

Street Closure Request 2/14/2024

Mr. Waller,

I hope this email finds you well. On behalf of New Thomson United Methodist Church, I'm writing to ask for permission for a brief street closure. As I'm sure you are aware, our church is currently meeting in a temporary space at Austin Oaks. As we continue to make tremendous efforts to share love through open hearts, open minds, and open doors, we are hopeful for the City of Thomson's assistance in a Drive-Thru Ash Wednesday offering.

With the city's blessing, we would request to limit free traffic access to Georgia Avenue on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, from 10:30 AM until 1:15 PM and again from 3:45 PM to 6:15 PM, not limiting any local traffic to both Austin Oaks and the motel.

NTUMC would use the roadway for a single-flow traffic pattern from east to west along Georgia Avenue. Motorists would enter from Black Street and exit onto Jackson Street as our church, led by pastor Rev. Dr. Sargent Nelson offered a pull-up location for a quick prayer and to receive ashes.

While we do not expect any traffic disruptions along any other roadway, this would be the first year we have had the opportunity to offer this outreach, so we don't have a gauge to measure potential community response. However, we do believe that a community like ours, built on such a firm foundation of faith, would embrace this event.

Best,

Brett Buffington

