

THE MESSENGER

JULY 2024

First Methodist - San Angelo, TX

A GMC Congregation

LOVE, WORSHIP, WITNESS

- 1st GriefShare – Meets each Monday @ 5:30 p.m. in the Journey classroom.
- 2nd Emmaus Gathering – 6:30 p.m. at Sierra Vista UMC.
- 3rd Wednesday activities – see below.
- 4th July 4th – Church offices closed
- 5th Soup Kitchen – Wesley UMC. 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- 10th Wednesday Activities
- 10th Pool Party at Municipal Pool. All invited. 6:30 p.m.
- 15th Vacation Bible School
- 16th Vacation Bible School
- 17th Wednesday Activities
- 17th Vacation Bible School
- 20th Costa Rica Mission Trip begins
- 21st Youth mission trip to San Antonio
- 23rd Prayer & Healing Service – Chapel at 6:00 p.m.
- 24th Wednesday Activities2
- 25th Women's Emmaus Walk #2208
- 25th Prayer and Healing Service @ 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel.
- 26th Wednesday Activities.
- 30th Tidings of Last Tuesdays @ 1:00 in First Place Café & 3rd floor clothing closet .

Wednesday Activities

- 2:00 p.m. – Mah Jongg @ 2:00 p.m. in the library.
- 6:00 p.m. – Pickleball, Wednesday Night Bible Study, & music practices.

Methodist Assistance

- Food Distributions are Tuesdays & Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. This month: 2nd, 9th, 11th, 16th, 18th, 23rd, 25th and 30th.
- Methodist Assistance Financial Distributions are Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This month: 11th, 18th, and 25th.

Services & Sunday School Hour

- 8:30 The Bridge – Sanctuary
- 9:30 - Sunday School for all ages
- 10:45 Traditional – Sanctuary
- 11:00 11th Hour - Celebration
- Live streaming 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

FIRST METHODIST San Angelo

A Global Methodist Congregation

OUR PASTORS

Sermon Series for July
8:30 and 10:45 a.m. services
FOCUS: Questions Jesus Asked

July	7 th	A Bystander
July	14 th	Who Do You Say I Am?
July	21 st	Do You Want to Get Well?
July	28 th	Why Are You So Afraid?



Rev. Scott Bradford
Senior Pastor



Rev. Jim Noble
Associate Pastor



Rev. Cyndi Young
Associate Pastor



Rev. Dale Weise
Associate Pastor

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
- **Upper Room Devotionals** are available in the Sanctuary and at the Service Desk near First Place Café.

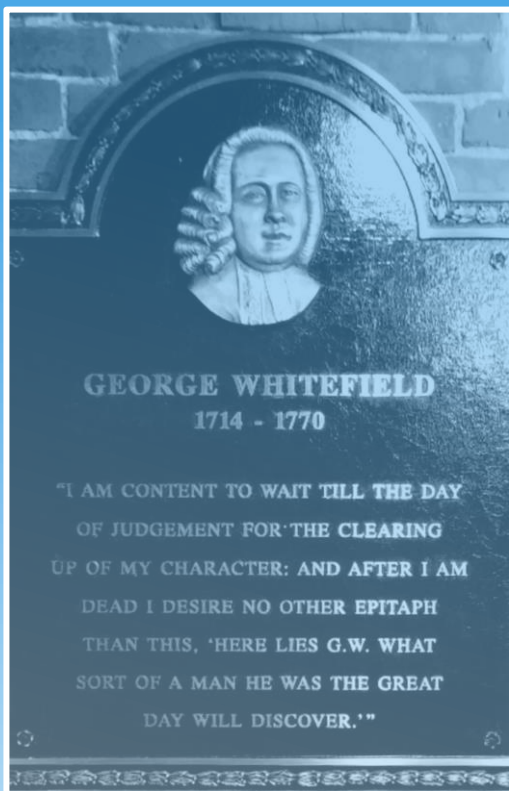
To access the 2024 Methodist Lectionary, go to Discipleship Ministries | 2023 Revised Common Lectionary – Sundays &... (umcdiscipleship.org)



REV. SCOTT BRADFORD – Senior Pastor

This summer i want to try to do some pastoral visits! I would like to have a cup of coffee and hang out. I can come to your place, or we can meet somewhere. It could be just with you or maybe your small group or Sunday School. To help make this happen, you could contact Heather in the office (325)-655-8981 she would be more than happy to help us schedule a visit.

