

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

# GADDIS GOOD NEWS

## MAY 2025



**GADDIS CHURCH**  
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Happy May, Gaddis Family!

I hope you all are enjoying the blessing of the rain that we have gotten these first few days of May. I know my lawn and my garden will be grateful for the extra drink!

I want to thank you all for making our worship service on May 4<sup>th</sup> so authentic and powerful. It was beautiful to listen to our congregation singing together, worshipping the Lord. Like I said during the service – we may be without a music director at the moment, but that does not mean we are without the Holy Spirit. I'm so glad to be able to worship with you all each week. Thank you for joining me on this adventure.

We have a few exciting events coming up in May. First, our Music in the Park series kicks off Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Comfort Park. Our first musical act this year will be John Arthur Martinez. We will continue to have acts perform at the park on the second Tuesday of the month throughout the Summer! I look forward to seeing you all there at the park to enjoy some sun and music.

Also, on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm, we will be celebrating the graduating seniors from Comfort High School with a Baccalaureate Service, at Gaddis. I'm looking forward to meeting the seniors and their families and encouraging them on their journey forward! I'm sure the service will be very crowded – but if you would like to come support our local graduating class, you are invited!

I can't believe that we are getting closer and closer to my one-year anniversary of serving you as the pastor of Gaddis UMC. I'm so grateful for each of you, our church, and our wonderful community. As always, if you would like to meet this month for prayer or counseling, please reach out.

Many blessings to you!

Pastor Thomas



**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Email Amy at the church office at [gaddischurch@gmail.com](mailto:gaddischurch@gmail.com), go to the Gaddis website, [gaddischurch.org](http://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.

### 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.

Each Sunday service is live streamed. To watch, go to the Gaddis website and click on the link at the top left side of the homepage. Website: [www.gaddischurch.org](http://www.gaddischurch.org)

# PRAYER REQUESTS

Amy Lanterigne  
 Amy Sinclair  
 April Langston  
 Benji & Claudia Alldredge  
 Bill & Bonnie Vernor  
 Bishop Harvey  
 Brett Miller  
 Charles & Erin Dennis  
 Chris & Kim Adams  
 Clint Roberson  
 A02 Connor Perry  
 Curtis & Margaret Morries  
 Donna Satterwhite  
 Dorothea Booth  
 Earl Cox & Patti  
 Gail Glover  
 Harriet & Don Kirchhoff  
 Henry Lagro  
 Jack & Sue Wilson  
 James Lowery  
 Jane Holdsworth  
 Jasmine Moon  
 Jay & Karen Stovall

Jean Adams  
 Jim & Judy Earls  
 Jim Rose  
 Kat Bingham  
 Kaity Eden  
 Laura Lozano  
 Lois Duewall  
 Mackenzie Conley  
 MaryAnn & Graham Ward  
 Nancy Moorman  
 Pastor Thomas  
 Pat & Jo Childers  
 Pete Villarreal  
 Rev. Sanderford  
 Rev. Jim Holt  
 Rex Bourland  
 Sue Wiedenfeld  
 T.J. Harris  
 Tom Madsen  
 Tom Paquet  
 Troy Zoeller  
 Victor Lesh

## **Prayers of concerns:**

Travel Mercies for Elly Cook  
 Our Country  
 Our Military  
 Kairos Ministry  
 Women of the United States

Rain!!!  
 Refugees  
 Veterans  
 Children Living in Fear  
 Victims of Abuse



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<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Average</u>
In Church Worship	66
Online	28

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**Julie Hughes****May 3****JoAnn McCaleb****May 15****Susan Durden****May 22****Lois Duewall****May 24****Don Kirchhoff****May 27****Jay Stovall****May 30**

## **May Rail Offering ~ Golden Age Center**

The Center provides fun, food, social time, and friendship to aging adults in Comfort. Their mission is to enrich the life for older and aging adults to enhance their well-being and social interaction. Their vision is to be the “go-to” place for older and aging adults in the community of Comfort.

## **May Comfort Pantry Food Drive**

**Cooking Oil** (Canola or Vegetable),

**Coffee, Masa Harina**

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



**Baccalaureate Service**

**May 18, 2025 ~ 5:00 PM**

**Gaddis UMC**

**Officiants: Pastor Thomas Hankins & Rev. Matt Travis**  
**Families & Friends invited**

If you “adopted” a secret senior,  
 please bring the gift basket to the service.

**“ON MY WAY” by Amy Dee**  
**Slowing Down**

On my way, I pass the Bandera County Justice Center. If I am following cars, invariably, one of them will slow way down when driving in front of the Center. I don't know if they think there is a deputy sheriff's car waiting to pounce on them or if they think there is some kind of hidden camera that will take pictures of anyone who goes a little fast past there, but they reduce their speed considerable. These people must think that they had better do right when they are on that stretch of the highway, and then, after getting out of sight, they resume their normal, over-70mph that they were going.

