

New Life Methodist Church 979-968-8323

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Non-Profit Organization

WORSHIP TIMES

Sundays at:

9:00 am - Traditional Service
10:00 am - Fellowship Time
10:15 am - Disciple Hour
11:10 am - Contemporary Service
(see calendar for more details)

June 2026 Edition

BIBLE WORDSEARCH

H M V K V O X L W Z N E D E Z
B X G H Q V Z F T C L P U J Z
I T E H P O R P L K E J E A S
P L N R L Y R M A I G Y L O H
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W R L U N S H H E U K E D G V
T U O Z Z G A B H D D C A W E
M O S E S A B P R E Y A R P J
X E V L G K S U S E J R X O O
N K I C Q E Y K M O D G N I K
M S I T P A B L M F I D O G A

WORD LIST

ADAM	EVE	HOLY	MOSES
ANGEL	FAITH	JESUS	NOAH
ARK	GOD	KINGDOM	PRAYER
BAPTISM	GRACE	LORD	PROPHET
EDEN	HEAVEN	MIRACLE	WORSHIP

Homemade GIFTS MADE EASY

CHURCH HUMOR

SPEARTOONS



"The hospital called. Your prayer life has been rushed into Intensive Care!"

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LIGHTSHINE

JUNE 2026 EDITION
NEW LIFE METHODIST CHURCH

PASTOR'S PONDERING

There's a word in Acts 1:8 that doesn't get enough attention. Jesus is giving His disciples their marching orders: "**You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.**" Most people focus on the destinations, but the word that should stop us in our tracks is the one connecting them all. **And.** Notice Jesus doesn't use 'or.' The conjunction is 'and.' This means the church is not able to pick the places where ministry is to happen. We're to offer Jesus in our part of the world and to the very ends of the earth. That's every circle. Every geography. Every people.

That's our commission, and it's not a suggestion or a preference, but a command from the risen King. And it starts close to home.

Our Jerusalem is La Grange and Fayette County where nearly 67% of Fayette County's population is either unchurched or barely connected to a church. These are our neighbors at HEB. The families at our schools. The people we pass every single day. Jerusalem isn't some faraway place; it's right outside our front doors.

But the commission doesn't stop there. That little word *and* keeps pushing us outward; to people we might not think about or to places we might prefer to avoid. These might even be communities where following Jesus comes at a real cost, like Christians in Pakistan where young Christian girls can be abducted from school simply for their faith. Supporting missionaries who work in those places, or helping fund Christian schools that offer children a safe place to learn, is one of the most tangible ways we can answer that call.

George Whitefield understood this. He didn't wait for the coal miners of Bristol to come to him, he set up a pulpit in an open field and went to them. John Wesley saw it and joined him, famously declaring, "**The world is my parish.**" What drove both men wasn't guilt or obligation. It was love. Love for God and love for their neighbor. When you truly love someone, you don't keep the best news in human history to yourself.

That's the heart of missions and evangelism. It was never meant to be a program or a line item in a budget. It's the natural overflow of a church that actually believes what it preaches. Be in prayer as we move forward from our Great Commission Weekend and discern the people and places God calls us to serve.

In Christ's Service,

Andy

INSPIRING READS

- Pastor's Pondering
- Musical Notes
- Altar Rail
- Methodist Men
- Finance Report
- Women's ANEW 2026
- Disciple Hour News
- VBS Volunteers Needed
- Live Smart Expo
- June 2026 Calendar
- Church Happenings
- Notes From the Office
- Dates to Celebrate
- UM Army
- Second Chance
- Prayer Team
- Operation Christmas Child
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Bible Quiz
- Church Humor

Thank you for your generous support of our ministries.



MUSICAL NOTES



Musical greetings to each of you! I want to thank you for your kind words for the Glory Tones and Chancel Choir. Those words really keep us going. Ultimately, we give our best to worship our Lord, but as you happen to be in the congregation to hear us, we're glad to share our gifts with you.

Glory Tones have taken a break for the summer months, and we'll be taking our bells to be serviced in Fredricksburg. I know that you enjoy hearing the bells ring – have you ever looked *inside* one of the bells? There are lots of parts: clapper assembly screws, bushings, washers, clappers, indexing springs, bearing screws, yokes, restraining springs, and that's just a partial list of what's in there! And if something catastrophic ever happened to our handbells, it would cost nearly \$60,000 to replace them! So, as you can see, it's extremely important that we take care of them.

