

**Volume 1 Number 4, June 2023**

## Members Join New Life Methodist

Pentecost Sunday was a special day in the life on New Life Methodist Church as ten members joined our fellowship as the newest members of New Life Methodist Church on May 28th.

Uniting with the our church and becoming Global Methodist members were Pamela Anderson, Sandi Atkinson, June Bakutis, Paul & Shirley Cox, Sonny & Robbie King, Julie Johnston, Katherine Lathen, and Ted & Connie Williamson.



## What's Happening!

*By:*  
**Tom Lathen**

What is God's will for New Life Methodist Church? That's the question you've been considering for nearly a year. It's a question we offer in prayer. It's the subject of parking lot conversations and conjecture in every meeting that is held.

We've paid our rent at the Museum through the end of 2023. That means we don't have to rush into any decisions. But, it also means we do need to be thinking about some extremely challenging questions.

New Life Methodist Church is growing. We're growing in faith. We're growing gradually in our public perception of who we are, and why we are.

As summer descends upon the Village it can be our time to be in a mission and invitational mode.

Invite your friends and neighbors to worship. Reach out to those you love and have them visit this new church for all of Salado.

### *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

#### June Birthdays

June Bakutis—June 1  
Tom Lathen—June 7  
Jim Wright—June 10

#### June Anniversary

Sonny & Robbie King  
June 5  
Grady & Kim Newton  
June 5  
Tom & Kathy Lathen  
June 12  
Jerry & Elaine Herrick  
June 23

#### *How To Become A Member:*

As we celebrate our membership in the Global Methodist Church, here are the ways you can become a member of New Life Methodist Church of Salado:

- If you joined 1st Methodist of Temple your membership will automatically be transferred for you.
- If you are a member of any other Methodist Church a transfer of membership must be initiated
- By profession of faith
- By baptism

Contact Pastor Tom to discuss church membership.

## News Around the GMC

Out west the Global Methodist Church is slowly gaining some new congregations. But, the key word is slowly. Across the state of Washington 13 church disaffiliations were approved last month.

Contrast that to the Mid Texas Conference where more than 200 churches are now active Global Methodist congregations. That includes New Life Methodist Salado.

In the Rio Texas Conference 33 churches were approved for disaffiliation, while 85 more churches are in process of approval. There were 14 churches in that conference who voted but did not meet the 2/3 majority vote needed to approve leaving the UMC.

In Virginia 64 disaffiliations were approved last month. That makes the total 107 GMC churches now active in that state. In South Alabama./Florida Panhandle conference 52 more churches were approved for disaffiliation last month. The conference is nearing 200 disaffiliations.

## Lay Leader Report

By: John Perry

First let me say that I am honored to be your Lay Leader at New Life Methodist Church. I will diligently work to fulfill the duties of the position and help make our church be successful and grow.

I am periodically meeting with Pastor Tom to discuss various church issues. My role in this

position is to be a liaison between the pastor and the congregation.

If you have issues or concerns that you would like to be discussed please let me know. You can reach me by cell at (254) 493-8482 or by email at [johncperry@outlook.com](mailto:johncperry@outlook.com).

## All Church Meeting June 4<sup>th</sup>

Please plan on attending our June 4 Communion Service as we will have an all church meeting immediately following the service.

We will have a chance to meet together to hear updates from the Building Committee and other groups working on the future of New Life Methodist Church.

There are many questions to be considered, and many questions that just cannot be answered yet. But, the commitment of this congregation continues to be transparent and open decision making. Officially, you do need to be a member to vote. However, you do not need to be a member to voice an opinion. All are welcome to attend.

### Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast group met on Saturday May 20th at McCain's Bakery and Café.

Due to the summer time travels of so many it was decided to pause the Men's Breakfast until September. Safe travels everyone!



### UPCOMING EVENTS

June 4—Communion Sunday & Church Meeting

June 11—Confirmation of Claire and Justice.

June 18— Fathers' Day & Last day to return Hope Pregnancy Center Baby Bottles

June 24— Matthew 10:24-39



A Global Methodist Church  
PO Box 1322  
Salado, TX 76571

New Life Methodist Church meets each Sunday at 10:00 am with Bible Study at 9:00 am at the Salado Museum, 423 S Main Street in downtown Salado.  
Tom Lathen, Pastor (254) 899-5680



## Dollars and Cents

Balance 4/25/23	\$97,531.10
May Deposits	\$13,198.59
May Expenses	\$ 5,890.90
Bank Balance 5/30/23	\$104,838.79 *

\*includes \$5,100 Building Fund balance