



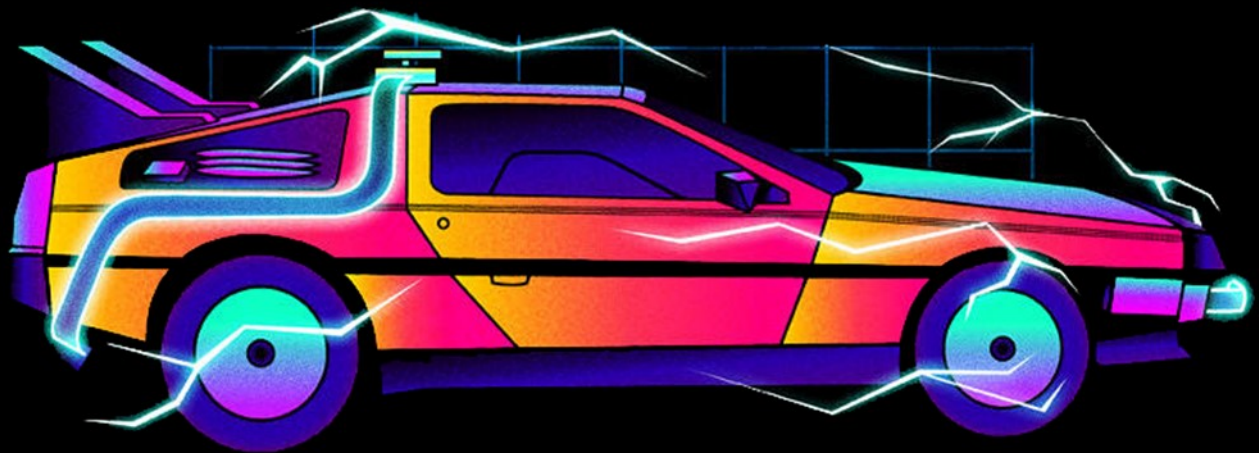
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Sr. Pastor

## WHERE DID THE TIME GO?

### James 4:14

As we approach the final weeks of summer, we ask ourselves where all that precious time went? We were going to relax more, listen more, turn from the drudgery of responsibilities and bask in the long days of a meandering summer break. For most of us, sadly, we are feeling like that respite we longed for never came, and another summer was frittered away in the tattered remains of unreflected living and commitments that ran roughshod over our desires for peace.

The writer of the book of James encapsulates our feverish worry about "wasting" the time we have been given on earth: *"Yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes."*—James 4:14

We know as Christians that earthly time is but a blip on the screen while the prospect of eternity with God is beyond our comprehension. Yet the promise of eternity makes our mortal life no less precious. We have been created by God to be HERE, RIGHT NOW. And the truth of the matter is that God wants to see what choices we will make to spark love, beauty, relationships, peace, and the knowledge and love of Him through Christ. Yes, as Charles Spurgeon puts it, "this short life should be lived in the light of eternity," which means the imprint we make here affects the manner in which we are able approach eternity.

How often do we pause to consider the transience of our earthly existence? How often do we reflect on the brevity of life, a life that James likens to a fleeting mist? In the hustle and bustle of our daily routines, it's easy to lose sight of this reality. Yet, it is in acknowledging this truth that we find the urgency to live each day with purpose, intention, and a heart tuned to the eternal.

In the spirit of looking at one of our most precious human possessions, time, let us consider that we could choose to end this fretting over time, and rather turn to the use of it in a way that erases any misgivings. Let the use of our time be a testament to our life and faith!

This is the point of the statement in James. In the original Greek, the word used for "mist" in James 4:14 is *"atmis."* *This word is also used in Acts 2:19, where Peter quotes the prophet Joel, saying, "I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke." Here, "atmis" is translated as "billows," evoking a sense of something transient yet impactful, fleeting yet powerful. This is the same word that James uses to describe our lives, reminding us of the transient yet impactful nature of our existence.*

Each moment we are given is an opportunity, an invitation to participate in the unfolding story of God's redemptive work in the world. We are called to be co-laborers with Christ, to join in the work of bringing about the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven. This is not a task to be taken lightly, but neither is it a burden. It is a joy, a privilege, a testament to the trust that God has placed in us.

