

“Vanity, definitely my favorite sin.” - Satan

This line comes at the end of a movie called, The Devil’s Advocate, where Satan (played by Al Pacino) attempts to manipulate and coerce a young lawyer (played by Keanu Reeves) into doing his bidding. Initially, it looks like the lawyer will compromise his integrity for a future filled with wealth and power and privilege. In fact, most of the movie teases out this scenario. But in the end, Reeves successfully resists one temptation only to potentially fall to another. His sacrificial commitment to his ideals makes him a hero in the eyes of the people which in turn makes him just as susceptible to the sin of vanity than if he had taken the compromise in the first place.

Pride is definitely the most slippery of sins and represents the greatest weapon in Satan’s arsenal. He uses it to corrupt rich and poor alike. He uses it to attack both the powerful and the powerless. He knows we are all equally vulnerable when it comes to this particular sin. Satan uses pride to manipulate and control human beings. He uses it to corrupt even the most pure among us. He uses it to destroy marriages as one spouse starts to compete over and against the other. He uses it to destroy business partnerships as one party starts to believe they deserve more than the other. He uses it against nations, convincing them of their own exceptionalism. He uses it to destroy churches, as God’s people start to look down on each other as “less spiritual” than others. Every sin you commit, one way or the other, revolves around you putting yourself above all else. That’s why the middle letter in the word “sin” is “i.”

s..i..n.

Because sin is all about YOU. Something YOU desire. Something you feel YOU deserve. Something YOU feel YOU may be due. It just all comes back to YOU. Which is the opposite of Jesus’s teachings.

Jesus tells us we have to deny ourselves DAILY, take up the cross and follow Him. We have to get out of our own way. By denying ourselves daily, we’re able to put others first. Able to put CHRIST first. It circles back to that daily quiet time. That’s how we battle sin and our prideful desires. By making Christ the center of our universe and revolving around His Holy Word day in and day out.

This Sunday, Bro. Jim will be bringing us a message about sin. While some churches seem to have shyed away from that subject, we’re going to hit it head on. We need to be reminded that we NEED a Savior. Desperately. So come experience the power and presence of the Holy Spirit at church this Sunday. Receive His saving grace. Let the only “fall of man” we talk about this Sunday be the one where we fall to our knees.

Watching God work,
Trae

Sunday’s Message:
“So We Will Not Sin?”
1 John 1:5-10



June Events

Sunday, June 22nd

9:15am....Coffee and Donuts in Holy Grounds

9:30am.....Sunday School

10:30am.....Worship Service

Tuesday, June 24th

8am-10:30am....Food Pantry

Wednesday, June 25th

2pm-5pm.....Youth

6pm.....Brown Bag Bible Study, Man Church

6pm.....Book Club Potluck

7pm.....Choir Practice



Prayer List

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.

Lee Ann Grace Barnes

Kathy Byrd

John "Tommy" Carr family

Tyler Chaney (Grandson of Robert and Sue Chaney)

Condolences for family of Franklin Clay (Leon's family)

Leon Clay

Kay Collins

Mike Eaton (Mallory's father)

Sandra Farley's family (Quay Whitten's stepdaughter)

Chip Frazier

Family of Terry Gilliard

Karen Hanson

Family of Dee Dee Harris

Danny Haire

Doug Haire

Sandi Haire

Hunter Henley

Karen Jones

Family of David Koon

Langford, Austin, Taylor and Card families (loss of John Langford)

Martha Langley

Betty JoAnn Miller

Madie Morton

Joe Nardozi

Brenda Pearce

Dawn Pettigrew

Bobbie Schreppel

Jeannie Senter

Ava Jane Smith (granddaughter of Buddy and Carol Smith)

Joan Smith

Family of Kathy Sneed (Paige Baker's mom)

Taylor family (Taylor Tot #2)

Barbara Turner

Sonny Turner

Quay Whitten

Debbie Wyatt



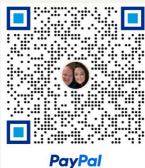
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Rachel Davis

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Arrangements are \$50 to be paid before the Sunday needed.

Cash, check or digital options below!