To start our conversation, I'd like you to think about the historic John Wesley question "How is it with your soul?" and the follow up would be "How can I as your pastor help you in your relationship with God?"



On our recent trip, Laurel and I stopped at Newburyport, Massachusetts and saw the church where Rev George Whitefield, who along with Wesley furthered the Methodist movement. He died in the parsonage of Old South Presbyterian Church in Newburyport and was encrypted under the pulpit. Not sure I want that to happen, but Rev. Jim Noble is asking to be buried under the 11th Hour stage (LOL). Whitefield is credited with saying "We can preach the Gospel of Christ no further than we have experienced the power of it in our own hearts!"

The same is true for you in your daily life, you cannot serve God beyond the degree that you have experienced him in your life. My questions I asked above I pray will help us not only get to know each other better, but both (or however many of us meet) grow closer to the power of God in our lives.

Grace and peace. Hopefully, we can meet soon for coffee and a chat!

Pastor Scott

REV. JIM NOBLE – Associate Pastor

Hello Church!

I'm continuing a sermon series based on II Corinthians titled "Power, Pain, & Apostleship." As I said last month, II Corinthians is a raw, transparent, and emotional book. You can, almost always, watch 11th Hour Services during or after the fact at:

<https://www.youtube.com/@firstmethodistsanangelocon2703>

One of the Scriptures I referenced last Sunday is from II Corinthians 7:6-7 (CEB):

"However, God comforts people who are discouraged, and he comforted us by Titus' arrival. We weren't comforted only by his arrival but also by the comfort he had received from you. He told us about your desire to see me, how you were sorry, and about your concern for me, so that I was even happier."

Paul experiences tremendous ups and downs always, and as he travels and writes this letter. He practically prays without ceasing and knows God's providence is coming when times are hard.



The question I asked yesterday, and I ask again now, is what are YOU trying to handle (le) on your own and what are you willing to hand-El (El)? When we can hand things to El (the One true God), we don't have to carry those things any longer.

He is faithful and sends comfort at just the right time, just as Paul and those with him finally met Titus and received good news from him about the Corinthians.

Friends, God will give you more than YOU can handle, but not more than you can hand-El! Pray today about what you're carrying that you can hand-El! Then, celebrate and await the glorious comfort and rest of God!

Blessings!

Rev. Jim Noble

Freedom
IN CHRIST.



Martha's Circle

Martha Yarbro headed up the Love and Care Ministry here in our church for many decades! She would arrange for catered family meals, receptions or deliveries to those who were grieving or going through physical challenges. She not only arranged the food but also made sure the tables were set correctly, teams recruited to help serve and the myriad of clean (and pressed!) tablecloths and centerpieces were in place.

There was nothing half-hearted about this ministry nor her consistent attention to necessary details.

We are pleased to introduce a new committee who will carry out this vital work for years to come. The name of the committee has been changed to honor the one who gave so many years of her life to serving others. From now forward, you will be hearing of **Martha's Circle**. The extent of the ministry will be the same, but the name will honor the faithful servant who gave so compassionately to our church throughout the years.

The members of **Martha's Circle** are Trudy Bozeman, Lisa Hirschfeld, D'Ann Kuhlmann, Laura Malloy and Shelly Sanford. If you would be willing to help serve during the luncheons or receptions in the coming months, please contact one of the committee members.

Thank you all for the many ways you touch lives within our congregation!



Blessings to you!

Pastor Cyndi

Martha's Circle: L-R top row: Laura Malloy and D'Ann Kuhlmann. L-R bottom row: Lisa Hirschfeld and Trudy Bozeman. Not pictured: Shelly Sanford.



Children's Ministries

Barbie Hari - Director Children's Faith & Formation Ministries
barbiehari@hotmail.com



Loving on God's children every time they are here!

