

the *Circuit Rider*



WESLEY
METHODIST CHURCH

*Seeking the Lost and
Sending the Saved*

A Letter From the Pastor - Follow Me

BY PASTOR RICK



"As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him." (Matthew 9:9)

That is nearly everything Scripture tells us about this moment: Matthew at his station, Jesus' two-word invitation, and Matthew

getting up. We do know from the Gospels that tax collectors were widely disliked in Jesus' day. They worked within a system that served Rome, and people often saw them as collaborators with the empire that ruled their land. Everything else I'm about to say is my own imagining, offered to help us see ourselves in the story.

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We have probably met people like Matthew. They end up stuck in a job or a season of life that they know isn't great, but they're afraid to leave it. It's as if they quietly signed a hidden contract in their hearts: I will never change, and I will never venture out. Then they renew it year after year.

I know, because I've been there. I've had seasons when I had no clear direction, and other seasons when I did know where Jesus was pointing and was simply slow to go there. Sitting still can feel a lot like being faithful, but it isn't always.

I imagine Matthew had hobbies and a circle of friends. I imagine he told himself he couldn't do much more, because collecting taxes wasn't ideal, but it paid the bills and it was safe. Picture a kind of "Tax Collectors Anonymous" (TCA), and I'm only half joking. Each Sunday night he slips into the back room of a friend's house, sits on a rickety bench, sips watered-down wine, and picks at a day-old raisin cake. He makes bold claims of sobriety, and then he's right back at it on Monday. At the meetings I imagine him talking about the book he would write, the places he would see, the difference he would make if he were in charge. The others smile and nod, and I suspect they know he'll never do any of it, because they've made the same claims. Deep down, I imagine, Matthew sensed there was more to life. He just didn't know how to escape.

Jesus showed up. Notice that Scripture gives no sign that he waited for Matthew to get his act together. He came to the tax-collection station and said two words: "Follow me." And Matthew got up. Something in Jesus was enough to pull Matthew up out of that chair.

I imagine it was an ordinary workday, nothing special about it. And I imagine the first days and weeks of following Jesus were challenging. There was no more comfy tax collector's chair to sit in and no more familiar faces scowling at him about the taxes. There was just day after day of hearing Jesus teach and watching him heal. I doubt Matthew felt especially brave. I picture him just taking the next step, and then the one after that. And I like to imagine that before long he was writing back to the folks at TCA, telling them he was finally free and that they should come and join him.

Jesus can do that for anyone, and it usually begins with something small, like getting up out of the chair and going to see what God is up to today. So what's your chair? What would it look like to stand up and follow this week?

It's time for all of us to get into the game.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Rick Ivey



Wesley News



Wesley will be participating in the build day on
November 14

Please sign up online:



HERE

We will also be collecting twin size bedding and pillows.
Please bring them to the church office.

Need a Small Group?

Looking for a way to get plugged in at Wesley?

Haven't found a group or opportunity that feels like the right fit?

We'd love to help you find your place!

We have two great opportunities to start new small groups, and we're looking for people who may be interested in getting involved.

If either of these sounds like a good fit for you, contact Pastor Rick or Pastor Tommy to learn more.

Pastor Rick: rivey@wesleybmt.com

Pastor Tommy: twilliams@wesleybmt.com

- Alpha USA: Alpha is a series of sessions that explore the foundations of the Christian faith in an honest and non-judgmental environment. Sessions typically begin with food and connection, followed by a talk and open discussion. Anyone can host an Alpha, you don't need to have all the answers, just a heart to invite people into conversation.
<https://alphausa.org/>
- Discipleship Band: A discipleship band is a group of three to five people who meet weekly to engage in transformational questions and pray for one another.
<https://discipleshipbands.com/>

GOOD
things
ARE
COMING

Welcome to Wesley Kids!

We are excited to announce three new part-time additions to our Wesley Kids staff!

Tina Stratton – Children's Director

Lynsie Martin – Children's Ministry Programming Coordinator

Makeila Ivey – Childcare Coordinator

We are thrilled for the experience, creativity, and passion this team will bring to Wesley Kids! We look forward to all the wonderful ways they will help our children grow in faith and build meaningful connections.

Please join us in giving Tina, Lynsie, and Makeila a warm Wesley welcome!



A vibrant movie night poster for Frozen. It features Elsa on the left, Anna on the right, and Olaf at the bottom left. The background is a dark night sky with string lights and snowflakes. The foreground is filled with pumpkins. The central text is framed by a decorative border.

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WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH

MOVIE IN THE PATCH!

