



WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH

the *Weekly Update*

16 July 2026



Upcoming Events

Summer:

All services in the
Sanctuary thru Aug. 9

July:

12-18: UM Army Here

August:

16: Back to Church
Sunday

18: Tasting for SOP

September:

9: Wed Night Classes

ONE Big Night

Wesley Bistro Returns

Acts 17:16-17 — *"Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there."*

This passage shows how Paul practiced for the most important moments of his life. When he began mission work in a new town like Athens, he would start with the synagogue — the people he was most familiar with. But from there, he moved into the marketplace, reasoning with "those who happened to be there." Not a scheduled audience. Not people who sought him out. Just whoever was there that day. Visiting these places frequently was part of his spiritual discipline.

Think about the players taking the field this summer in the World Cup. What the crowd sees is ninety minutes — a perfectly placed pass, a strike that finds the corner of the net. What the crowd doesn't see is the decade behind that moment: the early mornings, the same drills repeated thousands of times, the discipline of training on ordinary days when no cameras were rolling. The brilliance on the pitch is simply what years of unseen, repeated practice produce in crucial moments.

Spiritual disciplines work the same way. Prayer, fasting, worship, Scripture reading, meditation — these are not the performance. They are the quiet, repeated practices that happen when no one is watching, so that when the moment comes — a hard conversation, a sudden grief, an unexpected opening to speak of Jesus — what comes out is what has already been trained in. Paul's boldness in the Athens marketplace wasn't a lucky burst of nerve. It was the overflow of a disciplined life.

Summer is a good season to take that first step. The pace of life often slows just enough to make room for something new — an early morning walk with Scripture, a Sabbath afternoon of real rest, a habit of praying through a Psalm before bed. You don't need to overhaul your whole life. Just choose one discipline and build from there.

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Letter from the Pastor cont.

If you're looking for a guide, I'd recommend two books that have shaped generations of Christians: Richard Foster's *Celebration of Discipline* and Dallas Willard's *The Spirit of the Disciplines*. Foster's book is the classic primer on disciplines like prayer, fasting, and study. Willard's, written as a companion to Foster's, goes deeper into why the disciplines work — how they form us into the likeness of Christ rather than just being boxes we check. Either is a good place to start.

Please join me in praying that God helps more people in our church begin to practice spiritual disciplines — not as obligation, but as the steady rhythm that fills us so we have something to overflow. Pray that this shaping doesn't stay contained to Sunday mornings, but spills into our workplaces, our homes, and our everyday crossroads — with whoever happens to be there.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Rick Ivey



All services and childcare/children's church will be in the sanctuary for the summer so we can make some improvements to our 9am worship space



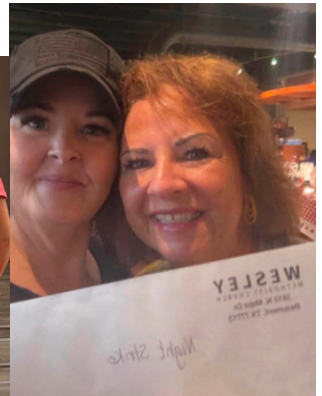
Wesley News

Methodist men attended a tour of the Real Time Crime Center. We were able to view the live activity from the 3,000 cameras throughout the city. Also saw police in action and how cars and persons are tracked and apprehended. Fast and efficient. City has more cameras than Dallas.



Thank you to Sheree Pierce, our Neighborhood Ministries staff member, for delivering some checks to a few organizations that our garage sale team voted to support with our proceeds.

