

# THE MESSENGER

MARCH 2024

He has Risen. Hallelujah

First Methodist - San Angelo, TX

A GMC Congregation

LOVE, WORSHIP, WITNESS

- 1<sup>st</sup> Wesley Soup Kitchen. 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Communion at all services
- 5<sup>th</sup> Methodist Assistance – 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the library (food only).
- 5<sup>th</sup> Emmaus Gathering – Sierra Vista UMC. 6:30 p.m.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Night Spring Academy – 5:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Methodist Assistance – 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the library (food only).
- 9<sup>th</sup> Youth Ski Trip begins/Spring Break for San Angelo schools
- 10<sup>th</sup> Daylight Savings Time – Spring forward
- 12<sup>th</sup> Methodist Assistance – 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the library (food only).
- 13<sup>th</sup> No Wednesday Nigh Spring Academy –Spring Break
- 14<sup>th</sup> Methodist Assistance – 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the library
- 16<sup>th</sup> Ramp build at Lakeview Lighthouse. FMI, call Pastor Dale.
- 17<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Day
- 19<sup>th</sup> Methodist Assistance – 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the library
- 20<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Night Spring Academy – 5:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Methodist Assistance - 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the library
- 26<sup>th</sup> Prayer and Healing Service – 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel
- 27<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Night Spring Academy – 5:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- 28<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday – Come & go communion in the sanctuary
- 28<sup>th</sup> 24 Hour Bible Reading begins in the chapel
- 28<sup>th</sup> Methodist Assistance – 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the library
- 29<sup>th</sup> Good Friday - 24 Hour Bible Reading continues in the chapel
- 30<sup>th</sup> 24 Hour Bible Reading continues in the chapel
- 30<sup>th</sup> Easter Egg Hunt at The Bosque @ 11:30 a.m.

Planning on the trip to Branson? The \$200 deposit is due by April 15<sup>th</sup>

## Services & Sunday School Hour

8:30 The Bridge – Sanctuary 9:30 – Sunday School for all ages

10:45 Traditional – Sanctuary 11:00 11<sup>th</sup> Hour – Celebration

Live streaming services

Firstmethodist.net - Tap for Sunday streaming

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# FIRST METHODIST San Angelo

A Global Methodist Congregation

## OUR PASTORS

**Sermon Series for February**  
**8:30 and 10:45 a.m. services**  
**FOCUS: Lenten Weeping**

**3/04** Jesus Weeps for a Friend  
**3/10** Jesus Weeps with Prayer  
**3/17** Why Weepest Thou?  
**3/24** Jesus Wept at the Parade  
**3/31** Who Will Roll the Stone  
Away?



Rev. Scott Bradford  
Senior Pastor



Rev. Jim Noble  
Associate Pastor



Rev. Cyndi Young  
Associate Pastor



Rev. Dale Weise  
Associate Pastor

## SERVICE ENHANCEMENTS

- **Childcare** is available - all services.
- **Children** are welcome in services. We provide activity bags in the Sanctuary (front and back doors) and in Celebration Hall.
- **Coffee** is in First Place Café Hall.
- **Hearing Assistance** devices are available in the back of the sanctuary.
- **Holy Communion** is served the first Sunday of each month in all services.
- **Live Streaming** – All services live streamed through the website @ <https://firstmethodist.net>
- **Messenger Newsletter** – Hard copies are available in the Sanctuary and at the Service Desk near First Place Café. Also available online if you send a request to the church.
- **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](http://www.firstmethodist.net)
- **Upper Room Devotionals** are available in the Sanctuary and at the Service Desk near First Place Café

To access the 2024 Methodist Lectionary, go to [Discipleship Ministries | 2023 Revised Common Lectionary – Sundays &... \(umcdiscipleship.org\)](http://Discipleship Ministries | 2023 Revised Common Lectionary – Sundays &... (umcdiscipleship.org))

# REV. SCOTT BRADFORD – Senior Pastor

Help us make the 72 Hour Bible Reading a powerful time in the life of our church by signing up for one and or both of the following:

- 1) Sign up you and your family to read at least for a twenty-minute increment.
  - You can have your children read.
  - You can sign up as a family.
  - You can also sign up for multiple times and days.
  - Each person reads for about twenty minutes then hand it off to the next reader.

We will be asking you to sign the book where you start reading in the margins of the book.

- 2) We also need Team captains to cover a two-hour shift to make sure that the reading transitions smoothly and there are readers in place.

## **NIGHTTIME Security and Entry:**

- From 7pm to 7am the doors will be locked, and entry will be gained on the Oak Street Sanctuary Door (just North of the Chapel door).
- If you need handicap accessibility, that can be gained by the door from the alley after letting the person tending the door know.
- During the day handicap entry can be gained by entering the Chapel door from the alley where the ramp comes up.

