



**First United Methodist
Church San Angelo**

The Messenger

JULY 2022

Featured Article

COMING UP

7/4 – 4th of July Holiday

7/10 – REVIVAL – Rev. Carl Rohlf's &
music by Dudley Ilse

7/12-7/14 VBS. Volunteers needed.

9/11 – Church Picnic

**HAPPY 4TH
OF JULY!**

Services & Sunday School Hour

8:30 The Bridge - Sanctuary

9:30 - Sunday School for all ages

10:45 Traditional – Sanctuary

Also available live on radio station KWFR 101.9

(The Fire)

11:00 11th Hour - Celebration Hall

Live stream services

Firstmethodist.net

Tap for Sunday streaming

37 East Beauregard * San Angelo, Texas 76903

325-655-8981 * Fax: 325-655-7039

Email: info@firstmethodist.net

SUMMERTIME AT FIRST CHURCH

PASTORAL STAFF



Rev.
Scott
Bradford
Senior
Pastor

SERMON SERIES

The Nature of the Church Series

July 3 – Gathered and Scattered
July 10 – We Love Breaking Bread
July 17 – Imagine Life Without...
July 24 – Praise Together
July 31 – Searching for Peace
August Series – Inevitable Storms



Rev.
Kristie
Crisp
Associate
Pastor

SERMON SERIES

July 3rd – Luisa the Strong
(from Encanto series)
2 Cor 12:7-10
July 10th – Your Life as Bread
Luke 9:10-12
July 17th – Blessed – **Gen 1:1-4,10-12**
July 24th – Broken – **Luke 22:19**
July 31st – Given – **Luke 24:30-32**
John 21:15-18



GOD BLESS AMERICA

SERVICE ENHANCEMENTS

- Childcare is available during all services.
- Children are welcome in services. We provide activity bags in the sanctuary (front and back doors) and in Celebration Hall.
- Hearing Assistance devices are available in the sanctuary narthex.
- Coffee is located in First Place Café outside Celebration Hall.
- Holy Communion is served the first Sunday of each month in all services.
- Sunday School at 9:30 for all ages. Adult, youth, children, infants/toddlers. See directional signs at church or call the church office at 655-8981 or visit www.firstmethodist.net



Rev. Dale Weise
Associate Pastor



Rev. Cyndi Young
Associate Pastor

To access the 2022 Methodist Lectionary, go to <https://methodist.org.za/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Revised-Common-Lectionary-2022-Year-C.pdf>

BLESSINGS FROM PASTOR SCOTT BRADFORD



I woke to news of another shooting. My immediate thought – The world needs Jesus!” Times are tough, but the tough in Christ gets tougher (more faith). Ephesians 4:1-2 are some words for us to live by “As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be

patient, bearing with one another in love.” As I think about these words, they are a way for us to live despite the swirling out of control world! Recently our Bishop Robert Schnase said, “Pastor’s, I need you to be less anxious than your congregation!” And I would add to that “Congregation we need to be less anxious than the world!” We need to bring grace to tension filled moments! We need to bring the light of Jesus to the midst of darkness! Hope to those who are feeling hopeless!

There is a story told “Once upon a time, there was an old man who used to go to the ocean to do his writing. He had a habit of walking on the beach every morning before he began his work. Early one morning, he was walking along the shore after a big storm had passed and found the vast beach littered with starfish as far as the eye could see, stretching in both directions.

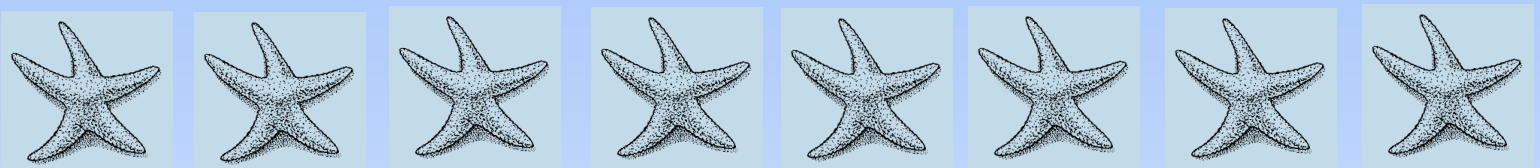
Off in the distance, the old man noticed a small boy approaching. As the boy walked, he paused every so often and as he grew closer, the man could see that he was occasionally bending down to pick up an object and throw it into the sea. The boy came closer still and the man called out, “Good morning! May I ask what it is that you are doing?”

