



# THE MESSENGER

SEPTEMBER 2024

First Methodist - San Angelo, TX  
A GMC Congregation  
LOVE, WORSHIP, WITNESS



- 1<sup>st</sup> Communion – All services
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Labor Day
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Emmaus Gathering – 6:30 p.m. at Sierra Vista UMC
- 6<sup>th</sup> Soup Kitchen – Wesley UMC. 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- 5<sup>th</sup> GriefShare – Journey classroom @ 5:30 every Monday. Class ends this month.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Emmaus Gathering – 6:30 p.m. at Sierra Vista UMC.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Activities – see below.
- 13<sup>th</sup> La Esperanza Mobile Clinic at Lighthouse
- 14<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Activities.
- 15<sup>th</sup> SAISD students back to school.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Guest Speaker Rev. Mariana Genova from Bulgaria – Dinner included. Sign up in First Place Café for a reservation.
- 19<sup>th</sup> La Esperanza Mobile Clinic at Lighthouse
- 21<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Activities.
- 27<sup>th</sup> Tidings of Last Tuesdays @ 12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. for this month only. Items needed listed on Page 10
- 27<sup>th</sup> Prayer and Healing Service @ 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel.
- 28<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Activities.
- 29<sup>th</sup> 10:45 and 11<sup>th</sup> Hour services combined.

#### Methodist Assistance

Food Distributions are Tuesdays & Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. This month: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>

Methodist Assistance Financial Distributions are Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This month: 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>.

#### Lighthouse Food Pantry

Food Distributions are every Monday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. This month: 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>. Call Sherrie Walker or Lisa Lesosky at the church office if you are interested in helping with this ministry.

#### 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 Hall

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](mailto:info@firstmethodist.net)

# FIRST METHODIST San Angelo

A Global Methodist Congregation

## OUR PASTORS

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

September 1<sup>st</sup> Who Touched Me?  
September 8<sup>th</sup> Do You Believe This?  
September 15<sup>th</sup> Do You Me?  
September 22<sup>nd</sup> So You Believed  
September 29<sup>th</sup> 8:30 a.m. service  
10:45 a.m. service combined  
with 11<sup>th</sup> Hour service. Musical extravaganza.



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 &...](http://Discipleship Ministries | 2023 Revised Common Lectionary – Sundays &... (umcdiscipleship.org)) ([umcdiscipleship.org](http://umcdiscipleship.org))

# REV. SCOTT BRADFORD – Senior Pastor

It was early into the Lighthouse Kid's Free Lunch program this summer, and that day we served sixty-eight children and parents.

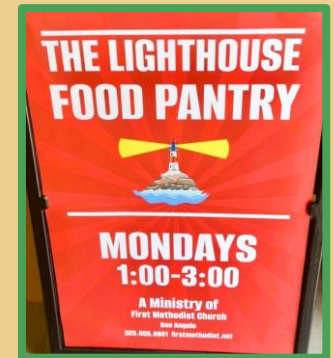
I was walking around the Lighthouse and just crying with joy because three years of work (or more) and the vision was coming to fruition. About \$350,000 in repairs have been completed to the building from either personal donations or grants.

Methodist healthcare Ministry (MHM) has been a grant partner these last two years and this year funding our program.

The vision of the Lighthouse is to be a mission outpost of FMC and re-establishing a Methodist presence in the Lake View Highschool feeder area. It is also a goal to be more of a "one stop" where families or individuals can receive the services that are needed.

This year alone we have:

- Served over 1,800 meals
- Offered a four-week afterschool nutritional snack program
- Wesley Nurse services
- La Esperanza Mobile Clinic
- Referrals to eye appointments
- Partnered with the Northside Library
- Reading program and free books
- Children's Clothing Closet
- Food Pantry is now up and running and offers fresh vegetables from the "Bountiful Baskets" co-op program.
- Partners with Emmanuel Episcopal
- Partnered with St. Luke's volunteers
- Served teacher appreciation lunch to Goliad Elementary
- Sterling City Methodist Church provided boxes of cookies
- Partnered with Early Childhood Development
- Partnered with ASU Fostering Ram Success
- Partnered with Girl Scouts
- Partnered with Adult Literacy



WOW! And probably there are things I have failed to recall.

