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Church Picnic
 At The Boyds
 This Sunday, Oct. 14
 4 to 7 PM

OCTOBER 2018

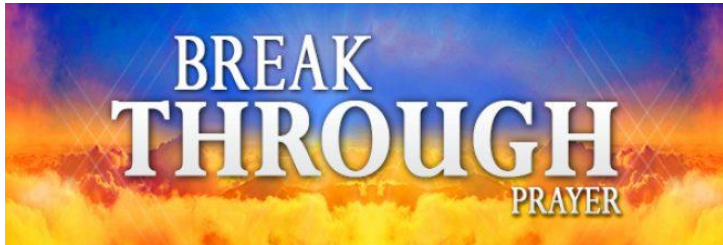
In worship during September and October, we have been exploring the blessings of God. To capture the full scope we looked to the colors of the rainbow:

- Green - The Blessing of Salvation
- Yellow - The Blessing of God’s Presence with us
- Blue - The Physical Blessings
(life and creation, relationships, time/talent/treasure)
- Orange - The Blessing of Wisdom
(ultimate wisdom and situational wisdom)
- Indigo - The Blessing of Strength and Perseverance
- Red - The Blessing of Purpose: Being God’s Paintbrush
- Purple - The Blessing of Christian Maturity



Every day live life under the rainbow—truly bask in God’s blessings.

Grace and Peace – *Scott*



“Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today.”
 Exodus 14:13.

These are the words of Moses to God’s people as they stood between a rock and a hard place: between the Red Sea and the Egyptian Army. You know the rest of the story.

In many ways our church, and the church in general, stands between a rock and a hard place. How do we move forward? Not by our own efforts—we need God’s break through. Let us pray for the Lord to part the waters, and for the courage to walk through the waters He has parted. Lord, we pray for Your break through.

Emmaus Monthly Gathering at Our Church,
Friday, October 12 at 7:30 PM

It is our turn to host the monthly community gathering and we would love to have a great turnout. Living Dust will be leading us in worship as we praise God with other Christians from across the area. Singing starts at 7:30 PM. Bring some food to share if you can for afterwards.

In sad news, Women’s Walk to Emmaus #5 has been cancelled because we did not have enough pilgrims sign-up before the cutoff date. Our prayers go out to all of the team members who have worked so hard, but we know God is at work and we trust Him. We look forward to the Men’s walk in the Spring, and the next women’s walk in Fall 2019. Applications, and more information about the Walk to Emmaus can be found in the information rack in the church entrance hallway, or on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.





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.



Life Chain Best Attended Ever

The Life Chain took place on October 7, from 2 to 3 PM, here in Lytle and we had the best attendance ever, with 28 people from various churches. People met at the True Value parking lot at 2 PM to receive signs and took their 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.

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Church Schedule

- October 1, Monday - Food Pantry, 6 to 7 PM.
- October 7 - Life Chain, 2 to 3 PM.
- October 8, Monday - United Methodist Women. Trip to Camp Verde for fun, fellowship, shopping and food. Meet at the church parking lot at 9 AM.
- October 12, Friday - Kononia Emmaus Community gathering here at Lytle UMC. Singing starts at 7:30 PM.
- October 14 - Church Picnic, 4 to 7 PM, at the home of Brad and Nan Boyd.
- October 15, Monday - Food Pantry, 6 to 7 PM.
- October 20, Saturday - Quilters group.
- October 25, Thursday - Church Charge Conference at 7 PM in the fellowship hall.
- October 27, Saturday - Adopt a highway Pick-up Day. Meet at the church at 7:30 AM.
- October 30, Tuesday - Trustees meeting at 7 PM.
- November 4 - All Saints Sunday.

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UNITED METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

October 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Taco Sunday U.M.Y.F. At the Church 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Church Picnic At the Boyd's House 4pm – 7pm	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 U.M.Y.F. At the Church 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	22	23	24	25	26	27 Road Trip to Garner State Park 8:00 am-8:00pm
28 No U.M.Y.F.	29	30	31			

October 7: Taco Sunday. This is both a fund raiser for the mission trip and a mission within our church. We began Taco Sunday a few years ago. It was only supposed to be for a month. When it was time to end, several members of our congregation said that they really enjoyed the tacos and wanted us to keep having them. Thus we started the once a month Taco Sunday. Meet at the church at 8:15 am to help assemble the tacos.

