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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)

August 2026 Edition

Bible Extracts & Word Search Puzzles

W F D E H P X X G A E S W Z N
R E S E L H B M T M I A A B A
O O A A G R P O B L D G R K B
L L N U E Y G R E E D N G P T
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N L K R T C C M P T S K Q W P
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BORN	HATE	REND
BREAK	HEAL	SEW
BUILDUP	KEEP	SILENCE
CASTAWAY	LAUGH	SPEAK
DANCE	LOSE	STONES
DIE	MOURN	TIME
EMBRACE	PLANT	TOGETHER
GATHER	PLUCK	WAR
GET	REFRAIN	WEEP

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A Time for Everything

To everything there is a season,
And time to every purpose under the heaven:
A time to be born,
And a time to die;
A time to plant,
And a time to pluck up that which is planted;
A time to kill,
And a time to heal;
A time to break down,
And a time to build up;
A time to weep,
And a time to laugh;
A time to mourn,
And a time to dance;
A time to cast away stones,
And a time to gather stones together;
A time to embrace,
And a time to refrain from embracing;
A time to get,
And a time to lose;
A time to keep,
And a time to cast away,
A time to rend,
And a time to sew,
A time to keep silence,
And a time to speak;
A time to love,
And a time to hate;
A time of war,
And a time of peace.
(Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 KJV)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDY

Try Rev. J. D. Walt's Wake-Up Call through Seedbed. His podcast provides an encouraging study Monday - Friday.

CHURCH HUMOR



LIGHTSHINE

AUGUST 2026 EDITION
NEW LIFE METHODIST CHURCH

PASTOR'S PONDERING

I'm still thinking about the rich history of our nation's 250 years. We are blessed in so many ways, but that doesn't mean the years were always pleasant. I'm thinking of the long, painful struggle with slavery. The founders, for all their wisdom, couldn't solve this problem when the Constitution was written. They left it to future generations, trusting that they could one day find a way to live up to our founding values and principles.

It's worth remembering that America is unique in this: our country fought a terrible war, brother against brother, to finally put an end to slavery. No other nation paid such a price, in blood and sorrow, to right such a wrong. That's not just a story of tragedy, it's also a story of hope, of a people willing to wrestle with their own failures and seek a better way.

History tells us that God often works through ordinary people to bring about extraordinary change. Frederick Douglass, born into slavery in Maryland, taught himself to read and write against all odds. He escaped to freedom and became one of the most powerful voices for abolition in American history. Douglass's faith and determination led him to speak before presidents and crowds across the nation, urging America to live up to its founding creed that "all men are created equal." He challenged the country to confront injustice, yet he never lost hope in the power of God to transform hearts and bring about true liberty. Abraham Lincoln, born in a log cabin, couldn't have been more different on the surface. Yet, God used both to bring about change. Lincoln, with humility and resolve, steered the country through its darkest days, trusting in God's providence and wisdom. The Bible is full of reminders that God sees every injustice and cares deeply about freedom. **"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free,"** Paul wrote to the Galatians. The prophets cried out for justice and mercy, and Jesus Himself declared good news to the poor and liberty to the captives. Our American story echoes this biblical calling to acknowledge the sanctity of the individual.

As you can tell, I'm still excited about our 250th anniversary. My excitement is built on gratitude because I know our freedoms and liberties are precious gifts. We've fought many battles to secure these blessings, none greater than the Civil War. It's important that we thank God for those who came before us, who struggled, who spoke truth, who led with courage. Their sacrifices made our freedoms possible. Remembering them, along with our past, helps secure these blessings for future generations.

I am grateful to God for our 250 years. God has led us through seasons of darkness and into the light of greater freedom. I simply pray that we do not forget the lessons of our past or take for granted the blessings we enjoy today. If history teaches anything, it is that some values and principles are worth fighting for.

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Andy

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2026

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MUSICAL NOTES



Musical greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! You know, He takes us just as we are. Isn't that wonderful?

A friend gave me The One Year Book of Hymns by Robert K. Brown and Mark R. Norton. It contains hymns, mostly written in the late 1800s and early 1900s, along with devotionals or stories that relate to those hymns. I want to share with you the story of Charlotte Elliott who wrote the words to "Just As I Am."

