WESLEY
METHODIST CHURCH

The Circuit Rider

DECEMBER 2024

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MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: TABATHA GONZALES

Ministry Spotlight: Tabatha Gonzales

Get to know Tabatha Gonzales, a singer on our praise and worship team at our 9:00 contemporary service. Learn more about what it means to be a part of Wesley!

A Letter from the Pastor

Finding Hope and Joy This Advent Season

Friends,

As we enter the sacred season of Advent, Isaiah's ancient prophecy quoted by Paul in Romans 15 reminds us of the profound hope we share: "The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; in him the Gentiles will hope." This promise, fulfilled in Jesus Christ, continues to light our path today.

This December, we invite you to join us in embracing the full meaning of Advent through both worship and action. Our special Advent services and events offer opportunities to deepen our faith journey together as we prepare our hearts for Christ's coming. Hanging of the Greens (12/1), Christmas Fest (12/6), Ladies' Christmas Craft Day (12/7), Choir Cantata (12/8), Wesley Kids' Birthday Party for Jesus (12/22), and of course Christmas Eve services at 4pm,6pm, and 11pm; each gathering helps us experience the wonder of this season.

Just as God demonstrated unprecedented generosity by giving us His Son, we too are called to be generous. As we approach year-end, consider how your giving can help extend hope to others through our congregation's ministries. Your faithful support enables us to serve our community, care for those in need, and share the light of Christ with others.

Every gift, whether through time spent at our Advent events or through financial contributions, helps fulfill our mission of bringing hope to our community.

May this Advent season fill your heart with renewed hope as we celebrate the greatest gift ever given. Together, let us prepare room in our hearts and lives for the coming King.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Rick Ivey

Upcoming Events

Monthly PRAYER GROUP

BEGINNING DECEMBER 4

- Do you have a desire to develop a stronger spiritual prayer life?
- Do you have friends, family members, or maybe even yourself that need prayer?

You're welcome to attend Wesley Methodist Church's Monthly Prayer Group.

First Wednesday of every Month at 10:00 am in The Parlor beginning December 4.

Christmas FEST

Luke 2: 8–14

December 6, 2024

Live Band, Kids Activities,
Petting Zoo, Pictures with Santa,
Big Screen Movie, Christmas Tree Lighting

Activities	**5:00pm-7:00pm**
Tree Lighting	**6:00pm**
Big Screen Movie	**7:00pm-7:45pm**

“A Charlie Brown Christmas”

Wesley Methodist Church
3810 N Major Dr
Beaumont, TX

(409)892-7733
wesleybeaumont.com

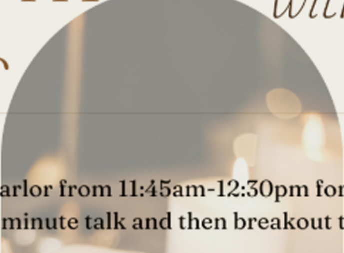
This is Christmas
CELEBRATING THE Heart OF CHRISTMAS
MARY McDONALD

Christmas Cantata

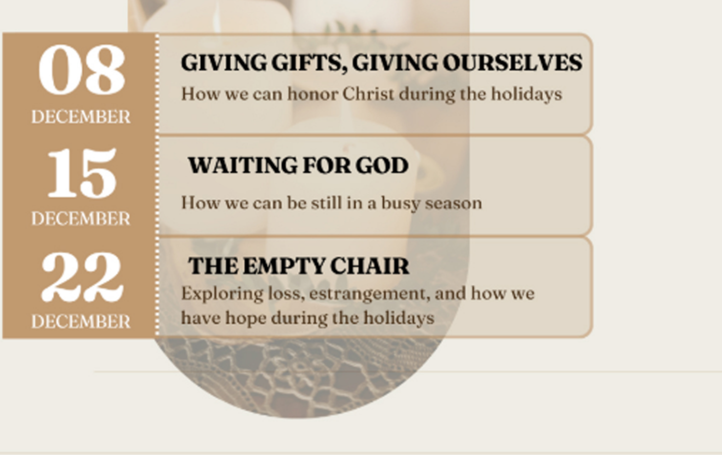
DECEMBER 8
10:30AM
SANCTUARY

HOLIDAY TALKS

with Pastor Tommy



Join us in the Parlor from 11:45am-12:30pm for a light lunch.
There will be a 10-15 minute talk and then breakout to discussion groups.



