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**MARCH 2017**

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MOSES? DO I HAVE YOUR FULL ATTENTION?

Are we roasting marshmallows while God is trying to talk? It seems farfetched that Moses could get distracted while God was speaking from a burning bush—but is it? We laugh at dogs for getting sidetracked by squirrels, but are we much better? Distraction is a powerful tool, and the best tool of magicians. They get us focused on one thing, then fool us when we're not looking. It is also one of Satan's best tools.

Two good questions can help prevent us from getting distracted from God by activities, or media, or relationships.

Question #1: "is this candy or meat?" A little candy can taste good, but as a steady diet? And can it really compare to a great charbroiled steak meal for taste and nutrition? *"Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare" (Isaiah 55:2).*  
 Question #2: "Is this helping me, or my child, get ready for eternity?" *"Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come."* (Mark 13:33). So watch out for Satan's distracting squirrels.

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**Methodist Food Pantry Fund Raiser**

**Dinner Theater and Silent Auction, April 1 & 2**

Tickets are on sale for \$12 for the new dinner theater production. Set in a 1950s diner once again, Lytle High School's Homecoming Banquet has been forced to make a last-minute move from the gym due to the unfortunate flooding caused when pranksters dropped a cherry bomb in the toilet of the locker room. The event has moved to Uncle Phil's Diner—unknown to Uncle Phil who is away at a diner convention. Try as he may, P.J. the deejay cannot avoid Uncle Phil finding out about the banquet as new characters Principal Krepple and his secretary Gladys spoil the secret.



This new dinner theater, a fund raiser for the church's food pantry, will take place on Saturday Night, April 1, at 6 PM and Sunday Night, April 2, 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.** The silent auction is being coordinated by Ginger Meyer and Connie Scott. Rehearsals for the play will continue on Sundays in March. Please keep this ministry in your prayers. And buy tickets today!

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**New Children's Sunday School Material**

Starting mid-March our children's Sunday school program will be starting an exciting new curriculum called "Dig-in." It is designed for great flexibility as the kids will experience different activity blocks including: Core Bible Discovery, Deeper Bible, Talk-about Video, Music Videos, Crafts, High and low-energy games and a Life Application Wrap-up. Our teachers are very excited about this new strong Biblically based program. This material gives us the flexibility of having a "one room" learning group or splitting into different grade levels. Be sure to bring your children to Sunday school, from 10:15 to 11:15 AM each Sunday.



## Church Schedule

- March 3, Friday - **Youth yard sale, 7 AM to 7 PM.**
- March 10, Friday - Koinonia Emmaus Community gathering at Somerset UMC.
- March 13, Monday - The United Methodist Women will be meeting at 2:30 PM at Bethel Kay Bateman's. Marty Bennett will be leading the program.
- March 19 - Prayer Garden Celebration.
- March 20, Monday - Methodist Food Pantry, 6 to 7 PM.
- March 26 - One-Great-Hour of Sharing Sunday
- April 1 & 2, Saturday & Sunday - **Interactive Dinner Theater and Silent Auction.** A Food Pantry Fundraiser.
- April 5, Wednesday - **M.A.D. Club play performance at 7 PM.**
- April 9 - **Passion/Palm Sunday.**
- April 13 - Holy Thursday service at 7 PM.
- April 14 - Good Friday Prayer Walk-through, 4 to 8 PM.
- April 16 - **EASTER.**



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## United Methodist Youth Fellowship Schedule

March 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Yard Sale	4
5 No U.M.Y.F.	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 U.M.Y.F. At The Church 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 U.M.Y.F. At The Church 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 U.M.Y.F. At The Church 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	27	28	29	30	31	Notes:

\*\*\* March 12- Last day to sign up for the mission trip to have a guaranteed spot. Please remember that anyone who signs up at this time, we (the youth group / church) will have to pay for your slot. You can still sign up after this date as long as there is room available as determined by Nest Step Ministries, but there are no guarantees after the 12<sup>th</sup>.

April 1 & 2: The church will be hosting another dinner theater. This is a fund raiser for the Food Pantry. Youth are needed to help serve.