The young boy paused, looked up, and replied “Throwing starfish into the ocean. The tide has washed them up onto the beach and they can not return to the sea by themselves,” the youth replied. “When the sun gets high, they will die unless I throw them back into the water.” The old man replied, “But there must be tens of thousands of starfish on this beach. I’m afraid you won’t really be able to make much of a difference.”

The boy bent down, picked up yet another starfish and threw it as far as he could into the ocean. Then he turned, smiled and said, “It made a difference to that one!” (adapted from *The Star Thrower*, by Loren Eiseley (1907 – 1977). Go make a difference for the Kingdom of God!

In His Grace,

Pastor Scott



Rev. Kristie Crisp - Directing Ministries Pastor

So what is the Great Commandment? For many, this is written on our heart and we can say it without missing a beat.

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. And the second is equally important, Love your neighbor as yourself. No other commandment is greater than these.” Mark 12:30-31

My thoughts lately are how we need to follow these more than ever...how we not only need to love God with our whole being, but how we so badly need to love and be loved. It is a frightening thing these days to turn on the news or open social media; we are immediately bombarded with news of violence or hatred or whose opinion is right and whose is not just wrong, but damaging (and someone is undoubtedly going to correct it). In a time such as this, where is the love? Where are the Christians? Where is the “Church?” As we think about July and the freedom we have as Americans to say what we want, believe what we want, and pretty much do what we want, I pray that we utilize this freedom wisely.

- I pray before you speak, you offer your words to God and wait for Him to tell you if those are words He would want you to share.
- I pray before you decide what is truth, you open your Bible and weigh it against ‘The Truth’ we have been blessed with.
- I pray before you act, you remember how much God loves you, your family, your neighbor, the stranger, the person you disagree with, your enemy, your friend, their church, our church, his kid, her kid, the immigrant, the lost, the broken, the doctor, the lawyer (yes, the lawyer), the addict, the alcoholic...God loves each and every one of us even when we fail to love ourselves or each other.

Before you act, remember what Jesus said: ‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!’ Matt. 25:40.

May you use your freedom to love God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. And...the second is just as important, love your neighbor as yourself. Let’s be the ‘Church’ God has called us to be- Let’s be God’s love in action today and every day.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Kristie

Psalm 119:44-46

“I will always obey your law, Forever and ever. I will live in perfect freedom, because I try to obey your teachings.”



Senior Adult Ministries

It's been such a joy to get to know the wonderful people of this church and I am already feeling "at home!" Thank you for being a congregation that is so easy to love! I am thoroughly enjoying the visits with our senior adults by phone, in their homes or extended care facilities. These talented and dedicated servants have given decades of their lives not only to the ministries within this church but also to the wider work of the Kingdom. God has used their lives in exceptional ways, and it is an honor to learn of their journeys and the impacts they have made around our world!

I originally asked for six months to watch and learn what ministry opportunities are needed (as I frantically tried to learn everyone's name. Sorry - this is still a challenge in-progress!) It is now time to step into Plan B of wider possibilities in our Senior Adult Ministries. Here are two upcoming and ongoing opportunities in the near future. One will be a ministry where additional laity will be reaching out to care for our senior adults. Each person will select three people to visit (in your own timeframe) once a month. The pairing will remain the same each month so you can build a stronger relationship with them. These visits need not be long, but we don't want anyone to feel forgotten!

Intentional phone calls, notes and visits to our shut-ins can make huge differences in their lives and help keep us informed of health or family concerns.

If you would be willing to reach out and be a part of this attentive care, please contact me in the office. We plan to activate this ministry in the fall. We will also begin some trips on either our church bus or by renting travel coaches.

Much more will be announced about this in the fall but stay tuned! Sherrie Walker is helping in these arrangements, and you will want to come along for the fun and fellowship.

