



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

**September 2019**

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The fruit of the Spirit is love,  
joy, peace, patience, kindness,  
goodness, faithfulness,  
gentleness, self-control.  
Against such things there is no  
law.

Galatians 5:22-23

## PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Richard Adams	Jordyn Ausmus	Charles Batty, Jr.
Marilyn Baxter	Delana Beadle	The Beers Family
Allison and John Bostick	Landon Burgin	Kristie Bryant
Beverly and Michael Chapman	Wanda Clayton	Debbie Crews
Erick (Butch) Coffman	Antonio Cummings	Mason Delbridge
Billy and Nell Crowson	Virginia Emerline	Cindy Evans
Eddie Fenstermaker	Don and Mary Gilmer	Jayne Glenn
Donny and Baulah Godfrey	Jerry Glossup	Jeff Godfrey
Jack and Janie Godfrey	Dorothy Hargrave	Ashley Harris
Magan, Tim, Easley, and Baby Finn Henderson		Frank Hernandez
Pam Hollingsworth	Mindi Home	Patty Hudson
James and Pat Hulen	Lucille Jenkins	Louise Jones
Dana Jordan	Lynn Kincade	Jase Mable
Debbie Nichols	Johnny Nichols	David Phillips
Rose Raines	Sylvia Sellers	Pat Simon
Karen Shoemaker	Nancy Stobough	Jayne Stone
Elton and Louise Stewart	Anna Mae Stolz	Allan Thar
Becky and Danny Walker	Hays Warren	Sean Wells
Betty and Mark Warren	Ron Zitterick	Kristi Hodgkiss

Our Schools, Students, Teachers, Staff  
 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 Sandra McIntire Reid Rawls Marge Johnson Muriel Lucas  
 Elton & Louise Stewart Lois Shannon Martha Johnson



Dear Church Family,  
 Thank you so much for the cards and visits. We appreciate them very much! We appreciate Brother Steve and Dicie Rue and love them too.

Many blessings and love in Christ,  
 Elton and Louise Stewart



## September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Gina Wilder	September 1
Tim Henderson	September 1
Dorothy Duncan	September 1
Sharon Callahan	September 1
Chris Steele	September 1
Lou Jane Drummond	September 2
Marvin Jones	September 3
Bobbie Moseman	September 7
Larry Nelson	September 7
Cheryl & Rick Spears	September 9
Muriel Lucas	September 10
Ilene Massey	September 11
Jimmy Winfrey	September 12
Johnny Nichols	September 16
Ilene & Max Massey	September 18
Joe Clark	September 28



National Grandparents Day was signed into law by President Jimmy Carter in 1978. Marian McQuade received a phone call from the White House to advise her of the event. Many people believe that National Grandparents Day was inspired by her efforts.

Throughout the 1970s, McQuade worked hard to educate the people about the important contributions senior citizens made and the contributions that they would be willing to make if asked. She also urged people to adopt a grandparent, not for one day a year and not for material giving, but for a lifetime of experience.

A presidential proclamation on September 6, 1979, made this day official—it designated Sunday, September 9, 1979, (the first Sunday of September following Labor Day) as National Grandparents Day.

Each year the President is requested to issue a proclamation to: designate the first Sunday in September after Labor Day as National Grandparents Day; and to call on people, groups and organizations to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

### In Loving Memory of Mary Logan

By: Elton, Louise and Judy Stewart Rhonda Alley  
 David and Jo Beth Brewer Lily Pleitez  
 Kathy and Ronny Darrow Lisa Phillips  
 Lou Jane Drummond Wanda and Jimmy Winfrey  
 Marieke and Hendrik deWitte

### In Loving Memory of Max Drummond

By: David and Jo Beth Brewer

### In Loving Memory of Mack Phillips

By: David and Jo Beth Brewer

### In Loving Memory of Nancy Harmon

By: Rachel and Gary Lewis Paul and Dennis Jordan  
 Shirley and Jerry Glossup Diane Dixon



**From Pastor Steve** **September: Wesley UMC is the Place to Be!**

I am beginning this newsletter article reflecting on our August 28 Back to School Bash and Splash. Almost 70 children, youth, and adults helped us to celebrate this event with gusto. Hot dogs, variety of chips, bottled water, and cookies (from several of our adults—Thank You!) were enjoyed inside before the attacks on the water slides, (Thanks, Marieke!), two small baby pools (Thanks, Gina Wilder!). We also kept an endless supply of water and icy pops outside to hydrate everyone. Dicie Rue, Rhonda Alley, Rachel and Gary Lewis, Betty Phillips, Dorothy McCaig, Mary Ellen Kirkland, Joyce Davis, Lou Jane Drummond, and I helped in the kitchen, in the park, and wherever needed. We had young moms with their children, teenagers and moms, several grandparents, and even some great-grandparents here! It was a wet and wild time! Thanks to Joe, Amanda, and Marieke for their ministries to our children and youth! If I did not recall all adults who were here to serve, I ask for your forgiveness.

