



The Messenger

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Be Magnified

I'm not quite 2 months into my appointment here in San Antonio. Though I was raised here, I've been gone these last 8 years with very little time back in between. No long visits, no family holidays, just some occasional conference meetings and trainings. The place I grew up in and thought I knew well is virtually unrecognizable to me. My personal rhythms of prayer, study, worship, service in the community are...disjointed. Getting my home in order has become a complicated and sometimes disheartening process after having renters during my time in Edinburg. Even the good things feel... unsteady. There is a strange awkwardness as I work at renewing old friendships and making new ones.

Do you know the feelings I'm talking about? Where everything is fine, good even, but you feel pulled in many directions. Not enough time for the things you need to do. No time at all for the things you want to do. Resources seem limited and there is no great, easy solution readily in sight. You seem to perfunctorily slip in to "get it done" mode, no great distress but no great joy, just the everyday, in and out, up and down.

Dis-regulated. That's the word people are calling it these days. Priorities and productivity become enmeshed. When people are so busy "getting it done" that they can't set priorities or rather, the priorities they set are out of order with a whole, healthy life, a whole healthy person. I've caught myself singing, humming an old worship song from the late eighties I think. I went searching for a recording and sort of cringed at the not great musical setting. But when I just sat, just me and my guitar, the lyric just took deep hold (see at the bottom of this article). "Be magnified" not just "exalted" but rather, God be bigger. God be bigger in my eyes and bigger in my life. More of you, God, less of me. Putting God first, inviting God to take up more space in our heart, in our day, in our thoughts. This is the first step to having more of everything else. Where do you need to make God "bigger" in your life? Giving more time to study and prayer? Giving more time to worship? Giving more time to service? Letting God control your tongue and words? How will you start to become aware of where God has become too small in your eyes? How will you start to heal that?

God, Be Magnified
Pastor Michele

Be Magnified by Don Moen
I have made You too small in my eyes
O Lord, forgive me
I have believed in a lie
That You were unable to help me.
But now, O Lord, I see my wrong
Heal my heart and show Yourself strong
And in my eyes and with my song
O Lord, be magnified
O Lord, be magnified.

Be magnified, O Lord
You are highly exalted
And there is nothing You can't do
O Lord, my eyes are on You.
Be magnified
O Lord, be magnified.

Be magnified, O Lord
You are highly exalted
And there is nothing You can't do
O Lord, my eyes are on You.
Be magnified
O Lord, be magnified.

I have leaned on the wisdom of men
O Lord, forgive me
And I have responded to them
Instead of Your light and Your mercy.
But now, O Lord, I see my wrong
Heal my heart and show Yourself strong
And in my eyes with my song
O Lord, be magnified
O Lord, be magnified.

Welcome Desk!

Volunteers Needed!!

We will be reopening the welcome desk! As the scope of responsibilities increases for the staff, we need to be able to take other responsibilities from their daily list. Reopening the welcome desk, manned by volunteers will allow us to do that. These volunteers will be the first face of greeting and hospitality to visitors and members alike when they enter the building during the work week.

Responsibilities will include but not limited to:

- Answering phones
- Receiving packages
- Directing visitors to appropriate desired locations
- Helping assemble visitor welcome bags
- Helping scan in church files to create digital records
- Have a great time serving the Lord by blessing the church and so much more!

Training will be provided, a lot of blessings will be received, contact Heather at heatherw@mylhumc.org or 210.733.7156 to sign up!



Volunteers
needed



YOU'RE INVITED

San Antonio College will mark its 100th anniversary this September, and we're excited to join in the celebration! The Laurel Heights Super Adults are delighted to welcome SAC President, Dr. Francisco Solis, as our special guest at the August meeting.

We especially invite all former SAC students and faculty from Laurel Heights to join us for lunch at 11:00 a.m., followed by an inspiring presentation on the future of this outstanding college that has served our community for a century.

To help us plan for plenty of food, please call 210-872-8031 to reserve your spot.

Lunch is our gift to you—so come, celebrate, and be part of this special occasion!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

LUNCH AT 11:00 AM * FELLOWSHIP HALL



FIFTH SUNDAY POTLUCK

August 31
12:00 PM

Fellowship
Hall



BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH!



BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

During the month of August we will be collecting school supplies for our neighborhood public school, Agnes Cotton Academy. They have specifically requested these items.

Items Needed

- Pencils
- Pencil top erasers
- Colored pencils
- Glue sticks
- Dry Erase markers
- Highlighters
- Composition Books (wide and narrow/college ruled)
- Grid paper spiral journals (4x4 quad ruled)

You may leave your donations on the reception desk on the first floor.

Laurel Heights United Methodist Church

hello AUGUST 2025

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9 **CAM** 9:00AM - 11:00AM **CAM Sign up**

10 **ICE CREAM SOCIAL** 9:30AM - 10:45AM

BACKPACK BLESSING 11:00AM

17 **SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS** 10:00AM

31 **ACOLYTE & USHER TRAINING & POTLUCK** 12:00PM

Young Family Calendar of Events

Youth Sunday School

Every Sunday 10AM (8/17-12/21)



- August: Bible Background
- September: Wisdom
- October: Money & Resources
- November: Revelations
- December: Advent

Youth Leadership Lab

Sept 14th & Nov 9th 12 - 1:30PM

Youth Can Lead Now! Study + Lunch & Activities



CAM Saturdays

Second Saturdays 9-11AM

Aug 9, Sept 13, Oct 11, Nov 8, Dec 13

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Church Calendar

Wednesday, August 20

9:00 a.m. Exercise Class - *Room 305*

5:45 p.m. Missions Committee Meeting - *Parlor*

Thursday, August 21

9:00 a.m. Church Mice

6:00 p.m. Tai Chi Class - *Room 312*

Friday, August 22

9:00 a.m. Exercise Class - *Room 305*

Sunday, August 24

9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - *Sanctuary*

Monday, August 25

9:00 a.m. Exercise Class - *Room 305*

Wednesday, August 27

9:00 a.m. Exercise Class - *Room 305*

Thursday, August 28

10:00 a.m. Super Adult Day - *Fellowship Hall*

6:00 p.m. Tai Chi Class - *Room 312*

Friday, August 29

9:00 a.m. Exercise Class - *Room*

Sunday, August 31

9:30 a.m. Fellowship - *Fellowship Hall*

10:00 a.m. Fall Season Sunday School Begins

11:00 a.m. Worship Service & Third Grade Bibles

12:00 p.m. Fifth Sunday Potluck - *Fellowship Hall*

1:00 p.m. Lively Spirits - *Laurel Room*



Your donation to
C.A.M. matters! They
are currently in
need of 1 pound
bags of rice. Drop
them off at our
C.A.M. collection
spots in the church.

Chancel Flowers

The following dates are available:
September 21 & 28
October 5, 12, 19, 26

To reserve a date please contact
Heather
210.733.7156

Come Visit Our Library!

located on the 3rd floor.

The library is regularly open on Sunday mornings and accessible by request during normal church office hours.

A photograph of an open book with white pages, resting on a stack of several other books on a wooden surface. The background is softly blurred, showing warm, bokeh light effects.

Prayer Requests

Lucien Manchester
Richard Parrigan
Bert Clayton
Elizabeth Diaz
Kay Craig
Ahmed Halim
Claire Riley
Lindsay Pease
Elmer Boone
Belia Taylor
Mary Helm
Kahlia Langram