



# The VISITOR

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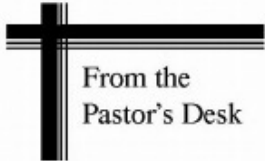
LOVE GOD

LIVE HIS WORD

SHARE HIS GRACE

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From the  
Pastor's Desk

“But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, “You are my God.”

My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.”

Psalm 31:14-16

Trust is an interesting word. We use the word in a variety of situations without ever actually meaning the definition of trust. Trust means a firm belief in the reliability, truth or ability of someone or something. I am sure that this meaning is not surprising to anyone. The definition of trust has not changed in my lifetime, but there is still a fundamental issue we have with trust. One of the key parts of trust is that we are believing in someone or something that is not our selves. That is where we run into problems. To say we trust means we our placing our hope and our security in someone else's hands. This can be nerve-racking and terrifying. The Psalm above is one that David wrote we he is looking to be delivered from his enemies. David had a lot of them. Many people both outside and inside his kingdom were looking to take him down. So David's Psalm culminates in a statement of trust. David is saying that he cannot do it himself. His own strength only carries him so far. If he is to overcome his enemies then he needs to firmly believe that God can deliver him.

David learned quickly that he was inadequate on his own. The only way David could succeed is if he placed his trust in something bigger and better. We don't have people that are actively trying to kill us. Our enemies and David's enemies are quite different. But our trust should be the same. Life is hard, time is short and there never seems to be enough money. By all accounts we cannot do it on our own. So where is it that you place your trust. Are you trusting in your own ability or in God?

In October, we will be talking about stewardship. Money is never a topic we like to talk about but the reality is that money is our greatest enemy and our most important strength. Money drives us to place our trust in our own abilities. At its best money drives us to listen to God to use it well. Our Stewardship series *In \_\_\_\_\_ We Trust* will make us look at where we place our trust and if our stewardship reflects that. I hope to see you in worship as we look at where we place our trust.

*-Rev. Ben Bagley*

“Jesus gave his blood for us; what shall we give to him? We are his, and all that we have, for he has purchased us unto himself. Can we act as if we were our own? Oh, for more consecration! And to this end, oh for more love! Blessed Jesus, thou dost receive with favor the smallest sincere token of affection! Thou dost receive our poor forget-me-nots and love tokens, as though they were intrinsically precious, though indeed they are but as the bunch of wild flowers which the child brings to its mother. We will give thee the first fruits of our increase, and pay thee tithes of all, and then we will confess ‘of thine own have we given thee.’”

*Sent from the Daily Help Devotional. For devotionals like this one for your iPhone,  
visit us at [43rdElement.com](http://43rdElement.com) contributed by Pat Morchat*

PURSUANT TO SECTION 30.07, PENAL CODE (TRESPASS BY LICENSE HOLDER WITH AN OPENLY CARRIED HANDGUN), A PERSON LICENSED UNDER SUBCHAPTER H, CHAPTER 411, GOVERNMENT CODE (HANDGUN LICENSING LAW), MAY NOT ENTER THIS PROPERTY WITH A HANDGUN THAT IS CARRIED OPENLY.

# **NEW ! CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY**

Prepare NOW to be a part of our NEW Family Photo Directory program. Our goal is to include ALL ST. LUKE'S FAMILIES - Members AND Regular Attenders!

**Each Family will receive a Complimentary 8 x 10 Photograph and a Church Directory for participating.**

We are partnering with **Lifetouch** for professional photography that will connect our families. **Lifetouch** will photograph at our location.

- In your one-hour session you will:
- > Be professionally photographed
  - > Immediately view your photographs
  - > Be able to purchase photography gifts

We will soon be contacting everyone about scheduling your photography session. The upcoming dates that **Lifetouch** will be here are:

**Nov. 5 thru 7 and Nov. 13 thru 16**

Sessions will last one hour in which time you will be photographed, be able to view your photos, pick which one you want in the directory and select views to purchase as gifts for cherished family memories.

Plan now to be available during the above dates for your personal photo session. We will be in touch in the very near future to schedule your session.

It has been five years since we published a Directory. Many of our church family are not in that one, and *all of us have changed and added to our families!*

Pastor Ben recently encouraged us to be PASSIONATE about our church. This Directory will enable us to "get to know one another" - to truly be a Church Family. So . . . . .  
**get passionate about our new Photo Directory!!**

**SEE YOU  
IN FRONT OF THE CAMERA  
SOON!**

## *Evangelism Moments. . .*

You will not find my peace by engaging in excessive planning attempting to control what will happen to you in the future. That is a commonly practiced form of unbelief. When your mind spins with multiple plans, Peace may sometimes seem to be within your grasp; yet it always eludes you. Just when you think you have prepared for all possibilities, something unexpected pops up and throws things into confusion.

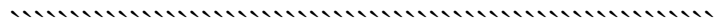
I did not design the human mind to figure out the future. That is beyond your capability. I crafted your mind for continual communication with Me. Bring Me your needs, your hopes and fears. Commit everything into My care. Turn from the path of planning to the path of Peace.

1 Peter 5:6-7 'Be humble under God's powerful hand so he will lift you up when the right time comes. Give all your worries to Him, because He cares about you.'

Proverbs 16:9 "People make plans in their minds, but the Lord decides what they will do."