♥ OCTOBER 11, 2026 • 6:30 P.M. ♥

3810 N. MAJOR DRIVE
BEAUMONT, TX 77713

Come on out to the Wesley Pumpkin Patch for a movie in the patch!
Wear your best **princess** and **prince** attire and get ready to watch a show
* **worth melting for!** *

Bring a blanket and chairs and snacks if you wish!	We will have Elsa and Ana available for pictures!	Snacks for sale!	An enchanting night out!
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ONE Student Ministry

Wesley Pumpkin Patch Unload

October 4, 2026

11:30am-2:30pm

Meet us in the Patch!

Wear clothes you can get dirty.

Service Hours Available

The Pumpkin Patch
Wesley Methodist Beaumont

Monday-Friday 3-7pm

Saturdays 10am-7pm

Sundays 12noon-7pm

Youth Ministry Fundraiser Event
Pumpkins For Sale - Donations accepted for Photos
Cash and Cards Accepted

October 5-31, 2026



Music Ministries

Want to try the choir out without commitment? Now's your chance! Come and join the cantata choir and sing with us this December!

HANDBELLS

Wednesdays:

5-6pm

No experience needed

We will teach you!



CANTATA CHOIR

Wednesdays: 7-8pm

Choir Room

(to the right inside the sanctuary)

14 yrs - Adults

Everyone is welcome!



Wesley Bistro



WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

October 7, 2026

Chicken Pot Pie

with chocolate chip cookies

\$6

WYA

Wesley Young Adults



Thursdays WYA at

PRE-PARTY 6:30PM

SERVICE 7:00PM

2ND AND 4TH THURSDAYS



14 DAY TOUR DISCOVERING THE **HOLY LAND** & EGYPT

Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus!

APRIL 5-18, 2027

PASTOR RICK IVEY

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\$5,499
per person

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Happy Birthday

October

October 1 Mitch Powell Joy Phillips Tim Walker	October 9 Bert Fontenot	October 16 Debbie Canant	October 23 Paige Marchand John Willman Layne Butcher
October 2 Sandra Williams	October 10 Jacob Cody	October 17 Eminem	October 24 Kevin Kline
October 3 Brian Box Ashton Marchand Addie Williams	October 11 Collin Ayers Kelley Williams Joyce Cowart Mark McCarble	October 18 Earl Hines Lloyd Betar Jeane Theriot	October 25 Karen Parsley Megan Newsom Sarah Keating
October 4 Sylvia Carlisle Elizabeth Hebert Seth Wells Chuck Lewis	October 12 Hugh Jackman	October 19 Grace Seaman	October 26 Ruth Sonnier
October 5 Natalie Huynh Bobby Haney Jr.	October 13 Tommy Welch Denise DeSoto	October 20 Susan Fuller Morgan Ahysen Jan Hallmark Roger Dillon	October 27 Rhonda Mitchell Jackie Larson
October 6 Pink Power Ranger	October 14 Jacob Knight Hennie Kriel	October 21 P. D. Behrens Jr. Janelle Frazier Jan Pearce	October 28 Julia Roberts
October 7 John Mellencamp	October 15 Mason Marchand Bella Araiza Lesley Trammell James Tindall	October 22 Catherine Deneuve	October 29 Betsy Hines Cheryl Jones
October 8 Hannah Schilberg			October 30 Calvin Peters
			October 31 Vicki Powell



WESLEY
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LAST WEEK AT WESLEY

Attendance: September 27, 2026

Sunday School

9:00am Children	10
9:00am Adults	73
10:30am Children	7
10:30 Adults	16

Sunday Worship

8:00am Worship	49
9:00am Worship	74
10:30am Worship	235

Live Stream

9:00am Worship	11
10:30am Worship	17

September 30

ONE Students	42
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Financial News: September 27, 2026

2026 Budgeted Income	\$1,652,045.00
2026 Budgeted Expense	\$1,652,045.00
Needed for One Week	\$31,770.10
Received thru 09/27/26 for Church Budget	\$22,146.53
Needed Income YTD	\$1,239,033.75
Received Income YTD	\$1,226,478.41
Difference	-\$12,555.34
Projected Expense YTD	\$1,239,033.75
Actual Expense YTD	\$1,164,744.12
Difference	\$74,289.63
NET	\$61,734.29

Non-Budgeted Gifts Received

Society of St. Stephen	\$200.00
Wesley Tshirts	\$85.00
Children's Ministry	\$25.00
Seeds for Needs- Community Garden	\$50.00
Wednesday Night Meal	\$213.00



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WAYS TO GIVE at Wesley



BY MAIL

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3810 N Major Dr
Beaumont, TX 77713

ONLINE
at
givewesley.com

