



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

**October 2018**

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God's power  
is made perfect  
in weakness ...  
for when  
I am weak,  
then  
I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12:9



## Breaking Bread Together Ministry

We have just completed our first full year of Breaking Bread Together Ministry (BBTM) at Wesley. Our bi-weekly meals are on Monday and Friday at NOON. The folks attending each week vary; usually 40-50 are served each time.

We have dedicated servants who prepare and serve the meal. With that thought in mind, we are confident that we have served between 4,600-4,800 meals from October 1, 2017 - September 30, 2018.

BBTM is not a budgeted item in our Wesley budget. Therefore, we are grateful to several donors, large and small, who continue to make this a ministry of outreach to our neighbors and friends close by and others who frequently attend. We also share "food for the soul" each time with a 10-minute devotion from the pastor or youth minister, and/or a lay servant of BBTM. Our ministry is for the whole person.



We are grateful for this ministry. Your support is used wisely. We try to keep each meal at \$1.50-\$2.00 per person (food and supplies). No gift is too small. No value can be attached to any one life. We serve the Lord with gladness!

We were blessed recently with a donation from Clayton Homes. Thank you, Don Sills, for facilitating this gift!

## PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Rhonda Alley	Jordyn Ausmus	Charles Batty, Jr.
Allison and John Bostick	Delana Beadle	Bethany Nichole
Beverly and Michael Chapman	Cassie Cavaliere	Wanda Clayton
Dicie Rue Cook	Sandy Davis	Yogi Davis
Eddie Fenstermaker	Silvina Epperson	Gene George
Jerry and Shirley Glossup	Jayne Glenn	H.W. Halcomb
Donny and Baulah Godfrey	Dorothy Hargrave	Roy Herman, Jr.
Jack and Janie Godfrey	Mark Heisler	Mindi Home
Magan, Tim and Easley Henderson	Lynn Kincade	Tonya Dodd
Christa Kasztelanski	Jerry Lucas	Jase Mabie
Fred and LaDonna Kusta	Mary Ann McCormick	Zane Magan
Bobbie Moseman	Lynna Nichols	Gaylon O'dell
Sandra Parker	Mack Phillips	Nan Price
Carolyn Roland	Mildred Schulz	Pat Skauge
Clara and Durwood Smith	Terry Smuthermon	Nancy Stobough
Elton and Louise Stewart	Allan Thar	Loretta Vaughn
Mark Warren	Bill Watts	Karen Wedding
Bill Weiderman	Gracie Weston	Ron Zitterick
Barbara and Jim Williams	Wildfires and Flooding	
Students, Teachers, Administrators, Support Personnel	Military Personnel and their Families	
Wildfires & Flooding		
Responders, Law Enforcement, EMS, Fire Fighters, Hospital Personnel		
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		

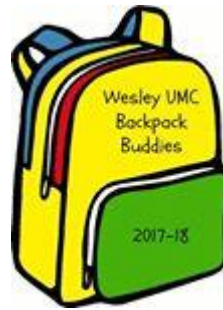
New additions to the prayer list are in **BOLD**

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 Lois Shannon Margaret Campbell Sandra McIntire  
Della Loane Martha Johnson Red and Vernice Penny Marge Johnson



**Backpack Buddies** has started again! This fall we have 20 students at North Hopkins and 41 at Como-Pickton. Please remember to adopt a Backpack Buddy, if you have not already done so. For only \$4 a week or \$16 a month, you can help make sure a student has food for a weekend.



**In Loving**

**Nell Drummond**

**By: Cheryl and Rick Spears and Family**

**In Loving Memory of Victor Kaszlelanski**

**By: Lou Jane and Max Drummond**

**Cheryl and Rick Spears and Family**

**By: In Loving Memory of Floyd Spears**

**By: Lou Jane and Max Drummond**

**Annada and James Jones**

**In Loving Memory of Fran Francis**



**Needed!** Used printer cartridges. We purchase office supplies with the rebates we get from recycling.

From  
Pastor  
Steve

## Distinguishing Marks of Being a Methodist

I came across a document written by John Wesley titled *The Character of a Methodist* while at my first appointment in Paris, TX. In it, Wesley explains distinguishing marks of being a Methodist in the following words:

**“THEN WHAT IS THE DISTINGUISHING MARK OF A METHODIST? WHO IS A METHODIST?”**

A Methodist is a person who has the love of God in his heart. This is a gift of God’s Holy Spirit. And the same Spirit causes a Methodist to love the Lord his God with all his heart, with all his soul, with all his mind, with all his strength.