Psalm 37:5 "Depend on the Lord; trust Him, and He will take care of you."

from: *Jesus Calling*, a daily devotional



**The Kilgore Church Women will meet  
Friday October 27, 2017  
at Forest Home Baptist Church  
11:30 - 1:00 p.m.**

covered dish luncheon  
Jo Gaudet will be singing & we will have the installation of the new officers.  
Any questions you may email me or call me 903-983-2357. Thank you,  
*Dimi DeSantis*



**North District Youth Rally  
Sunday, November 5, 2017**

**4:00 – 6:00 PM**

**TAPP Memorial UMC  
New Boston, Texas**

**Anna M Rohde  
District Administrative Assistant**

## CHURCH FAMILY CONCERNS

Cynthia Adams	Jo Hancock	Guy (#309)--Billie
Margarette Allison	Curtis/Sigrid	(#404) Oliphint
(Briar Cliff, Tyler)	Harvey	(Arabella)
Charlotte Austin,	Millard Harkrider	Vivian Patton
(Hospice Denton, Tx.	Sally Holder	(Arabella, Kilgore)
75033)	Steven Jackson	Rita Peters
Jerry Boone	Ronnie Jobe	(Arabella, Lv.w.)
(Arbor Grace #10)	Mary Jordan	Charlene Phillips
Jack Christopher	Yvonne Kennedy	Wanda Renshaw
Barbara Cotten	Richard/Kathy	Linda/Bill Ridder
Chris/Susan Crawford	Kimball	Pat Sage
Bill/Dot Denham	Nell King	Fred/JoAnn Samford
Jan Duncan	Dwaine Kirksey	Jo Stiles
Daniel Ellis	Doris Leak	Marilyn Summers
Laura Farnham	Jerry Medford	Bonnie Sistrunk
Tommy Freeman	Pat Morchat	Samuel Thurston
Jacque/Todd Gibbs	Marie Murray	Wendell/Glennys
Gary Gray	Nina Fern Nichols	Travis
Sam Holley	(Arbor Grace #19)	Edith Williams
Billie Hale		Wilbur/Kay Yates
Arabella #200)		

### Prayers for Loved Ones:

*People will remain on this list about a month.*

*Please let us know if they need to be on longer - 903-984-3576.*

**Amber Acoin** .....niece of Gary & Beverly Gray  
**Kathy Adams** .....friend of many  
**Lorna Alaniz** ..friends of Jeff/Lori Beck & William/Amber Watkins  
**Genny Alfia (aunt) & Tracey Powell (sister)**..of Richelle Rathbun  
**Stephanie Allen** .....cousin of Debra Maloch  
**Bob Barbee** .....friend of Mickey Smith Family, Ann White  
**Mac Blackstone** .....father of Donna Shupe & friend of many  
**Macy & Blake Bowne**  
 .....granddaughter & grandson of Peggy Bowne  
**Keith Allen Brown**.....great nephew of Anna Rohde  
**Rosemary Bocanegra & Martha Emili & Mary Herrera** ..friend,  
 .....aunt, & great aunt of Carolina Bryant  
**Jimmy Brown**..... friend of David Wilson  
**Daniel Call** .....son of Tom & Theta Call  
**Bart Covin** .....step-brother of Ronda Dickey  
 .....& friend of Mack/Toby Monday  
**Carolyn Duren** .....Mother of Allison Thompson  
 .....(friend of SyRena Witt)  
**Jeff Dykes** .....friend of many  
**Joe Dyson** .....nephew of Dorothy Geese  
**Beatrice Fernandez** .....mother of Anna Rohde  
**Millis Finnegan** .....sister of Mikki Ellis  
**Edna Frazier**..... mother of Milton Frazier  
**Reg Garner**.....father of Chet Garner  
**Meagan Gibbs** .....niece of Bill Bryant  
**Jennifer Gilcrest, Deanna Douglas, Jennifer Jencks, Camryn**  
**Noll, Luvia Rios** .....friends of Carolina Bryant  
**Wanda & Bill Haney**....brother & sister-in-law of Ludie Courtney  
**Reggie Hawkins**.....dear friend of the Whitworths & the Cottens  
**Dennis Huckabee** .....family friend of Loretta Ross  
**Gene Hutchison** .....uncle of Misty Shipman  
**Kim Hurlburt**.....ex-member & friend of Thompsons & others  
**Bruce Huther & Rod Allen**..... brothers-in-law of  
 .....Sharon & Jim McCann

