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**Covered-dish Brunch  
 After Worship  
 Sunday, September 16**

SEPTEMBER 2018

**“So here’s the real question. Is your church simply snacking on prayer, or feasting on prayer?”**

“No wonder so many churches—which comprise God’s body—seem emaciated, wasting away, or slowly starving. What’s missing is the centrality of ongoing banquets of prayer as the source of subsistence for the body of Christ that is called by your church’s or ministry’s name.” – Sue Nilson Kibbey

Tuesday night our combined In-reach/Outreach Team walked the hallways, classrooms and sanctuary of the church in prayer as the beginning of a church emphasis on “Breakthrough Prayer.” May God bless us that we might “breakthrough” our walls and grow and reach out into the community with His grace.

Grace and Peace,  
 Scott

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**Tithing**

**Put Your Trust in Me  
 Says the Lord**

**Tithing  
 explained simply  
 from a person  
 who tithes**



**Not Tithing**

**September 16 - Stewardship Celebration**

In the next couple of worship services, and in the mail, you will receive an “estimate of giving card” for 2019. God calls us to trust him by tithing, giving back to God 10% of the money He has entrusted into our hands. Through this we bless ourselves, and we bless the church and the community the church serves.

**M.A.D. Club Starts Again September 26  
(Music, Art and Drama)**

We will be having a fall session of MAD Club in 2018, again meeting on Wednesday afternoons from 4 to 6 PM. We will meet from September 26 through December 5th, with a musical performance on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. Please get the word out to all the families you know, and we can always use more volunteers. We need people to provide snacks at 4 PM, publicity, people willing to help with art, a video/computer operator and people willing to help with music and drama. Help us reach the children and families of our community with the Good News of Christ through M.A.D. Club.



**Covered-dish Brunch, Sunday, September 16**

Come and share in some good fellowship and food as we celebrate the beginning of Fall

## Church Schedule

September 3, Monday - **Labor Day**

September 4, Tuesday - Combined In-Reach/Outreach Team meeting at 7 PM.

September 7, Friday - 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Celebration for Senior High Youth, sponsored by local churches.

September 8, Saturday - Quilt Club at the church.

September 9 - Worship Banner Construction after Sunday school (lunch provided).

September 10, Monday - The United Methodist Women meet at 2:30 PM at the home of Mary Snyder.  
Jeanice Farmer will be leading the program.

September 14, Friday - Koinonia Emmaus gathering at Lakehills UMC in Lakehills, TX.  
Music starts at 7:30 PM; refreshments afterwards.

September 15, Saturday - Emmaus Women's Walk Team Meeting #3.

September 16 - Stewardship Commitment Sunday. **Covered-dish brunch.**

September 17, Monday - Food Pantry Day, 6 to 7 PM.

September 26, Wednesday - M.A.D. Club (Music, Art & Drama) begins for children, 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade.  
Held Wednesdays from sept. 28th to Dec. 5th.

October 2, Tuesday - Pregnancy Care Center Life Gala

October 7 - Life Chain, 2 to 3 PM.

October 14 - Church Picnic at the Boyd's, 4 to 7 PM.

October 18-21, Thursday evening thru Sunday - Women's Walk to Emmaus #5.

October 27, Saturday - Adopt a highway Pick-up Day. Meet at the church at 7:30 AM.

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## Youth Schedule

<b>September 2018</b>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 No U.M.Y.F. Labor Day Holiday Weekend	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
16 U.M.Y.F. At the Church 4:00 pm – 6:15 pm	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 U.M.Y.F. At the Church 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 U.M.Y.F. 2:30pm – 6:00 pm Road Trip to Castroville Regional Park						

September 16: Note the time change. We will meet until 6:15 pm. We will be doing the "Can You Feed Your Family on a Couple of Bucks" Activity. The Youth will be divided into groups of 3-4. Each group will be given between \$4.00 - \$10.00. We will then take them shopping at H.E.B. for them to buy food to feed their family on. After returning to the church, they will cook their own dinner with the food that they have bought. Who will cook the most nutritious meal?

