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Worship Sat. Night at 6 PM
Sunday morning at 9 AM

APRIL 2019

Easter Holy Week Events

Holy Thursday – April 18

Catered snack meal – 6:30 PM
Service at 7 PM

We are seeking nine teams of two to do readings and candles. Teams can be parent/child, friends, couples or whatever. Sign-up at church or call the church office. Come and be part of this powerful time as we remember when the “Lamb of God” gave up his life that we might be forgiven and freed of our sin.

Easter Morning Egg Hunt

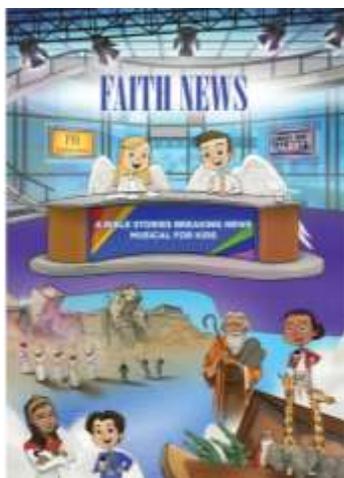
Our traditional Easter egg hunt will again be held during the Sunday school time, Easter morning, beginning around 10:15 AM. To give our celebration the South Texas twist, we will also have piñatas for the children.

Easter Sunday, April 21

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.

Regular Easter Service at 9 AM

Christ is Risen! This service will feature communion and beautiful music, including beloved Easter hymns sung as we transform the cross of Good Friday into the flower covered cross of Easter, and powerful choir anthems. After the service we will be serving coffee and donuts. Come, be part of the most special day of the Christian year, and experience God’s love.



M.A.D. Club Play Performances

Wednesday April 24th at 7 PM
and Sunday Morning, April 28th

Our MAD Club (Music, Art and Drama) spring session is ending with their musical performances on April 24th at 7 PM, and Sunday morning, April 28. The play is called “Faith News,” where angel reporters go through history interviewing people of faith. The performance will last about thirty-five minutes and refreshments will be served afterwards. Please support this 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 2nd through 6th grade are welcome. We have both spring and fall sessions of M.A.D. club, and a week-long summer M.A.D. Camp.

M.A.D. camp will meet June 24-28, 9 AM to Noon

April 28 - Covered Dish Brunch

Celebrate some good fellowship and some great food at our covered-dish brunch (starts around 10 AM).
If you haven’t tasted Kyle Jackson’s pancakes you have missed out!

Church Schedule

April 4, Thursday - The United Methodist Women's trip to Sandy Oaks Olive Orchard in Elmendorf.

April 6, Saturday - Youth Yard Sale, 8 AM to 3 PM.

April 6, Saturday - New Bible study begins, "Every Body Matters," Saturdays from 5 to 6 PM.

April 12, Friday - Koinonia Emmaus Community gathering at Lakehills UMC in Lakehills, Texas.

April 14 - One-time Video Bible Study, "Clarify The Bible", led by Linda Martin, 2 to 5 PM.

April 15, Monday - Methodist Food Pantry, 6 to 7 PM.

April 18 - Holy Thursday, meal at 6:30, Service at 7 PM.

April 21 - **EASTER.**

April 24, Wednesday - **M.A.D. Club play performance at 7 PM.**

May 4, Saturday - Adopt a Highway Pickup Day. Meet at the church at 7:30 AM, done by 10 AM.

May 5 - Run for the Son special offering

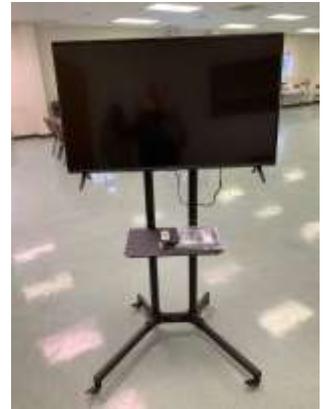
May 11, Saturday - Church Workday

May 23-26, Thurs. thru Sun. - Men's Emmaus Walk

Thank You

For all those who participated in our 24 hour Break-through Prayer Vigil on March 3-4

To Deb Herman and husband for the new TV for the fellowship hall



To Ricardo Castillo for installing permanent stage back lights

To Glenn and Connie Norton for donating four new high-quality ceiling speakers for the fellowship hall

Dear Friends,

Enclosed is a check to help out with the mission trip to Crownpoint, New Mexico. I was director of youth work at Travis Park Church in the 1940's. Have a great trip.

