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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 2019

614 Texas, Sulphur Springs, TX

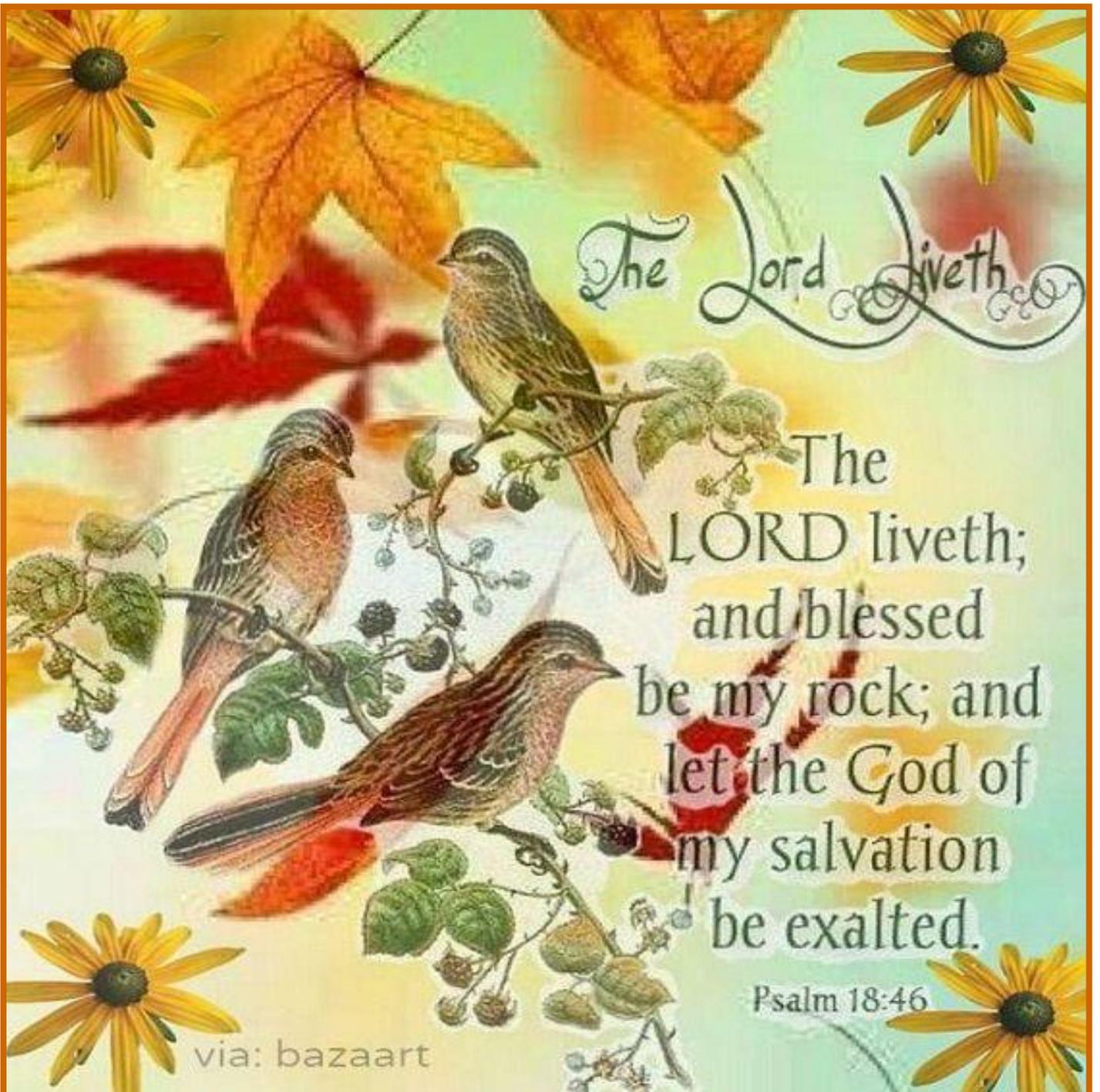
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PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Richard Adams	Amulfo (Frito) Alvarez	Andres Alvarez
Stephen Andersen	Patsy Ardis	Jordyn Ausmus
Charles Batty, Jr.	Marilyn Baxter	Delana Beadle
Allison and John Bostick	The Beers Family	Landon Burgin
Beverly and Michael Chapman	Devyn Byars	James Clark
Erick (Butch) Coffman	Wanda Clayton	Debbie Crews
Antonio Cummings	Natalie Darrow	Steve Davis
Mason Delbridge	Cindy Evans	Jayne Glenn
Eddie Fenstermaker	Shirtley Glossup	Beulah Godfrey
Don and Mary Gilmer	Jeff Godfrey	Bob Gullion
Jack and Janie Godfrey	Ashley Harris	Frank Hernandez
Magan, Tim, Easley, and Baby Finn	Henderson	Pam Hollingsworth
James and Pat Hulen	Myndi Horne	Lucille Jenkins
Ronnie Jenkins	Jeff Johnson	Louise Jones
Dana Jordan	Lynn Kincaide	Jase Mabie
Becky Moore	Beverly Morgan	Debbie Nichols
Johnny Nichols	David Phillips	Rose Raines
Jim and Kim Rivers	Marvin Rennse	Sylvia Sellers
Karen Shoemaker	Shea	Ryan Spears
Andrea Sprague	Nancy Stobough	Jayne Stone
Debbie Stinson Stribling	Allan Thar	Randall Voss
Becky and Danny Walker	Hays Warren	Sean Wells
Betty and Mark Warren	Rosemary Adams Wakefield	Ron Zitterick

