

Wesley Church family...

Well...our Wesley Church Youth have made it to St. Louis! We visited Grant's Farm once we got here and saw lots of cool animals, especially the famous Clydesdale horses! Then we dropped off our luggage at this really cool AirBNB, a very neat townhouse built in 1890, and had dinner at this great local joint called Fitz which makes its own root beer! Many of us enjoyed BOTTOMLESS glasses of this tasty treat! Delicious!

As we were driving up here, I started thinking about the drive and all the luggage that had been packed. We really do have a lot packed in here.

We do the same thing on our spiritual journeys. We tend to carry a lot with us. Suitcases of SHAME. Rolling bags of REGRET. Backpacks of BURDENS. Satchels of SADNESS. Fannypacks of FEAR.

Carrying around a lot can make our journey hard and tiresome. And when we go wherever God calls us to go to make disciples, whether that be our jobs, our neighborhoods, our schools, or even a new city or town, we need to remember to TRAVEL LIGHTLY. Carrying around a lot can make our journey hard and tiresome.

Jesus doesn't want us to keep carrying all those things. We should lay all that at the feet of Jesus and not pick them back up every day. We need to travel light. All that spiritual baggage will weigh you down and wear you out.

When we prepare to go where God leads, there are a few things we need to do to get ready for our journey. First is to seek wisdom from godly people. Think about when you are planning a vacation. You may ask around to see who's been there before and ask them for some insider tips. Some pointers. We need to seek counsel from those who have gone through some of the things we may be experiencing to help us figure how to unpack all those feelings and emotions and help us deal with some of that baggage so hopefully we can stop lugging it around. We need to get tips for how best enjoy those places God is leading us. The next thing we need to do on our walks and journeys with Christ is to be careful not to get distracted by all the roadside attractions. Distractions.

Temptations. When we're traveling on the path God laid out before us, it's easy for things to take our attention away from the road ahead. It may be a busy schedule. A sinful temptation. Something that will cause us to veer off the Christ-paved path or take the wrong exit. We have to keep our eyes on the road. Thirdly, we have to heed God's word. Which is a lot like listening to the GPS. When we don't follow God's word, it makes our journeys much more difficult. We can easily feel lost. Just like if we don't pay attention to the GPS, we can end up in a random field in the middle of nowhere. We have to listen to His voice and go where He says.

Walking with Christ is a trip like no other! It's the opportunity of a lifetime! How amazing that the creator of this wondrous, vast, dazzling universe has an awesome journey planned just for you! Paid for and everything! We don't need to ruin that trip trying to carry around a bunch of baggage. We need to go to church and learn from other Christians. We need to stay focused and not get distracted. And we need to keep God's word, our roadmap, nearby and handy. Do all that and hum some good hymns and you'll have an amazing ride!

Watch our Facebook page for daily updates on all the fun we're having here in St. Louis! I can already tell we're going to have great stories to tell! Bro. Jim will be preaching this Sunday from Proverbs 7-9! Take a ride to church on Sunday!



Watching God work,
Trae

July Events

Wednesday, July 9th

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

Sunday, July 13th

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

9:30am.....Sunday School

10:30am.....Worship Service

5pm.....Prayer Meeting

Tuesday, July 15th

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

Wednesday, July 16th

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

7pm.....Choir Practice



Prayer List

We have a new Prayer Ministry starting up and we'd love for you to be a part of it! We'll meet for prayer every Sunday at 5pm in the Good News Sunday School class. There are new prayer cards available for you to fill out and put in the prayer box in the foyer. They will be prayed over at our meeting every Sunday and will be held close to our hearts. We also will be updating our prayer list monthly and we're starting with a fresh list for July so please keep us up-to-date so we can keep people on there longer if needed.

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.

Prayers Requests for July 13th

- Russ Wilson
- Joe Nardoizzi
- Mike Eaton
- Pam Shields
- Sonny and Barbara Turner
- Rose Trigg

Prayer Requests for July 6th

- Brenda Pearce
- Don McCain




Florist Contact Info:
Rachel Davis
 419-6868

Arrangements are \$50 to be paid before the Sunday needed.
Cash, check or digital options below!

