

Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

GADDIS GOOD NEWS

April 2025



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Happy April, Gaddis!

I hope you are all enjoying the coming of Spring as much as I am. I have been able to get outside and walk, enjoying the sunshine and the flowers, and I am very grateful for that!

I also hope that your Lenten seasons have been a time when you have felt the closeness of God in ways that have been powerful and meaningful for you. Whatever it is that the last few weeks have looked like for you, I pray that you have known that God has been journeying with you, accompanying you, and holding you closely in love. Lent will continue for much of the month of April, and I hope you use that time to continue to grow in self-awareness, God-awareness, and awareness of everyone else around you as well.

We have several exciting dates to remember coming up this month. Our Wesley Covenant Prayer class will continue on April 1st and finish two weeks later on April 15th. Additionally, our annual BBQ Chicken Fundraiser will take place Saturday, April 5th – I want to extend a huge THANK YOU to everyone who has helped with the fundraiser already and everyone who will help in the coming days.

Of course, we also have Holy Week coming up in April. I look forward to observing Good Friday with you at 12:00pm on April 18th and then celebrating Easter and the resurrection with you on April 20th at either 7:15am for sunrise service or at 10:00am for our usual Sunday service time.

I will be out of town at a gathering of the Academy for Spiritual Formation from April 4th - April 11th. I very much appreciate your prayers for a time of spiritual rejuvenation and closeness with God while I'm away. Also, if you are interested in more information on the Academy for Spiritual Formation, please visit academy.upperroom.org. It's a wonderful ministry from The Upper Room that focuses on fellowship, learning, silence, and stillness to bring about closeness with God and fellow attendees. I've really found a lot of blessing from it, and I bet you would, too! If you'd like to talk about taking an Academy retreat someday, please let me know.

That's all for now, I think. Many blessings to you and I hope you have a wonderful month!

Pastor Thomas

Sunday Morning Church Service ~ 10:00 AM
with live streaming ~

connect to the service on the Gaddis Church website ~ www.gaddischurch.org



Charles Collins	April 1
Dusty Bruns	April 2
Vernon Medlock	April 4
River Martinez	April 15
Samantha Heczko	April 18
Belinda Pace	April 22
Shane West	April 26
Bill Vernor	April 30



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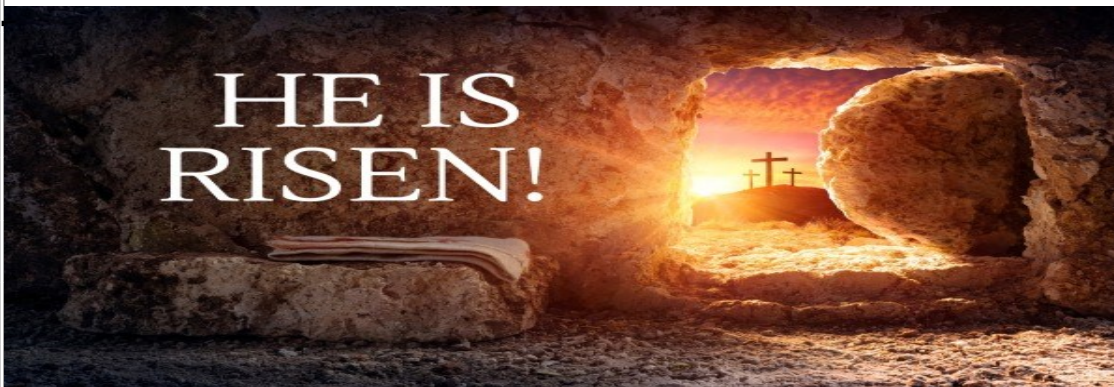
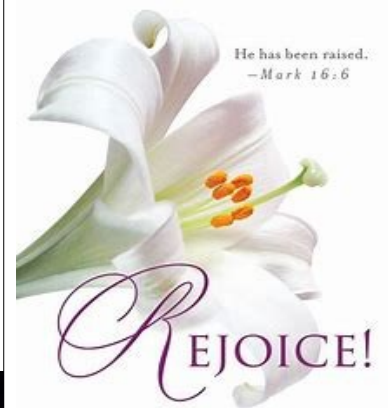
April Rail Offering ~ Providence Place

Providence Place ~ San Antonio ~ is a licensed child placement agency. In addition, it is a unique 501(c)3 non-profit that provides multi-purpose 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. EIN# 74-1168923

April Comfort Pantry Food Drive

**Laundry Supplies,
Paper Towels, Toilet Paper**

Please be sure to have a note on the bag with "Gaddis" on it and place it on the back pew in the Narthex.



