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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

**September 2020**

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### Fundraiser Alert! "Wesley Will Cook for You"

We have raised money for apportionments by providing lunches after worship about once a month for the past two years. Since we cannot do that in 2020, here is an alternative. We hope you will participate by ordering food and giving generously.

Beginning the first week of September, and continuing until November 15, you can call and order a special dish from one of the following volunteers. Please give them a few days notice. When you pick up your order, or when it is delivered to you, we hope you will make a generous donation for apportionments to the cook, who in turn will give it to the church. There is a minimum amount for the items listed, but we know you will give unselfishly. You may share this fundraising list with your family and friends. If you are interested in cooking something, please call Diane (903-243-3459) and your name

Name	Phone Number	Dish	Minimum Donation
Dorothy McCaig	903-885-4908	Chicken 'n Dumplings (1 quart)	\$15.00
Rachel Lewis	903-439-8337	Autumn Soup (1 quart)	\$15.00
Cheryl Spears	903-348-6459	Taco Stew (1 quart)	\$15.00
Frances Daniels	903-885-2483	Black Eyed Pea Soup (1 quart) Mild Medium Hot	\$15.00
Mary Ellen Kirkland	903-243-7812	Chicken and Wild Rice	\$20.00
Julie Weir	904-440-5307	Chicken Spaghetti	\$20.00
Ilene Massey	903-243-3690	Taco Bake	\$20.00
Carol Ann O'Dell	903-513-5958	Enchiladas (1 dozen)	\$20.00
Betty Phillips	903-485-4612	Chicken Stew (1 quart)	\$15.00
Bonnie Gilmer	317-628-0223	Breakfast Casserole/King Ranch Chicken	\$20.00
Gina Wilder	903-243-1297	Chicken and Dressing	\$20.00
Diane Dixon	903-243-3459	Rum Cake (Bundt) /Homemade Bread (1 loaf)	\$25.00/\$8.00
Wanda Winfrey	903-885-4428	Coconut Cake (Layer Cake)	\$25.00
Lou Jane Drummond	903-243-4911	Coca Cola Cake (Sheet Cake)	\$25.00
Janie Godfrey	903-885-3956	Banana Nut Cake	\$25.00
Emily Glass	903-243-6222	Choice of Pies	\$20.00
Vera Ann Johnson	903-885-7279	Choice of Pies	\$20.00



### Fundraiser #2

Because Fall Roundup is cancelled for 2020, it will be replaced by a similar activity. On November 21, our usual stew and chili cooks will gather under the canopy and cook their special recipes. The stew and chili will be sold in a "drive-through" and will be sold by the quart. No other items will be sold with it. Times and other details will be finalized closer to the date. Advertising will begin early in November. There will not be access to Wesley Hall other than restrooms for cooks and their assistants.



How blessed our family has been during our times of heartache. I'm so thankful that Jack and I have been part of this family that cares, loves, and comforts for sixty-one years.

Jack loved his church and loved serving it. Thank you for all the phone, calls, prayers, visits and beautiful cards, and delicious food prepared for our family.

Thank you Brother Steve and Dicie Rue and everyone for all the love you have shown. God bless you all.

Janie Godfrey and Family

Dear Wesley and the Prayer Blanket Ministry,

Pastor Steve and I are sooo appreciative of all who prayed over each blanket, as well as those who tied the knots, and finally, delivered them to us. We love Wesley so! (They are both very beautiful!)

Dicie Rue and Pastor Steve

## PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Richard Adams    Stephen Andersen    Jade Ausbrooks    Marilyn Baxter  
 Delana Beadle    The Beers Family    Wanda Clayton    Hazel Collins  
 Pastor Steve and Dicie Rue    Johnny Darrow    Pvt Ryan Dixon    Steve Fitch  
 Eddie Fenstermaker    Renee Francey    Don and Norma Gadt    Don and  
 Mary Gilmer    Mike Gilmer    Steve Gilmer    Jerry Glossup  
 Janie Godfrey and Family    Rebecca Hathcoat    Frank Hernandez  
 Roy and Gina Lynn Herman    Kristi Hodgkiss    Talatha Horton  
 Ronnie Jenkins    Louise Jones    Becky Moore    Beverly Morgan  
 Forest Mullins    Debbie Nichols    Johnny Nichols    Sylvia Sellers  
 Billy Wayne Orr    Nancy Stobough    Velma Swatsell    Kati Voss  
 Pvt Devyn and Cpl Jaxon Riggs    Jaye and Roger Stone    Allan Thar  
 Randall Voss    Becky and Danny Walker    Betty Warren  
 Schools-Teachers, Students, Administrators, Staff  
 Lots of devastation due to the wildfires and Hurricane Laura



Grandparents Day is Sunday, September 13. Would you like to remember these special folks in your life with a gift to Wesley? There are also loved ones who were or are like grandparents to us. If you would like to write something about them, it will be published in the next newsletter.