Chancel Choir will be singing as a group through June 14, then we'll be taking a well-deserved time off. These folks commit themselves to many rehearsals and many Sundays to bring music to enhance worship and bring praise to God. This doesn't count hours at home practicing the music, either. So, when you see bell or choir members, just tell them thank you for all of their hard work.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Nancy



Altar Rail giving for the month of June will be to:

The Methodist Children's Home
The is an opportunity to make your gift count as your donation will be matched dollar for dollar.

METHODIST MEN

Methodist Men will meet at 6:30 PM, Thursday, June 18, in the Fellowship Hall for their monthly meeting. Come for a great program, good friendship and a delicious meal. Hope to see you!

Methodist Men Chairman,
Matthew Watson

FINANCE UPDATE

Giving for April 2026 was as follows:	
General Fund	\$ 48,342.55
Altar Rail	\$ 723.70
(Vacation Bible School)	
Total	\$ 49,066.25

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE


Our next **volunteer date at AMEN is Monday, July 20, from 8:30am - 12:30pm.** Please be aware that even if you are not available to volunteer at the food pantry for the entire 4 hour shift on our dates, it is appreciated if you only have an hour to give. Our food donation basket is in the narthex. Please identify that you are donating in our church's name if you take items to AMEN. Thanks!

We are holding our annual **Baby Bottle Fundraiser and Diaper/Wipes Drive** for the Brenham Pregnancy Center beginning **through Father's Day on June 21.** This center services the La Grange area offering medical services, hope and guidance to parents experiencing challenging family times. They have brought nearly 200 clients to Christ.

The next monthly **Emmaus Gathering will be Tuesday, June 16, 6:30pm, here at New Life Methodist Church** with a potluck dinner. Bring a dish to share. The bus will be available. Contact our office at 979-968-8323 for more info.

Friends 'n Fellowship is co-hosting with Fayette Memorial Funeral Home a **Live Smart Expo** for the community from **11am - 2pm, Saturday, June 13.** About 20 vendors such as various health experts, HEB, the Gardenia E. Janssen Animal Shelter and financial planning representatives, will be present to offer advice and give out goodies. If you would like to participate, please ask for a vendor form from the church office.

We love to hear from you about our newsletter! If you want a hard copy mailed, the church appreciates a \$5 annual donation to cover almost half of the cost. This is not mandatory. Please have any articles in by the 20th of each month.



UM ARMY
Youth Summer Mission Trip
Boerne, TX July 12 - 18
To Attend or Volunteer
Text or Email Jay Watson
979-249-6201; jwatson316@gmail.com



Mike & Linda McBroom	6/1
Orvel & Jo Anne Hill	6/3
Stan & Jill Eilers	6/3
John & Sherri Van Dresar	6/7
Larry & Kim Joost	6/12
David & Jan Jenkins	6/16
Jake & Charri Morgan	6/23
Homer & Maurene Lange	6/28



Leslie Boughton	6/3
Adrienne Armstrong	6/4
Dan Keierleber	6/9
Myra Simmons	6/12
Sammey Smith	6/12
Christie Webber	6/15
Connor Menefee	6/17
Janis Wild	6/21
Charlene Baker	6/24
Tammy Budde	6/24
Denice Fisher	6/26
John Schwartzenburg	6/30

SECOND CHANCE

Please consider volunteering to support our ministry at Second Chance Emporium where millions of dollars have been donated back to the community. This is an excellent way to serve! We prepare the store of furniture, clothing and other treasures for resale.

Our next work dates are -
Monday, June 8, - Thursday June 11, 9am - 3pm
Fri, & Sat, June 12 & 13, 8am - 3pm, Sun, June 14, 11am

Thank you for donating your time!
Nancy, Judy, Sandy, Maxine, Lisa, Julie & Bev



Come Prepare Shoeboxes
Meet on Wednesdays 5PM in RM 5

BLESSED PRAYER SHAWLS

Do you know of someone going through an eventful time in life that is challenging or praiseworthy? We have beautiful handmade prayer shawls available to give as gifts to those who might be experiencing a joyous event or sadness in their lives. We are also recruiting those who already have a crocheting talent or would like to learn. We have yarn available and labels need to be sewn onto our shawls. If you have time to donate or want more ministry information, please call the church office.

