

# *Lytle Methodist Church*

*May 2024*

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Our Mission as Global Methodists is to make Disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

## *From our Lay Leader*

Sometimes I have found myself trying to catch my tail so to speak. But when I saw this sign I had to stop and take a moment to reflect. It made me think about what God has been telling me all along. In John 3:16 Jesus tells me, and you: "For God so loved the world that he gave his One and Only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

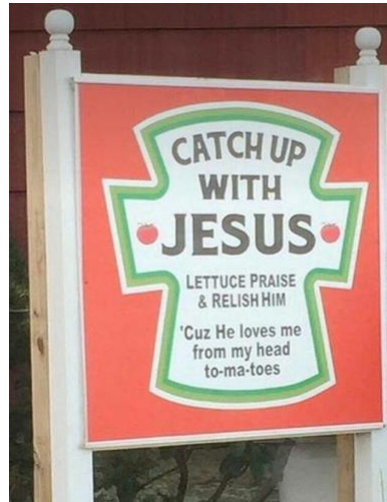
God has blessed each of us so so very much. Whether in good times or bad times, he never fails to be there for us. It's true that we don't always feel He is there ... but he is. We all need to catch up with Jesus. Join me as I relish him and praise him.

'CUZ HE LOVES ME ... FROM MY HEAD ...

TO-MA-TOES!!!

And He Loves You Too!!!

Have a blessed day,  
Jim Pruett  
Lay Leader



## *Interim Pastor*

While the Pastor Parish Relations Committee busily looks for a new pastor, we are very blessed to have Jim Pruitt, who is our Lay Leader, "take over the reins", so to speak. Jim has very graciously agreed to lead our Sunday morning worship services. He can't, however, serve communion due to Global Methodist Church rules. On Communion Sundays, we are blessed again to have Rev. Paula Payne lead our services. We would like to thank her for doing this and for filling our hearts with Christ through God's Word.

## *"Fill-Up" the Crib*

...Or rather the Pack N' Plays. You may have noticed the 2 pack n' plays in the entry way of the church. These will be donated to Restore Reproductive Health (a pregnancy care center) in Hondo. Our goal is to fill them up with baby items. Items that Restore has asked for include size 5/6 diapers, burp cloths, cloth diapers, pacifiers, baby wash, wipes, lotions, shampoos, baby bottles, and gift cards from H.E.B., Wal-Mart or Visa gift cards.

*"And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."*

*Philippians 4:19*

### Council on Ministries

The C.O.M. committee met on April 14th. The Committee finalized plans for the remainder of the first half of the year. The Pack n Plays, Mother's Day, a Pentecostal Luncheon and VBS were all discussed. The dates for Vacation Bible School were rescheduled due to some of the volunteers not being able to help on the originally scheduled dates. VBS will now be held June 3-6, 2024. It will run from 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm.

### Children's Sunday School

The Children's Sunday School is now being taught by Robin Jackson with assistance from her husband, Joshua.

Thank-you Robin and Joshua for taking this on!

### Sisters In Christ

Sisters in Christ are excitedly working on a Fund raiser. We are creating a church family cookbook. How many times have you been asked during one of our pot luck lunches for a recipe for a dish that you brought? What greater way for all of those recipes to be in a book for our church family? Please submit 3-5 of your favorite recipes so you can be represented in our cookbook. You can also submit recipes in memory of a loved one. Place your name on the recipe and then indicate it is in memory of someone and include their name.

Forms are available in the back of the Sanctuary for you to fill out or if it is easier you can email them to Tawana Jackson at [tawanajackson1956@icloud.com](mailto:tawanajackson1956@icloud.com) or Pam Wanjura at [pamwan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pamwan@sbcglobal.net). There is also a form on the last page of this newsletter.

If you wish to order a cookbook please let Pam or I know.

The plan is to have the cookbooks back by November. Wouldn't that make a wonderful Christmas present for someone?

