

Elmwood West Methodist Church



Elmwood West News September 2025

From Anatomy of a Revived Church by Thom S. Rainer When God Revives a Church

Our anatomy of revived churches was clear and persuasive. It is God who revitalizes churches. If we truly want to see his work in our churches, we must turn to him in prayer.

The anatomy further revealed God has been pleased to turn churches around when only a few people in the church committed to praying for revitalization. One or more of those people tend to not only be consistent in their prayer lives but persistent as well. They don't give up. If they get discouraged, it is only for a season.

If you are seeing immediate application to the principle of powerful prayer in your church, begin praying God will provide a prayer warrior. Even more, ask the members if God might be moving in their lives to lead a ministry of prayer for revitalization.

We have seen again and again in our anatomy of revitalized churches that every sustained church revitalization is undergirded by a powerful movement of pray.

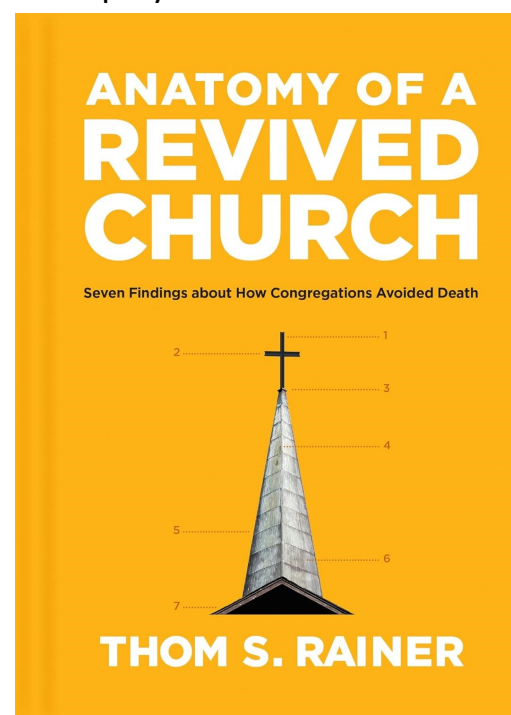
Every. Single. One.

It's just that important.

If you haven't been involved in this study, you might want to read this short powerful book.

There are several copies floating around the church. Talk to Diane or James if you are interested and we will get you a copy.

Everyone is invited to be a part of this process, not just the ones who have participated in the study.



A NEW START



A group of church members from Tuscola Methodist Church and Elmwood West Methodist Church have been engaged in **A REMISSIONING PROCESS** lead by our presiding elder Rich Jones. We have met the four Sundays in August to study ways that we as congregation can stop the decline of our church and move forward in a positive way.

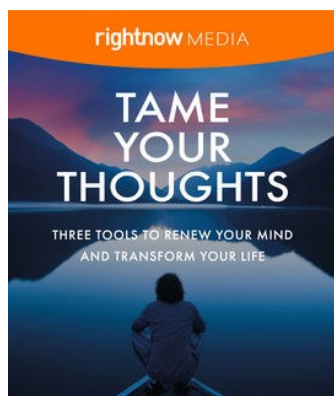
Our journey has just begun. There will be more meetings and goal setting and monitoring and support from Rich to guide us through this process.

I think that all who have been involved in these meetings are very optimistic about the future of Elmwood West Methodist Church.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. "

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

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 we meet in the office to lift our community up in prayer. Everyone is invited to attend. .

Even if you aren't a walker you can come and be a prayer.

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. Everyone is welcome. Kids are welcome. Let them make a joyful noise. Introduce them to our Lord and Savior at an early age. No dress code. No judgements passed. No offering taken. Just time to praise Jesus any way you want. They meet the first Friday of the each month at 6:00 in the sanctuary at Elmwood West Methodist Church 1302 S. Pioneer Dr.

West Texas Fair and Rodeo 2025

September 4th-13th



The trailer will be moved and set up on Tuesday, September 2. Most of the shopping has been done. Martha Davis has been busy getting the schedule together.

We are ready for a busy successful fair year.

Even if you can't be out in person, you have a very special job. Prayers for safety, success in sales and in touching lives are important and needed.

