

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)



November 2025 Edition

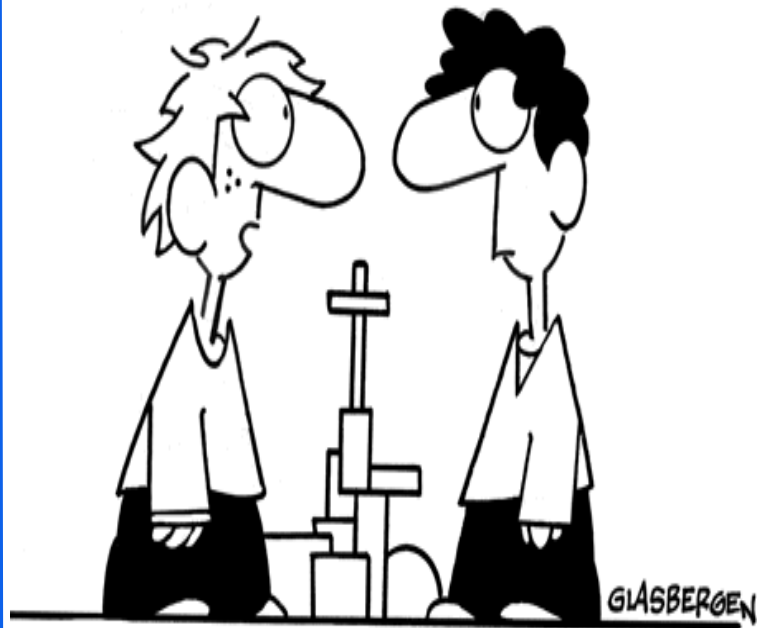
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62. A Discussion About Sabbath (Lord over Sabbath)

ABJATHAR	DOING	MEET
ALLOWED	EAT	MERCY
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CHURCH HUMOR



"I'm not sure what religion my family is.
It's the one that forbids running with scissors.
And eating before dinner is the worst sin."



LIGHTSHINE

NOVEMBER 2025 EDITION
NEW LIFE METHODIST CHURCH



PASTOR'S PONDERING

There's an old saying, "If you love something, set it free." Sometimes, it's about a wild animal that never belonged behind closed doors. But as anyone who's seen a stampede knows, not everything gets better just because you take off the restraints. Freedom, without purpose or direction, can lead to chaos. Proverbs 29:18 reads, "Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint." When there isn't a clear, shared vision, people scatter and a community loses its shape and purpose.

Churches face the same challenge. Without a guiding vision, we lose track of what we're here to do. Fortunately, we haven't been left guessing. In the opening chapter of Acts, as Jesus prepares to ascend, he leaves the disciples with a calling: "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (Acts 1:8) This calling has not died; this is who we are, and this is our mission.

But what does it mean to be a witness for Jesus? The word "witness" can mean plenty of things. It can be as passive as seeing something happen and moving on, or as active as testifying in court. Sometimes, it means going public with what you've seen, even when it's uncomfortable. What does witness mean to you, when you think about Jesus? How are your actions giving meaning to that word?

At the heart of all this, there's another promise. Before Jesus tells his friends to be witnesses, he tells them they won't do it alone. "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you," He says. The story of the church is not just about what we do for God, but what God does through us. That same Spirit lives in you. If you've ever thought, "I'm not sure I can serve, or talk about faith, or contribute in a meaningful way," remember, the power to witness and serve doesn't come from us alone. We are vessels, and God's Spirit is at work within us, making ordinary acts precious.

Our sense of mission, our calling to witness, and the courage to say yes, are things that unite us. That's why the continued support for our church's ministries matters so deeply. I am grateful for every gift, every pledge, every act of stewardship that has allowed our ministry to continue. Your generosity has truly sustained not just budgets, but lives and witness far beyond these walls.

Looking ahead to 2026, I ask you to prayerfully consider making a pledge commitment to support our church's mission and ministry. Your pledge isn't just a financial promise; it's a way we ensure our vision remains clear and our resources are well-stewarded. It helps church leadership plan wisely, serve faithfully, and act boldly for the sake of the gospel. Pledge cards are available in the Narthex, Church Office, or online on our website under "Give."

Thank you for all you have done. Thank you for all you make possible. And thank you, most of all, for being part of God's living, Spirit-filled witness in this world.

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Andy

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Thank you for
your generous
support of our
ministries.



