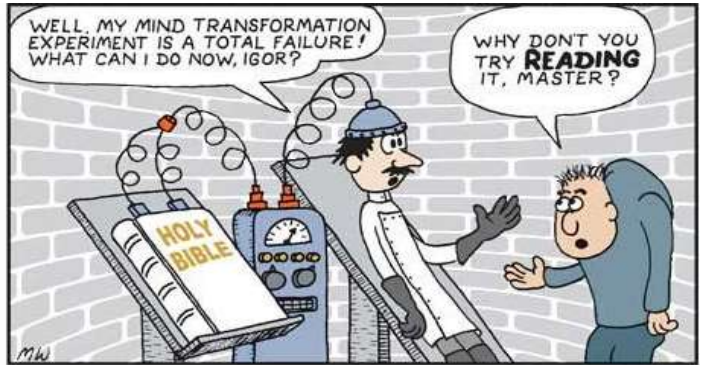


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Sunday Morning Worship at 9 AM
Contemporary Worship Service – Saturdays at 6 PM

FEBRUARY 2019

Wow, this Christian maturity stuff really works. Everyone got the December newsletter last week, and no, we're not doing "Hanging of the Greens" in February (A sarcastic question from my son). We mailed them at the end of November, but the post office kinda lost them—big time. Twenty-five years ago I would have gone "postal" on them, or at least taken the opportunity to say "I told you so" to a few counter clerks. Twenty-five years later-- "ehhhh, life happens and they were really really busy in December." Thank you, Lord, that you have transformed me through the Holy Spirit and your Holy Word. – *Scott*



Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.
 — ROMANS 12:2 NIV

Blessed Is She
 Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!
 — Luke 1:45

ENJOY A AFTERNOON SURROUNDED BY POSITIVE WOMEN!
Invite a friend, sister, mother, or aunt.
 THIS TIME WILL BE FILLED WITH WONDERFUL ACTIVITIES, FOOD, AND A RAFFLE!

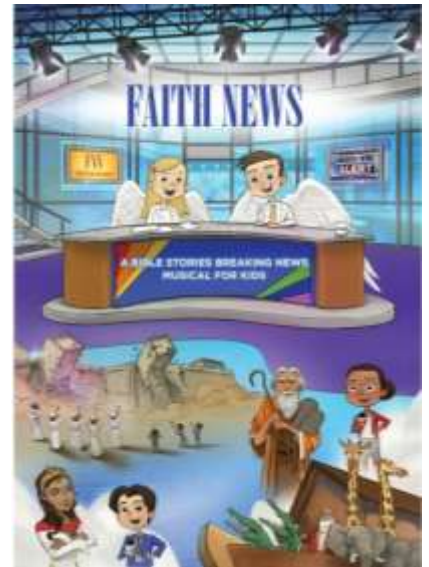
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TIME: 4:00-6:00
WHERE: LYTLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
19341 S SOMERSET ST, LYTLE, TX 78052

EVENT IS FREE

- HAIR CUTS - HAIR STYLE TUTORIALS
 - NUTRITION - MAKEUP TUTORIALS
 - NAIL PAINTING - WORKOUT TIPS

M.A.D. Club Starts Again
February 6 (Music, Art and Drama)

We will be having a spring session of MAD Club in 2019, again meeting on Wednesday afternoons from 4 to 6 PM. We will meet from February 6 through April 24, with a musical performance on April 24th 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.



Youth Yard Sale
and Barbecue Plates
Saturday, March 2

The youth yard sale will be held in front of the church **from 8 AM to 3 PM.**

Help Fill-up the Crib

Throughout the month, we are helping to supply the Care Closet of the Pregnancy Care Center. The Closet provides clothing for mothers in unintended pregnancies and then layettes for their newborn.

Saturday Night Revamp

The Saturday Evening Contemporary service, after a year and half is getting a little revamp.

The message will be different from Sunday mornings and guest speakers will be preaching occasionally. The music will be selected by Kellie Meyer.

If you have never experienced the Saturday night service, stop by, and invite your friends.

Upcoming Bible Studies

In addition to our regular adult Sunday school and weekly small group Bible studies, two other short-term Bible Studies are in the works:

Sunday afternoon intro to the Bible, led by Linda Martin

Saturday evening study to take place prior to the worship service led by Ginger Meyer

New Church Trailer

The old church trailer, which is used for youth and adult mission trips and other activities, was damaged in high winds and has been replaced. The new one was purchased with insurance money and funds from the church's memorial account.

Thank you to Kyle Jackson and the Trustees, and Kevin Warren for making this possible.

CHURCH SCHEDULE

February 4, Monday - Food Pantry day, 6 to 7 PM.