08 DECEMBER

GIVING GIFTS, GIVING OURSELVES

How we can honor Christ during the holidays

15 DECEMBER

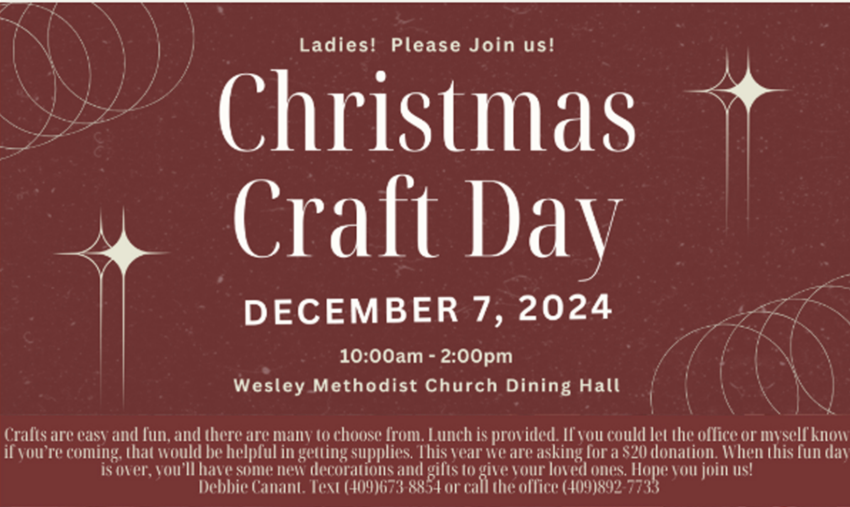
WAITING FOR GOD

How we can be still in a busy season

22 DECEMBER

THE EMPTY CHAIR

Exploring loss, estrangement, and how we have hope during the holidays



Ladies! Please Join us!

Christmas Craft Day

DECEMBER 7, 2024

10:00am - 2:00pm

Wesley Methodist Church Dining Hall

Crafts are easy and fun, and there are many to choose from. Lunch is provided. If you could let the office or myself know if you're coming, that would be helpful in getting supplies. This year we are asking for a $20 donation. When this fun day is over, you'll have some new decorations and gifts to give your loved ones. Hope you join us!

Debbie Canant. Text (409)673-8854 or call the office (409)892-7733

Christmas Eve

CANDLELIGHT SERVICES
WITH COMMUNION

DECEMBER 24
4PM
6PM
11PM

ONE SERVICE

DECEMBER 29

Worship

29 DECEMBER, 2024

10:00AM

SANCTUARY

Winter
CLOTHING DRIVE

Please bring your gently used (or new!) WARM clothing to the donation bins around the church.

Scarves | Gloves | Socks
Hoodies* | Coats | Hats
Blankets | Sleeping Bags

We will be delivering the clothes to our homeless neighbors.
Please do not send t-shirts, tank tops, or any warm weather clothing.

***M-XL Most Requested Item**

We Need WREATHS!

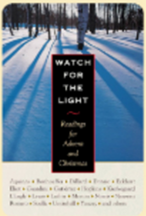
We will be collecting WREATHS so EVERY patient in Harbor Hospice can have one for their door! Large or small. Fancy or plain. Classic or whimsical. We take them all. (Artificial only) Or buy a plain wreath and decorations and we have people who will decorate! Please also send metal door wreath hangers.

COLLECTING NOW!

For more information or pick up,
contact Sheree at (409) 673-0884.

WHAT TO READ DURING ADVENT

Devotional and Book Revs
by Pastor Tommy



WATCH FOR THE LIGHT: READINGS FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS.

