

# Elmwood West Methodist Church



## Elmwood West News March, 2026

### God's Loving Deeds

Daily Bread March 8, 2026

They sit side by side on Ball Street in my city – The Grand Ideas Garden and the county jail. My friend Joann loved both places. She loved to sit in the garden, thinking about the goodness of God and her love for Him because what He'd done in her life. She also loved to share with the women in the jail and tell her story of God redeeming her life after many bad choices and wandering far from Him. Often, she would tell me of her passion: her dream that all the women there would someday understand and experience the love of God for them personally.

The psalmist told his fellow Israelites to “tell their story” of how God redeemed them from their enemies (Psalm 107:2). They had “wandered in the desert wasteland,” “they were hungry and thirsty, and their lives ebbed away (v4-5). At times they rebelled against God, and He disciplined them (v10-12). Yet every time ” they cried out to the Lord in their trouble,...He delivered them from their distress”(v6). They had much to give God thanks for and to talk about with each other. As the Israelites learned, and we can learn also, He has a love that will never let us go.

We too can take opportunities to “ponder the loving deeds of the Lord” toward us (v43), and give thanks to Him, and tell our story of His rescue.

Anne Cetas

## James Next Sermon Series

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

*Psalms 16:8 NIV*

*"I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken."*



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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, March 8, at 6:00. All members are encouraged to attend.

Our topic this session will be vision and goal setting , for ourselves and our church.

## 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 meet on March 6.

## News from the Food Pantry

In the month of February we were able to serve 370 families which represented 644 individuals.

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

# Family Night at EWMC

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

**March 4** Smoother Hamber Patties

**March 11** Surprise (clean out the freezer)

**March 18** Sausage , Potato, Green Bean Bake

**March 25** Hamburgers, Fries

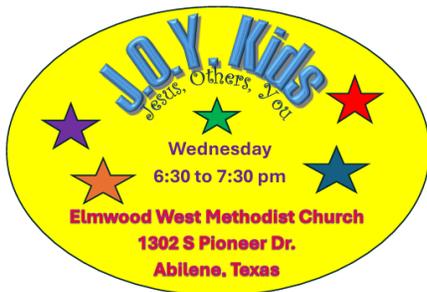
\$5 adult

\$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.**



**Buffalo Gap Trade Day March 21 and 22**

The crew is very busy selling burgers, fries, Frito pies, nachos and other tasty snacks. James is preaching at the Gap before he joins us.

**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

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

**Memorials and Honorariums**

In Memory of **Joan Salem**

By : Louise Hatcher, Ann  
Wagner, Ricky Carroll,  
Brad and Nanette  
Boyd, Jannie Rodgers

**Attendance and Giving**



February 1			
Sunday School	No water	Worship	No Water
Tithe and Offerings	\$1,025	Roof Debt	\$100
February 8			
Sunday School	16	Worship	21
Tithe and Offering	\$4,791	Roof Debt	\$125
February 15			
Sunday School	1	Worship	32
Tithe and Offering	\$	Roof Debt	\$265
February 22			
Sunday School	0	Worship	30
Tithe and Offering	\$	Roof Debt	\$300

February Income	
Giving	\$9,119
Building Use	0
Rental Income	\$2,100
<b>Total 11,219</b>	

# Elmwood West Methodist Church

## March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> EWMC Walker at the Mall of Abilene	<b>4</b> 5:30-7:30 Family Night Meal JOY Kids Bible Study	<b>5</b> EWMC Walker at the Mall of Abilene 6:00 Prayer Group	<b>6</b> 6:00 Jesus Gathering	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 6:00 Leadership Training	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> EWMC Walker at the Mall of Abilene	<b>11</b> 5:30-7:30 Family Night Meal JOY Kids Bible Study	<b>12</b> EWMC Walker at the Mall of Abilene Noon Circle of Faith 6:00 Prayer Group	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> EWMC Walker at the Mall of Abilene 4-6 Food Pantry	<b>18</b> 5:30-7:30 Family Night Meal JOY Kids Game Night	<b>19</b> EWMC Walker at the Mall of Abilene 6:00 Prayer Group	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Buffalo Gap Trade Days
<b>22</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> EWMC Walker at the Mall of Abilene 4-6 Food Pantry	<b>25</b> 5:30-7:30 Family Night Meal JOY Kids Bible Study	<b>26</b> EWMC Walker at the Mall of Abilene 6:00 Prayer Group	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> EWMC Walker at the Mall of Abilene 4-6 Food Pantry				

**Worship Service**  
**Sunday 10:15 am**



**In Person and**  
**Facebook Live**

# Congregation Questionnaire

To truly understand how we can serve our congregation and community, we should gather input from our members. Creating a survey will help us hear their hopes, needs, and ideas for our church. We can also discuss these topics during Sunday school classes and Wednesday night Bible studies, diving into conversations about worship, community outreach, and youth engagement.

This survey is voluntary and unanimous.

After you have completed the survey drop into the letter box outside the office.

## Section 1: Music Team

1. Do you support starting a music team?                      Yes    No

2. Would you join the music team?                              Yes    No

3. What music style do you prefer? (Select all that apply)

- Contemporary
- Traditional
- Gospel
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 2: Sunday Evening Service

4. Would you attend a Sunday evening service?    Yes    No

5. What would you like in a evening service? (Select all that apply)

- Worship
- Bible study
- Community events
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 3: Staff Feedback

6. Are you happy with our current staff?                      Yes    No

7. Is our preacher meeting your needs?                      Yes    No

8. What do you appreciate about the staff? \_\_\_\_\_