MUSICAL NOTES



November's newsletter time always reminds me of the hymn, "Give Thanks." "Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son." May you find time to give God thanks for all the many blessings He has given us each and every day.

You can also add some "save the dates" to your calendar. We all know how the holidays seem to fill up quickly, but if you know early enough, you'll already have these times set aside!

*Ledbetter's Lane of Lights – Friday, December 12 – the Glory Tones will be ringing!!

*Chancel Choir's Christmas Cantata – "Only a Breath Away" – Sunday, December 14, @ 9:00 a.m.

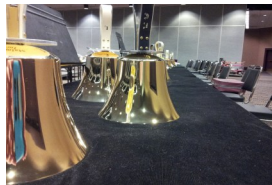
Invite your friends!!!

*Ruby's Christmas Concert – Sunday, November 30 at a combined worship service in our sanctuary at 10:00 a.m.

As you can see, the music of New Life Methodist Church is busy! Feel free to join us on Wednesdays for rehearsals – Glory Tones at 5:30 p.m. and Chancel Choir at 7:00 p.m.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Nancy



A FEW TICKETS LEFT

There are a few tickets left for the Women's ANEW 2025 Conference Saturday, November 8, 9:30am - 4pm, at First Methodist - Temple are now on sale on the Mid-Texas web-site - <https://midtexasgmc.jotform.com/251336256349965>.

The ticket price is \$60 and there may still be \$15 lunch options are available. There is a sample registration form in our Narthex and in our office. You may see lunch options on that form.

Come join us. Enjoy an uplifting experience along with wonderful fellowship, teaching, and encouragement. Call our church office for assistance registering and a ride.

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

Texas Ramp Project

FINANCE UPDATE

Giving for September 2025 was as follows:

General Fund	\$42,085
Altar Rail	\$ 276
(Feed The Need)	
Total	\$ 42,361

METHODIST MEN

Methodist Men will meet at 6:30 PM, Thursday, November 20, in the Fellowship Hall for their monthly meeting. Barry Watson, Certified Archery Instructor/Trainer, Level 2, USA Archery and MSgt, USAF, (Retired) who is helping establish our archery will be the speaker. Come enjoy great fellowship and a delicious meal.

Methodist Men Chairman,

Gary Martyn

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 the 9:00AM 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.

Childcare is available. Please contact the church office for other special childcare needs.

Challengers, Parlor - led by Jo Anne Hill
Foundations, Conference Rm - led by Pastor Andy
New Covenant, Rm 5 - led by Gary Martyr
Parables, Library - led by Marie Allen
Children's Sunday School, Rm 11 - Brenda Holcomb,
Youth, Rm 14 - Sarah Janisch & James Dornwell,
Light finger food refreshments are provided by our Disciple Hour Classes following this schedule -
First Sunday: Pastor Andy's class
Second Sunday: Gary Martyr's class
Third Sunday: Marie Allen's class
Fourth Sunday: Jo Anne Hill's class
Fifth Sundays: Our Church Treats

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE * CLOSED WED. - FRI. NOV 26 - 28 FOR THANKSGIVING

Please consider volunteering at AMEN Food Pantry in La grange. Please be aware that even if you are not available to volunteer for the entire 4 hour shift on our dates, it is appreciated if you only have an hour to give. We have a food donation box in the church narthex. You may bring items to the church office or take them directly to AMEN. Please identify that you are donating in our church's name if you take items to AMEN. Thanks for all of your donations!

This month's **Emmaus Gathering will be Tuesday, Nov. 18, 6:30pm, at our church.** A potluck dinner will be served. Bring a dish to share. See pictures below. For info contact the church office.

Wednesday Nite Live continues with a great dinner at 5pm, a movie and discussion. Our church has a prayer team that meets each Wednesday at 1pm in the Conference Room. Please know that we are praying for all of our members as well as lifting other special prayers. There is also a community-wide prayer group meeting at 5pm the 1st Sunday of each month in the annex behind the Hispanic Church Redimos por Cristo on S. College St..

This year's Community Thanksgiving Dinner is based out of Crosspoint Church. All are welcome to volunteer!

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 the cost. This is not mandatory. Please have any articles in by the 20th of each month.



