

The Russell Report

Russell Memorial Methodist Church

A Family Rooted in Christ and Reaching Out in Love



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Here's Your Sign!

Have you noticed anything different on our north lawn? Our new sign was installed in September. It looks especially nice at night! The fresh look is a great reminder of new things that the Lord has for our future. Thanks to all who helped make it happen.

SYATP

Students at our local schools recently participated in the annual See You At the Pole event. Our Methodist Men provided drinks and donuts for the students at the Jr. High, and several folks from Russell Memorial showed up to help serve and support the kids as they gathered. We also had a wonderful opportunity to meet and pray for Lori Meyers, the new chief of our ISD police force. It was a great opportunity to show some love to our kids and campus staff.



GROW Conference

We have some openings for people to attend the GROW conference on November 1-3 in Carrollton. The conference is produced by RightNow Media and features many premier Christian teachers. We are taking a team of people to help us develop better discipleship practices. Conference registration is already paid by the church; a limited number of spaces are available. You would be responsible for your transportation and for lodging should you choose to stay overnight. Contact Pastor Dave if you would like to join the team attending. Go to www.rightnowconferences.org to see more about the conference.

Men & Ladies of Honor

We are looking for Kingdom people who are willing to invest an hour a week to serve kids in our local schools. Men and Ladies of Honor is a powerful Christian leadership program designed to foster Christ-like character in young men and women. We are already prepared to kick off the program at the middle school, with a vision of expanding to the upper grades as well. If you would like to explore the possibility of serving as an Honor coach, please contact Lyn Haney (LHaney777@gmail.com, 214-577-8275). Take a look at the MLOH video under “suggested videos” on our church YouTube channel.

Church Conference

Our annual charge conference is scheduled for Sunday, November 12 at 2:00. The gathering will be led by our circuit presiding elder, Rev. Michael Peschke. The gathering will be a “church conference,” which means that all professing members of RMMC are eligible to vote on business. **Guests are welcome and encouraged to attend as well.** There will be reports from administrative committees and election of leaders for 2024. Further, we will engage in a time of sharing goals, hopes and dreams for our shared ministry. We look forward to your presence and appreciate your investment in the life of our congregation.

Kid’s Day at Church

You won’t want to miss worship on Sunday, October 29. It is going to be Kid’s Day at Church. Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these” (Matthew 19:14). That is exactly what we are going to do. So—bring your kids. Bring your grandkids. If you don’t have any, borrow some from your neighbor. And why not bring their parents as well? They will enjoy being our guests at the COVERED DISH DINNER we will enjoy after worship that day.

Sound Booth Upgrade

We are in the process of giving our audio and video equipment a complete upgrade. The project will be quite comprehensive, enhancing the worship experience for people in the sanctuary and those watching remotely. The bid for the largest part of the work comes to around \$34,000. Some additional components will need to be purchased as well. If you would be so moved, we would encourage you give directly to the project. Donations should be marked “sound booth fund”.

ADOPT SCHOOL

Campus Adopted!

Our congregation is “adopting” the Wills Point Junior High campus for the school year. We will be looking for ways to encourage and support the staff and students at the school. Opportunities will vary, and your participation is welcome. Please email Pastor Dave (pastor.rmmc@gmail.com) if you would like to help pour out some of God’s loving kindness upon our junior high.



Mission Trip Opportunity

We are planning a mission trip to UMCOR Sager Brown in Baldwin, LA, July 15-19. This trip is a great way to give back. If you haven’t been, GO!, you won’t regret it. Please contact Shane McBride for more information (903-275-4462). You can also visit the website at www.umcmision.org/umcor/.

Summer Camp 2024

NexGen Ministries of the Eastern Texas Conference is excited to lead summer camp June 10-14, 2024 at Lakeview Methodist Camp!

The theme is "Rise Up!" Like Lazarus, we are raised to new life by the power of God in Jesus. Like Paul and so many others, we are called to stand up for Him as witnesses.

We'll be presenting the Gospel to our students and inviting them to respond, calling and equipping them for deeper discipleship and holiness, and helping them discover God's purpose for their lives. And we'll be having a ton of fun doing it!

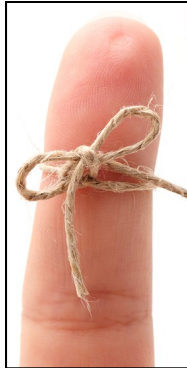
We are holding our camp at a place many of us love dearly--Lakeview, but our conference team is designing and directing this camp and it will be fully aligned with the theology and mission of the Global Methodist Church. It will be for students entering 3rd grade through graduated high school seniors.

ETX Camp 2024 is an awesome opportunity for us to come together to see God move in our students and in our churches as the Gospel of Jesus takes hold and bears fruit in the next generation.



Calendar of Events for October

Dates to Remember for October



- Sunday, October 8, 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
SHIRT ORDERS DUE
- Monday, October 9, 5:00 p.m. Day School Board Meeting
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
- Tuesday, October 10, 6:00 p.m. Nominations Committee Meeting
- Saturday, October 14, Deen Building in Use, Ladies Club Pancake Breakfast
- Thursday, October 19, 9:00 a.m. Games in the Deen Building
- Thursday, October 19-Saturday, October 21, Angel Tree Interviews
- Friday, October 20, 7:00 p.m. Youth Lock In @ Cheatum in Edgewood
- Sunday, October 29, Kid's Day at Church with Potluck to follow

Happy Birthday!