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

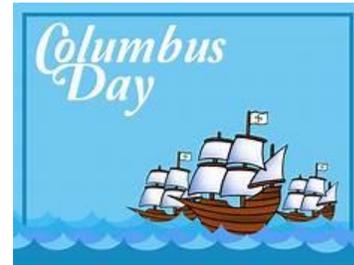
 I am so thankful for the generosity and support provided to myself and the Luna Family during their time of tragic loss. Your church and bereavement team gave so freely of their time, energy, and resources. Without your help it would have been impossible for us to feed a family that large. I pray the Lord will bless your ministry and every member of your bereavement team!

Misty Westland
 One Church, Sulphur Springs



October Birthdays and Anniversaries

Casey Hines	Oct 2
Charlotte Ferrall	Oct 8
Kathy Darrow	Oct 8
Paul Clark	Oct 11
Donna and Larry Nelson	Oct 11
Dicie Rue Cook	Oct 15
Gina and Bill Wilder	Oct 18
Jerry Glossup	Oct 23
Grant Glass	Oct 27



Columbus Day

Columbus Day is a national holiday in many countries of the Americas and elsewhere which officially celebrates the anniversary of Christopher Columbus's arrival in the Americas on October 12, 1492. Columbus was an Italian explorer who set sail across the Atlantic Ocean in search of a faster route to the Far East only to land at the New World.

His first voyage to the New World on the Spanish ships Santa Maria, Nina, and LaPinta took approximately three months. Columbus and his crew's arrival to the New World initiated the Columbian Exchange which introduced the transfer of plants, animals, culture, human populations, and technology between the new world and the old.

Actual observance of Columbus Day varies in different parts of the United States, ranging from large-scale parades and events to complete non-observance. Most states do not celebrate Columbus Day as an official state holiday. Some mark it as a "Day of Observance" or "Recognition." Those states that celebrate Columbus Day will close state services, while others operate as normal.

Some states have replaced Columbus Day with celebrations of Indigenous People's Day.

In Loving Memory of Donny Godfrey

By: Bill and Gina Wilder Gary and Rachel Lewis
 Dennis and Paula Jordan L.B. Jordan

In Loving Memory of Jack Lawson

By: L.B. Jordan

In Loving Memory of Nancy Harmon

By: Brent and Diane Glenn, Ryan and Catie Glenn,
 Colton and MacKenzie Glenn and Families



The large upright freezer (in the kitchen) has died. We have been advised that it too costly to repair. If you or someone you know has one that could be donated, it will save the church a considerable amount of money if a new one is purchased.

From
Pastor
Steve

“Let the Children Come— and Do Not Refuse Them!”

Often a great accomplishment or invention is the result of an “oops!” or from unexpected sources.

You can go online and read about the accidental discoveries of Teflon, 3-M Sticky Notes, Coca-Cola, Velcro, the Microwave, and even Penicillin—and several other medicines! You just never know when something new or something developed for a primary use really fits another use happens. Former UCLA basketball coach and great Christian man, John Wooden once offered, “If you’re not making mistakes, then you’re not doing anything. I’m positive that a doer makes mistakes.” (“Be doers of the Word and not hearers only.” James 1:22)

Does the name, Matthew Joseph Thaddeus Stepanek or Mattie J.T., ring a bell? Mattie was only 13 years old when he died. He was a poet, but he really wanted to be known as a poet, a peacemaker, and a philosopher who played. He suffered from a rare disorder that also took the lives of his three older siblings. Four years after his diagnosis of dysautonomic mitochondrial myopathy (a neuromuscular disease that is genetic), his mother was diagnosed with the Mitochondrial disease.

