

Abiding Word Lutheran Church

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Weekly Newsletter

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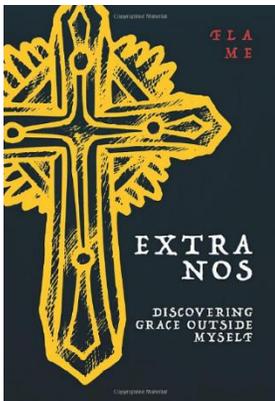
Website: www.abidingword.org

Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.; Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

Dear congregants of Abiding Word Lutheran Church. Please remember that the nave and sanctuary is a place for those that want to reflect and pray before worship begins. I uphold those that wish to be in the worship area for this time of reflection and solitude before worship. Time for reflection and prayer is an opportunity to come before God and a great practice for all individuals. Please respect those individuals, and please keep conversation in the fellowship area. ~Rev. Cody Mills

Book Recommendation

Rev. Cody Mills



Marcus Gray, aka FLAME, is a Christian Hip-Hop artist nominated for a Grammy, and several Dove awards reveals his struggles in the Christian faith and salvation. He experienced several different denominations while searching for answers, and his elegant words keep you engaged and wanting more.

This book also dives into Christian history and richly blesses you while following his struggles. Nowhere have I seen a book that can bring God's teachings through an individual's life. The author of *The Spirituality of the Cross*, Gene Edward Veith, wrote: "For evidence that Lutheranism is the kind of Christianity that has the most relevance today, read FLAME's *Extra Nos*. With a rapper's mastery of language. . . he offers the best refutation of Reformed theology I have ever come across-not just by argument but by experience."

Truly, truly, if there is an easy book to read that is engaging and filling, this book checks both boxes.

Reach Out with Outreach Committee

With the premise that bringing people to our church property will create awareness of our commitment to God and our fellowman, the Outreach Committee is investigating several avenues where we can accomplish this.

As always people are needed with ideas and to investigate the feasibility, plan and organize these events.

No matter what your immediate reaction may be when you read this, it is a response to Matthew 28:19. We have been commanded to go and tell. Sometimes that takes a path that is not the ordinary or what we have considered norm.

Right now we have volunteers who are working on TrailLife, Make It / Take It and National Night Out as well as things we have done in the past such as Basket Brigade, Christmas in Independence and a Christmas Parade float.

In addition, we are looking at the feasibility of bunco games for the public and church members, garage sale and other programs that could reach out to the adult community such as a Chamber Breakfast, Community Bible Study, Visitation for lonely and unchurched, etc.

You are needed to volunteer to share your ideas and determine what may work for Abiding Word. **In particular, we are looking for someone to co-chair with Benita Schramme and investigate the possibility of a rummage type garage sale here at the church.**

Please contact Geraldine Johnson with your ideas and/or areas you wish to serve.

Geraldine Johnson 979-203-3131 gerri12542@gmail.com

THEN JESUS CAME TO THEM AND SAID, ALL AUTHORITY IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME.
THEREFORE GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND TEACHING THEM TO OBEY EVERYTHING I HAVE COMMANDED YOU. AND SURELY I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, TO THE VERY END OF THE AGE. Matthew 28:18-20

MAKE IT / TAKE IT - August 30th at 10:00 am

A new outreach program is going to begin on August 30th at 10 am. You are invited to be a part of this hands-on project. Church members will be preparing casseroles in the church kitchen, and they will be stored in the freezer. They will be given to our members and others in the community who have needs.



Lottie Tegeler and Kathleen Insley will co-chair this program. Our church members will be hands on in the preparation and delivery of the casseroles. We will benefit from fellowship during the preparation of the casseroles. Recipes will be selected by the chairs. Abiding Word will be serving our members and the community.

Guidelines for this outreach project have been approved by the Outreach Committee.

- The casseroles will be given to members of Abiding Word and others in the community who are experiencing difficulties such as illness, home bound due to age, death in the family, etc.
- Assigned teams, pastor, requesting individuals, etc. will deliver the casserole and notify the chairs of the recipient and date delivered.
- As a continuing program, an annual report of the number of deliveries and expenditures will be made to the Outreach Committee in September of each year for budgeting purposes.