February 5, Tuesday - Council on Ministries meeting at 7 PM.
Trustees Meeting at 7 PM.

February 6, Wednesday - Music, Art and Drama Club (MAD) resumes, 4 to 6 PM.

February 8, Friday - Koinonia Emmaus Community gathering at Somerset UMC.
Fellowship and food at 6:30 PM, music and worship at 7 PM.

February 8-10, Friday through Sunday - Youth Spiritual retreat at HEB Camp.

February 9, Saturday - Quilt Club in the fellowship hall.

February 11, Monday - United Methodist Women meet at 2:30 PM at Bethel Kay Bateman's home.

February 12, Tuesday - Staff-Parrish Relations Committee meeting at 7 PM.

February 16, Saturday - **"Blessed Is She" Women's Event, 4 to 6 PM.**

February 18, Monday - Food Pantry day, 6 to 7 PM.

February 24 - Worship series begins: "The Life of Jesus"

March 2, Saturday - **Youth yard sale and Chicken Bar-b-cue plate sale.**

March 6, Wednesday - Ash Wednesday worship service at 7 PM.

March 30 & 31, Saturday & Sunday - **Dinner Theater Food Pantry Fund Raiser.**

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United Methodist Youth Fellowship Schedule



Regular UMYF – 4 to 6 PM on Sundays

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

March 1- 2: Yard Sale and Bar-B-Que Fund Raiser for the mission trip.

June 15 – 23: Mission Trip to Crownpoint, New Mexico

(see the church website—Lytleumc.com—or talk to Diana Jackson for more information)

"Wall of Stock" Youth Mission Trip Fund-raiser

Starting the last Sunday in February (February 24) and then continuing on the last Sunday of March and April and then each Sunday in May, the "wall of stock" will be set up in the church entrance to help raise funds for the youth summer mission trip. There will be a cork board with stock envelopes pinned to the board. Each envelope will have a stock (donation) amount printed on it. Amounts will range from \$1.00 to \$150.00. Stock holders can simply take an envelope or envelopes and put that dollar amount into the envelope. Place the envelope into the collection plate or give it to Diana Jackson. If cash is used, please write your name on the back of the envelope so that your contribution can be credited to you.

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**

24-Hour Prayer Vigil March 3rd to 4th

As part of our Break-through Prayer initiative, we are having a 24-hour prayer vigil beginning Sunday, March 3rd at noon, and ending Monday, March 4th at noon. The 24 hours will be broken up into 15-minute increments, and people can sign up for as many 15-minute increments as they want. Sign-up will take place during church the weeks before, and material will be provided with suggestions of prayer topics.

This 24-hour prayer vigil is a supplement to the regular 6:10 AM or 6:10 PM prayers to ask God to guide us as a church, individuals, and families. When God answers the prayer, either during the 6:10 prayers or during the prayer vigil, please let us know through our Sunday prayer forms, through a call or by email.

6 Month Break-Through Prayer Campaign November 2018 – April 2019

Set Your Own Personal Spiritual Goals for 2019

Spiritual Inward Action

We invite you to check the activities in which you are already involved, and at the bottom of this list of possibilities, note some personal goals for continued discipleship

- attend worship more regularly
- read the Bible regularly
- have a daily devotion time (morning or evening)
- be part of a weekly small group Bible study
- read the Upper Room or other daily devotionals
- use Christian media like podcasts, books or movies
- listen to Christian music, attend Christian concerts
- attend Christian events
- form Christian mentoring relationships
- have a devotion time with your family
- be part of a Sunday morning Bible-study class
- participate in the United Methodist Women
- participate in the Monday night men's group
- start to journal, or journal more regularly
- join the Tuesday morning prayer group
- participate in the Sunday afternoon youth group
- organize and/or participate in a topic class
- pray regularly throughout the day
- attend a spiritual retreat (organized or simply a time apart)
- attend a Walk to Emmaus this year
- be part of an Emmaus accountability/reunion group
- other _____

Some 2019 Goals for Spiritual Inward Action:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Spiritual Outward Action

We invite you to check the activities in which you are already involved, and at the bottom of this list of possibilities, note some personal goals for continued discipleship

- share the Good News of Jesus Christ with others
- invite others to attend church with you
- help with Vacation Bible School or M.A.D. Camp or Club
- teach Sunday school, or help with the youth group
- help with the Interactive Dinner Theaters
- take part in worship dramas/plays or lead a drama ministry
- help with the Food Pantry or Backpack ministry
- go on a mission trip
- help support the youth summer mission trip
- vote for and support those who stand for Biblical principles
- participate in the Life Chain in the Fall
- help the Pregnancy Care Center
- take part in our Christmas Project Hope/Angel Tree
- help support our missionaries and missions
- sing in a choir or provide special music
- start or participate in a worship praise group
- be an operator for the computer/projection system
- help make banners or other special visual art
- serve on the Council on Ministries
- serve on other church committee
- be a Sunday worship lay leader, or greeter
- other _____

