



# GRAPES OF VINE

All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross daily, and follow me. All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me will save them. What advantage do people have if they gain the whole world for themselves yet perish or lose their lives?

Luke 9:23-25

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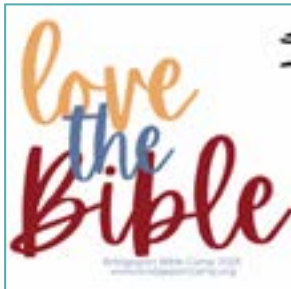


## COMMON GROUND

**Today!, 4pm**

Common Ground is a tween ministry for 4th and 5th graders. We have discussions about the big questions like "Do all dogs go to heaven?" or "Why do bad things happen to good people?". Time includes games and a snack as well.

Meets the first Sunday of the month, 4-5:30pm in the youth area.



## CAMP BIBLE

**Sept. 20th-21st**

3rd - 5th graders are invited to Camp Bible in Bridgeport, TX! 3rd graders can go for free - email Jenn for details!

We need adults to go too! Email Jenn to find out how you can help!

Learn more at [prosperumc.org/campbible](http://prosperumc.org/campbible)



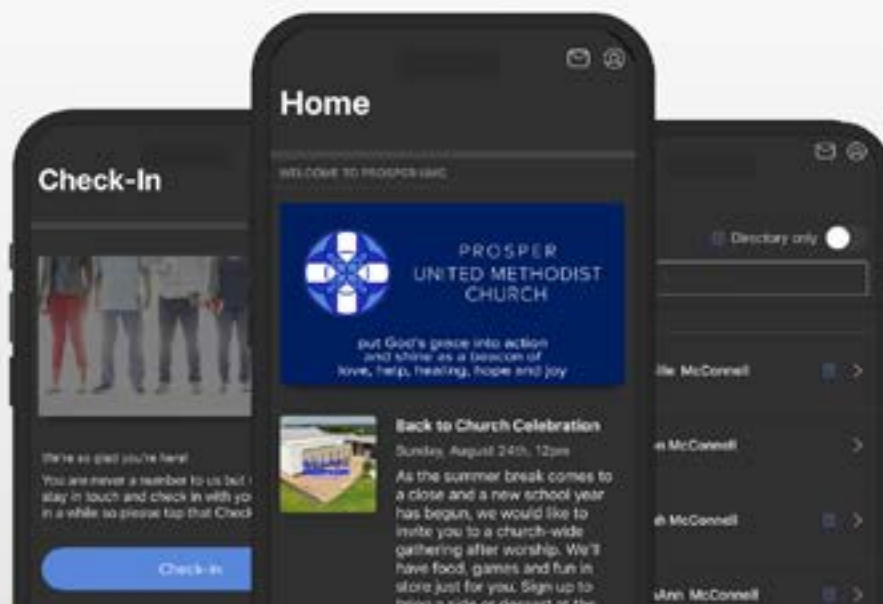
## PRESCHOOL BIBLE PRESENTATION

**Sunday, Oct. 5th, 10:30am**

Calling all 4 year olds! Our preschool bible presentation will be held on Oct. 5th at 10:30 am in the children's wing.

Let us know if he/she would like to receive a bible at [prosperumc.org/prekbible](http://prosperumc.org/prekbible)

# Get Connected!



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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME AND  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Am I a Soldier of the Cross*, arr. by Schwoebel Eric Breon

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* UMH# 158

PASSING THE PEACE

MORNING PRAYER

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC *My Jesus I Love Thee*, arr. by Forrest Kathryn Zetterstrom (8:30)  
Chancel Choir (11:00)

MESSAGE Yes, Chef! Pastor Jason  
SCRIPTURE Luke 9:23-25

HOLY COMMUNION  
COMMUNION HYMNS For the Bread Which You Have Broken UMH# 614  
Let Us Break Bread Together UMH# 618  
One Bread, One Body UMH# 620