<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Average</u>
In Church Worship	64
Online	33

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 PRAYER REQUESTS may be made on the Gaddis website

PRAYER REQUESTS

The Families of Sally Clogston, Sue Kay, and Dan Niggles

Amy Lanterigne	Gail Glover	Marilyn Bell
Amy Sinclair	Harriet & Don Kirchhoff	Mary Ann & Graham Ward
April Langston	Jack & Sue Wilson	Nancy Heerema
Benji & Claudia Alldredge	James Lowery	Pastor Thomas
Bill & Bonnie Vernor	Jane Holdsworth	Pat & Jo Childers
Bishop Harvey	Jay & Karen Stovall	Pete Villareal
Carol & John	Jean Adams	Rev. Sanderford
Carolyn Smith	Jim & Judy Earls	Rex Bourland
Charles & Erin Dennis	Jim Rose	Sophie Nelson
Chris & Kim Adams	JoAnne Foster	Sue Wiedenfeld
Clint Roberson	John Pennell	T. J. Harris
Curtis & Margaret Morries	Kash Nelson	Tom Madsen
Dorothea Booth	Kaity Eden	Tom Paquet
Earl Cox & Patti	Kat Bingham	Troy Zoeller
Ella	Laura Lozano	Victor Lesh
Ellie Wilemon	Lois Duewall	Amy Dee Hawley

Prayers for Concerns

Our Country

Our Military & Veterans

Children Living in Fear

Women of the United States

Terrorist Attacks

People impacted by devastating fires

Peace in the World

Victims of Abuse

Refugees all over the World

Missionaries all over the World

PRAYER REQUESTS: Email Amy at the church office at gaddischurch@gmail.com, go to the Gaddis website, gaddischurch.org, and click on the tab at the top, "Prayer Requests", or call the office at (830) 995-3813 to let her know about any prayer requests you might have.



HOLY WEEK

Sunday, April 13

Palm Sunday
10:00 AM



Friday, April 18

Good Friday
12:00 PM
Sanctuary



Sunday, April 20

Sunrise Service
7:15 AM
In front of
Gaddis Church

Easter Service
10:00 AM
Sanctuary



THE WESLEY COVENANT PRAYER CLASSES

The last Wesley Covenant Prayer class will be Tuesday night at 6:00 PM on April 15th. You may either come to the Sunday School classroom in the Sanctuary or watch online in a Zoom meeting. If interested in watching the Zoom meeting, please send an email to the church office, gaddischurch@gmail.com and you will be added to the list. Pastor Thomas has so much knowledge on this topic and gives lots of helpful information.

Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt,
Rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or
Laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or
Brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things
To thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Thou art mine, and I am thine.
So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
Let it be ratified in heaven.



Amen.
-John Wesley

PASS IT ON RESALE SHOP

Pass It On has relocated for the third time in its history. We started on Hwy 27 aka Front St, in the building known as Twin Gables. Pass It On 2.0 moved to Harriett Kirchhoff's building known as The Frog and Dragonfly. We have had a very successful period of sales and scholarships during this time. The support from community far and wide and well as wonderful customers has been amazing. Due to the excellent volunteers and a grant, we awarded \$91,000 in scholarships in 2024 alone. We look forward to our new location at 810 Ave A, just around the corner from our current location. We hope to be open for business on January 31, 2025 as PASS IT ON 3.0!!!! Into the future we go!

**Stores hours are Friday & Saturday
12 ~ 4 PM**

Scholarship Applications

It is time for scholarship applications to be filled out and submitted by April 11, 2025. Applications should be mailed to: Pass It On Scholarship Committee, Gaddis Memoria United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 566 Comfort, TX 78013. There is also a scholarship application for continuing college or vocational school students interested in continuing their education. These are for people located in the CISD. Forms may be picked up at Pass It On.





The Comfort Community Table serves dinner every Wednesday evening 5pm-6:30pm
519 3rd Street (Immanuel Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall)

- April 2 Dotti’s Enchiladas
- April 9 Gail & Peggy’s Chicken Chalupas & Street Corn
- April 16 Ernesto’s Ham & Swiss Sliders, Broccoli Salad & Cheesy Potatoes
- April 23 Pastor Katie’s Springtime Salad Celebration
- April 30 5th Wednesday Cook Team’s Goulash

There is no charge for this dinner and donations are appreciated, but more importantly, all are welcome and encouraged to bring friends. To-go meals are also available.

