



WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH

the *Weekly Update*

16 April 2026



Upcoming Events

April:

19: Rise Against Hunger

May:

3: Spring Revival

10: Mother's Day

17: Senior Sunday

24: Pentecost

31: Confirmation Sunday

June:

11-13: Garage Sale

22-26: VBS

July:

12-18: UM Army Here

John 10:10 — "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

"Love is primarily giving. It's an action that leads to a feeling, not a feeling first." — Tim Keller

There are two main ways people deal with problems between one another. The first is self-centered love, the second is value-centered love.

Consider Caiaphas, the high priest who orchestrated Jesus' arrest. In John 11:50, he reasoned, "It is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish." On the surface this sounds almost noble. He could point to a value: the preservation of the nation. But look closer. His love for his people was inseparable from his love for his own position and power. When truly loving others would have cost him something of himself, he chose himself. That is self-centered love wearing the costume of principle.

Then there is Herod Antipas, who had a genuine affection for John the Baptist. Mark 6:20 tells us he "feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man." But when love was put to the test — when honoring John cost him face in front of his guests — Herod folded. His love was real in comfortable moments but had no spine. That is value-centered love: genuine up to a point, but ultimately conditional.

And then there is Judas, who objected to Mary's anointing of Jesus, asking why the perfume wasn't sold and given to the poor. It sounds like compassion. But John adds the painful footnote: "He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief." Judas had learned the language of love, but it was in service of himself all along.

As Søren Kierkegaard observed, even the most beautiful merely human love has "a little thievishness in it — it still steals the perfections of the beloved, while Christian love grants the beloved all his imperfections and weakness, and abides with him, loving the man it sees."



A Letter from the pastor cont.

Neither self-centered nor value-centered love is what Jesus meant by "love your neighbor as yourself" (Matt. 22:39) or "love others the way I have loved you" (John 15:12). Instead of asking how our neighbor ought to be in order to deserve love, Christians ask how love ought to be in order to be love. Christian love "bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things, never ends" (1 Cor. 13:7–8), while love that is merely self-serving or values-based wavers the moment it becomes costly.

Caiaphas, Herod, and Judas are not uniquely wicked men — they are mirrors. The frightening thing is how reasonable they sound, how much their love resembles love. The question Jesus presses on us is not whether we love, but what kind of love we are offering. Is there still, underneath it all, a little thievishness in it?

The thief comes to take. Jesus came to give — and to show us what giving actually looks like.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Rick



Guest Preacher on Sunday!



**REV. JASON
BURNHAM**

GUEST PREACHER

April 19, 2026

All 3 Services



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Jason Burnham serves as the Trinity Conference Superintendent with over 20 years of pastoral experience, including the planting of two churches. He earned a BA from Centenary College and a MDiv from Candler School of Theology at Emory. Jason and his wife Lauren have 3 children; Addison, Aidan, and Samuel. He was elected Co-Head of the '24 Trinity Delegation where he served on the Episcopacy Legislative Committee and the Credentialing Administrative Committee. Jason was elected as the Co-Head of the '26 Trinity Delegation and currently serves as Vice Chair of the Global Episcopacy Committee and on multiple GEC sub-committees.



Rise Against Hunger

Sign up now!



Rise
AGAINST HUNGER

APRIL 19 - 11:30am
In the Gym
REGISTER TODAY!

SCAN ME!

Join a meal packaging experience with
Wesley Methodist Church



- All 3 services with guest preacher Rev. Jason Burnham
- Service Project following 10:30am worship in the GYM
- LUNCH will be provided.

Come help in the movement to end hunger!



Upcoming Series

ASKING FOR A FRIEND

Submit your questions to:

<https://wesleybeaumont.com/ask-a-question/>

Your name will remain completely anonymous, and we'll do our best to address the questions we receive in a series later this year.



 **WESLEY**
METHODIST CHURCH



VBS SPORTS CAMP
JUNE 22-26



*Get ready for an action-packed week at our
VBS Sports Camp!*

Who Can Attend:

*Children entering Pre-K4 through those who
have completed 5th grade*

When: June 22-26, 9am-Noon

Where: Wesley Methodist Church

Cost: \$5

Register [HERE!!](#)



Meet our new Children's Director



Jennifer Moore

Introduction

I am a Beaumont native, wife, and mom of three amazing sons: Lleyton, 18, Brady, 16, and Declan, 12. Danny and I recently got married and now I am thrilled to announce I am also a bonus mom to two wonderful kids: Faith, 13, and Jedd, 6.

All About me

After raising my sons at home for 13 years I began my career outside of the home as a high school teacher at Hamshire-Fannett and most recently as the Director of Education for The McFaddin-Ward House Museum.

When I am not at work, I enjoy cheering my children on in their sports. I also enjoy cooking, watercolor painting, reading, hiking, and shopping.

I am most excited to pair my love of learning with our greatest purpose to serve Jesus and others in my role at Wesley.

I am looking forward to sharing the good news of Jesus' love to children and families at Wesley and support them as they grow in their faith.

Contact Details

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Start Date: April 20, 2026

SPRING WORSHIP GATHERING

*Join us for an evening of spirit-filled worship,
preaching, Holy Communion, and prayer.*

Speaker: Dr. John Wayne McMann
Lead Pastor of First Methodist Conroe

Worship Leader:
Pastor Stephen Goldsmith
Pastor of Journey of Faith, who has worked with various
Grammy, Dove, and Stellar Award-winning Gospel Music
Artists

Sunday, May 3, 2026

5:00pm

Wesley Methodist Church, Sanctuary
3810 N. Major Dr. Beaumont, TX 77713



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

Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus!

APRIL 5-18, 2027

PASTOR RICK IVEY

WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH

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\$5,499
per person

TO REGISTER



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Wesley Day School

Registration for the '26-'27 School year is now open!

All classes usually end up with a waiting list.

Reserve your spot TODAY!

WHY WESLEY DAY SCHOOL? Come see for yourself



call our office at (409) 892-7012 to schedule a tour.

Faith
Hope
Love



WEEKLY CHAPEL



FUN TIMES WITH FRIENDS



SCIENCE



ART HISTORY



LEARNING WITH FRIENDS



SPANISH



LAST SUNDAY AT WESLEY

Attendance: April 12, 2026

Sunday School

9:00am Children	14
9:00am Adults	75
10:30am Children	11
10:30 Adults	15

Sunday Worship

8:00am Worship	54
9:00am Worship	89
10:30am Worship	190

Live Stream

9:00am Worship	10
10:30am Worship	28

April 15

ONE Students	60
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Financial News: April 12, 2026

2026 Budgeted Income	\$1,652,045.00
2026 Budgeted Expense	\$1,652,045.00
Needed for One Week	\$31,770.10
Received thru 04/12/26 for Church Budget	\$22,054.60
Needed Income YTD	\$476,551.44
Received Income YTD	\$614,730.26
Difference	\$138,178.82
Projected Expense YTD	\$476,551.44
Actual Expense YTD	\$421,678.97
Difference	\$54,872.47
NET	\$193,051.29

Non-Budgeted Gifts Received

Building Fund	\$50.00
Missions	\$240.00
One Student Ministry	\$376.00
Children's Ministry	\$775.00
Seeds for Needs- Community Garden	\$70.00
Wednesday Night Meal	\$136.00



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