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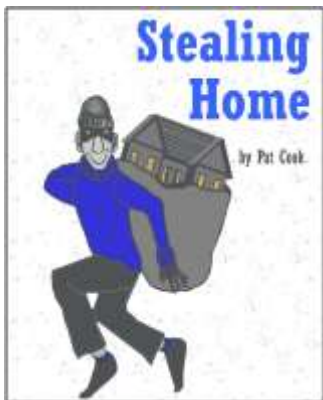
“Tell the cicadas’ to shut up!”

I dragged out my old “Far Side” collection recently and was reminded of the great insight Gary Larson had on so many topics. This cartoon, combined with the book of Ephesians and Tuesday’s “Upper Room Devotional,” give us a well-rounded view of the church. Our just completed worship series on Ephesians, along with this cartoon remind us that the church is the hope of the future—

God’s ordained instrument for salvation, like Noah’s Ark. The Tuesday Upper Room reminds us that church is also family. The devotional is from a woman whose husband died recently, and the love of her church kept her going. The church is God’s hope for the future and the church is family, but truth be told, church folks can also be annoying at times. “Tell the cicadas’, those noisy little insects, to shut up!”, but who are the cicadas’? “We have met the enemy and he is us,” is a famous line from another insightful cartoonist, Walt Kelly, author of “Pogo.” Who are the cicadas? We are. We are all annoying to each other at times, and to God all the time. That’s what grace is all about—God finds us annoying, but still loves us and died on the cross for us. So, as we enter into church conference and planning season, let’s remember the words of Gary Larson and Walt Kelly combined—We have met the cicadas and they are us, so let’s all just shut up—as much as we can! Let’s give each other a whole lotta love and a whole lotta grace.

Grace and Peace - Scott

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A Comedy Dinner Theater Experience

To raise funds for Military Ministry,
This Saturday, Sept. 7 at 6 PM or This Sunday, Sept. 8 at 5 PM

Tickets are on sale this Sunday, or call (210) 772-3345 to make reservations for “Stealing Home”—burglars, funeral homes and family. Remember that 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.

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. Come and find some real treasures.

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M.A.D. Club Starts Again September 25
(Music, Art and Drama)

We will be having a fall session of MAD Club in 2019, again meeting on Wednesday afternoons from 4 to 6 PM. We will meet from September 25 through December 4th, with a musical performance on December 4th at 7 PM and Sunday, December 8th at 9 AM. Please get the word out to all the families you know, and we can always use more volunteers. Help us reach the children and families of our community with the Good News of Christ through M.A.D. Club.



Church Schedule

September 2, Monday - **Labor Day**

Interactive Comedy Dinner Theater to raise funds for military ministry.

September 7, Saturday at 6 PM

September 8, Sunday at 5 PM

September 9, Monday - The United Methodist Women resume meeting after their summer break, and will meet at 2:30 PM at the home of Marty Bennett.

September 9, Monday - Food Pantry Day, 6 to 7 PM.

September 10, Tuesday - Staff-Parish Relations Committee meeting at 7 PM.

September 13, Friday - Koinonia Emmaus gathering at Lakehills UMC in Lakehills, TX.
Fellowship and food start at 6:30 PM; followed by worship and celebration.

September 21, Saturday - Quilt Club at the church.

September 23, Monday - Food Pantry Day, 6 to 7 PM.

September 25, Wednesday - M.A.D. Club (Music, Art & Drama) begins for children, 2nd thru 6th grade.
Held Wednesdays from Sept. 25th to Dec. 4th.

September 28, Saturday - Women's Walk to Emmaus Team meeting #2.

October 6 - Life Chain, 2 to 3 PM.

October 8, Tuesday - Pregnancy Care Center Life Gala

October 20 - Church Picnic at the Boyd's, 4 to 7 PM.

October 24-27, Thursday evening thru Sunday - Women's Walk to Emmaus at Mt. Wesley.