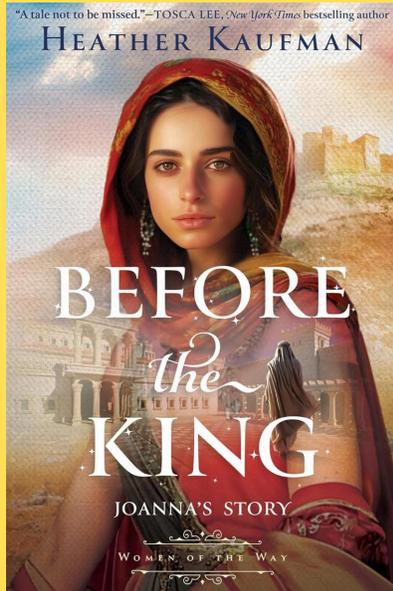



SUMMER

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

LADIES BOOK CLUB

With Anna Garner



- WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB JULY SUMMER READING IS "BEFORE THE KING" BY HEATHER KAUFMAN
- INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO READ ALONG! SPEND SOME TIME REALLY GETTING TO KNOW A WOMAN FROM THE BIBLE!
- **WE WILL MEET TO DISCUSS THIS BOOK OVER SOME SNACKS ON 8/13 FROM 5:30PM-7PM**
- THIS IS A GREAT TIME TO INVITE NEIGHBORS & COWORKERS!

BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY

SUMMER WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT WESLEY CHURCH

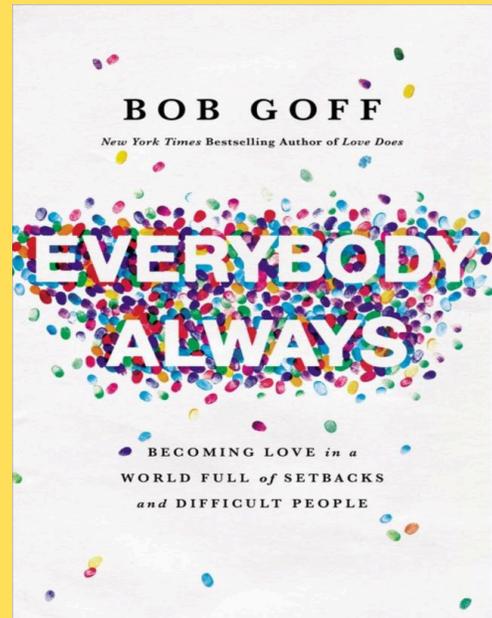
BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY

Bring Your Own Dinner
5:30-6:00 Dinner
6:00-7:00 Study

JUNE 4, JUNE 11, JUNE 18, JUNE 25,
JULY 9, JULY 16, AND JULY 23

A study for adults of all ages!

If you would like to lead one week,
please contact Wendy Frazier
(662.322.1027) or Anna Taylor
(662.871.4236)



"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

Pray for Safe Travels

Please pray for our Teens and Tweens as we travel to Saint Louis for our Summer Retreat

Jameson Armstrong	Dylan Garrett
Jeremiah Armstrong	Liza Herndon
Isaiah Barbour	Walker Herndon
Collins Foote	Will Perry
GA Frazier	Charlie Scruggs
Josephine Frazier	Dawson Tackitt
Madi Garner	Lacey Wyatt

July 9-13, 2025

Adults: Chip Frazier, Wendy Frazier, Anna Taylor, Amy Wyatt, and Trae Wyatt

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 WHICH ACTIVITY WE'LL DO FOR THE WEEK (SOME OF THESE ARE WEATHER DEPENDENT)



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! If you have any items to donate, please bring them to the back of the CLC! We already have some things back there so go ahead and start dropping off your things!