Charlotte Elliott seemed to have everything going for her as a young woman who was gifted as a portrait artist and also as a writer of humorous verse. However, in her early thirties, she suffered a serious illness that left her weak and depressed. During her illness, a noted minister, Dr. Caesar Malan of Switzerland, came to visit her. Noticing her depression, he asked if she had peace with God. She resented the question and said that she did not want to talk about it.

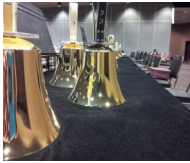
A few days later, she went to apologize to Dr. Malan. She said that she wanted to clean up some things in her life before becoming a Christian. Malan looked at her and answered, "Come just as you are." That was enough for Charlotte Elliott, and she yielded herself to the Lord that day.

Fourteen years later, remembering those words spoken to her by Caesar Malan in Brighton, England, she wrote this simple hymn. "Just as I am, without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me, and that Thou biddest me come to Thee, O Lamb of God I come! I come!" There's also a verse printed in this book that I have not seen in any hymnal: "Just as I am, of that free love the breadth, length, depth, the height to prove, here for a season then above, O Lamb of God I come! I come!" That's beautiful.

Just a reminder that Chancel Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, August 26, 2026 in the choir loft of the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there. And anyone who is interested in joining us, just let me know so I can have everything ready for you.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Nancy



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 and Martha Galindo. Children's take home lessons and worship service activities also available in the narthex.

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

Habitat For Humanity

FINANCE UPDATE

Giving for June 2026 was as follows:

General Fund	\$ 50,843.25
Altar Rail	\$ 2,168.75
(Methodist Children's Home)	
Total	\$ 53,012.00

METHODIST MEN

Methodist Men will meet at 6:30 PM, Thursday, August 20, 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

*NOTES FROM THE OFFICE *

We are offering a new ministry called New Life Financial Wellness. Kimberly Nickel, Certified Financial Planner, is offering free one-on-one financial planning classes for our members and those in our community. Please sign up in the narthex or fellowship hall. Kimberly will be glad to talk to you about the process.

Our new Mission Team has been meeting. Talk to Lay Pastor David Driskell about being part of that opportunity.

Friends 'n Fellowship returns Thursday, September 10 with a September 11th theme. Dave Smith, retired FBI agent, will share many interesting stories and take questions.

Our next AMEN Food Pantry volunteer date is Monday, Sep 21, from 8:30am - 12:30pm. If you cannot volunteer for an entire 4 hour shift on our dates, even an hour is appreciated. We have a food donation box in the church narthex and outside of the church office. If you take them directly to AMEN, please identify that you are donating in our church's name. Thanks! The food pantry is open Mondays 9am - noon and first and third Thursdays 4:30pm - 6pm.

This month's Emmaus Gathering will be Tuesday, August 18, 6:30pm, at First Methodist Church - Shiner. A potluck dinner will be served so bring a dish to share. The bus will be available. Call the church office for information.

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.



Andy & Monica Smith	8/2
E. J. & Beverly Gray	8/11
Charles & Kathee Mazac	8/17
Tim & Amy Evans	8/18
John & Carol Kelly	8/20



Judy	McAbee	8/2
James	Bryant	8/4
Orvel	Hill	8/5
Sam	Wilson, Jr.	8/8
Beverly	Curry	8/11
Ronnie	Lanier	8/12
Corey	Golan	8/12
Carol	Simons	8/15
Shirley	Smith	8/16
Mary Ann	Hatfield	8/17
Betty	Keeney	8/18
Dan	Teas	8/21
Donella	Cernosek	8/21
Jim	Kahlden	8/23
Dillan	Schlabach	8/23
Sarah	Janisch	8/24
Harper	Walker	8/31

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 -

We no longer work on Mondays!
Tues., Sep 8 - Thurs., Sep 10, 9am - 3pm
Fri., Sep 11, - Sat., Sep 12, 8am - 3pm
Sunday, Sep 13, 11:30am

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

New Life FINANCIAL WELLNESS MINISTRY

Budget • Debt Strategy • Savings



Kimberly Nickel
CFP



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 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.