## **This will be a powerful experience.**

Revelation 1:1-3 instructs us: “The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. **Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it,** because the time is near.”

In this 72 Hour Bible Reading, we will both read and hear, and I trust be blessed!

**Pastor Scott**



# REV. JIM NOBLE – Associate Pastor

Hello Church!

Well, an interesting year is upon us, and it is a leap year! This will be my 13<sup>th</sup> leap year. So, some might say, the people who were born Sunday, February 29, 1976, turn 13 this year! I wondered what the Bible said about leaping and rediscovered this text from Luke 6:22-23 (CEB):

***Happy are you when people hate you, reject you, insult you, and condemn your name as evil because of the Human One. Rejoice when that happens! Leap for joy because you have a great reward in heaven. Their ancestors did the same things to the prophets.***

When was the last time you leapt with joy? When was the last time you leapt with joy because you have a great reward in heaven? I remember leaping as a kid a lot more than I have leapt as an adult. Of course, part of that is because leaping is now a health hazard.

What kinds of things make me leap now? Well, when the Chiefs won their third championship in five years, I kind of leapt. In comparison with this text, it seems silly to leap for such a thing. But I have also leapt (at least spiritually) at the New Room Conference, our combined worship, our conference awakening, during 11<sup>th</sup> hour worship, etcetera.

When I hear bad things said about Christians, or Christianity, or Jesus, however, what is my first inclination? It is not often to leap with joy. I'm more likely, initially at least, to clench my teeth or start defending the faith. We should give an account of our faith, lovingly. Our response should not be to lash out in anger.

One of my main takeaways from this passage is that evil doesn't make sense. Evil has never and will never make sense. It isn't logical. Evil won't be deterred by silly things like facts. So rather than arguing with it, what might it look like to rejoice in the face of it?

I realize this newsletter will be distributed after February 29, but even so, you might reflect on the leaping in your life.

What makes you leap?

What makes you clench your fist?

Examine your life and ask yourself, is your leaping in line with the Lordship of Jesus? I pray your 2024 is full of abundant leaping for joy because Jesus is Lord!

It is a privilege being one of your pastors!

Rev. Jim Noble



# REV. CYNTHIA YOUNG - ASSOCIATE PASTOR

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES - ONE ANOTHER SHARING MINISTRY



## Sunday, April 7th Road Trip to Ft. McKavett Hymn Sing in the Hirschfeld Chapel!

How long has it been since you enjoyed a good ole' Gospel Singin' afternoon? An hour of singing toe-tapping favorites like "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder", "When We All Get to Heaven" or "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" can do a lot for a soul that needs a revival!

We invite you to mark your calendar now for this day trip to Fort McKavett on Sunday, April 7 for an old-fashioned Hymn Sing Service and fellowship time at the spectacular Hirschfeld Chapel! It will be a day to either ride along in the church bus or get with others in your personal cars as we caravan through roads lined with wildflowers and enjoy fun conversation with dear friends.

We will meet in the parking garage around 2:30 and then make our way to Ft. McKavett. No need to bring anything – all will be provided. We will have a fellowship time ahead of the service with appetizers and sweets and step back in time to "Singin' and Dinner on the Grounds". Consider it a one-day camp meeting for your soul!

Musicians will include Dr. Koste Belcheff and Jane Smith leading the first set, Shelly Weise and Sidonna Hartman leading the second, a devotional by Buster Peek and final songs led by Pastor Scott and Pastor Cyndi. We will sing the old-time favorites from the Cokesbury Hymnal and give you an opportunity to call out songs that you would like to include in the afternoon. We plan to be back at the church around 7:00 pm.

**Sign-up sheets are posted at the Registration Desk Please plan to join us for this wonderful day!**



**"Church in the Wildwood" By Dr. Wm. S. Pitts**

**There's a church in the valley by the wildwood,  
No lovelier spot in the dale;  
No place is so dear to my childhood  
As the little brown church in the vale!**





## Children's Ministries

Barbie Hari - Director Children's Faith & Formation Ministries

[barbiehari@hotmail.com](mailto:barbiehari@hotmail.com)



First Methodist Church presents

Annual *Easter*  
**Egg Hunt**  
& Picnic

@ The Bosque in Bart DeWitt Park (330 S. Irving St.)

