

Created by one God, blessed and sustained by one Spirit, all are welcome here.

GADDIS GOOD NEWS

April 2024



GADDIS CHURCH
ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE
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April Calendar of Events

Every Wednesday Evening ~ 6:00 PM

Music Team Practice
in the Sanctuary.

All are welcome to attend

April 9th ~ Tuesday

7:30 AM ~ Men's Breakfast
in the Narthex

2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month
Call Dwight Barnett (830-285-9354)
for information

10:00 AM ~ Outreach Committee

2nd Tuesday of each month
in the office conference room

April 11th ~ Thursday

1:00 PM ~ Shut-in Visits w/ the Pastor

April 16th ~ Tuesday

11:30 AM ~ Lunch Bunch

3rd Tuesday of each month
Please call the Church Office to rsvp

April 23rd ~ Tuesday

7:30 AM ~ Men's Breakfast
in the Narthex

Call Dwight Barnett (830-285-9354)
for information

April 24th ~ Wednesday

1:30 PM ~ Worship Design
in the church conference room

April 28th ~ Sunday

Admin Council after Church
In the office conference room

Everyone is welcome to attend

Sunday Mornings:

Biscuits & A Bible ~ 9:00 AM

Church Service ~ 10:00 AM

**Services are streamed each
Sunday Morning**

BIRTHDAYS:

4/1	Charles Collins
4/2	Dusty Bruns
4/4	Vernon Medlock
4/15	River Martinez
4/18	Samantha Heczko
4/22	Belinda Pace
4/24	Barbara Dyke
4/26	Shane West
4/27	Sally Clogston
4/30	Bill Vernon, Jr.

Pastor's Thoughts for April 2024

*Easter people, raise your voices,
sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven's choices;
Heavenly music, let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Easter people, let us sing.**

William Marceus James (1913-2013) wrote "Easter People, Raise Your Voices" for his congregation at Metropolitan Community United Methodist Church in New York City. He is the author of more than fifty hymns.

The first stanza seems to echo Charles Wesley's "Christ, the Lord, is risen today." Wesley states, "earth and heaven in chorus say." James proclaims, "sounds of heaven and earth should ring." The musical metaphor continues with Wesley – "Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply" – and James – "heavenly music, let it ring. . . Easter people, let us sing!" Both acknowledge the cosmic connection between heaven and earth. The Wesleyan connection is unmistakable in James' hymn.

Both hymns share "victory" language. Wesley, citing I Corinthians 15:55, asks, "Where's thy victory, boasting grave?" James sounds a battle cry at the end of stanza two, "On to victory now we go."

The triumph of the resurrection over evil is the theme of "Easter People." In stanza two, the poet reminds us that the "fear of death" cannot stop us from doing all we can to overcome evil "here below." The final stanza insists: "Every day to [Christians] is Easter" because our God is one who "rights the wrong."

Are we living our faith in such a way that others see the resurrected Christ in us? We are called to live boldly, going out and making disciples of Jesus Christ.



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<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Average</u>
In Church Worship	48
Online	17
Biscuits and the Bible	10

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PRAYER REQUESTS may be made on the Gaddis website

We are to be people of justice and mercy for others so that God's kingdom is indeed here on earth. As we walk these next 50 days to Pentecost let us be mindful that we serve the Risen Savior. May we live our faith each day in such a way that we glorify the Risen Savior, Christ, our Lord and King.

*Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia!
Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!*

God bless,
Pastor Barbara



100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On June 2nd, we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of Gaddis Church in a formal building. There will be a potluck and it would be wonderful to have any old members or previous members.

There will be a committee formed to organize this event. If you would like to volunteer, please call the church office at (830) 995-3813. Also, if you have any old photographs that you would like to share and have displayed, please bring them to the church office. Thank you so much, AD

Happy Anniversary, Gaddis!



Rick taking a break during Workday, March 16th!

Rick is the one who is usually taking the pictures so, finally, he was surprised with having his picture taken!!! It must have been quite a shock for him!!!

SMILE, RICK!!! YOU'RE ON CANDID CAMERA!!!!!!

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Prayers for Comfort and Healing:

The Family of Bud Brooks

Laura Lozano

The Family of David Patterson

Linda Woodard

The Family of Chuck McVea

Nancy Moorman's Stepson

Continued Prayers:

Pastor Barbara	Bishop Schnase	Rev. Sanderford	April Langston
Mary Sansom	Jim Earls	Sally Clogston	Amy Lanterigne
Jane Holdsworth	Ellie Wilemon	Kat Bingham	Jon Stephens
Erin Dennis	Victor Lesh	Irene Morgan	Gail Glover
Laurie Adkins	Tom Paquette	Bridget Bilici	Amy D. Hawley
Dorothea Booth		Harriet Kirchhoff	
Sue & Jack Wilson		Bill & Bonnie Vernor	
Sue Wiedenfeld		Dennis Wigginton	
Jay & Karen Stovall		Curtis & Margaret Morries	

Prayers for concerns:

Fighting in Israel & Palestine
 Children caught in the fighting
 The Women of the United States
 The border

Gaddis Memorial United Methodist Church

PRAYER REQUESTS: There are several ways to make prayer requests. You may email Amy at the church office at gaddischurch@gmail.com or go to the Gaddis website, gaddischurch.org, and click on the tab at the top, "Prayer Requests". You may fill out the form and an email will be sent to the church. You may also call Amy at (830) 995-3813 to let her know about any prayer requests you might have. Thank you, Amy

Comfort Pantry Food Drive For April

Laundry Supplies, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper

Please put "Gaddis Church" on sacks and place them in the box at the front of the church.