God is the joy of a Methodist’s heart: the desire of his soul, which cries out constantly, “Whom have I in heaven but You, Lord?” There is nothing on earth that I desire but You, my God and my All! You are the strength of my life. You, Lord, are all that I need.

Naturally, the Methodist is happy in God. Yes, he is always happy because the Methodist has within him that “well of water” which Christ promised. It floods up to overflowing, bringing glorious assurance of the life that never ends. Therefore, the Methodist is a person in whom God’s peace and joy are constantly evident.

The Methodist does not fear God’s wrath for himself. Perfect love has banished fear of God’s punishment from the Methodist’s heart. For this reason, he is able to rejoice evermore. He does not rejoice in himself or in his achievements. Instead, the Methodist rejoices in God, who is his Lord and his Savior.

The Methodist acknowledges God as his Father. Why? Because the Methodist has received from Jesus Christ the power to become a glad and grateful son of the Father.

The Methodist is one who realizes that He belongs to God instead of Satan. This is redemption. It is only possible because Jesus gave His life on the cross. He shed His blood to make atonement for the sins of all who believe in Him.

The Methodist knows that the blood of Jesus has cleansed him from all sin. Through Christ and Christ alone the Methodist has received forgiveness for his sins. The Methodist never forgets this...

And so I beg you, let all true Christians remain united; let us not be divided among ourselves. *Is your heart right as my heart is with yours? I ask no further question; give me your hand. For the sake of mere opinions or terms, let us not destroy the work of God.* Do you love God? That is enough. I give you the right hand of fellowship.”

This small, 10-page pamphlet is “Wesley at his best.” The gist of the whole is that Wesley desired “unity among Christians” over divisive issues and differing interpretations of Holy Scripture. In it, Wesley affirmed that “salvation for the Methodist is holiness of heart and life. This springs from true faith, and nothing else.” Wesley,

likewise, emphasized the role and power of God’s Holy Spirit in a true Christian’s life. We are not alone. God is with us!

It was the Apostle Paul who warned us about our pursuit in holiness of heart and life in growing in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus: *“For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.”* Paul’s answer to our ongoing dilemma was *“Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.”*

I’m sure with advances in technology so available to anyone, we now hear and know of evil and horrible things that occur almost when they occur! We are bombarded with so much sadness, danger, and unimaginable things that it is very difficult to summons the help we have from God--yet, I believe God in Christ Jesus is always our only hope.

As Methodists, we need to honor John Wesley’s notion of embracing one another as Christians saved by the grace of God. When we do this, we learn that Christianity is not solitary religion. Rather it is always when people gather together, trusting in God’s grace for transformation, forgiveness and renewal.



Wesley Family,

Thank you so much for your love and kindness. Mom would have been so proud. Thank you for the meal and the service. Everything was beautiful and my family was blessed to be a part of the celebration.

Thank you to the worship team and everyone who prayed and showed love and kindness.

Love Ya’ll,

The Francis Family

P.S. Thanks for all the beautiful cards. Loved them!



### Birthdays and Anniversaries

Casey Nichols	Oct 2
Gary Huffman	Oct 3
Mack Phillips	Oct 6
Charlotte Ferrell	Oct 8
Kathy Darrow	Oct 8
Mike Brock	Oct 10
Paul Clark	Oct 11
Donna and Larry Nelson	Oct 11
Dicie Rue Cook	Oct 15
Gina and Bill Wilder	Oct 18
Margaret Campbell	Oct 19
Jerry Glossup	Oct 23
Grant Glass	Oct 27





# Grandparents Day September 16, 2018





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See us on



Wesley UMC-Sulphur Springs



**United Methodist  
 Women**

**1:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday, September 18**

**Program: Mary Lou Foster**

**Hostesses: Mary Lou Foster  
 Mary Logan**

**Lunch for Apportionments**

**Sunday, October 21**

**Stackups, Beans, Desserts**

**Hosted by the Cornerstone and  
 Lifeway Classes**



**90th Birthday Celebration**

**honoring**

**Margaret Campbell**

**Sunday, October 14**

**1:30 - 3:30 p.m.**

**Wesley Hall**