Approaching Light
Readings and Prayers for Advent and Christmas
PAUL ILES

APPROACHING LIGHT: READINGS AND PRAYERS FOR ADVENT AND CHRISMAS

COME LET US ADORE HIM
STORIES BEHIND THE MOST CHERISHED CHRISTMAS HYMNS
ROBERT J. MORGAN

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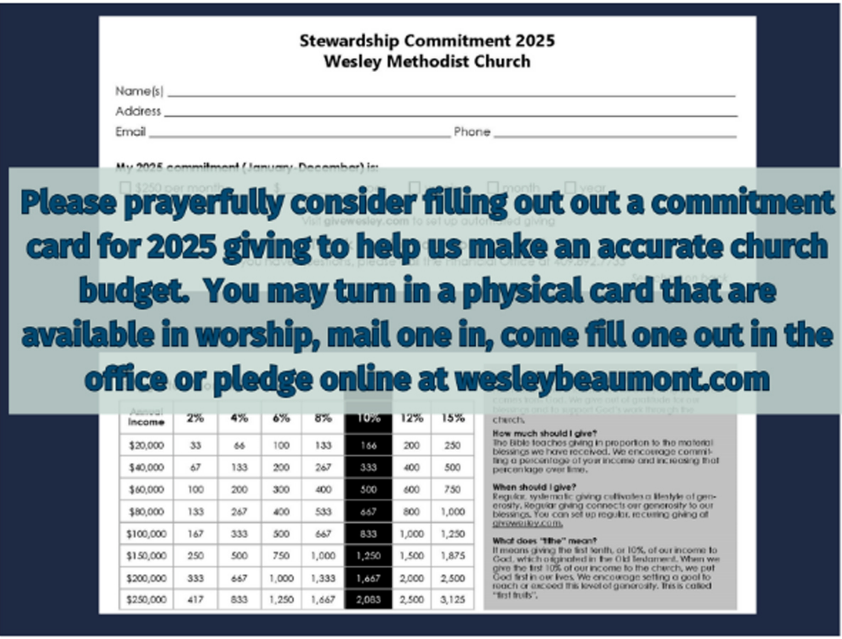
Luke
FOR EVERYONE
N. T. WRIGHT

LUKE FOR EVERYONE

2025 Commitment Card



Stewardship Commitment 2025
Wesley Methodist Church

Name(s) ______________________________

Address ______________________________

Email ____________________ Phone ____________________

My 2025 commitment (January-December) is:

☐ $250 per month ☐ $ ______ per ☐ week ☐ month ☐ year

Visit **givewesley.com** to set up automated giving

you have questions, please call the Financial Office at 409.892.7733

See chart on back

Annual Income	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%	12%	15%
$20,000	33	66	100	133	166	200	250
$40,000	67	133	200	267	333	400	500
$60,000	100	200	300	400	500	600	750
$80,000	133	267	400	533	667	800	1,000
$100,000	167	333	500	667	833	1,000	1,250
$150,000	250	500	750	1,000	1,250	1,500	1,875
$200,000	333	667	1,000	1,333	1,667	2,000	2,500
$250,000	417	833	1,250	1,667	2,083	2,500	3,125

comes from God. We give out of gratitude for our blessings and to support God's work through the church.

How much should I give?
The Bible teaches giving in proportion to the material blessings we have received. We encourage committing a percentage of your income and increasing that percentage over time.

When should I give?
Regular, systematic giving cultivates a lifestyle of generosity. Regular giving connects our generosity to our blessings. You can set up regular, recurring giving at givewesley.com.

What does "tithe" mean?
It means giving the first tenth, or 10%, of our income to God, which originated in the Old Testament. When we give the first 10% of our income to the church, we put God first in our lives. We encourage setting a goal to reach or exceed this level of generosity. This is called "first fruits".

Please prayerfully consider filling out out a commitment card for 2025 giving to help us make an accurate church budget. You may turn in a physical card that are available in worship, mail one in, come fill one out in the office or pledge online at wesleybeaumont.com

