

Non-Profit Organization

September 2026 Edition

"Have faith in God," Jesus answered. "I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forget your sins."

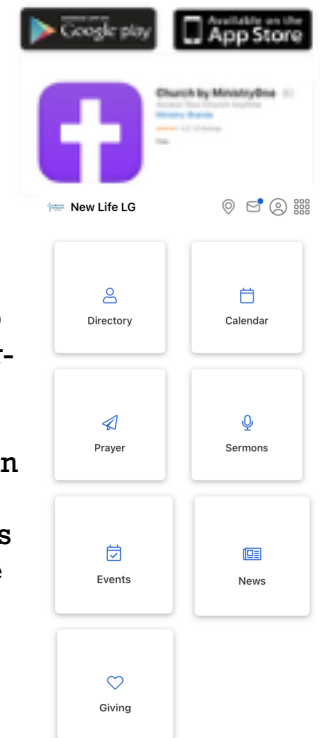
"NOPE...I TALK TO THE SHEPHERD."



Pastor Andy



**Thank you for
your generous
support of our
ministries.**





MUSICAL NOTES



I've often seen or heard the phrase, "Music is what feelings sound like." Think about it – there's a song out there for just about every feeling you have. Joy, praise, thanksgiving, sadness, heartbreak...

That got me wondering; how many references to singing, music, or instruments are in the Bible? Some sources say there are over 400 verses about singing, with the majority of them in the Psalms. Songs of joy, praise, thanksgiving, and lament fill those scriptures, and the Psalms themselves are meant to be sung. No wonder we like music so much and it touches us in ways that mere words cannot.

It's THAT time of year – adult choirs are starting again, and soon, you will hear the music your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ work so hard to bring to your listening ears. With that being said, here are my "To Clap or Not to Clap" thoughts. And that's just what they are – MY thoughts. We are all here to worship, not to perform, so when the choir sings or the bells play, we are also worshipping. To receive applause when we finish our piece, our 'worship feeling' breaks and turns into a performance feeling, even though your intent was to acknowledge how it made you feel or to acknowledge the choirs' hard work. We're perfectly fine to NOT hear clapping. Just a nod of your head, a smile on your face, or even a tear in your eye is all the acknowledgement needed. After all, it's not for our glory, but for God's alone.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Nancy



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

Feed The Need

FINANCE UPDATE

Giving for July 2026 was as follows:	
General Fund	\$55,761.76
Altar Rail	\$ 245.00
(Operation Christmas Child)	
Total	\$56,006.76

METHODIST MEN

Methodist Men will meet at 6:30 PM, Thursday, September 17, in the Fellowship Hall for their monthly meeting. Come for an informative program good friendship and a delicious meal. Hope to see you!

Methodist Men Chairman,
Matthew Watson



Ethan	Handy	9/3
Ray	Thurman	9/6
Jim	Schaefer	9/6
Andy	Smith	9/6
Sally	Garrett	9/10
Lynn	Pyburn	9/10
Cindy	Coleman	9/11
Parker	Gage	9/13
Jan	Jenkins	9/14
Kim	Bartos	9/14
Joanna	Allen	9/16
Doreen	Alexander	9/16
Debbie	Weber	9/16
Carol	Martyr	9/17
Levi	Carden	9/17
Tom	Ayres	9/18
Roan	Willrich	9/18
Twila	Thurman	9/19
Sherri	Ray	9/20
Karen	Jones	9/21
Jill	Hutchins	9/21
Jeanette	Faist	9/22
Sherry	Speir	9/22
Beverly	Gray	9/24
Audrey	Hutchins	9/25
Sherrie	Tolbert	9/26
Pauline	Ebel	9/27
Andy	Watson	9/29
Glenda	Genzer	9/30
Gary	Gillentine	9/30
Joseph	Willrich	9/30

*NOTES FROM THE OFFICE * CLOSED MONDAY SEP 7 FOR LABOR DAY*

Our next AMEN Food Pantry volunteer date is Monday, September 21, 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, Sept. 15, 6:30pm, at First Methodist Church - Schultenburg. A potluck dinner will be served. Bring a dish to share.

Our church has a prayer team that meets each Wednesday at 2pm in the Conference Room. We were recently gifted a beautiful handmade Prayer Quilt made by Brenda Winfield. It is displayed outside of the side doors of the sanctuary. Feel free to pin your prayer requests to the quilt.

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.

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 -

No Workday Labor Day Monday, Sept. 7
Tues., Sept. 8 - Thurs., Sept. 10, 9am - 3pm
Fri., Sept. 11, - Sat., Sept. 12, 8am - 3pm
Monday, Sept. 8, 9am - Noon

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



Alan & Lynn Pyburn	9/1
Luke & Kristen Carden	9/10
Dan Keierleber & Gay Herold	9/15
Grady & Ruby McGuill	9/19
Jim & Elva Fertsch	9/19
Larry & Mary Ann Hatfield	9/27
James & Susan Bryant	9/28



Thank you for being a blessing!

Thank you for your kind donations that you purchased from our Mother's Day Out Amazon Wishlist. We also want to thank all of the volunteers that have worked so hard to bring the program together and on our nursery rooms. You are all a blessing!

