NEW LIFE METHODIST CHURCH
"ABIDING IN CHRIST"

New Life Methodist Church **979-968-8323**

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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 2026 Edition

JESUS IN A FEW WORDS

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redeemer, righteous, king, lamb, healer
faithful, wonderful, lord, holy, savior
christ, creator, father, saviour, trustworthy
pray, praise, worship, everlasting, joy
bible, love, faith, hope, courageous

CHURCH HUMOR



LIGHTSHINE

NOVEMBER 2026 EDITION
NEW LIFE METHODIST CHURCH



PASTOR DAVID'S MESSAGE

This is my first published article so please bear with me. First of all, with mine and Jody's deepest gratitude to this church, this Body of Christ, y'all have been so accepting and loving of us. We truly feel like we are at home and where God has called us to be, so thank you so much.

One of my responsibilities here when I came on staff, was to get involved in missions. We have a group of members that been trying to meet about once a month now - admittedly we've been a little off schedule this month, but should be getting together again soon. We're still in the early stages of getting things moving, but we are moving. If you would like to be involved, please get in touch with me, or if you have any new ideas, we can always discuss new projects. Here are a few things we have been doing so far.

We have been in a little closer contact with Steve and Pam English who are missionaries in Guatemala. It has been awesome to get to know them more. Pam is also involved with a program called The Joshua Project and now we are too. We have "adopted" what they call an FPG or Frontier People Group. These are folks that are in foreign countries. A lot of times they are located in more Muslim areas that have not heard about or been exposed to Jesus.

Our FPG are the Turks in Bulgaria. We chose Bulgaria because our Mid-Tex Annual Conference already has a relationship with Bulgaria and the conference in the area. Our initial focus with this group that we adopted, is **prayer**. We need to pray with intentional prayer and continue to pray until 2% of this FPG starts a new church in the region. I will be putting together an information packet on this with more details that I hope to have available soon. I'll share those with you as soon as they are ready.

As a reminder, there are also many local mission opportunities you can get involved in right here in our community - if you're not already. I may sound like a broken record, but folks you "rock", as a church. You do so much here and much of it people don't even know about. This is another reason Jody and I love y'all and love being a part of New Life.

Keep loving Jesus and keep being His Hands and Feet!

Blessings,

Pastor David

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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 4 – the Glory Tones will be ringing!!

***Chancel Choir's Christmas Cantata** – "Hope Is All We Need" – December 13 - 9:00 a.m.
Invite your friends!!!

***Ruby's Christmas Concert** – Sunday, November 29
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 p.m.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Nancy





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

Texas Ramp Project

FINANCE UPDATE

Giving for September 2026 was as follows:

General Fund	$57,996.61
Altar Rail	$ 281.00
(Feed The Need)	
Total	$ 58,277.61

METHODIST MEN

Methodist Men will meet at 6:30 PM, Thursday, November 19, in the Fellowship Hall for their monthly meeting. Come enjoy great fellowship and a delicious meal.

Methodist Men Chairman,

Matthew Watson

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 for worship services and Disciple Hour. Please contact the church office for 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 Dale Alexander
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: Dale Alexander's class
Fourth Sunday: Jo Anne Hill's class
Fifth Sundays: Our Church Treats

*NOTES FROM THE OFFICE * CLOSED WED. - FRI. NOV 25 - 27 FOR THANKGIVING*

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.

Screen printed t-shirts ($17, gray recommended) or embroidered shirts ($15) displaying our church logos are available. You purchase your shirt color of choice - black, light gray or royal blue is not recommended for embroidered shirts. More information is available through the church office.

This month's **Emmaus Gathering will be Tuesday, Nov. 17, 6:30pm, at our church.** A potluck dinner will be served. Bring a dish to share. For info contact the church office.

Our church has a prayer team that meets each Wednesday at 2pm in the Conference Room. Please know that we are praying for all of our members as well as lifting other special prayers. Feel free to pin your prayer requests on the prayer quilt outside of the side doors to the sanctuary. 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..

We love to hear from you about our newsletter! If you want a hard copy mailed, the church appreciates a $10 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
Tripp	Walker	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
Aaron	Evans	11/11
Marie	Allen	11/12
Josh	Evans	11/13
Ruby	McGuill	11/13
Jack	Speir	11/13
Mike	McBroom	11/14
Jill	Eilers	11/14
Brenda	Winfield	11/15
Al	Menconi	11/18
Patty	Ingalls	11/19
Jake	Morgan	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.