Prayer Team
Wednesdays
1:00pm C/R



Volunteers Needed!!
DELTA Pioneer Club
For Boys and Girls
After-School 1st-4th Grade Ministry



THURSDAYS
Sept. 17 - Dec. 10
4:15 - 6:15 pm



Areas of Need:

- Kitchen Staff to prep and serve Snack (2 Adults)
- Craft and Life Skills Facilitators (2-3 Adults)
- Bible Study Facilitators (4 Adults)
- Music Leader (1-2 Adults)

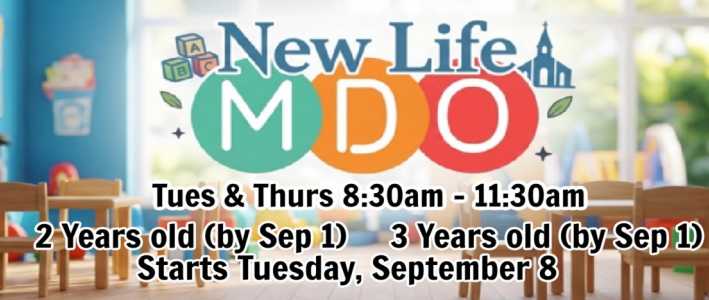
For Information Contact:
Sarah Janisch: 936-645-8787
Church Office: 979-968-8323

Please consider volunteering for our Delta Pioneer Club that will meet on Thursdays from 4:15pm - 6:15pm. We need help with snacks, Bible study, crafts and music.



Ms. Mercedes, who recently brought twins into the world and Don Wilson, who is starting chemotherapy for esophageal cancer both received beautiful prayer shawls.

MOTHER'S DAY OUT



Tues & Thurs 8:30am - 11:30am

2 Years old (by Sep 1) 3 Years old (by Sep 1)

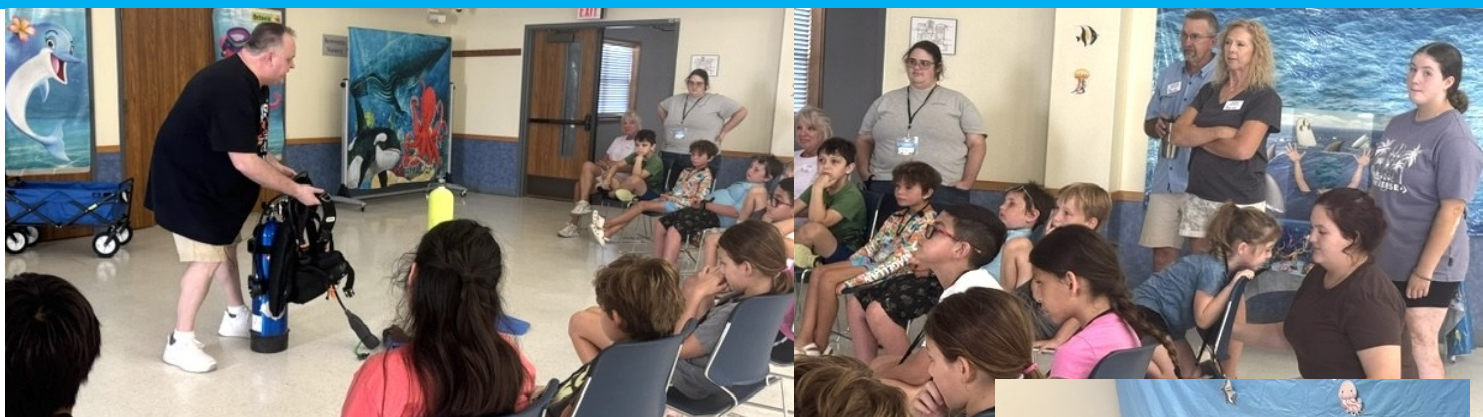
Starts Tuesday, September 8

MOTHER'S DAY OUT

We want to welcome Sandy Brown as our Mother's Day Out Ministry Director. The program will start Tuesday, Sept. 8, for 2 and 3 year olds.



SCUBA VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WAS A HIT!



VBS would not have been as successful without those who helped get the word out, decorated, prepped lessons, cooked and served in many ways!



Thank you to Everyone who Brought Teaching about the friendship of God through Praise, Crafts, Stories, Experiments, Archery & Dinner!



Swimming, Snow Cones & Great Camaraderie for All!

