

# The Russell Report

Russell Memorial Methodist Church

*A Family Rooted in Christ and Reaching Out in Love*

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## EVENTS

### **White Gift Service**

Wills Point High School will once again host the White Gift Service on Wednesday, December 6 at 7:00. The traditional community service is an annual retelling of the birth of Jesus, involving many students from across the school district. Our ladies hand bell choir will be part of the program. If you haven't attended the service before, don't let another year pass. Bring a can of food as your "ticket" for entry.

### **Breakfast with Santa**

The Methodist Men will be serving breakfast to children and families in our community on Saturday, December 9. The annual Breakfast with Santa will be held in the Community Center in downtown Wills Point. We can use plenty of hands to help cook and serve pancakes that morning. All men are invited to come help. We will gather to set up around 7:00 that morning. Breakfast will be served throughout the morning. This is a great way to bless our town kids, so come on out and help.

### **Happy Birthday Jesus**

We will have a covered dish meal after worship on Sunday, December 17. Our theme will be the celebration of Jesus' birth, and we will have some extra birthday-themed fun planned for our time together. Please plan to stay for warm food and fellowship.

### **Christmas Eve Worship**

Our schedule for December 24 will include morning worship at regular time (10:00) and a candle-light service at 5:00 that evening. Sunday school classes are invited to meet if they elect to do so. There will be at least one adult class meeting that morning. Morning worship will be a "lessons and carols" service. We anticipate a special day as family and friends gather for worship.



A huge thank you to all who ordered pies from the youth group. Also, a BIG thank you to all who donated and helped bake. You made this fund raiser very successful!



We want to say a special thank you to the youth. While getting pies baked and ready to hand out, they decorated the Christmas tree at the Deen Building for us. Thank you all so much!



## 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/](http://www.umcmision.org/umcor/).

## 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.

## 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 December

## Dates to Remember for November



Sunday, December 3, after worship, Empty the Loft for Angel Tree  
 Sunday, Dec 3—Friday, Dec 8, Angel Tree in Deen Building  
 Wednesday, December 6, 7:00 p.m., White Gift Service at WPHS  
 Saturday, December 9, Breakfast with Santa and Christmas on the Bricks  
 Friday, December 15, Men and Ladies of Honor in George Hall  
 Saturday, December 16, 9:00 a.m. Crafting with Christ  
 Sunday, December 17, Happy Birthday Jesus Potluck  
 Sunday, December 24, 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
 Monday, December 25, Church Office Closed

### Happy Birthday!

Kelles Miller 12-6  
 Judy Dodd 12-10  
 Kay George 12-11  
 Clair Huff 12-19  
 Brett Marley 12-20  
 LaNell White 12-23  
 Gaybrie Malone 12-24  
 Jim Lamb 12-25  
 Jennifer Ross 12-27  
 Jared McDonald 12-28  
 Jerry Don Huff 12-28

Nancy McDonald 12-28  
 Margie Aston 12-30  
 David Berry 12-30  
 Patt AuBuchon 12-31



### 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

	Nov 5	Nov 12	Nov 19	Nov 26
Worship	98	93	94	82
Giving	\$12,272.00	\$5,952.00	\$5,162.00	\$6,288.99

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 10:00 a.m. Knitting Group
					George Hall in use	
3  8 9:00 am Sunday School  10:00 am Worship Service  Clear the Loft for Angel Tree after Service	4	5	6  7:00 pm White Gift Service @ WPHS	7	8	9 Methodist Men Breakfast with Santa @ Christmas on the Bricks
Angel Tree in George Hall and Deen Building all week						
10  9:00 am Sunday School  10:00 am Worship Service	11	12	13  6:00 pm Ladies Hand Bells  7:00 pm Choir Practice	14  9:00 am Games in the Deen Building	15  Men and Ladies of Honor in Deen Building 8:30am—noon	16  9:00 am Crafting with Christ  Second Angel Tree Hand Out
17  9:00 am Sunday School  10:00 am Worship Service  POTLUCK	18	19	20	21	22	23
24  9:00 am Sunday School  10:00 am Worship Service  5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service	25  Merry Christmas!  Church Office Closed	26	27	28	29	30
31  9:00 am Sunday School  10:00 am Worship Service						



### **Santa's Post Office**

If you are sending Christmas cards to friends at RMMC, our youth group can make it easy for you. As a way to raise money for a summer mission trip, our youth are working "Santa's Post Office" this year. Save the trouble of writing addresses and purchasing stamps. Just put your friend's name on the envelope and bring the cards to the youth on Sunday morning. They will sort and hand deliver the cards for you. Cards for our church shut-ins are welcome. We will deliver cards to their homes the week before Christmas. The suggested "postage" is \$0.50 per card, and extra donations are welcome!

### **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](mailto:pastor.rmmc@gmail.com)) if you would like to help pour out some of God's loving kindness upon our junior high.

### **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".

### **Connect**

Connect with us through our church app. Scan the QR code to access our home page where you can leave contact info, access videos, and find general information about the church. You can bookmark the page to your



Home Screen and use it as a web app on your device.

## **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 Kristen (Thompson)  
Jackson  
Family of Katy Liebreich  
Family of Dickie Lane  
Family of David Hammonds  
Family of Inez Wade  
Family of Andy Anderson  
Family of Travis Deen  
Arthur Galope, Jr  
Alice Kolb  
Beth Rudolph  
Betty (Cochran) Howe  
Betty Manning  
Billie Cade  
Bobbi Smith  
Bruce Evers  
Bruce Lacy  
Carol McDermott  
Charles & Wynona James  
Cheryl Bradley

College Students  
Craig Griffith  
Crestwood Nursing &  
Assisted Living  
Darian Richardson  
Darlene Kelley  
Denny McCormick  
Donna Neely  
Eric Johns  
Fausto Sanchez  
Jack & Margaret Fleming  
Frances Bryant  
Gail McBride  
Glenn Aday  
Grace  
Harrison Mayone  
Helen Liston  
Isaac Bullard  
Revival at Asbury  
Jared McDonald  
Jeff D'Amico  
Jill

Jim & Sandra Smith  
Marie Shastid  
Marigrace & Mike Lang  
Mark Brown  
Marty & Barb Mitchell  
Mary Bullard  
Patsy Aulich  
Randy Scott  
RMMC Staff  
Robin & Lorelai  
Ron Turner  
Scrub  
Shari Smith  
Students, Teachers & Admin.  
Sunday School & Church  
Zelnick Family



## Memorials

In memory of  
Inez Wade  
Given by  
Fritz Gilbreth, Vera Lofland,  
Janet Hill and Ron Turner.

In memory of  
Rosa Davis  
Given by  
Ron Turner.

In memory of  
Anna Burton  
Given by  
Molly Brittain.

In memory of  
Tommy Malone  
Given by  
R J Sewell.



# 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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