October 14: Church Picnic. All youth and their families are invited to the church picnic. Youth who are going without their parents, meet at the church at 4:00 pm for a ride. If you need directions, call me or you can also follow us out there. Bring your swimsuit and towel!

October 27: Road Trip to Garner State Park. We will meet at the church at 8 am for a day trip to Garner State Park. We will go hiking and for those who are brave, maybe even some swimming. We will return at approximately 8:00 pm. Cost of the trip will be \$5.00 to help pay for food and fuel.

December 1: Hanging of the Greens. A Beautiful Service of Christmas Carols and decorating our sanctuary for the Christmas Season.

February 8 – 10, 2019: Spiritual Retreat at H.E.B. Foundation Camp in Leakey, TX.

Congratulations to Paisley Robles who was baptized on September 9, and to her parents Ashley and Miguel Robles, and to all her family

**M. A. D. Club Underway
Music, Art, And Drama**



Our ministry program for children, M.A.D. Club, is going great. Children from 2nd grade through 6th grade gather every Wednesday from 4 to 6 PM to do art projects, play games, eat snacks, and work on a wonderful Christmas musical called “Straight Outta Bethlehem.” Through this program they are learning about the love of God and the Good News of Jesus Christ. The musical is the Nativity meets “Anne” as a group of orphans living at the Bethlehem Inn encounter the baby Jesus. Come on Wednesday, December 5 at 7 PM to see this musical and to help support our children’s ministry.

The United Methodist Women - October 9th Special Event

The United Methodist Women had a wonderful time of fellowship as they headed up to Camp Verde. Nestled in the Texas Hill Country, on the banks of the Verde Creek, the store was first established in 1857 to offer goods and services to the soldiers stationed at Fort Verde, a mile to the west. It was also part of the history of the Texas Camel experiment. The women had a great time eating, shopping and enjoying good company. Come and be part of the community of Christians called the United Methodist Women. Talk to Linda Bahlmann at (210) 837-0650 for more information.



ALL Saints Day

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.



5th Quarter Christian Event

The first annual 5th quarter high school gathering was hosted by the churches of Lytle on Friday, September 7th. The rain put a damper on the event, forcing it indoors, and delaying it due to a lengthy football game rain holdup. However, it was still a blessing as the churches worked together with the school and plans are underway for next year’s 5th quarter event. Thank you to everyone who helped make it possible.

**Lytle Church Conference, Thursday October 25th at 7 PM
Food and Fun Provided**

Our new district superintendent has reestablished individual church charge conferences, so we will be meeting with him on Thursday, October 25th at 7 PM in the fellowship hall to celebrate the accomplishments of the past year. The evening will include a snack supper and a fun competitive game to keep it lively. Come celebrate Lytle UMC and see what the in-reach and outreach teams have “cooked up.”

Adopt a Highway Pick-Up Day, Saturday, October 27 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, October 27. We will meet at the church at 7:30 AM to eat breakfast taco provided by the church. We will then head out to clean up as a service to our community. We should be done by around 9:30 AM.



A Note from the Donors

Thank you for all the long hours and hard work involved in the dinner theater that benefited Cru Military Ministry. The show and dinner were excellent and the funds raised were such a blessing. We are humbled by your great support of our mission. Because of your generosity we are able to see the Lord fulfill His promise of Psalm 147:3 in the lives of military couples (“He heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds”). Marriages are strengthened and those families finding themselves in the awful grasp of PTSD are experiencing hope and healing in Christ.

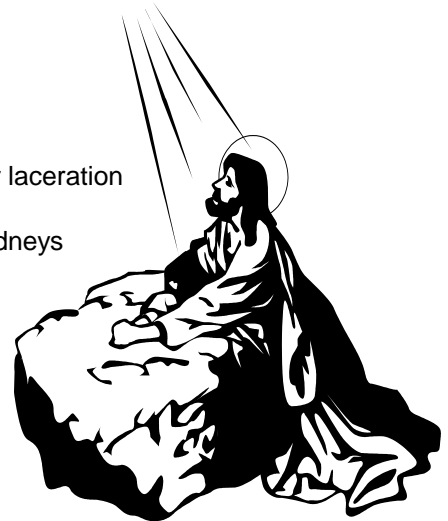
Thank you and God bless
Stephen and Karen