Our chairs will set up workstations for assembly line preparation of the casseroles. Those present will enjoy lunch together. Because of the preparation needed for this event, please notify Kathleen or Lottie if you plan to attend.

Kathleen Insley 281-468-5289 kathleen_insley@yahoo.com
Lottie Tegeler 979-251-4982 lilteg2002@yahoo.com



"Abiding HIMS"
Sing this Sunday, August 13th

**LUNCH WITH
AREA NALC
WOMEN
AT ON DECK**



Thursday, August 17, 11:30 am

All women are invited to this fellowship event. The cost of the catered meal is \$10.00. To make a reservation contact Lottie Tegeler at 979-251-4982 or lilteg2002@yahoo.com. Make sure to include the comment that you plan to attend the NALC Women's Luncheon in your message to Lottie.

Abiding Word Women, let's represent our church with a smile and praises to our God and Savior.



TO Sign UP!

**Basic First Aid/CPR/AED
Free Training Class
Sept. 16, 10:00 a.m.
At the Church**



With 20-25 participants, the class will last 1 to 1 ½ hours. Sign up on the bulletin board or contact the church office. This is NOT a certification course. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Insley.



The flowers for Sunday are given by Darlene and Berrie Etzel.

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**October 3rd  
National Night Out  
(Texas Night Out)**



Excitement is brewing for Abiding Word’s National Night Out on Oct. 3rd at 6 pm. We will reach out to the neighborhoods behind the church and across the road. You are needed to welcome guests that come and run the booths and activities that we have. Mark your calendar and plan to participate. You are a church neighbor.



Berrie Etzel and Wayne Winkelmann are asking for your ideas and input on what we should do on that evening. And they want you to participate with ideas and follow through with plans.

As of now we are thinking about hot dogs, drinks, a lemonade stand, etc. We want to show off the inside of the church to anyone who wishes to come in and / or to use the restrooms. There should be a welcome table with church, city, and county information outside. And of course, there will be a drawing for a prize. We are looking for games and events for adults and children. Things mentioned so far have been face painting, chalk gallery, tug of war, corn hole, etc. The police will come and someone from the fire department will drop by the church.

What else can we do, display, provide, etc., that people would like to see? Please share your ideas with Berrie Etzel and Wayne Winkelmann.



Starting Sunday, September 3rd we will be having communion every Sunday. Please contact Rev. Mills if you have any questions or concerns regarding this.

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Thomas Michael is HOME!!!

Finally, after 5 months and two open-heart surgeries, Matthew, Aislinn and Felicity welcome home their son and brother. MANY THANKS for your continued thoughts and prayers as they try to find their "new normal."





**Texas Gulf Coast
Via de Cristo Weekend
Camp Lone Star - Pines
Campus
Tomball, TX
September 14-17**

If interested, contact Sheila Demery, Mia Mills, or Geraldine Johnson

What is VIA de CRISTO?

VIA de CRISTO is a Spanish phrase meaning "Way of Christ."

VIA de CRISTO is a highly structured three-day weekend designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people and bring them to a new awareness of living in God's grace. It is a combined effort of lay people and clergy toward renewal of the church.

Purpose of VIA de CRISTO

VIA de CRISTO is based on the fundamentals of Christianity, concentrating on the person and teachings of Jesus Christ. The focus is not on VIA de CRISTO itself, but on the environment of the community of believers. The objective of the movement is to inspire, challenge and equip people for Christian action in their homes, churches and communities.

What happens on a VIA de CRISTO weekend?

A VIA de CRISTO weekend is three days in length, beginning on Thursday evening and ending the following Sunday afternoon. The participants live, study, worship, and commune together daily.

The focus of the weekend is a series of talks, given by both clergy and lay people, that present a method of self-discovery and self-reflection based on the person and the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Some of the areas of study include Christian ideal, grace, laity, piety, study, apostolic action, leaders, and your environment.

VIA de CRISTO gives those attending a living understanding of basic Christian truths. There is music and singing, food and fellowship, a time for laughter and for prayer.

Who should attend a VIA de CRISTO weekend?

VIA de CRISTO is intended for lay people from every walk of life, for pastors, for people who live strong and active lives in Christ, and also for those who seek to be renewed and strengthened in their relationship with Christ and the people around them. VIA de CRISTO is open to married couples, and single men and women.