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**Rob Ites** ..... brother of Mark Hatfield  
**Jan Jaynes** .....daughter of Doris Leak  
**Loa Johnson** .....mother of Denise Reinert  
**Joshua Kennedy** ..... co-worker of Garry Mount  
**Dave Kelly** .....step-father of Misty Tuck  
**Nancy King**.....friend of Sara Lugeanbeal  
**Henry Lyne**.....brother of Martha Eschenfelder  
**Keith Mattern** .....friend of Bill Bryant  
**John McCloskey**..... father of Bruce Tindel  
**Melissa McDonald**.....niece of Sally/Randy Holder  
**Betty McKay** ..... friend of Suzie Gibson & many others  
**Larry & Elonore Miller** ..... friends of Curtis & Sigrid Harvey  
**Teresa Miller** .....neighbor of Sally Holder  
**Janice /James Mills** ..... grandparents of Madison Tapler  
**Marta Morales** ..... friend of Carolina Bryant  
**Robert Morchat, Kingston, Canada**.....brother of Art Morchat  
**David Penn** .....friend of Tonya DeKoker  
**Ron & Carol Procell** .....family Phillip & Tina Procell  
**Roy Simmons** .....brother of Carol Grimes  
**Orea Smith** .....uncle of SyRena Witt  
**Dana Ransom** .....friend of Larry Phillips & others  
**Christin Reeves (cancer)**.....sister-in-law of David Reeves  
**Pam Richburg** ..... friend of Sheryl Caraway  
**Cherie Salmons** ..... niece of Jan Duncan  
**Alejandra Serrano**.....2nd cousin of Carolina Bryant  
**Sharon Schoenemann** .....sister of Jan Hattaway  
**Josh Shirey** ..... cousin of Ludie Courtney  
**Robert Shugart** ..... father of Misty Shipman  
**Cristen Sistrunk/Dorothy Williams**.daughter-in-law/sister  
 .....to Bonnie Sistrunk  
**Kathy & Ronnie Todd** .....sister & brother-in-law of Loretta Ross  
**Russell Turner** .....friend of Sara Lugeanbeal  
**Robert Stiles** ..... son of Jo Stiles  
**Billy Vernon** ..... friend of many  
**Watkins family in loss of daughter/sister**.....the Shipman family  
**Melvin & Sue West** ..... brother-in-law & sister of Bill Bryant  
**Peyton & Langston White**.....great-grandsons  
 .....of Curtis & Sigrid Harvey  
**Harold Wiese** ..... father of Emily Mason  
**Carter Wilbanks** ..... 11 yr. old friend of Richelle Rathbun  
**Katy Williams** ..... friend of Andrea McGilvray  
**Billy & Linda Williamson** ..... grandparents of Logan Gilbreath

## SUNDAY ALTAR FLOWERS

Sunday Service Altar Flowers in honor of, in memory of,  
 or in celebration of a special person may be  
 scheduled/provided by calling

**Kalynn Harrison, 903-985-1562 or 903-984-4267**

*The flowers serve a dual purpose: adorn our altar in  
 honor of someone special AND are then broken into  
 small bouquets and taken to our members in nursing  
 homes or homebound, sharing love with them.*

**Call Kalynn!**

**Love God, Live His Word, Share His Grace**

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS 2017

Praying for our St. Luke's Family. Please say a prayer for our church family on their special birthday. **If we missed your date, please call the church office (903-984-3576).**

<b>October 1</b>	<b>October 13</b>	<b>October 22</b>
<b>October 2</b>	Brent Bullard	Toby Monday
Seth Drennan	<b>October 14</b>	Jaden Pastor
Daniel Ellis	Brant Brantley	Judith chomp
<b>October 3</b>	Ryan Cole	<b>October 23</b>
Lynsey Howell	Jeff Howell	<b>October 24</b>
<b>October 5</b>	Kennedy Johnson	Gage Chism
JJ Eckert	Joshua Watson	Jeff Davis
Jessica Hatchett	<b>October 15</b>	Cassie Harris
<b>October 6</b>	Cpl. Joel	<b>October 26</b>
Nancy Bullock	Crenshaw	Rene` Holt
Tara Hoberecht	Isaac Hoberecht	Cindy Silvey
Steffen Jones	Andy Raby	<b>October 27</b>
Wanda Renshaw	Brendan Rhey	Clemmie Richards
Debra Wheelery	Carmen	Marshall Tinkler
<b>October 7</b>	Vermillion	Carolyn
<b>October 8</b>	<b>October 16</b>	Underwood
Mackenzie	Emilee Hanshaw	<b>October 28</b>
Chowdhury	Sabrina Francisco	Charlotte Allen
Jesse Gaut	McCabe Wheeler	<b>October 29</b>
<b>October 9</b>	<b>October 17</b>	Shelly Brantley
Cliff Byrd	<b>October 18</b>	Amanda Eckert
Robert Ellis	Cutter Gaudet	Kelly Moore
Bethany	Casey Jones	<b>October 30</b>
Stephenson	<b>October 19</b>	Annette Morgan
Lori Whitworth	Cooper Shipman	Agnes Oliver
<b>October 10</b>	<b>October 20</b>	Wilbur Yates
Julie Zimmermann	Garrett Meyers	<b>October 31</b>
<b>October 11</b>	<b>October 21</b>	Aaron Hodnett
David Holcombe	Wyatt Bagley	
Wendell Travis	Lori Beck	
Mike Gilbreath	Ludie Courtney	
<b>October 12</b>	Salena Jackson	
Kay Yates		



### OCTOBER 2016 ANNIVERSARIES

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
Jeffery & Lorelei Beck	10-19-1990	27
Stan & Pam Davis	10-03-1970	47
Kyle & Shonda Duncan	10-03-1998	19
C.R. & Vivian Gordon	10-29-1952	65
Trey & Jennifer Hattaway	10-14-2001	16
Wilton & Wilma Jones	10-02-2007	10
Michael & Karman Loyd	10-16-2000	17
Brian & Lori Todak	10-31-2001	16