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

Foundations Conference Rm - led by Pastor Andy

Youth - led by Sarah Janisch and James Dornwell

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

New Covenant Rm 5 - led by Gary Martyr

Parables Library - led by Dale Alexander

New Bishop Assignments

Welcome to our new bishop, Rev. Jonathan Lee. This week, the General Conference elected bishops of the church to serve newly formed episcopal areas. MidTexas is a part of Episcopal Area 2 along with the Bulgaria, Mexico, Afrika Makarishi, Korean American, and Northeast Conferences. Rev. Jonathan Lee was elected to serve Area 2 and will begin his service on November 1, 2026. Bishop Kenneth Levingston will continue serving as the bishop of MidTexas until October 31, 2026. We cannot thank Bishop Levingston enough for his service to our conference. With her service concluding as an active bishop of the GMC, Bishop Emeritus Leah Hidde Gregory will now return full-time to the office of MidTexas Superintendent. As you may know, the Conference Superintendent provides spiritual and temporal leadership for the annual conference, working alongside our clergy and laity to pursue our shared mission. We thank all for their devotion to our annual conference.



JONATHAN LEE

BLESSED PRAYER SHAWLS

Do you know of someone going through an eventful time in life that is challenging or praise-worthy? 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.



A prayer shawl goes international! Paul Graham of the United Kingdom - Wales and dear friend of Denise Woodyard received a prayer shawl. Please include Paul in your prayers as he is being treated for cancer and is receiving chemotherapy.

Thank you to Brenda Winfield for the beautiful prayer quilt for us to place prayer requests on and to Brenda Basquette for her recent donations to our Prayer Shawl Ministry.



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

WE ENJOYED BLESSING OUR CHILDREN AND TEACHERS BEGINNING A NEW SCHOOL YEAR



CELEBRATING 3 YEARS AS NEW LIFE METHODIST CHURCH



FELLOWSHIPPING TOGETHER



**JOIN FRIENDS 'N FELLOWSHIP
THURSDAY, SEP. 10, 5:30PM
FOR DINNER AND TO HEAR RETIRED
FBI SPECIAL AGENT DAVID SMITH
RECOUNT HIS MILITARY EXPERIENCE
AND INVOLVEMENT IN INVESTIGATING
VARIOUS VIOLATIONS OF FEDERAL LAWS
INCLUDING DOMESTIC TERRORISM,
FUGITIVES, BANK ROBBERIES,
EXTORTION AND KIDNAPPINGS. HE WAS
INSTRUMENTAL IN THE ARREST AND
PROSECUTION OF THE 1996 SUMMER
OLYMPICS BOMBER, ROBERT RUDOLPH.**

SEPTEMBER 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 7:00am - Men's Emmaus - C/R 8:30am - Woven Women's Ministry -F/H 11:30am - Woven Women's Ministry-F/H 2:00pm - Prayer Team, C/R 5:30pm - Glory Tones Practice 7:00pm - Choir Practice	3 10:00am Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Fayette County Fair Booth Set-up 10:15am - Bus leaves for Ladies Lunch Bunch 11:00am - Ladies Lunch Bunch meets at Roadhouse Paige	4 7:30am - Men's Bible Study - C/R 4pm - Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Fayette County Fair Booth	5 4pm - Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Fayette County Fair Booth
6 Communion Sunday 9:00am - Traditional Service 10:00am - Church Fellowship Time 10:10am - Disciple Hour Classes 11:10am—Contemporary Service 4pm - Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Fayette County Fair Booth 5:00pm - Community Prayer Service - Redimidos por Cristos Church Annex	7 OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY 9am - Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Fayette County Fair Booth Teardown	8 9:00am - 3:00pm - Second Chance Vol	9 7:00am - Men's Emmaus - C/R 9:00am - 3:00pm - Second Chance Vol 10:00am - Worship @ Jefferson Place 2:00pm - Prayer Team, C/R 5:30pm - Glory Tones Practice 7:00pm - Choir Practice	10 9:00am - 3:00pm - Second Chance Vol	11 7:30am - Men's Bible Study - C/R 8:00am - 3:00pm - Second Chance Vol	12 8:00am - 3:00pm - Second Chance Vol
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20 Communion Sunday 9:00am - Traditional Service 10:00am - Church Fellowship Time 10:10am - Disciple Hour Classes 11:10am - Contemporary Service 1:15pm - Bus leaves for Epiphany closing at Giddings Youth Prison 2:00pm - Arrive at Youth Prison for Epiphany closing	21 8:30am - 12:30pm - AMEN Volunteer 1:00pm - Emmaus Women - C/R 5:30pm - Church Board Meeting - Rm 5 5:30pm - 6pm - Exercise Class - Library	22 5:30pm - Church Dinner 6:00pm - James Bible study	23 7:00am - Men's Emmaus - C/R 8:30am - Woven Women's Ministry -F/H 11:30am - Woven Women's Ministry-F/H 2:00pm - Prayer Team, C/R 5:30pm - Glory Tones Practice 7:00pm - Choir Practice	24	25 7:30am - Men's Bible Study - C/R	26
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