



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

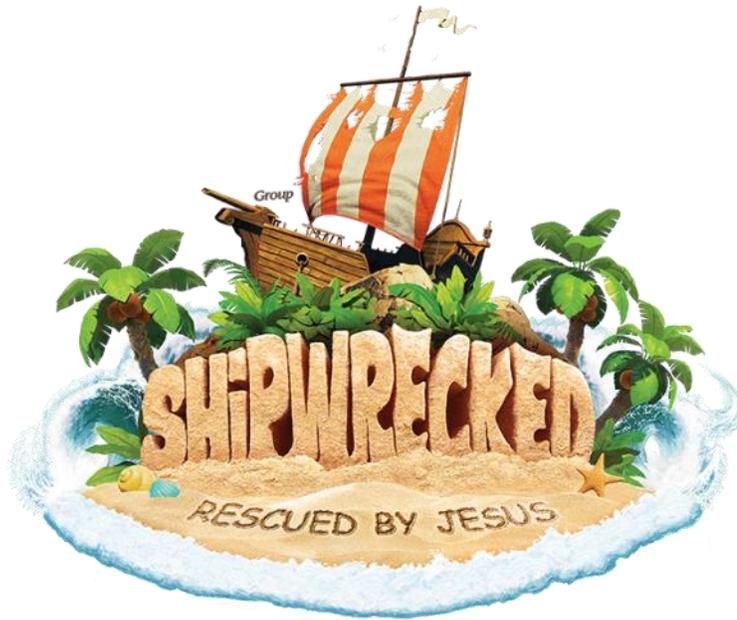
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Vacation Bible School

July 16-20,
2018

Theme: **Shipwrecked**
RESCUED BY JESUS

Times: 5:30 p.m. Finger Food Supper

6:00 - 8:30 p.m. VBS

Monday - Thursday

Church-wide Family Closing Night

Friday - 6:30 p.m.



A monetary gift was given to **United Methodist Women** by Roseann Rawls in memory of her mother, Doris. Doris was a long-time member of UMW and loved it.

Diane Dixon, President

Members of the **Homebound Ministry Team**: Roseann Rawls sent her thanks again for the care and attention we gave Doris. She also thanked us for visiting Reid at Sunny Springs.

Diane Dixon

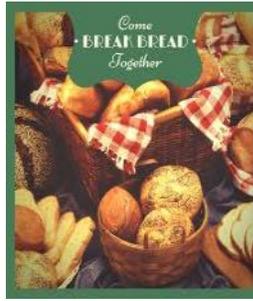


Independence Day

In 1775, people in New England began fighting the British for their independence. On July 2, 1776, the Congress secretly voted for independence from Great Britain. Two days later, on July 4, 1776, the final wording of the Declaration of Independence was approved, and the document was published. The first public reading of the Declaration of Independence was on July 8, 1776. Delegates began to sign the Declaration of Independence on August 2, 1776. In 1870, Independence Day was made an unpaid holiday for federal employees. In 1941, it became a paid holiday for them.

The first description of how Independence Day would be celebrated was in a letter from John Adams to his wife Abigail on July 3, 1776. He described "pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations" throughout the United States. However, the term "Independence Day" was not used until 1791.

Interestingly, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, both signers of the Declaration of Independence and presidents of the United States, died on July 4, 1826 - exactly 50 years after the adoption of the declaration. It is also important to note that Native Americans lived in the country and each tribe had its own nation and government prior to the European settlers.



The Servants of Breaking Bread Together Ministry would like to express to our Wesley family our heartfelt gratitude for your faithful prayer and financial support. Your faithfulness has made this ministry truly a church-wide ministry of Wesley United Methodist Church. To date we have served 3,878 lunches. Thank you again!

BBTM Servants



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Bill Wilder	July 2
Rick Spears	July 3
Bobbie Holder	July 7
Marisa and Jacob Jones	July 7
Konnie and Ronnie Cross	July 8
Dana Jordan	July 10
L,B, Jordan	July 12
Jana and Danny Prochaska	July 12
Brenda and Doyle McKinzie	July 12
Magan and Tim Henderson	July 14
Marisa Jones	July 16
Betty and Mack Phillips	July 18
Gary Lewis	July 22
Peggy and Jim Gregg	July 22
Julie Weir	July 23
Brantley Jones	July 24
Marge Johnson	July 26
Rhonda and Mike Brock	July 26
Allie Thurman	July 29
Mattie Thurman	July 29
Malcolm Kirkland	July 31

