

Elmwood West Methodist Church



Elmwood West News February 2026

God's Rainbow Answer

From the Daily Bread February 26, 2026

Owen was on holiday abroad when he received a disturbing message from a colleague: "The boss is looking to replace you." Deeply upset, he prayed one morning at dawn and asked God, "Where are You?"

Then he went to the window to open the curtain and spotted a huge, beautiful rainbow suspended above the lake outside. Immediately a comforting warmth gushed over him. "It was as if God was simply telling me, 'It's okay; I'm here,'" he recounted later.

In Genesis 9, God promised not to destroy the earth through a flood again. He promised, "Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth" (v16). This covenant was everlasting and unconditional. It depends totally on God's protection and provision, not on humanity's performance. And it was just the first of many promises God would make to His people. Jesus, too, said, "Surely I am with you always" (Matthew 8:20).

God doesn't promise that we won't suffer. But he does promise His ever present, comfort and personal presence. We may not get "rainbow answers," but we have His assurance that no matter what happens to us in life, He's always there for us, and we can draw on His strength, comfort and presence.

Leslie Koh

I picked this article last week before ice, snow and frozen pipes. Although I didn't see a rainbow, this article was my rainbow moment. The building will be fixed. The money will be found. And we will carry on doing God's work.

James Next Sermon Series

Starting Feb 8

Week 1— Feb 8	Gods: Presence	Matthew 28:20 Psalms 139 7-10.
Week 2 - Feb 15	Gods: Purity	James 1:17 Psalm 119:40 Isaiah 6:3
Week 3—Feb 22	Gods: Power	Isaiah 40:28-29 Romans 1:20.
Week 4— March 1	God: Provides	Philippians 4:19, Matthew 6:31-33.
Week 5—March 8	God: Pardons	Ephesians 1:7 Micah 7:18-19
Week 6—March 15	God: Protects	Proverb 18:10 Psalm 121:7-8, 2 Thessalonians 3:3.

Romans 12:12

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”



Elmwood West Methodist Church
1302 S Pioneer Drive
Abilene, TX 79605
325-692-1173
Ages 4yr-5th grade
(must be potty trained)
RSVP on our website
elmwoodwest.com

2026 Schedule
5:30-8:00PM
**April 18:
Toy Story**

**August 8:
Lyle, Lyle,
Crocodile**

**December 12:
Grinch**

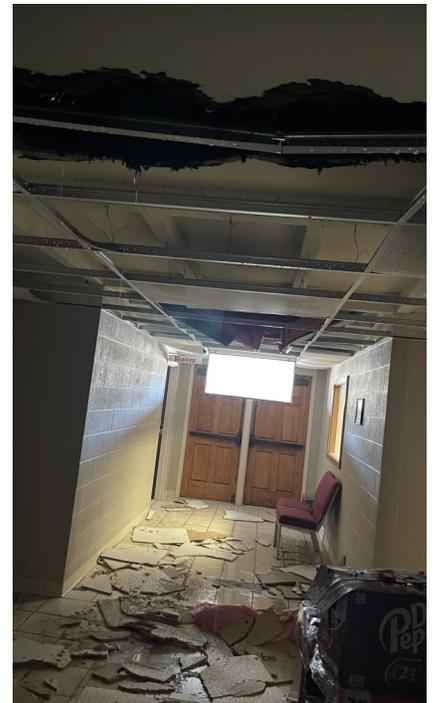
Bible Study
6:30 Wednesday



Leadership Workshop

Evelyn McCarthy has developed a leadership training for the church. The second session will be Sunday, February 8, at 6:00. All members are encouraged to attend.

What A Way to End January



Family Night at EWMC

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

Feb 4- Mexican Pile On

Feb 11- Pork Chop Rice
Casserole

Feb 18- Pizza

Feb 25 - Smother Hamburger-steak

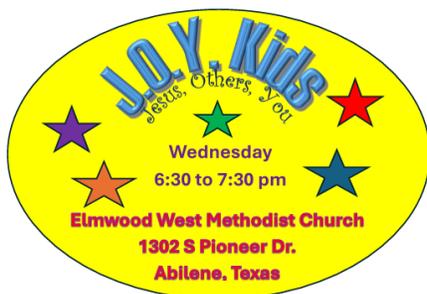
\$5 adult

\$4 Children and college students

Children 3 and under free

\$15 family maximum

6:30-7:30



Adult Bible Study WHO IS THE FAMILY OF GOD?

Come join our group. We always have room for more.

3rd Wednesday Game Night February 18



Dominoes and Card Games

Come join us in games and fellowship.



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	David Moore
Lucrecia Alloway	Jen Stephenson
Family of Joan Salem	

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

News from the Food Pantry

In the month of January we were able to serve 327 families which represented 696 individuals.

Snow and ice forced us to close on the 27 and 28.

Donations and volunteers have increased and the Pantry continues to serve the people of Taylor County.

Jesus Gathering

This is a non denominational worship led by Christopher Carroll and his wife Lindsay. They meet the first Friday of the each month at 6:00 in the sanctuary at Elmwood West Methodist Church 1302 S. Pioneer Dr. They will on February 6.

Attendance and Giving



January Income

Giving	\$6,483
Building Use	0
Rental Income	\$2,100

January			
Sunday School	9	Worship	33
Tithe and Offerings	\$4,199	Roof Debt	\$35
January			
Sunday School	14	Worship	29
Tithe and Offering	\$1,256	Roof Debt	\$10
January			
Sunday School	12	Worship	28
Tithe and Offering	\$637	Roof Debt	\$10
January			
Sunday School	0	Worship	0
Tithe and Offering	\$391	Roof Debt	0

Total in Come for January \$8,583

Elmwood West Methodist Church

February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	2	3	4 5:30-7:30 Family Night Meal JOY Kids Bible Study	5	6 6:00 Jesus Gathering	7
8 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	9	10	11 5:30-7:30 Family Night Meal JOY Kids Bible Study	12 Noon Circle of Faith	13	14
15 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	16	17	18 Ash Wednesday 5:30-7:30 Family Night Meal JOY Kids Game Night	19	20	21
22 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	23	24 4-6 Food Pantry	25 5:30-7:30 Family Night Meal JOY Kids Bible Study	26	27	28

Worship Service
Sunday 10:15 am



In Person and
Facebook Live