Lina	Fleck	11/01
Dana	Hall	11/01
Jordan	Bailey	11/01
Chuck	Winfield	11/02
Heather	Dornwell	11/03
Jackie	Matthews	11/06
Leslie	Powell	11/07
Ceely	Dawson	11/08
Donald	Meek	11/10
Brenda	Holcomb	11/10
Marie	Allen	11/12
Josh	Evans	11/13
Ruby	McGuill	11/13
Mike	McBroom	11/14
Jill	Eilers	11/14
Brenda	Winfield	11/15
Al	Menconi	11/18
Patty	Ingalls	11/19
Gary	Martyr	11/19
Julie	Elliott	11/20
Jenny	Baker	11/21
Drew	Gray	11/22
Gloria	Spann	11/23
Avery	Schramm	11/25
David	Renfro	11/27
Chuk	Guzman	11/28
Stan	Eilers	11/28
Richard	Hartin	11/29
Donna	Pyle	11/29
James	Van Dresar	11/29
Nancy	Hajek	11/30

SECOND CHANCE NEWS

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.

Susan Bryant has volunteered to help Maxine contact volunteers to help during our work week at Second Chance. We want to start contacting you by email rather than by phone or text, so when you see an email from subryant@sbcglobal.net, don't be alarmed. We're just contacting you to see if you'll be able to help us, so please don't delete or send it to junk mail. It really is a legitimate email! So be sure to reply!! If we don't receive a reply, then we'll send you a call or text.

There is a special work date on Tuesday, Nov. 18, 9am - 3pm
Monday, Dec. 1, Noon - 3pm - Tues. Dec. 2 - Thurs., Dec 4, 9am - 3pm
Friday, December 5, - Saturday, December 6, 8am - 3pm
Sunday, December 5, 1:00pm and Monday, December 6, 9am - Noon

Thank you for donating your time!

Nancy, Judy, Sandy, Maxine, Lisa, Julie & Bev



In case you have wondered about going on an Emmaus Walk, Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 6:30pm there is an Emmaus Gathering here at our church. We will serve a potluck dinner and you are welcome to join in the fellowship time and worship. A men's walk is coming in January. Now is a great time to discover what Emmaus can mean for you!



Dan & Elaine Teas	11/14
Chuck & Brenda Winfield	11/21
Marie Allen & Bill Wegmann	11/26
Jess & Randy Walker	11/28
Frank & Ceely Dawson	11/29

THANK YOU'S

Thank you to the Methodist Men for donating the new dishwasher in our kitchen. It cleans and sanitizes the dishes in 90 seconds. Thank you to Jay Watson for working diligently in the installation and training.

Thank you to everyone who provides food, setting up and decorating for our special events. We don't know what we would do without you!

Thanks to everyone training for and working to develop our new archery program, Pastor Andy made two bull eyes in a row and ask Erica about trick shots!

BLESSED PRAYER SHAWLS

Do you know of someone going through an eventful time in life that is challenging 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 to have shawls made and labels that need to be sewn onto our shawls. If you have time to donate or want more ministry information, please call the church office.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

**PASTOR ANDY
WE ARE BANANAS
OVER YOU!**

PASTOR APPRECIATION



Thanks to everyone who prepared and brought delicious food to help celebrate!



"GLOW FOR JESUS" TRUNK OR TREAT MOVED INSIDE, BUT ALL HAD FUN!



**FUN WITH
PASTOR
ANDY!**

**POPCORN DUTY, ARCHERY
DISCUSSIONS BOUNCE HOUSE
FUN AND PRETTY PRINCESS!**

**DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY, PHOTO
BOOTH, FOOTBALL AND MANY FUN
GAME PRIZES TO BE WON!**

TRICK OR TREAT ON THE SQUARE!



**Impromptu
sing-a-longs!**

Lots of candy, glow necklaces, prizes and "Little Jesuses" were given away. Thanks to many for donations and hard work setting up. As you can see, we were definitely safe from goblins!

Thanks to Drake from TP&W for guess the animal skull game!

**Christmas Craft Show
Saturday, November 22
Friends 'n Fellowship
Needs Craft Donations
for their booth**

**GIRLS IN THE
MIDDLE**
3RD - 8TH GRADE GIRLS
MONDAYS
4:15 - 6:15PM
STARTS OCT 6
FORMS IN NARTHEX
BUS PICKUP LG ELEM

**KIDS & YOUTH
SUNDAY SCHOOL**
CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING
FOR ONE MONTH
CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE

Friends 'n Fellowship

*November 2025
Newsletter*

Come and join in the fun with food and fellowship at our annual

CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW

November 22th in the
Fellowship Hall
9:00 am - 3:00 pm



Reminder: Please donate homemade items to sell at our Friends 'n Fellowship booth. Your donations make a difference and help us pay for the upcoming parties.