The Lighthouse is an amazing ministry opportunity that is just ramping up and I would love for you to plug in some way and help us make a difference.

**Pastor Scott**



## REV. JIM NOBLE – Associate Pastor

Hello Church!

I am a person who likes clear glasses, clear windows, and a clear windshield. I know some of you can drive with a windshield that has not been cleaned since the Reagan administration and get along just fine. That is not necessarily a bad thing, it likely means you are more easy-going than I am.

But when it comes to spiritual vision, we ought to seek clarity. What “wipers”, “wipes”, “fluid”, or “cloths” do we use to clarify our spiritual vision? Well, according to Paul, obedience is a big one. Obedience to what? Obedience to Scripture, the Holy Spirit, and God who has revealed God’s self. In 2 Corinthians 10:6, Paul writes:

*“Once your obedience is complete, we are ready to punish any disobedience.”*

What is Paul talking about? In my semi-educated opinion, he’s writing to a church that has backslid. They’ve been entertaining far more sinful behavior and a far more sinful outlook on the world than they had when he left them approximately five years prior. His message to them is simple, obedience leads to clarity. He also tells them how obedience opens access to the most powerful weapons in the universe. Not weapons like knives, guns, bombs, or soldiers. Instead, weapons like discernment, power from God, and the power of the Holy Spirit. Nothing can stand against these powers. Nothing whatsoever!

Seeing the world clearly allows us to properly discern what is of God and what is against God. Lord, I pray that such clarity increases in me and in anyone who reads this letter!

If you drive with a caked-up windshield or smeared up glasses, it’s ok. But may we all clean our spiritual vision!

It’s a blessing to be one of your pastors!

**Rev. Jim Noble**

*Spiritual*  
Clarity



# REV. CYNTHIA YOUNG – Associate Pastor

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES - ONE ANOTHER SHARING MINISTRY

## BRANSON CHRISTMAS SHOWS TOUR

NOVEMBER 18-23, 2024

Here is an outline of our itinerary for the upcoming tour. Final payment is due at Fred & Carol's Traveltime Agency by no later than October 1<sup>st</sup>. Still room if you would like to join us! To save space here, no rest stops are included but we will have several each day on the road.

Monday, November 18 – Arrive at church by 6:30 am, load the bus and be on the road by 7:00 am.

Lunch Break Golden Corral, Lawton, OK (included). Comfort Inn & Suites Glenpool, 12119 Casper St, Jenks, OK (included) and then dinner – Whataburger or Chick-fil-A (included)

Tuesday, November 19 – 8:00 am – Depart Comfort Inn, Jenks, OK

12:11 a.m. – Lunch - Cater Branson by Golden Corral Branson MO (included)

1:16 p.m. – Arrive Branson Towers Hotel, check-in, take a nap, freshen up

3:30 p.m. – Board Bus, travel to DOLLY PARTON'S DIXIE STAMPEDE, (dinner show included)

7:00 p.m. – Board Bus, return to Branson Towers

Wednesday, November 20 - Breakfast is served here every day, 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. (included)

9:30a.m. – Board Bus, travel to King's Castle Theatre, 2701 W 76 Country Blvd.

