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**M.A.D. Play
 Performance
 Friday June 16 at 7 PM**

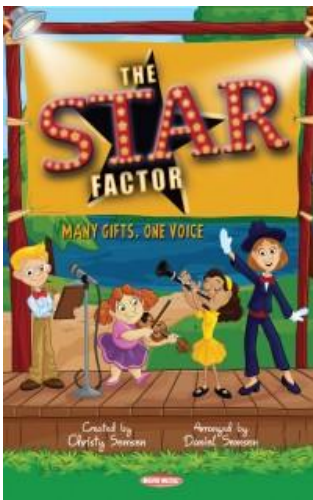
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THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT ALWAYS PICK UP THE CHECK ON FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day is this month and I'm a father, so I'm skipping this month's pastor's column. Happy Father's Day! Father's Day will be celebrated on June 18 with special music, GoodDad bars, and our slide show 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.

Grace and Peace,
Scott



Free M.A.D. Camp, Next Week, June 12-16

Our M.A.D. summer children's program (Music, Art and Drama) will take place June 12-16, Monday through Friday, from 9 AM until noon. The focus will be the preparation of a wonderful musical called "The Star Factor," which will be performed Friday night at 7 PM. The setting is Camp Heart & Soul, a summer arts camp that features a talent showcase with an exciting twist: the showcase winner earns the opportunity to compete on a national TV show. As everyone excitedly prepares for the performance, their initial group cooperation begins to crumble as their celebrity coach tells them that "looking out for yourself is the only way to become a star!" A series of zany complications climax at the broadcast of the show when all the would-be "stars" finally learn that being part of the Body of Christ is what is important, and every person has a special and unique role to play. Call (830) 772-3345 today to sign up your children.

VBS 2017, July 17-20

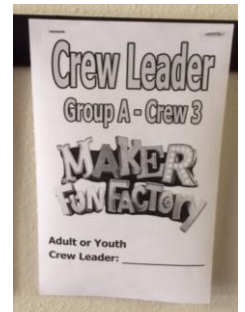
It's time to gear up for Vacation Bible School 2017. VBS had been set for July 17-20, Monday through Thursday. This year it will again be in the evenings, from 5:30 to 8:30 PM. It will include a snack meal, so food preparers are needed as well as the usual small crew leaders and station leaders. The reason we are meeting in the evenings is because we did not have nearly enough volunteers, so please mark these dates now that you might be able to help. Keep this ministry in your prayers.



Volunteers Board

In a recent book a church consultant estimated that 50% of churches are in trouble and 20% of those are at the point of no return. The leading cause is that church members no longer care about people outside the congregation.

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 5, Monday - Food Pantry, 6 to 7 PM.

June 6, Tuesday - In-Reach Team meeting at 6 PM.
Outreach Team meeting at 7:30 PM.

June 7-10 - The Southwest Texas Annual Conference in Corpus Christi.

June 9, Friday - Emmaus monthly gathering at Western Hills Cowboy Church near Lakehills. Singing starts at 7:30 PM.

June 10-17 - Youth Mission Trip to San Augustine, Texas.

June 12-16, Monday through Friday - M.A.D. Camp (Music Art and Drama), 9 AM to noon.

June 16, Friday - M.A.D. play performance at 7 PM in the sanctuary.
Everyone is encouraged to come!

June 18- FATHER'S DAY

June 19, Monday - Food Pantry, 6 to 7 PM.

June 25 - Youth Mission Trip slide show during the Sunday school hour.

July 17-20, Monday through Thursday - Vacation Bible School, 5:30 to 8:30 PM.

August 5-6 - Interactive Dinner Theater to support and honor active military, veterans, and our country.



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Youth Schedule

June 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 U.M.Y.F. At The Church 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	5	6	7	8	9	10 Mission Trip Team leaves for San Augustine, TX Meet at the church at 8:00 a.m.
11 No U.M.Y.F.	12	13	14	15	16	17 Return From Mission Trip
18 Father's Day No U.M.Y.F	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Mission Trip Presentation 10:15 –11:15 am U.M.Y.F. At The Church 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	26	27	28	29	30	Notes:

June 10-17: Mission Trip to San Augustine County, TX. Please refer to the information sent out earlier. Make sure that I have all needed paperwork by June 4.

June 25: We will have a Mission Trip Presentation during the Sunday School hour. (10:15am – 11:15am). Wear your Next Step Ministries T-Shirt.

Other Important Dates:

July 17 – 20: Vacation Bible School: The youth will be needed to help.

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2017 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 going to San Augustine, Texas, June 10-17. Through your generosity, and their fund raising 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 25 as the youth share pictures and stories of their mission trip experience.