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Youth Schedule

September 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 No U.M.Y.F.	2	3	4	5	6	7 Dinner Theater
8 Dinner Theater	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 U.M.Y.F. At The Church 4:00 pm-6:00 pm	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 U.M.Y.F. At The Church 4:00 pm-6:00 pm	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Bowling Trip 1:15 pm-6:30 pm	30					

September 7 & 8: Church Dinner Theater. The youth are needed to help serve dinner. For those helping on Saturday evening, please be at the church by 5:15 pm. For those helping on Sunday, please be at the church at 4:15 pm. This Dinner Theater is a fund raiser to help support the Military Ministry Division of Cru Ministries.

September 29: Bowling Trip!!! Meet at the church at 1:15 pm. We will return by 6:30 pm. Cost of the trip is \$6.00, but don't let the money stop you from going. Scholarships are available.

Other Important Dates- Put These Dates on Your Calendar!

February 7-9, 2020: Spiritual Retreat at HEB Foundation Camp

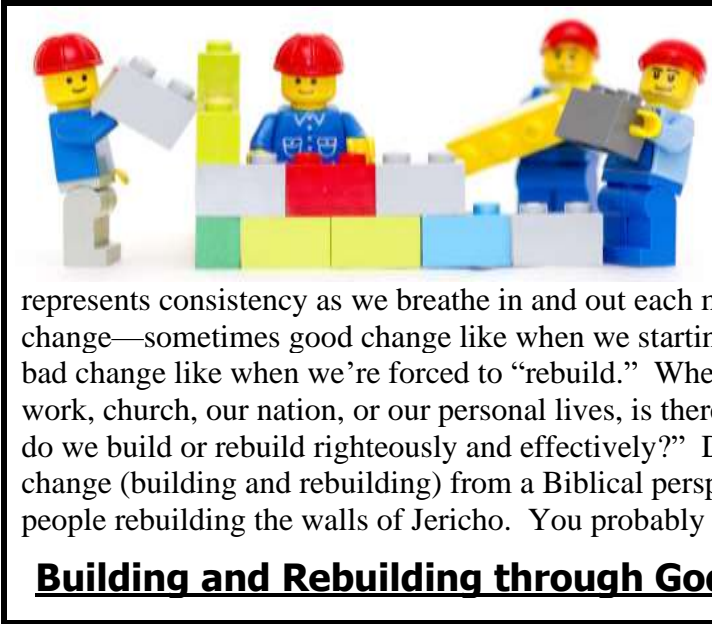
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Sunday Morning Sunday School at 10:45 AM

Senior High – led by Michelle Keith

Junior High – led by Diana Jackson





Breathing and Building

“A doctor can bury his mistakes but an architect can only advise his clients to plant vines.”
Frank Lloyd Wright

BREATHING and BUILDING are two activities that symbolize all of life. Breathing represents consistency as we breathe in and out each minute, hour, and day. Building represents change—sometimes good change like when we starting building a marriage or a business—sometimes bad change like when we’re forced to “rebuild.” Whether we are talking about relationships, finances, work, church, our nation, or our personal lives, is there any bigger or more important question than, “How do we build or rebuild righteously and effectively?” During the month of September, we will look at change (building and rebuilding) from a Biblical perspective based on the episode of Nehemiah and the people rebuilding the walls of Jericho. You probably know how to breathe. Do you know how to build?

Building and Rebuilding through God – Sundays, Sept. 8 through Oct. 6

United Methodist Women Back in Session

The United Methodist Women will be ending their Summer Break the 9th of September. They will meet at the home of Marty Bennett to enjoy fellowship and an inspiring program. All the women of the church are welcome to join them as they discuss mission work they will be doing, and learn more about the Lord and what He is leading us to do. They will also have a delicious snack at the end of our meeting! Call Bethel Kay Bateman at (210) 415-0783 for more information.

Life Chain, Sunday, October 6



This year the Life Chain will take place on October 6, 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
2019 CELEBRATING LIFE GALA

Tuesday, October 8, 2018, 6:30pm – 9:00m,
Witte Museum; May Family Center

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

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



Church Leadership: Three Hard Truths

Truth #1- We become so focused on pleasing the people we have that we lose sight of the people we are trying to reach.

Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations... - Matthew 28:19

Truth #2 – Most church decisions are made out of fear. We don’t want to upset anyone.

For this reason, I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. – 2 Timothy 1:6-7

Truth #3 – Church decisions, even those that are about reaching young people, are all made exclusively by old people.

I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God. – Revelation 3:1-2



There is hope, but it takes determination and courage.

I can do all this through him who gives me strength. – Philippians 4:13

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

Thank You for Your Love and Service

Thank you to Ricardo Castillo, Stephen Mathis, and others for performing a major update to the electrical system in the fellowship hall. Ricardo, a licensed electrician, donated all his labor, and we received the necessary materials, including a new circuit breaker box, major electrical lines, and new outlets at a reduced price.

Thank you to Danny Ohlhausen for repairing the drinking fountain in the Sunday school building.

Thank you to Carey Bodie, April Bodie's aunt, for trimming the bushes at the church entranceway.

Thank you to Dustin Noll for various repair jobs.

Thank you to Kyle Jackson for all the various repairs and work he does at the church and cemetery.

Thank you to the Trustees for adding more overhead speakers in the kitchen, so the youth can hear the service on taco Sundays, and our cooks can hear the dinner theater.

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Prayer Concerns

- **Randi Davis** (Becky Escalante's and Debbie Hunt's niece)—dealing with her diabetes and complications
- **Sharon Pilgrim**—home on hospice
- **Lee Craig** (Linda Bahlmann's brother)—admitted to hospital with difficulty walking
- **Annie Rhoades**—in the hospital. Keep her husband, Jim Rhoades, in your prayers as well
- **Connie Norton**—had 2 surgeries for breast cancer, going to start radiation
- **Bill Bennett**—biopsy scheduled for Sept 18
- **Debbie Pruett's Grandson**—continued healing after near drowning
- **John Holder** (friend of Kirk Jackson)—diagnosed with Alzheimer's, in assisted living.
- **Rudy Villarreal** (friend of Kirk Jackson)—dies last week.
- **Chuck Bayne**—Home from rehab. Pray for continued healing
- **Ruble Farmer**—Continues in the Castroville nursing home/rehab facility; prayers for Jeanice as well
- **Bethel Kay Bateman**—health • **Priscilla Carreon Zuniga**—cervical cancer
- **Walk to Emmaus #7**—for team and pilgrims
- **Patrice Escalante**—seizures, unknown cause
- **Amber Moore**—health, getting better on new treatment
- **Ernie Nichols** (good friend of Robert Hunt)—has terminal cancer
- **Laura Farrell**—has benign brain tumor causing major problems
- **Lisa Wells**—continues on chemotherapy
- **Vickie Wanjura** (Franklin and Pam's daughter-in-law)--cancer
- **Annette Nixon**—healing
- **Linda Bahlmann**—health
- **Al Garza** (Alexis Hunt's father)—stage IV cancer, on hospice, for salvation
- **Robert Alexander** (Jim's brother)—on hospice now
- **Debbie Hunt** • **Mary Snyder** • **Dorothy White**
- **Jeannie Simmons**—severe health problems • **Rose Lynn**
- **Mark Pringle** (Bethel Kay's son)—severe stroke, now in rehab. Praise for returning leg control.
- **Phyllis Hill** (Amanda Morrow's grandmother)—in rehab, will need treatment for an aneurysm
- **Irma Kelley** – stage IV breast cancer • **Martha Foster** (Shelle McMillan's mother)—dementia
- **Felix Escalante**—health • **Nancy Burns**—health
- **For United Methodist Church, General Conference and delegates for 2020**
- **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 #7 – October 24-27, Sign up today

Women's Walk to Emmaus #7, 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 24-27 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 13. Take a beautiful drive in the country and join other churches for a time of worship, fellowship and food. Fellowship and food starts at 6:30 PM. See you there.