INVITATION TO FOLLOW JESUS

CLOSING HYMN *Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone* UH# 424

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Take Up Thy Cross, the Savior Said*, arr. by Forrest Eric Breon

Acolytes: Harley Enter, Brooke Pennington  
Communion Stewards: Katie Yates, James Rowland  
Communion Servers: Julie & Bill Wiley, Christi & Bruce Kimme  
Ushers, Michelle Walker, Adam Pennington



## FILL THE BUCKET MISSION PROJECT

Our Missions Team is on a bucket mission. We are filling buckets, buckets and more buckets, actually 50 buckets and we need your help. UMCOR flood buckets are five gallon buckets filled with essential cleaning supplies assembled by churches and individuals to help disaster victims begin the cleanup process after floods, hurricanes, and tornadoes. These buckets help to care for the most vulnerable people during times of crisis. By donating kit supplies or financial gifts to purchase the supplies, you make a direct, tangible difference in sustaining people's lives.

The next 3 weeks your Missions committee will have a table in the Commons. Select a Post-it note or notes off the board or pick up the full list and fill a "WHOLE" bucket. Mission Team members will also be in the Commons between services to provide more information.

Learn more at [prosperumc.org/fillthebucket](https://prosperumc.org/fillthebucket)





### COLLEGE CARE PACKS

There's nothing like receiving a surprise gift in the mail! The Mission & Outreach Team wants to send a little reminder that your student is loved by their church family but we need your help. If you have a college student, please fill out the questionnaire below so we can customize a care package for them in time for finals. Submit a student at [prosperumc.org/college](http://prosperumc.org/college)



### TRIPLE SIX EIGHT GUEST SPEAKER

**Monday, September 8th, 6:30pm**

Methodist Women's Fellowship invites you to hear Terri Bond share the true story of the "Six Triple Eight" through the lens of her aunt, the last remaining member of this all Black-American women's battalion deployed overseas in WWII. Come discover how these courageous women made history by overcoming discrimination and war-time difficulties to tackle their mission: reconnecting soldiers with loved ones by sorting for delivery over 17 million pieces of back-logged mail. Please register if we can save you a seat at [prosperumc.org/6888](http://prosperumc.org/6888)



### THIRST TO THRIVE WOMEN'S GROUP BEGIN NEW STUDY

**Tuesdays, 11:30am**

The Thirst to Thrive women's study group is beginning a new study, *Better: A study of Hebrews* by Jen Wilkin.

In this verse-by-verse study of the Book of Hebrews, Jen Wilkin explores how God "provided something better for us" in the person of Jesus Christ (Heb. 11:40).

Thirst to Thrive meets on Tuesdays at 11:30am in room 149. It's a lunch and study group. Bring a lunch and enjoy the discussion!

Questions? email [Pastor Kellie](mailto:Pastor Kellie)

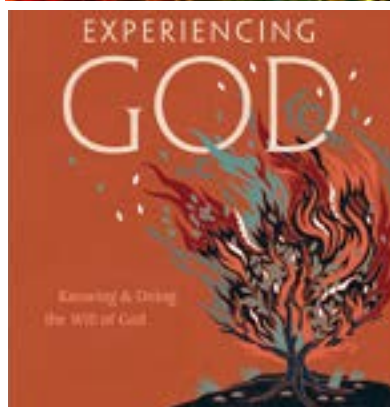


### SEASONS WOMEN'S GROUP BEGIN NEW STUDY

**Tuesday, September 9th, 6:30pm**

In *The Road Back to You* Ian Morgan Cron and Suzanne Stabile forge a unique approach—a practical, comprehensive way of accessing Enneagram wisdom and exploring its connections with Christian spirituality for a deeper knowledge of ourselves, compassion for others, and love for God.

Meets Tuesdays, 6:30pm in room 155.



### EXPERIENCING GOD STUDY BEGINNING

**Wednesday, September 10th, 6:30pm**

Do you long for a more intimate connection with God?

