



WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH

the *Weekly Update*

14 May 2026



Upcoming Events

May:

16: Zoom Prayer Conference

17: Senior Sunday

24: Pentecost

31: Confirmation Sunday

June:

3: Summer Study Begins

7: All services in Sanctuary

11-13: Garage Sale

22-26: VBS

July:

12-18: UM Army Here

"But when he came to his senses he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" — Luke 15:17-19

Do you think it was hunger heightening his senses that evoked the memory of fresh bread — and that it was the memory of fresh bread being at his Father's house that finally drove the prodigal son back home?

He had wandered far from everything he knew, spent everything he had, and found himself working for a pig farmer with nothing left. And then, in a moment, something broke through. A smell, a memory, a longing he couldn't quite name — and suddenly he remembered that he didn't have to stay in the far country. He remembered his father's house.

It isn't bread that does it for me. It's the smell of strong coffee, or gun oil, or duck hunting gear still faintly scented from a cold morning in the marsh. It's sharp cheddar cheese and Civil War cavalry pictures on the wall, and the tools I borrowed from my dad years ago and somehow never got around to returning. Any one of those things can stop me in my tracks and carry me straight back to him — to a man who loved me and was glad to share his life with me.

Those sensory memories don't just remind me of my father. They remind me of what it felt like to belong to him, to be at home in his world, to be known and loved before I had done anything to deserve it.

John Wesley believed that God works something very similar in every human soul. He called it prevenient grace — grace that goes before us, already quietly at work in our lives long before we ever consciously turn toward God. Wesley wrote that every person carries "some measure of that light, some faint glimmering ray, which sooner or later, more or less, enlightens every man that cometh into the world."



Letter from the Pastor Cont.

It is grace planted deep in our longings, our restlessness, our moments of sudden clarity — a pull toward home that God places in us and that never fully goes away, no matter how far we wander. This means that no one is ever truly beyond reach. The far country is never as far as it feels. God does not wait for us to find him before he begins working in us. Prevenient grace is not a reward for seeking — it is the very reason we seek at all.

Wesley also said something worth sitting with: "No man sins because he has not grace, but because he does not use the grace he has." The question is never whether God is at work in your life. He is. The question is whether you are paying attention to what he has already placed within you — and whether you are willing to use it.

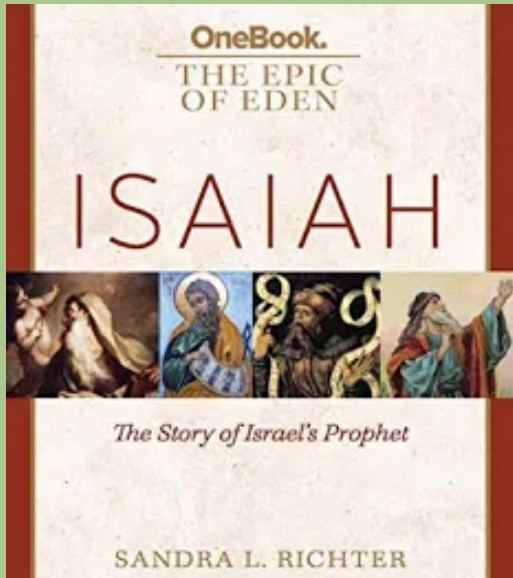
If you know the rest of the story, the son has barely turned toward home before the father is already running to meet him, already calling for a feast, already celebrating. The father had been watching the road. I wonder what might be waiting for you the next time you turn toward God in prayer or in worship — what joy might already be running in your direction before you even arrive.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Rick Ivey





Summer Study



Summer Bible Study
The Epic of Eden: Isaiah
Wednesdays at 6pm starting June 3
Facilitators: Pastor Tommy and others
Workbook \$20
RSVP mlandry@wesleybmt.com



Holy Land Trip

On Days 6 & 7, we leave Egypt and enter the Holy Land — but not before a stop that will take your breath away. 🔥

St. Catherine's Monastery is one of the world's oldest functioning monasteries, home to the oldest continuous library, and the very site where tradition places Moses' burning bush.

From there, we cross into Israel and arrive at the Dead Sea — where you can float effortlessly in mineral-rich waters and (optionally) ride the cable car to the top of Masada, Herod's ancient fortress.

Talk about a day you'll never forget.

📱 Register today: <https://tri.ps/CTLXK>

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#StCatherines #BurningBush #DeadSea #Masada #HolyLand #WesleyMethodistChurch



Upcoming Events



Join Us for

Hearing from God in Prayer

Hosted by the Trinity Conference Prayer Team

We will have a Zoom connection so we can meet together with folks from other churches across the Trinity Conference.

MAY 16 | 10:00 AM

Wesley Methodist Church Dining Hall

Learn how God speaks to each of us in different ways and how we each experience God's presence uniquely. This will be a fun time of learning, fellowship and practice. We will hear from a few members of our Trinity Conference community via zoom about how they have heard from God in the past, then you will break out to discuss and practice in person with the group you have gathered with.

We need



you

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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!!](#)



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

Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus!

APRIL 5-18, 2027

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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: May 10, 2026

Sunday School

9:00am Children	13
9:00am Adults	85
10:30am Children	18
10:30 Adults	16

Sunday Worship

8:00am Worship	42
9:00am Worship	91
10:30am Worship	170

Live Stream

9:00am Worship	15
10:30am Worship	17

May 13

ONE Students	40
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Financial News: May 10, 2026

2026 Budgeted Income	\$1,652,045.00
2026 Budgeted Expense	\$1,652,045.00
Needed for One Week	\$31,770.10
Received thru 05/10/26 for Church Budget	\$22,015.06
Needed Income YTD	\$603,631.83
Received Income YTD	\$710,910.30
Difference	\$107,278.47
Projected Expense YTD	\$603,631.83
Actual Expense YTD	\$542,706.71
Difference	\$60,925.12
NET	\$168,203.59

Non-Budgeted Gifts Received

Building Fund	\$50.00
Memorials/Honorarium - All Funds	\$180.00
Missions	\$240.00
Society of St. Stephen	\$50.00
One Student Ministry	\$1,086.00
Children's Ministry	\$140.00
Seeds for Needs- Community Garden	\$100.00



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