At this time we do not know what the price of the cookbooks will be. It depends on the number of recipes received, the number of pages, and how many cookbooks ordered.

The monies raised on the sale of the cookbooks will help support our future high school graduates, help comfort families that have lost a loved one, and Restore Reproductive Health Center in Hondo.

We hope we can count on you to make this a great success by submitting your favorite recipes and buying lots of cookbooks for family and friends.

We thank you in advance for your support.

Our next meeting will be May 13, at 2:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

Your Sister in Christ,  
Tawana Jackson

### Food Pantry

During the month of April, our church served 158 families (218 people) through the Food Pantry Outreach. We also had 5 new applications. If you would like to serve at the food pantry, we serve the community on the first and third Monday of each month from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Just show up around 5:45 and we will put you to work!

### Backpack Ministry

The backpack ministry is winding down for the school year. This ministry is supported by our church and Trinity Baptist Church. All together the ministry served 25 families throughout the school year. Our church served 12 of those families.

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these"*

**Matthew 19:14**

## Administrative Council

The Administrative Council will meet on May 21, 2024 at 7:00 pm. Along with hearing reports from each of the church committees and / or groups, they will be discussing the church's Child / Youth / and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy. Possible changes will be made to align with the Global Methodist Church's recommendations.

## Trustees

The Trustees have been overseeing maintenance repairs at the parsonage in preparation for a new pastor. On the interior, the carpets were cleaned, some of the blinds were replaced and some touch up painting was done. On the exterior, rotted wood was replaced, and the trim, garage doors and the eaves were painted. The driveway, sidewalks and patio were pressure washed.

Work is now beginning on our church building. Rotted wood at the entryway and around the stained glass windows is being replaced.

## Staff Parish Relations Committee

The S.P.R.C. Committee met on Thursday, April 18, 2024. We had two pastors to review. We listened to them preach a sermon via video. After much discussion the Committee decided to request more applicants to preview before making a decision.

As of now, we do not have a planned meeting until we have more applicants to review. Hopefully that will be soon.

Linda Bahlmann  
Chair

## Finance:

Giving totals for the month of April:

April 7th.....\$7728.50

April 14th.....\$3285.50

April 21st.....\$4333.00

April 28th.....\$1606.00

Grand Total.... \$16,953.00

In the month of April repairs were made at the parsonage that totaled \$3,721.00. Due to the fact that we are not currently paying a pastors salary, Admin Council voted that we should complete the parsonage repairs while we had the extra funds.

Our pickle jar is nearly full of noisy offering and will be deposited before we begin VBS. Last year we spent \$1468.32 on the VBS program and over half of it was paid for by the noisy offering.

## Vacation Bible School

Join us June 3rd – 6<sup>th</sup> (3:00 pm – 5:30 pm) for a summer camp adventure with “God at Camp Firelight”.

Campers will accompany Counselor Sam and Lu during each assembly session and learn to face their fears while trusting in God. They will learn that they can connect with God at VBS, church, home, and in every area of their lives. They will learn...

“Whenever I'm afraid, I  
put my trust in you.”  
(Psalm 56:3).

Volunteers are needed to make this a successful opportunity for our community. We need help with music, drama and storytelling, games, arts and crafts, science, food, and guiding and assisting campers at their station.

Something else exciting and something that we have never done before....Devine Wesleyan Fellowship will be joining us in helping to spread God's word! What an amazing opportunity to work alongside adults and children from another church!

For questions or to sign up to help, contact Suzie.

## Noisy Offering

Don't forget your change for the noisy offering each Sunday. This not only helps fund VBS, but it is a simple way for the children to serve God and the church!

## Youth News

The Youth Group is growing! Thanks to the faithfulness of God and Maribel's faithfulness to God. Thank-you for all that you do Maribel!