Are you asking or wrestling with, "What is God's will for my life in this season?"

Join us for Experiencing God, a powerful 12-week journey that will help you recognize God's presence, hear His voice, and discern where He's calling you to join Him in His purposes. Whether you've been walking with Jesus for decades or you're feeling stuck and unsure, this study will meet you right where you are.

Meets Wednesdays, 6:30pm in room 124. Facilitator: Gloria Ashby



Have you noticed the parking lot looking quite full at times throughout the year? We have, too! For the last 6 months, we have been working hard with engineers, contractors and the Town of Prosper to find a solution. While the goal is to have permanent parking that aligns with our campus expansion, a temporary parking lot answers the more immediate call ....and at a fraction of the cost! After many iterations and strategic considerations, we are about to get underway. This project will add 122 spots to our already existing 117, thus more than doubling. This will be enormously beneficial for events, busy Sunday mornings, and busy weeknights with multiple ministries and outside groups meeting at once. This also opens up new possibilities for expanding

our ministries and outreach in creative and helpful ways.

Because of savings during the construction project in 2022 and the continued generosity of many, this parking lot budget of \$204,500 is completely covered. We give great thanks for your continued financial support of PUMC's ministry, and we give great praise to God for the blessing to expand them for the sake of many. What an amazing church this is!

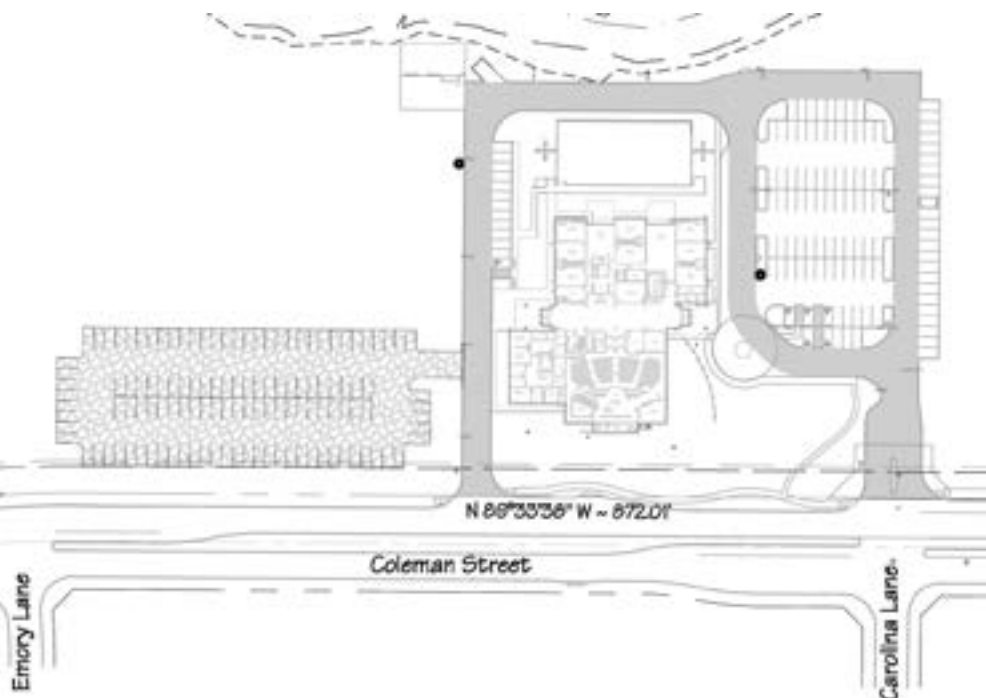
The parking lot will be constructed using a helpful new geogrid product that is used for stabilizing soft subgrades and reinforcing trafficked surfaces. On top of that will be a layer of recycled D-2 flexbase and then a layer of asphalt millings. All of this will be highly compressed for a smoother finish.