Blessings to you all as you faithfully serve the Lord in your part of our world!

Pastor Cyndi



"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity." Colossians 3:12; 14



Methodist Healthcare Ministries
Wesley Nurse Health Ministries

lparry@mhm.org

Its crazy how the presence of God can completely change your mood and attitude in an instant. One worship song, one whispered prayer, one scripture verse can take you from the absolute worst mindset to a place of such peace and joy. There is nothing like the presence of God. I love my job!

Lesa Parry
Wesley Nurse

If you need to reach the Wesley Nurse, please call:

Si necesita comunicarse con la enfermera Wesley, llame al:

325-215-4835

SUMMER HOURS
MONDAY-THURSDAY
7:30AM-5:00PM



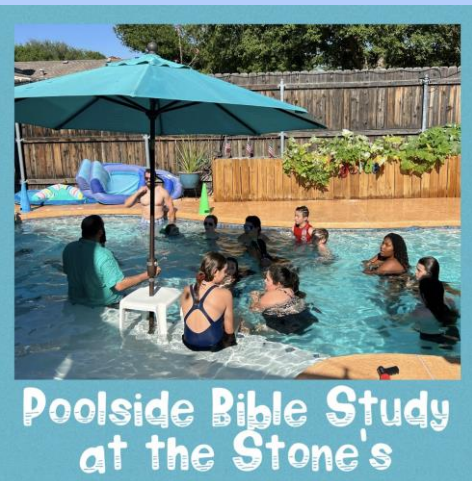
Chelsea Lytle -
Director of Youth
Ministries

Crossroads
Youth Sunday School Classes
chelsealytle83@gmail.com

Summer is here and super hot, but the Crossroads Youth are busy! We have learned, played, and worked hard. We have worked through the series, Living the Spirit Life during Sunday School. We have learned about Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, and the importance of stillness. We have greatly enjoyed some deep and meaningful conversations in our hour together each Sunday morning. Youth Nights have been a blast! We started the summer with snow cones and a snowball fight! We have had a couple of movies nights, a night of bowling, and even a Poolside Bible Study! I am so looking forward to July and we head to camp at the end of the month.

Grateful for God's blessings,

Chelsea





Children's Ministries

laurel@firstmethodist.net



Laurel Bradford
Children's Ministries
Director


Two Elementary Students Move Up to Youth

Emma Harrison and Jake Koehn were promoted to the Youth class on Sunday, May 29th. The promotion activity held during Sunday School time was attended by parents, the youth, and their director Chelsea Lytle, as well as the Elementary Sunday School teachers and students.

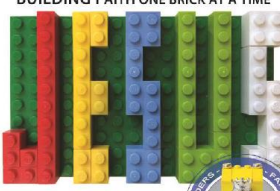



Children are doing cool stuff in the hot summer.

Coming Next to Children's Sunday School for the Summer.
Building Faith With
LEGOS!

The Original! 

Faith Builders VOL. 1
BUILDING FAITH ONE BRICK AT A TIME



David A. Henderson 

PLANT-A-SHAPE WILDFLOWER BOOKMARK

Take one or two. Give one to a friend. Courtesy of First Kids. Bookmarks located in First Place Café.

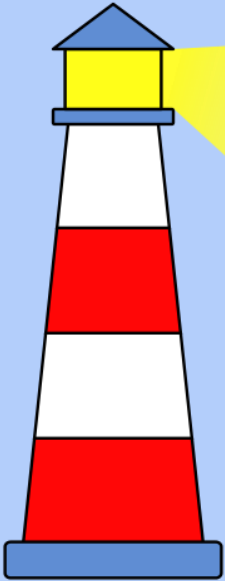


Josiah Hari shows off his homeschool assignment, poster of Noah's Ark.

Children's Ministries

LET GO MY "LEGOS"

FUMC First Kids are learning about the gospel through Legos. The students are learning about the Bible Stories using The Original Faith Builders Building Faith One Brick at a Time by David A. Henderson. Some activities completed on the first day were a cross and writing the name of Jesus with the Legos pieces. Great idea to keep little hands busy!



