



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

**January 2020**

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*Thou has set all  
the borders of the  
earth: thou hast made  
Summer and Winter.*



*Psalm 74:17*

From  
Pastor  
Steve

## 2020! Can You Believe It?

My birth year is smack dab in the middle of the 20th century. I was 49 years old when many wondered and worried about computers, clocks, and other mechanical things attached to a clock would indeed change to the year 2000 without any serious problems. Do you recall Y2K? Seems like it was just yesterday—at least to me! I am certain that once I hit age 50 in 2001, those clocks started to turn faster—or so it seems.

Now we have completed yet another decade of being alive! Technically, I am now entering my 8th decade of life here on earth. I wonder if ABC will rename their Friday news show to something other than 2020? I also know our first mistake—some have already predicted—will be writing the year 2019 instead of 2020. It happens to me yearly until mid-February. “Show but sure!”

Now we’re making the transition from Christmas to the new year 2020. Let these words from Howard Thurman (theologian, teacher, mentor) help us:

*When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among brothers, and  
To make music in the heart.*

I am still rejoicing in the new members and new babies we welcomed into our Wesley family this year. I am still amazed at the furious love so many of you have for your church called Wesley. And I’m still remembering the so many times I’ve heard thirty and forty-somethings say, “Time, slow down!” After all, of our adult children, one more joins the 40s leaving just one under 40—and barely at that!

I am hopeful that we’ll continue to add more 30s and 40s to our 2020 Wesley Leadership Team. In our day of couples both working outside the home just to make ends meet, “time to serve” becomes a real issue. While evenings seems to be the best time to meet for this age group, I am acutely aware of the older generation’s desire to be home at evening time, especially during the long winter months-less Daylight Saving Time.

I am fast approaching this paradox! Yet, my home is when we meet, we’ll maximize our time and the work of the committees and groups done efficiently. I have yet to pastor a church where the members gather for business but must still enjoy SOME fellowship!

I am still celebrating with you the decision of some of our members to come together and pay off our apportionments early, without dipping into our Texas Methodist Fund monies! The best Methodist churches are laity-driven, prayer ready, and the Word of God guiding our hearts, minds, and souls. Of course, we all have what I and many others call a vested

interest in our church. Our church culture have developed now for over 68 years. Compared to other even local churches, Wesley is still a middle-aged adult. We may have over 60+ members who are older than our church meaning several came here after this church was started. But upon arrival and a short season of fitting in, many have found the best ways to serve the Lord and to serve one another. To be “in church” requires our presence.

Yet the church, by being the body of Christ, must exit each time and be the Church, the good neighbor, and the hands and feet of Jesus Christ wherever we are. Though we have a steeple, we know that the Church, the Body of Christ, is really “the people.”

In 2020, we will continue to be challenged to look to our faith to guide us through many difficult decisions and choices, as well as opportunities to grow! May we: Love God with all our heart, mind, and soul, love our neighbors, and love one another so that all may know we are the Church! Soli Deo Gloria

### Chancel Choir Pictures Hark! The Angels Sing



Narrators: Kenna Lane and John Moser



Katherine and Grant Glass lighting the altar candles.

## 2020 Administrative Board

Chair.....Barbara Williams  
 Minister.....Steve Cook  
 Recording Secretary.....Jana Prochaska  
 Lay Member to Annual Conference.....Diane Dixon  
 Alternate Lay Member to Annual Conference.....Wanda Winfrey  
 Lay Leader.....Lou Jane Drummond

### Administrative and Program Ministry Leadership

Committee on Staff Parish Relations Chair.....Jimmy Winfrey  
 Committee on Finance Chair.....Emily Glass  
 Financial Secretary.....Gina Wilder  
 Church Business Manager/Treasurer.....  
 Board of Trustees Chair (Elected by the Trustees).....  
 Worship Ministry, Team Leader.....Mary Ellen Kirkland  
 Multimedia Team Leaders.....Stanley Foster/Rick Spears

### Congregational Care Ministries

Care Ministries Leader.....Diane Dixon  
 Homebound, Nursing Home, etc.  
 Bereavement Ministries.....Chair-Joyce Davis/Wanda Winfrey  
 Fellowship Ministry.....Mary Ellen Kirkland  
 Archives and History.....Mary Lou Foster  
 Membership Secretary.....Bonnie Gilmer  
 Head Usher.....Logan Thurman  
 United Methodist Women President.....Diane Dixon  
 United Methodist Youth Representative.....