Interactive Dinner Theater

**To raise funds for Military Ministry,
Saturday & Sunday, August 5 & 6**

As a follow up to last years "Uncle Phil's Diner" the church will again be putting together a dinner theater to help our active troops and our veterans through Cru Military Ministry. Rehearsals on the play, called "The Good, the Bad and the Holy" will take place Sundays at 2 PM in June and July. If you are interested in being part of the backstage or decorating 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. Ginger Meyer and Connie Scott will again be coordinating it. This time around we are going to try to limit the number of auction items (some items may be held for next year's spring interactive dinner). We are especially looking for items with a western theme, since our play this year is a western.

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New Children's Sunday School Material

Our children's Sunday school program has started an exciting new curriculum called "Dig-in." Our lesson series for this first year is the Life of Jesus and below are the lesson topics for June:



- June 4 – Satan Tempts Jesus (Bible Point: Jesus Shows Us the Right Way)
- June 11 – Jesus Calls Disciples (Bible Point: Jesus Can Change Our Lives)
- June 18 – Jesus Performs His First Miracle (Bible Point: Jesus Has God's Power)
- June 25 – Nicodemus Visits Jesus at Night (Bible Point: Jesus Gives Us Eternal Life)

"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.

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Casa De Misericordia News

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.



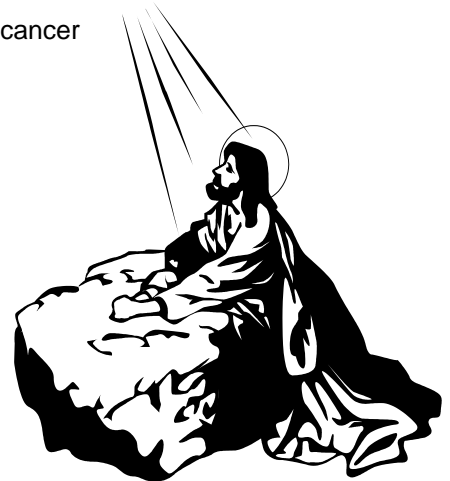
Piedras Negras, Mexico is a border town of countless orphans. The House of Mercy is designed to provide care both physically and spiritually. The House of Mercy provides temporary housing for 106 children, including food, clothing, and Christian education. Future plans for the House of Mercy include 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"**

We want to thank you for your generous gift to the House of Mercy Orphanage located in Piedras Negras, Mexico. Your gift is helping to reach Mexican children with the power of God's love. Your donation is going towards providing food, clothing, and education for the orphaned and foster children in our care. The scriptures tell us in Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Sadly, many of our children were growing up in a culture that was promoting immoral and self-destructive lifestyles. Some were suffering from violence, abandonment, and/or lack of love. When we receive children at House of Mercy, we show them God's love and that he has a plan for their lives. We show them love while fulfilling the great commission of introducing them to Jesus Christ and letting them know how much he loves them. That is why we are extremely grateful for your support to this cause. You are obeying God's word as it shows us in James 12:7, "Pure religion, undefiled before our God and father, is this: to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world."

Thank you,
LC. Mariflor Trujillo Godinez

Prayer Concerns

- **Family of Brodace Elkins** who died last week
- **Marty Bennett**—broken hip; in Warm Springs Rehab
- **Dustin and Jennifer Noll**—praise and joy for birth of son, Carter, 4 pounds, 11 ounces
- **Connie Scott's family**—3 year old great granddaughter of her cousin drowned over Memorial Day weekend
- **Youth mission trip**—leaving for San Augustine this Saturday
- **Ian and Heather Simons** as Ian leaves for active duty
- **Emily Milam**—joy for graduating from high school last week
- **Ron Honn**—brother of Debbie Hunt and Becky Escalante, diagnosed with melanoma
- **Larry Gilmore**—surgery for prostate cancer
- **Belinda Newman**—health issues and chest pain
- **Food pantry workers** working in summer heat
- **Krista Gorla**—cancer
- **Lisa Wells**—starting chemo again
- **Travelers**
- **For our nation and for the spread of the gospel of Jesus Christ**
- **Pastor Scott Martin and the rest of the church staff and families**
- **Lois Wanjura**—trouble with diabetes
- **For a patient of Debbie Pruet**—wife with heart attack and then diagnosis of cancer
- **Tiffany Davidson** (Billy Stewart's niece)—hospitalized
- **Deborah Escalante**—health
- **Juan Gomez**—spiritually lost
- **Manuel and Manuela Gomez**
- **Felix Alvarez**
- **Aaron Brady**—needs a bone marrow donor
- **Martha Foster** (Shelle McMillan's mother)—problem with arteries and vision
- **Felix Escalante**—back pain
- **Bob Smith**—stage 4 cancer
- **Jay Bateman** (Jack's son)—diagnosed with cancer of the mouth
- **Naomi Escalante**—thyroid cancer
- **Cozel Foster** (Shelle McMillan's father)—getting tired
- **Jason Bennett**—recurring lung problems
- **Rocky Smith** (Jim Pruet's cousin)—stage 3 cancer
- **Robert Alexander** (Jim's brother)—liver cancer, upcoming procedure
- **Gwen Dominguez** (Jim and Karla Dominguez' niece)—stage 4 brain cancer, not tolerating chemo
- **Penny** (Suzie Sollock's aunt)—stage 4 cancer in her bones
- **Laurie Valek**—endometrial cancer
- **Ronnie Coleman** (Meagan Pringle's father)—stage 4 lung cancer
- **Betty Risberg**—congestive heart failure, dementia; in Medina Valley Health and Rehab
- **John Macaron** (Lisa Meyer's son)—for an end to seizures
- **Jean Rouse**—breast cancer, hip surgery
- **Rose Lynn**—health, and for David
- **For persecuted Christians around the world**
- **For victims of human trafficking and for an end to human trafficking**