**Saturday,  
March 30th**

**11:30 am to 1 pm**

*Bring a picnic lunch and your lawn chairs to enjoy this family-friendly event!*

- Face Painting
- Glitter Tattoos
- The Easter Bunny Games
- Crafts

*The Story of Easter, led by Pastor Dale*

*The hunt begins at noon!*

### Hop into these events happening in March & April

- 6<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Night Spring Academy
- 13<sup>th</sup> Spring Break
- 20<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Night Spring Academy
- 24<sup>th</sup> Seder Meal during Sunday school led by Karen Clark
- 24<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday
- 27<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Night Spring Academy
- 30<sup>th</sup> Easter Egg Hunt & Picnic at The Bosque
- 31<sup>st</sup> – Easter Scavenger hunt during Sunday School

**April 28<sup>th</sup> – Children serve in worship during 10:45 a.m. service.**

### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS & SPRING ACADEMY

The focus for the mid-week academy is learning about God's creation and the animals.

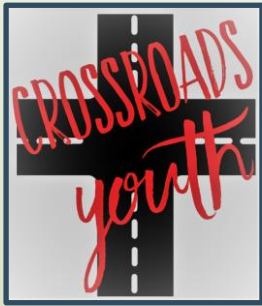
### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Pre – K children are continuing lessons with Otter B.  
K - 2<sup>nd</sup> children are learning about The Lord's Prayer.  
3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> children are learning how to use their Bibles.

### Don't forget about Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

3 - 5-year-olds, Kinder, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> graders in Room E201. 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> graders are in Room E203. You can check your child in on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor just down the hall from the office!





## Youth Ministries

**Mark Noworatzky**  
Director of Youth  
[Mnoworatzky@gmail.com](mailto:Mnoworatzky@gmail.com)



**The Season of Lent** began February 14<sup>th</sup>. The Youth led the service in Celebration Hall with music, readings, imposition of ashes and served communion. Senior Emma Shannon presented a detailed history of the Lenten season and a ten-point list of suggested areas of focus for the journey through this Lenten journey. Pastor Scott added the future of the church is in good hands with the young people who attend the Crossroads Youth Program.



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| <b>1. Worship</b>      | <b>6. Make something (creative art)</b> |
| <b>2. Serve</b>        | <b>7. Be still</b>                      |
| <b>3. Give</b>         | <b>8. Clean something</b>               |
| <b>4. Abstain/Fast</b> | <b>9. Burn something</b>                |
| <b>5. Pray</b>         | <b>10. Forgive and seek forgiveness</b> |



**SKI TRIP TO COLORADO – March 9th through the 14th**  
We covet your prayers for safe travels and no injuries on the slopes.

**EASTER EGG HUNT AT THE BOSQUE - March 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Day of service to the church by helping with games and crafts.

**CURRENT STUDY:** *How (Not) to Read the Bible* by Dan Kimball.

### **GRADUATING SENIORS – CLASS OF**

# 2024

Brothers James and Jackson Hari leading in worship on bass and drums.

### **Thinking ahead for a Senior Celebration.**

#### **Graduating Seniors:**

Emma Shannon – Central High School  
Landry Alls – Central High School  
Sydney Moore – Central High School  
Zane Wegner – Wall High School







**Methodist Healthcare/Wesley Nurse Health Ministries**

**lparry@mhm.org - Lesa Parry**

If you need to reach me, please call 325-215-4835. Offices at both First Methodist Church 37 East Beauregard or Lakeview Lighthouse 263 E. 40<sup>th</sup> Street

**“MY HEALTHY CHILD”**: Is an on-going class and space is limited. To check availability and register, call Lesa Parry, Wesley Nurse, 325-215-4835. The program needs pullups size 4T-5T, pullups size 3T-4T and size 6 - Huggies brand only. (These are for children with allergy to other brands).

**LIGHTHOUSE AND GOLIAD ELEMENTARY MINISTRIES**

We will be co-hosting the **Parents & Pastries** with Goliad on April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:00am-8:00am. We will be taking this opportunity as the parents have breakfast with the kids before school to allow them to see the Lighthouse and hear about future activities planned for the **Lighthouse**. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help, please contact me at 325-215-4835.

We will be doing **Monday Munchies** with Goliad after school 4/29, 5/6, 5/13, & 5/20. Students and parents are invited to learn how to make healthy kid friendly snacks. I am hoping to have representatives of La Esperanza, Tom Green County Library, and Child Advocacy center present to give out information to parents about upcoming events and activities we are planning for the **Lighthouse**.

I am working with **La Esperanza** to get the **mobile clinic** to start coming out to the **Lighthouse** on a regular basis. This is another opportunity to meet the parents and let them know what great opportunities are coming to the **Lighthouse**.