Archery Fun

Sunday 8/16 @ 6PM Special Service

248 Jaster Rd.
Round Top 78954

Bus leaves @ 5:15PM

CELEBRATING OUR 3RD YEAR AS NEW LIFE METHODIST CHURCH, JOIN US SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, AT 6PM FOR A SPECIAL EVENING SERVICE OF COMMUNION AND MUSIC. WE WILL MEET IN OUR OLD TRAVIS STREET METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING. KNOWN ALSO AS THE EDYTHE BATES CHAPEL, IT IS LOCATED AT 248 JASTER RD., ROUND TOP. OUR CHURCH BUS WILL LEAVE @ 5:15.

OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR GMC MID-TEXAS CONFERENCE

Anew
2026
ANNOUNCING
OUR
SPEAKERS

SEEN
LETICIA ORNELAS
Seen and loved
by God

SAVED
PAT MCCLAIN
Saved from
self-lies
and shame

SENT
LAUREN YATES
Sent to love
others —
family,
friends and
strangers

Corpus Christi NOV. 7, 2026

Anew
2026

PLEASE JOIN US AT ONE OF THESE LOCATIONS

CORPUS CHRISTI
NOV. 7, 2026

DALLAS
NOV. 14, 2026

LADIES ANEW 2026 CONFERENCE 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.

AUGUST 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 8:00am - 3pm - Second Chance Volunteer
2 Communion Sunday 9:00am - Traditional Service 10:00am - Church Fellowship Time 10:15am - Disciple Hour Classes 11:10am—Contemporary Service 11:30am - Second Chance Volunteer 5:00pm - Community Prayer Service - Redimidos por Cristos Church Annex Behind former 1st Baptist Church	3 1:00pm - Emmaus Women - C/R 7:00pm - AA - La Grange Gratitude Group - F/H	4	5 7:00am - Men's Emmaus - F/H 1:00pm - Prayer Team, C/R 5:00pm - Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Prep - Rm 5	6 10:30am - Bus leaves for Ladies Lunch Bunch 11:00am - Ladies Lunch Bunch meets at Joe's Place in Fayetteville	7 7:30am - Men's Bible Study - C/R 7:00pm - AA - La Grange Gratitude Group - F/H	8
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 7:00pm - AA - La Grange Gratitude Group - F/H	11 4:00pm - Council on Ministries Mtg - C/R	12 7:00am - Men's Emmaus - F/H 10:00am - Worship @ Jefferson Place 1:00pm - Prayer Team, C/R 5:00pm - Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Prep - Rm 5	13	14 7:30am - Men's Bible Study - C/R 7:00pm - AA - La Grange Gratitude Group - F/H	15
16 9:00am - Traditional Service 10:00am - Church Fellowship Time 10:10am - Disciple Hour Classes 11:10am—Contemporary Service 6pm - Special Service Edythe Bates Chapel - Festival Hill, 548 Jaster Rd., Round Top	17 1:00pm - Emmaus Women - C/R 5:30pm - Church Board Meeting - Rm 5 7:00pm - AA - La Grange Gratitude Group - F/H	18 6:30pm - Emmaus Gathering and Potluck dinner First United Methodist Church - Shiner	19 7:00am - Men's Emmaus - F/H 1:00pm - Prayer Team, C/R 5:00pm - Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Prep - Rm 5	20 3:30pm - Methodist Men Meeting Prep - Kitchen 6:30pm - Methodist Men Meeting - F/H	21 7:30am - Men's Bible Study - C/R 7:00pm - AA - La Grange Gratitude Group - F/H	22
23 9:00am - Traditional Service 10:00am - Church Fellowship Time 10:10am - Disciple Hour Classes 11:10am—Contemporary Service	24 10:00am - The Gray Legacy Adult Bible Study - Library 1:00pm - Emmaus Women - C/R 7:00pm - AA - La Grange Gratitude Group - F/H	25	26 7:00am - Men's Emmaus - F/H 1:00pm - Prayer Team, C/R 5:00pm - Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Prep - Rm 5	27	28 7:30am - Men's Bible Study - C/R 7:00pm - AA - La Grange Gratitude Group - F/H	29
30 10:00am - Combined Service 11:00am - Church Fellowship Time 11:15am - Disciple Hour Classes	31 10:00am - The Gray Legacy Adult Bible Study - Library 1:00pm - Emmaus Women - C/R 7:00pm - AA - La Grange Gratitude Group - F/H					