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

7/6/25 - Martha Clay & Brenda Pearce
 7/13/25 - Pat Pearce & Blake Hill
 7/20/25 - Bill Austin & Trish Thistle
 7/27/25 - Rachel Davis & David Hutson

TRUSTEES

7/6/25 - James Taylor
 7/13/25 - Keith Garner
 7/20/25 - WT Taylor
 7/27/25 - Dewaine Card

FOOD PANTRY

7/1/25 - Pam Shields, Wentriss Alford, Martha Webb, Errol Tootle, Bob Walker
 7/8/25 - Ruth Dobbs, Pat Pearce, Errol Tootle, Wentriss Alford
 7/15/25 - Pat Pearce, Wentriss Alford, Errol Tootle
 7/22/25 - Errol Tootle, Wentriss Alford, Pam Shields
 7/29/25 - Pam Shields, Wentriss Alford, Martha Webb, Errol Tootle, Bob Walker

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



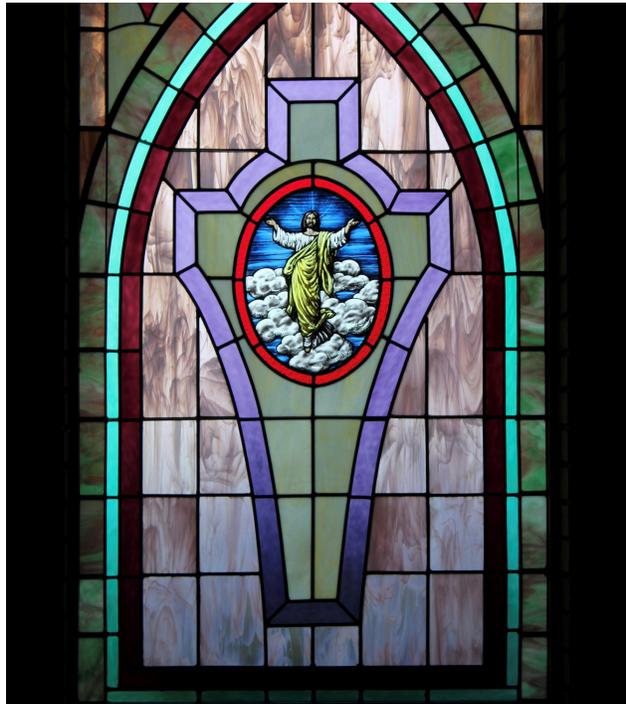
Administrative Council Meeting will be Sunday, July 20th @ 5:30pm in the Gathering Room



Saturday, July 19th @ 8:30 am
 Wednesday, August 6th @ 4:30 pm

WESLEY CHURCH

A Global Methodist Congregation



FOR THE RECORD

Attendance (In - Person)

Morning Worship....93 in person, 10 virtual

Stewardship

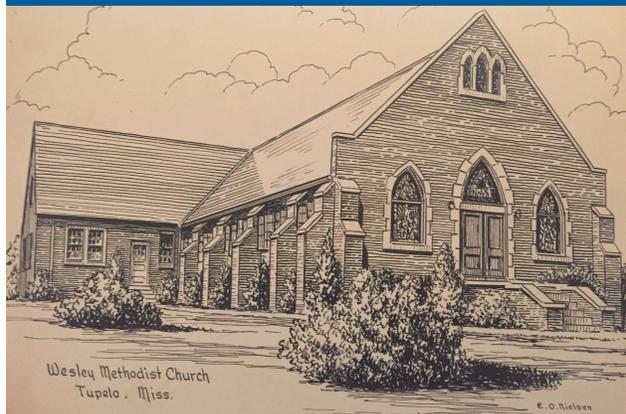
2025 Operating Budget.....\$261,816*

YTD Budget Receipts.....\$129,406.15

Needed Weekly.....\$5035.68

Weekly Budget Receipts.....\$6087

Budget will be adjusted to account for line of credit payment



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Rev. Chip Frazier - Associate Pastor

Linda Austin - Director of Music Ministries

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Christ-Like Through Discipleship.