



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

## October 2017

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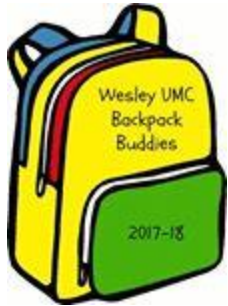
*This is the day that the Lord has made.  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

*Psalm 118:24*



# Birthdays and Anniversaries

|                               |               |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Mack Phillips                 | Oct 6         |
| Charlotte Ferrall             | Oct 8         |
| Kathy Darrow                  | Oct 8         |
| Mike Brock                    | Oct 10        |
| Paul Clark                    | Oct 11        |
| <b>Donna and Larry Nelson</b> | <b>Oct 11</b> |
| Dicie Rue Cook                | Oct 15        |
| <b>Gina and Bill Wilder</b>   | <b>Oct 18</b> |
| Margaret Campbell             | Oct 19        |
| Jerry Glossup                 | Oct 23        |
| Theresa Garcia                | Oct 24        |
| Grant Glass                   | Oct 27        |



**Exciting news! It's time to adopt your backpack buddy!!! For only \$4 a week (\$16 per month), you can help make sure a student has food over a weekend. If you want to pay for the entire year, it will be**

**\$192. We have 72 students at Como-Pickton and North Hopkins that we will be making backpack buddies for this school year. Our first assembly night is the first Wednesday of October (Oct. 4).**

## Remember to save Labels for Education

**We give them to Travis Primary.**  
There is a container on the table in Wesley Hall



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

## Sunday, August 27, 2017

|                                  |                   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Worship                          | 97                |
| Sunday School                    | 59                |
| <u>Stewardship</u>               |                   |
| Offering Anticipated to Date     | <b>156,118.74</b> |
| Offering through August 27, 2017 | <b>136,543.00</b> |
| Offering this week               | 2,386.00          |
| Designated                       | 1,438.00          |

## Sunday, September 3, 2017

|                                    |                   |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Worship                            | 92                |
| Sunday School                      | 88                |
| <u>Stewardship</u>                 |                   |
| Offering Anticipated to Date       | <b>160,553.57</b> |
| Offering through September 3, 2017 | <b>143,652.00</b> |
| Offering this week                 | 7,109.00          |
| Designated                         | 700.00            |

## Sunday, September 10, 2017

|                                     |                   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Worship                             | 112               |
| Sunday School                       | 58                |
| <u>Stewardship</u>                  |                   |
| Offering Anticipated to Date        | <b>164,988.40</b> |
| Offering through September 10, 2017 | <b>146,051.00</b> |
| Offering this week                  | 2,399.00          |
| Designated                          | 890.00            |

## Sunday, September 17, 2017

### Worship in the Park

|                                    |                   |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Worship                            | 103 + Dog         |
| Sunday School                      | No Count          |
| <u>Stewardship</u>                 |                   |
| Offering Anticipated to Date       | <b>169,423.23</b> |
| Offering through September 17 2017 | <b>148,493.19</b> |
| Offering this week                 | 2,442.19          |
| Designated                         | 0                 |

## Sunday, September 24, 2017

|                                     |                   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Worship                             | 100               |
| Sunday School                       | 71                |
| <u>Stewardship</u>                  |                   |
| Offering Anticipated to Date        | <b>173,858.06</b> |
| Offering through September 24, 2017 | <b>150,928.19</b> |
| Offering this week                  | 2,435.00          |
| Designated                          | 1,037.00          |
| Noisy Offering                      | 72.39             |

**In Loving Memory of Kathy Crowson**

By: Margaret Campbell

**In Loving Memory of Doris Rawls**

By: Margaret Campbell





**From the  
Pastor**

## Breaking Bread Together and What If?

Well, dinner's on twice a week at Wesley UMC beginning Monday, October 2! We'll be Breaking Bread Together with anyone who desires to join us at noon each Monday and Friday in our kitchen/dining area we call, rightly so, Wesley Hall! For our older, membership church, it is a "service of love" we want to share with our neighbors and those who lives closest to us in our "parish!" All of us who will work are servants: planners, cooks, greeters, speakers, servers, and custodians. Our service mirrors the words of Jesus in Matthew 25:37-40.

"Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see You hungry and feed You, thirsty and give You a drink? And when did we ever see You sick or in prison and come to You? Then King Jesus will say, "I'm telling the solemn truth; Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was Me--you did it to Me!"

At Breaking Bread Together, each servant will be the hands, the heart, the feet and the voice of Jesus, also known as the Suffering Servant. What can you do? Invite and bring with you a neighbor, friend, family member, or even a complete stranger. Our hope is to "feed both the stomach and the soul!"

This will come as no surprise to those who know me best: I love books! I love to read, especially what younger ministers and creative churches are doing in the name of our Lord Jesus. Writer, Pastor, Mark Batterson of the National Community Church in Washington, D.C., has become a source of inspiration and encouragement to me. I've read 5-6 of his books and am currently reading If: Trading Your If Only Regrets for God's What If Possibilities. Like Max Lucado before him, Mark can say in so few words what most of us can't say in a lifetime! "If only..."

If is a series of challenges to be read one day at a time, by oneself or in a group. At the end of each chapter, Mark tightly words the gist of each chapter. So:

1. What if you were one decision away from a totally different life?
2. What if you rejected everything about God what wasn't God and accepted Him for who He is--God for you?
3. What if you started acting like an agent of grace--looking for opportunities to love people when they least expect it and least deserve it?
4. What if you tuned out the voice of condemnation and turned in to the voice of conviction?
5. What if you tried a food fast, media fast, or complaining fast for ten, twenty one, or forty days?

This is Day 5 for me meaning I have 25 more days to "digest this book!" Yum!

From the sublime to the mundane, but important information.

1. Compared to one year ago, we've done better on paying our apportionments. On the other hand, our giving to our General Fund has declined significantly.
2. To keep up with increased costs for our Backpack Buddy program which, by the way, targets children with hunger needs at Como-Pickton and North Hopkins Elementary Schools, we announced last Sunday an increase of \$1/week, from \$15 to \$16 per month. We receive, free, food from the North Texas Food Bank to feed children at Travis Primary School. (Our only cost if the trip to Duncanville and back once in the fall and once in the spring.)
3. To begin our Breaking Bread Together ministry, you have been generous, some of our organizations have been (i.e., UMW), and this ministry is growing.
4. Our Wednesday Night Meal gathering continues to flourish, thanks to our Fellowship Committee's leadership. Our meal rotations are very well received ! (And monies continue to support this "outreach ministry.")
5. Work with the finest staff I've ever had. I can honestly say of them: They are overworked and underpaid! Whenever you feel led to say thanks to them in some tangible way. Let me encourage you to do so!

**Breaking Bread Together, What If?, + Challenges  
= To God Be the Glory!**



**Wesley United Methodist Church  
614 Texas (Corner of Texas & Bellview)  
FREE lunches  
Every Monday & Friday at NOON**

**Break Bread Together with Us!**

# Worship in the Park Sunday, September 17, 2017





**Finance Committee Meeting**  
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 4

**Trustees Meeting**  
6:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 10

**Committee on Lay Leadership and Nominations**  
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 11

**Laity Sunday is October 15**  
The Worship Service will be led by our Lay Leader,  
Lou Jane Drummond, and church members.

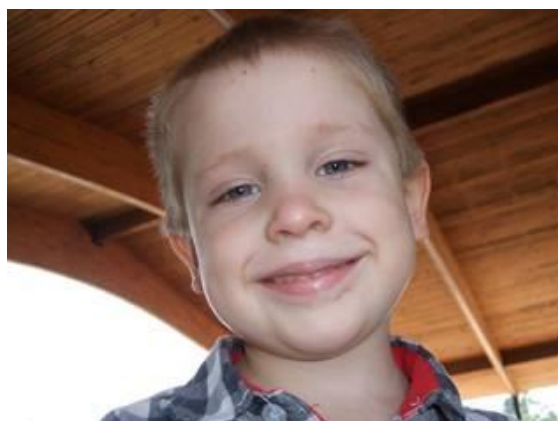
**The Outreach Committee Meeting**  
Tuesday, October 17

**Ad Board will meet on Tuesday, October 24.**

**On Sunday, October 29, we will have Pot Luck**  
following Sunday School (5th Sunday).

**All Saints Sunday is November 5**

We will remember the lives of the members who have passed into life eternal. If you have a loved one or a friend you would like for us to remember, please call the church office. Those who have passed during the past year are Doris Rawls, Lloyd Hiller, and Faye Davis (a member of Wesley's UMW).



## PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

|                                 |                      |                      |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Rev. Carolyn Albritton          | <b>Kay Atkins</b>    | I.L. Balkcom         |
| Charles Batty, Jr.              | Joan Batty           | Mrs. Beasley         |
| Rev. Danny Burnette             | Cassie Cavaliere     | Haylee Chester       |
| Nell and Billy Crowson          | Ben Coker            | Sandy Davis          |
| Rev. Gaither Day                | Tiffany Delbridge    | Dee Elliott          |
| Benjamin Epperson               | Fran Francis         | Wendy Gibbs          |
| Jerry and Shirley Glossup       | Jayne Glenn          | Glenda Godfrey       |
| Robert and Mary Glover          | Ronnie Jenkins       | <b>Darren Hicks</b>  |
| Jack and Janie Godfrey          | Sharon Hughes        | Jeff Johnson         |
| Magan, Tim and Eisley Henderson | Dana Jordan          | <b>Marge Johnson</b> |
| Christa and Victor Kasztelanski | Lynn Kincade         | John Kramer          |
| Rev. Van Lazaroff               | Jennifer Lee         | Gene Lewis           |
| Latressa Logan                  | Carol Lortz          | Jase Mabie           |
| Mary Ann McCormick              | Zane Magan           | Becky Moore          |
| Jennifer Peek Moore             | Linda Moore          | Beverly Morgan       |
| Lee Ann Carpenter Oliver        | Rev. Dana Norton     | <b>Jill Reneau</b>   |
| Ricky and Kay Orr               | Reed Schnieder       | J.O. Shaw            |
| Patsy Shaw                      | Beth Shurtleff       | Clara Smith          |
| Rev. Howard Strickland          | Dustin Snyder        | Mark Warren          |
| Donna and Dave Spears           | Pat and Floyd Spears | Allan Thar           |
| Karen Wedding                   | Penny West           | Jimmy Winfrey        |

**Ron Zitterick**      **Cecile Blount**      **The Family of Faye Davis**  
**First Responders**      **Students, Teachers, Administrators, Personnel**  
**The people affected by the hurricanes, wildfires and earthquakes**  
**Our Country and Our Leaders**      **Military Personnel and their Families**  
**Law Enforcement, EMS, Fire Fighters, Hospital Personnel**  
CANHelp    CASA    Backpack Buddies    Abused Children and Youth  
Community Chest/Cupboard    Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center  
North Texas Food Bank    Holy Highway Girls Home  
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*

### WESLEY HOMEBOUND

Bobbie Holder    Muriel Lucas    Della Loane    Lois Shannon  
Margaret Campbell    Sandra McIntire    Truman Renshaw    Bill Shell  
Martha Johnson    Marvin and Louise Jones    Red and Vernice Penny





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

See us on



Wesley UMC-Sulphur Springs

Daylight Saving Time Ends  
 Sunday, November 5



**United  
 Methodist  
 Women**



**1:30 p.m. Tuesday  
 October 17**

Program: Bonnie Gilmer  
 Hostess: Wanda Winfrey

UMW will feed the students at  
 the Wesley Campus Ministry  
 Texas A&M-Commerce  
 Wednesday, October 18



**Wesley at the  
 world-famous  
 Hopkins County  
 Stew  
 Contest again!**

Thanks to Cheryl and Rick Spears, our cookers, our church will be part of this fall tradition. The date: Saturday, October 28 in Buford Park. We will have the same site that we had last year. We'll need folks to help us get the chicken boiled and pulled, get the veggies ready, and get tables and chairs loaded up on Friday evening, October 27 at 6:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet will be posted for workers. All

hands on deck!



**Fall Roundup  
 Saturday  
 November 18**