10:00a.m. – BRANSON'S CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND SHOW

12:30p.m. – 1:30p.m. – Lunch Pizza Ranch, 1464 Hwy 248, Branson, MO (included)

2:00 p.m. – THE TEXAS TENORS CHRISTMAS SHOW

4:00 p.m. – Board Bus – Scenic Drive Overlook

5:30p.m. – Dinner at Golden Corral (included)

6:30 p.m. – Board bus, travel to Dutton Family Theatre, 3454 W 76 Country Blvd, Branson, MO

7:30 p.m. – DUTTON FAMILY CHRISTMAS SHOW

9:30p.m. – Return to Branson Towers

Thursday, November 21 - Have Breakfast at your time 6:00 to 9am (included)

9:30a.m. – Board Bus, travel to Clay Cooper Theatre, 3216 W 76 Country Blvd. Branson, MO

10:00a.m. – Clay Cooper's OZARK MOUNTAIN CHRISTMAS SHOW

12:30p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Grand Country Buffet (included)

1:30 p.m. – Board bus, travel to Sight & Sound Theatre

3:00 p.m. – MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS, Sight & Sound Theatre

6:30 p.m. – Dinner at Lambert's & Surprise enroute to hotel (included)

9:30p.m. – Return to Branson Towers

Friday, November 22 - Breakfast at your time 6:00 to 9am (included) Check-out of hotel.

9:30a.m. – Board Bus, travel to Hugh's Brothers Theatre, 3435 W.76 Country Blvd. Branson, MO

10:00a.m. – HUGH'S BROTHERS CHRISTMAS SHOW

12:00 noon - Board Bus, travel to Lunch at Chick-fil-A (included)

1:00p.m. – Bus departs Branson MO and travels toward San Angelo TX.

Overnight Best Western Plus, 430 S. Grand Ave.-Chickasha, OK

Saturday, November 23 - 8:00A.M. – BOARD BUS

12:15 p.m. – Lunch stop, Cranes Craft BBQ at the Wagon Wheel Dance Hall, Tye. TX

2:45 p.m. - Arrive Home, First Methodist Church San Angelo

Thank the Good Lord and Our Driver for our Safe travels. Thanks for traveling with us and especially to Fred & Carol's Traveltime who handled all our arrangements!



# Children's Ministries

Barbie Hari - Director Children's Faith & Formation Ministries  
[barbiehari@hotmail.com](mailto:barbiehari@hotmail.com)



## September Kids Corner



### Wednesday Nights

Ignite program has started again! We meet in First Place Café every Wednesday at 6pm. Parents can pick up their children on 2nd floor at 7:30. There is a family dinner in Heritage Hall starting at 5:15.



### Farewell to Summertime

The sun it did shine,  
It is too hot to play,  
So we sat with Miss Barbie indoors on these days.

This playground equipment has been donated to the church and will soon be a part of the play area our children utilize at FMC. However, it will need to be relocated via a short move. If you are interested in helping with the "moving" project, contact Barbie at the church office. Estimated date of move is mid-September.



### Sunday school

In September we will be starting a new curriculum in each class. Simply Loved a Journey through God's loving word.



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

**LIGHTHOUSE AND GOLIAD ELEMENTARY MINISTRIES**

**LAKEVIEW LIGHTHOUSE**  
263 E. 40th Street

**OFFERED MONTHLY TUESDAYS:**  
Sept. 17  
Oct. 15  
Nov. 12  
Dec. 17  
1:00-3:00

**CROCKPOT COOKING COMMUNITY CLASS**  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR EACH SESSION  
LPARRY@MHM.ORG or (325) 215-4835

**FREE!!**  
Crockpot & Recipe Book for 1st Time Attenders

**Child Care**

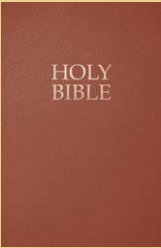
**Diapers needed** for My Healthy Child parenting program. Our greatest need is size 3, 4, and 6 diapers. Any diapers, gift cards or monetary donations to help purchase can be dropped off in the main church office. Please indicate that these are for the Wesley Nurse when leaving them in the office. Thank you for the support to help the families in need and continue the Wesley Nurse programs that help our families to grow and thrive.

I could not imagine these many blossoming ministries without the devotion of the volunteers and staff from First Church. So much fruit is being produced at the Lighthouse. I am eternally grateful for all who have and will have their hearts and hands working for the good of this mission church.