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To our Church Family,
Thank you so much for the texts, calls, and visits while Chip was in the hospital last week. We are blessed with an incredible team that takes great care of Chip, but even so it can be stressful to be in the hospital for that long. We felt all your prayers and well wishes. And we want to especially thank y'all for showing up for our kids.

Some of you acted as substitute parents for Josephine and GA this week! They know they are loved by so many here and that made being without us less stressful for them. Thank you for giving all of us a home here at Wesley and loving us so much. We definitely felt God's assurances that all things work together for His purpose and that He is ultimately in control. (What a relief!)

Much love,
Chip, Wendy, Josephine, and GA

SUMMER

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

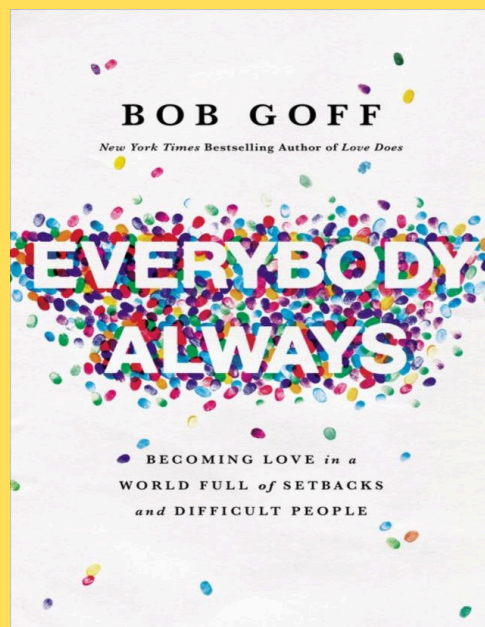
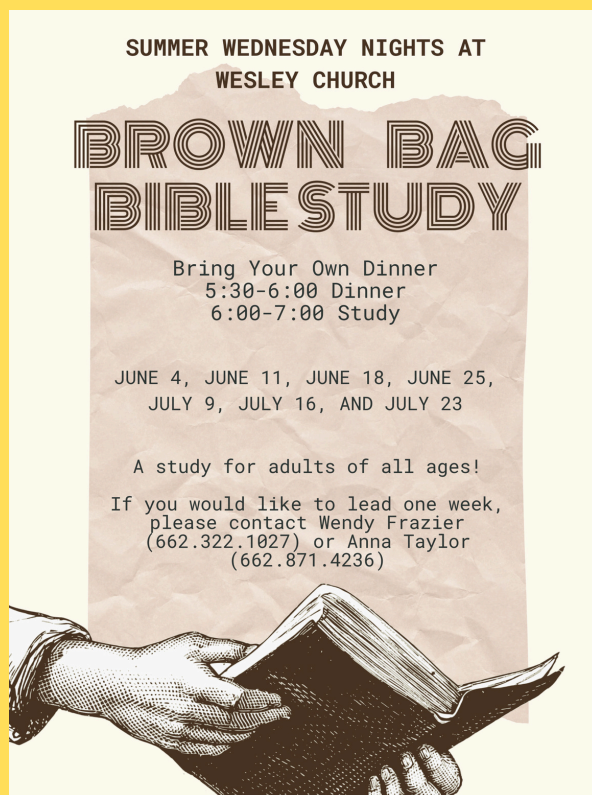
LADIES BOOK CLUB

With Anna Garner



- WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB JUNE SUMMER READING IS "IT'S GOOD TO BE QUEEN" BY LIZ CURTIS HIGGS.
- INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO READ ALONG! SPEND SOME TIME REALLY GETTING TO KNOW A WOMAN FROM THE BIBLE!
- **POTLUCK DINNER ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25TH AT 6PM!**
- THIS IS A GREAT TIME TO INVITE NEIGHBORS & COWORKERS!
- A BOOK FOR THE MONTH OF JULY WILL FOLLOW.

BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY



"THE MAN CHURCH" IS A PROGRAM COMPRISED OF FIELD-TESTED SOLUTIONS FOR CHALLENGING AND EQUIPPING MEN TO BECOME THE PEOPLE GOD CREATED THEM TO BE. JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 6PM AS WE ENGAGE IN SOME HEARTY CONVERSATION DISCUSSING BEING STRONG, CHRISTIAN MEN IN TODAY'S SOCIETY.