**LAKEVIEW LIGHTHOUSE KID'S CLOTHING CLOSET
HOPING TO BE VIABLE BY BEGINNING OF SCHOOL.**



Thanks to the volunteers Frieda Holt, Jean Donalson, Fay Armstrong, D'Ann Kuhlmann, Dori Wegner, and Associate Pastor Cyndi Young.

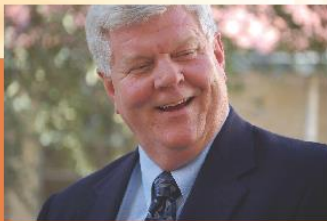
**GOOD OLE FASHIONED PREACHING ON
THE SCRIPTURES BY REV. CARL ROLFHS &
SINGING IN THE PEWS SANCTUARY
JULY 10TH @ 6:00 P.M.**

**Summer
Revival**

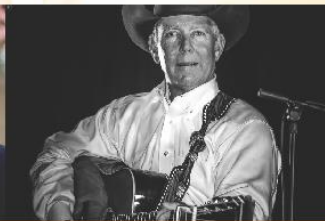
Sunday, July 10
6:00 pm

Sanctuary of FUMC
37 E. Beauregard

*Rev. Carl Rolfhs with guest musician Dudley Ilse
Light refreshments to follow in First Place Café*



Rev. Carl Rolfhs



Dudley Ilse

**LIGHT
REFRESHMENTS**

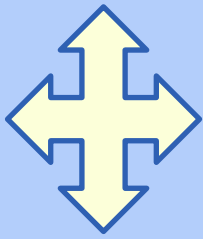
**Homemade
cookies**

**GREAT GUITAR
PICKING AND
SINGING BY
DUDLEY ILSE**

**Everybody invited
to sing along**

**FUN &
FULFILLING
FELLOWSHIP**

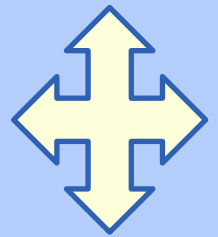
PSALM 80: 18-19 "Then we will not turn away from you; revive us, and we will call on your name. Restore us, LORD God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved."



First Family Faith Development

Opportunities to Grow in Christ

Why do we study?



The Word Became Flesh – John 1:1-4

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.”

Adult Sunday School Classes

Bayith/Fellowship – Teaching Pure Bible—God’s Plan for Mankind led by Buster Peek. Meets in person on the 3rd floor.

Cheers – “The Epic of Eden: Isaiah” by Sandra L. Richter led by John Walker. Meeting live and via Zoom on the 3rd floor.

Harmony – God’s Psychiatry: Healing for Your Troubled Heart by Dr. Charles L. Allen and led by Evelyn Coley, meeting live and via Zoom on the 3rd floor.

Journey – 1 Timothy led by Frieda Holt, Barbie Hari and Laura Huckaby. Meeting live and via Zoom. Meets on the 3rd floor.

Seekers – “You Were Made for This Moment” by Max Lucado led by Alan Gregston. Meets in the church office conference room.

S.T.E.R. – Various topics and to be led by Cathy Hubbard. Meets in person. Current study is on Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

Union – “Armor of God” by Priscilla Schrier and led by Tim Hunnicutt, meeting in person on the 3rd floor.

Adult Sunday School meet at 9:30 a.m. Need more information? Visit <https://firstmethodist.net/adultfaithformation/adult-sunday-school>.

HEBREWS 4:12 “For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”

Classes held during the week

Morning Glories (Women's class): The class that began April 26th is being taught by Pastor Kristie & Jaci Cortes which explores various spiritual disciplines, Class meets on Tuesdays @ 10:00 a.m. in the Journey classroom - 3rd floor. Books available for \$9.00. For additional information, contact Lori Francks @ 325-234-0375. A multifaceted group of ladies ranging in age from their thirties to eighties.

The Friends Group Began a study June 1st named *The Chosen*. Class meets on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Cheers Classroom on the 3rd floor. Books are \$14. For more information, contact the church office @ 655-8981.