For more information check out the website: <https://www.tgcvdc.org/>

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"We are grateful for friends like you during our time of sorrow. We would like to thank each and every one of you for the many



thoughts and prayers sent our way. We were able to cope with the passing of our Dad, Papa due to your care and support. We would also like to thank Pastor Luedtke and Pastor Mills for such a moving and comforting service." The Family of Glyn Spies

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Vacation Time

Rev. Mills will be taking a much-deserved vacation next week, August 14-21. Pastor Greg Knippa will be officiating the service on August 20th. Pastor Norm Sulaica of Prairie Hill will be available for Pastoral Care needs. He can be reached at 361.362.9108. Or contact the church office.

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**To watch Sunday services online, go our website at [abidingword.org](http://abidingword.org).**

**Click on "Worship" > then "Livestream"**

<https://www.abidingword.org/live-stream>

## Lectionary Readings for This Sunday:

### Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

First Reading: Job 38:4-18

Responsive Reading: Psalm 18:1-16

Second Reading: Romans 10:5-17

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-33

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Thank You

To all our faithful servants every Sunday. The church couldn't function without you.

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## Our Servants This Sunday, August 13

### Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Cody Mills

Musician: Debbie Heidemann

Lay Minister: Susie Houston

Reader: Dottie Schaer

Greeters: Gary Hind & Mary Ann Schulte

Audio/Video: Roy & Jan Kelm

Ushers: John & Dottie Schaer

Little Lambs: Dottie Schaer

Altar Guild: Karen Johnson, Melody Perry

## Our Servants Next Sunday, August 20

### Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Pastor: Pastor Greg Knippa

Musician: Lottie Tegeler

Lay Minister: Donna Kelling

Reader: Marilyn Watts

Greeters: Sheila Demery & Marita Mikeska

Communion: Pastor Greg Knippa & Lloyd Quebe

Audio/Video: Gary Crocker & Charlotte Smith

Ushers: Michael Kelling & Robert Mikeska

Little Lambs: Michael Kelling

Altar Guild: Karen Johnson, Melody Perry

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Prayer Time for Servants Before Worship Service

Note for all those involved in the worship service: Rev. Mills would like to meet for prayer in the church office with all those involved in the worship service, 5 minutes before the service starts. Please join if your duties permit.

Prayer Concerns Within Our Church Family*

Tom Campbell

Barbara Lighter

Wade Mills

Laurie Muske

Dennis & Doris Penkert

John Porter

Ray & Ethel Sanders

Don Schlaudraff

Stanley Schneider

Susie Seidel & family

The family of Glyn Spies

The family of Alma Turner

Patsy Wegner

Prayer Concerns Beyond Our Church Family*

Krista, Marvin, Evan Bowers

Family & friends of Carol Crosby

Family of Cole Dismikes

Linda Grawunder

Dawson Lee Jasinski & family

Matthew, Aislinn & Thomas Kelling

Lucreacia

Kim Sauer

Don Walsh

Thomas Weatherly

Rita Werner

For rain and those affected by the drought

Martin Luther Lutheran Church of Carmine, TX

National and government leaders

All those in the military and first responders

Those affected by the war in Ukraine

Our Community, Nation, and World

*AWLC respects the right to privacy. Please verify that we have permission to add a family member or friend to our prayer list.

*Names of loved ones outside our church are posted during the month of request and the following month unless we are asked to remove or extend them.

*You may request that names be added to or removed from our list by emailing them to:

admin@abidingword.org or by calling the church office.

Pastor's Schedule

Monday: Off

Tuesday: Church Office – 12 pm - 8 pm

Wednesday: Church Office/Appointments/Continuing Education 9 am-5 pm

Thursday: Church Office/Appointments 9 am - 5 pm

Friday: Home visitations through the day

Saturday: Off

Sunday: Worship - 9 am - 11 am

Emergency Calls: 218-405-0710

Extra time is spent with committees, classes, and other events. Schedule subject to change.

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## Looking Ahead

\*Men's Breakfast, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays, September 2 at 8:30 am at Smitty's Cafe

\*Journey Together Ladies' Bible Study, Tuesday, September 5, 10:00 a.m.