TRUSTEES CORNER

Had a meeting last week with the Trustees. Several issues discussed:

1. Lights-this has become an issue. If you are the last out of any area-please turn off the lights.
2. Air conditioner- another major issue. If you turn the air up to get cool be responsible and turn it back down. The trustees cannot keep checking all the units for every meeting or event. Do your part...please.
3. Dwaine Card- has fixed the lights going down the hallway to the choir/food pantry. Saving the Church a lot of money. Dwaine also fixed the seat in the ladies' restroom. Thank you so much Dwaine.
4. Termites- Not saying we have any, but it came to our attention that we don't have a termite contract on the Church, but we are going to put the termite mixture around Church. If you have experience with DIY treatment, please let me know.
5. Summer is here. Several projects that need attention so if you have any spare time, please let me know. Need the 2 doors going into the Sanctuary painted white (only one side) that is located in the lobby area. Paint the stairs/rails near the van parking space black. Paint the rails leading into the Church area/CLC lobby black.
6. Anyone have connection with someone that can replace Plexiglas? We need some quotes.
7. Russ Wilson is working on the mics and lights in the sanctuary area. Thank you for your hard work.
8. Keith Garner is working with several persons at his workplace to fix the new sign for the front of the CLC.
9. Keith Garner and Chris Thistle- will be working on the steps from the Church lobby to the lower level. To make it easier for the use of walkers/canes.
10. New floor mats are here and being used. They look great.
11. Van-has a new logo on it and looks great as well.
12. Lobby is looking so nice. Thanks to all who participated to make it happen.
13. We have some plumbing issues that we know need attention but let me know if you see any other issues before the plumber treats some of the issues. Such as small drip in men's bathroom near the library area. The water fountain in the CLC lobby has problems with drainage .
14. Several ladies have been working so hard around the Church to clean up closets and our library. Thank you.
15. Still in need of funds for the new Church roof and to pay the principle down on the Church closure loan.
16. You want to work on a specific place/area in the Church and use your talents please let me know. Facelifts help make everything brighter and more user friendly. Use your talent where you think it is best used.

Working as the Body of Christ:

Cherie





WESLEY YOUTH

For youth finishing 4th-11th grades

Sign up online! \$100 deposit due by April 15th

Saint Louis Trip July 9-13

**City Museum
Six Flags
Grant's Farm
St Louis Zoo
Gateway Arch**

Cost \$275

***price includes all breakfasts, dinners, and activities.**

UPCOMING 5TH - 12TH GRADERS

WESLEY CHURCH SUMMER JAM
(JESUS AND MORE)

2-5 PM WEDNESDAYS
**JUNE 4, 11, 18, 25
JULY 16 & 23**

EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITIES

- WATER DAY
- SKATING RINK
- BINGO @ TRACEWAY
- TANGLEFOOT TRAIL
- MOVIE AFTERNOON
- BOARD GAME DAY
- BOWLING
- PICKLEBALL

SOME ACTIVITIES WILL HAVE A COST, SOME WILL BE FREE. WE'LL ANNOUNCE ON GROUP ME THE WEEKEND PRIOR TO WHICH ACTIVITY WE'LL DO FOR THE WEEK (SOME OF THESE ARE WEATHER DEPENDENT)

[Click here to fill out form!](#)



Wesley Church is excited to take a journey through time with Jesus! Travel with us on Friday, July 25th from 5pm-8pm to experience a busy Jerusalem marketplace, learning all about life when Jesus and His followers were at home there. Then, on Saturday, July 26th from 8:30am-noon, we'll visit Nazareth where Jesus was a hometown hero. Finally, we'll end our journey where it all began with a breakfast in Bethlehem on Sunday from 9am-10:15am. We invite you to join us as we learn what it's like to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, not only in ancient times but in our everyday lives! Click the QR code below to register!



