

The Russell Report

Russell Memorial Methodist Church

A Family Rooted in Christ and Reaching Out in Love



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Youth Escape Room

The youth participated in an in-house escape room. It was a Nativity escape room. They had to solve four mysteries by reading facts for each mystery and answering a question. If they answered the question correctly they received a clue to find the code needed for the next step. Once they found the code they could decipher the secret code for that mystery. The first mystery was, How did the Old Testament prophets know Jesus was coming? The Bible verse focus for this mystery was Numbers 12:6. The second mystery was Who visited Mary and why? The Bible verse focus was Luke 1:19. The third mystery was Where will the prince be born? For this mystery they had to use the decoder to answer the question If Jesus was the Prince of Peace, why wasn't he born in a palace to royal parents? The fourth mystery was, how did the wisemen know where to go? The Bible verse focus was Isaiah 40:26. The youth then had to use their knowledge of what they learned to figure a four digit code that would "unlock" the room. All three groups were successful in escaping! The team of Sophie Nychka and Marguerite Groover escaped in 33 minutes and 47 seconds. The team of Frances Groover and Johanna Cartwright escaped in 36 minutes and 5 seconds. The team of AJ Galope, Frank Glover and Robby Groover escaped in 38 minutes and 25 seconds. A fun time was had by all.



Youth News

Join us in celebrating some of our youth group kids and their accomplishments from the 2022/2023 school year:

Maggie McDonald– for the fall, Maggie was voted Senior Class Representative for the Homecoming Court. She was Academic All District and 2nd Team Academic All State for student Athletic Trainers. In the spring, she was awarded Who's Who in Government Honors and ATSA Student Trainer of the Year and earned her Food Safety Certification. She served as the projects co-chair for National Honor Society, section leader in marching band, and graduated with honors. She was awarded a Presidential Merit Scholarship from Texas Tech University. She received several local scholarships as well, including, Chrome Connection, Dr Bob Gilbreth, WP Rotary, WP Ladies Club and the Carol Johnson Memorial Scholarship.

Johanna Cartwright– Johanna was elected as FFA Vice President. She placed 4th in writing UIL and advanced to compete at state. She served in National Honor Society. She won 1st place at the Van Zandt County Fair with her gilt, Cinnamon. She won 4th place at the VZC Fair in Jr Agricultural Mechanics. She maintained an A in her dual credit college classes.

AJ Galope– AJ placed 1st in UIL Copy Editing at the district meet. He was 5th in UIL Copy Editing at Area. He received a 1 for his solo and qualified for the state competition. He was awarded outstanding student in English 1301/1302. He got a 1st division at UNT Peak Music Festival.

Frances Groover– Frances placed 1st in UIL at district, as well as 1st place as a team. She was elected FFA Sentinel. She was on the A honor roll all year. She got her first job. Frances earned the highest SAT score in her entire junior class. She is involved in the National Honor Society.

Frank Groover– Frank place 1st in UIL as a team for spelling. He was 5th place at the District meet for spelling on his own. He participated in One Act Play and the Fall theater performance. He was on the A/B honor roll. Frank is also in the Chrome Crew.

Marguerite Groover– Marguerite participated in One Act Play and they received 5th place. She is the new secretary for the FCCLA. She participated in the Fall Play. She was A Honor Roll for the first semester.

Robby Groover– Robby competed in Impromptu Speaking, Chess, Oral Reading and Spelling UIL. He placed 4th in spelling and 3rd in chess. He was on the A honor roll. Robby played football in the fall. He participated in honors English and Algebra. He is a member of the National Junior Honor Society and worked with Partners PE program.

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Andrew Hammons– Andrew was a Future City finalist. He ran the Dallas Marathon in December. He went to Area in cross country and track (he lettered in track). He was on the A Honor roll. He participated in dual credit US History and Science. He is a founding member of the Interact Club and their building of a community garden. He has finished his second year as a Chrome Crew intern. He received his OSHA certification. He is a member of the NHS and has worked for 3 years with robotics.

Joseph Hammons– Joseph received his letter jacket in band. He is a master musician with Carmichael Piano Studio. He played mellophone in marching band, the band received all ones in UIL. He played French horn in concert band. He got his driving permit and is working toward his license. He is a member of the Interact Club (which is part of the Rotary Club), he is majorly into botany and helped put together a community garden. He is a first year Chrome Crew intern and will be taking all Dual Credit courses next year.

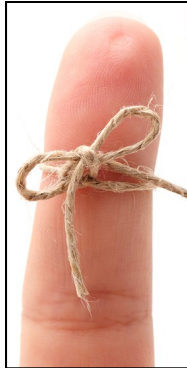
Hayden Wilcoxson—Hayden is an honor graduate, he was awarded Who's Who in English. He was the Edgewood Bulldog team offensive MVP for football. He was also offensive player of the year in football. He was Academic All District and All State Academic Honorable Mention for football. Hayden was team Co-MVP in Baseball. He was district MVP for baseball as well. He was also baseball Academic All District. He was voted Mr. EHS. He was awarded the Alumni of Edgewood Scholarship as well as an East Texas Baptist University Scholarship.

The youth group wanted to celebrate Maggie McDonald as she graduates. Maggie has been an integral part of his church for her entire life. Maggie was baptized at Russell Memorial when she was two years old. She has attended Sunday school from pre-K to her senior year. Maggie also made the decision to be confirmed in our church. During the celebration those in attendance were able to share a special memory they had of Maggie. A slide show presentation of Maggie's involvement in our church was viewed. Finally, she was presented a memory book with pictures and individual writing from the youth. There were many laughs and a few tears as we were able to celebrate a faithful servant of Christ and Russell Memorial.



