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**Then he told them many things in parables, saying:
"A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed,
some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up.**

Matthew 13:3-4

It is no secret that I am terrible at gardening. I have a habit of killing just about anything green that I touch, but one of the projects that my wife decided to undertake during the pandemic was gardening. By proxy, this meant that I took on gardening as well. I cannot tell you how many times I said that I was not a gardener, but it did not change anything. We started a garden.

As we got ready to plant, I carefully researched how to plant the seeds properly so that they would have the best chance of surviving. Each plant was specific as to how deep and how far apart the seeds should be. Too shallow and they won't grow, too deep and they will not receive the right nutrients. Everything had to be just right. After months of care and concern, we actually had plants grow and survive.

I think about my careful preparation when I think about the farmer in the scripture above. While I carefully measured space between seeds,, this farmer goes out and simply throws seeds wherever. No care or concern for the amount of seed or for where it lands. He simply has a desire to scatter the seeds.

The rest of the parable goes on to explain where the seed lands and what the byproduct is, as many of the seeds don't make it. It is a parable packed with reckless abandon by the farmer and also caution and concern about the placement of the seeds. Throughout October we will be looking at each of the soil types and how at different times in our life, our faith life changes. Sometimes faith is easy and other times life makes it hard. But the beautiful focus of the parable is that regardless of the season of life you are in, God is still spreading grace in your life. I invite you to join us in worship as we dive deeper into this parable.

Rev. Ben Bagley

Rev. Ben Bagley
Sr. Pastor

SHOW YOUR ST. LUKE'S PRIDE!

Purchase your St. Luke's Yard sign today!

\$10 each

Contact the church office for
more information or to
purchase your sign.



2020 EVENT SCHEDULE



Pumpkin Patch Sunday

Sunday, October 4

Drive-Thru Chili Lunch (10:30am)

\$5 - a bowl of chili & cornbread

\$1 - Nachos



Pumpkin Run

Date TBA

8:00am

Visit our website for more information



Pumpkin Carving & Pumpkin Glow

Saturday, October 24

6:00pm



Trunk-or-Treat

Wednesday, October 28

6:00pm



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Follow us on Instagram and Facebook to stay up to date on all the great things happening in the St. Luke's Pumpkin Patch.

St. Luke's Pumpkin Patch

<https://www.facebook.com/PumpkinPatchStLukes>

@stlukespumpkinpatch

Do you need
to replace
your
Pumpkin
Patch yard
sign?

Contact the
church office
to get a
replacement sign.



Volunteer opportunities

- Work in the Pumpkin Patch
Visit the Church Website to sign-up or contact the church office
- Help us decorate the patch
- Help us package Storytime boxes
- Help deliver Storytime boxes to local schools
- Help us unload pumpkins
- Help deliver pumpkins to homes that pre-order
- Help on the day of the Pumpkin Run
- Decorate your trunk for trunk-or-treat

Contact the church office for more information or to sign-up to help.



GENEROSITY CARD

Help us get ready for our 2021 budget by filling out your Generosity Card. You can return your paper card to the church office, or you can fill out a digital card using the link below.

<https://forms.gle/aXqS3HCLbwb78TDH8>



Candy donations can be dropped off in the church office or in the buckets outside worship.



Trunks for Trunk or Treat

We are so excited that we still get to have a trunk or treat!! But we need your help! We need candy and as many trunks as possible to make this a fun event. It is from 6:00-7:00pm on October 28. This is a great way to reach out to our community and all you have to do is decorate the trunk of your car and come hang out with us from 6:00-7:00pm.

HOLY HUDDLERS

Next meeting on October 9, at 6:00pm. Bring a sack lunch and join us in the Pumpkin Patch. We will be planning our meetings for the next year.

WELCOME TO ST. LUKE'S, LYDIA!

We are happy to have a new accompanist at St. Luke's. We welcomed Lydia Lim to the St. Luke's staff on September 20.

Lydia is presently an adjunct with the music department at Kilgore College teaching piano. She studied piano at the Manhattan School of Music receiving her bachelors and masters degrees there. She and her family lived in New Jersey while she attended there. She is presently beginning pursuit of a doctorate. She is looking to do so at the University of North Texas College of Music.

