



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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Give Thanks

*Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!
For His mercy endures forever.*

1Ch 16:34





November Birthdays and Anniversaries

Kara Lane	Nov 2
Dora Gross	Nov 2
Oliver Foster	Nov 4
Vera Ann Johnson	Nov 5
Doyle McKinzie	Nov 8
Kenna Lane	Nov 9
Jeff Spears	Nov 11
Hendrik deWitte	Nov 12
Andi Clark	Nov 14
Bubba Edwards	Nov 14
Chris Ferrall	Nov 16
Mark Warren	Nov 19
Paul Smith	Nov 19
Martha Johnson	Nov 19
Sara Wilkinson	Nov 21
Logan Thurman	Nov 23
Red Penny	Nov 24
Bobbie & Leigh Moseman	Nov 24
Bill Watts	Nov 25
Ashley Garcia	Nov 26
Mary Lou Foster	Nov 26
Fran & Art Francis	Nov 28
Amanda & Joe Clark	Nov 29



Veterans Day

Veterans Day is an official United States public holiday, observed annually on November 11, that honors military veterans; that is, persons who served in the United States Armed Forces. It coincides with other holidays, including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I; major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. The United States previously observed Armistice Day. The U.S. holiday was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

Just a note of thanks to all my most wonderful church family for your many prayers for myself and family. You are always there when we need you.

Also thanks for helping me celebrate my 90th birthday with cards and hugs. I have tried to thank everyone in person or with a card. But for those I have missed, I love all of you and will never forget your kindness and thoughtfulness. We have been in Wesley church over 50 years and have never seen a reason to leave. "No better place to be."

God bless all of you,

Elton and Louise Stewart

Kris Yang, niece of Sang Ok Cha sent a note of thanks for the memorials in honor of her aunt.

A HUGE thank you to everyone who worked for me while I was on vacation. I appreciate it so much!

Bonnie

Dear Wesley Family,

Thank you so much for your cards, prayers and visits. You are a very thoughtful and loving family.

Love,

Margaret Campbell

In Loving Memory of Sang Ok Cha

By: Elton & Louise Stewart

**In Loving Memory of Carol Lortz,
Joan Batty and Gary Cook**

By: Diane Dixon

In Loving Memory of Joan Batty

By: The Drummonds

In Honor of the Wesley Staff

By: Vera Ann Johnson

In Honor of Everyone who gives their time working in church. Also, Joe, Amanda, the choir, Brother Steve, Dicie Rue and Bonnie.

By: Mr. and Mrs. Elton Stewart



From the Pastor

Remember to Be Grateful!

Most of us know by memory all or parts of The Great Commission given by Jesus Christ to all disciples in Matthew 28:19-20. As a child, I learned it from the King James Version (and still know it!), yet I've been influenced by other preachers, commentators, and more modern English versions over the years so I am comfortable with any translation now. The MESSAGE says, "God authorized and commanded ME to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age." I like this version well.

On the other hand, I've heard preachers, in particular, add their interpretation as guided by the Holy Spirit. Two stick out in my mind: One simply said of Jesus: "Sure enough, I'll be with you!" And the second added a single word: "Remember, I'll be with you always!"

It's been a busy fall already for us at Wesley and November will continue with multiple opportunities for service for all of us:

- Each Monday and Friday, we will continue our new ministry of Breaking Bread Together. For several of us, meeting and making new friends and filling both their stomachs with nourishing food and their hearts and minds with nourishing words from God has been a NEW blessing!
- Sunday, November 5, at 9:30 a.m. will be our annual All Saints service where we remember those who have gone before us.
- Saturday, November 11, at 6 p.m. will bring gospel singer Mikes Pike to our sanctuary for a special Spirit-filled concert. Please remember!
- Sunday evening, November 12, will be our new Sing and Share Service. We will have this service the second Sunday of every month. Remember and be there!
- Wednesday, November 15, will be our annual Thanksgiving Feast.
- Saturday, November 18, will be our annual Fall Roundup.
- Sunday, November 19, will be our annual Charge/Church Conference at Wesley UMC, Greenville, from 3-5 p.m. Also BE THE SERVICE hands out the annual Thanksgiving Boxes this Sunday afternoon!
- THANKSGIVING DAY is Thursday, November 23.
- Sunday, November 26, is Christ the King Sunday (not always celebrated!).
- Wednesday, November 29, will be our November birthday celebration.