September 30: Road trip to Castroville Regional Park to hike to the cross. Meet at the church at 2:30. Return by 6:00 pm

Sunday Morning Sunday School at 10:45 AM  
Senior High – led by Michelle Keith  
Junior High – led by Diana Jackson



## United Methodist Women Back in Session

The United Methodist Women will be ending our Summer Break the 10th of September. We will meet at the home of Mary Snyder and the program will be given by Jeanice Farmer. All the women of the church are welcome to join us as we discuss mission work we will be doing, and learn more about our Lord and what He is leading us to do. We will also have a delicious snack at the end of our meeting! In Christ—Linda Bahlmann. Call Linda Bahlmann at (210) 837-0650 for more information.

### Contemporary Worship Service Saturdays at 6 PM Celebrates one Year Anniversary



Featuring contemporary Christian music, praise videos, prayer and preaching from Pastor Scott Martin, the Saturday evening service is filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. Come and experience the joy.

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### Life Chain, Sunday, October 7



This year the Life Chain will take place on October 7, from 2 to 3 PM, and will take place in Lytle! Meet at the True Value parking lot around 1:45 PM to receive your sign and take your position along Main Street. The purpose of the chain, a yearly event, is to visibly show that the church is united in its *Biblical* stand for the sanctity of unborn human life. For more information about the Chain, talk to Linda Martin.

### Pregnancy Care Center **2018 CELEBRATING LIFE GALA**

**Tuesday, October 2, 2018, 6:30pm – 9:00m, Wifite Museum; May Family Center**



**MEET LEE STROBEL.** Atheist-turned-Christian Lee Strobel, the former award-winning legal editor of *The Chicago Tribune*, is a *New York Times* best-selling author of more than twenty books. He is a former Professor of Christian Thought at Houston Baptist University and serves as a Teaching Pastor at Woodlands Church in Texas. After investigating the evidence for Jesus, Lee became a Christian in 1981. Lee has won national awards for his books *The Case for Christ*, *The Case for Faith*, *The Case for a Creator*, and *The Case for Grace*. In 2017, Lee's spiritual journey was depicted in a major motion picture, *The Case for Christ*, which was the #3 faith-based movie of the year at the box-office. *The Christian Post* named Lee one of the top seven evangelical leaders who made an impact in 2017.

**If you are interested in attending, please talk to Scott or Linda Martin.**

*"I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap." Ezekiel 22:30*



**High School Youth Ministry event  
Put on by the churches of Lytle  
September 7<sup>th</sup>, 10 – 12 PM  
Next to the elementary school  
across from the stadium**

Dear Pastor  
and the Lytle United Methodist Church

I know I don't say this enough, but we are so thankful for all that you and Lytle United Methodist Church do for Lytle ISD. Thank you not only for your leadership, but also your faithful participation in our church-school partnership!! We feel so blessed to work with you and we thank you for all you've done to love on, pray for, and overall support us. We are looking forward to a wonderful 2018-2019 school year. May God bless you and your congregation.

Amy Bibler



## School Backpack Food Ministry Has Resumed

Many children will have little food at home over the weekend in our area. Our church is providing a backpack of food for 15 children to take home on Friday afternoons to help feed themselves and their family. On Mondays, the backpacks are returned and our church fills them again for the next weekend. The children are selected by the school and the backpacks are handed out by school teachers. Funding for this ministry comes from our food pantry ministry account. We need help with this ministry—specifically people to purchase food, help pack the backpacks, and people willing to donate to our food pantry ministry account. Talk to Nan Boyd about becoming part of one of the backpack teams that meets once every three weeks.



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## Two Other Ways to Help our Schools:

### Once a Month Prayer Time for the School

We meet at the elementary school and spend about 45 minutes in total, praying at the different campuses. The next prayer time is September 20th at 6:00 PM.