The Comfort Table is a partner with the Comfort Pantry and serves the community of Comfort by providing community fellowship and a fabulous dinner meal for everyone.

ACTIVITY	DAY	TIME	PLACE
Women’s Devotional Breakfast	1st Saturday of each month	9:00 AM	Church Narthex
Choir Practice	Each Wednesday	6:00 PM	Church Sanctuary
Shut-ins Visit	2nd Thursday	10:00 AM	Church Office
Men’s Prayer Breakfast	2nd & 4th Thursdays	7:30 AM	Church Narthex
Outreach Committee	2nd Tuesday	10:00 AM	Church Office
Admin Council	3rd Sunday	After Church	Church Office
Lunch Bunch	3rd Tuesday	11:30 AM	TBD

STAFF & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Pastor	Thomas Hankins	Treasurer	Bill Heckzo
Admin Assistant	Amy Dee Hawley	Community Awareness	Fred Collins
Custodian	Andrew Collins	Trustee Chair	Bud Hughes
Council Chair	Chuck Converse	Finance Chair	Irene Morgan
PPR Chair/Lay Leader	Julie Hughes	Worship	Teresa Chamberlain
Music Director	Alexis Korbe	Outreach/Missions	Amy Dee Hawley
Choir Director	Brandon Pauley	Annual Conf. Delegate	James Halsell

“ON MY WAY” by Amy Dee
“The Lamb of God”

Last month, I wrote about the guard dog on a ranch where sheep are raised. This month, I want to tell you about something I saw that I can't stop thinking about. It is perfect for this time of the year.



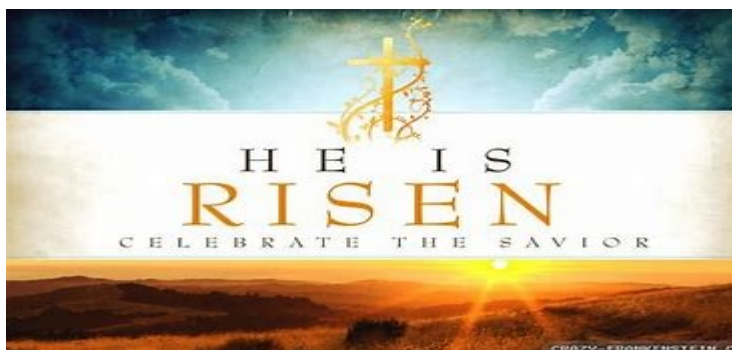
One day on my way to work, I saw a ewe and her newborn lamb walking across the pasture. Of course I've seen lambs frolicking and romping in the field, but this one was different. It was so tiny, fragile-looking, innocent, and sweet. It had never gotten into mischief - yet - and was perfect. It so reminded me of Jesus, who was born tiny, fragile-looking, innocent, and sweet, and would grow up to be the Savior of mankind. He didn't look like the King that he was, but that was the whole purpose of His Life. That was The Plan. Just like that beautiful little lamb that I saw, He was sent to us to show God's love. He was without sin and perfect. Every time I think of that scene of the lamb following its mother, I know that Jesus followed His Father's plan and died on the cross for our sins. That warms my heart and also gives me goosebumps! How wonderful is that? Happy Easter.



The legend of the dogwood tree says that during Jesus's life, the tree looked very different than how it appears now. It was a strong, solid tree, which could grow larger than an oak tree or cedar tree. Dogwood was highly used in building, as the wood was sturdy and easy to work with. As it was a sturdy building material, it became the chosen material to make the cross on which Jesus was crucified. Jesus bestowed a curse unto the tree of his crucifixion. He cursed the tree to never again grow tall enough to be used in another crucifixion as a dogwood cross. The dogwood tree which once stood tall, became a short tree with thin and crooked branches. However, in addition to cursing the dogwood tree, Jesus also blessed the dogwood tree to grow beautiful flowers that would bloom in time for Easter. That way, anyone looking at a dogwood tree would remember the story of Jesus's crucifixion.

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Return Service Requested



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9AM - 4:30PM

INVITATION

At Gaddis our regular schedule is one service at 10:00 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.

The Gaddis United Methodist Church monthly newsletter is EMAILED each month. To be added to the email list, please notify the church office either by phone, (830) 995-3813, or by email, gaddischurch@gmail.com. The deadline is the 20th of each month.