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GROW disciples with the Word of Christ
SERVE all with the LOVE of Christ.

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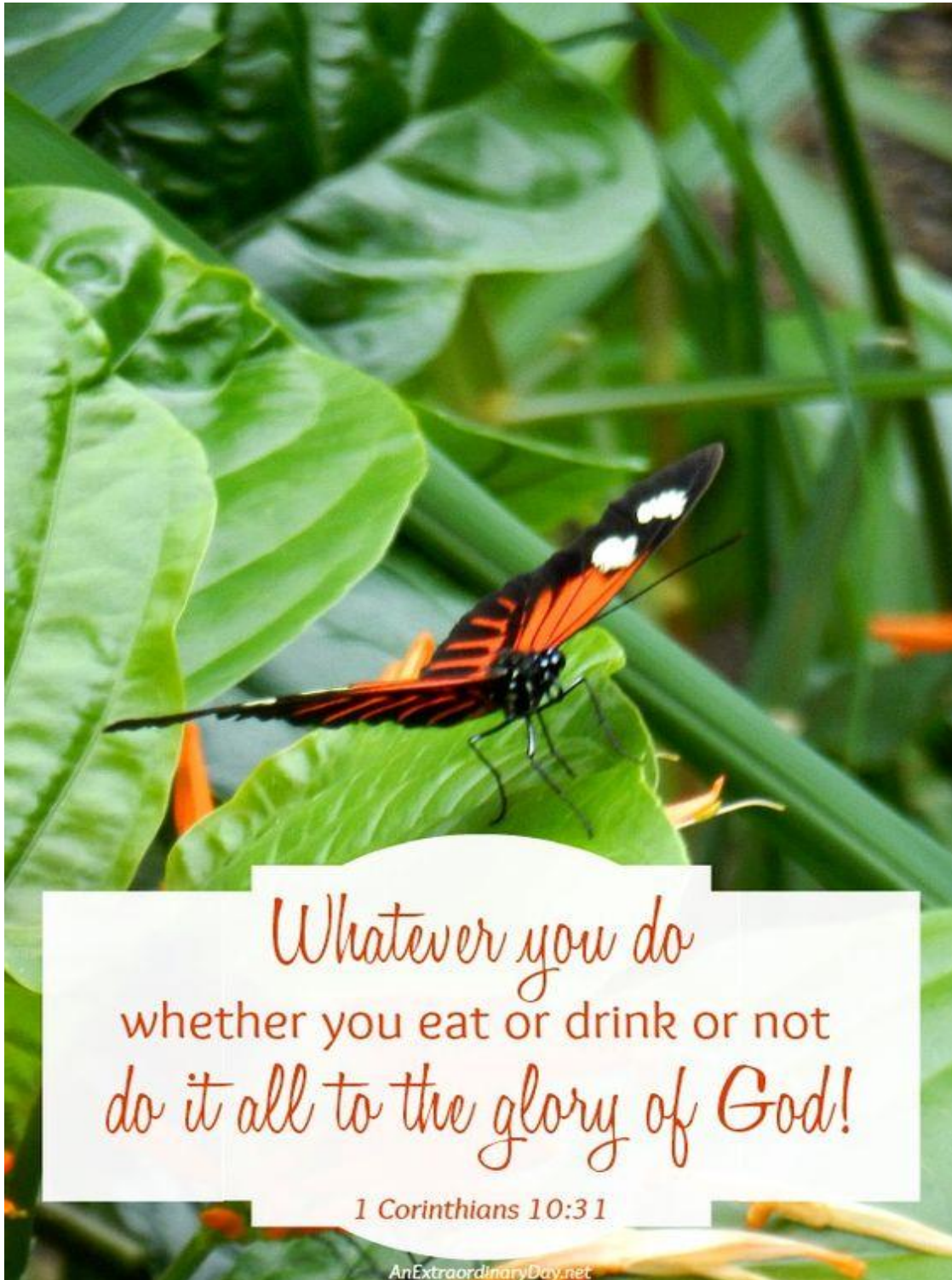
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*Whatever you do
whether you eat or drink or not
do it all to the glory of God!*

1 Corinthians 10:31

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The Wesley Chancel Choir presented **Behold the Lamb** on Easter Sunday.