Upon moving to East Texas, her husband, Edmond, began teaching at Wylie College in Marshall while Lydia found her position at Kilgore College. They live in Longview, with one child attending Spring Hill Primary. Lydia and Edmond have three children, ages 5, 3, and 1. They are Luke, Elena, and Chloe. Lydia and Edmond are originally from South Korea, so if you know a little Korean, they would be happy to hear it! They are a wonderful family, and we are blessed to have them here with us.

5 ST. LUKE'S KIDS & MDO



MDO is off to a wonderful start! The kids have done a great job transitioning into new classrooms. Thank you to all of our parents for your cooperation and understanding with the policy changes this year. I would also like to thank the Board of Stewards for all of the research and work that went into the gates for the children's area, and the Pumpkin Patch Committee for funding the play structures in the courtyard area. These improvements have added extra security and an additional play area for the children.

There are still openings in some of our classrooms. Feel free to contact me to discuss how our program can meet the needs of your family.

~Misty Shipman



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Follow us on Facebook to stay up to date on all the great things happening in children's ministry and at St. Luke's MDO

St. Luke's Kids

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St. Luke's MDO

<https://www.facebook.com/stlukesmdo>



NEEDED: Volunteers needed for Children's Sunday School! Volunteers are the backbone of our Children's Ministry. If you love children and love God, this would be a great place to serve. We encourage our families to partner with us so that we are able to assist in developing a child's spiritual formation. Please contact Niki Chowdhury for information. All of our volunteers go through background checks.



PRESCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our preschoolers theme will be "Sing in the Rain". People of all ages experience circumstances that leave us looking for someone who can help—someone who's got our back and can help carry the load. This month, we want to begin teaching preschoolers that God is the best Someone for the job. No matter what our situation or how uncertain our circumstances may be, we can know that God is with us wherever we go, and God's got it. This kind of trust in God is what allows us to Sing in the Rain. There's always a chance of rain in our lives or in the lives of our preschoolers. Many of us have already come through some pretty big rainstorms. Some of us are in them right now. That is why it is our sincere prayer that during this month we and our preschoolers will begin to trust that God's got it. This kind of trust in God is what will give you and me, and our preschoolers, the power to sing in the rain—no matter what that rain might be.

Bottom Line:

God's got it.

Memory Verse:

"God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9 NLT

ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL

On Sunday mornings in October, our elementary kids are going to learn about INTEGRITY. Integrity is choosing to be truthful in whatever you say and do. Since the very beginning, not only has God been true to His word, but He's been faithful in His character. Because we know that God is good, we can live life with integrity. When Jesus lived on earth, He lived a perfect life that we are unable to live. Through His Spirit, we can become people of integrity. Who we are in private should match who we are in public. When we trust in God, we can be truthful in whatever we say and do.

Memory Verse:

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 JOHN 1:9, NIV

Check out our

"St. Luke's UMC Children's Ministry"
Facebook page for activities and lessons.





SR. HIGH BIBLE STUDY

Is there anything more complicated than family? Maybe that's why Scripture has so much to say about it! This month we'll talk about life with every family from picture perfect to totally fractured. And as we do, we'll discover no matter what our family looks like...family matters. I hope you can join us on Wednesday nights from 6-7pm and Sunday mornings at 9:30am.

~Misty Shipman



JR. HIGH BIBLE STUDY

For October, our Jr. High will be looking at Family. Family is something we all have in common, even though all of our families look different. But no matter what our families look like, God can be a part of our families and how we deal with situations and struggles in our family.

