



THE SOWER

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“Come Together For Christ, Grow Together In Christ, Go Together With Christ”



EASTER TIDE SERMON SERIES



A SOWER'S CALL

a letter from Pastor Paul

Dear Church,

The winds of change are blowing, and we all want to know, "What's next?" The Christian life is spiritual; thus, it is a life of change. Jesus once told a very prominent teacher in Jerusalem, "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So, it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit" (John 3:8).

We are creatures of habit; we like predictability. There is something comforting about the familiar. Change forces us to exercise our faith, and that is not always easy. However, that's exactly what God prepares us for. This is why he has given us the Spirit as a pledge of what is to come. "For we walk by faith and not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:6).

As a church, we face a lot of unknown variables going into 2024. The question is, will we have faith in Christ Jesus (the head of his church)? Unfortunately, our former Rio Texas Conference of the UMC refused to agree on a fair settlement with us and the other 26 churches they are suing. But that does not change the fact that we have placed everything in the hands of our Lord Jesus Christ. I am confident he will take care of us. We may not know exactly how, but we walk by faith, not by sight.

I am also sad that we will be losing two incredible staff members, John and Alley Groves, sometime this year as they follow the Lord to their next post. However, I must trust that the Lord will lead the right people in due time to fill those positions. I remember the promise of Romans 8:28: "All things work together for the good of those that love God, to them who are called according to his purposes."

The hard thing is we just don't know how he is going to work it out. That is where faith comes in. So, let's continue trusting the Lord and seeking to do his will. He will always be faithful to us when we are faithful to him. The Lord has been too good to turn back now, even when the winds of change are blowing.

Walking By Faith Not Sight,
Pastor Paul

Hello church!

Grace and peace to you from God our Father. As we engage in this Spring season, I want to encourage you to put off the things of the world and seek to grow in Christ. If you are a believer, claim this as your story as Galatians 2:20 says: *“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”* Let this be your testimony, so that God may work through you for His Glory and Your ultimate Good.

In case you haven't heard the bittersweet news, Alexis and I have felt the push from the Lord that it is time for us to depart from our positions here at Lampasas Methodist. We have greatly cherished our time in ministry here and are very thankful for how the Lord has worked in and through us during this time. It has been rewarding, challenging, and sanctifying all in one breath. We have loved this church and been greatly loved by this church, and we thank you for all that you have done for Alley and I, whether it be your time, words of encouragement, prayers, etc.

I trust that God will send forth the exact right people to fill our roles and that they will be able to do and accomplish even more than we, by the Grace of God. Lord willing, they will be able to step into this youth ministry and continue building up disciples of Jesus and pouring into the younger generation as the church needs. We are praying for this church and ask that you please pray for us during this time of transition.

Please feel free to contact me with any comments/questions during this time.

Blessings!

In Christ,
John Groves / Youth Director

The logo for 'Awaken YOUTH' features the word 'Awaken' in a large, black, cursive font. A small gold cross is positioned above the letter 'n'. Below 'Awaken', the word 'YOUTH' is written in a bold, yellow, blocky font with a black outline and a slight drop shadow.

Music Notes

I want to use this space to thank all the dedicated singers at Lampasas Methodist Church for giving their voices to the Good Friday Cantata. It has been a delight working with them, along with choir singers from a number of other local churches. Now I guess it is time to begin thinking about the Christmas Cantata in December. It's really not so far away, is it?

And I also thank David Jacobs for his craftsmanship. He took the old 1946 Moeller organ console and turned the wood into crosses for the Chancel Choir. We appreciate his work and his generosity.

Mary Tittle



SPECIAL MESSAGE

Dear brothers and sisters,

The day before John and I got married, John got a phone call from Paul that would change the trajectory of our marriage before it even began. On this call, Paul offered John an incredible position to serve an incredible church as Youth Director and Contemporary Worship Leader. Not long after that, John took the job, and soon, he and I both fell head over heels in love with the people in this church. John and I both knew and felt the Lord's call to serve the people of this church, and He made every step of the way possible for both John and I to do so. As John and I planned our wedding day and our future together, we could have never imagined that the Lord would bring us to a place that would envelop us in gracious love and tender mercy the way each of you and this church has. We have been **truly** blessed and **truly** loved here.

