and install a memorial plaque to their loved one(s). There is room for one more plaque, and if there is interest the concrete base can be enlarged. Please talk to the pastor for more details. Remember that memorial bricks can still be placed in our prayer garden as well.