Don't be surprised when you come by and see construction equipment and progress already being made. The project will take approximately a month to complete. We will be posting pictures along the way.

Grace and peace,

- Jason



## PRAYER CONCERNS

We believe in the power of prayer. We also believe God loves you and cares about what concerns your heart, and we care too. Please keep the following prayer concerns in your prayers.

Janet Smith  
Brett Smith  
Sherri Williams  
Eddy Henry

Family of Trent Wilson  
Vicky Trumbull  
Janice Eiler  
Peace in Israel  
Peace in Ukraine

Interested in joining the Praying Tree?  
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If you have a prayer concern to share with us, please submit at <https://www.prosperumc.org/prayerrequest>. Your concerns will be shared with the *Praying Tree*. A weekly prayer email listing of joys and concerns is sent out to members of the *Praying Tree* so that requests can be lifted up to the Lord during private prayer time and may be shared in the weekly bulletin.



### DID YOU KNOW?

#### A New UM Church Plant in Anna

The Gathering Anna is a United Methodist church plant that is forming in Anna. PUMC is providing some administrative support to The Gathering as they work towards their new location & building. For example, Jane Russell is volunteering to help them to develop their bookkeeping system.

Know someone in the Anna area that is seeking a new church? Send them to The Gathering!

Follow their progress at [thegatheringanna.com](http://thegatheringanna.com)

**THE GATHERING**  
A CHURCH WITH ROOM FOR ALL

## BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY** - CHILDREN UP TO 5TH GRADE • VISIT [PROSPERUMC.ORG/CHILDREN](https://prosperumc.org/children) FOR DETAILS • TO CONNECT, [JENN@PROSPERUMC.ORG](mailto:JENN@PROSPERUMC.ORG)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** - 9:45AM & 11AM

**COMMON GROUND** - 4TH & 5TH GRADE SMALL GROUP • 1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH, 4-5:30PM

**YOUTH MINISTRY** - GRADES 6-12 • VISIT [PROSPERUMC.ORG/YOUTH](https://prosperumc.org/youth) FOR DETAILS • TO CONNECT, [YOUTH@PROSPERUMC.ORG](mailto:YOUTH@PROSPERUMC.ORG)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** - 9:45AM

**CONFIRMATION** - 7TH GRADE & UP • SUNDAYS @ 9:45AM

**YOUTH GROUP** - SUNDAYS @ 5PM, RESUMES SEPT. 7TH

**ADULT MINISTRY** - VISIT [PROSPERUMC.ORG/ADULT](https://prosperumc.org/adult) FOR DETAILS • TO CONNECT, [PASTORKELLIE@PROSPERUMC.ORG](mailto:PASTORKELLIE@PROSPERUMC.ORG)

**FAITHBUILDERS & JOURNEY**- SUNDAY MORNING GROUP @ 9:45AM, ROOM 149

**THE SEEKERS** - SUNDAY MORNING GROUP @ 9:45AM, ROOM 157

**THRIVING:NEXT GEN HEARTS** - SUNDAY MORNING GROUP @ 9:45AM, ROOM 108

**THIRST TO THRIVE** - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, TUESDAY @ 9AM, ROOM 149 OR WEDNESDAY @ 6:30PM, ROOM 108

**TRUE GRIT** - MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, WEDNESDAYS @ 11:45AM

**METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** - 1ST MONDAYS @ 6:30PM

**MUSIC MINISTRY** - VISIT [PROSPERUMC.ORG/MUSIC](https://prosperumc.org/music) FOR DETAILS • TO CONNECT, [MUSIC@PROSPERUMC.ORG](mailto:MUSIC@PROSPERUMC.ORG)

**CHANCEL CHOIR** - REHEARSALS ON WEDNESDAYS @ 6:45PM, SANCTUARY

**JOYFUL NOISE** - CHILDREN'S CHOIR, KINDERGARTEN-5TH GRADE • SUNDAYS @ 9:45AM

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