## REMEMBER OUR MILITARY

### \*Spec. Drew Bryant

US Navy - nephew of Bill & Carolina Bryant

\*Derek Chamness (Loretta Ross's "adopted" son )

\*Captain Chris Conte , Army - Sandra Holley's grandson

\*Staff Sgt. Joel Crenshaw, son of Mike Crenshaw, step-son of Ronnie Jobe, brother of Shanna Burgess

\*Shawn Decker, National Guard, Kilgore

\*Airman Daniel Ellis , Air Force - son of Dennis & Mikki Ellis

\*2nd Lt Jack France, Air Force -nephew of Jan Hattaway

\*Capt. Stanton Gardenhire, son of Terry & Christine Gardenhire

\*Cameron Chase Grimes, Army - Grandson of Carol Grimes

\*PO1 Brian Holcombe Spec. US Navy

Wendell & Carolyn Holcombe's son

\*Lt. Col. Chad McAdams, nephew of Loretta Ross

\*Kenny Montross - USAF, "Bubba" McKinley - USMC  
great nephews of Kay McKinley

\*Jake Pierce, Navy - son of Debra Sanders & J.B. Pierce

\* Chief Robbie Reinert, US Navy - son of Ray/Denise Reinert

\*Ryan Reinert, Army-Private 1st Class - son of Ray & Denise Reinert,  
Courtney (wife), Emma (daughter)

\*MSgt. Shane Shugart, brother of Misty Shipman

\*Jacob Whitworth, Army - son of Anthony & Lori Whitworth,  
Grandparents are Herb/Barbara Cotten

## Holy Huddlers

*Good Christian Fellowship - While We Eat*

**6:00 p.m. - Upcoming Meeting Dates & Locations**

**Oct. 6: Cotton Patch, Longview**

**Oct. 20: Bodacious BBQ**

**Nov. 3: Charburger, Kilgore**

**Nov. 17: Dairy Queen, White Oak**

**Dec. 1: Val's, Kilgore**

**Dec. 15: Jucy's Burgers, Eastman Rd. @  
Hollybrook, Longview**

Come one. Come all. The meal is on you,  
but the fellowship is shared by all!! *-Mikki Ellis*

## GAME NIGHT - FUN, FUN, FUN

*A wonderful fellowship opportunity!*

**Saturday, 6:00 - 8:00pm, gym.**

**October 21, 2017**

**Call Barbara Francisco  
for more information, 903-918-6797.**

### Tommy Freeman

### Looking For a Roommate

Tommy Freeman is looking for a roommate and offers  
free room and board in exchange for day to day help.

Call his Uncle, Vernon Fritz at 903-235-9236.



## GIRLS OUTING

Hey All,

Let's have a girls outing!! ORDER YOUR TICKET and let me know and I will put you on the list for us to all travel together and/or meet/up and hopefully sit together!! Order General Admission if you want to sit with "the group"!!!

Here is the info below!! Let's have some girl time!!!  
This is for ALL ages!!!

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2017**

**7:00 PM**

**Jen Hatmaker &  
Nicole Nordeman!!**

**THE SUMMIT CLUB, 3700 JUDSON RD  
LONGVIEW, TX**

You and our friends will enjoy a night out, hearing hilarious stories shared with frank honesty and hope as friends Jen Hatmaker and Nichole Nordeman—messy buns and all—share stories and songs of their own struggles, tragedies, and triumphs. You'll experience a welcome reminder that you can laugh at the days to come and have strength for whatever lies ahead. 7:00-10:00 pm.

<https://www.itickets.com/events/385066>

*Lisa Frazier*

## Newgate Missions, Longview

**"Christmas Store"** coming up October 4-14 at the Bargain Center on Cotton St., Longview, Texas 75601. We are seeking volunteers for now through the event to assist us in setting everything up, and in working the store. We are also seeking donations of holiday items (i.e. décor, dishes, trees, etc.) that we may sell at the store. Get the Word Out!! Great Deals and Great Ministry!!

*Anna M Rohde*  
District Administrative Assistant

## Good News

At the beginning of September, I challenged the congregation to give. For several months, we have spent more than we have received as a church and our reserves were dangerously low. Our goal was set at \$44,000. This is our average monthly expenditure.

I am happy to report that as of the last Sunday of September, we will finish the month with a total giving of \$49,403.17.

***This is amazing!***

This means that not only did we cover expenditures, but we are actually able to begin building back our reserves.

Our journey is not yet over. We have reached our goal for September, but now we move into October. We take a moment to celebrate as we prepare for the rest of the journey ahead.

I look forward to the next several months, and into 2018, to see all the amazing things that God has in store for the congregation of St. Luke's UMC.

***Rev. Ben Bagley***

St. Luke's UMC

*"... in everything give thanks; for this is  
God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Hey All,

**Richelle has 18 pints of her famous hot sauce left if anyone wants to get any? They are \$3 per jar and you can contact Richelle directly or the church office if you would like some!! YUMMY YUMMY YUMMY!!**

Lisa Frazier  
903-983-5117 (work)  
903-812-4336 Cell  
[lisafrrazier09@gmail.com](mailto:lisafrrazier09@gmail.com)  
[lisa.frazier@martinmlp.com](mailto:lisa.frazier@martinmlp.com)



## Children and Junior Choirs Now Getting More Time with Handchimes

Children from age 4 to grade 5 will now have a time set aside specifically to learn music through handchimes. Carol Brady is now instructing the children in the use of these instruments.