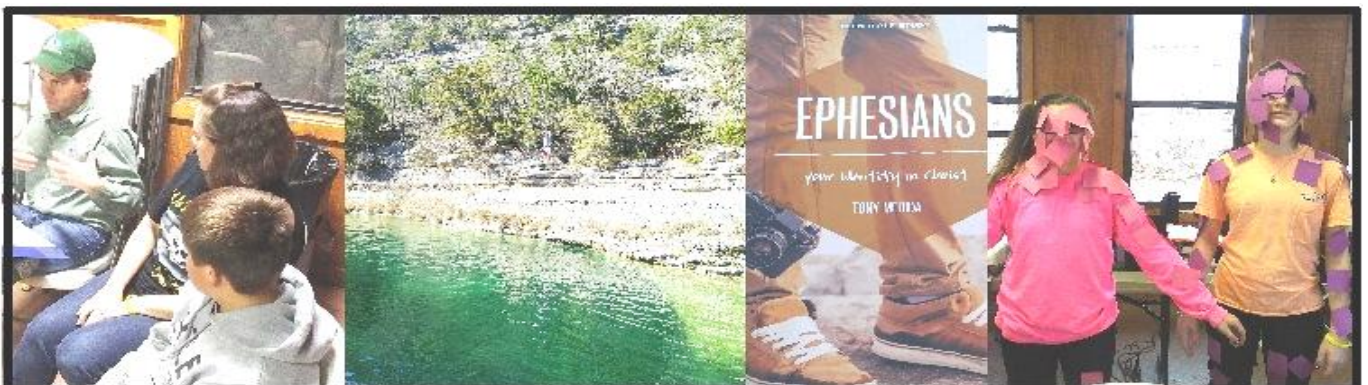
Important Date: April 16: **Easter Sunday.** There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children during Sunday School. The youth are needed to help with this.

June 10 – 17, 2017: Mission Trip to San Augustine County, TX

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## Youth Winter Retreat at H.E.B. Camp

Youth and adults traveled to H.E.B. camp in the beautiful Hill Country, Feb. 10 through 12, to get closer to God and closer to each other. The weekend had many highlights, including the activities and sessions, the beautiful outdoors, communion on a mountain, and the great “together time.”



## A Big Thank You

Thank you to Kevin Warren, new member of the church Trustees, for all the painting he has been doing around the exterior of the church. The crosses, doors and walls look wonderful.

Thank you to Ricardo Castillo for installing a new water heater for the restrooms near the sanctuary. Hooking up the electricity, and making sure it was properly grounded, was a real chore.

Thank you to the UMW (United Methodist Women) for the meals they have been putting together and hosting for funerals and other special needs. They are such a blessing.

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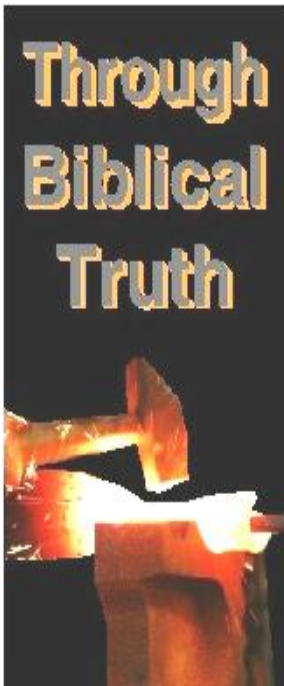
### M.A.D. Club Play Performance, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM



Our MAD Club (Music, Art and Drama) spring session is ending with their musical performance on April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. The play is called “Legends at Camp Garner Creek,” and has a great message about being heroes for God. The performance will last about thirty minutes and refreshments will be served afterwards. Please support this new community outreach program and the kids by coming to the play. M.A.D. Club meets on Wednesday afternoons from 4 to 6 PM, and all kids from 2<sup>nd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome. We have both spring and fall sessions of M.A.D. club, and M.A.D. camp will meet during the summer, June 12-16.

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### Forging a Strong Family



#### Feb. 5 – Ruth and Naomi

Build on a foundation of firm commitment.

#### Feb. 12 – Judah and Joseph

Be willing to make big sacrifices and to forgive.

#### Feb. 19 – Martha and Mary

Understand that family members are different, and understand that these differences make the family stronger (like the Body of Christ).

#### Feb. 26 – The Prodigal Sons

Don’t be blind to the blessing that is your family. Appreciate your family!