April Rail Offering --- Providence Place

"Thank you for your selfless and enduring commitment to support our community of women, children and parents who are struggling in their day to day lives. Our survivors of complex trauma, parents interested in adoption and fostering, expectant mothers, and young adults who have aged out of foster care, have endured a tremendous amount of heartache and pain, but because of **your generosity and continued support**, our clinicians and staff are able to provide our community with the tools they need to rewrite their stories. With your donations, we are able to continue our mission of ending the cycle of generational trauma through innovative services. We cannot serve our community without you.

Our foundational belief is that all people are created in God's image and, therefore, are valuable and full of potential. As a result:

- We honor the sacredness of life.
- We see the dignity of every person and serve with love, compassion, and hope.
- We seek just solutions that free, heal, and restore those who are hurting.
- We recognize that families are diverse, yet fundamental to personal well-being and to healthy and prosperous communities."

Providence Place is a licensed child placement agency in San Antonio, TX. In addition, they are a unique 501(c)3 nonprofit that provides multipurpose programming to survivors of complex trauma, expectant mothers, families with children under the age of three and youth in foster care. All donations are tax deductible .

"CRAFT FOR A CAUSE"

Umbrella Wreaths

**Saturday, April 13, 10:00 AM in the
Church office conference room**

**Wreaths will be given to the
Comfort Nursing Home so the residents can decorate
their doors for spring!**



Materials needed: umbrella, artificial flowers (if you have some that you could share, that would be wonderful), and ribbon.

This is a quick, easy craft project that turns out to be so beautiful!

COMMUNITY NEWS

COMFORT GARDEN CLUB



PLANT SALE

Saturday, April 27th

8:00 AM until sold out

Corner of 7th & High Streets

Downtown Comfort

Proceeds benefit local nonprofits



PLANTS SHOWN ARE FOR ADVERTISING PURPOSES ONLY - MAY NOT BE AT THE SALE

GOLDEN AGE CENTER

The Comfort Golden Age Center is here to provide fun, food and friendship to those who are 55 or older in the Comfort Texas area.

Open from 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM Daily

Monday - Friday

(830) 995-3032

<https://www.comfortgac.org/home>



Wednesdays 5- 6:30 PM
(or until sold out)
Immanuel Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall

April 3rd

Dotti's Creamy Ham Casserole

April 10th

Gail's Hot Chicken Salad

April 17th

Reidun's Meatball Sub

April 24th

Pastor Katie's Baked Potato Bar

CANDID CAMERA



STAFF & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Pastor	Barbara Dyke
Admin. Assistant	Amy Dee Hawley
Custodian	Andrew Collins
Council Chair	Chuck Converse
PPR Chair/Lay Leader	Donna Satterwhite
Music Director	Alexis Korbe
Music Assistant	Brandon Pauley
Treasurer	Bill Heczko
Community Awareness	Fred Collins
Trustee Chair	John Bohnert
Finance Chair	Irene Morgan
Missions/Worship	Nancy Moorman
Outreach	Amy Dee Hawley
Annual Conf. Delegate	James Halsell



PASS IT ON RESALE SHOP

Have you experienced the wonders of Pass It On? This amazing resale shop works with volunteers so the funds raised can go to scholarships for our local youth. All profits go to provide scholarships for Comfort students. These scholarships help seniors start college or trade school and help adults who want to go back to school. Donations of household goods and clothing in good condition are accepted. All donations make a difference in the community. You would be amazed at how much goes to help the youth of our community.

IT IS SCHOLARSHIP TIME!!! Scholarship applications may be picked up at the Pass It On shop. Scholarships are available for county high school seniors and for continuing ed people. **Come join this amazing group of volunteers. There is a huge need for someone to “man” the cash register! Contact the Church Office for more info. (830-995-3813)**

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Return Service Requested



ADVICE FROM A SAND DUNE

Embrace winds of change
Make positive ripples
Keep Moving
Be patient through the dry spells
Show your true grit!

from
White Sands, NM

INVITATION

At Gaddis our regular schedule is one service at 10:00 am with adult Sunday school classes at 9:00 am. We play your hymnal favorites with a few newer pieces of music when appropriate to the message. All of our songs and messages are designed to enhance your worship experience. Come, join us each Sunday for a warm, spiritual gathering of down-home friendly folks. Everyone is welcome.

Our normal service includes Communion each Sunday. Our Communion Table is not a United Methodist Table; it is open to all who want to receive Christ into their lives and love God.