Handchimes are fun and child friendly instruments. They are also a perfect gateway for anyone to learn to read music notation. The children in the choirs will learn basic concepts like different notes and rest types, meter, dynamics, the music staff, pitch, and basic rhythms. They will learn these in a fun and active way through the handchimes.



## Calling all builders! Set Building for Christmas Around the World Musical Begins Soon!



- ◆ Saturday, October 21 at 2:00 p.m. in the Gym
- ◆ Saturday, November 11 at 10:00 a.m. on the Activity Lot

We will be making backers for a classroom set. We will also be collecting and making props for the musical. The musical will be performed by the Hope and Angel Tones Choirs in December.

Carpenters, painters, handy folks, artists, and anyone willing to assist are welcome!

## Come and Be a Part of Worship Leadership

### Chancel Choir - Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Chancel Choir leads worship music in the 10:30 service each Sunday.  
Come be a part and see worship from a different perspective!

### Arise Band - Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

The band leads worship music in the Arise service each Sunday at 8:30 a.m.  
Come play and sing for a group keeping a new song going for our Lord!

### Handbell Choir - Sundays at 11:30 a.m. in Handbell (Myrtle Andrews) Room

The Handbell Choir rings one Sunday a month and occasionally for special events.  
It's like being a part of a piano, but only being responsible for two or three keys! Come ring out with us in worship!



### NO Parents' Night Out

There will be no parent's night out this month because the youth will offer babysitting on Saturday, Oct. 7.

### Methodist Youth Moving Up (MYMU)

Sunday, October 1

Games and fun in the gym from 2:30-4:00

### M&Ms (Mini-Methodists), Children's Choir, & Wed Dinners

ALL HAVE STARTED BACK FOR WEDNESDAYS  
Register online on the St. Luke's website.

### Great Pumpkin Adventure & Trunk or Treat

Wednesday, Oct 25 at 6:00pm

The entire congregation is invited to decorate the trunk or bed of your vehicles and bring it to the St. Luke's parking lot for some fun tailgating for the whole family. **We need tons of wrapped candy or small prize donations.** Please bring them to the church office. Thank you for your support. There will also be marshmallow roasting. With your help, this will be a fun and safe activity alternative to walking door to door. Dinner will be served at 5:15. Invite all your friends! See Niki Chowdhury if you would like to sign up to decorate your car.



## MOTHER'S DAY OUT

October is an exciting month. It is full of wonderful activities for the children of MDO.

**\*Southwest Studios will be here for**

**Pictures in the Patch on Friday, October 6th.**

**\*The classes will be attending Storytime in The Patch on Wednesday, October 11th.**

**\*The kids will Trick or Treat the church offices and have their Halloween parties on Wednesday, October 25th.**

**Please keep the cans and cartridges coming!**  
In His Service, *Misty Shipman*

**October 7th (4:30am-8:00pm)** - Youth will be participating in the Pumpkin Patch Children's Theater in the Patch. The youth will offer babysitting for \$10 after the children's play for adults who wish to attend the dinner theater. Food, crafts, and activities will be included. This will be a youth fundraiser for summer camps. Please sign up in the gym if you would like to participate.

**October 14th (10:00am-2:00pm)** - Youth Fundraiser at the Pumpkin Patch Family Fun Day. Youth will be selling baked potatoes, the fixings, and drinks. All proceeds will go towards your summer camps. Please sign up in the gym for the hours you would like to work.

**October 15th- Youth trip to Six Flags (8:30am-10pm)** We will attend the 8:30am worship service and Sunday School. Youth need to purchase their tickets before the trip and will need money for food and any Haunted Houses or additional attractions they want to do. Sign up in the gym.

**October 29th (4:30pm-6:00pm)** - Youth work in Pumpkin Patch. Meet in the patch.

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### CHURCH ATTENDANCE

	SUNDAY SCHOOL	WORSHIP
September 3	130	218
September 10	125	210
September 17	130	211
September 24	136	207





## Pumpkin Patch Booth Requests

IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN HAVING A CRAFT BOOTH OR A FOOD BOOTH IN THE PUMPKIN PATCH ON OCTOBER 14, PLEASE NOTIFY GEORGE JONES AT 903-984-0102 OR THE CHURCH OFFICE.

**Sunday, October 1**

**Pumpkin Patch Sunday**

**Wear your PP shirt.**

11:45: Covered dish. Congregation brings sides to go with the provided meat.

**Saturday, October 7 @ 10:00am**

**Blessing of the Animals.**

5:00pm "Child's Play in the Patch" then  
Childcare in gym w/youth with  
activities/crafts, food. \$10.00 per child  
*(a fundraiser for the youth)*

Family Center open from 6:00-8:00pm for  
Dinner Theatre - Adults @ \$7 each. May get  
tickets in the office or at the door.

**Sunday, October 8**

**Silent Auction Begins  
in the Family Center.**

Come see a wide variety of items & place your bids.

**Saturday, October 14--10:00-2:00pm**

**Family Fun Day**

face painting, hayride, decorate pillow cases,  
pumpkin decorating, cupcake walk,  
bean bag toss, Humane Society Animals  
and so much more.