Do we sometimes do this when we are sitting in church on Sunday mornings? We are in front of the beautiful stained glass windows depicting Jesus and His love for us, so we wrap ourselves in our best behavior attitudes and think beautiful thoughts. We bow our heads and say lovely prayers for others. Then, when we walk out the doors after the service, it is life as it always is. We get back to worrying about life's problems and issues. We sometimes get so wrapped up in these issues that we don't always remember to treat others as we would have them treat us. Life goes at such a fast pace we often forget to stop and say a little prayer of thanks for something beautiful or wonderful or touching. Unlike the Justice Center that may or may not have cameras watching, God is always watching! Take the Sunday Service feeling and keep it all week. Say a silent prayer for a blessing or for someone who might need it. Continue the Sunday “feel good” attitude all week and not just on that one special day.



Live Life as if You Can  
SEE God Watching You-.



### Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Outreach Committee is excited to support a new ministry of love and care for our community - The Prayer Shawl Ministry. Prayer shawls are handmade - usually knitted or crocheted. The process of making the shawl is what distinguishes it from an ordinary shawl. As it is worked, the crafter will be using their hands and minds to make something to bless those going through difficult times. Many crafters say prayers or mantras while working on the garment. Some shawls will be given to people going through chemo, in nursing homes, hospital patients, folks with mental disorders like Alzheimer's, etc. They are not specifically for women but for men and children, too. Lap quilts will also be added to this ministry. These garments will be blessed by the congregation and by Pastor Thomas during a church service before presenting them to the recipients.

So, if you knit, crochet, quilts, or do handwork and wish to participate, please let Amy know. There are not specific patterns, colors, or styles necessary. Just some time, talent, and prayers. If you know of someone going through a difficult time, whether they are a member of this church or not, please submit their names for future garments.

### CHOIR PRACTICE

The choir will still practice at 6:00 each Wednesday evening. During this time without a music director, the choir will be an integral part of worship service. If you would like to add your voice to the mix, please come to practice on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary. It would be greatly appreciated!

## 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. Scholarship applications have been reviewed and will be awarded soon for 2025. 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




**Comfort  
TABLE Menu**

The Comfort Community Table serves dinner every Wednesday evening 5pm-6:30pm or until sold out

519 3rd Street (Immanuel Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall)

- May 7: Dotti's Hotdogs, Potato Salad & Banana Pudding  
 May 14: Gail's Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Salad & Dessert  
 May 21: Ernesto's King Ranch Casserole, Salad & Dessert  
 May 28: Lauri & Bob's Chicken & Rice, Salad & Dessert

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
Trustees Committee	1st Sunday	After Church	Church Office
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	Julie Hughes	Worship	Teresa Chamberlain
Lay Leader	TBD	Outreach/Missions	Amy Dee Hawley
Music Director	TBD	Annual Conf. Delegate	James Halsell

# MUSIC IN THE PARK!

**Come Enjoy a FREE CONCERT!!**

**MUSIC IN THE PARK**



**Featuring the music of  
John Arthur  
Martinez**

Music in the Park is sponsored by  
Gaddis United Methodist Church and  
the Kendall County Parks Dept

**Tuesday, May 13**

**7:00 PM**

(2nd Tuesday of the month)

**Comfort Park**

*Bring a lawn chair & a friend*



Music in the Park is a great event sponsored by Gaddis UMC and the Kendall County Parks. It has been going on for a long time and will continue in 2025. It goes from May through October on the second Tuesday evening of each month in the Comfort City Park. Some past performers will be back as well as some new entertainers. The first concert will be Tuesday, May 13, with John Arthur Martinez performing.

Originally from Austin, John Arthur has played in Austin to Alpine festivals in Switzerland, from music venues in Paris, France, to the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville. He has released two recordings within the past year with one being his 15th album of original music. In 2020, he was awarded Western Swing Song of the Year by the Academy of Western Artists. Many other artists have covered his songs.

John Arthur is incredibly talented and loves performing at Music in the Park. Take this fabulous opportunity to hear his beautiful songs and enjoy the energy he projects because of his love for entertaining.

Please be sure to bring a lawn chair. The concerts are free and donations are appreciated.

## SCHEDULE OF PERFORMERS

May 13 - John Arthur Martinez

June 10 - Susan Herndon

July 8 - Andy Garcia

Aug 12 - TBD

Sept 9 - Shane Stumpf

Oct 14 - Polkamatics

(May - Aug: begins at 7:00 PM

Sept & Oct. at 6:00 PM)



## PICTURES FROM PAST YEARS



See Dusty or John for refreshments!!!



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*with us!*



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