

What will you  
do with it?



August 17, 2025

LITHIA SPRINGS  
METHODIST CHURCH



WELCOME TO  
**LITHIA SPRINGS METHODIST CHURCH**

*The flowers in the chancel area are dedicated to the glory of God in celebration of Karl and Carol Leymann's wedding anniversary, with love and blessings for many more joyful years together.*

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

Glenn McElroy

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INVOCATION**

Rev. Thomas Long

**PRELUDE**

"Lily of the Valley"

Glenn McElroy

Arr. Mercy Bartlett

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP\***

Psalm 80:1-2,8-19

*Hear us, Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who sit enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth*

**Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.  
Awaken your might; come and save us.**

*You transplanted a vine from Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.*

**You cleared the ground for it, and it took root  
and filled the land.**

*The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches.*

**Its branches reached as far as the Sea, its  
shoots as far as the River.**

*Why have you broken down its walls so that all who pass  
by pick its grapes?*

**Boars from the forest ravage it, and insects  
from the fields feed on it.**

*Return to us, God Almighty! Look down from heaven and see!*

**Watch over this vine, the root your right hand  
has planted, the son you have raised up for  
yourself.**

*Your vine is cut down, it is burned with fire; at your rebuke  
your people perish.*

**Let your hand rest on the man at your right  
hand, the son of man you have raised up for  
yourself.**

*Then we will not turn away from you; revive us, and we will  
call on your name.*

**Restore us, Lord God Almighty; make your  
face shine on us, that we may be saved**

**CHORAL RESPONSE\***

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

No 23

**HYMN\***

"When the Roll is Called Up Yonder"

No 624

**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**

“Heaven is Waiting”  
Chancel Choir  
Arr. Travis Cottrell

**PASTORAL PRAYER; LORD’S PRAYER**

Rev. Thomas Long

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

Rev. Thomas Long

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Rev. Thomas Long

**OFFERTORY**

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”  
John Gentry & Glenn McElroy  
Arr. Albin C. Whitworth

**DOXOLOGY\***

No 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\***

“When Peace Like A River”  
(It is Well With My Soul)  
No 344

**SCRIPTURE\***

Isaiah 5:1-7

Joseph Arroliga

1 I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. 2 He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit. 3 “Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my

vineyard. 4 What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? 5 Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. 6 I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briars and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it.” 7 The vineyard of the Lord Almighty is the nation of Israel, and the people of Judah are the vines he delighted in. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Rev. Thomas Long

**HYMN\***

“Abide with Me”  
No 678

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Thomas Long

**POSTLUDE**

“Higher Ground”  
Glenn McElroy  
Arr. Lani Smith

**This Week’s Schedule**

**Today, August 17:**

9:45 a.m. .... Adult Sunday School  
9:45 a.m. .... Children’s Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. .... Sunday Worship Service  
4:00 p.m. .... SPR Meeting

**Monday, August 18:**

7:00 p.m. .... Boy Scouts Troop 62  
7:00 p.m. .... Bible Study

**Tuesday, August 19:**

10:00 a.m. .... Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. .... Trustees

**Wednesday, August 20:**

5:00 p.m. .... Prayer Group  
6:45 p.m. .... Handbell Choir  
7:45 p.m. .... Chancel Choir

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

## Thursday, August 21:

7:00 p.m. ....Kitchen Committee

## Sunday, August 24:

9:45 a.m.....Adult Sunday School

9:45 a.m.....Children's Sunday School

11:00 a.m. .... Sunday Worship Service

4:00 p.m. ....Youth Group

## Pregnancy Resource Center Fundraiser

Beginning this Sunday, August 17, Beverly Kitchens will be accepting pledges for the Pregnancy Resource Center's Walk for Life, taking place Saturday, September 20. Your pledge will help support the PRC's mission to serve moms, dads, and babies in our community with life-affirming care and resources. To make a pledge or learn more, please call Beverly at 678-644-1611 or contact the church office.

## Family Fun Night – Olympic Edition

Join us on Wednesday, August 27, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall for the next installment of our Summer Olympics-themed Family Fun Nights! From now through October, we'll form teams and go head-to-head in exciting Olympic-style minute-to-win-it games each week. Points will be tallied after every night, and medals will be awarded to our Gold, Silver, and Bronze winners at the end of the season. Come for the games, stay for the laughs, food, and fellowship—bring the whole family and invite a friend!

## Youth Group Returns –

### NEXT Sunday, August 24, 4 PM

Youth Group is back! All youth ages 10 and up are invited to kick off a new season of fun, fellowship, and faith. We'll meet every other Sunday, so bring the books we started over the summer and be ready to dive back in.

## AWES Backpack Blessings – August 24

Our annual Backpack Blessings food drive is here! On **NEXT SUNDAY**, August 24, we'll collect food donations to support students at Annette Winn Elementary School. Staff members discreetly place food into backpacks each Friday for children who may not have enough to eat over the weekend. Your donations directly impact a child's life. Items can be left on the altar or dropped off at the church office, Monday–Friday, 10 AM–2 PM.

## Suggested items include:

**Shelf-stable meals:** Ramen noodles • Mac and cheese cups • Canned pasta (pop tops) • Canned spaghetti with meatballs • Beanie weenies • Vienna sausages • Canned meats (tuna or chicken)

**Breakfast items:** Individual cereal boxes • Instant oatmeal packets • Cereal bars • Granola bars

**Snacks:** Crackers (peanut butter, cheese, or plain) • Chips (snack bags) • Fruit snacks

**Fruit & dessert cups:** Canned fruit • Applesauce cups • Pudding cups

**Drinks:** Juice boxes • Shelf-stable milk boxes

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.

## Not My Jesus Bible Study

Begins **THIS WEEK** on Monday, August 18 at 7 PM and Tuesday, August 19 at 10 AM.

## September Prayer Conference

The NGA GMC presents a Prayer Conference with Steve Seamands on Saturday, September 27, 10:00 AM–2:00 PM at Hillside Church in Woodstock. Register at:  
<https://form.jotform.com/251325391712048>.

## Prayer Requests

Please remember to lift up our brothers and sisters in Christ in your prayers throughout the week:

Betty Andrews • Mike Arther • Dianne & Jim Dempsey • Beverly Kitchens • Mae Ora O'Shields • Scott Rainwater • Cole Black • Sarah & Zach Varnell • Clydie Jones • Rosamary & Danny Johnson • Debra Livingston • Joetta Hayes • Eddie Andrews

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