

the *Weekly Update*

19 February 2026

*Upcoming Events*

March:

28: Easter Egg Hunt

29: Palm Sunday

April:

2: Maundy Thursday

3: Good Friday

5: Easter Sunday

May:

10: Mother's Day

17: Senior Sunday

24: Pentecost

There has been a lot of discussion in the past several weeks about the benefits of small groups. I have written about them in past letters. Robin and I have been part of the Adult Bible Class Sunday School class for almost 27 years. Over that time, we have studied and read the complete Bible several times. I always find it amazing how a verse or chapter we have read many times before can suddenly feel brand new, as the Holy Spirit opens us up to a new way of thinking about that Scripture. So many times, we find ourselves saying, "I never realized that," or "I never saw that meaning in that verse before."

Over the last several months, I have been studying the Sermon on the Mount, guided by the book *Studies in the Sermon on the Mount* by D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones. Like so much of Scripture, these chapters from Matthew are familiar to many of us. We know the Beatitudes. We recognize phrases like "salt of the earth," "turn the other cheek," and "love your enemies." Because they are so familiar, it is easy to assume we already understand them. And yet, the more time I have spent with Jesus' words in this sermon, the more I have realized how challenging, unsettling, and transformative they truly are.

The Sermon on the Mount is not simply a collection of good moral teachings or inspirational sayings. It is Jesus describing what life looks like under the reign of God. He is speaking to ordinary people—fishermen, laborers, families—and telling them what it means to be His disciples. Again, Jesus moves beyond outward behavior and speaks directly to the heart. He is not satisfied with a righteousness that looks good on the surface. He calls us to a deeper, inner transformation.

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A Letter from the Lay Leader Cont.

When Jesus blesses the poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, and the peacemakers, He is turning the values of the world upside down. When He teaches about anger, lust, retaliation, and love for enemies, He is not lowering the bar; He is raising it far beyond what we can manage on our own. And that, I believe, is part of the point. The Sermon on the Mount shows us both the beauty of God's kingdom and our deep need for God's grace.

This is where small groups and shared study become so important. These teachings are not meant to be rushed through or absorbed casually. They require prayer, reflection, honest conversation, and mutual encouragement. In small groups, we can ask hard questions, admit where we struggle, and listen for how the Holy Spirit may be speaking through one another. Often, it is in those conversations that Scripture comes alive in fresh and surprising ways.

The Sermon on the Mount also reminds us that following Jesus is not just about what we believe, but how we live. Jesus' words challenge us to examine our priorities, our relationships, and our daily choices. They call us to be people whose lives quietly point others toward God—people marked by humility, integrity, forgiveness, and love.

My hope and prayer is that, as a church, we will continue to be a community that studies Scripture deeply and lives it faithfully. Whether through Sunday School classes, small groups, or personal study, may we allow the Holy Spirit to keep opening our eyes to God's truth. And may we have the courage to let that truth shape us, even when it challenges us, as we seek to follow Christ together.

Grace and peace,
Steve Lucas
Lay Leader

WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH

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TEACHINGS FROM THE
SERMON ON THE MOUNT AND
THE BEATITUDES.

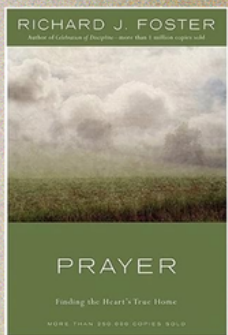
LIFE

Feb 22 – March 22



Upcoming Events

New Short-Term Sunday Study



Who: couples or singles (30-55ish)
especially with children at home

What: A powerful study on prayer that will deepen your walk with Christ and ground your families on the firm foundation of prayer

When: Sundays, Feb 22-March 29

Join Us!

9:00 or 10:15 am
Room 105

ARE YOU READY TO BE BAPTIZED?
DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT BAPTISM?