\*Ladies' Evening Bible Study, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays, September 13 at 6:30 pm at the Church

## August/September 2023

| Sun                                                                                                                                  | Mon                                                                 | Tue                                                                                                    | Wed                                                                                 | Thu                                                                           | Fri                                      | Sat                                                                                                            |
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| <b>6</b><br>Coffee & Connection<br>9:00 am<br>Adult Bible Study 9:00 am<br>Worship 10:00 am<br>Ron Warschak<br>Rev. Cody & Mia Mills | <b>7</b>                                                            | <b>8</b><br>Outreach<br>Committee Meeting<br>5:30 pm                                                   | <b>9</b><br>Ladies Evening<br>Bible Study<br>6:30 pm                                | <b>10</b>                                                                     | <b>11</b><br>Carter Reimer               | <b>12</b><br>Maggie Rankin                                                                                     |
| <b>13</b><br>Coffee & Connection<br>9:00 am<br>Adult Bible Study 9:00 am<br>Worship 10:00 am<br>"Abiding Hims"<br>Mallory Skalka     | <b>14</b><br>Scott & Kim<br>Bosse<br>Rev. Mills out<br>through 21st | <b>15</b><br>Church Council<br>Meeting 5:45 pm<br>Cheryl Beckermann                                    | <b>16</b>                                                                           | <b>17</b><br>NALC Women's<br>Lunch 11:30<br>at On Deck<br>Douglas<br>Heckmann | <b>18</b>                                | <b>19</b>                                                                                                      |
| <b>20</b><br>Coffee & Connection<br>9:00 am<br>Adult Bible Study 9:00 am<br>Worship 10:00 am<br>Bill & Lois Rankin                   | <b>21</b>                                                           | <b>22</b><br>Douglas & Marilyn<br>Heckmann                                                             | <b>23</b>                                                                           | <b>24</b><br>Tom Campbell<br>Wayne<br>Lessmann<br>Ronnie & Pat<br>Lueckemeyer | <b>25</b><br>Don & Arline<br>Schlaudraff | <b>26</b><br>Via de Cristo<br>Team Building                                                                    |
| <b>27</b><br>Coffee & Connection<br>9:00 am<br>Adult Bible Study 9:00 am<br>Worship 10:00 am<br>Reagan Wegner                        | <b>28</b>                                                           | <b>29</b>                                                                                              | <b>30</b><br>Make It / Take It<br>10:00 am at<br>Church<br>Ralph & Sandra<br>Becker | <b>31</b>                                                                     | September 1<br>Wade & Susie<br>Seidel    | 2<br>Men's Breakfast<br>at Smitty's<br>8:30 am                                                                 |
| <b>3</b><br>Coffee & Connection<br>9:00 am<br>Adult Bible Study 9:00 am<br>Worship 10:00 am                                          | <b>4</b>                                                            | <b>5</b><br>Journey Together<br>Ladies Bible Study<br>11:00 am<br>Worship Committee<br>Meeting 5:30 pm | <b>6</b><br>Jagger Shedd                                                            | <b>7</b>                                                                      | <b>8</b><br>Kathy Shedd                  | <b>9</b><br>Lori Wegner<br>Red = Adult's Birthday<br>Blue = Child's Birthday<br>Green = Wedding<br>Anniversary |

### Reminders

- Youth Sunday School is breaking for the summer. Sunday Adult Bible Study will continue.
- **Check out Rev. Mills' weekly Facebook clip!** You can also find sermons, adult Bible studies, upcoming events and more!  
<https://www.facebook.com/AbidingWordBrenham/>
- Online Giving is available through the Church Website. <https://www.abidingword.org/tithe>

If you have any announcements, articles, pictures, prayer requests or updates, or corrections for the newsletter, please send them to the admin. Thanks for your help! But please send it to the office no later than Wednesday noon before. Thank you.

## Happy Birthday

**Carter Reimer, August 11**  
**Maggie Rankin, August 12**  
**Mallory Skalka, August 13**  
**Cheryl Beckermann, August 15**  
**Douglas Heckmann, August 17**

## Happy Anniversary

*Scott & Kim Bosse, August 14*