Yet once again, we know and feel the Lord's call to step out in faith and trust once more that His mighty hand, which led us to LMC, is guiding us onward to a people and place unknown to us yet. We have no idea where the Lord is taking us, but we have felt His pull to step out and go where He leads. Because of this, and because we know He who calls us is faithful, we must too be faithful to His call. We believe God will make the "why, how, and when?" abundantly clear in His perfect timing, and we trust His guidance every step of the way.

John and I are actively seeking out where the Lord is leading us, but we will not leave until both of our roles at the church are sufficiently filled. Our hearts are grieved because we love this church dearly, and this has been very bittersweet for us; however, the Lord's peace has been overwhelmingly present in this decision.

We can only hope we have expressed to this congregation even a fraction of the lovingkindness, grace, and adoration we have received from you over the past few years.

We love you dearly and ask that you pray for us to be wise and faithful to the Lord in this time, as we also pray for this church

Thank you for all you've done for us.

In Christ's Love,
John and Alley Groves

Intercessory Prayers

CHURCH FAMILY SHUT INS

Vanita Craft
Verde Henderson
Jo Holley
Kay Boone
Cynthia Bloss
Glyn Hoffpauir
Gail Callahan
Merritt Romans
Gary Clark

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Sherry Smith
Theresa Vaughn
Jim Garland
Bea Hohman
Laina Shielack
Douglas Manley
Emma Kinn
Shirley Rhymes
Lena Bidy
John Deyo
Wendell Jones
Mary K. Adams
Glenda Henderson
Amber Groves
Debbie Green
John Deyo
Carol Pressell

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Gary and Sally Clark
Michael Neary
Ed Jones
Kelsey Harrell
Jimbo Sargent
Bea Hohman

NEW ADDITIONS

Andy Smith—Jared Miller's
Uncle
Jordan Campbell
Hal Harton
Pat Scott—Mike Scott's
stepmother
Steve Smith—Josh Smith's
Father
Madison Roedler / Aiden
Lavka
Amy Milligan—Micah Milligan's
wife
Angelina Smith
Charlene—Andy Smith's mother
Mareana Franklin—Amy Smith's
daughter
Family of Ava Lindeman
Robin Gruen



IN
GOD'S
NAME
WE
PRAY

MARCH MEMORIALS

In loving memory of

AVA LINDEMAN

To: Memorial Fund

From: Pepper & Kellie Proctor
Charles & Nancee Stevens
Jason & Gina Hodge
Benton & Linda Floerke

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UPCOMING EVENTS

WE WILL NOT HAVE IN-PERSON SUNDAY SERVICE ON 4-7-24

AND OUR FRONT OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON 4-8-24

DUE TO THE

FULL SOLAR ECLIPSE

JOIN US ONLINE FOR A PRE-RECORDED SERVICE 4-7-24

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CAPS Volunteer Appreciation Sunday

*Thank
You*

April 21, 2024

Join us as we thank and appreciate our CAPS volunteers during both services!

“Spirit Warriors”

Wednesday Mornings @7:00am
at the Church

Spirit Warriors is a weekly get together for men working on their spiritual journey. We drink coffee (always) eat some breakfast (most of the time) and share thoughts and prayers about our walk with Christ. Spiritual Warriors uses the Walk to Emmaus Reunion Group format, but all are welcome whether you have attended the walk or not. Come and join us, or if you need more info, talk to Matt Karcher.



DO YOU NEED HELP???

The Mission and Outreach Committee is looking for ways to help people in need within our congregation and/or our community. **We are also looking for volunteers** to help with those projects as we learn of them. If you or anyone you know can use some help at your home in the way of small repairs, yard work, help moving things around that might be too much for you by yourself, or any such need, we would like to see if we can help. Of course, funding can be an issue, so if you feel this is a Mission you would like to support financially, please earmark a donation to “Local Missions”. You may contact the church office at 512 556-5513 for any projects you need or know of.



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AGES 3 -- 8TH GRADE

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US TODAY!




APRIL 13
8 A.M.

@ Country
Kitchen

LAMPASAS METHODIST MEN'S BREAKFAST

Women's PRAYER BREAKFAST

Every Friday // 9 a.m. // Putters & Gutters



DATES TO REMEMBER

To see ongoing activities, please refer to the inserted calendar.

Sunday, April 7	No in-person services	
Sunday, April 21	CAPS Appreciation Sunday	Both Services
Monday, April 1 & 8	Office Closed	
Wednesday, April 24	LifeLine Screenings in WFH	8—5:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 11	Nurture Meeting	9:30 a.m.
April 18—21	Men's Walk to Emmaus	

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