Debbie Nichols was recognized on April 14 for her faithful service to the Breaking Bread Together Ministry



Mrs. Marieke telling the Easter story.

Memorial Day May 27, 2019

Memorial Day (or Decoration Day) is a federal holiday in the United States for remembering and honoring persons who have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. The holiday, which is currently observed every year on the last Monday of May, was most recently held on May 28, 2018. Memorial Day was previously observed on May 30 from 1868 to 1970. (Wikipedia)



Graves at Arlington National Cemetery are decorated with flags for Memorial Day.



Please note: Memorials as of April 21, 2019

In Loving Memory of Mack Phillips

By: Lou Jane Drummond

The Ralph and Harriet Casey Family

In Loving Memory of Mrs. deWitte

By: Lou Jane Drummond

In Loving Memory of Bobbie Holder

By: Lou Jane Drummond

Larry and Anne Willmann

Rhonda Alley

Rick and Cheryl Spears

In Loving Memory of Max Drummond

By: The Ralph and Harriet Casey Family

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Richard Adams	Stephen Andersen	Patsy Ardis
Jordyn Ausmus	Charles Batty, Jr.	Delana Beadle
Allison and John Bostick	Cassie Cavaliere	Wanda Clayton
Bethany Nichole and Baby Dottie	Silvina Epperson	Jayne Glenn
Beverly and Michael Chapman	Eddie Fenstermaker	Jeff Godfrey
Jerry and Shirley Glossup	Marilyn Davenport	Betty Green
Don and Mary Gilmer	Dorothy Hargrave	Roy Herman, Jr
Donny and Baulah Godfrey	Pam Hollingsworth	Ashley Harris
Jack and Janie Godfrey	Mark Heisler	Mindi Horne
Magan, Tim and Easley Henderson	Patty Hudson	Louise Jones
Jeff and Pat Johnson	Dana Jordan	Lynn Kincade
James and Pat Hulen	Mark Lacelk	Mary Logan
Christa Kasztelanski	Jase Mabie	Zane Magan
Lynn and Richard Merrick	Johnny Nichols	Roger Perish
Bobbie and Leigh Moseman	Matt Pogue	Nan Price
Elton and Louise Stewart	Kenneth Raleigh	Michael Spurlock
Nancy Stobough	Kelly Tomlinson	Allan Thar
Barbara and Jim Williams	Betty and Mark Warren	
Ben Newcomb	Virginia Emerline	Ron Zitterick
Our schools, students, teachers, staff	CASA	CANHelp
Our Country and our leaders	Community Chest/Cupboard	
Military Personnel and their Families	First Responders, Law Enforcement, EMS, Fire Fighters, Hospital Personnel	
Backpack Buddies	North Texas Food Bank	Abused Children/Youth
Holy Highway Girls Home	Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center	
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

Muriel Lucas Lois Shannon Margaret Campbell
Sandra McIntire Martha Johnson Marge Johnson

On Sunday, May 19, we will have a luncheon for apportionments following Sunday school.

We will also be honoring our graduates. Each will have a table set up for cards, etc. The graduates are:



**Dakota Clark
Madison Clark**

Both are graduating from SSHS.

Andi Clark is graduating from Texas Tech with a Master's of Science in Speech-Language Pathology.

Jeff Spears is graduating from Texas A&M-Commerce with a BS in Computer Science.



Notes from the Lay Leader

What a glorious Easter Day at Wesley United Methodist Church! Members, visitors, and families with children seemed to be everywhere! Hallelujah! He is risen!

The Chancel Choir's presentation of Behold the Lamb was the story of Jesus' death and resurrection in words and songs. We are blessed to

have Joe Clark as our fearless leader. He brings out the best in all of us. He makes us believe that we can really sing! (Ed. Note: because you can!) It is an honor to be a member of our choir.

