

Elmwood West Methodist Church



Elmwood West News November 2025

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

The Daily Bread November 26

When I was a little girl, I loved the old hymn “Count Your Blessings.” The song encourages those who are “tempest-tossed” and “thinking all is lost” to “count your blessing, name them one by one.” Years later when my husband, Alan, was discouraged, he would often ask me to sing that simple song to him. Then I would help him to enumerate his blessings. Doing this took Alan’s focus off his struggles and self-doubt and centered his thoughts on God and his reasons for thankfulness.

The book of Ezra describes God’s people overwhelming challenges through focusing on God’s power and provisions. After they’d endured decades of captivity in Baylon, King Cyrus allowed the Jewish exiles to return to Israel to rebuild the temple (Ezra 1-2). Only a fraction returned (2:64). Despite their “fear of the peoples around them” and the great task before them, they rebuilt the alter and laid the temple’s foundation (3:3,10). Then “with praise and thanksgiving they sang to the Lord: ‘He is good; His love toward Israel endures forever. ‘And all the people gave a great shout of praise to the Lord” (3:11).

If you’re discouraged or facing seemingly insurmountable obstacles, turn your thought toward God. “Count your blessings” and it will surprise you what the Lord has done, and continues to do, for those who love him.

Alyson Kieda

"Love in a Divided World"

Nov 2	Matthew 5:44	Understanding Violence and Its Roots
Nov 9	Proverbs 18:21 James 3:9-10	The Dangers of Demonization
Nov 16	Ephesians 4:29	Responding with Grace
Nov 23	Romans 12:18	Building Bridges, Not Barriers
Nov 30	Micah 6:8	A Call to Action: Standing Against Violence

Hanging of the Greens

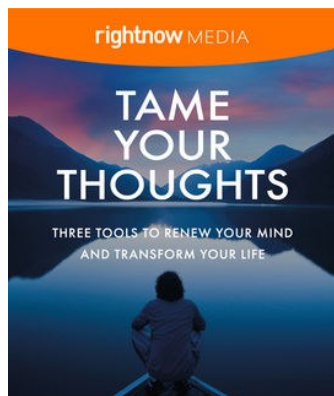
The Worship Committee will be decorating the church for the Christmas season the week of Nov 24th. Anyone who wants to be a part of this project should contact LeNell.



Psalms 86:11

"Teach me your way, Lord, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name."

Bible Study Wednesday Evening 6:30-7:30



Renew Your Mind and Transform Your Life

Have you been feeling weighed down by worry? Or caught up in a web of self-critical thoughts? The good news is that with God's help, you can learn to renew your mind, break free from negative patterns, and become a little more like Jesus every day. This six-session Bible study explores three Scripture-based tools for managing your thoughts:

- Practice Picky Thinking
- Identify UFOs
- Uproot and Replant

Wonderful Study

You should join us for the last few lessons!

These three tools will help you take every thought captive and test the messages that replay in your mind against the truth of God's Word. You will also learn to overcome common thought traps like anxiety, guilt, rejection, dissatisfaction, and more. No matter who you are or where you come from, progress is possible.

Prayer Group and EWMC Walkers

On Tuesdays and Thursday the EWMC Walker meet at church at 8 am and walk for 30 to 45 minutes visiting with people they meet and see on their walk. After they walk they to lift our community up in prayer. Everyone is invited to attend.

To avoid rain and hot/cold weather, they have moved their walking to the Mall of Abilene.

Jesus Gathering



This is a non denominational worship led by Christopher Carroll and his wife Lindsay. There will be praise music, some scripture reading and lots of prayer. Please come and rejoice. Kids are welcome. Introduce them to our Lord and Savior at an early age. No dress code.

Friday, November 7 at 6:30 Elmwood West Methodist Church, 1302 S. Pioneer Dr.

Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon

On Sunday, November 23, we will have our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon after service.

This year we will be serving ham and a variety of sides.

As always the church will provide the meal. We ask that you bring a dessert to share.

