

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

10:10 am - Disciple Hour

11:10 am - Contemporary Service

(see calendar for more details)



October 2025 Edition

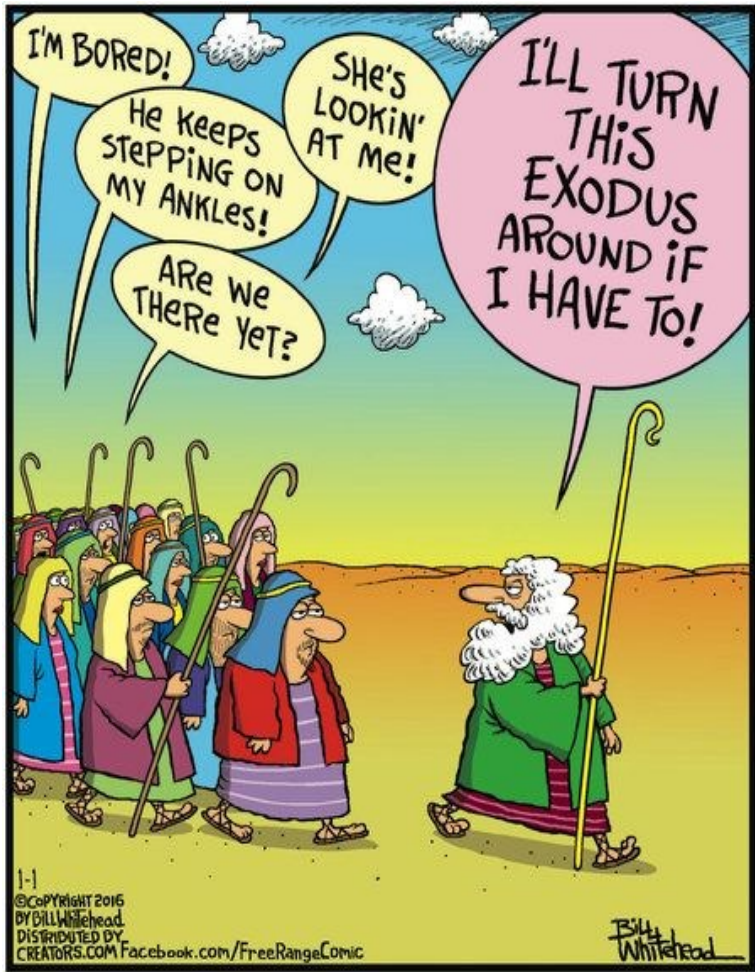
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David Prayed for Protection

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CHURCH HUMOR



LIGHTSHINE

OCTOBER 2025 EDITION
NEW LIFE METHODIST CHURCH



PASTOR'S PONDERING

Most people looking for a church don't start by walking through the doors on Sunday; they start by searching for churches online. So, when our Church Board began thinking about outreach and connection, it was clear that we need a fresh website that provided more details about the life and ministry of our congregation. The hope is to provide an online experience where faith, community, and connection come together, whether you're a longtime member or just curious about the church.

Our new website uses the same address: **newlifelg.org**. The first thing you'll notice is the design. It's clean, welcoming, and works smoothy on any device: laptop, phone, or tablet. The layout is intuitive, so you won't get lost clicking around.

LIVESTREAM. We continue to provide a livestream experience for Sunday mornings and other worship opportunities. You will find multiple links on the website to find the livestream in addition to watching it on the church's Facebook or YouTube channels. You can also watch just the sermons under the 'sermon section' or watch entire worship services and other videos under the "Media" tab and clicking on "Church Videos."

INVITE CARDS. Want to share a church event with family or friends? Look for the "Connect" tab on the navigation bar and click on "Invite Cards." Each event, from worship, Bible studies, and other events, gets its own easy-to-read page that you can send by email or share on your social media pages. This tool makes it simpler for each of us to spread the word and invite others to experience what makes our church family special.

PRAYER WALL. Prayer is an important ministry. With the Prayer Wall, anyone can submit a prayer request, whether you want to keep it private or share a praise report when prayers are answered. Requests are immediately emailed to our prayer team volunteers, so every need is heard and supported. If you would like to receive emailed prayer requests, please contact the church office. Note: every prayer request must be approved by the church office before becoming public on the website.