Our Church Family Soldiers and Civilians Working with the Military

- **Zachary Williamson** (Bill Bennett's great-nephew)--Army
- **Ross Moffitt** (Chris and Fred Brauchle grandson)—Air Force
- **William Reichel**—Army, in Germany
- **William Meyer**—Marines
- **Chris Saindon**—friend of John Martin, Navy
- **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><u>Monday Night Guy's Group</u></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 study as the guys gather to lift one another up in their daily Christian walk.</p>	<p><u>Narcotics Anonymous Tuesday Night Meeting</u></p> <p>Narcotics Anonymous, which sprang from Alcoholic Anonymous, is a community-based association of recovering drug addicts with more than 58,000 weekly meetings in 131 countries Worldwide. NA meets in the fellowship hall every Tuesday from 6 to 7 PM.</p>	<p><u>Facebook/Website</u></p> <p>Check out our facebook site (facebook.com/lytleumc) and our website (Lytleumc.com). If you would be willing to be a contributor on either, please let us know.</p>
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Congratulations to Jennifer and Dustin on the birth of their second child, Carter Noll on June 3. Carter at birth was 4 lb. and 11 oz. We are rejoicing with Jennifer and Dustin for this wonderful gift from God.

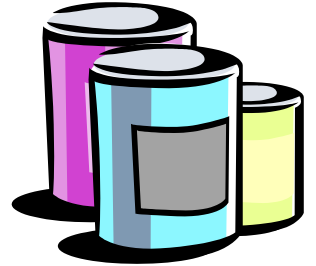
Jeffrey/Bryan Scholarship

Congratulations to Emily Milam, 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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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 5 and 19. 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, and see the special food pantry news below:



Special Food Pantry News

- 1. KLOV Interview** - Radio station KLOV does community interest pieces and they recently interviewed the pastor and food pantry volunteer Becky Escalante. This twenty minute recorded interview will air three times, beginning in July. We will let you know the times so you can tune in and laugh at Scott and Becky.
- 2. Refrigerator Contest** - The San Antonio Food Bank is sponsoring an essay contest to give away several commercial food pantry refrigerators, and one of our food pantry volunteers is entering. Keep them in your prayers. A refrigerator would enable us to hand out dairy products and store vegetables for a few days.
- 3. Donations from O'Reilly Auto Parts** - This New Lytle Business is having a Customer Appreciation Day on June 23, and sometime between 4 and 6 PM a check for \$200 will be presented to a representative from the Methodist Food Pantry on-air.

Emmaus News



Women's Emmaus Walk #3, sponsored by our Kononia Community, will take place at Mt. Wesley October 19-22. 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 9, at Western's Hills Cowboy Church near Lakehills, Texas. The Koinonia Emmaus community is made up of Emmaus people from many churches, who join together on the second Friday of each month (7:30 PM) for a praise filled community gathering.



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How We Support for Our Troops

Stephen and Karen Dorner Military Ministry

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.

Military Honor Board

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 scottmartin9262@sbcglobal.net.

Fund Raising Event

Each August we hold a fund raising event to help our military. Last year was our Interactive Dinner Theater called "Uncle Phil's Diner." This year it's time for "The Good, the Bad and the Holy"

Miscellaneous News!

