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 The Family of Margaret Campbell

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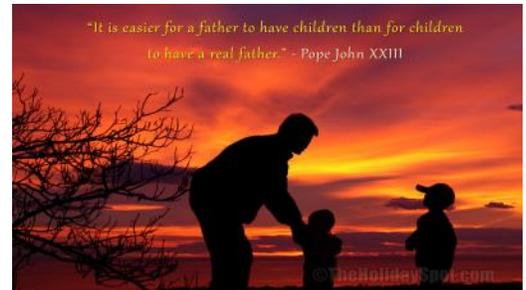
In Honor of Bill Watts and L.B. Jordan

By: Donna & Larry Nelson



Connor James Glass, son of Garrett and Emily Glass, was baptized Sunday, May 19, 2019.

Assembling Backpack Buddies



Father's Day

Father's Day is a celebration honoring fathers and celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds and the influence of fathers in society. In Catholic countries of Europe, it has been celebrated on March 19, St. Joseph's Day, since the Middle Ages.

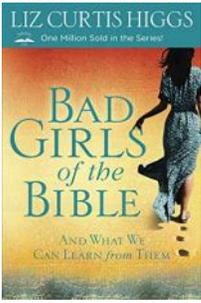
The celebration was brought by the Spanish and Portuguese to Latin America, where March 19 is often still used for it, though many countries in Europe and the Americas have adopted the U.S. date, which is the third Sunday of June.

It is celebrated on various days in many parts of the world, most commonly in the months of March, April and June according to the home nation's customs. It complements similar celebrations honoring family members, such as Mother's Day, Siblings Day and Grandparents' Day.

Wikipedia

Muffins with Mom May 12, 2019





Breaking News for the Girls Group

The book, "Girl, Wash Your Face," will be finished the first part of June. On or about June 23 we will be beginning a new book by Liz Curtis Higgs entitled "Bad Girls of the Bible; and What We Can Learn from Them." Hope to see you all there!

Amanda Clark
Diane Dixon



Barbara and Jim Williams joined Wesley April 7, 2019. Welcome!



Farmers Electric Coop gave a very generous grant for \$1000.00 to Backpack Buddies



Rickey Finn Henderson was born May 23, 2019. He weighs 6 lbs. and is 19" long. Proud parents and big sister are Magan, Tim, and Eisley Henderson. Congratulations!



June Birthdays and Anniversaries

Jim Williams	June 1
James and Gail Clark	June 1
Didi Thurman	June 2
Mary Ellen Kirkland	June 2
Richard and Chelsea Batty	June 2
Joe and Gloria Batty	June 2
John Moser	June 5
Stanley and Mary Lou Foster	June 8
Eisley Henderson	June 9
Dennis Jordan	June 11
Jerry and Shirley Glossup	June 11
Louise Stewart	June 14
Troy Garrett	June 17
Emily Glass	June 18
Jack and Janie Godfrey	June 20
Gary and Debbie Huffman	June 21
Diane Dixon	June 22
Chris and Bethany Ferrall	June 22
Malcolm and Mary Ellen Kirkland	June 22
Magan Henderson	June 23
Elton and Louise Stewart	June 25
Madison Clark	June 26
Dakota Clark	June 26
Eva Phillips	June 30
Debbie Huffman	June 30

From
Pastor
Steve

Holy Conferencing: A Means of Grace

The annual meeting of the North Texas Annual Conference will convene Sunday, June 2, 2019, Christ United Methodist Church, Plano. Wesley will be represented by Diane Dixon, elected Lay Delegate to the Annual Conference (an "official title") and me as your pastor. Our secretary, Bonnie Gilmer, will be at Conference as an "at large" delegate from First UMC, Sulphur Springs.

The opening session is at 7:00 p.m. Sunday evening. No doubt, the opening worship session will be a Holy Conferencing favorite featuring heavenly music from gifted musicians, choirs, and preachers.

Then, the first thing Monday morning, the NTCUMC (North Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church), gets down to business items, discussions, even debate items, reports from our own Conference Center Directors (4), ministries within and outside our UMC, commissioning and ordaining elders and deacons (also a Conference favorite), a service of remembrance of those ministers and spouses who passed away since our last Conference, pre-taped vignettes of retiring ministers, the reading of the 2019-2020 appointments by Bishop Mike McKee, and a final service of Holy Communion as we depart to serve in our sent ministries. The above is a thumbnail sketch of our 2+ days of holy conferencing.

F. Belton Joyner, Jr. is a retired elder from the North Carolina Conference, a retired pastor, and an effective author. He has written books to help us as the UMC to better understand who we are. I have most of these books which are written in very simple language as they unpack holy and theological meaning. One is *Being Methodist in the Bible Belt*, which often tells us humorously how we differ from other Bible belt churches. It is tastefully presented but it is full of the many ways we explain ourselves to others. It's a quick and joyful read.

Joyner's book, *United Methodist Questions, United Methodist Answers: Exploring Christian Faith*, should be required reading for all members of the UMC and *anyone* slightly considering becoming a Methodist. I want to share with you question #55: What are the means of grace in Joyner's words? "Early in the ministry of John Wesley, he had a controversy with Moravians, who argued that there was nothing a person could do to get God's grace other than simply waiting for it. Wesley called this Moravian view "quietism." Wesley thought we were not just to wait for God but we were to access the means God has chosen to give us grace. In a sermon based on Malachi 3:7: "You have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them," Wesley spelled out the means that God ordinarily uses to give grace to human-

kind. Grace still comes as a gift—not automatically—because "all outward means whatever, if separate from the Spirit of God, cannot profit at all" (Works, vol. 1, p. 382). God can give grace through any channel or experience as God chooses, but United Methodists continue to recognize that in the common experience of the church, there are means through which God ordinarily gives grace."