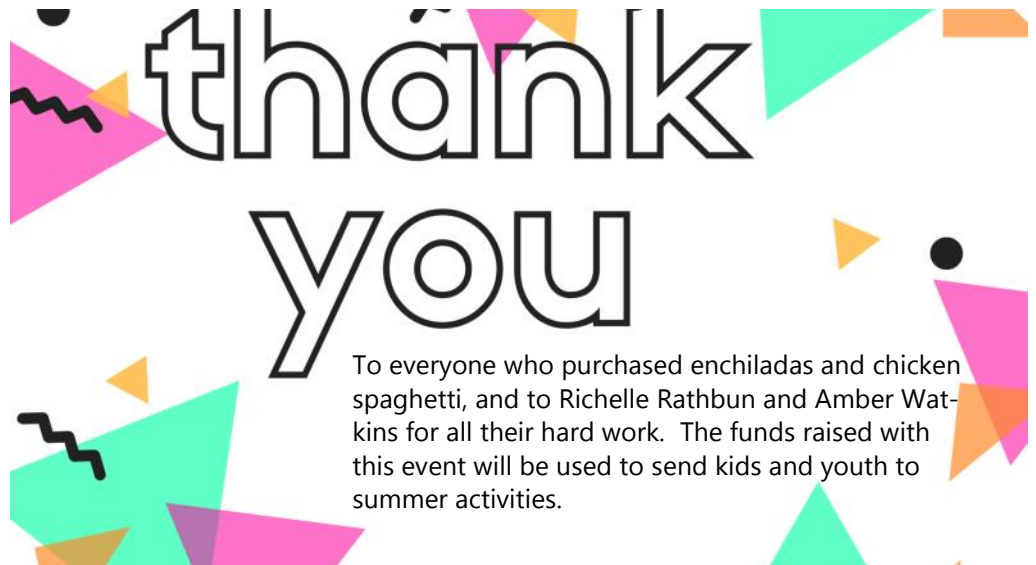
MEMORY VERSE

"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:35 NIV

Blessings,

~Niki Chowdhury



To everyone who purchased enchiladas and chicken spaghetti, and to Richelle Rathbun and Amber Watkins for all their hard work. The funds raised with this event will be used to send kids and youth to summer activities.

OCTOBER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

All youth and kids wanting scholarship funds for Summer Activities need to participate in volunteer opportunities

October 24 Pumpkin Run (7:30am-9:30am)

October 25 Pumpkin Patch (4:00pm-6:00pm)



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Follow us on Instagram and Facebook to stay up to date on all the great things happening with St. Luke's Youth.

St. Luke's Youth

<https://www.facebook.com/stlukesyouthkilgore>

@sly_srhigh



RECURRING WEEKLY:

Sunday

8:30am Arise Worship* (Gym)
 9:30am Sunday School*
 10:30am Traditional Worship *
 (Sanctuary)

Monday

9:00am-2:00pm Mother's Day Out

Tuesday

11:00am Lunchtime Bible Study
 (Family Center)

Wednesday

9:00am-2:00pm Mother's Day Out
 6:00pm Children's Bible Study
 Children's Music
 Youth Bible Study
 Adult Bible Study*

Thursday

6:30pm Arise Band Rehearsal

Friday

9:00am-9:45am
 Exercise (Family Center)

ALSO SCHEDULED...

Thursday, October 1

4:00pm Pumpkin Patch opens

Sunday, October 4**Pumpkin Patch Sunday**

10:30am To-Go Chili Lunch (**Gym Portico**)

Friday, October 9

6:00pm Holy Huddlers @The Pumpkin Patch

Saturday, October 17

8:00am 3rd Annual Pumpkin Run

Monday, October 19

6:00pm Board of Stewards Meeting (**Family Center**)

Tuesday, October 20

6:00pm United Methodist Women - Pam Besser Circle

Saturday, October 24

6:00pm Pumpkin Carving Contest & Pumpkin Glow

Wednesday, October 28

6:00pm Trunk-or-Treat



St. Luke's
Pumpkin Patch

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OPEN DAILY
 October 1-31

Monday-Friday (4:00pm-6:00pm)

Saturday (10:00am-6:00pm)

Sunday (12:00pm-6:00pm)

* Nursery provided for this event.

** Nursery can be arranged for this event.
 Call Niki Chowdhury, 903-984-3576.

A complete schedule of events including
 scouts and private events can be found on
 our website, stlukeskilgore.com.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Please keep us updated on your loved ones.
People will remain on this list for one month.
Please let us know if they need to be on longer,
903-984-3576.

PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Babby Carroll.....sister of April Watson
Linda Fontineau.....MDO teacher
Cindy Frederick.....sister of April Watson
Sharon Schoenemann.....sister of Jan Hattaway
Isabel Shipman.....mother of Daniel Shipman
Juanita Shughart.....mother of Misty Shipman
Edith Williams.....friend of many
Kim Worl.....sister of Shelia Cross

PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS

Don & Cynthia Adams
Marian Clemens
Tommy Freeman
Jacque & Todd Gibbs
Gary Gray
Wendell Holcombe
Sandra Holley
Sam Holley
Ronnie Jobe
Wilma Jones
Willie Roberts
Glennys Travis
Wilbur & Kay Yates

MONTHLY PRAYER FOCUS

Sabine ISD
Grace Fellowship
St. Luke's Youth
Fires burning on the West Coast

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Date
Michael & Karmen Lloyd	Oct 16, 2000
Jeff & Lori Beck	Oct 19, 1990
C.R. & Vivan Gordon	Oct 29, 1952
Brian & Lori Todak	Oct 31, 2001

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Please say a prayer for our church family on their special day.
**If we missed your date, please call the church office
(903-984-3576).**

October 2

Daniel Ellis

October 3

McKayla Holland
Lynsey Howell

October 5

J.J. Eckert
Jaleesa Hatchett
Pate Schatz

October 6

Nancy Bullock
Tara Hoberecht
Steffen Jones
Wanda Renshaw
Debra Wheeley

October 8

Mackenzie Chowdhury

October 9

Cliff Byrd
Robert Ellis
Sally Thompson

October 12

Kay Yates

October 14

Meggan Clark
Jeff Howell
Kennedy Johnson

October 15

Isaac Hoberecht
Carmen Vermillion

October 16

Emilee Hanshaw
Jake Thompson

October 19

Cooper Shipman

October 21

Wyatt Bagley
Lori Beck
Ludie Courtney
Salena Jackson

October 22

Cooper Clark
Toby Monday

October 24

Gage Chism
Jeff Davis

October 25

Jeanette Lawrence

October 26

Rene Holt
Cindy Silvey

October 27

Clemmie Richards
Marshall Tinkler

October 28

Charlotte Allen
Ronan Parsons

October 29

Amanda Eckert
Kelly Moore

October 30

Annette Morgan
Agnes Oliver
Wilbur Yates

October 31

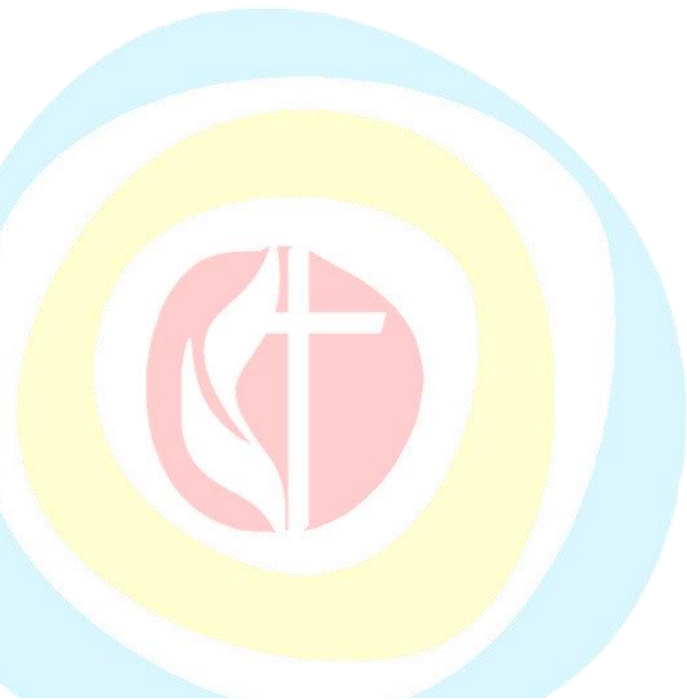
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