THANK YOU

You can drop them off at the church fellowship hall anytime or bring them on Friday the 21st between 12:00 and 5:00 pm.

There will be no party in November due to the Craft Show. We will be back on December 11th at 5:30 pm. Hope to see you then.

NEW LIFE METHODIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL

1215 N. Von Minden Street La Grange, Tex.
Donna Pyle - Chairperson

YOUTH ARCHERY

**A New Ministry
3rd - 12th grades**



We are introducing an exciting archery program opportunity for our community. Archery is a sport that offers a unique blend of physical challenge and mental stimulation, making it an ideal activity for children and adults. Archery lessons not only teach them valuable life skills such as focus, patience, discipline, and the importance of safety, but they also help them develop a lifelong passion for a rewarding sport. There are team and individual competitions that we hope to eventually have kids participate. Archery is an activity that doesn't discriminate based on popularity, athletic skill, gender, size or academic ability. We will be offering a "Come and Try It" session for hands-on experience soon. We want to thank Barry Watson, Level 2, USA Archery Trainer/Instructor for helping us develop this program and training our instructors - James Dornwell, Jan Janisch, Erica and Al Menconi, Lance Nickel, Andy Smith, Jay Watson and Matthew Watson. Thanks for you all stepping up! If you would like to know more or know of children or families that might benefit, please call the church office for information.

NOVEMBER 2025

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Daylight Savings Fall Back One Hour
2 Communion Sunday All Saints Day 9:00am - Traditional Service 10:00am - Church Fellowship Time 10:10am - Disciple Hour Classes 11:10am - Contemporary Service 5:00pm - Community Prayer Service - Redimidos por Cristos Church Annex Behind former 1st Baptist Church	3 1:00pm - Emmaus Women - C/R 4:15pm - 6:15pm - Girls In The Middle 5:30pm - 6pm - Exercise Class - Library	4 4:00pm - Shoebox Prep for Operation Christmas Child - Rm 5	5 7:00am - Men's Emmaus - F/H 1:00pm - Prayer Team, C/R 5:00pm - Church Dinner 5:45pm - "Feast of Babette" Video/ Study 5:30pm - Glory Tones Practice 7:00pm - Choir Practice	6 5:30pm - 6pm - Exercise Class - Library	7 7:30am - Men's Bible Study - C/R	8 ANEW GMC Women's Conference - First Methodist Church, Temple TX 9:30am - 4:00pm
9 9:00am - Traditional Service 10:00am - Church Fellowship Time 10:15am - Disciple Hour Classes 11:10am—Contemporary Service	10 1:00pm - Emmaus Women - C/R 1:00pm - Fayette Co. Retired Teachers 4:15pm - 6:15pm - Girls In The Middle 5:30pm - 6pm - Exercise Class - Library	11 5:00pm - Council on Ministries Mtg - C/R 4:00pm - Shoebox Prep for Operation Christmas Child - Rm 5	12 7:00am - Men's Emmaus - F/H 10:00am - Worship @ Jefferson Place 1:00pm - Prayer Team, C/R 5:00pm - Church Dinner 5:45pm - Video/ Study 5:30pm - Glory Tones Practice 7:00pm - Choir Practice	13 5:30pm - 6pm - Exercise Class - Library	14 7:30am - Men's Bible Study - C/R	15
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23 9:00am - Traditional Service 10:00am - Church Fellowship Time 10:15am - Disciple Hour Classes 11:10am—Contemporary Service	24 1:00pm - Emmaus Women - C/R Girls In The Middle will not meet today 5:30pm - 6pm - Exercise Class - Library	25	26 Office Closed for Thanksgiving 7:00am - Men's Emmaus - F/H Thanksgiving Meal Prep - Call Crosspoint Church to Volunteer, 979-968-5953	27 Office Closed for Thanksgiving Thanksgiving Meal Prep, Pickup and De- livery - Call Crosspoint Church to Volunteer, 979-968-5953	28 Office Closed for Thanksgiving 7:30am - Men's Bible Study - C/R	29
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