Fitness Witness: Water aerobics class to be held at Stephanie James' home. Contact her @ 806-470-2803.

Making a Joyful Noise

Cokesbury Christian Singers

Led by Koste Belcheff. Meeting @ 2:00 p.m. on Thursdays for practice Choir performs periodically during services (10:45 a.m.) and at local care facilities. A steady membership of those in their golden years compose this group. All welcome to join these robust church members that spread the gospel through song.

Sanctuary Choir

Led by Adam Chappel. Practice rehearsals are held Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room on the 1st floor near the sanctuary.

The Bridge Service

Various musicians contribute to a blended musical style of both traditional and contemporary songs.



Wesleyan Handbell Choir

Led by Laura Burkhalter. Practice is Wednesday evenings @ 6:00 p.m. in the Choir room - 1st floor.

The 11th Hour Band

Led by Mark & Lisa Lesosky. An eclectic group of various aged musicians who present contemporary music in a casual service.

"The most consistent musical experience I had growing up was church music." - Amy Grant



COMMUNION STEWARDS

Both the 8:30 and 10:45 services can always utilize more folks. If you have already signed up, let Cathy know if you would like to continue your service. Contact Cathy Hubbard @ 325-450-3590.

KITCHEN HELPERS

Wednesday afternoons for Refuel Your Faith meals (beginning again in the Fall), Feasting at the Table (11th Hour) and other times as needed. Contact Lisa Lesosky @325-315-6561 or email at lisalynette4@gmail.com.

NURSERY WORKERS

Sunday mornings and other times as needed. Contact Laurel Bradford for more information @ 325-655-8981.

SOUND TECHNICIANS

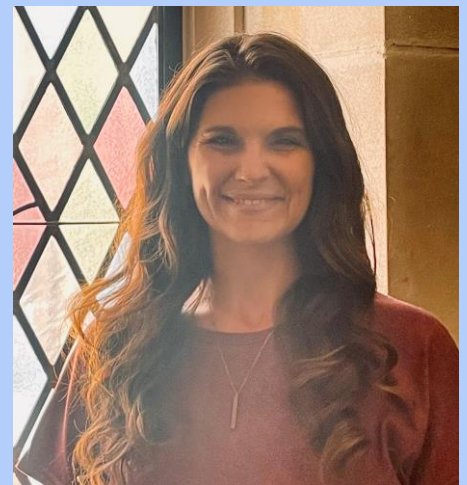
Will train. Contact Pastor Scott or Pastor Kristie at the church office @ 325-655-8981. This is a **paid part-time position**. Visit <https://firstmethodist.net/careers>

POSITION AVAILABLE AT RUSH STREET MINISTRIES

Immediate opening for an Operations Manager. The Operations Manager is responsible for overseeing daily operations including safety, purchasing, stocking, flow of donated items, and maintenance and upkeep of buildings, vehicles and equipment. Send inquiries and resumes to: Michael O'Briant c/o Johnson St. Church of Christ, 2200 Johnson Street, San Angelo, TX 76904..

WELCOME TO THE FIRST CHURCH STAFF – NEW WEDDING COORDINATOR

Hello! My name is Barbie Hari. My family and I moved to San Angelo 3 years ago. Jason and I absolutely love First Church and all the church offers. We have four sons who enjoy youth group and Sunday school. We attend adult Sunday school and well; worship in 11th hour and I enjoy filling in when Laurel needs me with the children. I am excited to be the church's wedding coordinator. If you're getting married or know someone who is and are interested in getting married at First Church, please contact me thru the church office.





BLESS SOMEONE WITH A GIFT OF TIME, MONEY OR NON-PERISHABLE FOOD

Chancel Flowers

Did you know you can honor or memorialize someone or a specific group by placing flowers at the chancel? Call Dori Wegner at 254-718-6189 or email her @

dori@swcia.com

Meals for the Elderly

First Church will be providing volunteer drivers for deliveries during the weekdays. Contact Sandy Pederson @ 325-234-4834. Drivers are always needed.