ARTICLES. Be sure to visit the "Articles" section of our website. It's here that we publish stories, news, and other helpful information with the congregation and anyone interested in what's happening. You'll find updates about church events, inspiring stories from members, and articles that explain faith topics in everyday language.

GIVING. By clicking on the 'Give' tab, you can learn about the easy ways to support the ministries of the church, including giving online or by text giving. Yes, that is correct: you can donate to the church via text messaging on your cell phone. All you have to do is send a text message with the amount you want to give using this number: (979) 428-2257. It's perfectly safe and convenient.

I hope you'll explore the site, interact with its features, and share it with friends and neighbors. New Life Methodist Church is more than a building; it's a spiritual family. Now, this family is just as welcoming online as it is in person.

In Christ's service,

Pastor Andy

INSPIRING
READS

- Pastor's Pondering
- Musical Notes
- Altar Rail
- Finance Report
- Methodist Men
- Women's ANEW Conference 2025
- Disciple Hour News
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- Youth Archery Program
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- Church Events
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- Second Chance
- "Love Your Neighbor" Work Day Information
- Thank You's
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Bible Quiz
- Church Humor

Thank you for
your generous
support of our
ministries.



MUSICAL NOTES



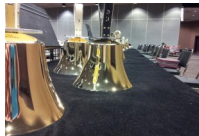
Mark your calendars!!! (It's never too early to do that, right? We get 'save the date' cards for special occasions, so consider this your 'save the date' card!) Chancel Choir will be presenting a Christmas cantata, "Only a Breath Away," on Sunday, December 14 at the 9:00a.m. service here at our church. It features the choir as well as the Christmas story from the perspective of a homeless person. "Whew, what a night! Living on the streets, you get close to the weather! I wouldn't have it any other way, and when there's a clear sky, the stars, well, they take my breath away. Come on over; sit awhile. I'm good company - my mother always said that's my job: just listen to folks, she said, and stay close by, only a breath away!" Tell your friends and invite them to the presentation.

Chancel Choir is also busy rehearsing music for worship. The doors remain open for anyone wishing to join. We are a non-auditioned group who love to sing praises to our Lord! Join us at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary on Wednesdays as we rehearse music to bring you closer to God each Sunday morning.

Glory Tones are busy preparing music not only for worship, but also for some public events coming up in December. I'll let you know more about that next month.

We will be playing on October 19 at both services. Hope you come to hear us ring praises to our Lord.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Nancy



EARLY BIRD TICKETS ON SALE NOW

We are excited to announce that "early bird" tickets for the Women's ANEW 2025 Conference Saturday, November 8, at First Methodist - Temple are now on sale on the Mid-Texas website - <https://midtexasgmc.jotform.com/251336256349965>. From September 1, - October 15, tickets will cost \$50, an additional \$10. Any tickets available after October 15, will have a late fee added, bringing the ticket price to \$60. \$15 lunch options are available for the first 300 signups. There is a sample registration form in our Narthex and in our office. You may see lunch options on that form. Come enjoy an uplifting experience along with wonderful fellowship, teaching, and encouragement. Call our church office for assistance registering.

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

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

FINANCE UPDATE

Giving for August 2025 was as follows:

General Fund	\$49,959
Altar Rail	\$ 262
(Habitat For Humanity)	
Total	\$ 50,221

July Special Offerings

TX Flood \$4,154.00
Baby Bottles Collection \$1,229.13
(and crib sheets)

METHODIST MEN

Methodist Men will meet at
6:30 PM, Thursday,
October 16, in the
Fellowship Hall for their
monthly meeting.

Whitney Scarborough from
"Woven", a women's ministry
will be the speaker. Come enjoy a
delicious meal.

Methodist Men Chairman,

Gary Martyr

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 - Brenda Holcomb, Room 11
Youth - Sarah Janisch & James Dornwell, Rm 14

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 MONDAY OCT 13 FOR COLUMBUS DAY*

Our next AMEN Food Pantry **volunteer date is Monday, November 17, from 8:30am - 12:30pm.** 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!

This month's **Emmaus Gathering will be Tuesday, Oct. 21, 6:30pm, at First Methodist Church - Hallettsville.** A pot-luck dinner will be served. Bring a dish to share. The bus will be available to ride. For info contact the church office.