### Christian Discipleship (Education) Ministries

Sunday School Superintendent.....Joyce Davis  
 Assistant Sunday School Superintendent.....Joe Batty  
 Youth Sunday School Ministries.....Joe Clark  
 Children Sunday School Ministries.....Marieke de Witte  
 Wednesday Night.....Gloria Batty, Kara Lane, Sara West

### Ministry Staff

Church Secretary.....Bonnie Gilmer  
 Youth Ministry.....Joe Clark  
 Music Minister.....Joe Clark  
 Child Care Ministry.....Julie Weir, Volunteer-Kara Lane  
 Church Business Manager/Treasurer.....

### Members at Large to the Administrative Board

<b>Class of 2020</b>	<b>Class of 2021</b>	<b>Class of 2022</b>
Wanda Winfrey	Ilene Massey	Mary Lou Foster
Didi Thurman	Max Massey	Rachel Lewis

**Breaking Bread Together**.....Bill Watts and Crew  
**Gift Bag Ministry**.....Bonnie Gilmer  
**Fellowship Committee**.....Mary Ellen Kirkland and Crew

### Little Acorn School

Pastor, Steve Cook  
 Trustee Chair  
 Lay Leader, Lou Jane Drummond  
 Donna Korth, At Large, Secretary

## Board of Trustees

Chair (Elected by Trustees).....Steve Cook  
 Pastor (Ex Officio).....Steve Cook  
 Lay Leader.....Lou Jane Drummond  
**Class of 2020**  
 Hendrik deWitte  
 James Clark  
**Class of 2021**  
 Stanley Foster  
 Lou Jane Drummond  
**Class of 2022**  
 Kathy Darrow  
 Brad Gilmer

### Committee on Nominations/Leadership & Development

Chair.....Pastor Steve Cook  
 Co-Chair.....Lay Leader, Lou Jane Drummond  
 Youth Representative.....  
 1 Young Adult and 1 Youth Required  
**Class of 2020**  
 Diane Dixon  
**Class of 2021**  
 Emily Glass  
 Ilene Massey  
**Class of 2022**

### Parish Relations Committee on Staff

No Less than 5 No more than 9  
 1 Young Adult Required by Discipline  
 1 May be Senior High Youth

Pastor.....Steve Cook  
 Lay Leader.....Lou Jane Drummond  
 Lay Member to Annual Conference.....Diane Dixon  
**Class of 2020**  
 Timmy Henderson  
**Class of 2021**  
 Jimmy Winfrey, Chair  
 Danny Prochaska  
**Class of 2022**  
 Joyce Davis  
 Mary Lou Foster

### Committee on Finance

Chair.....Emily Glass  
 Pastor (Ex Officio).....Steve Cook  
 Lay Leader.....Lou Jane Drummond  
 Lay Member to Annual Conference.....Diane Dixon  
 Administrative Board Chair.....Barbara Williams  
 Trustee Chair.....  
 Business Manager/Treasurer (Ex-Officio).....Cheryl Spears  
 Financial Secretary.....Gina Wilder  
**Class of 2020**  
 Jana Prochaska  
**Class of 2021**  
 Donna Korth  
**Class of 2022**  
 Joe Batty