I conclude with C.S. Lewis' reflections on time: *"The future is something which everyone reaches at the rate of sixty minutes an hour, whatever he does, whoever he is." Regardless of who we are or what we do, time marches on. It's a constant, a given. And it's within this constant, this given, that we have the opportunity to grow, to change, to transform.*

Our lives, like a mist, may be brief, but they're not insignificant. We're not just passing through this world; we're here to make a difference, to leave a mark that points others to the love and grace of God. And while our time on earth is short, the impact of our lives can echo into eternity.

So, let's embrace the time we've been given. Let's live each day with the awareness of eternity etched in our hearts. Let's love deeply, serve faithfully, and walk humbly with our God. And in all things, let's remember that we're not alone. God is with us, guiding us, loving us, and preparing us for the eternity that awaits.

*Allison Andrews*



Loving to learn and learning to love!

## HELP US GROW

The following is a list of donations that you can make to help St. Luke's Mother's Day Out get ready for next school year.

1 month of tuition **(\$180)**

1 day of tuition **(\$30)**

1 week of tuition **(\$60)**

Supply Fee for the Semester **(\$75)**

1 day off for a teacher **(\$75)**

Lunch for the Teachers **(\$120)**

Coffee for 1 teacher **(\$5)**

Lysol Wipes **(\$10)**

Sound Machine **(\$20)**

Toniebox listening box **(\$145)**

Toniesbox figures **(\$25)**

Hardback books **(\$5)**

Infant snacks **(\$10)**

Tide Pods **(\$30)**

Wool dryer balls **(\$20)**

Bulletin board paper **(\$100)**

Classroom Set of Crayons **(\$50)**

Classroom set of markers **(\$75)**

Use the QR code to make an online donation. Cash or checks can be dropped off in the church office during regular office hours.



We hosted a Water Day on June 26. The kids enjoyed a day in the sprinklers and on the water inflatable.

# BACK TO SCHOOL

MDO Resumes on August 26



**LET US REMEMBER:  
ONE BOOK, ONE PEN,  
ONE CHILD, AND ONE  
TEACHER CAN CHANGE  
THE WORLD.**

## ST. LUKE'S KIDS



### Parents Night Out

Friday, August 2  
6:00pm-9:00pm  
\$15 each child

**We will be back in the Gym this month.**

**Fun, Food, and  
Fellowship + date night  
for mom and dad.**



Registration is required

## RISE-UP SUNDAY

**Sunday, August 11**

**10:30am Worship**

**11:30am Tailgate Lunch**

Join us for a day of celebration and fellowship as we get ready to head back to school and all of our fall events and programs. We will be recognizing our students reaching milestones this year and all of our educators and school staff beginning another amazing school year. Stick around after worship for a tailgate party in the Family Center with food and backyard games.

The following Sunday, August 18, will be the kids first Sunday in their new classes.



*Parents,*

**we are excited to be celebrating Back-to-School with your kids on Sunday, August 11.**

### Kindergarten

If your child is entering Kindergarten and you would like for them to be recognized during worship on this Sunday please contact the church office.

### Third-Grade

We will be presenting Third Grade Bibles during worship on the August 11. If you have a third grader that you would like to receive a Bible, please contact the church office.

### Sixth Grade

If you have a 6th Grader that would like to participate in the confirmation process this school year and be recognized on August 11, please contact the church office.

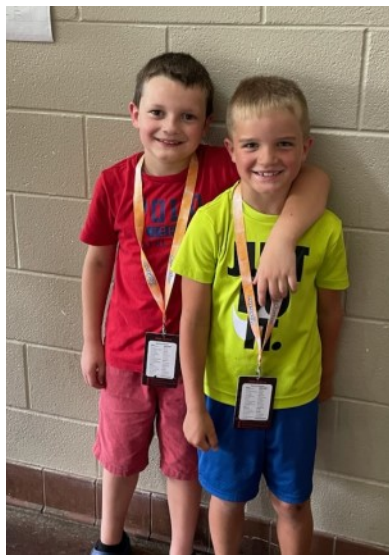
### 2024 Seniors

If you have a student that will be graduating in 2024 and they would like to be recognized during worship on August 11, please contact the church office.



Our youth and kids had a great week at church Camp. Thanks to your generous donations we raised over \$9,000 and covered the entire cost of camp for 13 campers and 3 adults this summer.

Special thank you to Dan Cross for helping to drive everyone and their luggage to camp.