**Saturday, October 14**

**10:00 to 2:00pm Craft Show**

with a large variety of vendors

**Wednesday, October 18 @ 6:00pm.**

**Paint & Decorate Pumpkins**

Family Fun Together

**Saturday, October 21 @ 10:00 to 2:00pm**

**Drive thru BBQ - \$8.00**

**7:00pm - 8:30pm**

**Pumpkin Carving & Glow Contest**

*Buy pumpkins from "the Patch"*

**Wednesday, October 25 @ 6:00pm**

**Trunk or Treat**

**Great Pumpkin Adventure with S'mores**

**Sunday, October 29 @ 11:45am**

**CHILI LUNCHEON**

in the Family Center  
and

**BAKE SALE**

Silent Auction ends at 12:00 noon

Rev. Ben Bagley:

A big thanks to the youth and adults who served at Newgate Mission this week. It is such a blessing to meet our wonderful volunteers and you are always welcome to be a part of the ministry at Newgate. I would love the opportunity to share with your congregation about how God is working at Newgate. I can make a brief announcement concerning the needs of the Newgate community or if there is time I can speak more in-depth about the people, needs, and ministry of Newgate Mission. I can also meet with Sunday School classes or Bible Study groups if that would work better. I look forward to visiting with you soon.

Sincerely,

**Rev. Rommie Scott**, Worship Director

Newgate Mission

903 757-6146 office, 903 235-4009 cell

[romnielanescott@gmail.com](mailto:romnielanescott@gmail.com)



Circle  
The Date!

**ANNUAL SOUP & PIE  
LUNCHEON  
NOVEMBER 3, 2017**

The United Methodist Women are in the midst of planning for the 2017 Soup & Pie Luncheon. This is the main source of funds to support our giving to missions, which is central to our purpose as United Methodist Women.

As always, this event is church-wide (*You did not think we alone baked all those pies that everyone loves, did you?*) !

This year we want to expand our Country Kitchen (baked goods, candy, etc.) and, also, add an Arts and Craft Corner, too! We pray and trust that you will contribute items to both.

This year we have supported the following local missions:

- Helping Hands of Kilgore
- Newgate Mission, Longview
- St Luke's Mothers Day Out
- St. Lukes Youth Programs
- Wesley Foundation at Kilgore College
- Rahab's Retreat & Ranch (*human trafficking*)
- Kilgore Church Women (*meals on wheels*)

In addition, we pledge to the World Mission efforts all over the world (*helping poor families find a trade for income to support the family*).

We thank the members and friends of St. Luke's for your past support and look forward to working together again this year.

ALSO, the **Pam Besser Morning Circle** will be selling RADA Knives and other Utensils (*the best kitchen utensils ever made*) at the Soup and Pie Luncheon.

~ Thank You All ~

**HELPING HANDS SAYS THANKS**

Your recent contribution is gratefully acknowledged by Helping Hands, Kilgore.

It will be used to help the needy.

**DEPLOYMENT CELEBRATION OF  
NATIONAL GUARD**

Email from Rhonda Cook of Waskom, Tx.:

I would like to thank you, the town of Kilgore, and the volunteers for the going away party for my son, and the rest of the young men. Everyone enjoyed themselves. All I heard was how Kilgore really outdid themselves, and ya'll did. Please keep the young men in your prayers. Thank you and God bless.

**St. Luke's United Methodist Men  
2017 PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

Breakfast and Program, Family Center  
8:00am the Following Saturdays:  
October 28      November 11

**Special Date & Program:**

**December 16, 10:00am, Family Center,**  
**CHRISTMAS BRUNCH**

**THANKS**

Newgate Mission is extremely grateful for your \$100 generous contribution. . . .  
As you know, there are always people here that we are helping--seven days a week.

However, we are getting more than in September. Your support is greatly needed.

Thank you, and may God richly bless you as you have blessed others.

**PAM BESSER EVENING CIRCLE**

UMW Pam Besser Evening Circle met for our monthly meeting in September in which we prepared over a 100 dozen cheese enchiladas and salsa for our fundraiser.

A big thank you goes out to everyone who supported us with their purchases.

We also give a big thanks to non UMW members-- Amber Watkins and Julie Beck who helped in the preparation.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 3rd at 6:00pm in the Fireplace room. We will be discussing our next project, Operation Christmas Child. We will be deciding on what goodies to fill 6 boy and 6 girl shoeboxes.

Remember to keep collecting your change for the World Thank Offering and bring it to the November meeting.

All women are invited and invite a friend to come with you.

**Kathy Brown,**  
Secretary

## OCTOBER CALENDAR 2017

\* Nursery provided for this event.