Some 2019 Goals for Spiritual Outward Action:

1. _____
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Crosses Sprouting Everywhere

Our church prayer garden was blessed with a new cross last month, and now Malcolm Brown has installed a large cross in front of the Methodist Food Pantry building as well. It serves as a powerful symbol for those who are being helped, and the community at large, of both why we are helping, and where we get the strength to help. It is also a sign of the greatest helper of all, Jesus Christ, and the true gift—salvation through Jesus. This cross will be dedicated after church on a Sunday later in the month.



Prayer Concerns

- **Family of Jay Bateman, Jack's son, who died this week**
- **Family of Bobby Pilgrim who died last week**
- **Ward and Jeannie Saunders, whose son died recently**
- **Tristan LaFond**—several masses, having more tests
- **Annie Rhoades**—hospitalized with pneumonia • **Cozel Foster**—back procedure this week
- **Kent Loessberg** • **Linda Castelon's parents**
- **Margaret Salter**—blood clots in both legs, can't take blood thinner
- **Merry Merz**—cancer • **Rose Lynn**—home on hospice
- **Nathan Golan** (Debbie Pruett's cousin)—bone cancer, in hospital
- **Rob Hinnant**—serious accident, multiple broken bones
- **Debbie Hunt**—severe back pain, compression fracture
- **Kim Davis**—to see neurosurgeon for possible surgery on neck
- **Mark Downing**—prayers for diagnosis of leg/back problems
- **Kathryn Davison**—awaiting liver transplant
- **Elaine Douglas** (Michelle Keith's mother)—for continued healing
- **Irma Kelley** – stage IV breast cancer
- **Raymond Orta**—stage 4 cancer, and for salvation
- **Robert Hunt**—health
- **Martha Foster** (Shelle McMillan's mother)—dementia
- **Felix Escalante**--health
- **Nancy Burns**—health
- **Marsha Boener** (Michelle Keith's aunt)—breast cancer
- **Nell Nixon** (Annette's sister) dementia, poor health, prayers for Annette as well
- **Dan and Jan Garza**—Dan with advanced cancer, Jan with early stage cancer
- **Norma Jones** (friend of Linda Martin)—recovering from accident and severe back injury
- **Pastor Scott Martin and all of our church staff, and their families**
- **Our military and their families and our president and government**
- **Our missionaries around the world**
- **For persecuted Christians around the world**
- **For victims of human trafficking and for an end to human trafficking**



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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Miscellaneous News

Youth Taco Sales - The youth group sells your favorite breakfast tacos before Sunday school on the first Sunday of every month. The next sale is on March 3rd. Come hungry!

Backpack Ministry Resumes – A new school semester has started and our backpack ministry has resumed. If you would like to help with this important ministry, talk to Nan Boyd.

Church Wide Free Wifi - The units are in the sanctuary, office, fellowship hall and youth building, and the network name and password are the same everywhere: Network: lytleumc password: holyspirit987 (all lower case). Thank you to the Trustees for getting this installed.

Free Devotional Guides - Our church offers free devotion guides for adults (The Upper Room) and youth (Essential Connection). Pick up copies today from the literature rack by the windows in the church entranceway or in the fellowship hall. A daily time of prayer brings God's power to your day.

Birthday Updates - To expand our birthday list, during the month of February we will be seeking this information through the yellow response forms contained in our Sunday morning worship bulletins. If we already have your family's birthdays there is no need to fill out this part of the yellow form.



Ambassador for Christ

God is reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors – 2 Cor. 5:19-20

In 2 Corinthians 5, Paul the Apostle describes the "Miracle of Reconciliation" and the "Mission of Reconciliation." The Miracle of Reconciliation: We are all sinners saved by God's Grace through Faith; The

Mission of Reconciliation: All Christians are God's ambassadors. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for allowing us to work for you, and allowing us to take part in the salvation of others.

Thank You for Supporting the Youth “Biscuits & Gravy” Brunch Fundraiser

To support Kayne Ramos as he seeks training to plant churches overseas

The “Biscuits & Gravy” brunch was a great success, thanks to all the youth, their leaders, and especially all their “customers.”