Tuesday, Dec. 8, - Thurs., Dec 10, 9am - 3pm
Friday, December 11, - Saturday, December 12, 8am - 3pm
Sunday, December 13, 11:30am
Thank you for donating your time!
Nancy, Judy, Sandy, Susan, Lisa, Julie & Bev





Please consider providing Thanksgiving meal for families. There are 2 options. 1) Take a paper bag. Shop for the sides listed on the instructions. Include a $20 donation to cover the cost of a turkey. 2) Make a $40 donation. This covers the cost for an entire meal. Please write checks to Feed the Need. Return bags to the church.



Randall & Lisa Slinkard	11/14
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





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 APPRECIATION














Thanks to everyone who prepared gifts, decorated, prepared food and helped celebrate!

TRICK OR TREAT ON THE SQUARE!










Lots of candy, glow necklaces, prizes and "Little Jesuses" were given away. Our Praise Band was awesome! Thanks for the many donations, building of games, game volunteers and the hard work setting up and tearing down.

Thanks to Laura from TP&W for bringing "Tater" the alligator & the skull game!

Friends 'n Fellowship

November 2026

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

CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW

November 21 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, November 20th between 12:00 and 5:00 pm.



We will be distributing free full Thanksgiving meal plates from our church on Thanksgiving Day from11:30am - 1pm. To reserve your plates please click here.

You may also go to our website and use the online Thanksgiving form found there or on our church app.

Volunteers are needed too! Sign up here to help cook, deliver meals & serve at New Life Methodist Church on Wednesday, 11/25 the day before Thanksgiving Day from 6pm - 9pm and/or Thanksgiving Day 11/26 from 7am - 3pm.

Sign-up lists for plates and volunteer opportunities are also available in the Narthex and F/H.

NOVEMBER 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 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 **Daylight Savings Fall Back 1 Hour**	2 1:00pm - Emmaus Women - C/R 4:15pm - 6:15pm - Girls In The Middle 5:30pm - 6pm - Exercise Class - Library 7:00pm - AA - La Grange Gratitude Group - F/H	3 5:30pm - Church Dinner 6:00pm - Book of James Bible Study	4 7:00am - Men's Emmaus - F/H 8:30am - Woven Women Ministry - F/H 11:30am - Woven Women Lunch Bunch– Library 2:00pm - Prayer Team, C/R 5:00pm - Shoebox Prep for Operation Christmas Child - Rm 5 5:30pm - Glory Tones Practice 7:00pm - Choir Practice	5 5:30pm - 6pm - Exercise Class - Library	6 7:30am - Men's Bible Study - C/R 7:00pm - AA - La Grange Gratitude Group - F/H	7
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15 Communion Sunday 9:00am - Traditional Service 10:00am - Church Fellowship Time 10:15am - Disciple Hour Classes 11:10am - Contemporary Service 5:30pm - Youth Family Taco & Nacho Bar and Challenge Games	16 8:30am - 12:30pm - AMEN Volunteer 1:00pm - Emmaus Women - C/R 3:00pm - 5:00pm - Operation Christmas Child Collection Point 4:15pm - 6:15pm - Girls In The Middle 5:30pm - Church Board Meeting - Rm 5 7:00pm - AA - La Grange Gratitude Group - F/H	17 3:00pm - 5:00pm - Operation Christmas Child Collection Point 4:00pm - Emmaus Women - Rm 5 6:30pm - Emmaus Gathering and Potluck dinner New Life Methodist Church - La Grange	18 7:00am - Men's Emmaus - F/H 8:30am - Woven Women Ministry - F/H 11:30am - Woven Women Lunch Bunch– Library 2:00pm - Prayer Team, C/R 3:00pm - 5:00pm - Operation Christmas Child Collection Point 5:30pm - Glory Tones Practice 7:00pm - Choir Practice	19 3:30pm - Methodist Men Mtg Prep - Kit 3:00pm - 5:00pm - Operation Christmas Child Collection Point 6:30pm - Methodist Men Meeting - F/H	20 7:30am - Men's Bible Study - C/R 9:00am - 12:00pm - Operation Christmas Child Collection Point 12pm - 5pm - Christmas Craft Fair Prep, F/H 7:00pm - AA - La Grange Gratitude Group - F/H	21 9am - 3pm - Christmas Craft Fair - Friends 'n Fellowship Booth Methodist Men's Lunch available for purchase 2:00pm - 5:00pm - Operation Christmas Child Collection Point
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29 9:00am - Coffee and Donuts 10:00am - Combined Worship Service - Hanging of the Greens and Ruby McGuill Christmas Program Disciple Hour Classes follow if desired	30 1:00pm - Emmaus Women - C/R 7:00pm - AA - La Grange Gratitude Group - F/H					