Blessings,

**Lesa Parry**

# SEPTEMBER 2024 Adult Sunday School Class @ 9:30 a.m.



## 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

Currently studying *In the Footsteps of the Savior*, by Max Lucado, led by John Walker. Enrich your faith by walking with Jesus in the Holy Land. In this video study, you travel with Max through Capernaum, Galilee, Bethany, Jerusalem, and more. Max will guide you to walk where Jesus walked and ponder the promises he made.



## Chi Rho

Currently 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.

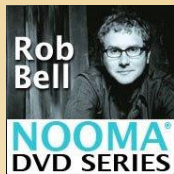
## Harmony

Currently studying *The Quest: An Excursion of Intimacy with God* by Beth Moore and led by Evelyn Coley. This book is a cross between a curriculum and a journal, between a classroom and a prayer closet, with three primary objectives: 1) to promote deeper intimacy with God; 2) to help foster a sojourner mentality to aid as comfort that we are only passing through this world on our way elsewhere. This is not our home; and 3) to foster an adventurer mentality as royal subjects of royal blood unrecognized by the world but headed to an unshakable kingdom worth the arduous trip. Acts 12:22



## 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 will be studying Missionaries from all times led by various class members. Contact Cathy Hubbard FMI at [3721cathy@gmail.com](mailto:3721cathy@gmail.com).

## Union

Currently studying *Soul Detox* by Greg Groeschel and led by Tim Hunnicutt. This book examines the toxins that assault us daily including toxic influences, toxic emotions, and toxic behaviors and offers the ultimate spiritual interventions with ways to remain clean, pure, and focused on the standard of God's holiness.

### Class 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 Fall Bible Study for Women**

The Morning Glories women's group is wrapping up their summer study and will begin a new study on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Max Lucado's *Experiencing the Heart of Jesus Revised and Updated: A Year Long Bible Study* is a 52 weeklong study but will have periodic breaks for holidays and Advent. Jaci Cortese is leading, and meets weekly. Books will be available soon for \$11.00. All women are welcome. Childcare available if requested in advance. FMI contact Jacie Cortese @ [jlouco60@gmail.com](mailto:jlouco60@gmail.com) or the church office for more information.

**Wednesday Afternoons:** Mahjongg is now at 1:00 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 eleven-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 give specifically and strategically by God. If you have ever felt insufficient, ill-equipped, incompetent, or outnumbered, this study is for you. Contact the church or SherryannMiller@angelo.edu 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 – 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 @ [adamchappell@hotmail.com](mailto:adamchappell@hotmail.com). Fall practice begins August 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **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.

## APPLICATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT

**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>.

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

## MISSION MINDED METHODISTS

**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.

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

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

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

**COSTA RICA MISSION TRIPS** – Like to travel? Love people from other cultures? Contact Pastor Dale at the church office for more information. Team travels in the summer (July or August).

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

**MEALS FOR THE ELDERLY** – Needing volunteer drivers for the month of September. Contact Sandy Pederson at 325-234-4843 or via email at [spdulcimer@icloud.com](mailto:spdulcimer@icloud.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 (5 oz. cans) or packaged tuna or chicken. Contact Lisa Lesosky at 325-315-6561 for more information.

**NOTEWRITERS** – Contact Shelly Sanford via the church office for more info on how you can help with this comforting ministry.

**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.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS** – Kitchen helpers always needed. Contact Kitchen Coordinator, Lisa Lesosky, if cooking and serving meals is something you enjoy. 325-315-6561 or [lisalynette4@gmail.com](mailto:lisalynette4@gmail.com).