**Diapers needed** for My Healthy Child parenting program. Our greatest need is size 4, 6, and 7 diapers. Any diapers, gift cards or monetary donations to help purchase can be dropped off in the main church office. Please indicate that these are for the Wesley Nurse when leaving them in the office.



Thank you for the support to help the families in need and continue the Wesley Nurse programs that help our families to grow and thrive.

**Isaiah 58:11 NIV**

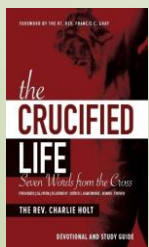
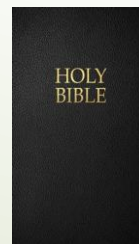
“ . . .You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.”



# Sunday School Adult Classes

## Bayith/Fellowship

*The Bible, The Whole Bible, and Nothing but the Bible*, led by Buster Peek. This class studies the Bible to understand who God is, gain wisdom, learn to receive guidance, and to see and follow Jesus.

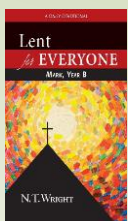


## Cheers

The Cheers Class is currently studying “The Crucified Life: Seven Words from the Cross”, led by John Walker. The study examines human suffering as it is mirrored in Christ’s suffering on the cross and what His seven last words say to a hurting world. Find out incredible insights into these words as Jesus teaches us, even in death, how we can use our suffering and triumph over it for His glory..

## Chi Rho

The Chi Rho Class is studying *Unoffendable: How Just One Change Can Make All of Life Better* by Brant Hansen. It is being taught by Giovanna Lecroy. *Unoffendable* gives you a concrete, practical way to live life with less stress. In our easily offended, cancel-culture society, learn how to replace perpetual frustration and anger with refreshing humility and gratitude.

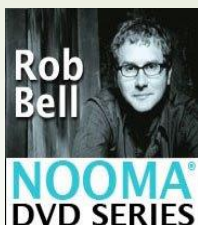
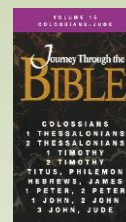


## Harmony

The Harmony class is currently doing a Lent study, “Lent for Everyone. Mark. Year B”, led by Evelyn Coley. Popular biblical scholar and author N. T. Wright provides his own Scripture translation, brief reflection, and a prayer for each of the days of the season, helping the reader ponder how the text is relevant to their own life today.

## Journey

The Journey Class uses the *Journey Through the Bible* study series and is currently working through 1, 2, 3 John. The series uses the NRSV to study the Bible book by book. Soon the class will dive into the book of Jude, led by Stacie Elkins.

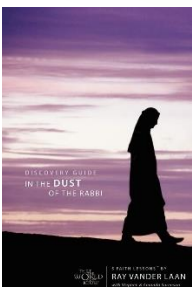


## Seekers

The Seekers Class is using the NOOMA video curriculum, by Rob Bell. NOOMA is a series of short films that explore our world from a perspective of Jesus. NOOMA is an invitation to search, question, and join the discussion. Led by various class members.

## S.T.E.R. (Scripture, Tradition, Experience, Reason – The Wesleyan Quadrilateral)

The STER class is currently doing a study on Hymns and their composers and will begin “Twelve Ordinary Men” by John MacArthur in April.



**The Union young adult** class is currently studying *In the Dust of the Rabbi* led by Tim Hunnicutt. This unique video series brings God’s Word to life with astounding relevance. By weaving together, the Bible’s fascinating historical, cultural, religious, and geographical contexts, teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan reveals unique insights into the Scriptures’ significance for modern believers.

### CLASSROOM LOCATIONS:

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor above Celebration Hall: Cheers, Harmony, Journey, Bayith/Fellowship

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Education Building: S.T.E.R, Union, Chi Rho

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Church Office Conference Room: Seekers

All classes meet on Sundays at 9:30am

## WEEKDAY CLASSES – Tuesday & Wednesdays

**Tuesday Morning Group: The Morning Glories:** Class meets on Tuesdays at 10am in the Journey Classroom (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor). Class is continuing *Carry the Flame* by Jim Cymbala. FMI contact Jaci Cortese @ [jlouco60@gmail.com](mailto:jlouco60@gmail.com) or the church office. For the Lenten season, Pastor Cyndi will lead *In the Footsteps of the Savior* by Max Lucado beginning February 13<sup>th</sup>. Books are \$11.00.

**Wednesday Night Group:** Current study is Tony Evans book *The Power of God's Names*. Evans explores 11 names of God used in the Bible so you can gain a deeper understanding of God's identity, character and works. Books are \$12.00. Contact SherryannMiller@angelo.edu or the church office for more information.

