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The Wesley Witness

**To Believe. To Belong.
To Become Christ-Like
Through Discipleship.**



Wesley Family,

As we make it through the dog days of summer here in Mississippi where the humidity and heat meet you at the door, I pray that you are all finding the ways to cope and connect in the midst of this pandemic. After our leadership made the decision about holding off on in-person worship in July, Bishop James Swanson requested that all churches cease and desist from in-person worship. We learned yesterday that Annual Conference will be held on-line this year.

(Note: This is the link to Bishop Swanson's letter on Friday, July 10th. You may have to copy & paste in your browser.

<http://mississippi-email.brtapp.com/viewinsite/088e18ae642f3b16fd82e489e17ee72f>

It grieves me that I have not had the opportunity to meet many of you face-to-face yet, but I will continue to reach out through phone calls and am willing to meet with folks on front porches or other creative ways to minimize the risk to you. I know that the back and forth with restrictions is very exhausting and disorienting, and I am eager to connect with you in whatever ways that I can during this time.

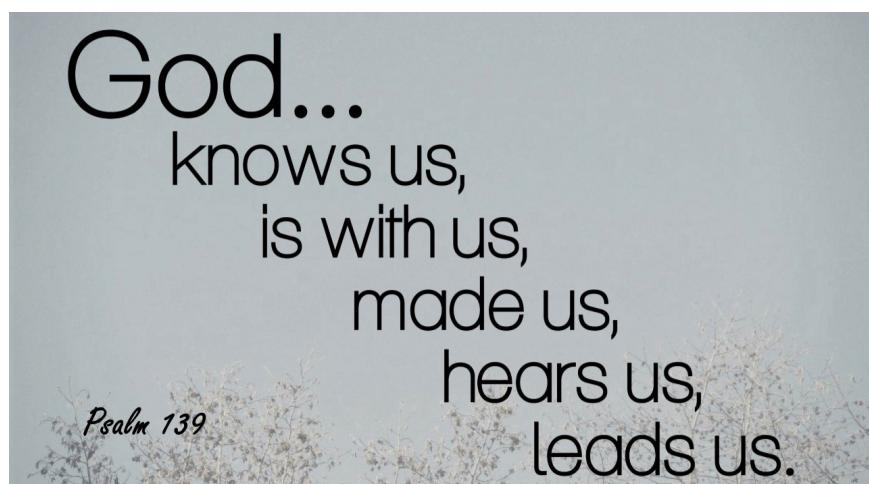
We are continuing to serve and worship and grow in our faith despite all of these challenges. I would love for you to take a few moments to complete this 7 question survey about fall Bible studies and small groups. Please use this link to give me important feedback as we make plans, but also know that I welcome a phone call or email or visit from you to talk more about it if you wish: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9LQNTJY>. (See insert for a paper copy.)

At this time, I want to be making plans for a variety of scenarios, but I know that at minimum I want to offer a Bible study online. Depending on interest, we can have some different options and times as well.

Please pray for our students, parents, teachers, and staff as they are preparing to return to school in a few weeks. Meditate on Psalm 139 this week with its reminder that wherever we are, God is with us! "Where can I go from your spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast..."

grace and peace,

Emily



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Praying for others is an important part of our ministry as the body of Christ. Please incorporate this list as a part of your personal prayer life.

Rick Atwater
Blake Austin
Peggy Stalnaker
Ray Alexander (Madie Morton's Brother)
Peggy Brooks (Grace Bazy's Godmother)

Bill & Linda Austin
Natasha Hutcheson
Anna Taylor

Birdie Burleson
(Vicky Burleson's Mother-in-law)
Claudia Ellison (Randy Davis' Mother)
Mary Pat Hancock
(Requested by Martha Langley)
Peggy Taylor (Requested by Raymond Webb)

In praying for one another, please pray for these families: Doug, Sandi, & Kaitlyn Haire; Mylie Haire; Leo Hamm; Leonard & Betty Hansberger; and Dee Dee Harris.



Would you help our Food Pantry stock their shelves? Each month we feature a specific item to collect. July's items for the Food Pantry will be Canned Fruits (any brand). You may drop off your donation in the blue tub located in the sanctuary foyer. Thanks for helping those in need by supporting this ministry of Wesley UMC. Without your donations, it would not be possible.



Without in-person Sunday School right now, Dale Dobbs invites you to join in on Sunday mornings through Zoom. If you would like to be added to the list, please send an email to Dale (ddobbs70@comcast.net) so that he can include you on the link to join them.



AT
WESLEY UMC

Sunday - July 19th

10:30 AM..... Facebook Live Service

Sunday - July 26th

10:30 AM..... Facebook Live Service

For the Record

July 12, 2020

Stewardship

2020 Operating Budget \$296,122
 Needed Weekly \$5,695
 Needed to Date \$159,450
 Weekly Budget Receipts \$3,390
 YTD Budget Receipts \$113,232



July 19th..... Emily Sanford
 July 20th..... Jeremiah Armstrong
 Jonathan Armstrong
 Mylie Haire
 July 23rd..... Alaska Riley
 July 25th..... Camryn Thompson
 Jackie Pearce
 July 26th..... Callie Berryhill

**Wesley United Methodist Church
Bible Study or Small Group Interest Survey**

1. Which of the following have you participated in the past at Wesley UMC (please check all that apply)?

- Sunday School
- Sunday Evening Service
- Wednesday Night Bible Study
- All of the Above
- None of the Above
- Other Small Group (please specify)

2. Which of the following would you be interested in participating this fall at Wesley UMC (whether in-person, online, or hybrid)?

- Sunday School
- Sunday Evening Service
- Wednesday Night Bible Study
- None of the Above
- Other Small Group (please specify)

3. What kind of topics interest you the most for a Bible Study or Small Group?

- A Book of the Bible
- Video Studies with RightNow Media
- Current Topics/Themes
- Prayer/Spiritual Disciplines
- Other (please specify)

4. Would you participate in an online Bible study?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

5. Would you participate in an in-person Bible study if we can maintain social distancing and current recommendations?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

6. Please rank your preference for the time to meet

- ___ Sunday nights
- ___ Wednesday nights
- ___ Weekday at noon

7. Do you have any other comments or suggestions for small groups or Bible studies this fall?