

Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.



August 3, 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 honor of Pam Arther's birthday,
with love, from Mike.*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Glenn McElroy

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND
INVOCATION**

Rev. Thomas Long

PRELUDE

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

Glenn McElroy

Arr. Lani Smith

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 107:1-9, 43

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures
forever.*

**Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story—
those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,**

*Those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from
north and south.*

**Some wandered in desert wastelands, finding
no way to a city where they could settle.**

They were hungry and thirsty, and their lives ebbed away.

**Then they cried out to the Lord in their
trouble, and he delivered them from their
distress.**

*He led them by a straight way to a city where they could
settle.*

**Let them give thanks to the Lord for his
unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for
mankind,**

*For he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good
things.*

**Let the one who is wise heed these things and
ponder the loving deeds of the Lord.**

CHORAL RESPONSE*

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

No 23

HYMN*

“Since Jesus Came Into My Heart”

No 552

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER; LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Thomas Long

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pg. 730

HYMN*

“Jesus Loves Me! This I Know”

No 155

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Thomas Long

OFFERTORY

“Come, Just As You Are”

Chancel Choir

Arr. R. Kingsmore

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
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SCRIPTURE*

Colossians 3:1-11

Sam Arther

1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. 7 You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. 8 But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. 9 Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. 11 Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Thomas Long

HYMN*

“O How I Love Jesus”

№ 153

BENEDICTION

Rev. Thomas Long

POSTLUDE

“Love Lifted Me”

Glenn McElroy

Arr. Lani Smith

This Week’s Schedule

Today, August 3:

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

Monday, August 4:

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 62

Tuesday, August 5:

10:00 a.m. Peace of Mind Seminar

Wednesday, August 6:

6:45 p.m. Handbell Choir
7:45 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sunday, August 10:

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

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

Please join us THIS WEEK 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. Light refreshments will be served. Please call the church office to RSVP.

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.

***Please stand as you are comfortable**

AWES Backpack Blessings - August 24th

Our annual Backpack Blessings food drive is back, and we need your help! On Saturday, August 24, we'll collect food donations to support students at Annette Winn Elementary School. Each Friday, the school staff discreetly places food into the backpacks of children who may not have enough to eat over the weekend. Your donations make a direct impact on a child's life. Please leave your donations on the altar or drop off in the church office M-F from 10am-2pm.

Suggested items include:

- **Ramen noodles**
- **Mac and cheese cups**
- **Individual cereal boxes**
- **Cereal bars**
- **Granola bars**
- **Canned pasta (with pop tops)**
- **Canned spaghetti with meatballs**
- **Vienna sausages**
- **Beanie weenies**
- **Canned meats (like tuna or chicken)**
- **Canned fruit**
- **Pudding cups**
- **Applesauce cups**
- **Fruit snacks**
- **Crackers (with peanut butter, cheese, or plain)**
- **Chips (individual snack bags)**
- **Juice boxes**
- **Shelf-stable milk boxes**
- **Instant oatmeal packets**

Let's come together as a church family to bless our community's children with food, love, and the reassurance that they're not alone.

WINGS - Women In God's Service - August 10

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.

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 fill out the bulletin insert and place it in the offering plate or call the church office!

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