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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.

ALDERSGATE ABILENE & THE FOOD BANK OF WEST CENTRAL TEXAS **FOOD DISTRIBUTION**



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)	\$ 1,063,420.50
Actual Expenses:	\$ 1,076,811.29
Faith Promise	\$ 6,784.00

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: 188 Online: 28

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Order of Worship - October 26th, 2025

Prelude: Holy Spirit Medley	Van Hayes
Announcement Video	
Welcome and Greeting	Rich Jones
*Call to Worship #299: Spirit of the Living God	Cole Roberts
*Apostles' Creed	
*Response #33: Gloria Patri	
*Hymn #304: Breathe on Me Breath of God	
Young Disciples	Cheri Bates
Offering and Offertory: He Leadeth Me	Van Hayes
*Doxology #682:	Cole Roberts
Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow	
Prayer & Lord's Prayer	
Scripture: Acts 1:6-11	Rich Jones
Message: Empowered By The Spirit	
Anthem: River in Judea	Choir
Holy Communion - Prayer of Consecration	Rich Jones
*Hymn #311: Open My Eyes That I May See	Cole Roberts
Aaronic Blessing	
Benediction	Rich Jones
Postlude: Shout To The North	Van Hayes

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

OCTOBER 29TH

Frito Pie

NOVEMBER 5TH

Baked Potato Bar

NOVEMBER 12TH

Chicken & Dumplings

NOVEMBER 19TH

Soup Night

\$5 Per Meal
\$20 Per Family



Giving QR Code

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Reverend Jim Wright



Jim Wright was born in 1959 to a hardworking, God fearing family. He grew up in Dimmitt, Texas, a farming community in the Texas Panhandle. His values and work ethic were shaped by loving, hard working parents who taught him the value of doing things the “Wright” way. His great-grandmother was a founding member of the Dimmitt Methodist Church and purchased the 5th pew on the left side of the sanctuary. To this day, all the Wright descendants sit in the 5th pew on the left side. Jim was a “drug” baby. He was “drug” to church every time the doors were open.

Jim graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1977 and Texas A & M University, where he received his BS in Agronomy. He met his first love, Danice, there and upon graduation they were married and moved back to Dimmitt to go into the family farming business. Jim and Danice had two children, Cliff and Jinna.

Through the years, Jim and his family were very active in their church and the community. Jim worked the sound system and computer system for the church and volunteered at every funeral and wedding held there as well as regular church services. They seldom missed and it was never a question of “are we going to church” but “what am I wearing to church today”. Jim’s family, including his parents and siblings, cooked many meals in the Dimmitt community, whether it was steaks for the Chamber of Commerce banquet, the Church Valentine Banquet, a Fish Fry for FFA, or hamburgers for the Student Council Fundraisers, and other countless church dinners.

In 1999, Jim was honored to be voted Citizen of the Year by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce. During their marriage, Jim and Danice faced two devastating trials. Jinna was born deaf, and Danice was diagnosed with colon cancer. She passed away a few short years later. After about a year, Jim met the new youth director at their church and after a short courtship they married. Their marriage lasted about a year, realizing it was a mistake she left, and they went through a difficult divorce. Jim will tell you to this day that divorce is a sin but when you find yourself in a situation that can’t be fixed, God will forgive you. Jim has always felt that this difficult journey was used by God to make him a better pastor.

Jim later went on a Walk to Emmaus and it was instrumental in helping him heal from Danice’s death and his divorce. Eventually God brought Kay into his life through social media. They met online in 2009. The day they married, he became an instant father of two more children, Papaw to three grandchildren who he has always loved as his own. Over the years they have added seven more grandchildren, and this past Spring they had their first great-grandchild.

Jim worked as a John Deere salesman and Kay worked as a radiology technician. They were active in the local Emmaus community until Jim felt called into full-time ministry. Together they served three churches (Knox City Methodist, Anson Methodist, and Throckmorton Methodist where Jim led them through the disaffiliation process. Upon retiring in 2024, they moved to Abilene and joined Aldersgate and serve as volunteers in several areas. We pray God has many more years of service in store for them.

Upcoming Events

- **Romeos Every - Wednesdays - 8am - Denny’s - 3314 S Clack St**
- **Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal & Bible Study - Weekly at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall**
- **Choir - Wednesday Nights - 7pm**
- **College Sunday School & Game Night - Most Sundays - McMurry at 4pm**
- **Big Country Emmaus Community - 1st Tuesday of November & December 6:30pm**
- **October 27th - Leadership Board Meeting - 5:30 pm**
- **October 30th - Trunk or Treat at the Abilene Police Department - See Cheri for Info**
- **November 2nd - All Saints Sunday**
- **November 6th - Follow The Thread - 9:30am-3:00pm - Patio Room**
- **November 8th - Candle Making - Abilene Candle Company - 10:30am - See Insert for Details**
- **November 10th - Sara Ruth Circle - 1:30pm - Patio Room**
- **November 11th - Closed for Veterans Day**
- **November 13th - Food Distribution - 9-10:30am - South 18th Area**
- **November 13th - Ladies Lunch Club (At Night) - 6pm - Blu Barrell - 829 N Judge Ely**
- **November 16th - Thanksgiving Lunch Following Sunday School - Bring a Side or Dessert**