

Elmwood West Methodist Church



Elmwood West News August 2025

From Anatomy of a Revived Church by Thom S. Rainer A Necessary Caveat

I do not want to assume you know my assumptions. Instead, I want you to hear clearly that the necessary change of which I speak is not change relate to God's foundational, unchangeable truth as recorded in the Bible:

The Bible is the Word of God.

Jesus died for sinners.

Jesus defeated death with his resurrection from the grave.

Christ is the only way to salvation

God is the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Eternity is a reality.

There are many other unchangeable truths, but I want you to understand that this book about change is not about compromising biblical truth. To be clear, any human-centered change is headed for failure. True change in our congregations must be rooted in the truths of the Bible, saturated in prayer, and empowered by God alone.

Yet there is so much we can change. Let me state it more emphatically: There is so much we must change.

A NEW START

A group of us met with our Presiding Elder, Rich Jones, on Sunday, July 27. We entered a convent to process with the Remissioning Project.

The next step in this process is learning. Rich will be leading us in a study of the book Anatomy of a Revived Church. Books are available in the office if you are interested in joining this study. We will meet on Sundays in August at 5 pm. Our first and third meeting (Aug 10 and 24) will be in Tuscola at the Methodist Church. The second and fourth August (17 and 31) meeting will be here at Elmwood West.

The article on the previous page is taken from the introduction of the book we are studying.

Talk with Diane of James, if you would like more information about what we are doing.

Colossians 3:13 NIV

"Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."

The Apostle Paul

Sermon 1 August 10	"Called by Grace: The Conversion of Paul"	Acts 9:1-19
Sermon 2 August 17	"The Cost of Discipleship: Paul's Missionary Journeys"	Acts 13-14
Sermon 3 August 24	"The Heart of the Gospel: Paul's Letters to the Churches"	Romans 1:16-17, Romans 12:1-2, 1 Corinthians 13:4-7
Sermon 4 September 5	"Running the Race: Paul's Enduring Legacy"	2 Timothy 4:6-8

August 31 will be another Fifth Sunday Hymn Sing, Again we will serve meal after service.

Prayer Group and EWMC Walkers

One of our goals of our Remissioning Project is our community.

To address that goal we have added a couple of programs to our schedule. On Tuesdays and Thursday we will meet in the office at 9am to lift our community up in prayer. Everyone is invited to attend. If the crowd get to big, we will move to the prayer room.

After prayer the EWMC Walkers will walking the neighborhood, meeting and greeting people as they count their steps. You can be a part of the prayer group and not be a walker.

Kick Off Family Night At EWMC

Wednesday, August 6 will be our kick off of our new Wednesday programs.

We have sent postcards to many homes in our neighborhood inviting them to come for free hotdogs and Frito pies.

We will have the building open so they can see our facilities.

We want the neighborhood know who we are ad tht we are here for them if they need us..

West Texas Fair and Rodeo 2025

September 4th-13th

Its that time of year again. I have begun preparation for the fair. If there is anyway you can help out let me know.

Martha Davis is in charge of scheduling. If you have a family member or friend that is looking for something to do with their evenings, we can put them to work.

Family Night at EWMC

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

Menus for August

August 6 - Hot Dog, Frito Pies

August 13 - Chicken Taco Casserole, Salad and Dessert

August 20 - Smoked Meat Loaf, Roasted Potatoes, Vegetable, Bread and Dessert

August 27 - Pork Chop Rice Casserole, Vegetable, Bread and Dessert

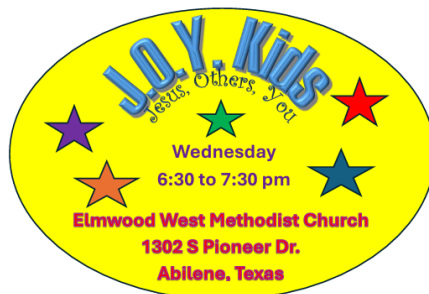
\$5 adult

\$4 Children and college students

Children 3 and under free

\$15 family maximum

6:30-7:00



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.

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.

3rd Wednesday Game Night

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	

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

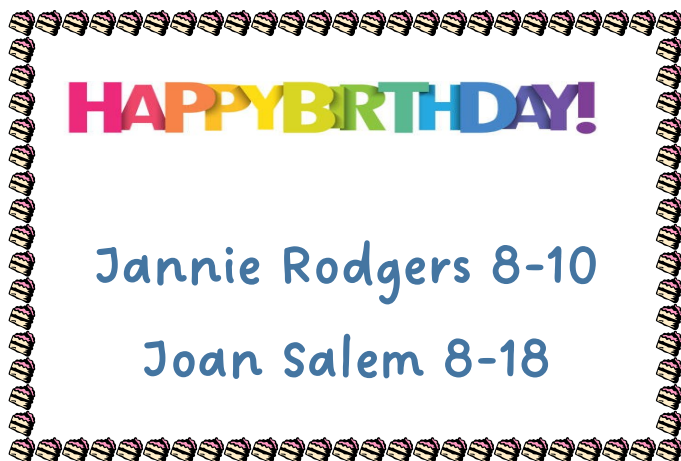
News from the Food Pantry

In the month of July we were able to serve 453 families representing a total of 1072 individuals.

The name of the Pantry is changing from United Methodist Food Pantry to Methodist Food Pantry. This is a lot of paper work for the board and Ricky.

Thank to all the people who give money and/or volunteer to make this ministry an important our of our community.

Attendance and Giving



May Income	Tithe and Offering	\$6816
	Rental Income	\$1842
	Building Use	\$490
	Total	\$9148

July 6			
Sunday School	9	Worship	24
Tithe and Offerings	\$2961	Memorials	0
July 13			
Sunday School	19	Worship	30
Tithe and Offering	\$930	Memorials	0
July 20			
Sunday School	24	Worship	30
Tithe and Offering	\$1022	Memorials	\$100
July 27			
Sunday School	11	Worship	31
Tithe and Offering	\$1411	Memorials	0

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August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Evening Wor- ship with Chris Carroll	2 5:30-8:00 Parent 's Night Out
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