### Church Helps the San Antonio Pregnancy Care Center Care Closet



During the month of February church members filled up a crib full of supplies for mothers in unintended pregnancies and for their newborn babies. The Pregnancy Care Center offers parenting classes and rewards those who attend with credit to be used in the care closet.

The supplies collected, plus the crib will be delivered to the Pregnancy Care Center. Thank you to everyone who donated.

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Lytle United Methodist Church Prayer Garden Personalized Paver Order Form	
Please order a paver engraved as follows:	
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Note: 3 <sup>rd</sup> row will cost an additional \$5.00	
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Cost of each paver is \$50.00, which includes two lines with up to 14 characters on each line. A third line may be used, but will cost an additional \$5.00.	
Name: _____ Telephone: _____	
Date Paid: _____	

### Prayer Garden Celebration on March 19

One of our projects for the April 22 workday will be to whip the prayer garden back into shape. During the worship service on March 19 a list of the garden’s brick paver dedications will be included in the bulletin, as well as an order form for those who would like to purchase and dedicate a new paver. If you missed that Sunday, new dedicated pavers can still be ordered through the month of April (forms are available from Connie Scott).

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## Walk to Emmaus News!

The next Koinonia Emmaus Community gathering will take place at Somerset UMC on Friday, March 10. The Koinonia community is made up of Emmaus people, from many denominations, who join together on the second Friday of each month (7:30 PM) for a praise-filled community gathering. This year’s walks sponsored by our Koinonia Emmaus community will be Men’s walk #2, which will take place May 4 through 7, and Women’s walk #3, which will take place October 19 through 22. Get your pilgrim and team applications in for these walks, and let’s all keep these walks in our prayers. If you would like more information about Emmaus, a very special Christian retreat, call the church office, pick-up a brochure at the church, or see the Emmaus bulletin board.

# Prayer Concerns

- **For Chris and the rest of the family of Fred Brauchle who died on February 20**
- **For Christine Mendez** (granddaughter of Wanda Yoast) – serious health concerns.
- **For Mary Snyder** – suffering with pneumonia.
- **Rose Lynn**—health, and for David
- **Betty Risberg**—congestive heart failure, in Medina Valley Health and Rehab, visitors welcome, Rm 201
- **Robert Alexander (Jim’s brother)**—liver cancer
- **Sue Braddock** (friend of Bethel Kay Bateman)—in hospital with respiratory and heart problems
- **Steve Mathis’ mother**—health      • **For Renee Patino** – health concerns.
- **Sigrid Debner** (Dominguez’ niece)—waiting on test results for possible cancer
- **Gwen Dominguez** (Jim and Karla Dominguez’ niece)—stage 4 brain cancer
- **Kenneth Glowka** (Rose Lynn’s brother)—blood clot on brain—healed!
- **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
- **Gay Lynn Meining**—mother in last stages of life
- **Jamie Anderwahl**      • **Debra Williams**—cancer surgery
- **John Macaron** (Lisa Meyer’s son)—for an end to seizures
- **Melford Fey** (Ann VanWinkle’s brother-in-law)—failing health
- **Wayne VanWinkle**—stroke, in rehab      • **Jena Rouse**—breast cancer
- **For our nation and for the spread of the gospel of Jesus Christ**
- **Pastor Scott and Linda Martin and all the staff of the church**
- **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 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      • **Jon and Brianna Hartwig**—Army, Jill Daggs’ daughter and son-in-law
- **Joyce Biggs** (George Bahlmann’s great-niece)      • **Jonathan Heiman**—Navy

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Memorial service</u></b> <b><u>For A.C. Heath</u></b></p> <p>Our beloved brother died in January but the memorial was delayed because the cedar season prevented his highly allergy prone daughter from attending. The service will be a great celebration at 10 PM on Saturday, April 8.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>One Great Hour of Sharing</u></b> <b><u>A Special Offering on March 26</u></b></p> <p>One Great Hour of Sharing is a special offering taken up by churches around the world. In the Methodist church, this offering helps to fund UMCOR (The United Methodist Committee on Relief). Throughout more than eighty countries around the world, including extensive work in the United States, the response of UMCOR isn’t something “they” do, it’s something “we” do. Through UMCOR we are assisting those impacted by crisis or chronic need.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Church Work Day</u></b> <b><u>April 22</u></b></p> <p>Our spring workday is scheduled this year for Saturday, April 22. We will gather at 9 AM to begin work, and take a break at lunch for a meal provided by the church. This will be a very satisfying day and joyful day as we all work together.</p>
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**“Wall of Stock” Youth Mission Trip Fund-raiser**

Starting the last Sunday in February (February 26) and then continuing on the last Sunday of March and April and then each Sunday in May, we will be having a new fund-raiser 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 to the youth selling tacos. If cash is used, please write your name on the back of the envelope so that your contribution can be credited to you.

## BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Christian maturity doesn't happen by accident. Being a part of a small group Bible study is uplifting, encouraging and fundamental to Christian growth. We have several small groups presently meeting, including three on Wednesdays (at the Bennets at 10 AM, at the Farmers at 6:30 PM and at the Martins at 7 PM) and one on Sunday evenings at the Keiths. In addition we have Sunday morning groups:

**The Mosby Class** – A diverse group of folks who simply want to study God's Word in depth.

**The Wesley Class** – Using the United Methodist curriculum to grow closer to each other and closer to Christ.

## LENTEN WORSHIP SERIES

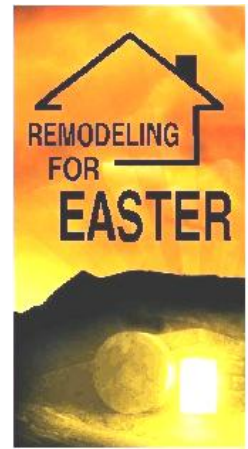
Most building shows have a three part format:

1. Look at a decrepit house
2. Purchase that house
3. Remodel that house

This in a nutshell is Christianity:

1. We are slaves to sin and death
2. Jesus purchases us on the cross, and if we accept this grace through our faith, we belong to Him and when we die we will go to heaven.
3. Meanwhile, God helps us to remodel ourselves for our sake, through the guidance and strength of His Holy Spirit.

Come and learn Biblical truth about how to lead more joyful and powerful lives through this Spirit led remodel.



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## ***Easter Holy Week Events***

### **Holy Thursday - April 13**

The Holy Thursday service this year will take place in the sanctuary as we celebrate communion and remember the death of Jesus through music, videos and readings. Come and be part of this powerful time as we remember when the "Lamb of God" gave up his life for us, and as we remember when we accepted His death as payment for our sins.

### **Good Friday - April 14**

#### **Prayer Walk-through, 4 to 8 PM**

We invite people to stop by the church anytime between 4 and 8 PM for a Good Friday remembrance put together by the United Methodist Women. You will visit three prayer rooms to relive Jesus' last hours, then journey with your cross to the sanctuary for the final prayer experience.

## **Easter Sunday, April 16**

**Sunrise Service (7 AM)** – The Easter sunrise service will again be held on the front lawn of our church, and will include a short sermon by the pastor and Holy Communion. It will be a quiet contemplative service to begin the Easter celebration.

**Sunday School and Easter Egg Hunt (10:15)** - Our traditional Easter egg hunt will again be held during the Sunday school time, Easter morning, beginning around 10:30 AM. Have your child bring their basket, but we will have spares just in case. To give our celebration the South Texas twist, we will also have piñatas for the children.

### **Early Morning (9 AM) and Late Morning (11 AM) Easter Services**

Christ is Risen! To make sure we have enough room, we will be having an additional service at 11 AM, in addition to our regular 9 AM service. Both services will feature beautiful music from the choir as well as beloved Easter hymns sung as we transform the cross of Good Friday into the flower covered cross of Easter. Between services we will be serving coffee and donuts. Come, be part of the most special day of the Christian year, and experience God's power.



### **Church Food Pantry**

The Food Pantry is open on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month, from 6 to 7 PM, and people can get food at other times by appointment. If you would like to set up another food pantry day, please let us know. Thank you for your Sunday offering, part of which funds this ministry, and for

### **United Methodist Women March Meeting**

The UMW, whose purpose is to serve the Lord through missions, service, study and worship, is headed by Linda Bahlmann. All the women of the church are invited to the March 13th meeting, which will take place at 2:30 PM at the home of Bethel Kay Bateman, and will have a program led by Marty Bennett. Come join this wonderful fellowship of committed Christian women. Call Linda Bahlmann at

### **Monday Night Guy's Group**

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

your prayers.