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
VBS 2024
Online Registration Opens May 30th
Kids 3 yrs - Incoming 5th graders



Noah's Big Adventure
Dinner, Fun & Worship
JULY 15TH-17TH 5:30-8PM

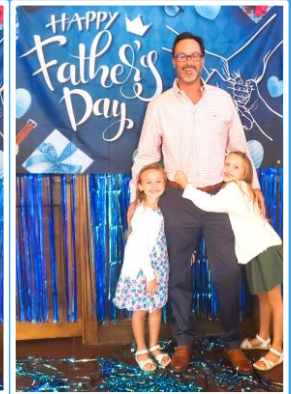
Register your kids or sign-up to volunteer online!
<https://firstmethodist.net/children/>
Questions? Please email barbie@firstmethodist.net




POOL Party
Wednesday, July 10
6:30-8:30, Municipal Pool
Food, Drinks, Games, Prizes
Friends & Family Welcome!



Father's Day Breakfast. Blessing to all the fabulous dads.



First Methodist Vacation Bible School
Noah's Big Adventure - July 15th -17th
Registration open for volunteers and participants.
<https://vbspro.events/p/402df1>
5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Dinner is provided.



Summertime fun at the church playground, especially when the children can get wet!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL – FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Summer lessons begin at the end of May and run through August. All classes will study The Fruits of the Spirit. Join us for fun-filled lessons, games, and crafts.

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



**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 at 37 East Beauregard or Lakeview Lighthouse at 263 E. 40th Street

**LIGHTHOUSE AND GOLIAD
ELEMENTARY MINISTRIES**

“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 3T-4T, pullups & size 6 - Huggies brand only. (These are for children with allergy to other brands).

Summer Meals for Kids The *Lighthouse Kids* summer feeding program needs three people each day (M-F) from 10:00-1:00 to prepare and serve a meal to approximately 40 kids/families at the Lakeview Lighthouse Everything is provided, including a kitchen coordinator who will guide the volunteers. Volunteers needed the weeks of June 10 & 17, and the last four weeks of July (closed July 4th week). Some days we are feeding over 50 children.

Reading & Crafts Do you like to read to kids? Do you enjoy crafts? We are looking for people to read and assist kids with crafts (provided) during the lunch hour, 11:30-12:30.

Community Partnerships Additional organizations, such as the TGC Library, La Esperanza Clinic, Concho Valley Council of Governments (application assistance and benefits renewals) and more, will be at the Lighthouse certain days during the summer offering educational programs and information for parents. Ambleside School Summer Campers, and a cook team from Emmanuel Episcopal Church are also helping this summer.

FMI or to sign up to help with programs at the Lighthouse, please contact Sherrie Walker in the Church Office. Volunteer sign-up sheets are available in the First Place Café and the Church Office.

La Esperanza mobile clinic will be coming to the Lighthouse on July 9th, and August 12th. This is another opportunity to meet the parents and let them know what great opportunities are coming to the Lighthouse.

Lesa Parry

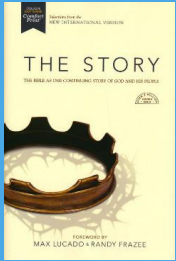


July 2024 Adult Sunday School Classes

HOLY
BIBLE

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 will continue their pre-Lent study, *The Story*, led by John Walker. *The Story* sweeps you into the unfolding progression of Bible characters and events from Genesis to Revelation. Using the clear, accessible text of the NIV Bible, it allows the stories, poems, and teachings of the Bible to read like a novel.



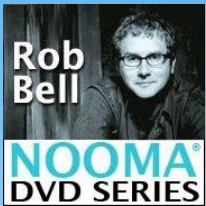
Chi Rho

The Chi Rho Class is studying *Don't Look Back* by Bible teacher, international speaker, activist, and bestselling author Christine Caine. This study will motivate you to stop looking back, get unstuck, and keep moving forward into God's promises and purpose for your life. It is being taught by Giovanna Lecroy.

Harmony - The Harmony class is currently studying *The Quest: An Excursion of Intimacy With God*.

Journey

The Journey Class is currently studying Revelation led by David Huckaby.