2025 Commitment Pledge Card

Pecans for Sale

Halves or Pieces

$15/bag

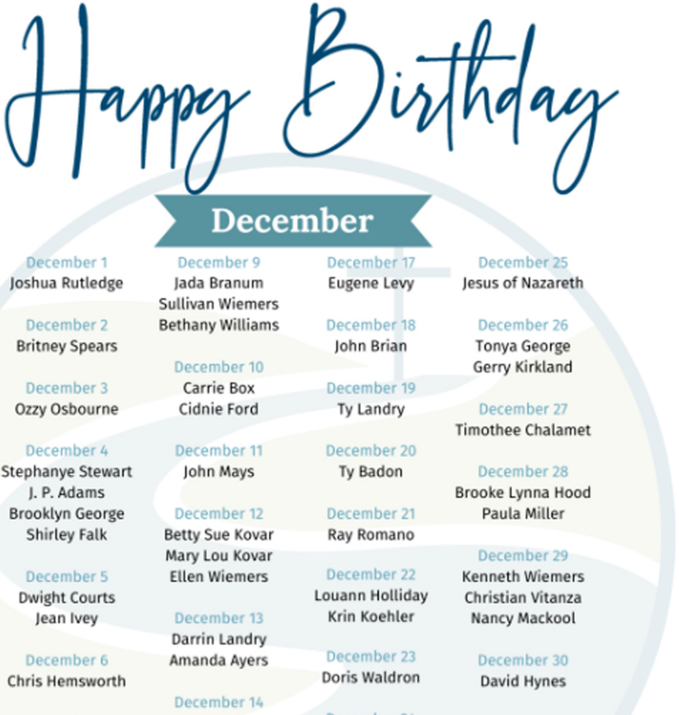
Daily Bread Readings for December

1—Reflect
2—Luke 4
3—Luke 5
4—Luke 6
5—Luke 7
6—Luke 8
7—Rest
8—Reflect
9—Luke 9
17—Luke 15
18—Luke 16
19—Luke 17
20—Luke 18
21—Rest
22—Reflect
23—Luke 19
24—Luke 20
25—Luke 21

10—Luke 10
11—Luke 11
12—Luke 12
13—Luke 13
14—Rest
15—Reflect
16—Luke 14
26—Luke 22
27—Luke 23
28—Rest
29—Reflect
30—Luke 24
31—Great Job!

December Birthdays

Happy Birthday from Wesley Methodist!


Happy Birthday
December

December 1
Joshua Rutledge

December 2
Britney Spears

December 3
Ozzy Osbourne

December 4
Stephanye Stewart
J. P. Adams
Brooklyn George
Shirley Falk

December 5
Dwight Courts
Jean Ivey

December 6
Chris Hemsworth

December 9
Jada Branum
Sullivan Wiemers
Bethany Williams

December 10
Carrie Box
Cidnie Ford

December 11
John Mays

December 12
Betty Sue Kovar
Mary Lou Kovar
Ellen Wiemers

December 13
Darrin Landry
Amanda Ayers

December 14

December 17
Eugene Levy

December 18
John Brian

December 19
Ty Landry

December 20
Ty Badon

December 21
Ray Romano

December 22
Louann Holliday
Krin Koehler

December 23
Doris Waldron

December 25
Jesus of Nazareth

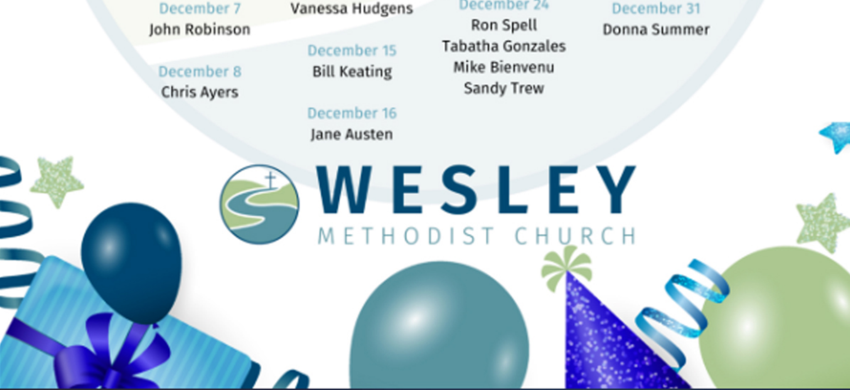
December 26
Tonya George
Gerry Kirkland

December 27
Timothee Chalamet

December 28
Brooke Lynna Hood
Paula Miller

December 29
Kenneth Wiemers
Christian Vitanza
Nancy Mackool

December 30
David Hynes



December 7
John Robinson

December 8
Chris Ayers

Vanessa Hudgens

December 15
Bill Keating

December 16
Jane Austen

December 24
Ron Spell
Tabatha Gonzales
Mike Bienvenu
Sandy Trew

December 31
Donna Summer

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