WAYS TO SERVE



Our Annual Fall Rummage and Bake Sale is September 13th which is right around the corner! Be looking for things to donate and recipes to bake to help support this great fundraiser! Furniture, household goods and decor, kitchen items, outdoor equipment of all kinds, coats, jackets, purses, shoes, books, etc! Look for more info to come in the next few weeks!



We need Church Busy Bag supplies for our kids! There's a pink crate (behind the welcome wall) on that long table. Please bring any small, quiet toys like matchbox cars, plastic animals, legos...or things such as stickers, sewing cards, toy figurines...we have plenty of notepads & crayons. No markers or slime please or anything that would be a possible mess in the sanctuary. Thank you for supporting our kids!



Stay Young returns tentatively THURSDAY, SEPT 4TH! Stay tuned for more details to come in the next few weeks!

OFFERING COUNTERS

6/1/25 - Rachel Davis & David Hutson
6/8/25 - Martha Clay & Brenda Pearce
6/15/25 - Pat Pearce & Blake Hill
6/22/25 - Bill Austin & Trish Thistle
6/29/25 - Rachel Davis & David Hutson

TRUSTEES

6/1/25 - Leo Hamm
6/8/25 - David Hutson
6/15/25 - Amelia Foote
6/22/25 - William Darby
6/29/25 - Cherie Walker

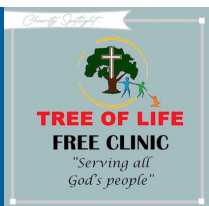
FOOD PANTRY

6/3/25 - Pam Shields, Wentris Alford, Martha Webb, Errol Tootle, Bob Walker
6/10/25 - Ruth Dobbs, Pat Pearce, Errol Tootle, Wentris Alford
6/17/25 - Pat Pearce, Wentris Alford, Errol Tootle
6/24/25 - Errol Tootle, Wentris Alford, Pam Shields

For the month of June, our Food Pantry will be collecting PEANUT BUTTER so be sure and drop off some this month in the Food Pantry bin in the foyer!



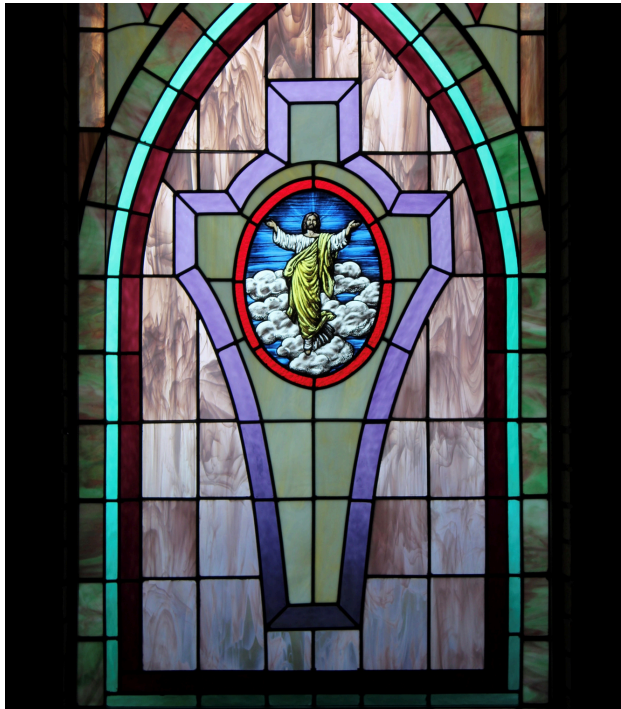
Methodist Men's Breakfast will meet THIS SUNDAY, June 22nd at 8am! Our Cook Team will be Randy Davis, WT, Jay Senter, and Keith Garner. Randy Davis will be our speaker. See you there for a great program, good food and fantastic fellowship!



Saturday, June 21st @ 8:30 am
Wednesday, July 3rd @ 4:30 pm

WESLEY CHURCH

A Global Methodist Congregation



FOR THE RECORD

Attendance (In - Person)

Morning Worship.... 101 in person, 8 virtual

Stewardship

2025 Operating Budget.....\$261,816*

YTD Budget Receipts.....\$116,177.15

Needed Weekly.....\$5035.68

Weekly Budget Receipts.....\$3399

Budget will be adjusted to account for line of credit payment



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