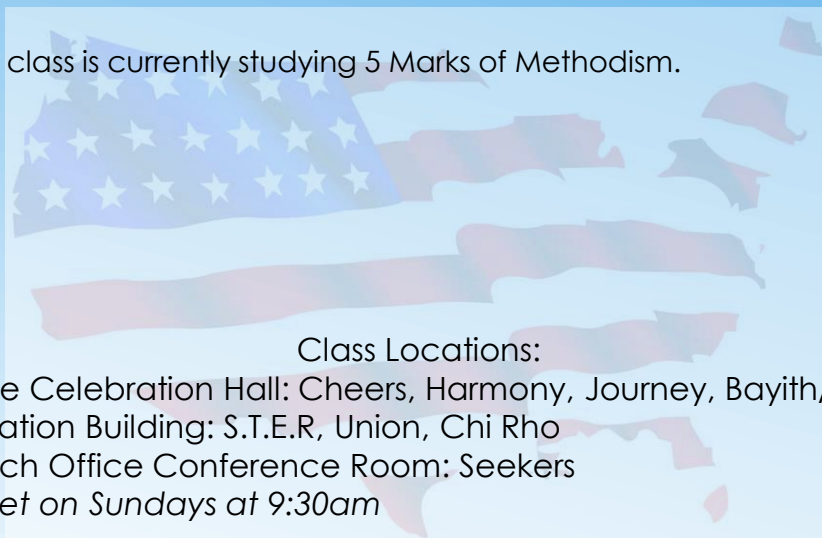
Seekers

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 *In the Footsteps of the Savior* by Max Lucado.

Union

The Union young adult class is currently studying 5 Marks of Methodism.



Class Locations:

3rd Floor above Celebration Hall: Cheers, Harmony, Journey, Bayith/Fellowship
3rd Floor Education Building: S.T.E.R, Union, Chi Rho
2nd Floor Church Office Conference Room: Seekers
All classes meet on Sundays at 9:30am

WEEKDAY CLASSES – Tuesday & Wednesdays

Strength in the Struggle - Tuesday Morning Summer Bible Study for Women

Join the Morning Glories women's group as they study *Strength in the Struggle*, by Lauren Bach. This book was created to help cultivate a biblical understanding of anxiety and fear, trust in the power of the gospel as our ultimate hope, and learn to apply God's Word in both thought and action. As our confidence in Christ and His Word grows, we are strengthened to face life's ongoing battles against anxiety and fear. This study is led by Jaci Cortese and meets weekly, starting Tuesday, June 4 at 10am in the Journey Classroom. Books are available for \$10 each. No need to register in advance. All women are welcome. Childcare available if requested in advance. FMI contact Jaci Cortese @ jlouco60@gmail.com or the church office.

Wednesday Afternoons: Mahjongg at 2:00 p.m. in the library. All are welcome regardless of your skill level. Seasoned teachers will aid you in mastering this amazing game. Snacks provided. Childcare available with advanced notice.

Wednesday Night Group: Class is currently studying *Gideon* by Priscilla Shirer. This seven-session study will encourage you to recognize your weakness as the key the Lord gives you to unlock the full experience of His strength in your life. Instead of ignoring, neglecting, or trying to escape your weaknesses, learn to see them as gifts given specifically and strategically by God. If you have ever felt insufficient, ill-equipped, incompetent, or outnumbered, this study is for you. Contact SherryannMiller@angelo.edu or the church office for more information.

Wednesday Night 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 info. Childcare available with advanced notice.

CHURCH MUSIC

Wesleyan Handbells - Led by Laura Burkhalter. Practice is Wednesday evenings @ 6:00 p.m. in the handbell room – 1st floor. Contact Laura for more information @ burkhalter@yahoo.com.

Sanctuary Choir - Led by Adam Chappell. Rehearsals are held @ 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room on the 1st floor near the sanctuary. For more information, contact Adam Chappell @ adamchappell@hotmail.com.

The 11th 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.

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

TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT

CUSTODIAL STAFF (Immediate Need) – Contact Pastor Scott at the church office or go to <https://firstmethodist.net/careers>

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.

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

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CAR CLINIC – Contact Jason Hari for more information by calling the church office.

COMMUNION DELIVERY – Folks needed to deliver communion to our shut ins. Communion elements are sacked and ready to pick up and deliver on first Sundays of the month.

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.