Mattie wrote six volumes of Heartsongs poetry, appeared on several TV shows, became a motivational speaker, and held former President Jimmy Carter, in high esteem for his work on peace in our world. The two met, became close friends, shared their thoughts in letters, and celebrated President Carter’s Nobel Peace Prize. When Mattie passed away in June, 2004, it was Carter who delivered the eulogy. He recalled fondly the many letter exchanges he had with Mattie, and finally personally meeting him on ABC: Good Morning America (a surprise for Mattie!), and then acknowledging that Mattie’s books topped his own books on the New York Times Bestsellers List! One thing Carter recalled at the funeral was Mattie writing this: “I choose to live until death, not spend the time dying until death occurs.” Who better to say this?

In the midst of a teaching session with His Disciples, Jesus was interrupted by some parents who brought their children to him so Jesus could place His hands on them and pray for them. “But the Disciples rebuked the parents for bothering him. But Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to Me. Don’t stop them! For the kingdom of heaven belongs to those who are like these children.’ And He placed his hands on their heads and blessed them before He left.” (Matthew 19:14-15)

Wesley Church has been blessed recently with the addition of 4 new babies in the past year. Children do not come with directions on how to raise them, in case you ever wondered. No two are alike. Yet all children are precious in the sight of God and grandparents! I once heard, “If I knew having grandchildren was this special, I would have had them first!” As I have watched these newest kids in our church family—Connor, Maxson, Finn and Dottie—grow from little, bitty babies into 4, 5, 7, and 10 months old little people, I realized, anew, the “Circle of Life” every one of us experiences. And I often sing to myself the grand, old song:

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world;
Red and yellow, black and white—they are precious in His sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world.

It seems to me we grownups (not necessarily defined by age!) need to hear this lesson again first spoken by Jesus the Christ: God’s Kingdom—on earth as it is in heaven—belongs to those who are like children. In 2019, all of us are bombarded daily with news, noise and nonsense. As the Church—the Body of Christ—we are called to speak the truth in love, love God and neighbor, and love one another. This is a love of commitment of God, neighbor, and one another. It is an honest love. It is a caring love. It is loving concern for the other. It is the “For God so loved the world” love. It is a love that lifts us out of miry pits, wrong decisions we make, sinking sands we choose to tread, and a way out of messes we willingly throw ourselves into. O what foolish things we do and try!

The Disciples had not been listening to Jesus very well—much like we don’t. For in the preceding chapter in Matthew (18), Jesus had declared these words after the Disciples wanted to know who was the greatest in God’s Kingdom. Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, unless you turn from your sins and become like little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven!” In other words, repent of your sins and be open to receive the Good News I am offering to you.

I thoroughly enjoy meeting with our children during children’s time on Sunday. Most of the time, I learn more from them than they from me. That’s okay. These lines from the song “Listen to the Children” by Isla Grant, should jolt us.

“Why can’t you see the world their eyes see?

There is no room for hate or jealousy.

And color means nothing to them—to a child another is a friend. Why don’t we listen to the children?

So everyone around the world join hands

And spread the word of love across the land.

Rejoice and live in harmony— and pray that peace at last will be. They need the help of you and me—our children!”

“My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if you do sin, there is someone to plead for you before God the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who pleases God completely. He is the sacrifice for our sins. He takes away not only our sins but the sins of the world.” I John 2:1



Sharon Gaines joined the Wesley Family on Sunday, September 1. Pictured with her are her daughter, Kelly Gilmer, and her great grandson, Phoenix.

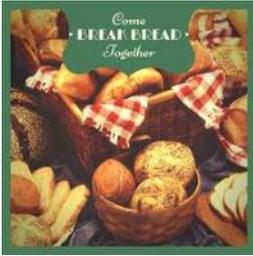
Welcome!

Worship in the Park September 22



Grandparents Day September 8





Breaking Bread Celebrates Two Years!

After serving just under 11,000 meals, our Breaking Bread Together Ministry has celebrated two full years serving freshly-prepared meals each Monday and Friday. We give thanks to the 20+ Servant Team who faithfully prepare and serve our guests and friends at each meal. We pray for them. We pray with them. We share a devotional with them. And, most of all, we give thanks to God for opening this door of ministry in our community.

It is a unique Wesley Church ministry. We operate on the generosity of our members, grant gifts from community/area organizations, and individual gifts. We have also received meal products from two generous food pantries within a 40-mile radius of our church. All gifts are applied to these prepared bi-weekly meals. Team Leader, Bill Watts, and Crew say, "To God be the Glory!"

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**United
Methodist
Women**

**1:30 p.m. Tuesday
October 15**

**Program: Bonnie Gilmer
Hostesses: Jo Watts
B. Gilmer**



**Fall Roundup
Saturday
November 23**