### THAT GOOD OLE' CHURCH MUSIC

**Wesleyan Handbells** - Led by Laura Burkhalter. Practice is Wednesday evenings @ 6:00 p.m. in the handbell room – 1<sup>st</sup> floor. Contact Laura for more information @ [burkhalterl@yahoo.com](mailto:burkhalterl@yahoo.com).

**Sanctuary Choir** - Led by Adam Chappell. Rehearsals are held @ 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor near the sanctuary. For more information, contact Adam Chappell @ [adamchappell@hotmail.com](mailto:adamchappell@hotmail.com).

### **The 11<sup>th</sup> Hour Praise & Worship Band**

An eclectic group of various aged musicians who present contemporary music in a casual service. Practice in Celebration Hall. Looking for new musicians and vocalists. Contact Pastor Dale (655-8981) at the church office for more info.

### **The 8:30 Bridge Musicians**

Various musicians contribute to a blended musical style of both traditional and contemporary songs. Practice is called as needed. You may contact Pastor Cyndi at the church office (655-8981) for more information.

## Spring Academy Classes for All Age Groups

**Children (Ages 3-5)** Meet us in Heritage Hall @ 5:50 p.m. to go upstairs for an Animal Bible lesson, games, crafts, and a snack.

**Youth (Ages 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>)** Study will be *How NOT to Read the Bible*. Meets @ 6:00 p.m. in the basement.

**Men** – Pastor Scott will explore *Wild at Heart* by John Eldredge. Journey classroom on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Book cost is \$11.00.

**Women** – How to Play Mah Jong and led by Sharon Kulig Jan Pipkin, and Mignon Gammage. Meets in Library @ 6:00 p.m.

**Men & Women** – Deep Tracks led by Pastor Jim. Simple agenda. Listen to music and share our experiences. Meets in the Office conference room.

**Men & Women** – *The Power of God's Names* is being led by Sherry Ann Miller in the Harmony Classroom on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Book cost is \$12.00.

**The church nursery will be open each evening from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**



## TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT

**SEEKING A CUSTODIAN** - Contact Pastor Scott at the church office for additional information @ 325-655-8981.

**NURSERY WORKERS & VOLUNTEERS** - Sunday mornings and other times as needed. Contact Barbie Hari @ 325-655-8981.

**SOUND TECHNICIANS** - Will train. Contact Pastor Scott at the church office @ 325-655-8981. This is a paid part-time position. For more information, go to <https://firstmethodist.net/careers>.

## WAYS TO ASSIST MY CHURCH

**BLESSING BOX** - Located in the front of the church outside the courtyard. Nonperishable foods can be taken to the church office. Please only pop top cans and snack size items. Please do not purchase family size items.

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** - You can honor or memorialize someone, or a specific group, by placing flowers at the chancel area in the sanctuary. Call Dori Wegner (254-718-6189) or email her @ [dori@swcia.com](mailto:dori@swcia.com).

**CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES** - Meals for children temporarily removed from homes. Call Brenda Stone for more information @ 325-656-0679.

**COMMUNION STEWARDS** - Needed for 8:30 and 10:45 services. Call Cathy Hubbard @ 325-450-3590.

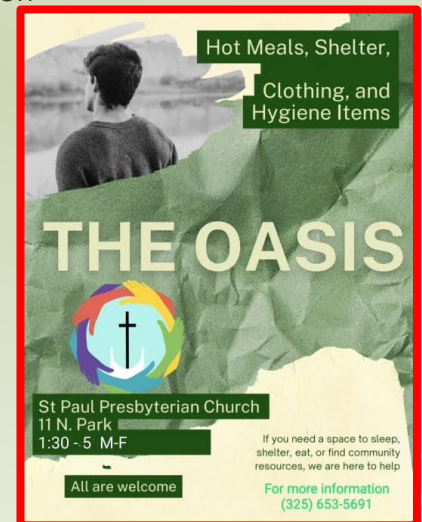
**LAUNDRY LOVE**- Contact Candis Hicks for more information @ 325-763-7387 or email her at [heritageparksanangelo@gmail.com](mailto:heritageparksanangelo@gmail.com).

**METHODIST ASSISTANCE** - In First Place Café, a basket is available to drop off canned foods that are donated to those in need who stop by FUMC during the week. See calendar for distribution dates.

**SOMEBODY'S RUSTY** - Contact Candis Hicks @ [heritageparksanangelo@gmail.com](mailto:heritageparksanangelo@gmail.com) or call 325-763-7387 for info. Always a need for good walking shoes (tennis shoes), underwear and new socks in the packaging.