## Ongoing Missions Nearby to You Lakeview Lighthouse and First Church

### Somebody's Rusty – Celebrating 10 years in ministry - Current needs

- Motel size toiletries – soap, shampoo, deodorant, wet wipes, mouthwash, small toothpastes, small hand sanitizer bottles, Chapstick, brushes, and combs.
- Men's jeans, shirts & shorts in all sizes, tennis shoes or sturdy walking shoes and caps.
- Men's new boxer/brief underwear in the packages in all sizes. Tee shirts.
- Women's new packaged underwear in all sizes, tee shirts, tennis shoes or sturdy walking shoes and caps.
- Canvas bags or totes, Granola bars, cheese crackers, and Kool-Aid in individual tube powder.
- Small pkgs. of Kleenex and washrags & pop top cans of meat or fruit

**DO NOT  
NEED  
SOCKS!**

**Tidings of Last Tuesdays** – The last Tuesday of the month at First Church. Clothing and food distribution from 12:45 to 2:00 p.m. for the month of September. Volunteers always needed and appreciated.

**Laundry Love** – Slated for **October 22<sup>nd</sup>**. More information coming soon as to time and location.

### Lakeview Lighthouse Food Pantry – Current Needs – Leave in 1<sup>st</sup> Place Café marked LAKEVIEW.

Loaves of bread – either white or wheat

Canned tuna and canned chicken in the flat 5-ounce cans

Fresh fruit – bagged like apples and mandarin oranges

Fresh fruits and veggies (if you have a garden and need a place to donate)

Boxed cereals – Walmart brand of corn flakes and cheerios are great

Personal items – Shampoo/Conditioner – Suave or Alberto VO5 (least expensive brands)

**Texas Ramp Build** - Always ready for another referral, our team of volunteers completed another Ramp in August – even in the heat.



### **REPORT FROM THE COSTA RICA TEAM & Guapiles Methodist Church**

Situated in Northeast Costa Rica along the principal route from San Jose to the Caribbean Coast, Guapiles is a city of 50 K inhabitants. Years ago, The the Methodist Church acquired a 3 acre lot on the edge of the city. Worship services were initiated immediately using a “temporary” structure. Additional growth required the local congregation to expand this facility on multiple occasions. In 2018, plans were made for a permanent sanctuary and work began the same summer. Covid suspended the entire project, but in 2022, work once more resumed on the sanctuary. 2024 mission teams continued this much needed project with particular attention to the building of the walls. In addition to the manual labor, our team had the opportunity to worship with the local congregation and engage in VBS. Something new for Costa Ricans included was a good ol’ traditional hot dog cookout with all the fixins’ ... well mostly. Pickles and/or pickle relish are not customary in Costa Rica. The team not only invited the children to partake in crafts, food, and fellowship but families too! Costa Rica is now in our 2024 rear-view mirror but already in our 2025 windshield. From the first day of “Tell me what to do” to the last day of “I got this.” We welcome and dread the last workday in the same breath. How do you leave with so much yet to be done? Matthew 7:14 “For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.” Well, we can say we have found the gate!! Next year’s plan started on the bus ride to the airport. Each year we don’t think we can be any more humble but this place always proves us wrong. Until next year . . . Pura Vida! So much gratitude and thanks go out to our Church Family for financially and prayerfully supporting our team year in and year out.

In Christ’s name and for His glory,

Will & Karee Wiggins

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





## Prayer & Healing Service September 24<sup>TH</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.

**Calling All Prayer Warriors** – Can you spare 15-30 minutes on Sunday mornings to pray? Each Sunday there will be a time of prayer in the Chapel from 8:30 a.m. until noon. We want to pray for our pastors, leaders, and those in the sanctuary and 11<sup>th</sup> Hour. We want to pray for all in attendance for their

salvation. There will also be a board in the Chapel with specific prayer needs. No need to sign up, but if you are moved to pray, please do so.

### **PRAYERS FOR HEALING (HEALTH CONCERNS)**

Betsy Sadler, Betty Andrews, Bob Carpenter, Candis Hicks, Carol Santry, Carolyn Tegler, Cynthia Johnson, Rev. Dick West, David Hirschfeld, Gale Hartman, Harold Moore, Jo Ann Motl, Joy Morris, Micki Robinson (aunt of Zach & Sarah Schulze), Pat & LaVerne Adams, Sandy Jinright, Sherry Payton, Shirley Mohler, Shirley Riddle, Sonny Cortese and Sue Sims.