Wednesday Nite Live Study of David continues with a great dinner 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..

There is a "Love Your Neighbor" workday planned for Sat., 10/25 @ 8:40am. Meet at the courthouse. All are welcome!

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.



Janet	Sledge	10/01
Anna	Smith	10/01
Nada	Burns	10/02
Sarah	Nickel	10/02
Melinda	Lanier	10/02
Annette	Haynie	10/07
Kathee	Mazac	10/08
Larry	Nickel	10/08
Frank	Walla	10/09
Jim	Fertsch	10/09
Cliff	Gage	10/10
Willie	Sneed	10/10
James	Dornwell	10/11
Sandy	Kana	10/13
Pat	Garrett	10/17
William	Sneed Sr	10/22
Buzz	Parker	10/23
Sally	Vannoy	10/24
Larry	Joost	10/24
Angela	Schlabach	10/25
Patti	Tidwell	10/26
Joey	Gray	10/26
Doris	Mathews	10/28
Abby	Gage	10/29
Heath	Golan	10/31



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.

By the way, we're really going to need your help this month if you've never helped us before, especially on Friday, October 17 and Saturday, October 18. Once again, our work week coincides with the Methodist Men's work out at Blue Hills, so our volunteer pool will be spread thin. You can work a three and a half hour shift on either or both of those days. After all, one of our promises when we join the church is to share our service as well as prayers, presence, gifts, and witness.

The truth is, Second Chance has grown tremendously, and we just need more volunteers to help with all that entails. It is also our duty to straighten the store to get it ready for the next church's week. We usually go on Sunday afternoon to do that, so we could also use some help on Sunday afternoon, October 19, beginning at 1:00.

Our next work dates are -

Monday, October 13 - Thurs., October 16, 9am - 3pm

Friday, October 17, - Saturday, October 18, 8am - 3pm

Sunday, October 19, 1:00pm and Monday, October 20, 9am - Noon

Thank you for donating your time!

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



Tom & Billie Ayres	10/05
Dustin & Lorie Machinsky	10/06
William & Connie Sneed	10/12
Gary & Carol Martyr	10/22
Sammey & Sandy Smith	10/27
Diana & Sam Wilson	10/30

THANK YOU'S

We would like to thank Dale Alexander for his kind yarn donations to our prayer shawl ministry and "Girls in the Middle" group.

Thank you to Robert Hartley and Prosperity Bank for donating a step can to our nursery.

So many thanks to Paula Brown for the amazing and many prayer shawls that she has crocheted and gifted to our Prayer shawl Ministry.

Kids Ministry thanks Sarah Janisch, James Dornwell, Brenda Holcomb & Jenny Baker for teaching K - 12!

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.

GONZALES DISTRICT WOMEN'S MEETING

REV. CHARLEEN BUGHARDT PRESENTED UPDATES ON WOMEN'S MINISTRIES IN THE MID-TEXAS CONFERENCE



NEW FRIENDS MADE, WONDERFUL IDEAS & SPECIAL NEEDS WERE SHARED

EVENTS HAPPENING IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH QUESTIONS? CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE

Chicken Salad
Prep for Blue Hills
Begins Fri. Oct. 3
Sign-Up in Narthex



JOIN OUR GIVEAWAY BOOTH
& ARCHERY SHOWCASE AT
**TRICK OR TREAT
ON THE SQUARE**
Thursday, October 30th
4-6pm
SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX
FAYETTE COUNTY
COURTHOUSE LAWN

**METHODIST
MEN'S BBQ**
AT BLUE HILLS
SAT., OCT. 4 -
SAT., OCT. 18

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 26**
6:00pm - 8:00pm
Setup your vehicle as a
fun 'Trunk or Treat' station
or volunteer to help
Sign up in the Narthex
Games, Slide, Bounce House, Archery,
Food, Music, First Responders

**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

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

The former members of the then Travis Street Methodist Church got together for the Fayette County Fair Parade. Afterwards they enjoyed lunch at a local restaurant. Pictured are David Vanek, Charlene Baker, Frank & Lisa Moellenberndt, Mark Lehmann & 2 friends of the group. Taking the picture was John Quinn. They try to meet annually.