(\$5,669.19 was raised for our active military, veterans and families through Our “Shoestring Theater” Dinner theater. Thank you everyone)

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Prayer Requests for the Lytle United Methodist Church Family

- **Family of Ralph Weaver**—Ralph died on Wednesday, Oct. 10.
- **Family of Martha Calk**
- **Kellie Meyer**—fell and hit head
- **Karra Meyer**—married this week
- **Robert Meyer** (Brent and Lisa’s father)—lymphoma, in hospital with pneumonia
- **Edward Simons** (Ian’s grandfather)—2 brain tumors; and for his wife, Bonnie, and son, Steve
- **Dinah Simms**—motorcycle rear-ended, in ICU
- **Wyatt LaFond**—cut his leg with filet knife, 14 stitches
- **People missing in Junction** in flooded RV park
- **Escalante family reunion**
- **For the lost, and for churches facing adversity**
- **Praise for Life Chain today**—30 participants, including 7 from LUMC
- **Brandi Belew** (John Yorke’s granddaughter)—fell and has severe liver laceration
- **Mendoza family and Laura**—for life decisions
- **Cozel Foster** (Shelle McMillan’s father)—having diagnostic tests for kidneys
- **Terry Gray Chandler**—brain tumor, in Castroville Nursing Home
- **Tim Ahr, Sr**—health
- **Irma Kelly**—stage 4 cancer
- **Raymond Orta**—stage 4 cancer, and for salvation
- **Annie Rhoades**—health
- **Debbie Pruett’s Aunt Lena**—dementia
- **Felix Escalante**—health • **Nancy Burns**—health
- **Jay Bateman** (Jack’s son)—mouth cancer
- **Rose Lynn**—health, and for David
- **Nell Nixon** (Annette’s sister)—dementia, poor health. Prayers for Annette also.
- **Charles and Pam Baker** (Bethel Kay Bateman’s nephew and wife)—both on hospice
- **Rose Marie Smith** (Connie Norton’s mother)—cancer, finished chemotherapy
- **Martha Foster** (Shelle McMillan’s mother)—dementia (and for husband, Cozel)
- **Molly Melton** (Malcolm Brown’s daughter)— brain tumor, on hospice
- **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 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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A Pastor in Texas lamented that it was very difficult to get his message across to his congregation. “It’s so beautiful here in the spring,” he said, “that heaven doesn’t interest them. And it’s so hot here in the summer that hell doesn’t scare them.”

After worship the new pastor was shaking hands with parishioners, when one woman turned bright red and looked at her shoes as she shook his hand. “I hope you didn’t take it personally, Pastor”, she said, ‘when my husband walked out during your sermon.’ “‘I did wonder,’ the pastor replied. “I hope and pray he’s not ill.” “Oh, no!” said the woman. “And it’s not a reflection on you, Pastor. I can assure you of that. My husband’s been walking in his sleep ever since he was a child.”

Thank you to Connie Norton for the wonderful blessings books handed out as part of our series on the Blessings of God

Thank you to Dustin Noll for fixing our church kitchen refrigerator. It no longer leaks, praise the Lord!

Thank you to the Hughes Family, Gloria Johnson, and all those who helped put together our Blessings Banners

Contemporary Worship Service Saturdays at 6 PM



Come and experience our Saturday night contemporary service, which has just celebrated it's one year birthday. The service features dynamic praise videos featuring contemporary KLOV style music, as well as powerful prayer and preaching from Pastor Scott Martin. The worship is uplifting and encouraging. Please get the word out to anyone who might be attracted to a contemporary Saturday night worship service.

Be Part of a Small Group Bible Study	Sunday Mornings at 10:15 AM At the church Two adult classes, plus classes for youth and children	Wed. Mornings at 10 AM At the Bennett's home Contact: Bill or Marty Bennett (210) 473-1200
	Wed. Evenings at 6:30 PM At the Farmer's home Contact: Linda Bahlmann (210) 837-0650	Wed. Evenings at 7 PM At the Martin's home Contact: Scott Martin (210) 414-3291

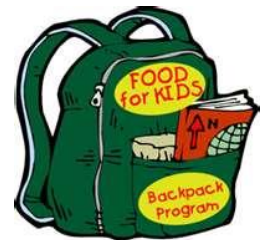
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Regular Food Pantry Ministry Continues to Serve

Our workers have been terrific, but we can always use more. Just come at 2:30 PM to help bag food, or come at 5:30 PM to help prepare for the 6 to 7 PM rush on the first and third Mondays in October (October 1 and 15). 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.

