



Wesley's Vision

INVITE all in the Name of Christ
GROW disciples with the Word of Christ
SERVE all with the LOVE of Christ.

Wesley Witness

Wesley United Methodist Church

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

Dorothy Duncan	Sept 1
Gina Wilder	Sept 1
Sharon Callahan	Sept 1
Tim Henderson	Sept 1
Lou Jane Drummond	Sept 2
Marvin Jones	Sept 3
Silvina Epperson	Sept 6
Bobbie Moseman	Sept 7
Larry Nelson	Sept 7
Max Drummond	Sept 8
Cheryl and Rick Spears	Sept 9
Muriel Lucas	Sept 10
Ilene Massey	Sept 11
Alexus Garcia	Sept 11
Jimmy Winfrey	Sept 12
Truman Renshaw	Sept 14
Ilene and Max Massey	Sept 18
Art Francis	Sept 25
Joe Clark	Sept 28
Emily Garcia	Sept 30



United Methodist Women visited C.C. Young Retirement Village in Dallas August 10, 2017



Needed! Used printer cartridges. We purchase office supplies with the rebates we get from recycling.



Back
to
School
Bash

August
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From the
Pastor

Taking Care of the Body

Yearly medical exams are not at the top of my bucket/activity/must-do list! Yet, in order for me to know and have some assurance that I'm either okay or not, I still have to endure these exams.

One of the metaphors used by the Apostle Paul in his letters to churches in our Bible is "The Body of Christ." Now, honestly, I've known this for well over my 49 years of preaching and 40 years of pastoring. If you read Paul in the New Testament, it's overtly stated (Romans 12; I Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4, 5; Colossians 1,2). Yet, it wasn't until the last six months when I decided to take better care of myself, my body, that I realized, personally and through the reading of great, inspiring Christian books/authors, the correlation between my body's health and the body of Christ's health work hand-in-glove! Let me explain.

Perhaps these words from pastor/writer, Gerhard Frost, amplifies this: "If one can set aside one's faith as casually as one sets down a piece of luggage and then walk away from it, that's probably all it ever was."

So, in order to mature or grow up as a healthy, contributing follower of Jesus Christ, I am suggesting the importance of developing healthy habits or, call them disciplines. I've observed in my lifetime a growing anemic epidemic in all of our churches. Instead of growing Disciples, we have resorted to entertaining them. Although we often say (as church leaders and pastors we cannot out entertain our children, youth, and adults in church in comparison to television, Hollywood movies, X-boxes, Netflix, HBO, the Internet, I-phones, I-watches, etc., but for some unknown reason, we TRY TO! And the result in our churches is a less-Bible-informed, disciplined, church member and believer. For the record, this is very old news, and I am sorry to have waited into my fourth year at Wesley to inform you. Shame on me! Shame on us! (For the record, I prefer my members to be familiar with their own Bible. However, if you insist on using you cell phone to look up Scriptures, go for it! But I underline in my Bible.)

You and I hear of miraculous and wonderful breakthroughs in modern medicine, vitamins, natural remedies-rediscovered from the past, and on-going scientific marvels. What a time to be alive! It is interesting to me that we will literally spend whatever it takes to remain alive and healthy with our physical body, yet we allow what a preacher says (even me!), or a Facebook post, or even magazine or journal articles to help us grown our spiritual bodies! And to beat it all, we KNOW that if one bodily function is weak, it will affect our entire body and outlook on life!

Wake up, Church! Read in the above-mentioned Bible passages when the Apostle Paul says emphatically, "When one member (of the body of Christ) suffers, we ALL suffer! And "the eye cannot be the ear or the foot or the hand." In the body of Christ, we work best when we ALL work together, we study and stay healthy together, and our united witness as the Church produces FRUIT as we are FAITHFUL and OBEDIENT. Praise the Lord!

I grew up in church. Here was my weekly schedule guided by my parents: On Sunday, I went to Sunday school (to study the Bible), attended worship (to sing and praise and glorify God in three persons), at Sunday dinner with my cousins and grandparents, got back home in time for Training Union (lessons on being a Disciple), attended evening worship in a more casual setting (which often included hymn singing, personal testimonies, and more preaching), went to prayer meeting with my family on Wednesday nights, (which began with a potluck meal), followed by children/youth activities, and then a Bible study sprinkled with some praying, and waiting patiently while my Dad attended choir practice), participated twice a month in Royal Ambassadors (a Christian Scout-like group) on Thursday evenings, and later, our family became the church custodians (you should see how I could master riding a buffer on the tile floors!). And it was normal that our pastor would drop by our house to check on us, especially my sickly mom. I DO KNOW CHURCH. I GREW UP THERE!