Step back in time for a Hippy Dippy Party

Friends 'n Fellowship

When: Thursday, October 9th

Time: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Where: Fellowship Hall



You are invited to a groovy party in the fellowship hall. We are having Pizza and Brownies. Relive the swinging 60's again. Pull out those bell bottoms and go-go boots. Prizes for the best dressed guy and gal. Play games and have fun.

New Life Methodist Church

1215 N. Von Minden Rd - La Grange, Texas 78945

INTERESTED IN HELPING TO START AN ARCHERY PROGRAM?



Call the Church
Office for
information
979-968-8323



Are you interested in helping build an archery program for 2nd graders through 12th graders at our church? If you would like to become an instructor, we are ready to start your training. There is an online class that you need to complete before Barry Watson, a Level 2 Instructor and Instructor Trainer with over 30 years of experience will be teaching our practical training after church on Sunday, October 18 at 1pm. If you want to eat lunch with us, we will offer a light lunch before the hands-on training. Please call the church office for information or to signup.

OCTOBER 2025

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:00am - Men's Emmaus - F/H 1:00pm - Prayer Team, C/R 5:00pm - Church Dinner 5:50pm - House of David Video/Study 5:30pm - Glory Tones Practice 7:00pm - Choir Practice	2 5:30pm - 6pm - Exercise Class - Library	3 7:30am - Men's Bible Study - C/R 8:00am - Chicken Salad Prep for BBQ - K ILI Training in Groesbeck Friday thru Saturday	4 11:00am - 3:00pm - Methodist Men's Blue Hills BBQ ILI Training in Groesbeck Friday thru Saturday
5 Communion Sunday 9:00am - Traditional Service 10:00am - Church Fellowship Time 10:10am - Disciple Hour Classes 11:10am—Contemporary Service 11:00am - 3:00pm - Methodist Men's Blue Hills BBQ 5:00pm - Community Prayer Service - Redimidos por Cristos Church Annex Behind former 1st Baptist Church	6 8:00am - Chicken Salad Prep for BBQ - K 11:00am - 3:00pm - Methodist Men's Blue Hills BBQ 1:00pm - Emmaus Women - C/R 4:15pm - 6:15pm - Girls In The Middle 5:30pm - 6pm - Exercise Class - Library	7 11:00am - 3:00pm - Methodist Men's Blue Hills BBQ 5:00pm - Council on Ministries Mtg - C/R	8 7:00am - Men's Emmaus - F/H 8:00am - Chicken Salad Prep for BBQ - K 10:00am - Worship @ Jefferson Place 11:00am - 3:00pm - Methodist Men's Blue Hills BBQ 1:00pm - Prayer Team, C/R 5:00pm - Church Dinner 5:50pm - House of David Video/Study 5:30pm - Glory Tones Practice 7:00pm - Choir Practice	9 11:00am - 3:00pm - Methodist Men's Blue Hills BBQ 5:00pm - Shoebox Prep for Operation Christmas Child - Rm 5 5:30pm - 6pm - Exercise Class - Library	10 7:30am - Men's Bible Study - C/R 8:00am - Chicken Salad Prep for BBQ - K 11:00am - 3:00pm - Methodist Men's Blue Hills BBQ	11 11:00am - 3:00pm - Methodist Men's Blue Hills BBQ
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26 9:00am - Traditional Service 10:00am - Church Fellowship Time 10:10am - Disciple Hour Classes 11:10am—Contemporary Service	27 1:00pm - Emmaus Women - C/R 4:15pm - 6:15pm - Girls In The Middle 5:30pm - 6pm - Exercise Class - Library	28 8:00am - 5:00pm - Life Line Screening	29 7:00am - Men's Emmaus - F/H 1:00pm - Prayer Team, C/R 5:00pm - Church Dinner 5:50pm - House of David Video/Study 5:30pm - Glory Tones Practice 7:00pm - Choir Practice	30 2:30pm - Setup for On the Square Downtown Trick or Treat Booths 3:45pm - 6:15pm - Volunteer at church "Trick or Treat" on the Square court-house - booths Medieval theme 5:30pm - 6pm - Exercise Class - Library	31 7:30am - Men's Bible Study - C/R	1