

# Lord's Acre

In the days of western expansion in the United States, it was often the custom of local farmers to donate to their church the harvest – or proceeds from the harvest – of one of their acres of crop land. Thus, was born the concept of the Lord's Acre, which we build upon today. We use the proceeds from the sale of the many handcrafted and donated items given to our Lord's Acre to support ongoing ministries and missions with our church's youth and children.

## How can you participate?

**Make** handcrafted items you can donate to the Live Auction (value \$50 or more) or Country Store (value less than \$50).

**Donate** new items, services, or gift certificates for the Live or Silent Auction or Country Store.

**Sign up** to work on one of our many committees.

**Be there!**



## Country Store

When the Country Store opens at 9:00 am on Lord's Acre Day, eager shoppers surge into the tent looking for great bargains on scrumptious fresh baked goods, homemade jams and jellies, beautiful, handcrafted items, live plants, Christmas gifts and décor, and much more.

P.S. Better be there by 9:00 am  
– things go really fast!

***Purchases can be made by credit card.***



## Live Auction

On Lord's Acre Day, the Live Auction begins at 1:15 pm. For the next 2 hours, a professional auctioneer leads a spirited competition for donated new or handcrafted items (no antiques, please) & gift certificates for fabulous products and services.



## Children's Activities

From 9:00 am until 1:00 pm, there are activities galore for the children... train rides, face painting, bean bag toss, and much more.



## Barbeque Lunch

From 11:00 am until 1:00 pm you can treat yourself to a meal of the best barbequed pork and sausage you've ever tasted! The meat is cooked in the big smoker onsite, and the meal includes potato salad, coleslaw, and beans – all homemade recipes, prepared by church members.

***Donations are accepted.***

In 1996, the First Methodist Church of Mabank inaugurated its Lord's Acre Harvest Festival, based on the successful model developed by the Crowley Texas Methodist church. This year, we celebrate our 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Lord's Acre Festival.

In the last 27 years, we have raised more than \$524,000 to support our Youth and Children Ministries and Missions. Lord's Acre funds have made possible a full-time staff person in charge of these ministries and have taken our young people on life-changing mission trips to sites in Texas, areas of service in the US, Mexico, and Honduras. God has truly blessed us!

But Lord's Acre is more than just a fundraiser for Youth and Children Ministries. It is a vital part of the Spirit of our congregation. EVERYONE -- whether 9 or 90 years old -- participates in some way in the preparation for, and operation of the festival. This annual event, perhaps more than anything else we do all year, brings our *entire* church family together as one body of service in Christ's love.

It's fun -- it's inspiring -- it's a great way to get to know other church members -- it's the CHURCH IN ACTION!

May God continue to bless all who are served through the Lord's Acre Harvest Festival at FMC Mabank!

## **LORD'S ACRE COMMITTEES**

**Publicity**

**Country Store**

**Barbeque**

**Children's Activities**

**Drinks/Concessions**

**Food**

**Invitations**

**Corporate Sponsors**

**Seating & Tent**

**Security & Parking**

**Photography**

**Decorations**

**Auction Check-In**

**Greeters / Nametags**

**Cashiers**

**Gospel Night**

**Display**

**Auction**

**Clean Up**

**Worship and A/V**

**Ice Cream Social & Mini Auction**

**Fish Fry-Gospel Night**

***Sign Up Today!***



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**Thursday, October 12, 2023**

**6:00 pm Fish Fry &**

**Gospel Singing**

**Saturday, October 14, 2023**

**9:00 – 1:00 pm Country Store**

**9:00 – 1:00 pm Kids' Activities**

**9:00 – 12:00 pm Silent Auction**

**11:00 – 1:00 pm BBQ Lunch**

**1:15 – 3:00 pm Live Auction**

**Sunday, October 15, 2023**

**10:00 am**

***Youth Led Worship Service***