The nursery was full of little children on Easter Sunday. What a blessing to see their little faces with their Easter outfits on, boys and girls alike. Our future is in their hands. Kind of a scary thought sometimes, but it is up to us to lead by example.

I believe Joe is making progress with our Wednesday night youth also. Keep all these children in your prayers, as well as the ones who teach them.

We will be having a luncheon for apportionments on Sunday, May 19. The food will be delicious and the fellowship will be heartwarming.

Remember to keep Pastor Steve in your prayers as he continues to be our spiritual leader. We must encourage him and lift him up in prayer, as well as each other. To God be the glory!

Lou Jane Drummond, Lay Leader



May Birthdays and Anniversaries

Emily and Garrett Glass	May 14
Betty Phillips	May 16
Jim Gregg	May 17
Jacob Nelson	May 18
Janie Godfrey	May 20
Rachelle and Ron Sills	May 21
Barbara and Jim Williams	May 25
Paula Jordan	May 26



To my loving church family,
Thanks for all the prayers and cards and visits; sure helps cheer our days. I miss all of you very much.

Louise and Elton Stewart

From
Pastor
Steve

April 2019 Ministry Vignettes: Holy Moments

I have this small plaque in my office which says:

"Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away."

It greets me every day. It fills me with praise. It reminds me how blessed I am to serve our God in three persons: Blessed Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In return, I ask to "be a channel of blessing every day" to everyone I see or meet.

1. Our Chancel Choir really "blessed us real good" with their sharing the cantata, **Behold the Lamb**, Easter Sunday morning. In my five years at Wesley, I believe this was the finest presentation (yet) of our Chancel Choir directed by Joe Clark! If you were not here, you missed a holy moment. The singing and narration was "spot on!" At Wesley, we both speak and sing the Gospel truth in love.

2. Not only was there almost a full house for our Easter service, there was an overflowing house in our nursery. Fifteen babies, toddlers, and littles were presented to Mrs. Julie and Ms. Kara, so an "all points bulletin" (APB) was sent out for assistance and Mattie and Allie Thurman, (twins, Blue Blazes and superb volunteers) responded. I give thanks to God for all four ladies for their loving care of our babies and littles: Julie, Kara, Allie and Mattie—ya'll rock!

3. Wednesday, April 17, was filled with holy moments. A. The meal was a gift from our newest ministry, **Breaking Bread Together (BBTM)**: salad, biscuits and gravy or butter, entrée of meat loaf, mashed potatoes, and green beans, and a fresh fruit cobbler topped with vanilla ice cream. B. This was a sit-down meal and gracious service throughout the meal was provided by our youth assisted by Joe Clark, Youth Director, and his mom, Gail Clark. I cannot express how amazing our youth served us—we even tipped them! C. The annual Easter egg hunt had to be an inside event because of rain and wet weather. Well, outside or inside, Marieke deWitte, our Children's Minister, always is prepared to host this event. So, our sanctuary was transformed into a pasture to hide eggs. Not only that, but Marieke shared with our children "The Easter Story" and then concluded with craft time and candy (C & C time). And so many parents were here with their little ones observing "ministry on the spot." D. By the way, around 80 folk enjoyed the meal, the

gracious serving, the egg hunt and activities, and the cleanup once again, by our **Breaking Bread Together Ministry** team. (Besides these "holy moments," there were plenty of "special moments" as well!)

4. Our annual Good Friday service (April 19) is always a quiet, reflective time for people of faith. Scripture, candles, reading, music, and the removal of the Altar elements focus on Christ dying on the Cross for our sins. While we can never completely understand or explain the ways of our God, we can remember the sacrifice offered for each of us. Seven readers shared, from John's Gospel, the events that occurred on Good Friday. We left saying to one another, **"It's Friday, but Sunday's coming!"** Another holy moment.