# Congratulations TRIVIA WINNERS

We had about 35 people join us for our first Trivia Night. It was great fun and lots of great snacks. Thank you to everyone that made it possible and be on the look-out for our next Trivia Night Event.

Team **Squirrel!** Took 1st Place  
(Pictured)

Team **Treble Makers** won 2nd Place  
in a head-to-head battle.

Thanks to our other teams:  
**Tiny Human Tamers**  
**Misfits**  
**Grumpy Trivia Kings**



# PUMPKIN PATCH *Donation*

The Pumpkin Patch Team made a \$1,000 donation to the Kilgore Police Department's Bluebird Assistance Fund. This fund helps our police department assist community members in need with gas vouchers, hotels rooms, and other needs.



## ST. LUKE'S PUMPKIN PATCH T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST



Help us design our 2024 Pumpkin Patch t-shirts! Email your design ideas to Jennifer Powell at [office@stlukeskilgore.org](mailto:office@stlukeskilgore.org). All submissions must be made by August 11.

The winner will receive a \$50 gift card and a free t-shirt.

# HOLY Huddler

We would like to invite and welcome everyone to eat and fellowship with the Holy Huddlers. We meet twice a month (not always the same week of the month due to holidays). Supper will be on you, but the fellowship will be shared by all.

**All gatherings begin at 6:00pm**

**August 2**

The New Pier, White Oak

**August 16**

The Butcher Shop, Longview

If you have any questions, please call  
Barbara Francisco, 903-918-6797

# METHODIST Women

**Tuesday, August 6**  
**6:00pm | Parlor**

Calling all Ladies! Join us for our monthly Methodist Women's gathering. We share a light meal, a short devotion or study, and fellowship. This is a great opportunity to grow closer to Christ while building and strengthening relationships with other believers. We hope to see you there!

**Mark your calendar for our Birthday Bash Lunch on Sunday, September 22.**

## 2024 BOARD MEMBERS

### Board Chair

Amanda Gillen-Hall

### Staff Parish Relations

Carol Grimes

### Endowments

Celia Mooney

### Lay Leader

Anna Rohde

### Trustees

Bill Bryant

### Class of 2024

Bill Bryant

Milton Hattaway

Paula Hooks

Jim McCann

Cody Sprayberry

### Class of 2025

Kathy Brown

Alan Clark

Carol Grimes

Dean Miller

### Class of 2026

Danny Harrison

Janet Craver

Joe Wallace

Annette Morgan

These volunteers have agreed to help lead the church.

If you have any questions about what is happening around St. Luke's please contact one of them.





For the month of June, 2024

**INCOME -**

Congregational Giving	\$ 52,434.45
Endowment Disbursements	\$ 26,100.62
Other Income	\$ 918.88
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 79,453.95</b>

**TOTAL EXPENSES - \$ 74,959.30**

**FYI:**

Electricity	\$ 5,070.17
NAPPS (Cooling).	\$ 6,154.40
Facility Insurance	\$ 5,480.52

Church is not just a place we go. It is a family to which we belong. Our church family is experiencing the same increases in expenses that our personal families. Insurance costs for our beautiful facility almost tripled. We are so blessed to have our church home. We covet and are grateful for your continued support through your presence and your financial giving.

**WAYS TO GIVE**  
AT *St. Luke's*



**IN PERSON**

In the offering plate or in the offering boxes at the entrance to the sanctuary



**BY MAIL**

St. Luke's MC  
401 E. Main St  
Kilgore, TX 75662



**ONLINE**

at [stlukeskilgore.org](http://stlukeskilgore.org)  
or use the QR Code



**BY TEXT**

Text "give" to  
903-833-3576

*Other*  
**WAYS TO GIVE**

Here are three ways that you can give to St. Luke's by volunteering your time.

1. Help prepare communion elements and clean up the communion elements after the service. First Sundays of the month. Can fix the communion cups on the Saturday before and place in refrigerator in the sacristy.
2. Volunteer to read the scripture for the Sunday morning service.
3. Help count congregational giving (offering) on Sundays after church. Takes about 30 minutes. Count in pairs.

Contact the church office for more information or to volunteer.

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Please say a prayer for our church family on their special day.

