

**This Week's Schedule**

**Today, June 29:**

9:45 a.m.....Adult Sunday School  
9:45 a.m..... Children's Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. ....Scout Sunday Worship Service  
12:00 p.m. .... Scout Spaghetti Dinner

**Monday, June 30:**

7:00 p.m. .... Outreach Task Force  
7:00 p.m. .... Boy Scouts Troop 62

**Tuesday, July 1:**

7:00 p.m. ....Administrative Council

**Wednesday, July 2:**

6:00 p.m. .... Youth Night

**Friday, July 4:** ..... Church Office Closed All Day

**Sunday, July 6:**

9:45 a.m.....Adult Sunday School  
9:45 a.m..... Children's Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. .... Sunday Worship Service

**Dear VBS Volunteers,**

On behalf of the Children's Department, thank you so much for your time, energy, and love poured into Vacation Bible School this year. Your willingness to serve, whether through preparing meals, leading worship music, hosting crafts and activities, or simply being a helping hand, made a lasting impact on the children and families who attended. Because of you, our church was filled with joy, laughter, learning, and the love of Christ. Seeds were planted, hearts were touched, and memories were made all because you said "yes" to helping share God's Word. We are so grateful for each and every one of you. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus!

With love and appreciation,  
Kevin Livingston

**Youth Night THIS WEEK – Ages 10+**

All kids ages 10 and up are invited to join us for Youth Night this summer! We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 PM on the following Wednesdays: July 2 • July 16 • July 30

Each evening will be filled with music, fun, fellowship, and faith-building activities. Bring a friend!

**Free Nutrition Class**

**Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> 3-5pm**

Learn practical tips for healthy eating at our upcoming class on Wednesday, July 16, from 3:00–5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy a healthy, balanced snack during the session and receive a free booklet filled with recipes and nutrition tips. This class is sponsored by Open Hand Atlanta and the SNAP-Ed Program. All are welcome! Please RSVP to the church office by phone or email to help us prepare.

**Scout Sunday Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser**

**TODAY** after worship service! Plan to stay and support Troop 62's trip to summer camp! Child's plate is \$6, individual plate is \$10, and a family of four is \$25. Check and cash are accepted. Please make checks out to Troop 62 with "Spaghetti Dinner" on the memo line.

**Check Out LSMC's New Merch Shop:**

**Rooted and Redeemed in Lithia Springs!**

Visit our website and click on the "Resources" tab in the top menu, then select "Merch" to explore our brand-new shop! We're still working on new designs, so if you have ideas, favorite scriptures, or suggestions for what you'd like to see on a shirt, please call or email the church office. We'd love your input!

**To contact the church office,**

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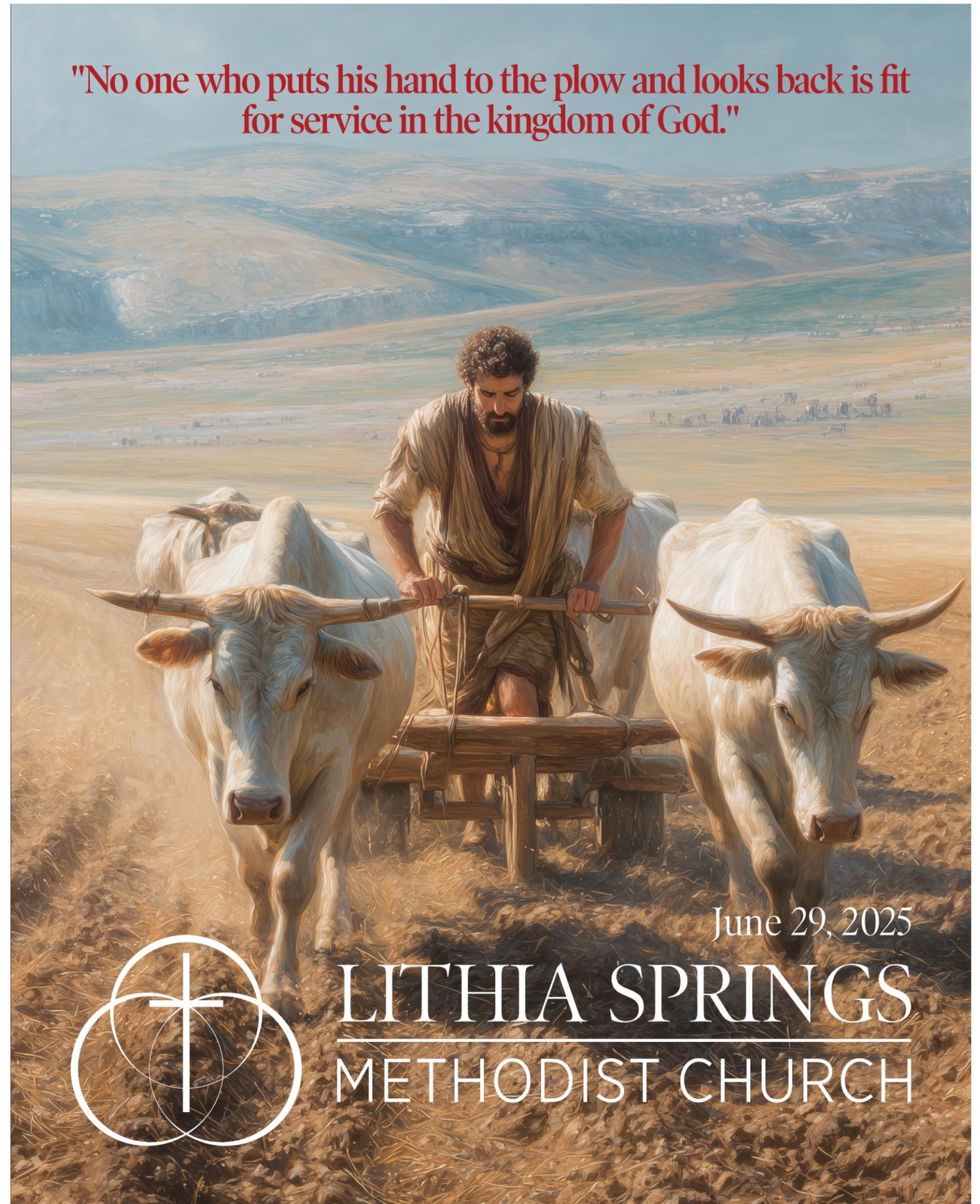
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**"No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."**