(210) 837-0650 for more details.

part of this great group.

### Miscellaneous News

**Time Change** - Don't forget to set your clocks forward this Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Youth Group Taco Sales** - The youth group sells your favorite breakfast taco before Sunday school on the last Sunday of every month. The next sale is on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Come hungry!

**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, April 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Souper Bowl of Caring** - On Feb. 7 our youth took up a "Souper Bowl of Caring" offering of \$322.28, which goes to support our food pantry. Thank you youth!

**Church 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** - We will be celebrating our church's 125 anniversary on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. We will also be putting out a new church picture directory to commemorate this event.

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### *Order Easter Lilies*

Once again this year our Sanctuary will be filled with lilies for Easter. Purchasing a lily in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one is a meaningful tribute. This year lilies are only \$10.00 per plant. Just complete the form below and place it in the offering plate with your check. The deadline to order is April 9.



Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
AND/OR

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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### A Record of Our Faithfulness

February 5 - Sunday School - 31 Worship - 90 Offering - \$7612.00	February 12 - Sunday School - 30 Worship - 82 Offering - \$4615.00
February 19 - Sunday School - 32 Worship - 66 Offering - \$3447.00	February 26 - Sunday School - 31 Worship - 86 Offering - \$3353.00

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### Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary in March

Birthdays:

Jim Pruett	1st	Heaven Cantu	11th	Ian Simons	19th
Charles Collins	2nd	Samantha Jackson	11th	Linda Martin	21st
Alina Gutierrez	2nd	Linda Foxworth	12th	Tim Ahr Jr.	26th
Belle Gutierrez	2nd	Garnett Wagner	13th	David Ralph	27th
Robert Hunt	4th	Steven Mathis	13th		
Betty Kroeger	4th	Rex Mayhew	15th	Anniversaries:	
Jason Bayne	5th	Trace Joyce	15th	Robert and Debbie Hunt	15th
Brad Boyd	6th	Jenny King	17th	Tim and Leanna Ahr	15th
Taylor Grosz	6th	William Reichel	19th	Joe and Jill Daggs	17th
Michael Wells	8th	Peter Wagner	19th	Jim and Kitty Alexander	28th

**"Camino Real Forum" Missions Meeting**  
**Saturday, February 20, 10 AM to Noon at Cotulla UMC**

The Methodists along the 1-35 corridor from Lytle down to Laredo are connected together as the “Camino Real Forum.” Our next big event as a forum is a missions meeting on Saturday, February 20 at the Cotulla UMC. The purpose of this meeting, for all lay people interested in ministry beyond the walls of the church, is to share ideas and visions. We will spend time sharing what we are doing now through each church, then discuss what other things God is calling us to do, as individual churches or as a forum. Please put this date down on your calendar and plan to be part of this first missions gathering.

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## Church Work Day – March 22

**Show you care, by helping to keep God’s church looking good!**

Our spring workday is scheduled this year for Saturday, March 23. We will gather at 9 AM to begin work, and take a break at lunch for a meal provided by the church. This will be a very satisfying day and joyful day as we all work together.

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## COVERED-DISH LUNCH – MARCH 23

### Our 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.

## **Doorknob Hanger Project – Palm Sunday, April 13**

**ONE CROSS—ONE MAN—AND A WORLD THAT WAS CHANGED FOREVER**

*"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" - Romans 10:13-15*

I still remember the woman who invited me to church. I left the church when I was in high school and wandered in the wilderness a long time. But then she invited me back home, to where my father was waiting for me. I don't know if she had beautiful feet, but she will always shine in my memory.

On Palm Sunday we are asking you to consider joining with us to bring the Good News to people in Lytle and the surrounding area. We will meet at 2 PM at the church to break into teams to deliver 1000 door hangers. Printed on the back of the door hangers will be information and an invitation to Easter morning services, and stapled to the door hanger will be a small pamphlet containing the Good News.

What a great way to spend 2 or 3 hours on Palm Sunday. Mark this date today, and join us. Jesus said, "You will be my witnesses..." (Acts 1:8).