**SOUP KITCHEN** - Dates for 2024 are the first Friday of each month. Wesley UMC - 301 W. 18<sup>th</sup> MLK Blvd. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Contact Beth McCrea at [edgemama@hotmail.com](mailto:edgemama@hotmail.com) or the church office @ (325) 655-8981.

**TEXAS RAMP PROJECT** - Contact Pastor Dale at the church for the next ramp build @ 655-8981. March ramp build is 3/16 at Lakeview Lighthouse.



**St. Paul's Presbyterian Church** is offering hot meals, hygiene items, and shelter during the cold days of winter. If you would like to help, call the number and see what the needs are @ **325-653-5691**



# HAPPENINGS AROUND FIRST METHODIST CHURCH – SAN ANGELO

## CELEBRATING FEBRUARY

1. A special birthday.
2. Spring Academy dinners & classes (Methodist Mahjonggers).
3. A special combined worship service & a super sermon. A **SUPER LASTING (EVER LASTING) GOD.**
4. A super lunch with a tables full of mouthwatering soups, stews, and sweets.
5. A special super dinner to honor The Hopper House residents for being a helping hand with a recent Laundry Love.
6. A super thank you to all who participated from those who "crooked" and "grilled" and "baked" and "served." FMC is blessed having you here.



### Welcome to our newest members



Louetta Green, Cecil & Rebecca Johnson, & Carolyn Haynes all joined via transfers from St. Luke UMC on Jan. 28 following the 10:45 service.



# MESSAGE BOARD & UPCOMING EVENTS

## PICKLE BALL

The Pickle Ball program is continuing Wednesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. If you are interested in playing, contact **Clay Hubbard @ 325-650-2556** for additional information. .

## DISCIPLESHIP BANDS

Anyone interested, contact Sherrie Walker ([sherrie72@firstmethodist.net](mailto:sherrie72@firstmethodist.net)) in the Church Office. FMI visit [discipleshipbands.com](http://discipleshipbands.com).

## MEALS FOR THE ELDERLY DELIVERY – FMC'S MONTH IS MARCH

Meals are delivered during lunch Monday – Friday.

If you can deliver anytime in March, contact Sandy Pederson at 325-234-4834 or email her at [spdulcimer@icloud.com](mailto:spdulcimer@icloud.com). **Sign up sheets are also in First Place Café**

## MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup> – Palm Sunday Fundraiser for The Costa Rica Mission Team

See Page 15 for more information

## MARCH 28<sup>th</sup> – MARCH 31<sup>st</sup> - 72 Hour Bible Reading

Contact Sherrie Walker at the church office or check the sign-up sheet in First Place Café.

## MARCH 30<sup>th</sup> - Easter Egg Hunt at The Bosque @ 11:30 a.m. & Family Picnic Time

See the Children's Ministry Page for more info.

## MARCH 31<sup>st</sup> – EASTER SUNDAY

Brunch available between services outside of the serving area in the hallway between Celebration Hall and Heritage Hall.

## APRIL 7<sup>th</sup> - FORT MCKAVITT ROAD TRIP

Short sermon and lots of singing in the chapel at Fort McKavitt. Contact Pastor Cyndi at the church office for more information and to save you a spot in the church van.

## APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup> – Prayer Retreat “Come Unto Me” at First Church



Rev. Sue White will lead a FREE prayer retreat at First Church beginning at 9:00 a.m. and concluding by 4:00 p.m. Lunch is provided. Bring a friend and you will glad you did. Sign up in First Place Café. Rev. White as over 30 years of ministry as a pastor, chaplain, counselor, former Conference Evangelist (Rio Texas

Conference, author, and teacher. Dynamic speaker who has traveled the world offering spiritual help. Her website, Many Sparrows, expounds on her current ministry.

## JULY 14<sup>TH</sup> TO JULY 18<sup>TH</sup> – Revive Youth Summer Camp

## JULY 15<sup>TH</sup> – Costa Rica Mission Trip

See Page 15 for more information

## JULY 15<sup>TH</sup> – 17<sup>TH</sup> – Vacation Bible School

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday from 5:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.





**Thank you** for being the heart, the hands and the feet of Christ. What a blessing you are to so many who receive from your giving of time, money, and talent. Ramp building, Souper Bowl food drive for Methodist Assistance and a Valentine gift to all the Goliad teachers.



**Volunteerism at it's best.** From those who provided food, those who built, those who nailed and measured, those who led and those who followed. Kudos to Angelo State University students who donated their Saturday morning and church members as well to show the love of Jesus to family in need.



**Gifts for teachers at Goliad.** Bags of classroom essentials including hand sanitizer, tissues, pencils and dry erase markers for each student, disinfecting wipes, and a note from FMC were delivered to teachers on Valentine's Day.



