



A Word From the Pastor

In the bedroom of the parsonage, there is a quote from Theodore Roosevelt on a banner that reads, "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are." Today, this would be called 'right sizing'. It simply means to understand what is the current context, what are the available resources, and what are the needs that can be reasonably met. This is important for communities, churches, families, and individuals but it is often avoided. It is avoided because it demands being brutally honest about oneself and one's context. We would much rather live in the past than face the harsh realities of the present. It would be wonderful to make things great again if we could just find a time when they were as great as we remember. Things can be great now if we accept what we have and where we are and do all that we can to make it great. There is greatness in being small, if it means that we can better take care of one another. There is greatness in being rural, if it means that we get to experience the beauty of God's good creation every day. There is a greatness in living now when people in need can get help and prayers by simply posting on Facebook or texting friends. While others talk about the worst in society, true joy and hope can be found by being all God has made us to be, with what God has given us, where God has placed us. The difference between the people who complain about small things and the people who see beauty in the simple things is the ability to accept reality and right size.

In light of this reality, some things that were once done need to be done in new and creative ways. An attempt at this was the Summer Bible Camp. While everyone would love to step back in time when VBS was the highlight of the summer, the volunteers, the parents, and the children are different than they used to be. Social Media, athletics, and a packed summer schedule has changed the context of summer break.

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Upcoming Events

****August 13th****

***Wednesday Bible Study
Begins***

***"Journeying through the
Wilderness"***

****August 20th****

SISD School Begins

****August 22nd****

MDS - Meet the Teacher

****August 25th****

MDS - Classes Start

***"Trust in the LORD with
all thine heart; and lean
not unto thine own un-
derstanding. In all thy
ways acknowledge him,
and he shall direct thy
paths. Be not wise in
thine own eyes: fear the
LORD, and depart from
evil."***

Proverbs 3:5-7

A Word From the Pastor Continued

If a program is done, it has to meet certain standards that cannot always be guaranteed by volunteers towards the end of VBS. Patti came up with a solution that provided a quality experience for the participants. While it did not reach an older audience, many of the older audience are seeking a different experience than traditional VBS. Which means their attendance drops towards the end of the week and their behavior reflects their disappointment. The Summer Bible Camp was a viable solution to do what we can, with what we have, where we are.

The activities of the ministerial alliance is also facing some adjustments. Since 2022, the active number of ministers in this community has been cut in half. There are just enough to cover the four weeks of Lenten lunch not counting Ash Wednesday and Spring Break. This has also put a strain on other activities. While the ministers of Sonora still work well together, there are simply too few of us available. This may mean being creative about what we do and how we do it. This is not about scarcity, but rather right sizing. God doesn't call us to do many things badly or do old things that no longer matter, but rather God is calling us to do. The few things we do to our utmost for His highest. We are here, after all, not to perform miracles but to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to a worn and weary world.

Some of the most precious memories people have is when their parents made the best of a bad situation. With the help of God's creative thinking, we can honor the past while doing it in a new and meaningful way. It begins with the question, "Why?" Why did they do it this way and what were they trying to accomplish? This moves to the question if what was trying to be accomplished is still needed today? If it is, then what new resources are available to meet that need. If not, what needs to be accomplished today and what tools have been given to meet that need. God assembles the right people at the right time with the right resources to meet the needs of God's people. If the needs are not being met, then what is needed is a new way of looking at the resources including the talents of people who may not look, think, or act like those in the past. As school starts, let us celebrate who we are and the people God has assembled to make this the best and greatest year ever!

Blessings,
Pastor Mark



METHODIST DAY SCHOOL EVENTS

Methodist Day School
Monday & Wednesday
8 AM to 4 PM

Meet the Teachers of Methodist Day

Patti Barker - Director

Patti is married to Darrell and has two children.

She has been with the Day School for 10 1/2 years.

Her hobby is spending time with her family.

Her hope for the coming year is:

*For each child to know Christ's love in our program
and to learn and grown in that love knowing we truly
care for each child in our program.*



Victoria Watkins - Pre K (4&5)

Victoria is married to Garrett and they have two girls.

This will be her fourth year at Methodist Day School.

Her favorite sport is anything her girls are playing.

Her hope for the coming year is:

*I had my group of kiddos for two years and loved
watching them grow during that time. I know this
group will thrive just like my last class did the previ-
ous year. I know we can get them kindergarten
ready.*

Let all you do be done in love.

1 Corinthians 16:14

Contact Patti for the
Enrollment form at
(512) 635-4983



Chesney Seahorn - 3's Class

Chesney is married to Weston and they have four children.

She is starting her second year with Methodist Day School.

Her favorite color is pink and she loves Peonies.

Her hope for the coming year is: to help her students grow and to share God's love for them.

Dariela Lopez - Toddler

Dari is married to JD Ozuna and they have one son, Angel.

This will be her second year at Methodist Day School.

She loves sushi and her hobby is planting.