\*\* Nursery can be arranged for this event. Call Niki Chowdhury

### Sunday, October 1 PUMPKIN PATCH SUNDAY

8:30am Arise Worship, Sanctuary\*  
 9:30am Sunday School\*  
 10:30am Traditional Worship, Sanctuary\* Mayor  
 Ronnie Spradlin will make a proclamation  
 11:45am Pumpkin Patch Covered Dish, Meat is  
 provided  
 11:30am Handbell Rehearsal, Handbell Room  
 2:30-4:00pm MYMU games & fun, gym  
 4:30pm Youth, gym

### Monday, October 2

9:00-9:45am Exercise, Family Center  
 6:00pm Scouts, Laird Hall

### Tuesday, October 3

10:30am Morning UMW, Fireplace Room --Election  
 of officers  
 6:00pm Scouts, Laird Hall

### Wednesday, October 4

9:00-9:45am Exercise, Family Center  
 9:00-2:00pm MDO  
 11:00am Hilltoppers Program: Joni Sullivan with  
 interesting information on Arabella  
 The menu will be Meatloaf, Mashed  
 Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, dessert &  
 drinks  
 3:15pm Wonderful Wednesdays  
 3:15-5:30pm Children & Junior Choirs  
 Cherubs (Pre-K - Kindergarten)  
 Angel Tones (1st - 3rd grades)  
 Hope (4th - 8th grades)  
 3:30-7:00pm Youth Activities, Gym  
 5:15pm Dinner: (\$5/adults; \$2/children), Ham,  
 Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans. Rolls,  
 drinks, dessert  
 6:00pm Mini Methodists for Children  
 6:00pm Prayer Shawl Meeting, Family Center  
 6:00pm 10 Commandment Bible Study, parlor  
 6:00-7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 6:00pm Scouts, Laird Hall

### Thursday, October 5

6:00pm Mission Team Meeting , Conference Rm.  
 6:30-8:00pm Arise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary\*\*

### Friday, October 6

9:00-9:45am Exercise, Family Center  
 9:00-2:00pm MDO  
 6:00pm Holy Huddlers, Cotton Patch, Longview

### Saturday, October 7 Great Pumpkin Raffle Begins

10:00am Pumpkin Patch-"Bless the Animals"  
 5:00pm Children's Theater in the Patch  
 6:00-8:00pm Childcare in the Gym - \$10.00ea. child  
 (youth fundraiser)  
 6:00-8:00 Pumpkin Patch Adult Dinner,  
 Family Center \$7

### Sunday, October 8

#### Pumpkin Patch Silent Auction Begins

8:30am Arise Worship, Sanctuary\*  
 9:30am Sunday School\*  
 10:30am Traditional Worship, Sanctuary\*  
 11:30am Handbell Rehearsal, Handbell Room  
 4:30pm Youth, gym

### Monday, October 9 Pumpkin Patch Storytime

9:00-9:45am Exercise, Family Center  
 6:00pm Scouts, Laird Hall

### Tuesday, October 10 Pumpkin Patch Storytime

10:00am Staff meeting, Conference Room  
 6:00pm Scouts, Laird Hall

### Wednesday October 11 UMW feeds lunch to Wesley

#### Pumpkin Patch Storytime

9:00-9:45 a.m. Exercise, Family Center  
 9:00-2:00pm MDO  
 11:45am Bible Study, Family Center  
 3:15pm Wonderful Wednesdays  
 3:15-5:30pm Children & Junior Choirs  
 Cherubs (Pre-K - Kindergarten)  
 Angel Tones (1st - 3rd grades)  
 Hope (4th - 8th grades)  
 3:30-7:00pm Youth Activities, Gym  
 5:15pm Dinner (\$5/adults; \$2/children), Chicken  
 Pitas, Salad, drinks, dessert  
 6:00pm Mini Methodists for Children  
 6:00pm Prayer Shawl Meeting, Family Center  
 6:00pm 10 Commandment Bible Study, parlor  
 6:00-7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 6:00pm Scouts, Laird Hall

### Thursday, October 12 Pumpkin Patch Storytime

6:30-8:00pm Arise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary\*\*

### Friday, October 13 Pumpkin Patch Storytime

9:00-9:45am Exercise, Family Center  
 9:00-6:00pm MDO

### Saturday, October 14

10:00-2:00pm Pumpkin Patch Fun Day & Craft Show,  
 Family Center, Courtyard, & Patio area

### Sunday, October 15 Youth to 6 Flags

8:30am Arise Worship, Sanctuary  
 9:30am Sunday School\*  
 10:30am Traditional Worship, Sanctuary\*  
 11:30am Handbell Rehearsal, Handbell Room  
 4:30pm NO Youth (at 6 Flags)

### Monday, October 16 Pumpkin Patch Storytime

9:00-9:45am Exercise, Family Center  
 6:00pm Scouts, Laird Hall  
 7:00pm Trustee Meeting, Conference Room

### Tuesday, October 17 Pumpkin Patch Storytime

6:30pm Scouts, Laird Hall

**(October Calendar con't from pg. 10)****Wednesday, October 18 Pumpkin Patch Storytime**

9:00-9:45am	Exercise, Family Center
9:00-12:00pm	AuCourant, Fireplace Room
9:00-2:00pm	MDO
11:45am	Bible Study, Family Center
3:15-5:30pm	Children & Junior Choirs Cherubs (Pre-K - Kindergarten) Angel Tones (1st - 3rd grades) Hope (4th - 8th grades)
3:30-7:00pm	Youth Activities, Gym
5:15pm	Dinner (\$5/adults; \$2/children), Chicken Strips, Mac & Cheese, Salad, drinks, dessert
6:00pm	Mini Methodists for Children
6:00pm	Prayer Shawl Meeting, Family Center
6:00pm	10 Commandment Bible Study, parlor
6:00-7:30pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
6:00pm	Scouts, Laird Hall