BAPTISM SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 22

PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE WESLEY METHODIST PASTORS OR THE CHURCH OFFICE TO PARTICIPATE IN BAPTISM SUNDAY

DINNERS for EIGHT



A small group of eight meets once a month in rotating homes to share a blessed meal, with the host providing the main dish and others bringing sides, all on a date and time they choose together.

Register Online: [HERE](#)



DURING LENT

WEDNESDAY COMMUNION

12:15PM

FEB 25 - MAR 25
SANCTUARY

| WEDNESDAYS |
12:15pm

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



Trinity Conference | Global Methodist Church

School of Ministry

SATURDAY WORKSHOP!

FEB. 21ST 2026

Topics :

Morning:

Caring Ministry
Leading Prayer Ministries

Afternoon:

Christian Discipleship
Leading Small Groups



Saturday, Feb. 21st, 2026



9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM



Woodcrest Methodist
1684 US 96 S
Lumberton, TX 77657



Classes Offered In-Person!



INSTRUCTOR

Rev. Abby Salazar

Caring Ministries
In-Person Morning Class



INSTRUCTOR

Rev. Amy Walker

Leading Prayer Ministries
In-Person Morning Class



INSTRUCTOR

Rev. Kevin McMachen

Christian Discipleship
In-Person Afternoon Class



INSTRUCTOR

Rev. Russell Martin

Leading Small Groups
In-Person Afternoon Class

Registration:

www.trinitygmc.org

Contact:

school@trinitygmc.org



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

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Wesley Day School

WHY WESLEY DAY SCHOOL?

Come see for yourself

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



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

All classes usually end
up with a waiting list.

Reserve your spot
TODAY!



Get Involved

Join the Wesley Flag Ministry

Volunteers are needed to help proudly place and remove flags around Wesley's campus 8 times a year. Flags are put up at sunrise and taken down before sunset. With a strong team, the entire process takes about 30 minutes.

Students can earn service hours, and even if you're only available for one or two holidays, your help would be greatly appreciated. It's a simple, meaningful way to honor our country and serve the Wesley and Beaumont community. Please call the church office to volunteer.

We post on the following holidays:

- ***MLK Day***
- ***President's Day***
- ***Memorial Day***
- ***Flag Day***
- ***Independence Day***
- ***Labor Day***
- ***Patriot's Day***
- ***Veteran's Day***





LAST SUNDAY AT WESLEY

Attendance: February 15, 2026

Sunday School

9:00am Children	12
9:00am Adults	95
10:30am Children	13
10:30 Adults	16

Sunday Worship

8:00am Worship	46
9:00am Worship	67
10:30am Worship	207

Live Stream

9:00am Worship	13
10:30am Worship	26

February 18

ONE Students	55
12:00 Ash Wed	67
6:00 Ash Wed	131

Financial News: February 8, 2026

2026 Budgeted Income	\$1,652,045.00
2026 Budgeted Expense	\$1,652,045.00
Needed for One Week	\$31,770.10
Received thru 02/08/26 for Church Budget	\$27,599.61
Needed Income YTD	\$190,620.58
Received Income YTD	\$226,636.60
Difference	\$36,016.02
Projected Expense YTD	\$190,620.58
Actual Expense YTD	\$147,822.29
Difference	\$42,798.29
NET	\$78,814.31

Non-Budgeted Gifts Received

Building Fund	\$50.00
Memorials/Honorarium - All Funds	\$100.00
Society of St. Stephen	\$80.00
One Student Ministry	\$461.00
Wednesday Night Meal	\$210.00



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WAYS TO GIVE
at *Wesley*



BY MAIL

Wesley MC
3810 N Major Dr
Beaumont, TX 77713

ONLINE
at
givewesley.com





Stewardship

Commitment Pledge Card



Stewardship Commitment 2026 Wesley Methodist Church

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

My 2026 commitment (January-December) is:

☐ \$250 per month \$_____ per ☐ week ☐ month ☐ year

Visit givewesley.com to set up automated giving

Thank you for your commitment!

If you have questions, please call the Financial Office at 409.892.7733

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER FILLING OUT A COMMITMENT CARD FOR 2026 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