

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

WELCOME / PASSING THE PEACE

If you want to know what real love looks like, look at the cross. God didn't wait for us to clean up or even care about Him before giving Himself away. He loved first, at His own expense, with no guarantee we'd ever respond. This is the core of God's self-giving love: a love that doesn't ask what it gets in return, that pours itself out for friend and enemy alike. Praise be to God!

PRAISE SONGS

"Forever"
"God So Loved"

New Life Band

OPENING PRAYER

CENTERING SONG

"Build My Life"

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5: 38 - 48

Karen Salvo

MESSAGE

Perfect Love

Pastor Andy

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Consider Making Us Your Church Family

GIVING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERING SONG

"I Love You Lord"

New Life Band

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY MORNINGS: coffee & refreshments served in the Fellowship Hall at 10am. Come enjoy the blessings of a church family. Disciple Hour groups meet at 10:15am.

5TH SUNDAY: next Sunday, March 29, begins with breakfast at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Then we have a combined worship service at 10:00am. Mark Your Calendars.

AMEN LENT MEAL DEAL: in the food drive basket in the narthex are 2 gallon zip-lock bags containing a recipe and list of ingredients to complete a meal deal package for recipients at AMEN.

CHICKEN SALAD PREP: the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Volunteers on Monday, Wednesday, & Friday mornings make the chicken salad for the Methodist Men at Blue Hills.

BLUE HILLS BBQ: support Methodist Men by having some BBQ. Closes this coming Saturday.

TUESDAY NITE LIVE: starts at 5:30pm with dinner. By popular demand, we will rewatch the season 2 finale again, followed by a Bible study.

EASTER SUNDAY bring a flower to either worship service as we decorate our cross in celebration of Christ's resurrection. There will no disciple groups on Easter morning.

⇒ Come to the Fellowship Hall at 10:00am for special refreshments.

⇒ **Children's Easter Egg Hunt** begins at 10:20am. Gather in the Fellowship Hall.

EASTER LILIES: order forms to remember a loved one are available in the narthex. Cost \$12

PRAYER TEAM: meets on Wednesdays at 1pm for prayer in the Conference Room. Open to all.

UM ARMY: the UM Army Youth Mission trip this summer is in Boerne, TX, July 12 - 18. If you are a youth member or adult volunteer who would like to attend, please contact Jay Watson at 979-249-6201 or email jwatson316@gmail.com or call the church office.

NEW MEMBERS DINNER: celebrate our new members at a fun and casual hamburger dinner on Sunday, April 19, at 6pm in the fellowship hall. Please mark your calendars.

GIVING: thank you for funding the ministries of the church! Just a reminder that all electronic tithes & offerings to the are safe and secure through our website or church app. You can even give by text. Simply text the dollar amount to (979) 428-2257



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

- *For our Military & their families
- *Nursing Home & Homebound members
- *Sympathy to the Gray Family in the loss of Beverly's brother and sister-in-law, Thomas and Donna Morgan
- *Jon Ballard's celebration of Life is April 11 at 11am
- *Twila Thurman (diagnosed with cancer)
- *Linda Hartson (hospice care)
- *Marie Allen (healing mercies)
- *Gary Martyr (healing mercies)
- *Ed Murphy (healing from stroke)
- *Bill Wegmann (healing from broken ankle)
- *Denice Fisher (heart tests)
- *Donna Pyle (healing from hand surgery)
- *Barbara & Frank Walla (healing mercies)
- *Dustin Machinsky (healing from a tumor)
- *Stephanie Bunch (healing from a brain tumor)
- *Brenda & Ron Holcomb (healing mercies)
- *Jack Anderson (breathing difficulties)
- *E.J. and Beverly Gray (healing mercies)

For Our Extended Family:

- *Cece Bryant (praise that she is out of NICU and home)
- *Cathy Gillentine (struggling with COPD)
- *Michael Ballard (cancer treatments)
- *Randall Slinkard (healing from stroke)
- *Mark Gillentine (fighting cancer)
- *Sheila Traybig (Stage 4 colon cancer)
- *Brea Laudano (recovering from back surgery)
- *Merry Douberly (healing mercies)
- *Ron Boggess (Sarah Janisch's dad, bone cancer)
- *Adam Lively (Maxine Ballard's son-in-law, healing mercies)
- *Paula Eppers (healing from broken hip)
- *Freida Dallmeyer (Jennifer Golan's mom hip & knee surgery)

Birthdays

- *Theah Fleck (3.22); *Maxine Ballard (3.23);
- *Myrna Thiessen (3.23); *Sandy Smith (3.24);
- *Heidi Stone (3.24); *Randy Walker (3.25)

Anniversaries

- *Ron and Carol Simons (3.24)
- *Mchael and Anissa Menefee (3.26)

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?

11:10am PRAISE & WORSHIP SERVICE

March 22, 2026



New Life Methodist Church

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