Are you ready to hear this? When you receive this newsletter, 2/3 of the 2019 year will be over! I am discovering what so many of my older friends and family have often said, “Time speeds up at age 50 and only slows down when an illness or injury occurs. But once you heal, watch out because the wheel will begin to move even faster! Welcome to September: Wesley UMC is the place to be!

- Each Sunday in September, 2019, will have a unique emphasis:
- September 1: Holy Communion (the Lord’s Supper)
- September 8: Joe Clark preaching (and maybe Paul Clark the song leader)
- September 15: Final message on James and “A Service of Healing”
- September 22: Our annual Worship in Buford Park Pavilion and Picnic Lunch
- September 29: Fifth Sunday hymn sing

In addition , the first Wednesday night in September (4th), our Breaking Bread Together servants will offer their second sit-down dinner for ALL! What a way to kick off our Wednesday night meals at 6:00 p.m.!

Wesley will have a Fall and Winter Treasure Hunt on September 26-28. Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Saturday from 8:00-Noon. We already have some items on hand from our spring Treasure Hunt. You can greatly help us by finding items in your home, garage, storage building, etc. to donate to this garage sale type event. We prefer Treasure Hunt: Your junk can become someone else’s treasure! Please bring

your fall and winter items. This is the time to get rid of them (uh, sell them!).

An additional word is needed on the September 15 Service of Healing. The fifth chapter of James concludes with some directions on healing. In this service, anyone who desires to be anointed with oil and prayed over is encouraged to enter this experience. “The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous person avails (helps, benefits) much.” (James 5:16b). It is interesting the first half of this verse encourages us to “confess our trespasses (sins) to one another, and pray for one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed!” It is likely in James’ Jerusalem Church that folk trespassed—sinned—against one another—as we often do intentionally or unintentionally. “Sin confessed—a forgiven sinner blessed!” And do remember this: as we share our Lord’s Prayer every Sunday, we declare “and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.” There is no magic formula to healing—only forgiveness, anointing with oil, and intense prayer.

I often say at the end of our worship service, “Now, GO BE THE CHURCH!” I have served churches that had this sign at entry point: “Enter to worship, Depart to serve.” It does catch the essence of how a Christian views his/her church. We are only here 3-4 hours a week! So, at home, workplace, gatherings of folks, etc., this is where the hard work of being church is observed. Each person is unique. Some are quiet, maybe even shy, some neighborly, and some are very outgoing and shake hands, pat on the back, and even hug others. Regardless of our temperament or personality, we are still called to BE THE CHURCH wherever.

I love serving as your pastor. I have grown a lot while ministering at Wesley. I know I’ve learned from you in the past 5 years. For this I say, Praise the Lord!

“The Church is the one institution that exists for those outside it.” William Tyndale

**Wednesday Night Dinners and Activities will begin September 4.**



The Breaking Bread Together Servants will cook and Joe Clark and the youth will serve the meal.

Menu: Chicken and beef fajitas, beans, rice, homemade peach cobbler, and ice cream

## Notes from the Lay Leader

We had a wonderful time of fellowship on Sunday, August 25, and we raised \$2704.00 for our apportionments. Thank you to the Sunday school classes who provided the food, prepared it, and cleaned up. It is truly a thing of beauty when God's people come together for the good of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

We will be starting Wednesday Night Fellowship dinners September 4. Come and be a part of breaking bread with our fellow church members and with the neighborhood children. Let us prepare our hearts and minds to welcome them with open arms and show them the love of God. We must set an example for these children and love them, even though sometimes they may not be very loveable. But couldn't we say the same thing about ourselves? Breaking Bread Ministry servants will cook and serve us on that night. It will be good food and good service. Thanks to them for doing so.

Pastor Steve's sermons from the book of James have been hitting me where I live! We are blessed to have him and Dicie Rue. Keep up the good work, Pastor.

We are behind in our budget so please keep that in mind as you pay your tithe.

To God be the glory as we continue with our ministries at Wesley United Methodist Church.

Lou Jane Drummond

## Time to Clean Out Closets, Garages, and Storage Buildings! This is being announced early so you have time to get started!



(Church-wide Garage Sale)

**Thursday,**

**September 26**

**8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Friday,**

**September 27**

**8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

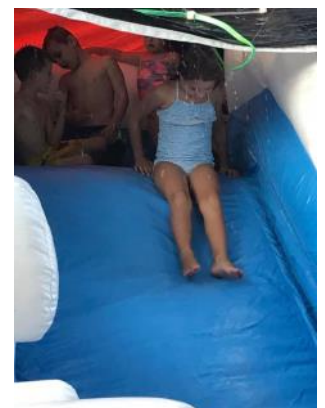
**Saturday,**

**September 28**

**8:00 a.m. - Noon**

Clothes      Books      Collectibles      China  
Pots and Pans      Bedding      Tools      Furniture  
Jewelry      Knicks-knacks      Crafts

## Back to School Bash





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## United Methodist Women

1:30 p.m. Tuesday  
September 17

Program: Diane Dixon  
Hostesses: Mary Lou Foster  
Betty Warren



**Grandparents Day**  
**Sunday, September 8**

**Refreshments in Wesley Hall following Worship**