Report on the Roof Loan

Original Principal \$78,700

Principal Outstanding \$ 47,028

We have paid of 59% of the principal, in the first 24 months of a 120 month loan.

Payments are \$1035 a month.

The fund account for this loan has \$5828, which is 5 and a half payments.

Family Night at EWMC

Dinner will be served from
5:30-6:15

Menus for November

**Meals will be served on Nov.
15, 12 and 19.**

\$5 adult

\$4 Children and college students

Children 3 and under free

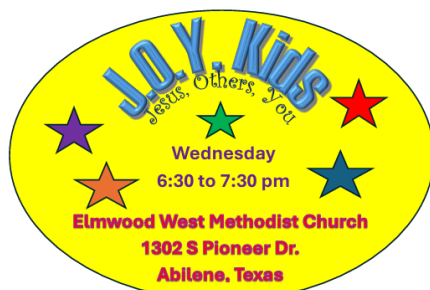
\$15 family maximum

I will be recovering from knee surgery and Martha and Mac will be cooking meals. I have heard talk about stew but don't have menus to share for November.

Bible lessons and crafts for children of all ages.

Parents are welcome to come and bring children for the meal. Parents are asked to stay for the meal and are free to leave their children for J.O.Y. Kids or join us for Bible Study.

**6:30-
7:00**



Adult Bible Study

Join this group to learn more about the scriptures and our place in God's church.

Study for August has not been chosen yet. If you have a study you would like to do, contact James.



News from the Food Pantry

In the month of October we were able to serve 498 families representing a total of 1124 individuals.

Thanksgiving is Thursday, November 27. At the pantry, this means that we will be giving out Thanksgiving meals on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 25 and 26. We usually give out close to 300 meals.

You can help with distribution by volunteering to help at the pantry on those days or by donating Thanksgiving meals or items for a meal. Check with Ricky to see what items he needs most. Below is the list of items included in a meal.

Turkey (frozen) 10-+15 lbs.

Green Beans - two cans

Stuffing Mix -one 14-16 oz, bag or box

Instant mashed Potatoes-one box 14 oz. or larger

Cranberry Sauce-one can

Brownie Mix—one box

Instant Gravy— two packets

Canned Fruit— two cans of your favorite



Exciting Event Coming in December

**Elmwood West Methodist Church
Parent's Night Out**

Saturday December 13, 2025
5:30-8:00PM

FREE EVENT!
Pre-register on our website
elmwoodwest.com

Ages 4 years-5th grade

A Charlie Brown Christmas

Christmas Crafts

Letters to Santa

Cookie Decorating

Dinner

Wear your best Christmas pajamas to be entered into a drawing to win a gift card to Target or Amazon!

A colorful illustration of a group of children and adults standing around a decorated Christmas tree. The scene is festive, with snowflakes in the background and the children dressed in winter clothing.

NEW LOCATION

MISTLETOE MARKET 2025

**DECEMBER 13TH
10AM - 4PM**

**1302 S PIONEER DR
ABILENE TX**

**Admission is completely free,
so bring your entire family!
Come support local artisans
and vendors!**

A stylized illustration of Santa Claus's face, showing his white beard, red hat, and a red and white striped scarf. The background is blue with white snowflakes.

Prayer Request

Continued prayer for:

Mary Steed	Jose Garcia
Carol Myers	Ava Howard
Bill Temple	Doris Harp
David Jackson	Megan Smith
Mary Potter	Debra Burns
Shirley Stephenson	
Jen Stephenson	

*You can call 692-1173 with prayer concerns
or email ewmc@elmwoodwest.com
slsabilene@outlook.com*



Elmwood West T-Shirts and Yard Signs

There are more t-shirts available for purchase. They are \$15.

We also have 2-sided yard sign to put in your yard. They are \$12.