"In his sermon, Wesley named "the chief means of grace: both private and public prayer (I Thess. 5:17); searching the Scripture: reading, hearing, meditating (II Tim. 3:16-17); and the Lord's Supper (I Cor. 11:23-26. In the General Rules of the Church (the guide for early Methodist societies), Wesley expanded the list to add the public worship of God (I Cor. 14:26); and fasting or abstinence (Matt. 6:17-18). The early Methodists, United Brethren and Evangelical prominence of small groups and the regular meetings for Conference led to the inclusion of Holy Conferencing as a means of grace (Acts 15:6). Being present for a baptism is also a means of grace for Methodists."

"United Methodists acknowledge two categories of the means of grace: 1. Works of Piety—also called instituted means of grace such as those named in the paragraph above, and 2. Works of Mercy—also called prudential means of grace (one's reasonable assistance), such as those to which our Lord invites us in Matthew 25:31-46: feeding the hungry; welcoming the stranger; caring for the sick; and visiting the prisoner. To be among the poor, the hungry, the sick, and the imprisoned is a means of grace for us! In typical Wesleyan fashion, there is a balance between Divine Initiative (Piety) and Human Action (Mercy). Grace is still God's to give (or not, as God choose), but United Methodists celebrate and practice the means by which God ordinarily gives such grace."

So it's off to Holy Conference we go! We'll sing, pray, read the Scripture, and celebrate pilgrimages of all ministers (all who serve). We'll even collect an offering to benefit the work of ministries to the poor and hurting and affirm the hard work of ministry such as that of Project Transformation: a NTC ministry in conference-wide, area-wide, and church-wide ministries utilizing the energies and gift of high school and college students! And, we will reconnect to those pastors we've served with in previous appointments or have gotten to know in other ways. And yes, both Diane and Bonnie will be hugging many of these folk who have walked with them in all the seasons of life.

And finally, the future of the NTCUMC will be determined by the hard work of both Lay and Clergy Delegates who will discern how the Lord is moving among us. Your prayers for us will be needed and appreciated. *Soli Deo Gloria!* (Glory to God!)

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Richard Adams	Patsy Ardis	Jordyn Ausmus
Charles Batty, Jr.	Delana Beadle	Shari Beers
Allison and John Bostick	Cassie Cavaliere	Wanda Clayton
Beverly and Michael Chapman	Antonio Cummings	Billy Daniels
Mason Delbridge	Lydia Rose Drummond	Sandy Evans
Virginia Emerline	Silvina Epperson	Jayne Glenn
Eddie Fenstermaker	Jeff Godfrey	Betty Green
Don and Mary Gilmer	Dorothy Hargrave	Ashley Harris
Jerry and Shirley Glossup	Roy Herman, Jr	Mark Heisler
Donny and Baulah Godfrey	Pam Hollingsworth	Mindi Horne
Jack and Janie Godfrey	Patty Hudson	Louise Jones
Magan, Tim. Easley, and Baby Finn Henderson	Dana Jordan	
James and Pat Hulen	Lynn Kincade	Mary Logan
Jeff and Pat Johnson	Jase Mabie	Zane Magan
Rachel and Gary Lewis	Christa Kasztelanski	Mary Anna
Lynn and Richard Merrick	Johnny Nichols	Billy Wayne Orr
Sandra Parker	Nan Price	Rose Raines
Kenneth Raleigh	Bill Sidebottom	Michael Spurlock
Elton and Louise Stewart	Nancy Stobough	Anna Mae Stolz
Betty and Mark Warren	Allan Thar	Sean Wells
Victims of the severe weather	Ron Zitterick	

North Texas Conference UMC-June 2-4 Christ UMC, Plano
 Community Chest/Cupboard North Texas Food Bank
 Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center 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

Marvin & Louise Jones	Sandy Heisler	Sandra McIntire
Reid Rawls	Marge Johnson	Muriel Lucas
Lois Shannon	Martha Johnson	Elton & Louise Stewart



Kelly Moser and Brad Gilmer were Married May 26, 2019.

Notes from the Lay Leader

Your church needs your help!

We, as a church, depend on our church secretary, Bonnie Gilmer, to do things that we should be doing. Bonnie has not complained, but she goes above and beyond what her job description calls for. Some of us could be doing what we ask her to do. Please consider volunteering to do some of these jobs.

We need someone to deliver Backpack Buddies each week. It is not the responsibility of our Staff to do this job. If you could do this once a month, it would be helpful. Also, in September, we need someone with a truck and gooseneck trailer to pick up these supplies. Jim Skaggs does a good job but he needs help with this ministry of our church.

We need someone to pick up bulletins and trash that is left in the sanctuary each Sunday morning. This only takes a few minutes. Could you do this?

We need the kitchen cleaned on a quarterly basis. There is a lot of activity in that kitchen! Would you be willing to organize a crew of five people to do this? Please consider doing so.

We need volunteers to help in the nursery. It is such a joy to see the nursery full of babies and children. When we have two or three infants, toddlers, and older children, it is too much for one worker. I have been helping every Sunday but need a little relief! Kara helps when she is at church but she does not get paid to do so. Please consider helping.

It is my responsibility to get the Communion servers each month. If you would like to serve, please let me know. You men step us and help us out!

There is so much we do for Wesley Methodist Church. Please pray about this and sign up on the lines below and let me know what you are willing to do to help.

Thank you,

Lou Jane Drummond



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United
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Tuesday, June 18

Noon

Salad Luncheon and

White Elephant Sale

Devotional: Sharon Callahan

Donuts
With Dad

Donuts with Dad
Following worship
Sunday, June 12