

Elmwood West Methodist Church



Elmwood West News July 2025

A Remissioning Process

On Sunday, June 22, Rich Jones (our Presiding Elder) meet with some of us to discuss a program he has initiated to help churches like ours take steps to become a thriving church.

He has asked us to pray about this process and will meet with us again in a month. At that time if we chose to enter the process we will sign a covenant with Rich Jones to move forward.

Moving forward will be doing a study and goal setting. He will mentor us through the process with weekly check-ups and encouragement. This takes me back to a talk he did at our first Global Methodist Charge Conference. I have shared it before and would like to share it again.

Pray, Work, Win

Pray:

Most of us have a prayer life and we pray regularly for ourselves, our families and friends and many other important things. But do we pray for neighbors whose needs we are not aware of? Do we pray for those who are right around the corner looking for something they are not even aware they are missing?

Work:

We just expect people to come to us. It is our calling to go to them. Work means putting the programs in place and going out into our neighborhood and making them welcome. Let them know that we are here and praying for them everyday. Talking is easy. Acting on those conversations is where things will happen. Door hangers, water bottles, knocking on doors and just being present and seen as a part of the neighborhood. We must be a part of the neighborhood and not just the church down the street that has been there forever. These are the works we need to engage in to grow our church.

Win:

If we pray and work, the win will be our ours. We will be blessed with a growing congregation.

Luke 9:23 NIV

Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."

Beyond the Walls: Reaching Out in Love

Week 1	The Call to Go Out	Matthew 28:19-20
Week 2	Love in Action	1 John 3:18
Week 3	Encouraging One Another	Hebrews 10:24-25
Week 4	Bringing Them In	Luke 14:23

Third Wednesday Game Night

Join us on Wednesday, July 16 for Game Night. We have a domino group and a card group. Come make a group for any game you want to play.

A meal will be served at 5:30 with games to follow.

Come join us for a fun night of games.



Burgers on the Lot

Burger sells are going well. We are beginning to pick up a following. We serve a made to order burgers and chips for \$8.

Canned drinks are available for \$1.

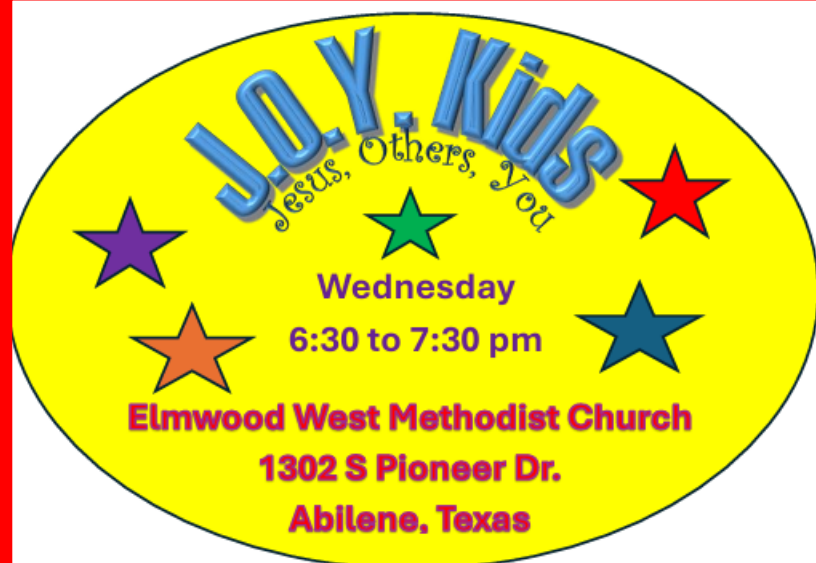


Family Night at EWMC

Wednesday Night Meal, Bible Study, JOY Kids and Game Night will be under the umbrella of a new event at Elmwood West called FAMILY NIGHT AT EWMC. The name is flexible. If you have suggestion for a new name feel free to let me know.

Wednesday, August 6, we will have a kick off this program offering free hotdogs and Frito pie to the neighborhood and any one that shows up.

Wednesday Night Meal and Bible study are taking a mid summer break. We will resume on August 6 with the Family Night at EWMC Kick off.



JOY Kids will continue to meet during July. Invite children ages 3-5th grade to join us for Bible lesson and crafts.

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

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Diane Tunmire 7/1

Mac McCarthy 7/1

Kathy Howard 7/13

Doris Harp 7/17

Rosalie Bounds 7/18

Pam Redman 7/25

May Income	Tithe and Offering	\$9,418
	Rental Income	\$1,926
	Building Use	\$
	Total	\$ 11,344

Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory of **Hunter Hawkins**
By Mac and Evelyn McCarthy

Attendance and Giving

June 1

Sunday School	18	Worship	31
Tithe and Offerings	\$3038	Memorials	0

June 8

Sunday School	26	Worship	27
Tithe and Offering	\$1345	Memorials	0

June 15

Sunday School	21	Worship	30
Tithe and Offering	\$1651	Memorials	\$100

June 22

Sunday School	24	Worship	27
Tithe and Offering	\$604	Memorials	0

June 29

Sunday School	17	Worship	23
Tithe and Offering	\$2780	Memorials	0

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 1:00 Prayer Group	2 6:30 J.O.Y. Kids	3	4	5
6 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	7 5:30-7:00 Burger on the Lot	8 1:00 Prayer Group	9 6:30 J.O.Y. Kids	10 Noon Circle of Faith	11	12
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Worship Service
Sunday 10:00



In Person and
Facebook Live

Friends,

As we embrace the warmth of July, I want to take a moment to reflect on a profound truth found in James 2:14-17: "What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."

These verses remind us that our faith is not merely a belief but a call to action. It challenges us to bridge the gap between our beliefs and our actions. As a community, let us not only profess our faith but also express it by serving those in need, reaching out to our neighbors, and being the hands and feet of Christ in our world.

This month, I encourage each of you to find ways to put your faith into action. Whether it's volunteering, supporting a local charity, or simply offering kindness to those around you, let us embody the love of Christ through our deeds. Together, we can make a difference and show that faith, when paired with action, is alive and vibrant.

May your hearts be stirred to live out your faith with passion and purpose this July!

Blessings,

James