Annual Conference – Annual Conference will meet in Corpus Christi, June 7-10. Please keep this important meeting in your prayers, as well as our delegates: Michelle Keith, Kevin Keith and Scott Martin.

Highway Pick-up Day – Our church has adopted highway 463, starting from the Lytle water tower and heading out beyond Lake Shore Estates, and our next pick-up day is scheduled for Saturday, July 8.

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

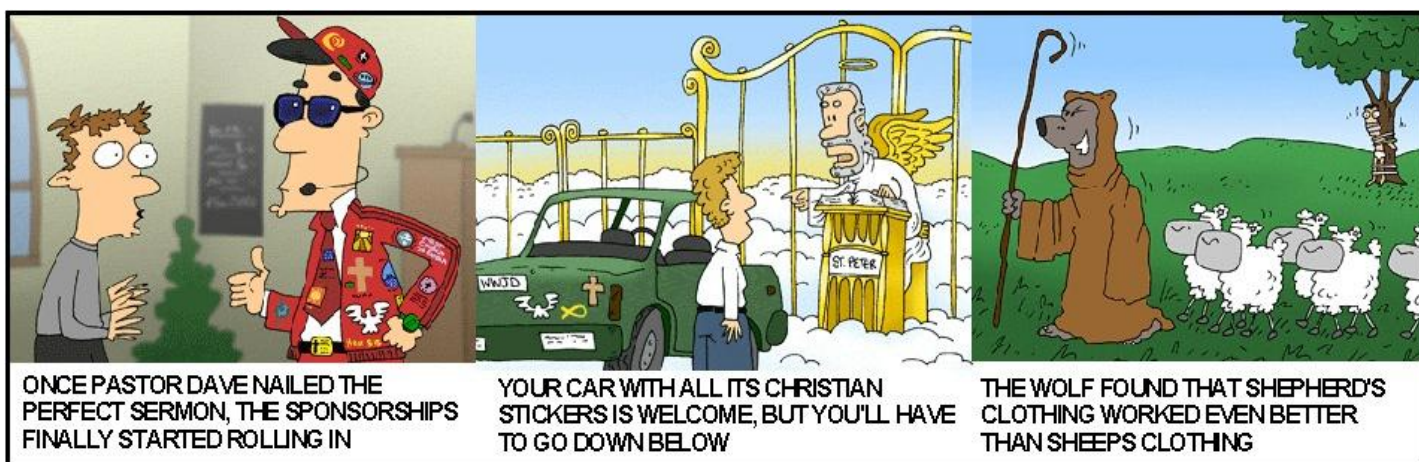
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Christian Tract Ministry

“Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”



In the entranceway of the church the outreach team has set up 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.



ONCE PASTOR DAVE NAILED THE PERFECT SERMON, THE SPONSORSHIPS FINALLY STARTED ROLLING IN

YOUR CAR WITH ALL ITS CHRISTIAN STICKERS IS WELCOME, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO GO DOWN BELOW

THE WOLF FOUND THAT SHEPHERD'S CLOTHING WORKED EVEN BETTER THAN SHEEPS CLOTHING

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A Record of Our Faithfulness

May 7 - Sunday School - 32
Worship - 94
Offering - \$8,656.00

May 14 - Sunday School - 35
Worship - 91
Offering - \$4,043.10

May 21 - Sunday School - 31
Worship - 80
Offering - \$4,282.00

May 28 - Sunday School - 20
Worship - 65
Offering - \$1,354

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Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary in June

Birthdays:

Isaac Johnson	2nd	Richard Johnson	13th	Tricia Kelley	30th
Tessa Mangold	3rd	Ruble Farmer	16th	Pam Wanjura	30th
Leanna Ahr	4th	Daisy Bippert	17th	Don King	30th
Bill Acton	5th	Jessica Sollock	19th		
Jill Daggs	8th	Tiffany Moreno	20th	Anniversaries:	
Kevin Warren	8th	Denise Avants	21st	Victor and Sheryl Carrillo	3rd
Tim Ahr, Sr.	9th	Brook Johnson	22nd	Curtis and Sandra Cogburn	7th
Steve Britt	9th	Sadie Guerra	22nd	George & Shelle McMillan	11th
Jeannie Acton	10th	Sara Michaels	22nd	Kirk and Tawana Jackson	14th
Rachel Martin	10th	Mary Snyder	24th	Charles and Gaye Collins	15th
Chris Brauchle	11th	John White	25th	Franklin and Lois Wanjura	15th
Jessica Crouch	12th	Gillian Haltom	26th	Ernie and Betty Kroeger	23rd
Beverly Miller	12th	David Hale	28th	Ruble and Jeanice Farmer	25th