

GOD’S PEOPLE GATHER

Ruby McGill

WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Nancy Hajek

One: Trust in the Lord with all your heart, for God is our refuge and strength.

All: **We lift our eyes to You, O God, our help and our hope.**

One: Remember God’s faithfulness; His steadfast love endures forever.

All: **Bless You, Lord, for unfailing love and faithfulness.**

One: Come before the Lord with confidence, for He is our solid rock.

All: **We stand on the firm foundation of Christ our Lord.**

HYMN, # 146

“Love Lifted Me”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, who calls us to trust beyond what we see. By faith, Abraham left home for a promise he could not yet see. We believe in Jesus Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. In Him, Peter stepped out onto stormy waters. In Him, the blind received sight and the broken were made whole. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who breathes faith into our hearts and empowers us to live as the church. Because of faith, Paul and Silas sang hymns in the darkness of prison, trusting God to open paths to freedom. We affirm the power of faith today, giving us courage to hope, strength to act, and vision to see God at work. We will walk by faith, and not by sight, confident in God’s faithfulness and love. Amen

BLESS YOUR NEIGHBORS

The close of this time is signaled by singing the Gloria Patri.

GLORIA PATRI, #33

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14: 22 - 33

Heath Golan

HYMN, TFWS # 2196

“We Walk by Faith”

MESSAGE

Stepping Out

Pastor Andy

PASTORAL PRAYER / LORD’S PRAYER

GIVING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

Ruby McGill & Nancy Hajek

OFFERTORY & DOXOLOGY

“Put Your Hand In the Hand”

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Those wishing to join, please come forward during next hymn

CLOSING HYMN, # 366

“Give to the Winds Thy Fears”

BENEDICTION

SENDING OUT, # 89

“Love Lifted Me”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR RAIL: August special donations left on the communion rail or the Narthex giving box supports **Habitat For Humanity.**

SUNDAY MORNINGS: coffee & refreshments served after worship in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday School groups begin at 10:15am.

SPECIAL 6pm WORSHIP: next Sunday (August 16) is our yearly worship service at our former Travis Street sanctuary now known as the Edythe Bates Chapel at Festival Hill in Round Top. Church bus leaves at 5:15 p.m. for those needing a ride.

MOTHER’S DAY OUT: support the launch of this new ministry by helping spread the word to families with 2 or 3 year olds. We hope to launch on Tuesday, Sept. 8 with a Tuesday & Thursday schedule from 8:30am to 11:30am. *Scan this QR code to view the MDO’s Amazon Wish List of items that can support the program.* Thank you for your generosity.



SHOE BOXES: Wednesday at 5pm in Room 5 is our Operation Christmas Child packing party, where we’ll fill shoeboxes with gifts & essentials for children in need around the world.

PRAYER TEAM: a dedicated team meets every Wednesday at 1:00pm in the Conference Room to raise up prayer concerns. Open to all. Come join in prayer or to be prayed over. Our **Prayer Shawl Ministry** has available shawls for anyone. We also have plenty of yarn available for those wishing to create shawls or throws. Contact Diana Wilson or call the church office for information.

CHILDRENS’ PROGRAMS: two after school kids’ programs held here at our church from 4:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. will be starting soon and needs volunteers. **Girls in the Middle** for 3rd - 8th grade girls starts Mon., Sep 14 and **Delta Club** for 1st - 4th grade girls and boys starts Thurs., Sep. 17. Sign-ups are available in the narthex and fellowship hall. Call Sarah Janisch at 936-645-8787 or the church office 979-968-8323 for information.

FINANCIAL WELLNESS: Kimberly Nickel, Certified Financial Planner, is excited to offer free financial wellness sessions for those interested. She will help you set up a personalized financial plan to help you budget successfully. Signup available in the narthex, fellowship hall or call the our office.

As Disciples of Jesus Christ...We Pray For:

- *For our Military & their families
- *Nursing Home & Homebound members
- *Orvel Hill (pancreatic cancer)
- *Roger Stone (recovering from surgery)
- *Dana Hall (ongoing health issues)
- *Twila Thurman (chemo treatments)
- *Ed Murphy (healing mercies & protection)
- *Janice Alexander (strengthening of right leg)
- *Larry Joost (at Avir)
- *Linda Childers (healing mercies)
- *Tim Evans (healing mercies)
- *Barbara & Frank Walla (healing mercies)
- *Marie Allen & Bill Wegmann (healing mercies)
- *Stephanie Bunch (healing from a brain tumor)
- *Jack Anderson (diagnosed with COPD)
- *Randall Slinkard (healing from stroke)
- *E.J. and Beverly Gray (healing mercies)
- *Brea Laudano (wisdom and discernment)
- *Heidi Stone (healing mercies)

For Our Extended Family:

- *Adam Lively (Maxine Ballard's son-in-law, healing mercies)
- *Cathy Gillentine (struggling with COPD)
- *Michael Ballard (cancer treatments)
- *Mark Gillentine (fighting cancer)
- *Sheila Traybig (Stage 4 colon cancer)
- *Merry Douberly (healing mercies)
- *Ron Boggess (Sarah Janisch's dad, bone cancer)
- *Paula Gilliam (struggling with COPD)
- *Marvin Alexander (healing mercies)
- *Don Wilson (Sam Wilson's father, fighting cancer)
- *Darek Tomgenovich (Bill Wegmann's son-in-law, stage 3 kidney cancer)

Birthdays

- *Beverly Curry (8.11); Ronnie Lanier (8.12);
- *Corey Golan (8.12); Carol Simons (8.15)

Anniversaries

- *E. J. & Beverly Gray (8.11)

JOINING THE CHURCH...

We treasure the opportunity to be your church and invite you to consider joining through one of the ways listed below. Questions? Talk with Pastor Andy: andy@newlifelg.org Cell: 830-203-0881

_____ by **Transferring** your membership from your current church.

_____ by **Profession of Faith:** declare your belief in Jesus Christ and commitment to His church.

A second baptism is **NOT** necessary, but if you have never been baptized, please contact Pastor Andy to make arrangements.

_____ by **Restoration:** for former members of this congregation who wish to renew their commitment to commitment to Christ's Church.

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN CHRIST'S CHURCH TODAY

(Come Forward during the final song and give this information to the Pastor)

NAME (S):

Former Church: _____

You will be asked to faithfully respond to these questions:

- 1. Do you confess Jesus Christ as Savior, put your whole trust in His grace, and promise to serve Him as your Lord?
- 2. Will you be loyal to Christ's church and strengthen its ministries by your prayers, presence, gifts, service, & witness?

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Celebration of Worship
August 9, 2026

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Nursery available throughout Sunday morning.
Childcare provided by Noreen Dopslauf & Martha Galindo