Mary Nell Gray Hall

Youth Schedule

April 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Begin Setting Up for Yard Sale 5-9 pm	4	5 Set up for yard sale 4 pm - ???	6 Yard Sale 7 am - ???
7 No U.M.Y.F.	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 U.M.Y.F. At The Church 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Easter Sunday 	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Trip to the Movies "Breakthrough" 1:30 pm-6:00pm	29	30				

April 3: I will be at the church at 5:00 pm to begin setting up for the yard sale. If there is anyone who is not able to help on Friday or Saturday, this is another opportunity for youth and/or their parents to help with the mission trip fundraising.

April 5: I will be at the church starting at 4:00 pm to continue setting up for the yard sale. We need lots of help with this.

April 6: We will begin setting out yard sale stuff at 7:00 am. The yard sale will be over at 3:00pm. Clean-up will be done by 4:00 pm.

April 28: Trip to the Movies to see "Breakthrough". The movie schedules come out on Thursdays. I will be able to give an exact time closer to the date.

Other Important Dates- Put These Dates on Your Calendar!

June 15 – 23, 2019: Mission Trip to Crownpoint, New Mexico
M.A.D. Camp: June 24 – June 28. 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
V.B.S. July 15- July 19. 5:30 pm – 8:30pm

Break-Through Happenings

Break-Through Prayer Campaign, November 2018 – April 2019

#1 – New Minister of Worship

A big welcome to Joseph Morrow, who is joining our staff to help with our worship. Joseph plays and teaches guitar, has helped lead other church music groups, and is an expert at sound boards, like our new one. He will join Annette in accompanying the choir, help lead music on Sundays, and lead all of the music on Saturday nights.

Joseph's wife, Amanda, has volunteered to handle the church social media and advertising. We are very blessed by this couple.



#2 - New Weekly Worship Planning Meeting

Our weekly worship planning team has been a true blessing as we meet Monday mornings at 9:30 AM to be more intentional in creating worship experiences that bring glory to God. They will also meet as a larger "Worship/Creative Team" to plan worship series. Call for more information and join us!

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New Giving Options

In recognition that many people no longer use checks, two new ways of giving donations to the church, or to church ministries, has been put into place:

1. Online:

- Go to the church website, www.lytleumc.com, and go to the "donate" page. with a link to our giving portal.
- Or go to <https://www.kindridgiving.com/app/giving/lytleumc>. Once there, you will be able to register and give one time or regularly (for example monthly) by check or credit card.

2. By text from a mobile device:

- Text GIVE or TITHE to 830-224-2780. The GIVE text will give you all the choices of funds (tithes and offerings, youth, etc.); the TITHE text will go directly to tithes and offerings.

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. - 2 Corinthians 9:7

New Bible Studies

One-Time Sunday, April 14, 2-5 PM

Clarifying the Bible

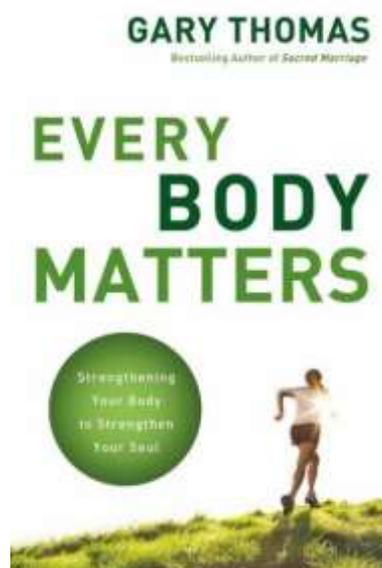
Workbooks will be available for purchase. For questions, call Linda Martin. Linda has used it in her workplace and has found it to be a very helpful overview of the Bible.