Dari's hope for the upcoming school year is: I've been blessed with the sweetest kids and parents. I hope to continue to have a positive and close relationship with them.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

<i>Kelbi Blesing</i>	<i>8/6</i>	<i>Joe David Ross</i>	<i>8/6</i>	<i>Kodi Davis</i>	<i>8/7</i>
<i>David Feinberg</i>	<i>8/9</i>	<i>Chris Berry</i>	<i>8/13</i>	<i>Sam Kent</i>	<i>8/14</i>
<i>Tamie Love</i>	<i>8/14</i>	<i>Linda Fisher</i>	<i>8/21</i>	<i>Darrell Barker</i>	<i>8/24</i>
<i>Patti Barker</i>	<i>8/25</i>	<i>Linda Cahill</i>	<i>8/25</i>	<i>Ella Archer</i>	<i>8/31</i>
		<i>Sharon Holman</i>	<i>8/31</i>		

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR AUGUST!

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1	2 Tyler Maguus Team Roping @ Sutton Co Arena
3 Open Door Study @ 9:45AM Worship @ 11	4	5 SISD - 7th and 8th Grade Registration 2- 5:30 PM	6 SISD - 9th - 12th Grade Registration 2- 5:30 PM	7 Sutton Co Days	8 Sutton Co Days	9 Sutton Co Days
10 Open Door Study @ 9:45AM Worship @ 11	11	12	13 Pastor's Bible Study @ 5pm	14	15	16
17 Open Door Study @ 9:45AM Worship @ 11	18 SISD - Elementary Meet the Teacher	19 Pastor Out	20 SISD - Classes Begin Sonora XC @ Eldorado Pastor Out	21 Pastor Out	22 Methodist Day School - Meet the Teacher SISD - 3 PM Dismissal Sonora XC @ Con- can	23
24/31 Open Door Study @ 9:45AM Worship @ 11	25 Methodist Day School - Classes Begin	26	27 Methodist Day School Pastor's Bible Study @ 5pm Sonora XC @ Sonora Sonora Jr High XC @ Sonora	28	29 SISD - 3 PM Dismissal Bronco Football @ Miles	30

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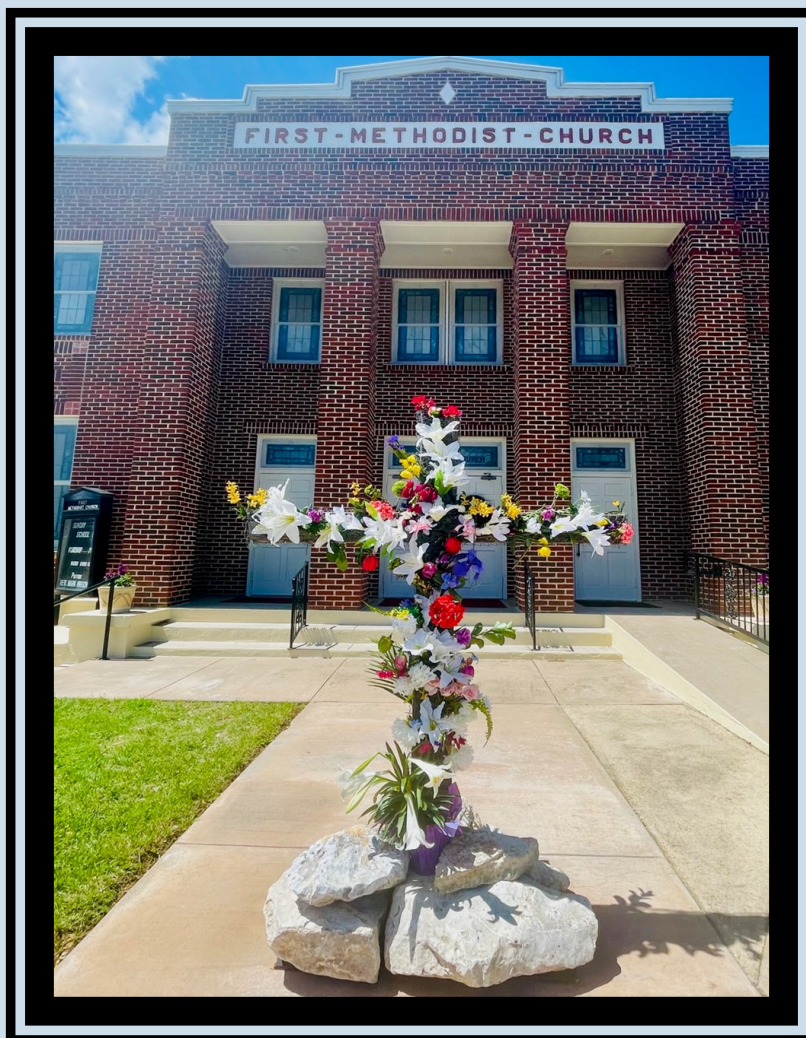
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

CHILDREN'S NURSERY	9:30 AM
OPEN DOOR SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:45AM
WORSHIP SERVICE	11:00 AM

*WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICE IS BROADCAST AT 11:00 A.M.
SUNDAYS ON KHOS 92.1 AND KYXX 94.3*

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