**Thursday, October 19 Pumpkin Patch Storytime**

6:30-8:00pm	Arise Band Rehearsal, Sanct.**
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**Friday October 20 Pumpkin Patch Storytime**

9:00-9:45am	Exercise, Family Center
9:00-2:00pm	MDO
6:00pm	Holy Huddlers, Bodacious

**Saturday, October 21**

6:00-8:00pm	Game Night, Gym
7:00-8:30pm	Parent/Child Pumpkin Carving and Glow

**Sunday, October 22**

8:30am	Arise Worship, Sanctuary
9:30am	Sunday School*
10:30am	Traditional Worship, Sanctuary*
11:30am	Handbell Rehearsal, Handbell Room
4:30pm	Youth, gym
6:00pm	Leadership Dinner, Family Center*

**Monday, October 23**

9:00-9:45am	Exercise, Family Center
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**Tuesday, October 24**

10:00am	Staff Meeting, Conference Room
6:00pm	Charge Conference for our church & Wesley Foundation, Sanctuary

**Wednesday, October 25**

9:00-9:45am	Exercise, Family Center
9:00-2:00pm	Mother's Day Out
11:45am	Bible study, Family Center
3:15-5:30pm	Children & Junior Choirs Cherubs (Pre-K - Kindergarten) Angel Tones (1st - 3rd grades) Hope (4th - 8th grades)
3:30-7:00pm	Youth Activities, Gym

5:15pm	Dinner (\$5/adults; \$2/children), Hot Dogs, Nachos, Frito Pie, drinks, dessert
6:00-7:00pm	Pumpkin Patch Trunk or Treat and Great Pumpkin Adventure & S'mores
6:00-7:30pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, October 26**

6:30-8:00pm	Arise Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary**
7:00pm	Scout Pack Meeting, Family Center

**Friday, October 27**

9:00-9:45am	Exercise, Family Center
9:00-2:00pm	MDO Halloween Party
11:30am	Kilgore Church Women

**Saturday, October 28**

8:00am	United Methodist Men's Breakfast, Family Center
8:00-3:00pm	Lion's Club District Centennial, gym

**Sunday, October 29**

8:30am	Arise Worship, Sanctuary*
9:30am	Sunday School*
10:30am	Traditional Worship, Sanctuary*
11:30am	Handbell Rehearsal, Handbell Room
11:45am	Pumpkin Patch Chili Luncheon, Family C. Silent Auction ends Bake Sale
4:30pm	Youth, gym

**Monday, October 30**

9:00-9:45am	Exercise, Family Center
6:00pm	Scouts, Laird Hall

**Tuesday, October 31**

6:00pm	Scouts, Laird Hall
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**PRAYER**

O God, only you know what path we are on this day, how we feel, what we want to say and do. Sometimes we feel so discouraged, we suffer, we are sick, we are sad, we are afraid and sometimes we feel so good, so happy, so proud, so alive! We thank you for all times of growth in our spiritual journey. We thank you for being with us through all things.

We are so confident of your love--are you as confident of ours? We know you want only the best for us--do we want to do our best for you?

We know we need you every hour. Help us to help each other in our daily walks, help us to reach out to others even when it is hard for us, help us to have that sense of humor which takes us through many trials. Thank you, God, for this special gift.

Can we even imagine what life would be like without a smile or a laugh? Bless all who are here, those not here, those who cannot smile today. Wipe away tears and put your arms around us as we put our arms around each other. Thank you, God, for being our God. We are a blessed people! Amen!

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Sunday School ..... 9:30 AM  
Traditional Service ..... 10:30 AM

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**UPDATE  
AND STRAIGHT TO THE POINT!**  
Renovation-Aeolian-Skinner Pipe Organ

**PHASE 1**  
\$135,000  
\$121,500  
\$ 97,787  
\$ 97,247  
\$ 87,515  
\$ 71,500  
\$ 51,500

**RENOVATIONS**  
will be accomplished  
in 2 phases  
Phase 1: \$135,000  
Currently Available  
**\$97,787**  
**OUR GOAL**  
Balance of \$37,213

**BALANCE MUST BE AVAILABLE  
BEFORE REPAIRS CAN BEGIN  
WE ARE GETTING THERE!!**

**UMCOR - HARVEY RELIEF**

Many thanks to all who gave toward helping with the disaster caused by Hurricane Harvey. St. Luke's was able to send \$2,774.00 to help our neighbors in that area. Please continue your prayers for all who are dealing with recovery.



**HILLTOPPERS  
OCTOBER 4, 2017**

Family Center at 11:30am  
Meal (\$6.00)

Catered by Richelle Rathbun

Menu: Meatloaf, Mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, dessert & drinks--all for \$6.

Everyone and all ages are invited.

Program: Joni Sullivan will have an interesting program while telling and updating things at Arabella. She says it will please others to learn about them.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry needs your help! We need people who knit or crochet to join us. If you don't know how, we will teach you!

We meet every Wednesday night at 6:00pm in the Family Center. We also would like to start a morning or afternoon group. Please contact us if you would like to help. Jan Hattaway (903-720-0138) or Pat Sers (903-918-5066)