### Worship Committee

Team Leader.....Mary Ellen Kirkland  
 Pastor.....Steve Cook  
 Minister of Music.....Joe Clark  
 Multimedia.....Stanley Foster, Rick Spears  
 Head Ushers.....Logan Thurman, Max Massey  
 Organist.....Carol Ann O'dell  
 Pianist.....Mary Ellen Kirkland  
 Communion Steward.....Dorothy McCaig  
 Church Secretary.....Bonnie Gilmer  
 Youth Sunday School.....Joe Clark  
 Alternate Member to Annual Conference.....Wanda Winfrey

## PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Richard Adams	Stephen Andersen	Patsy Ardis	Jordyn Ausmus
Charles Batty, Jr.	Marilyn Baxter	Delana Beadle	Landon Burgin
The Beers Family	Devyn Byars	James Clark	Taylor Clark
Allison and John Bostick	Wanda Clayton	Dicie Rue Cook	Natalie Darrow
Beverly and Michael Chapman	Antonio Cummings	Mason Delbridge	Cindy Evans
Haylee Glenn and Family	Garry Hall	Kathleen Fletcher	Renee Francey
Eddie Fenstermaker	Kelly Gilmer	Shirley Glossup	Jeff Godfrey
Don and Mary Gilmer	Frank Hernandez	Kristi Hodgkiss	Mindi Horne
Jack and Janie Godfrey	Kaycee Ivey	Lucille Jenkins	Ronnie Jenkins
Ashley, Chris and Jeremiah	Louise Jones	Dana Jordan	Lynn Kincade
Magan, Tim, Easley, and Finn Henderson	Mary Ellen Little	Jase Mabie	Becky Moore
Pam Hollingsworth	Cable Moore	Beverly Morgan	Forest Mullins
James and Pat Hulen	Debbie Nichols	Johnny Nichols	Rose Raines
Jim and Kim Rivers	JoAnn Roach	Bryan Roberts	Russell Scott
Sylvia Sellers	Ryan Spears	Nancy Stobough	Debbie Stribling
Becky and Danny Walker	Allan Thar	Chris Utt	Randall Voss
Betty and Mark Warren	Susan Weber	Sara Wilkinson	Roger Wilmot
Rosemary Adams Wakefield	Ron Zitterick	CASA	CANHelp Backpack Buddies
Schools, Teachers, Administration, Staff, Students		Our Country and Our Leaders	
First Responders, Law Enforcement, EMS, Fire Fighters, Hospital Personnel		First Responders	
Military Personnel and their Families	Law Enforcement, EMS, Fire Fighters, Hospital Personnel		
Community Chest/Cupboard	North Texas Food Bank	Abused Children and Youth	
Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center	Dallas Bethlehem Center	Wesley-Rankin Community Center	

## WESLEY HOMEBOUND

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



Kelly Gilmer	January 7
Vera and Jim Skaggs	January 7
Ryan Spears	January 9
Bonnie Gilmer	January 13
Amanda Clark	January 14
Rhonda Alley	January 16
Elton Stewart	January 16
Lynna Nichols	January 17
Spencer Thurman	January 26
Kimberly Hart	January 27
Norma Gadt	January 29
Richard Batty	January 30



*Children's Musical*

*The Gift is Jesus*

**December 15**



## ***HARK! THE ANGELS SING***

**Presented by the Wesley Chancel Choir**

**December 22**





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

See us on



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United  
 Methodist  
 Women

**1:30 p.m.**  
**Tuesday**  
**January 21**

Program: Mary Lou Foster  
 Rachel Lewis  
 Hostesses: Diane Dixon  
 Bonnie Gilmer

**Ad Board  
 Meeting**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Tuesday**



**January 28**

**Wednesday  
 Night Meals**  
**Begin January 8**



**Girls Group Studies**

Ladies participating in the Girls Group Studies with Amanda and Diane, please return to the group on Sunday, January 5, where we will pick up our study on "Bad Girls of the Bible." We will begin with the chapter on Jezebel.

We really miss you when you don't come. Hopefully, everyone will begin the new year with good health!