

“Everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds;
and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”

July 27, 2025

LITHIA SPRINGS

METHODIST CHURCH



WELCOME TO
LITHIA SPRINGS METHODIST CHURCH

*The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God
and in cherished memory of Randy Arnold in honor of his
birthday, with love from Margaret Arnold.*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Glenn McElroy

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND
INVOCATION**

Rev. Thomas Long

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Barbara Skinner
How Far to Bethlehem

PRELUDE

“The Way of the Cross”
Glenn McElroy
Arr. Gayden Sikes

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 138

*I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart; before the “gods”
I will sing your praise.*

**I will bow down toward your holy temple and
will praise your name for your unfailing love
and your faithfulness, for you have so exalted
your solemn decree that it surpasses your
fame.**

*When I called, you answered me;
you greatly emboldened me.*

**May all the kings of the earth praise you, Lord,
when they hear what you have decreed.**

*May they sing of the ways of the Lord, for the glory of the
Lord is great.*

**Though the Lord is exalted, he looks kindly on
the lowly; though lofty, he sees them from afar.**

*Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life.
You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes; with
your right hand you save me.*

**The Lord will vindicate me; your love, Lord,
endures forever — do not abandon the works
of your hands.**

CHORAL RESPONSE*

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”
No 23

HYMN*

“Love, Mercy, and Grace”
No 540

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*

“Smoky Mountain Gospel Medley”
Chancel Choir
Arr. Dennis Allen

Oh, the land of cloudless day. Oh the land of an unclouded sky. Oh, they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise. Oh, they tell me of an unclouded day.

I am bound for the promised land, I am bound for the promised land; O who will come and go with me? I am bound for the promised land.

In the sweet by and by, We shall meet on that beautiful shore; In the sweet by and by, We shall meet on that beautiful shore.

PASTORAL PRAYER; LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Thomas Long

CHILDREN'S TIME

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

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OFFERTORY

“My Tribute (To God Be the Glory)”

Vickie Brubaker

Andraé Crouch

DOXOLOGY*

№ 682

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Words Thomas Ken; Music Louis Bourgeois
CCLI 1152573

HYMN*

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

№ 440

SCRIPTURE*

Luke 11:1-13

Lucretia Dallas

11 One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

2 He said to them, “When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. 3 Give us each day our daily bread. 4 Forgive us our

sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.”

5 Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; 6 a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’ 7 And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’ 8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

9 “So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

11 “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Leader:

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People:

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Thomas Long

HYMN*

“Shall We Gather at the River”

№ 632

BENEDICTION

Rev. Thomas Long

POSTLUDE

“God Will Take Care of You”

Glenn McElroy

Arr. Marvin Gaspard

***Please stand as you are comfortable**

This Week's Schedule

Today, July 27:

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

Monday, July 28:

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 62

Wednesday, July 30:

6:00 p.m. Youth Night

Sunday, August 3:

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

Thank you all so much for the incredible outpouring of love and support as I step down from my role as Children's Director. I am deeply grateful to everyone who attended the luncheon, as well as for the kind words, thoughtful cards, and many blessings. It has been an incredible 24 years serving the children and families of this church, and I'm truly thankful for each of you.

— Kevin Livingston

Christmas in July!

This month, we're celebrating the spirit of giving a little early! Join us in supporting the Shoebox ministry through Samaritan's Purse called Operation Christmas Child, as well as our local ministry, Operation Christmas Child Douglas County, by donating small "stocking stuffer" gifts. Suggested items include small toys, hygiene items (no liquids), socks, flip flops, hair accessories, flashlights with batteries, mirrors, coloring books, school supplies, etc. Gifts may be left on the altar. Thank you for your generosity as we prepare for another season of giving and spreading the love of Jesus within our community and around the world.

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 Children's Building at 6:00 PM for supper and music, fun, fellowship, and faith-building activities. Bring a friend, invite a neighbor!

Peace of Mind Seminar - August 5th, 10-11am

Please join us for a pre-planning seminar hosted by Jones-Wynn Funeral Home to help your family plan for and honor your final wishes. We will discuss pre-arrangements, veteran benefits, cremation, burials, and more. Please call the church office to RSVP.

WINGS - Women In God's Service

Women of LSMC have been invited by First Baptist Church of Lithia Springs to attend an inspirational service with guest speaker Diana Cowan of Warrior Wigs. Refreshments will be served from 4:30pm - 4:55pm and the service will be held from 5:00pm - 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. Admission is \$10 per person, please RSVP by August 4th to FBCLS through their website at fbclithiasprings.churchcenter.com and click on "signups" to register.

Fall Festival Planning Meeting

Join us Thursday, August 14th, at 7pm in the conference room across from the church office to discuss our upcoming Fall Festival, scheduled for Saturday, October 4th. Bring ideas for activities, games, etc. and help us make this community outreach event the best yet! Please call the church office and let us know you plan to attend.

Not My Jesus Bible Study

begins Monday, August 18th at 7pm and Tuesday August 19th at 10am. If you haven't reserved your spot but would like to join us, please call the church office!

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