## United Methodist Women

Wesley UMW will begin meeting again at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15. We will meet at the park under the pavilion. If it is too hot, an alternative location will be provided. Barbara Williams will have the program. Refreshments will be served. All women are invited!

Diane Dixon, President

### September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Timmy Henderson	Sept 1	Chris Steele	Sept 1
Dorothy Duncan	Sept 1	Lou Jane Drummond	Sept 2
Marvin Jones	Sept 3	Larry Nelson	Sept 7
Bobbie Moseman	Sept 7	Muriel Lucas	Sept 10
Ilene Massey	Sept 11	Jimmy Winfrey	Sept 12
Johnny Nichols	Sept 16	Joe Clark	Sept 28
Cheryl and Rick Spears	Sept 9	Max and Ilene Massey	Sept 18

From Pastor  
Steve

### Give the Winds a Mighty Voice

"Give the Winds a Mighty Voice" is part of the 4th stanza of the grand ole Gospel hymn, *Jesus Saves*. The first part of the stanza is, "We have heard the joyful sound, Jesus saves! Jesus saves!" With hurricane Laura headed our way from the Gulf of Mexico and promise of high winds and much rain, this Gospel hymn just rose up within me on my first day back in the office this Wednesday, August 26, 2020. As a biblical pastor/preacher/teacher, I am called to preach and share the "Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ" with uncton power from the Holy Spirit. It is a calling and a risk I embraced 52 years ago this week!

First, allow me to share some gratitude. Dicie Rue and I have been the recipients of a variety of Wesley UMC cooks the past 3+ months. We/I have received some wonder get well cards from many of you—some replete with stickers! Texts and phone calls from you have also brightened our days. Thanks!

Many texts have come our way on my/our journey with four major procedures/surgeries since mid-February: gall bladder removed; an emergency appendectomy in early April; a heart cath in early July; and finally a new aortic heart valve in late July. Throw COVID-19 in the mix (I've had 5 negative tests!) and, WOW, I am glad I am still alive and able to work again. Dicie Rue has impending back surgery, a 5-6 hour procedure, in the near future, geez, what a ride we have embraced together!

The main question I hear pastors/preachers/teachers talking about is, of course, "How can we be the Church during a pandemic?" Considering this to be a once-in-a-lifetime-event, no one has a copyright or trademark for the answer to this question. We are simply to "GO, BE THE CHURCH!" Whenever we have opportunity to do good to all, that is what we do. If someone is in a great need of lifeline goods, goods, and decent living places, we—who are the Church—should step up and do what we can with what we have or what we can acquire together! **TOGETHER: WE ARE THE CHURCH!**

There is one thing **WE ALL CAN DO**: financially support Wesley Church by our tithes and offerings. Just like at home, your church has electric, gas and water bills to pay. Insurance on our building is much higher than most homes, maybe all of our homes! Salaries on the same or reduced level the past 7 years have remained the same so that we could function as a ministering church. Office, kitchen, and bathroom supplies are ongoing as well. And with COVID-19, we have had to increase cleaning supplies. Let me please repeat: **WE CAN DO ALL THIS AS WE GIVE CHEERFULLY AND GENEROUSLY.**

I do want to express my gratitude to our media team for helping us to stay on the air during this pandemic: Mary Lou and Stanley Foster and Rick Spears. I also applaud Cheryl Spears for hanging in there as our key financial records person. It's been almost a year since she tendered her resignation. I am extremely grateful to Cheryl for continuing unselfishly in this necessary role-paying bills and salaries!

Our church secretary/administrative assistant, has most often been here alone at Wesley for the past 3+ months. She has completely cleaned our kitchen, adding shelving covers in all drawers and cabinets, wiped down the bathrooms umpteen times, and kept me in touch with ongoing church matters and business. You are the real thing, Bonnie. Thank you and Mike for loving both our home church downtown and Wesley UMC!