Calendar of Events for June

Dates to Remember for June



Thursday, June 1, 10:00 a.m. Women of Faith Breakfast Meeting
 Monday, June 12, 5:00 p.m. Day School Board Meeting
 Saturday, June 10, 10:00 a.m. Safety Team Meeting
 Sunday, June 11, 8:00 a.m. Methodist Men Meeting
 Saturday, June 17, 9:00 a.m. Crafting with Christ

Happy Birthday!

Rene Cartwright	6-4
Shari Smith	6-4
Beau Poteet	6-7
Elaine Renfro	6-8
Frosty Tunnell	6-9
Mary Keller	6-10
Vera Lofland	6-12
Johanna Cartwright	6-13
Martha Todd	6-15
Amy Goodson	6-22
Riley Moore	6-22

Katie McDonald
 Gary Renfro

6-25
 6-30



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

	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28
Worship	107	112	131	86
Giving	\$7,892.00	\$4,325.00	\$6,813.00	\$1,796.00

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10:00 am Women of Faith Breakfast Meeting	2	3
4 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service	5	6	7	8	9	10 10:00 am Safety Team
11 8:00 am Methodist Men Meeting 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service	12 5:00 pm Day School Meeting	13	14	15	16	17 9:00 am Crafting with Christ
18 Father's Day 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service	26	27	28	29	30	

Youth Mission Project

The youth want to help members of our community by providing hygiene health kits for the blessing box. If you have sample sizes of shampoo, conditioner, lotion, soap, toothpaste, or other hygiene items with the exception of toothbrushes (we have plenty) we would love for you to donate them to us. We plan on grouping items into ziplock bags for those in need to take from the blessing box. You can drop off any donated items in the boxes for the Angel Tree. One is located in the Deen building and the other is located in the narthex of the church.



Thank You Notes

The youth would like to thank the Keller, Turner, Davis, Groover/McBride, and Briggs families for providing dinner to the youth for the month of May.

Thank you,
RMMC Youth

I would like to thank my church family for all of the encouragement and support as I went through my school years in Wills Point. Thank you for the potluck and Senior recognition. Thank you for the blanket, I plan to take it to school with me.

Love,
Maggie McDonald

Revive Children's Camp

Glen Lake Camp

Revive Children's Camp will be held at Glen Lake Camp in Glen Rose, Texas, Sunday, June 4 through Thursday, June 8, for students entering 3rd through 6th grade. It is also led by Dr. Freeman and Movement Ministries. Like Revive Youth Camp, it is a Christ-centered, evangelical camp with a biblically-faithful curriculum. ETX GMC fully endorses Revive Children's Camp. The cost is \$400.

<https://movementministries.com/children-summer-camp>

Revive Youth Camp

Camp Buckner

Revive Youth Camp will be held at Camp Buckner, near Burnet, Texas, Sunday, July 16 through Thursday, July 20, for students entering 6th grade through completed 12th grade. It is led by Dr. Rusty Freeman and Movement Ministries. Revive is a Christ-centered, evangelical Methodist camp with a biblically-faithful curriculum that draws churches from all over the state of Texas, especially central and eastern Texas. ETX GMC fully endorses Revive Youth Camp. The cost is \$375.

<https://movementministries.com/revive-summer/>

Remember in Prayer:

Family of Lawson White
Briley Family
Linda Godwin & Family
Butler Family
Family of Jim Lathem
Family of Virginia Cockerham
Family of Joe Rice
Family of Nelda Curry
Arthur Galope, Jr
Alice Kolb
Benny Mitchell
Billie Cade
Bobbi Smith
Chad Ash
Charles & Wynona James
Cheryl Bradley
Cheryl & David Shaw
College Students
Crestwood Nursing &
Assisted Living

Darlene Kelley
Darian Richardson
Denny McCormick
Eric Johns
Harrison Mayone
Helen Liston
Isaac Bullard
Jared McDonald
Jeff D'Amico
Jenny Bell Robertson
Jim & Sandra Smith
Justin Baas
Karl & Keeta Lybrand
Kristin Jackson
Lawson & LaNell White
Marigrace & Mike Lang
Margie Arehart
Mark Brown
Marty Mitchell
Mary Bullard
Mission Trip for GFA World
Phillip Young

Randy Daniel
Revival at Asbury College
RMMC Staff
Robert Butts
Robin & Lorelai (Duda's
family)
Sarah Johnson & Family
Sasha Webster
Scrub (Friend of Doty's)
Students, Teachers,
Administrators
Sunday School & Church
Travis Deen



Welcome

We have so many blessings to be thankful for. Some of them include our new members of the staff and members of the church!

First, let's take a second to say howdy to our new church members, T-Bob and Anne Marie Taylor. They come to us from Cheatham in Edgewood and Anne Marie is a sister to our own Mike Roddy! Now, we move on to our new pianist and new church members, Vanna and Rick Duda.

They have transferred their membership from the Methodist church in Forney. We are so excited to have them. That brings us to our newest staff member, Shane McBride. Shane has accepted the position of Youth Director. He will share his time between Russell Memorial and Cheatham Memorial. We are so pleased to have you all!

Memorials

In memory of
Lawson White

Given by

Farmers Electric Co-Op, Dorothy Bruster,
Dean & Martha Hesse, Ermalene Brewer,
Ted & Denise Deen,
Bill & Jackie Westmoreland, Bob Gambill,
And Katherine L Friend.



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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