In Loving Memory of Margie Pope

By: Charlotte Henderson



In Honor of L.B. Jordan's 90th Birthday

By: Donna and Larry Nelson



PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Jordyn Ausmus	Clint Barkley	Betty Bassham
Charles Batty, Jr	Delana Beadle	Bethany Nichole
Allison Bostick	Angie Brown	James Brown
Cassie Cavaliere	Wanda Clayton	Sandy Davis
Nell Drummond	Silvina Epperson	Debra Furbay
Eddie Fenstermaker	Gene George	Jayne Glenn
Donny and Beulah Godfrey	Jerry Glossup	Roy Herman, Jr.
Magan, Tim and Easley Henderson	Mark Heisler	Robbie Jones
Christa and Victor Kasztelanski	Lynn Kincade	Jordan Krause
Fred and LaDonna Kusta	Mary Logan	Jase Mabie
Zane Magan	Sarah Markovic	Ricky Martin
Mary Ann McCormick	Bobbie Moseman	Carol Ann O'dell
Lee Ann Carpenter Oliver	Sandra Parker	Carolyn Roland
Mildred Schulz	The Spears Family	Allan Thar
Elton and Louise Stewart	Nancy Stobough	Mark Warren
Barbara and Jim Williams	Karen Wedding	Wildfires

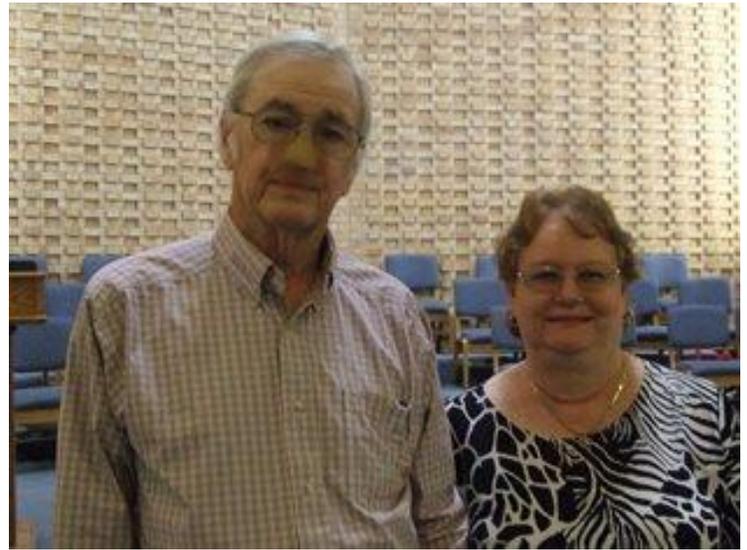
Military Personnel and their Families First Responders, Law Enforcement, EMS, Fire Fighters, Hospital Personnel
 CANHelp CASA Backpack Buddies Abused Children and Youth
 Community Chest/Cupboard Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center
 North Texas Food Bank Holy Highway Girls Home
 Dallas Bethlehem Center – 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

Fran Francis Bobbie Holder Muriel Lucas Lois Shannon
 Margaret Campbell Sandra McIntire Della Loane
 Martha Johnson Red and Vernice Penny Marge Johnson



Gary and Deb Huffman joined the Wesley family on June 24. Welcome! We look forward to working with you!



Mary Ellen and Malcolm Kirkland celebrated their 50th anniversary June 22. Congratulations!



Save the date! Photography for our new directory begins September 4. Our goal is to have everyone included for our most complete family directory ever!



SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY, AUGUST 10TH



SS Work Camp June 3-6



**From
Pastor**

The Evocative Power of Liturgy

One of the affirming and didactic roles of having liturgy in a church is to keep us grounded on the faith we proclaim. The United Methodist Hymnal (1989 - the hymnal we use at Wesley and the most recent UMC hymnal published) directs us to Numbers 880-889 as recommended Affirmations of Faith. The most familiar to UM churches is Number 881, *The Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version*. Here we declare our Trinitarian faith by declaring "We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord" (with additional language of the life of Jesus Christ), and then believing "in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic (universal) church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting." And all of God's children say, "Amen."

When we stand together to share from reading of our memorization of it, we are affirming the evocative power of liturgy. By this, I mean, as it is defined in *The Cambridge English Dictionary*: "making you remember or imagine something pleasant." Educators have affirmed over and over again that it take seven times to get most people to accept an idea or fact and remember it. They often state it this way: state it, rephrase it, state it again, use an illustration to help one remember, restate it, and then the person begins to say things like: "You really meant this. You really wanted me to get it. Remember this." Or even, "this will be on the next exam" -- which wakes up a lot of people!