5. **Palm Sunday**, on April 14, is always the beginning of **Holy Week**. This is when we remember the day Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey amid the cries of **"Hosanna, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest."** To relate to this event, all who worship this day are given a palm branch to be placed on our rugged Cross. Our Holy Week begins similarly to the day Jesus rode into town as a Savior and not as a war hero. Within 5 days, those **Hosannas** were replaced with **"Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"** Once again, it is very difficult to wrap our minds around this "means of grace" for us. No wonder the Apostle Paul wrote from his own life as a Christ follower: "We walk by faith and not by sight." Even Jesus said, **"Blessed are those who believe without seeing!"**

6. **Serving Communion to our Homebound and Shut-ins.** I commend our senior ladies who faithfully alternate visiting these special members unable to be "in church" (our buildings) due to illness and declining health issues. This ministry preceded my ministry at Wesley, yet I receive reports each Monday from these special ladies concerning those visited and other words on people they encounter. To me, these ladies share with me **Holy Moments** (often, special, humorous encounters!) **Sole gratia, Ladies!** (By Grace alone)

Vignettes. Brief Reports. Special Moments. All = Holy Moments! Sole Gloria! (for the glory of God alone.) May we continue to be the presence of God wherever God leads us. **Amen.**

Lilies Given in Memory of

Ruth and Wallace Kirkland

Chuck Glass

Roy and Doris Herman

Max Drummond

Mack Phillips

Buddy Watts

Sid and Christine Speck
Carey "Hoot" Gibson

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kusta
Lenix Craig Kusta

Mack Phillips

Andy Trout

Rickey Trout
Geraldine Skaggs

Tom and Esther Massey

T.M. and Marietta Higgins
Dr. Tom Higgins

Hester and Loucille Jordan

Martin and Neoma Cornstubble

Max Drummond

Mack Phillips

Andrew Riley Robinson

Aubrey McKenzie Mullinax
Dr. and Mary Rogers

Wayman and Mary Cook

Leroy Easley

Buddy Watts

By

Malcolm and Mary Ellen Kirkland

Emily and Garrett Glass

Bill and Gina Wilder

Silvina Epperson

Bill and Jo Watts

Konnie Cross

Betty Phillips and Family
James and Vera Skaggs

Max and Ilene Massey

Dennis and Paula Jordan

Billy and Frances Daniels

Pastor Steve and Dicie Rue

Wandean Easley
Rhonda Alley

Lilies Given in Memory of (cont'd)

Red Penny

Doris and Aaron McKinzie

Algarine Jordan

Dorothy Junod (Grandmother)
Foster Gaines (Grandfather)
Michael Charske (Uncle)

Bill and Elizabeth Foster
Morris Logan

Lilies Given in Honor of

Our Church Family

Our Children and Grandchildren

Gina and Bill Wilder
Laura Glass

Katherine, Grant, and Connor Glass

Bob and Mary Ann Wilder

Everett and Jenny Wilder

Garrett, Emily, Katherine, Grant and Connor Glass

Our Church

Vivian and Wade Kines

Marcy and Max Massey, Jr.

Our Children

Our (Earthy) Grandchild
Wesley UMW

Vera Ann Johnson
Children and Grandchildren

Mary Logan

Logan Loved Ones

By

Vernice Penny

Doyle and Brenda McKinzie

L.B. Jordan Family

Kelly Moser

Mary Lou and Stanley Foster

By

Gary and Rachel Lewis

Malcolm and Mary Ellen Kirkland

Emily and Garrett Glass

Bill and Gina Wilder

James and Gail Clark

Max and Ilene Massey

Pastor Steve and Dicie Rue

The Battys
Doyle and Brenda McKinzie

Mary Lou and Stanley Foster

Mary Logan



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and from Choral Society members.;
Mary Lou Foster, Carol Ann O'dell,
Paul Clark and in the church office.



United
Methodist
Women

1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 21

Program: Steve Cook

Hostesses: Pastor Steve and
Dicie Rue

M  ffins
WITH MOM

**Following worship
Sunday, May 12**