What Is Clarifying the Bible?

Clarifying the Bible leads to confident Bible reading for a lifetime.

You long for clarity and confidence when it comes to the Bible, but its complexity often leaves you confused and uncertain. Mitch Maher's *Clarifying the Bible* can help. *Clarifying the Bible* is a two-hour video presentation and workbook that gives viewers the basic framework and storyline of the Bible. The material is presented in a passionate, compelling fashion, and in the end delivers on its promise to help people see the Bible with more clarity than ever before.

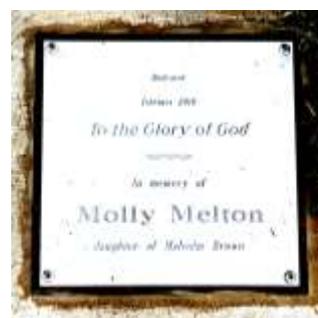
On Going Saturdays, 5 to 6 PM, Starting April 6th



**Led by Trisha Broach
and Chris Brauchle**

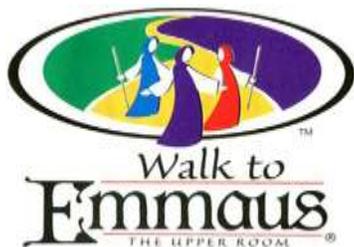
Cross Dedication, March 10

Thank you to everyone who came to help dedicate our new cross in front of the food pantry on March 10, after the worship service. The cross was constructed and installed by Malcolm Brown, and the church decided to dedicate the cross to the memory of Molly Melton, Malcolm's daughter who died last year. Thank you Malcolm, we love you.



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Emmaus Gathering at Lakehills UMC on Friday, April 12



The monthly gathering of the Koinonia Emmaus Community will be at Lakehills UMC, on Friday, April 12. A fellowship meal will take place at 6:30 PM, with singing beginning at 7 PM. Mark the date now and be sure to be there. The Men's Emmaus walk is just 7 weeks away, at Mt Wesley May 25-28. There is still room for pilgrims, so talk to the pastor or someone else who has already gone and get your application submitted.

The Kononia sponsored Women's walk will take place October 17 through 20. 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.

Prayer Concerns

- For the Ahr family, on the death of Tim Ahr, Sr.
- For the Floyd family, on the death of Sarah
- For two families in our community, on the death of their sons
- Ruble Farmer—home from rehab • Debbie Hunt—had back surgery, recovering
- Mary Snyder—has fallen several times • Dorothy White
- Mark Pringle (Bethel Kay's son)—severe stroke • Jeannie Simmons—severe health problems
- Michael Wells • Sebi Waddell—adjust to new situation
- Michael Johnson and Morgan Samuel—wedding in July
- Cruz Gomez—brain tumor, having surgery, prayers for her and her doctors
- Ann Sollock—cancer • Lucy Lucer • Merry Merz—cancer
- Dan and Jan Garza—Dan with advanced cancer, Jan with early stage cancer
- Nathan Golan (Debbie Pruett's cousin)—bone cancer • Rob Hinnant—doing rehab
- Rose Lynn • Phillip Escalante (Felix's brother)—bladder cancer
- Nell Nixon (Annette's sister) dementia, poor health, prayers for Annette as well
- Raymond Orta—stage 4 cancer, and for salvation • Irma Kelley – stage IV breast cancer
- Martha Foster (Shelle McMillan's mother)—dementia • Felix Escalante—health
- Nancy Burns—health • 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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CMA: Christian Motorcyclists Association



CMA is a non-profit, interdenominational organization, dedicated to reaching people for Christ in the highways and byways through motorcycling. Since its beginning in the mid 70's, CMA has had over 136,000 applicants for membership and over 1,000 chapters chartered in the United States. CMA is not a motorcyclist club but a ministry. Robert Hunt is our church representative for the local chapter of the Christian Motorcyclists Association.