In addition, Worship, Sunday School, Children, Youth, Homebound Visitation, Sanctuary Choir rehearsals, and ongoing ministries will occur. Remember!

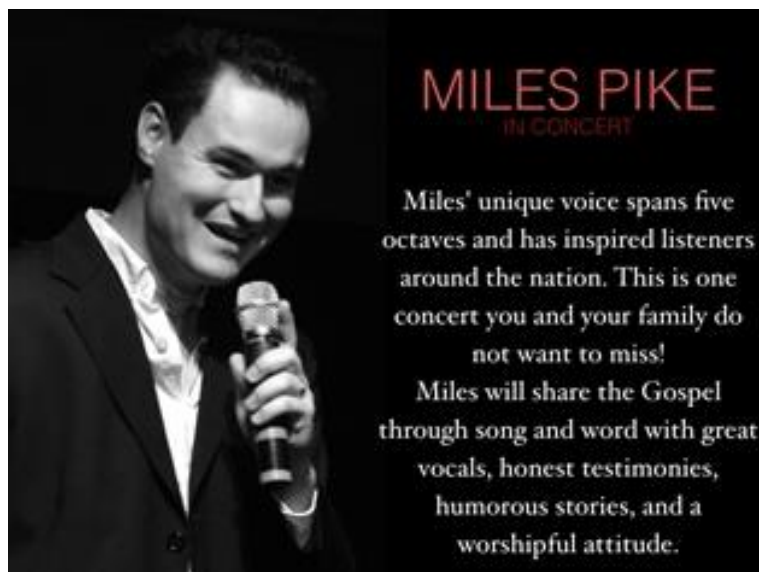
I'm reading my latest Mark Batterson book, If: Trading Your If Only Regrets for God's What If Possibilities. In chapter 13, titled

"The Reckoning," he shares the amazing story and testimony of Nick Vujicic who was born without arms or legs and notes that there are a "thousand things he is not able to do that we take for granted: Nick can't give a hug, a handshake, a high five, clap his hands (because he does not have any), tap his toe to music, or feel the sand under his feet while walking the beach." Then he adds these words: "But instead of getting angry with God about the things he isn't able to do, Nick made a defining decision as a teenager to be GRATEFUL for the things he is able to do. And he's done some amazing things--surfing, for example. How do you do that without arms or legs..."

At last count, two hundred thousand people have put their faith in Christ after hearing Nick's testimony. "Simply put, God has turned Nick's pain into eternal gain for thousands upon thousands. Nick puts it this way, 'I'd rather have no arms and no legs here on earth and spend eternity with those who come to faith through my testimony.'" Gratitude affects your Attitude!

In Thessalonians 5:16-18, the Apostle Paul tells: "Be cheerful no matter what; pray all the time; thank God no matter what happens. This is the way God wants you who belong to Christ to live." (The MESSAGE)

May each of us REMEMBER TO BE GRATEFUL--No Matter What!



MILES PIKE CONCERT
6:00 P.M. Admission is FREE
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11
Wesley UMC

All Saints Sunday is November 5

We will remember the lives of the members who have passed into life eternal. During the time of Communion, each name will be read and candle will be lit in loving memory of these saints.

During the past year, Lloyd Hiller, Mary Barnhart, Doris Rawls, Sang Ok Cha, and Carol Lortz have passed to life eternal. We will also remember:

Doris Herman	Mother of Gina Wilder
Carrie Ellis	Sister of Red Penny and Dorothy Duncan
Gary Cook	Pastor Steve's brother
Jimmy and Stella Norris	Pastor Steve's aunt and uncle
Pat Spears	Mother of Rick Spears
Joan Batty	Joe Batty's mother
Billy Gregg	Father of Jim Gregg and Brenda McKinzie
Jerry Glover	Brother of Eva Phillips
Faye Davis	Member of Wesley UMW
Barbara Formby	Former member
Kathy Crowson	Former member

Notes from the Lay Leader



Thank you to all who participated in Laity Sunday! The music and testimonies were heartwarming and thought provoking. What a mighty God we serve!