**Food drive donations.** Feeding the hungry is a ministry FMC does well and continually. A cart full of your donations will supplement both the Methodist Assistance Program and The Blessing Box.



**A note of thanks from J.D. Lindquist**

Dear Pastor Scott & everyone at the church,

I hope what you find enclosed can be the start of a thank you I feel is long overdue since I arrived in June 2023, I have found myself in the most welcoming a joyous towns I have ever had the joy of experiencing (and I have traveled a lot). Since I arrived, I discovered I needed to "repair" my relationship with God. I had trouble with handling stress, was preparing to take a major step in my life, one in which I had never experienced before, and I didn't know anyone here; my community was separated. And then you all shared and welcomed me to this beautiful town.

I am not sure I could every fully repay you all back for everything you have done for me. I found a community here, but I also found God. Because of all of you, I feel ready. Ready to take on the next big steps that will be asked of me not only because of my faith God will be there, but because of you all. Thank you for everything, I would be remiss if this is goodbye; there is too much I could never leave behind in San Angelo, but you have helped me create such amazing memories of this place that I will cherish forever. I plan to keep in touch and thank you for everything!

Very respectfully,

Jackson Lindquist



# WEDNESDAY EVENINGS & MID WEEK SPRING ACADEMY

Wednesdays through March 20<sup>th</sup>

No meeting Mar. 13 – Spring Break

All Classes are from 6:00-7:00. Free Dinner, 5:15-6:00, Kitchen and Heritage Hall

**The Power of God's Names** - Wednesday Night Friends Group Study, led by Sherry Ann Miller, Harmony Classroom. Books \$12

**Wild at Heart** - Men's Study. Led by Scott Bradford. Journey Classroom, Books \$11

**Mah Jongg Lessons** - Led by Sharon Kulig, Jan Pipkin, and Mignon Gammage in the Library.

**Deep Tracks** - Led by Jim Noble, Office Conference Room

**Pickleball** – Meets in the gym at 6:00 p.m. All skill levels welcome.

**How NOT to Read the Bible** - Youth, Grades 6-12 and led by Mark Noworatzky

**Animal Bible Lessons** - Kids, Ages 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grades. Led by Barbie Hari

## Music Rehearsals:

Wesleyan Handbells, 6:00, Handbell Room

11<sup>th</sup> Hour Band, 6:00, Celebration Hall

Sanctuary Choir, 7:00, Choir Room

## PURA VIDA – COSTA RICA FUNDRAISERS



The Costa Rica 2024 Mission Team is gearing up to go back to Costa Rica in July of this year and we have the largest team ever going this year! There are many fundraisers we have set, and we would love your support. These are not church specific, so please tell your friends, family, coworkers, and neighbors.

- March 19th: Texas Roadhouse. 10% of sales are donated **Must Present Flyer**.
- March 31st: BBQ Plate at First Place CAFE. Chicken, sausage, beans, potato salad, and fixin's. Eat in or take out. Chef Dale will be grilling up some good eats!
- April 11th: Jason's Deli. 25% of sales are donated **Must Present Flyer**.
- June: Costa Rica T-shirts will be on sale. More information coming soon.

If you have any questions or would like a copy of a flyer, contact Delaney Grimes (325) 245-8341 or [txlittled@gmail.com](mailto:txlittled@gmail.com)



## Costa Rica Team Fundraiser Meat Pre-Sales and Lunch Plates

On Sunday, March 24th, from 9:30-12:30, the Costa Rica Team will be selling to-go or dine-in plates, with all the sides. They are also having a meat pre-sale where you can order packages of cooked chicken breasts (2), chicken thighs (4), and Mikiluk sausage links (1 lb) to take home. Flyers for this event are available at the worship entrances. Please take as many as you'd like and help spread the word. FMI contact Pastor Dale.

# LORD JESUS, HEAR OUR PRAYERS

## PRAYER & HEALING SERVICES

March 26<sup>th</sup> in the Chapel @ 6:00 p.m.

### PRAYERS FOR HEALING (HEALTH CONCERNS)

Becky Cole, Betsy Sadler, Betty Andrews, Candis Hicks, Rev. Dick West, Eloise Amos, Harold Shelburne, James Hernandez, Jimmy James Russell, Leslee Bowen, Lisa Lesosky, Mary Witt, Myrl Wilde, Pat & LaVerne Adams, Shannon Robbins (wife of Rev. Tom Robbins), Shirley Mohler, Shirley Riddle, Vickie Spydell (Hospice care), the families of James Oates( father of Jamie Shannon), Gary Taylor (Zack & Sarah Schulze's uncle), and Joe Jeffers.