Run for the Son – Saturday, May 4

On Saturday, May 4, 2019, motorcyclists from all over the United States and Canada will participate in the thirty-first annual Run for the Son, which raises funds to spread the light of Jesus around the world. Those participating in this event will raise money by seeking individuals to sponsor them on a ride, usually taken with their local chapter. Donations are tax-deductible and information about how the funds will be distributed is available at www.cmausa.org. Robert Hunt will be representing our church in this event. Will you help spread the light of Jesus through CMA's "Run for the Son?"

Saturday 6 PM Contemporary Service – New Things Are Happening

Under the leadership of Joseph Morrow, Ginger Meyer and Kellie Meyer, new things are happening. Instead of just praise videos, we have a praise band! Each Saturday features a different speaker, including the pastor, Joseph Morrow, and many others. Saturday nights are a great time for folks who work on Sundays and for the younger crowd. Please get the word out to anyone who might be attracted to a contemporary Saturday night worship service.

**Adopt a Highway Pick-Up Day,
Saturday, May 4 at 7 AM**



As part of the “Don’t Mess with Texas Trash Off,” our church will be doing our once a quarter trash pick-up along highway 463, starting from the Lytle water tower and heading out beyond Lake Shore Estates. We will meet at the church at 7:30 AM for breakfast taco provided by the church. We will then head out to clean up as a service to our community. We will be done before 10 AM.

**Church Work Day
May 11**

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



Our spring workday is scheduled this year for Saturday, May 11. We will gather at 9 AM to begin work, (or when you can come) 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.

Methodist Food Pantry Fundraiser

The dinner theater “The Hitchin’ Post,” which took place March 30 and March 31 was a great success. Over three thousand five hundred dollars was raised for the food pantry ministry. We would like to thank all those who attended this event, and all who worked to make it happen. From our actors, cooks, silent auction providers, to all those who worked behind the scenes, thank you. Not only did we raise funds, we had a great time, met a lot of people from the community, and witnessed to the Good News of Jesus Christ.



Notes of Thanks and Miscellaneous News

From the Pregnancy Care Center - Thank you so much for your awesome donation. We want you to know that mothers and children will be blessed by your generosity. May the Lord bless you abundantly.

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group, 9 to 10 AM - Join us for this weekly prayer time at the church. We use the prayer list from worship, add to it as needed, then we pray—some out loud, some in silence.

National Day of Prayer - Thursday, May 2, is National Day of Prayer. Please look in next month’s newsletter for details about this event, and mark this day on your calendar.

Narcotics Anonymous - The N.A. message is “that an addict, any addict, can stop using drugs, lose the desire to use and find a new way to live.” Narcotics Anonymous is hosted by our church and meets every Tuesday evening, 6 to 7 PM, in the fellowship hall.

Alcoholics Anonymous - A.A. is also hosted by our church and meets every Wednesdays from 7 to 8 PM.

“Wall of Stock” Youth Mission Trip Fund-raiser

Starting the last Sunday in February and then continuing on the last Sunday of March and April and then each Sunday in May, we will be having a “wall of stock” 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 it to Diana Jackson or Scott Martin. If cash is used, please write your name on the back of the envelope so that your contribution can be credited to you.

Youth Breakfast Taco Sales

The youth need to raise money for their summer mission trip, and have planned several fundraising efforts. In addition to their yard sale and the chicken bar-b-cue Plate Sale, the youth also sell tacos on the first Sunday of each month. The taco’s will be sold at the beginning of the Sunday school hour. Help the youth by coming and buying some tacos.



Methodist Women

In April the women are taking a special trip on April 4th. Their next regular meeting is May 13th. Call Bethel Kay Bateman for more information.

Church Food Ministries

Food Pantry: Our food pantry continues to help over 70 families twice a month. The next food pantry days are April 1 and 15. 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.

Backpack Ministry: Folks meet on Thursday to load a backpack full of food for a student and their family for the weekend. Talk to Nan Boyd if you are being called by God to help.

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 14.



Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

In Memory of: _____

AND/OR

In Honor of: _____