I really put our Music and Youth Minister, Joe Clark, in a tough spot when he led both the music and preached timely messages. I think, by August, he was facing burn out or wipe out along with an Andi wedding the last Saturday in July. So, with my permission (he actually didn't ask me—he just did it!), he called Brian Dierolf, Wesley Campus Minister at Texas A&M-Commerce, to preach again for Wesley. Both Joe and Amanda and Brian did a wonderful ministry for our church and me during my absence. Along with musicians Mary Ellen Kirkland, Carol Ann O'Dell, and Mary Lou Foster, our worship "live with masks" and online at Wesley UMC-Facebook, we were **BEING THE CHURCH.**

May the "Voice of the Mighty Winds" of Pentecost blow upon us as we do our best to **BE THE CHURCH TOGETHER!** *Soli deo gloria!*



## The History of Grandparents Day

Marian McQuade hoped to establish a national day that would honor grandparents, and in 1970 she began a campaign to do so. McQuade raised awareness about senior citizens throughout the 1970s. In 1978, President Jimmy Carter declared the first Sunday after Labor Day to be National Grandparents Day. Each year, the president issues a proclamation to keep the tradition going.

Grandparents Day has both an official flower and song. The official flower is the forget-me-not, and the song is Johnny Prill's "A Song for Grandma and Grandpa. Both were chosen by the National Grandparents Day Council.

(The Old Farmers Almanac)



#### In Loving Memory of Jack Godfrey

By: Dorothy McCaig Jerry Glossup Silvina Epperson

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By: Dorothy McCaig Jerry Glossup Janie Godfrey  
Silvina Epperson The Family of Ralph and Harriet Casey

#### In Loving In Loving Memory of Cindy Evans

By: Brent and Diane Glenn Dorothy McCaig Danny and Dena Ragsdale  
Jerry Glossup L.B. Jordan Kara Lane and Kenna

#### In Loving Memory of Mark Warren

By: Lou Jane Drummond JoAnn Johnson Max and Ilene Massey  
Stanley and Mary Lou Foster Dorothy McCaig Gary and Rachel Lewis  
The Family of Ralph and Harriet Casey Sherri Clark Jerry Glossup  
Larry and Carrie Crowson Janie Godfrey Bill and Gina Wilder  
Silvina Epperson Danny and Dena Ragsdale Diane Dixon L.B. Jordan  
Linda and Ed Perrin Steve and Charlotte Chaney David and Sandy Freeman  
Jimmy and Wanda Winfrey Johnny and Kathy Lennon Kara Lane and Kenna  
Logan and Didi Thurman, Allie, Maddie, and Spencer  
Gary and Denee Freeman Rick and Cheryl Spears, Ryan and Jeff  
Barbara and Shelby Judkins

#### In Loving Memory of Joe Bybee

By: Lou Jane Drummond Bill and Gina Wilder  
Gary and Rachel Lewis Diane Dixon

#### In Loving Memory of Shirley Glossup

By: Janie Godfrey

#### In Loving Memory of Della Loane

By: Stanley and Mary Lou Foster

#### In Loving Memory of Doris Rawls



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Would you like to honor or remember a special teacher or teachers that have been an influence in your life with gift to Wesley in memory or in honor of these exceptional people. This is an appropriate time to do this since school is back in session! We have special teachers in our own congregation. Remember to say thank you! If you would like to write something about your special teachers, it will be included in the next newsletter.



**Mary Lou and Stanley Foster chose to honor Della Loane and Doris Rawls.**



Miss Della was my (ML) Sunday School teacher when I was 6 until I went to Jr. High (I think). My favorite Sundays were always Easter. She loved Jesus so much and would say, "Oh, how I love Jesus and oh, how he loves you!" She sang alto which is maybe one of the reasons I sing alto. I still smell her perfume! And hear her sweet voice telling me how much she loved me.

And Miss Doris, well, most of us heard her teach. She studied the scriptures and history and brought it all together to present the best Sunday School lessons. We were the Young Adults, College Class, Newlyweds, and a couple of other names through the years. But the one constant was Doris Rawls. I loved her as a second mother since I spent a lot of time at their house. Sure do miss her!

