



GIVE A \$1 CAMPAIGN

All \$1 bills in the offering plate will go to Field 15. Field 15 is a designated fund used to help those in need.

Did you know that Field 15 is a designated fund used to help assist those who have a need? Every dollar bill in the offering plate goes to Field 15. You can also donate online or via check (be sure to put Field 15 in the memo).

General Qualifications: Church Members or Staff with unexpected financial needs. Those outside of our mission field with a one time need.

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2ND THURSDAY EACH MONTH - 9-10:30AM

Aldersgate Abilene Leadership Board

Brady Harwell - Chair

Dale Cartee - Administration

Karen Gardner - Hospitality

Gary Hicks - Property

Pat Mouser - Family Ministry

Pug Parris - Mission Field

Brad Poorman - Music &

Online Ministry

John Stearns - Growth

Don Taylor - Worship

If you have questions, please reach out to the board members.

Board meetings are typically the 4th Monday of the month at 5:30 pm.

These meetings are open to the congregation (except executive sessions).

Agendas are posted prior to meeting and the minutes posted afterwards.

Operating Report (Numbers will be updated next week)

Budget	\$ 1,439,000.00
Revenue (YTD)	\$ 1,023,962.53
Actual Expenses:	\$ 1,025,356.40
Faith Promise	\$ 6,679.00

Capital Campaign Project Update: The sound & lighting project in the sanctuary is nearing completion. Planning & the bid process for the kitchen remodel has started.

Attendance: Sunday Morning: 175 Online: 28

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Aldersgate Abilene Methodist Church - Pastor Rich Jones

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Order of Worship - October 12th, 2025

Prelude
Registration and Announcements
Welcome and Greeting
*Call to Worship #388: The Church's One Foundation
*Time of Meditation
*Apostles' Creed
*Response #33: Gloria Patri
*Hymn #429: Wonderful Words of Life
Young Disciples
Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:14-17
Message: Grounded In The Word
Anthem: How Firm A Foundation
Holy Communion Part 1
Offering and Offertory:
*Doxology #682:
 Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow
Holy Communion
*Hymn #103: Cornerstone
Aaronic Blessing
Benediction
Postlude

Van Hayes
Leah Holamon

Cole Roberts
Leah Holamon
Cole Roberts

Cheri Bates
Rich Jones

Choir
Rich Jones

Cole Roberts

Rich Jones
Cole Roberts

Rich Jones
Van Hayes

OCTOBER 1ST

BEEF OR CHICKEN
ENCHILADAS & SALAD

OCTOBER 8TH

PULLED PORK
SANDWICHES

OCTOBER 13TH

NACHO BAR

OCTOBER 22ND

SPAGHETTI SALAD, &
GARLIC TOAST

OCTOBER 29TH

FRITO PIE

\$5 Per Meal

\$20 Per Family

Giving QR Code

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Pastor Rich Jones

Pastor Rich Jones was born in Oklahoma City but raised in Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona. He graduated from Sabino High School in Tucson and began college at the University of Arizona. Rich remains an avid UA fan. After a couple of years at the UA, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in the fall of 1989 and finished his enlistment in the fall of 1993. During his time in the military, Rich's parents relocated to Amarillo, Texas. Through their encouragement, he enrolled at West Texas A&M. While attending college and living in Amarillo, Texas, Rich became very involved at Saint Stephen Methodist Church where God reminded him that he was called to be a preacher. He first experienced the call to ministry during confirmation class at Christ Church UMC in Tucson, Arizona during eighth grade. He then tried to change God's mind about it. It didn't work. In January of 1995, God used a sermon at Saint Stephen to remind Rich of His plans for his life. Rich graduated from WTAMU in December 1997 and enrolled at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore Kentucky the next fall.

Following seminary, Rich served as the pastor at First Methodist Church in Rotan, Texas, as an associate pastor at Saint Stephen in Amarillo, and as the lead pastor at Wolforth Methodist Church outside of Lubbock. Before coming to Aldersgate Abilene, Rich was the Presiding Elder for the East District of the West Plains Conference of the Global Methodist Church. In each of these places of ministry, Rich has said it has been amazing to see God change lives and further His kingdom and he can't wait to see what God does next!

Rich married Kimberly, an Occupational Therapist, in 2004. They welcomed their first child, Elijah, in 2007. Elijah is a recent graduate of Frenship High School and has recently started classes at South Plains College. Their daughter, Meleah, came along in 2010, and is a freshman in high school. They are both active in band and the youth group.

Upcoming Events

- **Romeos Every - Wednesdays - 8am - United on South 14th Street**
- **Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal & Bible Study - Weekly at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall**
- **College Sunday School & Game Night - Most Sundays - McMurry at 4pm**
- **Big Country Emmaus Community Meeting - 1st Tuesday of October, November, & December at 6:30pm**
- **October 13th - Office Closed for Columbus Day**
- **October 14th - Ladies Lunch Club - 11:45am - The Shed**
- **October 16th - Follow The Thread Sewing Group - 9:30am-3:00pm - Patio Room**
- **October 20th - Trinity Circle - 6:00pm - Off Site**
- **October 21st - Bunco for Breast Cancer**
- **October 23rd - Senior Adults - 12pm - Patio Room**
- **October 25th - Trunk or Treat - Please See Insert For Additional Information**
- **October 27th - Leadership Board Meeting - 5:30 pm**
- **October 30th - Trunk or Treat at the Abilene Police Department - See Cheri for More Information**