In addition to our Affirmation of Faith--the Faith we share--there is the every Sunday recitation of The Lord's Prayer. Once again, if we dare to break this "Jesus Prayer" down, we are declaring, yet again, our faith together, but in a prayer. Petitions are: "Thy Kingdom come, They will be done, on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; forgive us our trespasses (sins) as we forgive those who trespass (sin) against us; lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; Yours is the kingdom forever. Amen." Once again, the evocative power of liturgy, that reminding again and again that this is who we are and why we share our faith together as often as we come together.

With the usual first Sunday of sharing Communion (The Lord's Supper), liturgy evokes power in the giving and the receiving of the bread and the cup. None of us feel worthy to receive Communion, yet the evocative power of showing up to participate with other sinners reminds us of my favorite hymn:

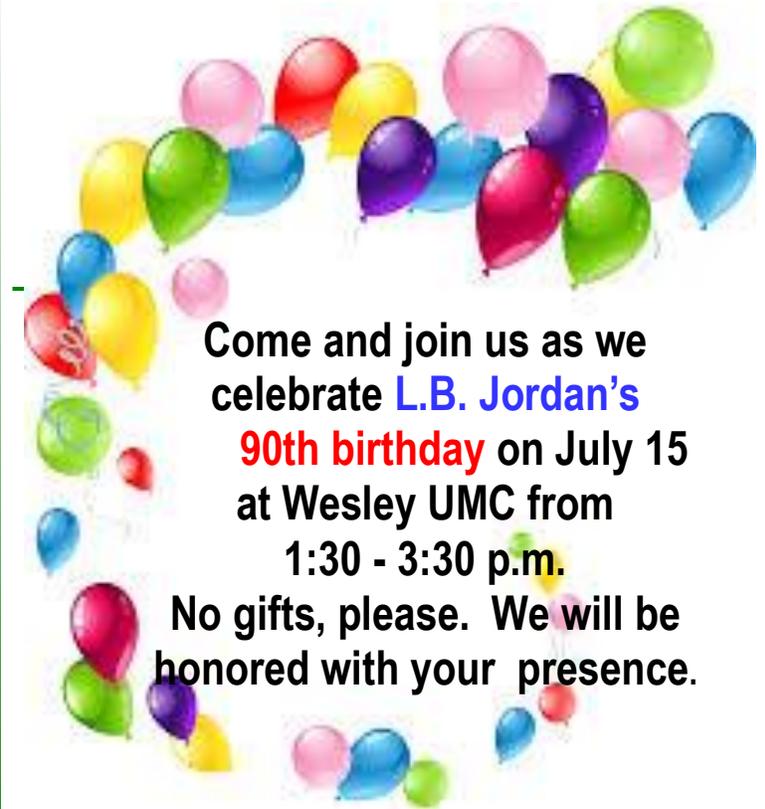
Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

In redefining for His Disciples the significant change of the Jewish Passover on what we know as Maundy

Thursday to be a new meal of remembrance for the Disciples at first, and then to be passed on to us (I Corinthians 11:23-34--via St. Paul), Jesus declared strongly, "Do this in remembrance of Me!" The book of Acts confirms the early church followed through with this in Acts 2:43-47 saying "Day by day, as they spent time together in the temple, they broke bread at home, and ate their food with glad and generous hearts."

John Wesley spoke of this in his sermon, "The Duty of Constant Communion": "One can commune expecting to experience God's grace." Wesley addressed those who misread the Bible and believed that they should avoid Communion because they felt unworthy: "Christ's command overrides whether one feels deserving of Communion. In fact, repentance and a sense of one's unworthiness are the dis-positions that make one ready for the Supper."

Jesus used a Greek word (eucharisteo) when He gave thanks which translated literally means, He gave thanks!" In some churches, the term Eucharist is used to connote Holy Communion, Communion, or the Lord's Supper. I'm glad to be part of a church which remembers and reflects on events the way my Bible tells me so. I believe in the power of evocative liturgy.



Come and join us as we
celebrate **L.B. Jordan's**
90th birthday on July 15
at Wesley UMC from
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

No gifts, please. We will be
honored with your presence.



We need used printer or toner
cartridges. We purchase office
supplies with the rebates we get
from recycling.

Donuts with Dad June 17, 2018





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Wesley UMC-Sulphur Springs

Attention!

Summer Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Friday

CLOSED

July 4-5, 2017
The Church Office
will be CLOSED



VBS DECORATING

Sundays

July 1 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Watch video and share
ideas for decorating, etc.

July 8 1:30 - 5:00

workday

July 15 1:30 - 'til

Final preparations

Needed! 1 gallon (empty)
milk or juice jugs for games.