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. Items needed: Canned tuna or chicken or packaged tuna or chicken. Contact Lisa Lesosky at 325-315-6561 for more information.

SOMEBODY'S RUSTY - Contact Candis Hicks @ heritageparksanangelo@gmail.com or call 325-763-7387. Always a need for good walking shoes (tennis shoes), underwear in the packaging.

SOUP KITCHEN - Dates for 2024 are the first Friday of each month. Wesley UMC – 301 W. 18th MLK Blvd. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Contact Beth McCrea at 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.

TIDINGS OF LAST TUESDAYS - Men's jeans, shirts, shorts. Men's and women's tennis or sturdy walking shoes. Ladies' and men's undies new in packages. Do not need socks at this time.

MESSAGE BOARD & UPCOMING EVENTS



2024 Costa Rica Mission Team: Kelly Butler, Bianca, Delaney, & Kevin Grimes, Seth Hernandez, James & Jason Hari, Doug & D'Ann Kuhlman, Tim & Laura Malloy, Karen Michael, Laynee & Kevin Porche, Mattie, Shelly, & Todd Sanford, Jimmie VonGonten, Dale & Shelly Weise, Karee & Will Wiggins, Lorrie & David Zemke.

Tee shirts have been ordered. If you ordered one (or two), you will be contacted by text from a member of the Grimes family when shirts can be picked up on a forthcoming Sunday at the church.

SUMMERTIME & FALL EVENTS

- June 10th – August 2nd Lighthouse Kids Eat Program. Volunteers always welcome.
- July 9th La Esperanza mobile clinic at LV Lighthouse
- July 10th **Pool Party for all. Municipal Pool. 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**
- July 15th to 17th Vacation Bible School. Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday. 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Get ready for Noah's Adventures.
- July 20th – July 28th Costa Rica Mission Trip
- July 21st – July 26th Youth to San Antonio for mission trip with Blueprint Ministries
- July 25th Women's Emmaus Walk # 2208
- August 13th La Esperanza mobile clinic at LV Lighthouse
- August 15th Men's Emmaus Walk #2209
- September 4th Wednesday Night Fall Academy begins. Ends October 23rd
- September 8th Pecan Creek Pavilion Church Gathering with supper and music by Take 2.
- October 24th Women's Emmaus Walk #2210
- October 31st Fall Festival in conjunction with the City of San Angelo
- November 18th – 23rd Best Branson Christmas Shows Tour



New Members from Confirmation:
Avery Hubbard and Ella Noble.



Congratulations to Breanna Flores & Micah Vera Cruz. Pastor Jim officiated as they became husband and wife on June 15th.



Welcome Kelly & Francis Jelensperger who joined June 9th at the 10:45 service.



LORD JESUS, HEAR OUR PRAYERS FOR HEALING

PRAYER & HEALING SERVICES
23rd in the Chapel @ 6:00 p.m.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING (Health Concerns)

Ann Williams (Allen Martin's sister), Betty Andrews, Bob Carpenter, Candis Hicks, Carolyn Teagler, Rev. Dick West, Gale Hartman, Harold Moore, James Hernandez, Jerri Emerson (Lisa Lesosky's cousin), Rev. Jim Noble, Jo Ann Motl, Joy Morris, Pat & LaVerne Adams, Shannon Robbins (wife of Rev. Tom Robbins), Sherry Peyton, Shirley Mohler, Shirley Riddle, Sue Sims, and the family of Rosaura Gonzales (D.O.D. 6/6/24)

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, Mark Sisson, Maria Roberts, Melissa James, Michaela Rigsby, Michelle Elkins, Nicole Kleinsmith, Pamela Adams, Pat Adams, Raul Najera, Ron Hoelle, Roy Shannon, Sherrie Walker, Sheryl Bragg, Shirley Kennedy, Susan Armstrong, and 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. Air Force Reserve**: Javi Nagore. **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 Kuehas. Thank you all for your service and dedication to our country.



June Memorials 2024:

IN MEMORY OF:

Rosaura Gonzales

Joan Hoglund

GIVEN BY:

*Lee & Jan Pipkin
Tim & Meagan Hunnicutt*

Charles & Brenda Wyatt

FUND:

*Children's Ministry
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Methodist Assistance

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