**A HUGE THANK YOU to all who shopped with us and all of our volunteers.
YOU make this possible!**



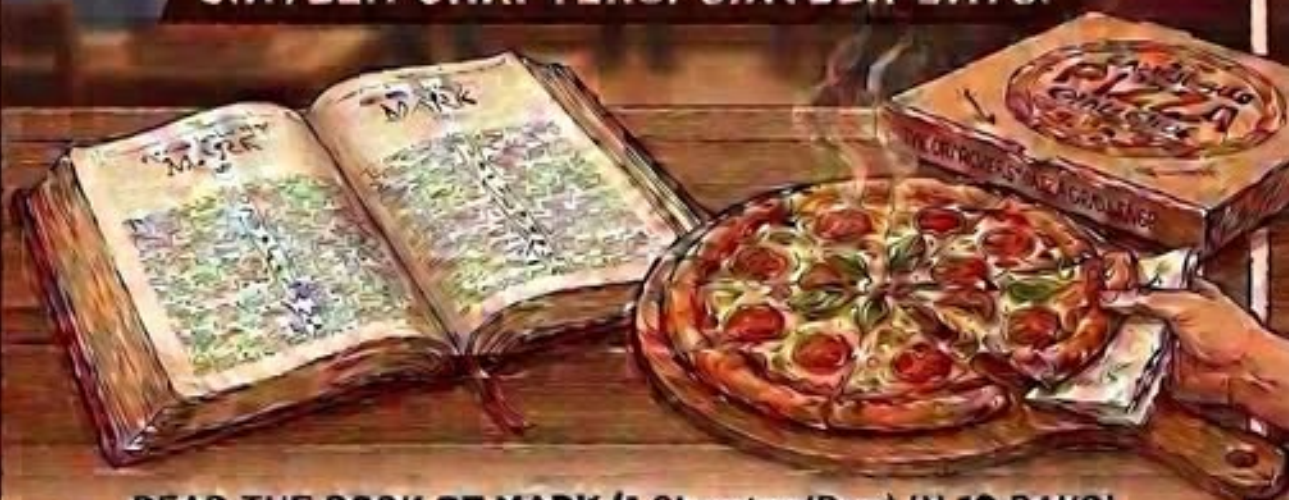


Sunday School News

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE INVITED TO JOIN

THE GATHERERS THE MARK PIZZA CHALLENGE

SIXTEEN CHAPTERS. SIXTEEN DAYS.



READ THE BOOK OF MARK (1 Chapter/Day) IN 16 DAYS!

Challenge Runs: JULY 13 - AUGUST 4

WRAP-UP PIZZA PARTY:

Tuesday, August 4th @ 5:00 PM!

Meet in the church parlor



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Tasting for Some Other Place



Tasting For Some Other Place

You won't want to miss it!

Ms. Gerry Kirkland and Ms. Hester Bell will be selling tickets after every service each Sunday until the tasting.

Tasting:

August 18, 2026

Time:

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Location:

Beaumont Civic Center

701 Main Street

Tickets: \$15 each



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

Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus!

APRIL 5-18, 2027

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The Best Beginning for Your Child!

Here at Wesley Day School, we are passionate about nurturing the whole child—academically, emotionally, and spiritually. We strive to create a safe, joyful, and faith-filled environment where students and families feel supported and known.

Why Choose Us

- Engaging, ABC Jesus Loves Me curriculum
- Caring and experienced teachers
- Safe & stimulating learning spaces
- School Hours: 9 am–1:45 pm, M–Th
- Extended Care Hours for an extra fee: 7:30–9:00 am, 1:45–5:00 pm, M–Th

Now Enrolling for '26–'27

12 months–5 yrs

For more information & registration:

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WESLEY
DAY SCHOOL





LAST SUNDAY AT WESLEY

Attendance: July 12, 2026

Sunday School

9:00am Children	8
9:00am Adults	80
10:30am Children	5
10:30 Adults	14

Sunday Worship

8:00am Worship	31
9:00am Worship	91
10:30am Worship	184

Live Stream

9:00am Worship	15
10:30am Worship	22

July 15

ONE Beach Day	40
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Financial News: July 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 07/12/26 for Church Budget	\$27,397.47
Needed Income YTD	\$889,562.69
Received Income YTD	\$965,728.15
Difference	\$76,165.46
Projected Expense YTD	\$889,562.69
Actual Expense YTD	\$853,216.84
Difference	\$36,345.85
NET	\$112,511.31

Non-Budgeted Gifts Received

Building Fund	\$75.00
Missions	\$240.00
One Student Ministry	\$351.00
Children's Ministry	\$175.00



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Our August Communion rail offering will go towards the Love Offering to the Trinity Conference. It will support the remaining travel expenses for our elected delegates and alternates who will faithfully represent us at General Conference in Johannesburg, South Africa from Aug 30-Sept 5, 2026.