Fall is here and with it comes Fall Roundup at Wesley. Please sign up to help in any way you can. This is a fundraiser for our church and for Local Ministries. The need is great in our community and in our church.

Kudos to the Breaking Bread ministry and to those who are working and making it possible. I believe God will surely bless this ministry.

We are slightly behind in our apportionments and the end of the year is drawing near. If you are able to do so, please give extra, above your tithe, for the apportionments. We are Methodists and this is our tithe to the North Texas Annual Conference. We may not agree with all the ways the money goes but it is our duty as Methodists to see that they are paid. I do not want somebody else to have to pay what we owe. Please be generous in your giving.

Thank you to our staff and all of you who volunteer at Wesley UMC. Our goal should be to make disciples for Jesus Christ and His Kingdom on this earth. We must not fail in that endeavor.

Please let us continue to love and encourage the children on Wednesday nights. They are hungry for food and they are so in need of a hug and a kind word. Bless Joe Clark for bringing these children to us.

May God bless each of you is my prayer.

Lou Jane Drummond

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Kay Atkins	Dr. I.L. Balkcom	Charles Batty, Jr.
Cecile Blount	Cassie Cavaliere	Haylee Chester
Jeff Clark	Wanda Claryton	Dicie Rue Cook
Nell and Billy Crowson	W.B. Cox	Sandy Davis
Rev. Gaither Day I	Benjamin Epperson	Fran Francis
Rynlee Garrison	Gene George	Jayne Glenn
Robert and Mary Glover	Ronnie Jenkins	Janis Hargrave
Jack and Janie Godfrey	Mark Heisler	Sharon Hughes
Magan, Tim and Eisley Henderson	Jeff Johnson	Marge Johnson
Christa and Victor Kasztelanski	Dana Jordan	Lynn Kincade
John Kramer	Rev. Van Lazaroff	Jennifer Lee
Gene Lewis	Latressa Logan	Jase Mabie
Mary Ann McCormick	Zane Magan	Gary Moon
Linda Moore	Beverly Morgan	Rev. Dana Norton
Lee Ann Carpenter Oliver	Jill Reneau	Ricky and Kay Orr
Sara Robinson	Reed Schnieder	Beth Shurtleff
Rev. Patty Soward	Clara Smith	Dustin Snyder
Donna and Dave Spears	Floyd Spears	Allan Thar
Rick and Cheryl Spears	Bob Spencer	Mark Warren
Rev. Howard Strickland	Karen Wedding	Pennye West
Jimmy Winfrey	The Family of Sammy Fox	

Students, Teachers, Administrators, Personnel

Those affected by hurricanes, wildfires and earthquakes

Our Country and Our Leaders Military Personnel and their Families

First Responders Law Enforcement, EMS, Fire Fighters

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

Bobbie Holder	Muriel Lucas	Della Loane	Lois Shannon
Margaret Campbell	Sandra McIntire	Truman Renshaw	
Bill Shell	Martha Johnson	Red and Vernice Penny	

An opportunity for service:

SAFE-T (Shelter Agencies for Families in East Texas) has a need for people to drive women from the Shelter for Abused Women to job interviews, etc. If this is something you can do, please call 903-572-0973 and talk to Ragan Dennis for more information.

Diane Dixon



**Hymn Sing 6:00 p.m. Sunday,
November 12**

**Grab a friend and join in an
old-fashioned hymn sing!**



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

See us on



Wesley UMC-Sulphur Springs

Daylight Saving Time Ends
 Sunday, November 5



**United
 Methodist
 Women**

**1:30 p.m. Tuesday
 November 14**

(Second Tuesday of November)

Program: Diane Dixon
 Hostess: Dice Rue Cook/Janie Godfrey

(Please note: The meeting in
 December will be on the second
 Tuesday of the month)



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 614 Texas

FREE lunches
 Every Monday & Friday at NOON

Break Bread Together with Us!



**39th Annual
 Fall Roundup
 Saturday**

November 18

**Signup sheets are on the
 Wesley Hall bulletin board**