

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

# GADDIS GOOD NEWS

March 2025



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**Happy March everyone!**



It is hard to believe we have already made it to March, it seems like Christmas in Comfort was last week! But here we are, with Spring right around the corner. I'm very much looking forward to my first Spring in Comfort and getting to enjoy the outdoors with some flowers and greenery.

With March comes Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent, one of the most beautiful times of the year. During Lent we remember our own brokenness and sin, but we also remember the love of God that meets us right where we are at, amidst our brokenness. Lent helps us to remember who we are, but also who God is, and how God loves us powerfully, despite our brokenness. It's a comforting message, and one that is definitely worth being reminded of each year.

Are you giving anything up for Lent this year? I'm continuing my yearly practice of going vegetarian for Lent! Meat is definitely a hard thing to give up for me sometimes, but it helps me feel like I'm being a good steward of Creation and the animals we are called to care for, and it helps me feel better in my mind and body – and I think that's one of the main goals of a Lenten fast. A fast is part of that reminder of who we are, and who's we are. When we fast, it should be something that reminds us of what we cannot do without: God's love. And God's love is always working to making us more and more like Christ, who was perfect in love. A fast shouldn't just be something you give up, just because you feel like it, it should be something that helps you feel more like the person God made you to be – full of love for yourself, for God, and for your neighbors.

We have four more weeks left in our Wesley Covenant Prayer class, and you are invited to join! The class will continue on Tuesday nights at 6:00pm with an online option for attending, as well. I look forward to seeing you there, if you can make it! In the coming weeks we will be discussing how we are called as Christians to performs Works of Mercy, Works of Grace, and the assurance we feel when we know the love of God.

I pray you all have a blessed March. As always, I am here for coffee, conversation, and prayer whenever you may need it.

Love you all!  
Pastor Thomas

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

**connect to the service on the Gaddis Church website ~ [www.gaddischurch.org](http://www.gaddischurch.org)**



- March 6 David Satterwhite
- March 10 Myrt Telken
- March 15 Tara Daggett
- March 29 Dalton Neil



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### March Rail Offering ~ UMCOR Sunday

The United Methodist Committee on Relief assists United Methodists and churches to become involved globally in direct ministry to persons in need. The mission is to equip and transform people and places for God's mission around the world. This Rail Offering will be used for disaster relief. Please write "3016" on your checks. Thank you!

### March Comfort Pantry Food Drive

**Peanut Butter & Jelly,  
Coffee, Baby Wipes**

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

### FIFTH SUNDAY POTLUCKS FOR 2025

Fifth Sunday potluck meals are coming back to Gaddis and they will be extra special! A new type of service will be held each 5th Sunday - old favorite hymns, contemporary songs, and much more. After the service, there will be a potluck so plan on bringing something special to share with others. Lots of conversations, laughter, and good food are always a hit! Dates for 5th Sundays are: March 30, June 29, August 31, November 30. Mark your calendars for these special dated!!!



| Attendance        | Average |
|-------------------|---------|
| In Church Worship | 72      |
| Online            | 28      |

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 PRAYER REQUESTS may be made on the Gaddis website

# PRAYER REQUESTS

Julie Hughes and Family after the loss of her mother, Sue

- |                           |                         |                        |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Amy Lanterigne            | Gail Glover             | Nancy Heerema          |
| Amy Sinclair              | Harriet & Don Kirchhoff | Pastor Thomas          |
| April Langston            | Jack & Sue Wilson       | Pat & Jo Childers      |
| Benji Alldredge           | James Lowery            | Pete Villareal         |
| Bill & Bonnie Vernor      | Jane Holdsworth         | Rev. Sanderford        |
| Bishop Harvey             | Jay & Karen Stovall     | Rex Bourland           |
| Carolyn Samson            | Jim & Judy Earls        | Ruby Rechenthin Family |
| Charles & Erin Dennis     | Jim Rose                | Sally Clogston         |
| Chris & Kim Adams         | JoAnne Foster           | Sophie Nelson          |
| Claudia Alldredge         | John Pennell            | Sue Wiedenfeld         |
| Curtis & Margaret Morries | Kat Bingham             | T. J. Harris           |
| Dan Niggles               | Laura Lozano            | Teresa Chamberlain     |
| Dorothea Booth            | Lois Duewall            | Tom Madsen             |
| Earl Cox & Patti          | Marilyn Bell            | Tom Paquet             |
| Ellie Wilemon             | Mary Ann & Graham Ward  | Victor Lesh            |
| Fred Collins              | MaryAnn's Doctors       | Amy Dee Hawley         |

## Prayers for Concerns

**Our Country**

**Our Military**

**Veterans**

**Women of the United States**

**Terrorist Attacks**

**Children Living in Fear**

**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.

## “ON MY WAY” by Amy Dee Hawley

On my way to work, I pass a large pasture where beautiful white, fluffy sheep calmly graze. I love watching them for that brief moment while driving past. One thing that I have noticed is the large guard dog. It is so unassuming and must have the patience of Job. It is apparent that it takes its duties to heart. You can find it on the edge of the flock at a safe distance to keep its eyes on the entire group. And, while watching the flock, they seem that they know the dog is present and they are safe from predators. They don't have to look to find it; they just know it's there guarding them. So they can graze in the knowledge that their protector is with them.