Prayer Team
Wednesdays
1:00pm C/R

Monthly
LADIES LUNCH BUNCH
This Thursday
11 am
Jay Dee'z

Devotional and Disciple Hour Info

Upper Room... This devotional publication comes out every other month. Go to <https://www.upperroom.org/> devotionals to see archived and daily devotionals and other information.

Disciple Hour... will follow fellowship time held after the 9am worship service after fellowship time in the fellowship hall at 10:00am. John Wesley created 'Methodist Classes' where small groups meet weekly for mutual support, accountability and spiritual growth. Come take the opportunity to grow with your fellow church members in a more personal relationship with God. Please contact the church office for special needs.

Challengers Parlor - led by Jo Anne Hill

New Covenant Rm 5 - led by Gary Martyr

Foundations Conference Rm - led by Pastor Andy

Parables Library - led by Dale Alexander

Youth - led by Sarah Janisch and James Dornwell

Nursery & Children - led by Noreen Dopslauf and Martha Galindo. Children's take home lessons and worship service activities also available in the narthex.

EARLY BIRD TICKETS ON SALE NOW

We are excited to announce that "early bird" tickets for the Women's ANEW 2026 Conference are one sale now for \$40 through August 31. Starting September 1, tickets will cost \$50. If tickets are still available after October 15, they will cost ticket price to \$60. There are two locations and dates this year Saturday, Nov. 7, at St. Luke's Methodist Church - Corpus Christi and Saturday, Nov. 16, at Tyler Street Church in Dallas. Go to midtexasgmc.org/women on the Mid-Texas website. A limited number of lunches will be available on site at an additional cost. You must pre-order for this. Plan now to attend this wonderful time of refreshment, inspiration and fellowship. Call our church office for assistance.



PLEASE JOIN US AT ONE OF THESE LOCATIONS

CORPUS CHRISTI
NOV. 7, 2026

DALLAS
NOV. 14, 2026



Bonnie Goldman (left) receives a beautiful prayer shawl in celebration of her 90th birthday. Maxine Ballard (right) receives a gorgeous prayer shawl in remembrance of her loving husband, Jon Ballard.



CHURCH HAPPENINGS!

FIRST LADIES LUNCH BUNCH



GREAT FELLOWSHIP!

DELICIOUS LUNCH!

FRIENDS AND FELLOWSHIP OUTING



NEAT HISTORY,
MADE NEW FRIENDS
AND FUN DINING!



GIDDINGS-STONE MANSION

GREAT COMMISSION WEEKEND



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 29 thru July 2

5:30pm thru 7:30pm

FREE ENTRY

LIVESMART EXPO

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2026
11 AM - 2 PM

New Life Methodist Church
1215 N. Von Minden
La Grange, Texas 78945

HOSTED BY:

FAYETTE MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME

NEW LIFE METHODIST CHURCH

FRIENDS 'N FELLOWSHIP



VENDORS & EXHIBITORS

- Fayette Memorial Funeral Home
- New Life Methodist Church
- Friends 'N Fellowship
- Grace & Granite Custom Monuments
- HEB La Grange
- Bastrop Law Group
- Gardenia E. Janssen Animal Shelter
- Spill the Tea
- The Ground Breath, Doady Rogers
- Senior Connections
- Hospice Brazos Valley
- Lost Pines IV Medics
- Mayer Law Firm PLLC
- HT Fitness
- Kim Nickel, Financial Planner
- La Grange Counseling Center
- Sleep Solutions of Central Texas LLC
- Texas Public Health - C-Step
- LG Road Runners Square Dance Club
- Fayette County Retired Teachers
- Taylor Ink Co.
- New Life Archers
- Texas A&M AgriLife Extension - Fayette Co.
- AND MANY MORE!

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TRY ARCHERY!

GIVEAWAYS & DRAWINGS!

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS!

PET ADOPTIONS!