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| Ben Curtis | 10/5 |
| Darlene Kelley | 10/6 |
| Weldon George | 10/10 |
| Billie Cade | 10/13 |
| Rob Nychka | 10/16 |
| Wanda Williams | 10/16 |
| Joyce Harris | 10/20 |
| Kyle Rowland | 10/24 |
| Mark Brown | 10/27 |
| Jeff Roberts | 10/29 |
| Sherri Rowe | 10/30 |



Right Now Media



Don't forget about the amazing offer of rightnow media offered through the church. Text RMUMC to 49775 for an invitation to set up your account, or contact the church office to request help.

Our Presence and Our Gifts

| | Sept 3 | Sept 10 | Sept 17 | Sept 24 |
|---------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| Worship | 90 | 98 | 93 | 87 |
| Giving | \$5,306.00 | \$17,142.00 | \$5,511.00 | \$8,972.00 |

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|--|
| 1 | 2 6:00 pm Trustees Meeting | 3 | 4 6:00 pm Ladies Hand Bells 7:00 pm Choir Practice | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 SHIRT ORDERS DUE 8:00 am Methodist Men 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service | 9 5:00 pm Day School Board 6:00 pm Finance | 10 6:00 pm Nominations Committee | 11 6:00 pm Ladies Hand Bells 7:00 pm Choir Practice | 12 11:00 am Methodist Women Meeting | 13 | 14 10:00 am Safety Team Ladies Club Pancake Breakfast in Deen Building |
| 15 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service | 16 | 17 | 18 6:00 pm Ladies Hand Bells 7:00 pm Choir Practice | 19 9:00 am Games in the Deen Building 6pm-8pm Angel Tree Interviews | 20 8am-11am Angel Tree Interviews 7pm-7am Youth Lock in at Cheatham | 21 8am-11am Angel Tree Interviews 9:00 am Crafting with Christ |
| | | | | ANGEL TREE INTERVIEWS | | |
| 22 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service | 23 | 24 | 25 6:00 pm Ladies Hand Bells 7:00 pm Choir Practice | 26 | 27 | 28 Boo on the Bricks |
| 29 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service 11:15 am Potluck | 30 | 31 | | | | |



Welcome to Our New Members

Please help us welcome our new members! Sunday, October 1, Marvilyn and Cecil White became the newest members of our Russell Memorial family. Make sure you introduce yourself and get to know them a little better.

We would also like to welcome back Mary and Gary Keller! The Kellers rejoined the church on Sunday, October 1. We are so happy to have them back with us.



Welcome Home!

We would like to send a HUGE welcome home to Jack and Margaret Fleming. We are so glad you have returned safely from Houston and will continue to shower you with healing prayers.

And, Welcome Home to Jared McDonald! Jared, we are so proud of you and would like to thank you for your service to our country. We are glad to have you back, Soldier!

COME VISIT THE CHURCH LIBRARY



We have a small church library started in the Choir Room of the church building. We have a limited selection of books at this time, but are looking to grow our catalog. If you are interested in checking out a book, please come in and take a look!

Remember in Prayer:

Family of Katy Liebreich
Family of Dickie Lane
Family of David Hammonds
Family of Inez Wade
Family of Andy Anderson
Family of Travis Deen
Alice Kolb
Arthur Galope, Jr.
Beau Poteet
Beth Rudolph
Betty (Cochran) Howe
Betty Manning
Billie Cade
Bobbi Smith
Bruce Eyers
Bruce Lacy
Carol McDermott
Charles & Wynona James
Cheryl Bradley
College Students

Crestwood Nursing &
Assisted Living
Darlene Kelley
Denny McCormick
Eric Johns
Fausto Sanchez & Family
Frances Bryant
Jack & Margaret Fleming
Grace
Harrison Mayone
Helen Liston
Isaac Bullard
Revival at Asbury College
Jared McDonald
Jeff D'Amico
Jill
Jim & Sandra Smith
Kristin Jackson
Marie Shastid
Marigrace & Mike Lang
Margie Eyers
Mark Brown

Marty & Barb Mitchell
Mary Bullard
Patsy Aulich
Phillip Young
Randy Scott
RMMC Staff
Robin & Lorelai
Ron Turner
Scrub
Shari Smith
Students, Teachers,
Administrators & Staff
Sunday School & Church
William Moore
Zelnick Family



Memorials

In memory of
Inez Wade
Given by
Manual & Betty Diaz, Daniel & Olivia Taylor,
Jim & Barbara Lamb, and Patsy Andrae.

In memory of
Andy Anderson
Given by
Jim & Barbara Lamb.

In memory of
Rosa Davis
Given by
Jim & Barbara Lamb & Ginger Hess.

In memory of
Naomi Caldwell
Given by
Ginger Hess.

In memory of
Mark Blackburn
Given by Dorothy Bruster.



Russell Memorial Methodist Church

Rev. David Cartwright, Pastor
John Ross, Minister of Music
Vanna Duda, Pianist
Jackie Cockerham, Financial Administrator

Nancy McDonald, Office Administrator
Fritz Gilbreth, Organist
Theresa Turner, Ladies Hand Bells Director
Shane McBride, Youth Director

Join us Sunday Morning!

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday

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