Family Night at EWMC

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

Menus for September

September 3 No Meal due to fair prep

September 10 No Meal due to fair

September 17 Slow Cooker Chicken Chili,

Salad, Cornbread and Dessert

September 24 Slow Cooker Ground Beef Casserole, Salad, Rolls, Dessert

\$5 adult

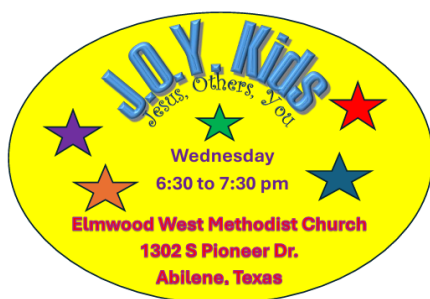
\$4 Children and college students

Children 3 and under free

\$15 family maximum

No Bible Study or Joy Kids on Sept 3 and 10

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 -
September 23**

Dominoes and Card Games



T-Shirt Sales

James has designed new EWMC T-shirts.

The cost of each shirt is \$13. We are asking for donations of \$10 per shirt. If you can give more it will be appreciated.

If you really want a shirt and can't purchase one, let James know and we will work out a way to get you one.

The EWMC Walkers wear their shirts when they walk and we will wear them as much as possible at the fair to get our name and new logo out into the public.

We can get them in white, purple, gray, and light blue.

If you want a t-shirt let James or I know.



Update on the Roof Loan

Balance on the principal at the end of August is \$58,143.20.

Original loan amount was \$87,700.

The balance in the fund account is \$5,401.76.

The monthly payments are \$1,035.32.

We have 5 month of payments in the fund account.

Hopefully we will have a good fair and be able to deposit a few more payments into that fund account.

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*

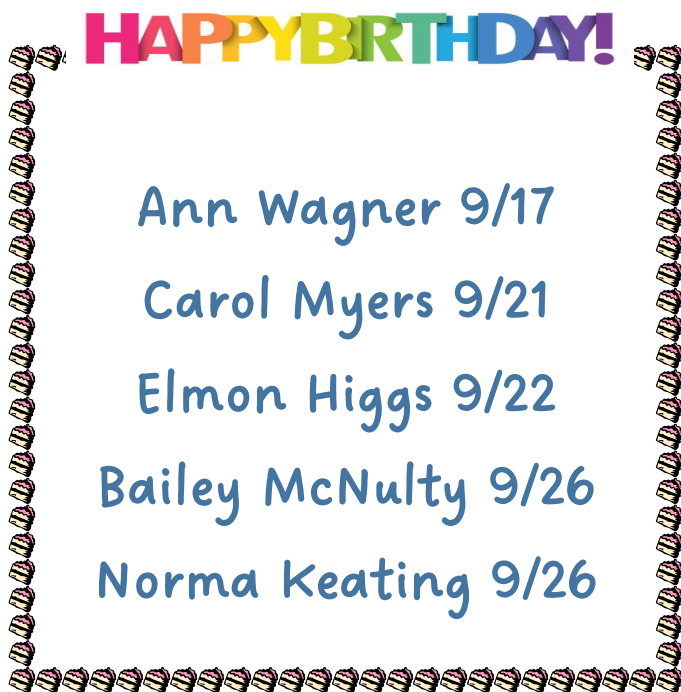
News from the Food Pantry

In the month of August we were able to serve 461 families representing a total of 1059 individuals.

As we track statistics, we have found that about 20% of the clients we are serving are new clients. This shows that there is a need in our community for the Food Pantry

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

Attendance and Giving



August Income

Tithe and Offering	\$12,784
Rental Income	&2.400
Building Use	
Total	\$15,184

August 3

Sunday School	9	Worship	28
Tithe and Offerings	\$7,201	Memorials	

August 10

Sunday School	7	Worship	27
Tithe and Offering	\$387	Memorials	

August 17

Sunday School	18	Worship	28
Tithe and Offering	\$1,179	Memorials	

August 24

Sunday School	22	Worship	29
Tithe and Offering	\$612	Memorials	

August 31

Sunday School	23	Worship	28
Tithe and Offering	\$3,405	Memorials	

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 Evening Wor- ship with Chris Carroll	6
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7 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	8	9 9:00 Prayer Group EW Walkers	10	11 9:00 Prayer Group EW Walkers	12	13
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Worship Service
Sunday 10:00



In Person and
Facebook Live