JUNE 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:00am - noon - AMEN Volunteer 1:00pm - Emmaus Women - C/R 7:00pm - AA - La Grange Gratitude Group - F/H	2 10:00am - Friend's 'n Fellowship Board Mtg - c/r 5:30pm-6pm - Exercise Class - Library	3 7:00pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal	4 11:00am - Ladies Lunch Bunch - Jay Dee'z - LG 5:30pm-6pm - Exercise Class - Library	5 7:30am - Men's Bible Study - C/R 7:00pm - AA - La Grange Gratitude Group - F/H	6
7 9:00am - Traditional Service 10:00am - Church Fellowship Time 10:15am - Disciple Hour 11:10am - Contemporary Service 5:00pm - Community Prayer Service - Redimidos por Cristos Church Annex Behind former 1st Baptist Church	8 9:00am - 3:00pm - Second Chance Vol 1:00pm - Emmaus Women - C/R 5:30pm-6pm - Exercise Class - Library 7:00pm - AA - La Grange Gratitude Group - F/H	9 9:00am - 3:00pm - Second Chance Vol 4:00pm - Council on Ministries Mtg - C/R	10 7:00am - Men's Emmaus - F/H 9:00am - 3:00pm - Second Chance Vol 10:00am - Jefferson Place Worship 1:00pm - Prayer Team, C/R 7:00pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal	11 9:00am - 3:00pm - Second Chance Vol 5:30pm-6pm - Exercise Class - Library	12 7:30am - Men's Bible Study - C/R 8:00am - 3:00pm - Second Chance Vol 7:00pm - AA - La Grange Gratitude Group - F/H	13 8:00am - 3:00pm - Second Chance Vol 11:00AM - 2:00PM LIVE SMART EXPO
14 9:00am - Traditional Service 10:00am - Church Fellowship Time 10:15am - Disciple Hour 11:10am - Contemporary Service 11:00am - 3:00pm - Second Chance Vol	15 1:00pm - Emmaus Women - C/R 5:30pm - Church Board Meeting - Rm 5 5:30pm-6pm - Exercise Class - Library 7:00pm - AA - La Grange Gratitude Group - F/H	16 6:30pm - Emmaus Gathering, New Life Methodist Church - LG	17 7:00am - Men's Emmaus - F/H 1:00pm - Prayer Team, C/R	18 3:30pm - Methodist Men Meeting Prep - Kitchen 5:30pm-6pm - Exercise Class - Library 6:30pm - Methodist Men Meeting - F/H	19 7:30am - Men's Bible Study - C/R 7:00pm - AA - La Grange Gratitude Group - F/H	20
21 Happy Father's Day Communion Sunday 9:00am - Traditional Service 10:00am - Church Fellowship Time 10:15am - Disciple Hour 11:10am - Contemporary Service Brenham Pregnancy Center baby bottle & supply drive ends.	22 1:00pm - Emmaus Women - C/R 5:30pm-6pm - Exercise Class - Library 7:00pm - AA - La Grange Gratitude Group - F/H	23 10am - VBS PREP	24 7:00am - Men's Emmaus - F/H 1:00pm - Prayer Team, C/R 10am - VBS PREP	25 5:30pm-6pm - Exercise Class - Library 10am - VBS PREP	26 7:30am - Men's Bible Study - C/R 8:00am - Life Line Screening - F/H 7:00pm - AA - La Grange Gratitude Group - F/H	27
28 9:45am - Combined Service 10:50am - Church Fellowship Time 11:00am - Disciple Hour 12pm - VBS PREP	29 1:00pm - Emmaus Women - C/R 5:30pm-6pm - Exercise Class - Library 7:00pm - AA - La Grange Gratitude Group - Library 5:30pm - 7:30pm - VBS	30 5:30pm - 7:30pm - VBS	1 7:00am - Men's Emmaus - F/H 1:00pm - Prayer Team, C/R 5:30pm - 7:30pm - VBS	2 11:00am - Ladies Lunch Bunch 5:30pm - 7:30pm - VBS	3 HAPPY 4TH OF JULY - OFFICE CLOSED 7:00pm - AA - La Grange Gratitude Group - F/H	4 HAPPY 4TH OF JULY