### **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.

**Prayerful consider** leading one or more of these ministries beginning October 2025, (with time to learn and grow into leadership over this next year). Candis Hicks who has a heart for these ministries and led them has indicated in October 2025 she is moving closer to her son and his family. I would like to begin to prepare to continue these ministries. Here is a brief intro to each ministry, and if you would consider leading one or all of these ministries, please let Candis or Pastor Scott know:

- **Somebody's Rusty** - Serves the homeless & families in crisis, Distributes food, clothing & hygiene products. **Tidings of Last Tuesdays & the Blessing Box** are part of this outreach effort.
- **Laundry Love** is a twice a year event held at a local laundry mat where coins as well as detergent are provided for guests to wash & dry clothes. Supper, medical personnel, haircuts, hygiene bags, socks and underwear, foot washing and a portable shower are provided.
- **Tidings of Last Tuesday** - Held on the last Tuesday of the month at the church from 1-2:15 p.m. is a time that clothing and food is distributed
- **Blessing Box** –is in the church courtyard as a food distribution venue. The box is replenished by different volunteers Monday-Friday. A Friday volunteer is needed. Food is provided to the volunteer to take to the box.

# MESSAGE BOARD & UPCOMING EVENTS

## FALL EVENTS

<b>September 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wednesday Night Fall Academy</b> begins/ ends October 23 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>October 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Undie Sunday</b>
<b>October 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pecan Creek Pavilion Church Gathering</b> with supper and music by <b>Take 2.</b>
<b>October 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Laundry Love</b> – Location at Lakeview Laundry.
<b>October 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Truck or Treat</b> – details to follow next month
<b>November 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Branson Christmas Shows Tour</b> – Contact Pastor Cyndi for more information
<b>December 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Advent by Candlelight</b>

### HISTORY MAKERS TRAINING on Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. starting September 4th

A Leadership Course coming this month. Sept. 4—Oct. 16. Sign-Up in First Place Café. History Makers is a leadership curriculum developed by the International Leadership Institute. It is offered to Christian leaders around the world, with a vision to change history by accelerating the spread of the Gospel using effective leadership and discipleship tools.

The course equips leaders with 8 Core Values: Intimacy with God, Passion for the Harvest, Visionary Leadership, Culturally Relevant Evangelism, Multiplication of Leaders, Family Priority, Faithful Stewardship, and Integrity. These are powerful, transformational tools for leaders. The sessions are led by alumni—leaders investing in other leaders. FMC offer this course with various presenters, both clergy and laity.

Several FMC members took the course in June of 2024, and some will be leading sessions for the Fall Course. A workbook is provided. A nursery is available and there will be activities for children and youth during the course time. A free churchwide meal is held weekly from 5:15-6:00 in Heritage Hall. Sign up in First Place Café or contact Sherrie Walker in the church office.

## AUGUST MEMORIALS 2024

### IN MEMORY

*LaRita Wilder*

*Frank Gully*

*Raul Lopez*

### GIVEN BY

*Anonymous*

*Bayith-Fellowship Class*

*Tim & Meagan Hunnicutt*

*Deborah Allen*

*Jack & Jane Ann Srader*

*Tim & Meagan Hunnicutt*

### FUND

*Youth Ministry*

*Love & Care*

*Staff Appreciation*

*Children's Ministry*

*Love & Care*

*Staff Appreciation*

### IN HONOR OF

*Choir, Band & Special Music*

### GIVEN BY

*Camille Santry*

### FUND

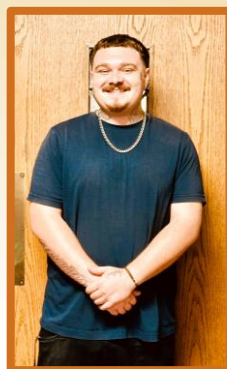
*Youth Ministry*



Happiest of August Birthdays

Pastor Jim Noble.

Welcome to First Church. Our newest custodial staff member Mr. Damian Ragsdale.



HAPPY FALL  
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