Methodist Assistance

In First Place Café, a basket is available to drop off canned foods to be donated to those in need at Lakeview Lighthouse

Texas Ramp Project

Contact Pastor Dale at the church office (325) 655-8981. Materials and lunch provided. Thanks to all who have previously participated in building and serving a meal. All skill sets welcome. Kudos to Pastor Dale for organizing this great service to folks with this need.

Soup Kitchen

First Family is cooking on the First Fridays of each month. Dates 2022 are: July 1st, Aug. 5th, Sept. 2nd, Oct. 7th, Nov. 4th, and Dec. 2nd. Location is Wesley UMC located at 301 W. 18th and Martin Luther King Blvd. Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Contact Beth McCrea at edgemama@hotmail.com or the church office @ (325) 655-8981.



Costa Rica – Building up the church

The team will be commissioned July 10th at the 8:30 a.m. service. Contact Karee Wiggins @ Karee.Wiggins@CapitalFarmCredit.com for info on what you can do to support this team who leave this month. Team members include Kevin & Laynee Porche, Jimmy & Kelly Von Gotten Butler, Jimmy Shanks, Kevin, Delaney, & Bianca Grimes, Will, Karee, Grayson & Garren Wiggins, David Hardegree, D’Ann Kuhlmann, and Rev. Dale & Shelly Weise.

**July 16
to July
24**

**July 6
to
August 5**

Kids Eat Free

It’s that time again. . . First Church will be cooking meals here and then transferring those meals to be served at **FIRST METHODIST LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH**. We will be filling a great need for children who go without food while school is out for the summer.

INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH KIDS EAT FREE? You can sign up in First Place Café to donate, cook, or serve. Serving hours are from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Contact D’Ann Kuhlmann at (325) 716-9944, Laura Malloy at (325) 656-8198, or Trudy Bozeman at (325) 656-1362.

Goliad Elementary School

More information, contact Laurel Bradford at the church office or see information under Children’s Ministries.

Lakeview Lighthouse

For more information, contact Pastor Kristie or Pastor Scott for general info or Laurel Bradford for items needed for area children.



The Blessing Box

Located in the front of the church outside courtyard. This box is set up for our homeless brothers and sisters to grab a bite to eat. Nonperishable foods can be taken to the church office and dropped in the marked tub. Please only pop top cans and snack size items. **NO FAMILY SIZE ITEMS.**

Somebody’s Rusty

Contact Candis Hicks @ heritageparksanangelo@gmail.com or call 325-763-7387 for more information.

Bulletin Board Stickies

TIDINGS OF THE LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, JULY 26TH FROM 1:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M. FOR INFORMATION, CONTACT CANDICE HICKS @ heritageparksanangelo@gmail.com



CROSSROADS IS LOOKING FOR HOMES TO HOST OUR POOLSIDE BIBLE STUDIES THIS SUMMER!

CONTACT CHELSEA
CHELSEALYTLB3@HOTMAIL.COM

July 10th

July 12 to July 14

July 6 to August 5

COMMISSIONING THE COSTA RICA MISSION TEAM. SUNDAY MORNING AT THE 8:30 A.M. SERVICE

SAVE THE DATE!

FOOD TRUCK PARTY

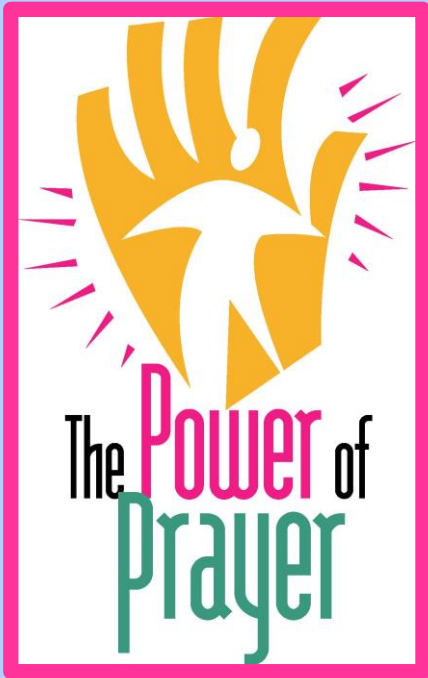
ON A ROLL WITH GOD!