### PRAYERS FOR THOSE WITH CANCER

Barry Kleypas, Bill Humble, Bonnie Kennedy, Briana McCall, Carol Smith, Caryl Guisinger, Connie Weams, Dawn Jackson, Duder Duderstadt, Ethan Miller, Fred Gudmundson, Jay Moore, Jeff Peters, Jeff Ward, Jennifer Cooper, Jerry Tindel, Joe Lynch, Jo Ann Motl, Jose Perez, Kevin Halfman, Kinsley Baker, Linda Rogers, Lisa Melton, Lynda Hughes, Maria Roberts, Melissa James, Michaela Rigsby, Michelle Elkins, Nicole Kleinsmith, Pamela Adams, Pat Adams, Raul Najera, Ron Hoelle, Rosura Gonzales, Roy Shannon, Sherrie Walker, Sheryl Bragg, Shirley Kennedy, Susan Armstrong, Todd Cummings.

### PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

**National Guard Texas:** Daryl Bradford; **U.S. Air Force:** Tyler Barden, Chris Cavaness, Josh Mort, Ryan Gandy, Zane Jarvis; **U.S. Marine Corp:** Danielle Pozun; **U.S. Army:** Johnny Goldthrite, Ryan Tallant, Savannah Gideon; **U.S. Coast Guard:** Weston McIntire; **U.S. Navy:** Jason Bird, Matt Kuehhas. Thank you all for your service and dedication to our country.

### GET INTO THE W.O.R.D

**W**itness to the good news.

**O**ffer to serve in new ministry areas.

**R**espond to the needs of others.

**D**eepen your faith through Bible study.



# MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS - FEBRUARY

<b>IN MEMORY OF:</b>	<b>GIVEN BY:</b>	<b>FUND:</b>
Bob Barnes	Birdie Pool	PE/Maint. Trust
Solomon Southall (son of Ann Southall)	Birdie Pool Camille Santry	Music/Choir Music/Choir
Evelyn Hyman	Bayith-Fellowship Class Birdie Pool Camille Santry	Love & Care Methodist Asst. Love & Care
Cal Hengst, Jr.	Birdie Pool Mike & Mary Lou Elkins Camille Santry	PE/Maint. Trust Love & Care Love & Care
Mary Jane Van Zandt Myers	Bayith-Fellowship Class	Love & Care
Beth Kopecky	Camille Santry	Love & Care
Jim Ridge	Camille Santry	Love & Care
Jackie Oates (Mother of Jamie Shannon)	James & Ladonna Gibson	Youth Ministry

<b>IN HONOR OF:</b>	<b>GIVEN BY:</b>	<b>FUND:</b>
D'Ann Kuhlmann (Celebrating a birthday)	The Troopers Walking Group	Costa Rica
Laura Malloy (Celebrating a birthday)	The Troopers Walking Group	Costa Rica
Becky Wilson (Celebrating a birthday)	The Troopers Walking Group	Costa Rica

**IN MEMORANDUM**

**James Oates – father of Jamie Shannon –  
February 11, 2024  
Connie Jeffers – February 28, 2024**

**“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.” John 14:3-4.**

**Editorial thoughts about the 72 Hour Bible Reading**

An opportunity to follow a biblical scripture is before us. In the book of 1 Timothy, Verse 4: 13-16, Paul tells Timothy **“Until I come again, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. Do not neglect your gift, which was give you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you.”**

As Pastor Scott wrote in the bulletin insert, “The Word of God matters to us, and we should hear it read!” I wholeheartedly agree with Pastor Scott. To hear the whole story of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation is a chance to be part of **something bigger than ourselves**. An undertaking that everyone in the church can participate. To honor God with your presence and participation as the church prepares for Easter. I am anxious to see the movement of the Holy Spirit as words of God in the Bible are read in its entirety.

**The Chapel environment will be a place of scripture reading and reflection.  
Come and speak and hear the Word of God.**



**EASTER OFFERING**

**“I am the Resurrection and the life.” John 11:25**

Hopefully you have received a letter from Pastor Scott about how the Holy Spirit is moving in Rwanda and about the partnership being formed with Waco First and First Church San Angelo.

**FMC has an opportunity to help.**

Bishop Nathan Amooti or one of his assistants will be present to speak to our congregation on a Sunday in April. More information on this visit is forthcoming. First Church will present our Easter offering to the Kagali Anglican Cathedral at that service.

**Check out our website online giving option**

**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 online giving offers. You can make a one-time donation or sign up for regular monthly donations. Check us out at <https://firstmethodist.net>**