### Tutoring Once a Week

The school is always looking for volunteers to help kids read better, or to help in other ways. Talk to the church office for more information.



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## Prayer Concerns

- **Karla Dominguez**—death of her mother
- **Sue Braddock**—brain tumor, doing well after surgery
- **Carson Aldridge**—Lytle HS quarterback, bad leg fracture in game Friday
- **Neil Koonce**—13 year old Pleasanton boy, missing
- **Skylar** (Linda Bahlmann's niece)--health
- **Karen Vance**—lung cancer, on hospice. Prayers for husband, Slim, as well.
- **Jonathan Petrutsas**—needs kidney donor
- **Shelle McMillan's Aunt Mary**—on hospice; prayers for her and for family.
- **Terry Gray Chandler**—brain tumor, in Castroville Nursing Home
- **Nell Nixon** (Annette's sister)—dementia, poor health. Prayers for Annette also.
- **Tim Ahr, Sr**—health
- **Irma Kelly**—stage 4 cancer
- **Raymond Orta**—stage 4 cancer, and for salvation
- **Annie Rhoades**—fractured hip. Prayers for husband, Jim, also.
- **Leo Mendoza**—fell, in rehab
- **Jack Paddie**—stroke
- **Jack Nehr** (Ann Van Winkle's cousin)—near northern California fires
- **Debbie Pruet's Aunt Lena**—having to make changes
- **Martha Calk**
- **Koinonia Women's Walk to Emmaus #5**
- **Ralph Weaver**—failing health
- **Charles and Pam Baker** (Bethel Kay Bateman's nephew and wife)—both on hospice
- **Martha Foster** (Shelle McMillan's mother)—dementia (and for husband, Cozel)
- **Robert Meyer** (Brent and Lisa's father)—lymphoma
- **Rose Marie Smith** (Connie Norton's mother)—cancer, finished chemotherapy
- **Felix Escalante**--health
- **Nancy Burns**—health
- **Molly Melton** (Malcolm Brown's daughter)— brain tumor, on hospice
- **Marsha Boener** (Michelle Keith's aunt)—breast cancer
- **Jay Bateman** (Jack's son)—mouth cancer
- **Rose Lynn**—health, and for David
- **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)

# Emmaus News for September

## Women's Walk to Emmaus #5 – October 18-21, Sign up today



Women's Walk to Emmaus #5, sponsored by our Koinonia community, is right around the corner and many women from our church are serving on the team, including walk lay leader Michelle Keith. The walk takes place October 18-21 at Mt. Wesley. Please keep this walk in your prayers. Applications, and more information, can be found in the information rack in the church entrance hallway, or on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

In other Emmaus news, our Koinonia gathering for September will take place at Lakehills UMC in Lakehills on September 14. Take a beautiful drive in the country and join other churches for a time of worship, fellowship and food. Singing starts at 7:30 PM. See you there.

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## Food Pantry Ministry Continues to Serve

Our workers have been terrific, but we can always use more. Just come at 2:30 PM to help sack the groceries or at 5:30 PM to help prepare for the 6 to 7 PM rush on the first and third Mondays in September (September 3 and 17). We will again be handing out canned goods, as well as frozen meats and fresh fruits and vegetables, to over 70 families. Thank you for supporting the Methodist Food Pantry.



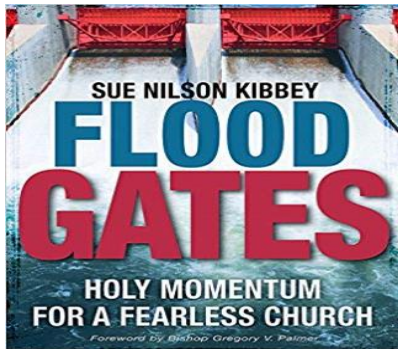
## Worship Banner Making This Sunday, Sept.9

After Sunday school (around 11:15 AM) we will be putting together two new worship banners by cutting out lots of felt letters and gluing them to pre-prepared back grounds. Lunch will be provided. Bring good scissors if you can. We could really use lots of help to make this go quickly.

