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## Spreading the Word

We are all called to fulfill the Great Commission Jesus left with us as he ascended into heaven (Matthew 28:19)

The marketing group of NLMC has developed a handy invitation card to help you invite friends, neighbors, really anyone you meet, to visit our church.

If you haven't seen these little cards please check them out on the sign up tables as you enter the church on Sunday. We are all called to be ministers of the word, and if you are ready to share the news of New Life Methodist Church this is an easy way to make that happen. Check it out and take a handful. Don't worry, we can buy more when needed!

## GMC Food Pantry Sunday

This Sunday, August 6 we will have a special offering and collection for the GMC Food Pantry in Jarrell. Your donations of cash or non-perishable food supplies will be delivered to the Jarrell Global Methodist Church.



### Special Days in August

#### **Birthdays:**

- ★ Shirley Cox Aug 6
- ★ Katy Whitis Aug 15
- ★ Sandra Perry Aug 24
- ★ Margaret Blanton Aug 31

#### **Anniversaries:**

- ★ Joe & Scharlet Mikeska Aug 12
- ★ Shirley & Paul Cox Aug 16

Canned fruit, soups, pasta are needed.

The Pantry distributes food twice a month, but also has an emergency supply for those in dire need.

If you know someone who needs help from the Pantry please contact Pastor Tom for information.

Thank you for supporting this local mission project. Thanks for your support of the Body of Christ Clinic last Sunday.

We would like to make Communion Sunday also be Food Pantry Sunday moving forward.



## What's Happening!

**By:**  
*Tom Lathen*

John Wesley believed in the power of small groups.

These groups were covenant groups who prayed together, studied the word together, and often worked on mission projects together.

As Fall approaches it is time to grow our small groups at New Life Global Methodist Church.

We need at least four groups who will meet weekly, or perhaps twice a month.

You can have a coffee group, a lunch group, or a dinner group like the church has done on Mondays.

But the key to growing these groups is to keep them no larger than 12 people. We also need to have a place for newcomers and visitors to check in and feel welcome.

If you are willing to lead a new group please contact me this month and we will announce our new small groups in September.

## Global Church News Roundup for August

There are currently 216 new church starts in the Global Methodist Church. As this issue is printed the Mid Texas Conference of the GMC is meeting in Temple.

There will be 46 pastors ordained as either Deacon or Elder in a service Saturday morning. Our prayer group is one of many teams of prayer warriors praying for these leaders throughout the weekend.

By the way, if all goes according to plan, Pastor Tom will be ordained as a Deacon in February.

Mark September 17 on your calendar as we will celebrate the one year anniversary of the start of New Life Methodist of Salado. The Rev. Dr. Leah Hidde-Gregory has accepted an invitation to be our preacher that day. Details of the day coming soon.

Across the US the number of churches who have left the UMC is approaching or exceeding 6,200. The number seems to change eve-

ry week. The WCA expects the number to be more than 7,000 by the end of this year.

The Mid-Texas Conference of the GMC (our conference) is proposing a partnership with the Bulgarian Annual Conference. That conference lost 70% of their funding when they left the UMC. The Mid-Texas Conference is considering a five year alliance to help the Bulgarian Churches pay their pastors and continue to grow. Individual Mid Texas Conferences churches are invited to make special donations. The Bulgarian Church has a plan to be self-supporting by 2029.

We encourage you to pray for these churches in the US and globally, and also pray for the UMC. Put "politics" aside and pray that God will be glorified by all who call upon his name.

Thank you to those who have supported the outreach of NLMC. You continue to show your understanding that our mission is outside the four walls of the place where we worship.

## Youth Program To Begin

New Life Methodist Church will launch a new youth program under the leadership of Michael Haight. The Bible Study program will begin within the next few weeks.

New Life hopes to attract more youth to worship with us. We were honored to have two youths complete the Confirmation program earlier this year. Finishing the confirmation series were Claire Haight and Justice Fettig.

The church also awarded Claire with a church camp scholarship this summer.



*Right: Photo of Claire at Church Camp.*

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Aids Body of Christ Clinic

New Life Methodist held a special offering for the Body of Christ Community Clinic in Belton on July 30<sup>th</sup>.

Donna Dunn Executive Director described the Medical and Dental services that they offer. Our church will present a check to them for \$1,500.

**Men's Breakfast Monthly will return September 9th!**

**Location is to be determined.**



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Aug 6 Communion Sunday Food Pantry Collection.**

**Aug 13 "The Chosen" part 3.**

**Sept 3 Proverbs 14:1-3,23**

**Sept 4 Labor Day**

**Sept 17 NLMC "Birthday"**

**New Life**  
METHODIST CHURCH  
of Salado  
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.  
(Across the street from Stagecoach Inn  
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### Dollars and Cents

Balance 6/30/23	\$40,365.85
July Deposits	\$26,374.06
July Expenses	<u>\$ 7,611.97</u>
Bank Balance 7/31/23	\$59,127.94 *
Certificate of Deposit	\$75,000.00 **
*includes \$16,200 Building Fund balance	
** Purchased 6/29/23	