Dear Lytle UMC youth,
I remember like it was yesterday when Nick told me I was going to be leading y’all’s work site... I think about you guys more than you know... Thank you for continuing to support me. Keep fighting the good fight. – much love, Kayne Ramos

Ash Wednesday and Lent, A Time of Preparation

The Ash Wednesday service, celebrated on March 6, is a special time to recommit ourselves to God as we strive to grow in grace, taking seriously Paul’s call to “present ourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God” (Romans 12:1). The service will begin at 7 PM, includes literally nailing our sins on the cross, and concludes as palm ash (from the palms used for Palm Sunday last year) are used to draw a cross on each person’s forehead as a sign of confession, repentance, and dedication to God.





**A New Lenten Worship Series,
February 24 – April 21
“The Life of Jesus”**

From John the Baptist to the resurrection of Jesus on Easter morning, come each Sunday through Lent and remember and celebrate each important episode in the life that changed the world.

Methodist Food Pantry Fund Raiser

Dinner Theater and Silent Auction, March 30 & 31

Everybody knows that whatever you need, you can find it at Hurley Squonk's general store, the Hitchin' Post. But the normal, laid-back pace changes when a young couple from out of town enter. They have picked today to elope and are in a bit of a hurry. But his overbearing mother and her meek secretary have put the bumbling sheriff on their trail to stop the wedding. And if this weren't enough, three people burst in to hold up the store! Only their weapon turns out to be... well, it gets a little crazy here. This hilarious slice of life in a small Texas town will keep you in stitches.



This new dinner theater, a fund raiser for the church’s food pantry, will take place on Saturday Night, March 30, at 6 PM and Sunday Night, March 31, at 5 PM, and will include dinner. **There will also be a silent auction each night – so think about what items you could donate for the food pantry ministry.**

Rehearsals are taking place on Sundays from 2 to 4 PM. If you have something for the silent auction talk to Connie Scott. Please keep this ministry in your prayers.

**“Stop Human Trafficking” Gala
Prevailing Word Church, March 23 at 6 PM.**

Tickets are \$25 and there will be a silent auction as well to raise funds to bring an end to modern day slavery, which takes place in an alarming degree even here in south Texas. The money raised will support the A21 campaign and Ransomed Life, non-profit entities that not only bring awareness to our communities, but also provide mentoring and education to survivors. Register online at TOPTIER.ONLINE or call (210) 718-5112.

New Weekly Worship Planning Meeting

Those interested in helping plan the weekly worship services are invited to gather in the choir room on Tuesdays at 1 PM. We will be working to design services that truly connect us to God.



“Fight Night” a True Blessing

“Fight Night,” a free simulcast event on January 26 was well attended and was a great blessing to all. A big thank you to Ginger Meyer for arranging for the event and being the host.

Emmaus Gathering, February 8, at Somerset UMC

The Koinonia Emmaus Community gathering for February will take place at Somerset UMC on Friday, February 8. Fellowship and food start at 6:30 PM, and music and worship starts at 7 PM. Mark the date now and be sure to be there to praise the Lord and connect to the Body of Christ.

Our spring men’s walk will be May 23-26, and the applications for being a “pilgrim” on these walks, or any walk, are located in the church entranceway, or online at swtxkoinonia.org. Talk to the pastor or someone else who has already gone and get your application submitted. The fall women’s walk, sponsored by our community, will be led by our own Michelle Keith and will take place October 17-20. Submit a team application now! If you would like more information about Emmaus, a very special Christian retreat, call the church office, pick-up a brochure in the church entranceway, or see the Emmaus bulletin board.

<p><u>Church Food Pantry</u></p> <p>Our food pantry continues to help over 70 families twice a month. The next food pantry days are February 4 and 18. Our workers have been terrific, but we can always use more. Just come at 2:30 PM to help sack or at 5:30 PM to help prepare for the 6 to 7 PM rush. Thank you for supporting the Methodist Food Pantry.</p>	<p><u>United Methodist Women</u></p> <p>The UMW’s purpose is to serve the Lord through missions, service, study and worship. Officers this year are President: Bethel Kay Bateman; Vice-President: Linda Bahlmann; Secretary: Carol McDonald; and Treasurer: Linda Stewart. The UMW will be meeting on February 11th at the home of Bethel Kay Bateman at 2:30 PM. Carol McDonald will give the program. We urge you to come and visit us as we start out new year.</p>	<p><u>Monday Night Guy’s Group</u></p> <p>The men meet regularly on Monday nights from 7 to 9 PM at the church for a time of fellowship, mentoring, and study. The group also participates in mission work and fellowship activities. Come and be part of this great group.</p>
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<p><u>Our Church’s Purpose</u></p> <p>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.</p>
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