I am not suggesting that we go back to those day at all. What I am telling you is, though I minored in religion in college (as well as English and political science with a history major) and obtained a 3-year, 100-hour seminary degree (Master of Divinity), I still credit my dad who taught me in Sunday school, Training Union, and Royal Ambassadors (and was a Godly father-model) more than anyone else to know church and Christianity! Men and women (fathers and mothers): CAN WE GO BACK TO CHURCH?



A warm Wesley welcome to Rylan Sills. Rylan accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptized July 30, 2017, which was Youth Sunday.

The Church Office
will be **CLOSED**
Monday, Sept. 4



United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women met on August 15, 2017, with fourteen members present. We planned the UMW District Annual Meeting which will be at Wesley on Saturday, September 9, 2017. Members have signed up to decorate, make breakfast foods and greet guests. Approximately 100 women are expected to attend, from all corners of the East District.



Gathering with coffee and brunch will begin at 8:30 a.m. in Wesley Hall. The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. in Wesley Hall and worship with Communion will follow in the sanctuary. All Wesley women are invited to attend and help us host the meeting. If you would like to prepare something for the brunch, it will be appreciated (but not necessary!).

UMW also met on May 16. The program was presented by Alicia Dillon from the Rainbow Room, a part of Child Protection Services. The Rainbow Room will be Wesley's Mission Emphasis in September.

On June 20, we had a salad luncheon and white elephant sale. We had some exciting bidding. J.C. Clark had the most fun and went home with some cool treasures.

The next meeting will follow the District Conference on September 21 at 1:30 p.m. Bonnie Gilmer will present the program on Living as a Covenant Community. This study examines major covenants throughout the Bible and what they reveal about God's character and eternal love for us. It will enhance our understanding of how God works with us, in us, and through us. Please join us!

East District

United Methodist Women

Annual Meeting

Saturday, September 9

Wesley UMW, Sulphur Springs

8:30 a.m. Fellowship/Coffee/Snacks

9:00 a.m. - Noon

Business Meeting and Worship

All women in the church are welcome to attend!

Notes from the Lay Leader

Summer is over, school has started, and we have begun our Wednesday night programs again. It is good to see our brothers and sisters and to share a meal again. The children who ride the bus are with us again! Let us embrace these children with love and affection. We need to fill their hearts with the love of Jesus as well as their stomachs with our good food! Please help with these children. They need our guidance to help them learn how to behave and how to have good manners. We may be the only Bible these children ever see.

You know John Wesley said, "The only thing we have to do is save lost souls." Have we lost our passion in saving the lost and bringing them to the love and grace of Jesus Christ? I pray that we still long to see lost persons saved and that we are willing to work toward this. We must be more deliberate in inviting people to our church. We know that we are a loving, friendly church. But does the outside world know this? Have we become complacent with our faith? Just because we are an older congregation does not mean that we can sit back on our laurels and coast into heaven. When the Nominating Committee calls you to serve, are you going to say, "I have done that and it is time for somebody else to do that job," or are you going to say, "I would consider it an honor to serve Wesley Methodist Church and my God." I pray your answer is the latter.

Please say a word of gratitude to our staff. I believe we are blessed to have so many volunteers who work for no pay. They would enjoy a kind word; let's give it to them.

May our lives be filled with love, joy, and happiness as we travel along life's pathway.

Lou Jane Drummond



Sunday,
September 10

Snacks in Wesley Hall
following Worship



September Mission Emphasis The Rainbow Room

Rainbow Rooms are 24/7 resource centers usually located within local Child Protective Services (CPS). In the Rainbow Room, CPS caseworkers can get supplies for children who are victims of abuse or neglect—clothing, school supplies, diapers, and much more.

Rainbow Rooms are “a ray of hope in a child’s dreams.” Abused and neglected children do not deserve abused and neglected things. By supporting our local Rainbow Room, we can be a ray of hope to these children!!

When children are removed from their homes, they are given a 3-day supply of basic needs (they leave with nothing so they don’t have everything we take for granted).

September and October the greatest needs are:

- School Clothes -- Toddler-Adult Sizes (teens wear adult sizes) Male and female - Shirts, shorts/shirts pants (please make sets), skirts/tops/dresses with biking-type shorts or leggings to wear under these garments.
- Shoes -- Toddler-Adult Sizes (for teens) Male and Female--Flip-flops, slip-ons, sneakers
- Socks -- Toddler-Adults Sizes Male and Female - Any type or style

Let us be the hands and feet of Jesus as these children struggle to go back to school!! **Monetary donations are always welcome to purchase items not in stock.**



The Wednesday Night Fellowship Committee (Carol Ann, Mary Lou, Mary Ellen, and Vera) met recently and set up the schedule for the fall semester. There are menus posted on the (KOOL!) refrigerator. We would appreciate folks volunteering to cook even if there is a menu posted for a particular night. This will give the Committee a much-needed break!