Contemporary Worship Service Saturdays at 6 PM Celebrates Second Anniversary

Featuring contemporary Christian music led by Joseph Morrow, and preaching from Pastor Scott Martin and Joseph Morrow, the Saturday evening service is filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. Come and experience the joy.

Small Group Bible Studies Meeting in the Fall

Wednesday evening, 6:30 PM at the Farmers
Wednesday evenings, 7 PM at the Martins
The Wednesday mornings group at the Bennet's is on hold until Bill's cancer treatment is determined

Come and join us!



School Backpack Food Ministry Desperate for Help

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 Wednesdays, 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 Tawana Jackson about becoming part of one of the backpack teams that meets once every three weeks.

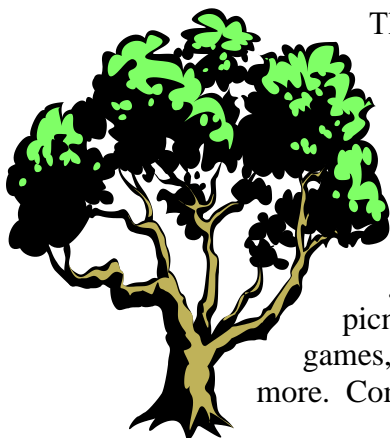
Food Pantry Ministry Continues to Serve

Our workers have been terrific, but we can always use more, especially at 2:30 PM when the food is packed. 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. For this month, because of Labor Day and the food bank being closed, the food pantry is on the 2nd and 4th Mondays (September 9 and 23).

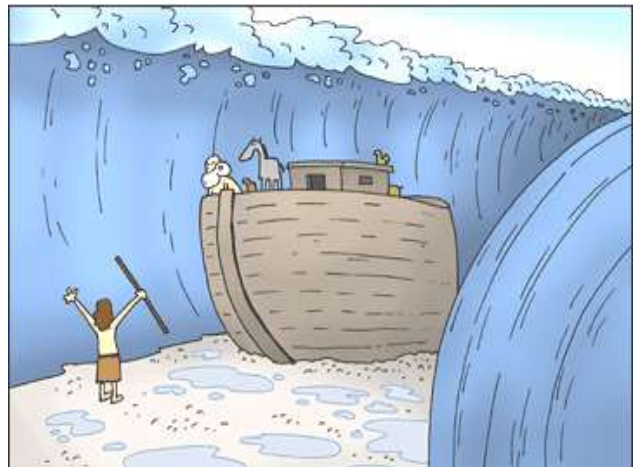
We will again be handing out canned goods, as well as frozen meats and fresh fruits and vegetables, to over 100 families. Thank you for supporting the Methodist Food Pantry.



Church Picnic – Sunday, October 20



This year's Annual Church Picnic is scheduled for October 20, 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, the pool and much more. Come and get to know others of our church a little better.



Thanks to SoloTotoCoyote 02-07-2014
MOSES AND NOAH HAVING AN ARGUMENT

Miscellaneous News!



YOU'VE DONE WELL PREPARING THE ARK,
BUT FORTY DAYS IS A LONG TIME SO TAKE
THIS DUCT TAPE JUST IN CASE

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.

Church All-Church Conference, Thursday November 21 – 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.

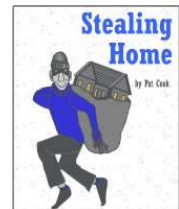
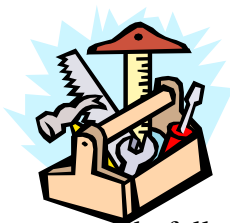
Highway Clean-Up – It has now been eight years since our church adopted highway 463, starting from the Lytle water tower and heading out beyond Lake Shore Estates. Our last pick-up day, August 24, went well, and our next one is scheduled for November. Thank you to all our volunteers.

All-Saints Sunday – On Sunday, Nov. 3, 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 meets in the fellowship hall one Saturday of each month. For more information, please contact the church at (830) 772-3345. We also have meetings for Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts.

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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 Comedy 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.