School Backpack Food Ministry Has Begun

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. Nan Boyd is coordinating this effort and we can always use more volunteers. Talk to Nan and she will assign you to a team that will handle this ministry one week each month. They usually meet Thursday mornings at 10 AM to fill the backpacks.



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Guy's Group Meeting, Monday Nights

The Guy's group meets regularly on Monday nights from 7 to 9 PM in the fellowship hall kitchen, backyard and youth building for a time of fellowship, mentoring, and study. The group also participates in fellowship activities, like fishing trips and family bowling nights, and mission work, including community mission project and repair jobs around the church. Come and be part of this great group of Christian men.

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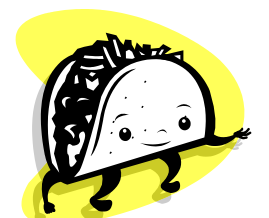
Quilt Club

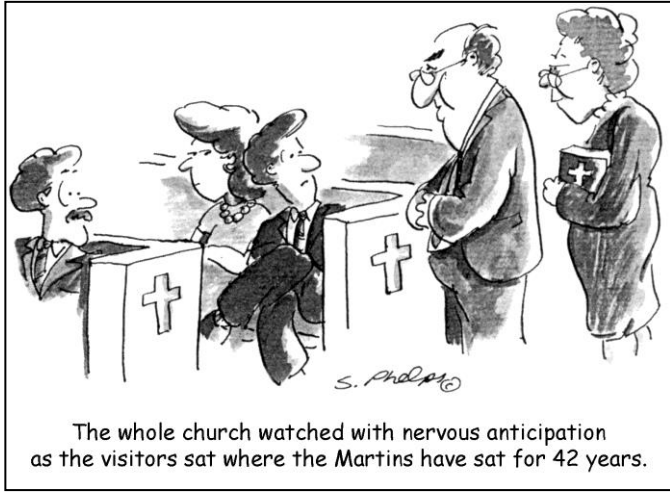
A quilt club, headed by Debbie Bacon meets in the fellowship hall one Saturday a month. They will be meeting October 20. For more information, please contact her at (830) 931-1640.



Youth Breakfast Taco Sales

Bowing to hungry demands, the youth group has instituted First Sunday breakfast taco sales as a regular monthly activity. They sale your favorite breakfast taco before Sunday school on the first Sunday of every month. The next sale is on November 4th.





After a very long and boring sermon the parishioners filed out of the church saying nothing to the preacher. Towards the end of the line was a thoughtful person who always commented on the sermons. "Pastor, today your sermon reminded me of the peace and love of God!" The pastor was thrilled. "No-one has ever said anything like that about my preaching before. Tell me why." "Well," the parishioner began, "it reminded me of the Peace of God because it passed all understanding and the Love of God because it endured forever!"

An elderly couple were killed in an accident and found themselves being given a tour of heaven by Saint Peter. Here is your oceanside condo, over there are the tennis courts, swimming pool, and two golf courses. If you need any refreshments, just stop by any of the many bars located throughout the area," said Peter. "Heck, Gloria," the old man hissed when Saint Peter walked off, "we could have been here ten years ago if you hadn't insisted on exercising three times a week and eating that stupid wheat germ, and low-fat food!"

This minister just had all of his remaining teeth pulled and new dentures were being made. The first Sunday, he preached only 10 minutes. The second Sunday, he preached only 20 minutes. But, on the third Sunday, he preached 1 hour 25 minutes. When asked about this by some of the congregation, he responded this way. The first Sunday, my gums were so sore it hurt to talk. The second Sunday, my dentures were hurting a lot. The third Sunday, I accidentally grabbed my wife's dentures... and I couldn't stop talking!

By the time Bobby arrived, the football game had already started. "Why are you so late?" asked his friend. "I couldn't decide between going to church and going to the football game, so I tossed a coin." "But that shouldn't have taken too long." said the friend. "Well, I had to toss it 35 times."

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Church's Purpose

To reach out to our community and beyond to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and deed, and to welcome people into this body of Christ where we might all be filled with God's strength and vision.