United Methodist Women
1:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 21
Program: Mission Study
Hostess: Sandra Parker

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Carolyn Albritton Sherry and Max Baxter Haylee Chester Nell and Billy Crowson Tiffany Delbridge Art and Fran Francis Ty and Jamie Funderburk Gene George Jerry and Shirley Glossup Robert and Mary Glover Jack and Janie Godfrey Magan, Tim and Easley Henderson Hudson, Presley, Megan and Evan Hughes Christa and Victor Kasztelanski Gene Lewis Jase Mabie Mary Ann McCormick Tana and Gary Moon Lee Ann Carpenter Oliver Ricky and Kay Orr Cecil Savage Patsy and Don Shaw Clara Smith Rev. Howard Strickland Donna and Dave Spears Bo and Pennye West Sarah Wilkinson Jimmy Winfrey The Family of Richard Francis, Sr. Students, Teachers, Administrators, Personnel Leaders Military Personnel and their Families Law Enforcement, EMS, Fire Fighters, Hospital Personnel CANHelp CASA Backpack Buddies Community Chest/Cupboard Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center North Texas Food Bank Holy Highway Girls Home Abused Children and Youth Way of Salvation UMC, Mytisch, Russia Dallas Bethlehem Center – Wesley-Rankin Community Center New additions to the prayer list are in BOLD Note: Names added to the prayer list will remain on the list for 30 days. They will be relisted by request. Please help us to keep the list current	Charles Batty, Jr. Jill Benoist Linda Cloyd Sandy Davis Peggy Dietz Billy Emmerson The Funderburks Wendy Gibbs Ronnie Jenkins Sharon Hughes Pat Johnson Lynn Kincade Rev. Van Lazaroff Latressa Logan Zane Magan Karol McWilliams Linda Moore Old Saltillo UMC Jana Prochaska Reed Schnieder J.O. Shaw Melvanda Smith Rev. Patty Soward Pat and Floyd Spears Mark Warren Bob Williams Tim Wright	DeLana Beadle Cassie Cavaliere Phillip Coleman Rev. Gaither Day Cristine Dixon Benjamin Epperson Sharon Gadt Jayne Glenn Pam Hollingsworth Jeff Johnson Dana Jordan Corena Korth John Kramer Jennifer Lee Carol Lortz Jim Marteney Jennifer Moore Beverly Morgan Rev. Dana Norton The Rodriguez Baby Shirley Schulster Beth Shurtleff Dustin Snyder Marsha Taylor Allan Thar Karen Wedding Mary Wilson Ron Zitterick Faye Davis Our Country and Our
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WESLEY HOMEBOUND

Bobbie Holder Muriel Lucas Della Loane Lois Shannon
 Margaret Campbell Sandra McIntire Truman Renshaw Bill Shell

In Loving Memory of Mike Human

By: Diane Dixon
 Stanley and Mary Lou Foster

In Loving Memory of Kathy Crowson

By: Diane Dixon Rachel Lewis

In Loving Memory of Doris Rawls

By: Carol Deckler
 A.R. and Beverly Porter
 Stanley and Mary Lou Foster
 Carol Dickson

In Loving Memory of Sang Ok Cha

By: Stanley and Mary Lou Foster

In Honor of Vera Ann Johnson, Dorothy Duncan, L.B. and Dana Jordan

By: Red and Vernice Penny



Linda Helms
 Eileen Goldsteen
 Darlene Liesner

Diane Dixon





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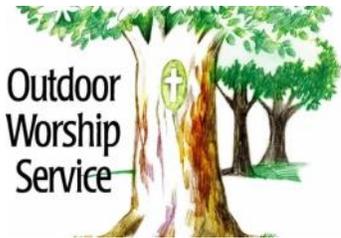
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Wesley UMC-Sulphur Springs



Outdoor Worship and

Picnic in the Park

10:00 a.m. Sunday

September 17

The Pavilion at Buford Park



A **FREE** lunch will follow the worship service. Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, salads, and dessert will be served. **Board games, children and youth activities and storytelling** will follow lunch while we enjoy Buford Park. There is plenty of seating in the Pavilion but feel free to bring lawn chairs. **A fun time with family and friends!** Invite someone to come!

A **sign-up sheet** is on the Wesley Hall bulletin board for: Hamburger buns Wieners Water Hot dog buns Salads Brownies Cookies Coolers to keep salads and drinks cool. Setting up and Tearing down. **We NEED YOU!!**

There will be **NO** activities at Wesley that morning.