## Worship Series in Sept./Oct. “God’s Blessings”

It is so easy to focus on the physical blessings God showers upon us and miss all the others types of blessings. During worship we will hear stories of blessings, and count our own. Grateful people encounter God.

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## In-Reach/Outreach Team Studying “Flood Gates” by Sue Kibbey

Christians dream of life in a compelling and mission-focused church where people are fully engaged, serving others, and following Christ. This dream can become reality in any setting. Our In-Reach and Outreach teams are going to be meeting together through the fall to study, pray, and vision using “Flood Gates” and other resources. They invite you to join them in this journey. Our next gathering is Tuesday, October 9 at 7 PM.

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## Small Group Bible Studies Meeting in the Fall

Wednesday mornings, 10 AM at the Bennet's home – starting a study of Romans  
Wednesday evening, 6:30 PM at the Farmers  
Wednesday evenings, 7 PM at the Martins – starting a study of Acts

Come and join us!

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## Church Picnic – Sunday, October 14

This year's Annual Church Picnic is scheduled for October 14, from 4 to 7 PM, at the home of Brad and Nan Boyd. The picnic is an opportunity for the people of the church, from children to senior citizens, to gather for great fellowship. The picnic will feature great food, board games, lawn games and much more. Come and get to know others of our church a little better.



## Thank you to Ricardo Castillo Once Again

Turns out the problem with our sanctuary air conditioning was an electrical supply problem. Thanks once again to our faithful resident electrician volunteer, Ricardo Castillo.

## Miscellaneous News!

**Special Election for Texas State Senate, September 18 – Be Sure to Vote** – We were privileged to meet one of the candidates, Peter Flores, who attended our August interactive dinner theater with his family.

**Church All-Church Conference, Thursday October 25** – This church conference, led by our district superintendent, will be exclusively for our church and will be held at our church at 7 PM. Mark this date on your calendar, and come to help us celebrate that past year of ministry here in Lytle.

**Highway Clean-Up** – It has now been seven years since our church adopted highway 463, starting from the Lytle water tower and heading out beyond Lake Shore Estates. Our last pick-up day, July 28, went well, and our next one is scheduled for October 27. Thank you to all our volunteers.

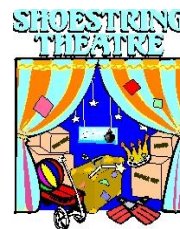
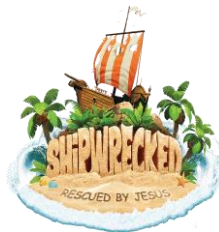
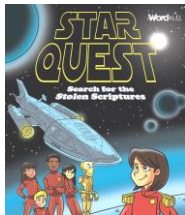
**Monday Night Men's Group** – All of the men of the church, and friends, are invited to a weekly men's gathering. It takes place on Monday evenings starting at 7 PM in the education building and dinner is served. The focus is fellowship and service as the guys gather to lift one another up in their daily Christian walk.

**All-Saints Sunday** – On Sunday, Nov. 4, we will be celebrating the lives of church members, and other loved ones of our church family, who have died during the past year. During our annual All Saints Day, roses will be brought forward as a memorial. Please contact Rev. Scott Martin if you would like to participate in this special ceremony.

**Quilt Club** – A quilt club, headed by Debbie Bacon, meets in the fellowship hall on one Thursday and one Saturday of each month. For more information, please contact her at (830) 931-1640.

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### Thank You to All Who Helped with our Busy Summer



It was a wonderfully creative and busy summer this year. We had four big programs to pull off: The youth Mission Trip, M.A.D. Camp, Vacation Bible School and our Interactive Dinner Theater. Alongside these four big programs were lots of other endeavors and ministries. We could not have accomplished all these wonderful ministries if it weren't for our terrific volunteers.