If we missed your date, please call the

### August 5

Roy Brown

### August 17

Niki Chowdhury

### August 11

Gabriel Mathis  
Karen L. Wilson

### August 20

Heather Holder

### August 12

Sydney Chowdhury  
Matthew Ellis

### August 23

Gus Witt

### August 13

Tonia Belk

### August 24

Tony Witt

### August 15

Lindsey Exline

### August 28

Alan Clark

### August 16

Jerry Medford

### August 30

Brenda Culpepper  
Jan Hattaway

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Date
Mark & Barbara Francisco	8/1/1997
Jack & Sharry Christopher	8/2/1983
Jerry & Peggy Medford	8/7/1971
Danny & Kalynn Harrison	8/9/1980
Ernie & Pat Sers	8/11/1967
Ann & Joe White	8/24/1968
James & Emilee Hanshaw	8/26/1978
James & Laura Vermillion	8/26/2000

## JOYS & CONCERNS

Please use the "Prayer" cards in the pews to keep us updated on your loved ones.

## PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS

Roberta Boggs	Jack & Sharry Christopher
Ludie Courtney	Jerry Exline
Tommy Freeman	Cindy Frederick
Jo Hancock	Pat Haynes
Carolyn Holcombe	Sam Holley

**Jared Lovell**

## PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Baby Linden.....cousin of Caylee Clark  
 Sandra Akers.....mother of Patrick Akers  
 Robert Adams.....friend to many  
 Cindy Allen.....sister of Sharon McCann  
 Emma Beck & Family.....  
 .....daughter of Tommy & Laura Farnham  
 Dhe Belden.....neighbor of Sheryl Caraway  
 David Bridges.....friend of Michael & Lisa McClammy  
 Bobbie Bryant.....friend of Dan & Shelia Cross  
 Kay Clavenna.....friend of Rhett & Anna Rohde  
 Collins Coulter.....friend of Art & Pat Morchat  
 Margret Dozier.....Friend of David & Karen Wilson  
 Roy Duckworth.....friend of Barbara Francisco  
 Elaine Hall.....mother of Karen S. Wilson  
 Nick Hanewald.....neighbor of Jim & Sharon McCann  
 Richard Hansen.....  
 .....brother-in-law of Jack & Ronda Dickey  
 Zach Hartfiel.....  
 .....friend of Jamie Haynes & Robert Poland  
 Judy Issacs.....friend of David & Karen Wilson  
 Klint McCown.....friend of Lindsey Exline  
 Mary Patton.....neighbor of Dan & Shelia Cross  
 French Sturrock.....  
 .....friend of Jamie Haynes & Robert Poland  
 Terri Smith.....friend of Jan Hattaway  
 Dan & Robin Trevino.....  
 .....sister & brother-in-law of Barbara Francisco  
 Geri Gholson (Wink).....of many  
 G.W. Wright.....friend of David & Karen Wilson

## WE SHARE JOY WITH...

Jason Moore is doing great and can be removed from the prayer list.

Noah McClammy's medical tests are complete and he received a positive report from the doctors.

# August 2024

\* Nursery provided for this event.  
 \*\* Nursery can be arranged for this event.  
 Call the church office, 903-984-3576

				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Parents Night Out</b> 6:00pm-9:00pm  <b>Holy Huddlers</b> 6:00pm	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Methodist Women</b> 6:00pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> <b>Rise-Up Sunday</b> 10:30am Worship  11:30am Lunch & Party	<b>12</b> <b>Mother's Day Out Board</b> 6:00pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Holy Huddlers</b> 6:00pm	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Board of Stewards</b> 6:00pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Mother's Day Out Resumes</b> 9:00am-2:00pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	

## RECURRING WEEKLY:

### Sunday

- 8:30am | Arise Worship\* (Sanctuary)
- 9:30am | Sunday School\*
- 10:30am | Traditional Worship \* (Sanctuary)
- 11:30am | Handbell Choir (Handbell Room)

### Monday

- 9:00am-2:00pm | Mother's Day Out
- 9:05am-9:20am | First Day Focus

### Tuesday

- 8:00am | Prayer Group\*\* (Knowles Chapel)
- 11:45am | Tuesday Lunch Bunch (Family Center)

### Wednesday

- 9:00am-2:00pm | Mother's Day Out
- 5:30pm | Wednesday Worship (Knowles Chapel)
- 6:00pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal\* (Sanctuary)
- Wednesday Bible Study

### Thursday

- 6:30pm | Arise Band Rehearsal\* (Sanctuary)

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**SHARE HIS GRACE**



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