Attendance and Giving

October 5

Sunday School	23	Worship	22
Tithe and Offerings	\$4,452	Roof Loan	\$235

October 12

Sunday School	25	Worship	31
Tithe and Offering	\$610	Roof Loan	5, 100

October 19

Sunday School	13	Worship	29
Tithe and Offering	\$858	Roof Loan	\$5,030

October 26

Sunday School	25	Worship	31
Tithe and Offering	\$1,983	Roof Loan	\$10

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

James Potter

12/13

Mary Lockhart

12/26

October income

Tithe and Offering	\$7933
Rental Income	\$1,400
Building Use	\$580
Total	\$9913

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November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9-4 Craft Market in the Gym
2 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	3	4 8:00 Prayer Group EW Walkers Mall of Abilene	5 5:30-7:30 Family Night Meal JOY Kids Bible Study	6 9:00 Prayer Group EW Walkers Mall of Abilene	7	8
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Worship Service
Sunday 10:00



In Person and
Facebook Live

Mission Opportunity

Dear Friends and Members of the Community,

We are reaching out to you with a heartfelt plea to assist a family in dire need. The Woods family is currently living without hot water or heat in their home, a situation that is not only uncomfortable but also unsafe as winter approaches. Our church, Elmwood West Methodist Church, is launching a fundraising campaign to cover the plumbing costs necessary to restore heat and hot water to their home.

****Background:****

The gas piping in the Woods' home is in poor condition, and the gas company cannot turn on the gas until this issue is resolved. To ensure the family can safely heat their home and access hot water, we need to run new gas pipes into the house. After careful consideration and two estimates, we have chosen Chris Brown from C Brown Plumbing LLC, who has generously offered to complete the work for \$5,800—\$2,000 less than any other estimate. He is also willing to work with us on payment options.

****How You Can Help:****

We are inviting individuals and other churches to contribute to this essential cause. Our congregation, while deeply compassionate, is small and struggling financially, making it challenging for us to cover the entire cost. We would like to offer a "registry" style option, where you can select a portion of the plumbing work you would like to sponsor. This way, everyone can contribute in a way that is meaningful to them.

****Estimated Costs Breakdown:****

- ****Total Estimate for Plumbing Work:**** \$5,800
- This includes the installation of new gas lines and necessary materials, labor, and city permit fees.

****Your Contribution Matters:****

If you feel moved to assist the Woods family, we encourage you to contribute whatever you can, whether it's a specific amount for a particular part of the plumbing work or a general donation. Every little bit helps and brings us closer to providing this family with the warmth and comfort they desperately need.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to make a significant difference in the lives of the Woods family. If you have any questions or would like to discuss your potential contribution, please feel free to reach out.

With gratitude,

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Estimate 39913

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DATE
 10/24/2025

TOTAL
\$5,800.00

DATE	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
	Flat Rate	Provide ditching and laying 1-1/4" gas yard line from house to house, entering on both sides of the house for a total of 3 gas risers. Stub new pipe in house and run lines exposed to supply gas to water heater, gas range, and wall heaters. Provide city inspection and backfill for a completed job. Will provide breakdown of costs in the manner requested.	1	0.00	0.00
	Flat Rate	Equipment Trencher Pipe Threader	1	500.00	500.00
	Flat Rate	Material 3 fusion risers 200' Poly Shutoff valves, Supply lines, Black pipe & fittings, tracer wire, CO detectors, etc	1	2,200.00	2,200.00
	Labor Regular	1 Day Labor Outside Plumber and Apprentice	1	1,200.00	1,200.00
	Labor Regular	1 Day Labor Inside Plumber and Apprentice	1	1,200.00	1,200.00
	Labor Regular	1/2 Day Labor backfill and wrap up job after city inspection. Plumber and Apprentice	1	600.00	600.00
	Permit	City permit	1	100.00	100.00
	***	Brown Plumbing is not responsible for any plumbing past point of tie-on, existing fixtures, landscaping or any private utilities. Not responsible for any wall, flooring, or ceiling repairs. If any additional work is needed, additional charges will incur.	1	0.00	0.00

SUBTOTAL	5,800.00
TAX	0.00

TOTAL	\$5,800.00
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THANK YOU.