When I contemplate this scene, I have the feeling that we should feel that way about God. We can't see Him, but we know He is there keeping a diligent eye on us. We know that He is with us always, no matter where we go. “His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me!” Isn't that an amazing feeling knowing that He is there for us... each of us! And, just like that guard dog, He will always and forever have a watchful eye on us and loving us beyond measure. Amen!

On my way to work and back home, I see many inspirations of things that are perfect lessons of God's amazing love. I hope you enjoy my little messages of God's handiwork.

Next month ~ a newborn lamb

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face to shine up you, and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Amen.



This is just too cute not to share! Jaxton (1) decided that he wanted to get a head start on communion and so big brother Ryker (7) accompanied him on his journey. Ryker is an amazing big brother and helps entertain Jaxton. So adorable! It is wonderful having little ones at church!

## THE WESLEY COVENANT PRAYER CLASSES

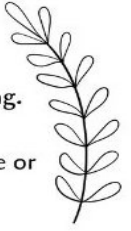
will be held on Tuesday nights at 6:00pm with both an in person *and* online option for attendance.

Those who wish to attend in person will be welcome to join Pastor Thomas in the study room on the side of the sanctuary, as usual.

The dates for the classes will be March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> (he will be out of town April 8<sup>th</sup>). More information and the Zoom link for online attendance will be shared prior to the first meeting.

## 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)

- March 5                      Dotti's Beef Rotel Pasta
- March 12                    Gail's Meatloaf, Potatoes, & Green Beans
- March 19                    Ernesto's Chicken & Artichoke Pasta
- March 26                    Pastor Katie's Beef Stroganoff

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.

## Wednesday, March 5, 2025

# ASH WEDNESDAY

**7:00 - 9:00 AM ~ Giving of Ashes ~ Parking Lot by Pastor Thomas**  
**6:00 PM Service**

### STAFF & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

|                             |                          |                              |                       |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Pastor</b>               | <b>Thomas Hankins</b>    | <b>Treasurer</b>             | <b>Bill Heckzo</b>    |
| <b>Admin Assistant</b>      | <b>Amy Dee Hawley</b>    | <b>Community Awareness</b>   | <b>Fred Collins</b>   |
| <b>Custodian</b>            | <b>Andrew Collins</b>    | <b>Trustee Chair</b>         | <b>Bud Hughes</b>     |
| <b>Council Chair</b>        | <b>Chuck Converse</b>    | <b>Finance Chair</b>         | <b>Irene Morgan</b>   |
| <b>PPR Chair/Lay Leader</b> | <b>Donna Satterwhite</b> | <b>Worship</b>               | <b>Nancy Moorman</b>  |
| <b>Music Director</b>       | <b>Alexis Korbe</b>      | <b>Outreach/Missions</b>     | <b>Amy Dee Hawley</b> |
| <b>Choir Director</b>       | <b>Brandon Pauley</b>    | <b>Annual Conf. Delegate</b> | <b>James Halsell</b>  |

**ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING**

The March Admin Council meeting will be held in the Church Office Conference Room after church service on Sunday, March 16th.

Everyone is welcome!

**March 2025**

| SUN.  | MON.   | TUES.  | WED.  | THURS.   | FRI.                        | SAT.  |
|---|--|--|---|--|-----------------------------|---|
|   |  |  |   |  |                             | 1.<br>Women's<br>Devotion<br>Breakfast<br>9:00 AM |
| 2.<br><br>Sunday<br>Service<br>10:00 am   | 3.   | 4.   | 5.<br><br><b><u>ASH<br/>WEDNES-<br/>DAY</u></b><br><br>No Choir<br>Practice | 6.   | 7.<br><br>Office<br>Closed  | 8.  |
| 9.<br><br>Sunday<br>Service<br>10:00 am<br><br><b>Daylight<br/>Savings Time</b>       | 10.  | 11.<br>Men's Breakfast<br>7:30 AM<br>Outreach<br>10:00 AM<br>Bible Study<br>6:00 PM        | 12.<br><br>Choir<br>Practice<br>6:00 pm                                     | 13.<br><br>Pastor's Visit<br>Shut-ins<br>1:00 PM | 14.<br><br>Office<br>Closed | 15.   |
| 16.<br><br>Sunday<br>Service<br>10:00 am<br><br><b>Admin Council<br/>after church</b> | 17.<br>St. Patrick's<br>Day ~ wear<br>green!!! | 18.<br>Lunch Bunch<br>11:30 AM ~<br>Billy Gene's in<br>Kerrville<br>Bible Study<br>6:00 PM | 19.<br><br>Choir<br>Practice<br>6:00 pm                                     | 20.<br><br>First day of<br>SPRING                | 21.<br><br>Office<br>Closed | 22.   |
| 23.<br><br>Sunday<br>Service<br>10:00 am  | 24.  | 25.<br>Men's<br>Breakfast<br>7:30 am<br>Bible Study<br>6:00 PM                             | 26.<br><br>Choir<br>Practice<br>6:00 pm                                     | 27.  | 28.<br><br>Office<br>Closed | 29.   |
| 30.<br><br>Sunday<br>Service<br>10:00 am<br><br><b>5th Sunday<br/>Potluck</b>         | 24.  |  |   |  |                             |   |

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**Return Service Requested**



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**Office Hours: Mon. - Thurs.**  
**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](mailto:gaddischurch@gmail.com). The deadline is the 20th of each month.