May 5<sup>th</sup> – Youth Group 3:30pm – 6:00 pm. Food Pantry Bagging

May 12<sup>th</sup> – Youth Group 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

May 17<sup>th</sup> – All Night Shut-In. Meet at the church at 6:00 pm

May 19<sup>th</sup> – No Youth Group

May 26<sup>th</sup> – Youth Group 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm



The Youth Group and Robert Hunt attended a Christian Concert held at Prevailing Word Church. They were able to get a picture with one of the bands in attendance.

## Community Faith Night

An Evening of  
Worship - God's Word - Food  
- Fellowship

Country Baptist Church is sponsoring a Community Faith Night at the Lytle ISD Football Field on May 6, 2024. All are invited. The event starts at 6:00 pm. Come and be blessed!

## Emmaus News

The SWTX Koinonia Community (the Emmaus community that our congregation is a part of) voted to separate from the Upper Room (the governing body of the Walk to Emmaus). The vote for the separation was due to changes being made in the youth Chrysalis program that is part of the Walk to Emmaus organization. The board will be working diligently to establish a new Spiritual Retreat for the future. Please keep the community in your prayers.

Until the separation is complete, they will still be holding the monthly gatherings. The Gathering for May is at our church on May 5<sup>th</sup> and at Devine UMC on June 9<sup>th</sup>. The gatherings begin at 4:30 pm.

## Important Dates - Put these dates on your calendar

May 5: Koinonia Emmaus gathering at our church at 4:30 pm.

May 6: Community Faith Night at the Lytle ISD Football Field 6:00 pm

May 12 - Mother's Day

May 19 - Pentecostal Luncheon. We will celebrate graduates and a Volunteer

June 3 - 6: Vacation Bible School 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm

June 9: End of VBS performance during worship

## Giving Options for Lytle Methodist Church

Tithes and offerings can be made in person, mailed to the church, or texted to 830-581-2288. Church address is P.O. Box 608; Lytle TX. 78052.



# RECIPE COLLECTION SHEET

For office use only

Recipe No.

Category \_\_\_\_\_

Recipe Title \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted By \_\_\_\_\_

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## INSTRUCTIONS

- Print **NEATLY IN INK, NOT PENCIL**, and place only **ONE RECIPE** per form.
- If more room is needed, use another sheet of the same size and staple together.
- Please **WRITE LEGIBLY**, as this will greatly reduce errors.
- List all ingredients in order of use in ingredients list and directions.
- Include container sizes, e.g., 2 (8-oz.) cans, temps, and baking/cooking times.
- Keep ingredients separate and directions in one paragraph. Do not submit recipes in steps, columns, or charts. Recipes which cannot conform to our chosen recipe format will be omitted.
- Use names of ingredients in the directions, e.g., "Combine flour and sugar."
- **DO NOT** use statements like, "combine first three ingredients."
- Be consistent with the spelling of your name for each recipe you contribute.
- Any special recipe notes (anything other than ingredients, directions, contributor name, serving size, or recipe title) should be kept as a separate comment on the bottom of this form, as they may not be included unless we pay extra for it.
- Your recipes should fit into one of the following categories:
 

<b>Appetizers &amp; Beverages</b>	<b>Breads &amp; Rolls</b>
<b>Soups &amp; Salads</b>	<b>Desserts</b>
<b>Vegetables &amp; Side Dishes</b>	<b>Cookies &amp; Candy</b>
<b>Main Dishes</b>	<b>This &amp; That</b>

Dear Friend,

Our organization is preparing a wonderful custom cookbook featuring favorite recipes from our members. The cookbook will be professionally published, and it is certain to become a treasured keepsake.

Please submit 3–5 of your favorite recipes so you can be represented in our group's cookbook. Follow the instructions above. Your name will be printed with each of your recipes. Thank you for contributing recipes as this will help to ensure that our cookbook will be a huge success.

We anticipate a great demand for our cookbooks, and we want to be certain to order plenty. You can reserve one or more for yourself and your family at this time to be assured of receiving them.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ cookbook(s) for me.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit your recipes to the committee within 5 days so we can meet our deadline. Thank you!**