June 29, 2025

**LITHIA SPRINGS**  
**METHODIST CHURCH**



# WELCOME TO LITHIA SPRINGS METHODIST CHURCH

*The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in honor of Bill Camp with gratitude for his 44 years of faithful leadership and service to the Scouting program.*

*We also give thanks for all the dedicated volunteers and leaders who help shape the lives of young people through Scouting, teaching them to live with courage, integrity, and service to others.*

## CHIMING OF THE HOUR Glenn McElroy

## PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS Troop 62

## SCOUT RECOGNITION Rev. Thomas Long

## GREETINGS FROM SCOUT MASTER OF TROOP 62 Bill Camp

## WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INVOCATION Rev. Thomas Long

## PRELUDE “I Vow to Thee, My Country” Glenn McElroy Arr. Anna Laura Page

## RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP\* Psalm 16

*Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge.*

**I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing.”**

*I say of the holy people who are in the land, “They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight.”*

**Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more.**

*I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods or take up their names on my lips.*

**Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure.**

*The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.*

**I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.**

*I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.*

**Therefore, my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay.**

*You make known to me the path of life;*

**You will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.**

**CHORAL RESPONSE\***  
“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”  
No 23

**HYMN\***  
“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”  
No 477

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH\***  
The Apostles’ Creed  
No 691

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.

On the third day He rose again.  
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**ANTHEM\***  
“Written in Red”  
Chancel Choir  
Arr. Camp Kirkland

**PASTORAL PRAYER; LORD’S PRAYER**  
Rev. Thomas Long

**CHILDREN’S TIME**  
Rev. Thomas Long

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**  
Rev. Thomas Long

**OFFERTORY TROOP 1228**  
“Hymn of Promise”  
Vickie Brubaker  
Natalie Sleeth

**DOXOLOGY\***  
No 682  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;  
{raise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.  
Words Thomas Ken; Music Louis Bourgeois  
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**HYMN\***  
“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”  
No 361

**SCRIPTURE\***  
Luke 9:51-62  
Samuel Arther

51 As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. 52 And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; 53

but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. 54 When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, “Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?” 55 But Jesus turned and rebuked them. 56 Then he and his disciples went to another village.

57 As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” 58 Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”

59 He said to another man, “Follow me.” But he replied, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.”

60 Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”

61 Still another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family.”

62 Jesus replied, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”

Leader:  
*This is the Word of God for the people of God.*

People:  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**  
Rev. Thomas Long

**HYMN\***  
“Near to the Heart of God”  
No 357

**BENEDICTION**  
Rev. Thomas Long

**POSTLUDE**  
“Christ the Victorious”  
Glenn McElroy  
Arr. Daniel Burton

**\*Please stand as you are comfortable**