VBS JULY 12-14
5:30PM-8:00PM

KIDS EAT FREE!

IN MEMORY OF	GIVEN BY	FUND
Amy Landon (Daughter of Bob Barnes)	Birdie Pool Tim & Meagan Hunnicutt	Costa Rica
Dick Benson (Sherrie Walker's father)	Birdie Pool	Costa Rica
Linda Fielding	Journey Class	Operating Budget
Henrietta Ayala Larry Abbott	Jo-Ann Larimore Tim & Meagan Hunnicutt	Somebody's Rusty Mature Adults
IN HONOR OF	GIVEN BY	FUND
Carol Santry Kaye Pfluger	Beth Kopecky Beth Kopecky	Costa Rica Kid's Closet – LV Lighthouse





1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

“Be cheerful no matter what; pray all the time; thank God no matter what happens. This is the way God wants you who to Christ Jesus to live.” (The Message)

PRAYER & HEALING SERVICES

Fourth Tuesday of the Month. Led by Pastors Dick West, Scott Bradford, & Kristie Crisp. Services are July 26th, Aug 23rd, Sept 27th, Oct 25th, Nov 22nd, & Dec 27th.

UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS

Copies for July and August are available throughout the church. “Seek and ye will find.”

HEALTH CONCERNS*

Avery Abbott – surgery recovery
 Consuelo Lopez-fall recovery
 Kent Amacker – surgery recovery
 Lee Pipkin*
 Mark Sisson*
 Meleah Plummer*
 Rev. Suzanne Brantley*
 Richard Salmon*
 Ricky Lee
 Sandy Pederson*
 Sherrie Walker*
 Terry Dunn (David Haregree’s sister-in-law)



Family of Linda Fielding D. 5/26
 Family of Mason Weadock D. 6/15
 Family of Richard Lee D. 6/22
 Family of Donald Adams D. 6/28 (uncle of Stephanie James)
 Family of Rev. Claus Rohlf D. 6/28 (brother of Carl Rohlf)
 Community of Uvalde, Texas
 Community of San Antonio - first responders and migrant families
 Vacation Bible School
 Costa Rica Mission Team

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

- National Guard: Cody Smith
- National Guard Texas: Daryl Bradford
- U.S. Air Force: Tyler Barden, Chris Cavaness, Josh Mort, Danielle Pozun, Josh Rodriguez, Ryan Gandy, Zane Jarvis
- U.S. Army: Johnny Goldthrite, Randall Tye Graham, Ryan Tallant, Savannah Gideon
- U.S. Coast Guard: Weston McIntire
- U.S. Navy: Jason Bird, Mica Greenwood, Matt Kuehhas



PRAYING FOR THOSE WITH CANCER

R.R.	Jeff Ward	Pamela Adams
Barry Kleypas	Jennifer Cooper	Raul Najera
Bill Humble	Jerry Tindel	Rev. Suzanne Brantley
Bitsy (Durham) Kirby	Joe Lynch	Richard Watts
Bonnie Kennedy	Jo Ann Motl	Ron Hoelle
Briana McCall	Jose Perez	Rosura Gonzales
Carol Smith	Kevin Halfman	Roy Shannon
Caryl Guisinger	Kim Hunter	Sherrie Walker
Connie Weems	Kinsley Baker	Sheryl Bragg
Dawn Jackson	Linda Rogers	Shirley Kennedy
Duder Duderstadt	Lynda Hughes	Susan Armstrong
Ethan Miller	Mark Sisson	Todd Cummings
Fred Buck	Melissa James	Vernon Fritze
Fred Gudmundson	Melissa Lippincott	Wendy Slaughter
Jay Moore	Michaela Rigsby	
Jeff Peters	Nicole Kleinsmith	

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live" (John 11:25).

Have you checked out our website online giving lately?

We offer online donations and tithing opportunities, but did you know that you can also make a "Memorial" or you can support a "Ministry of your Choice" directly from our website. Take advantage of the convenience that online giving offers. You can make a one-time donation or sign up for regular monthly donations. Check us out at <https://firstmethodist.net/>

