

July 7, 2022

THE CIRCUIT RIDER

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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00am Traditional Worship
(Sanctuary)

9:00am Contemporary Worship
(Praise Center)*

10:30am Traditional Worship
(Sanctuary)*

* these services are live streamed
and can be viewed on our
Facebook Page and our
YouTube Channel.

YouTube Channel

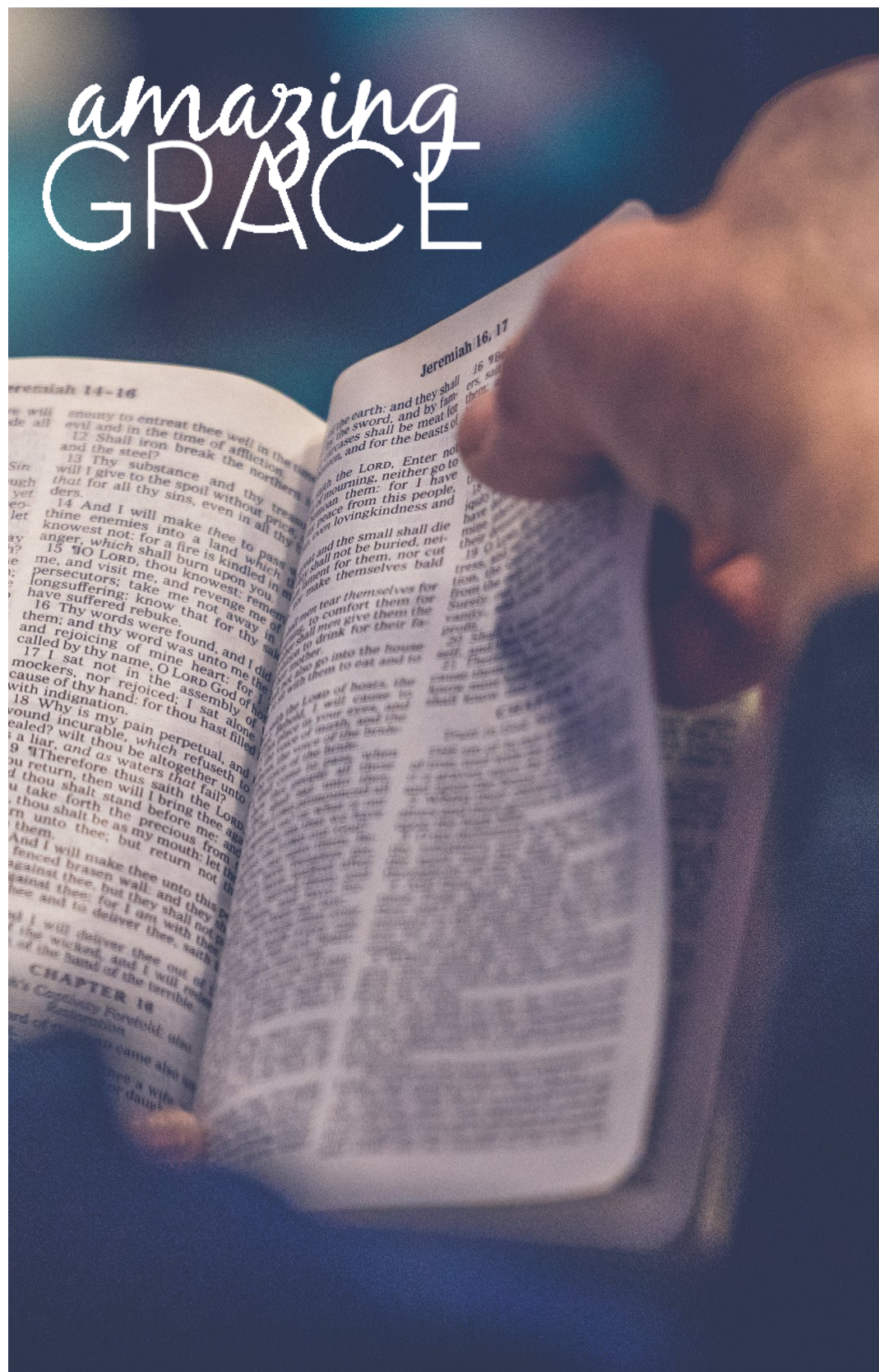
[https://www.youtube.com/
WesleyUMCBeaumont](https://www.youtube.com/WesleyUMCBeaumont)

Facebook Page

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Use the link below to view
past sermons

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/
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OUR FAITHFULNESS

Attendance: July 3, 2022

Sunday School

9:00am Children	15
9:00am Adults	51
10:30am Children	9
10:30am Adults	23

Sunday Worship

8:00 Worship	40
9:00am Worship	98
10:30am Worship	82

Live Stream

9:00am Worship	14
10:30am Worship	17

Wednesday

ONE Students	45
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Financial News: July 3, 2022

2022 Church Income Budget	\$1,386,000
Needed for One Week	\$26,654
Received thru 07/03/22 for Church Budget	\$22,765
Needed Income YTD	\$719,654
Received Income YTD	\$775,729
Difference	\$56,075

Non-Budgeted Gifts Received

Building Fund- Capital Campaign	\$10,150
Garage Sale	\$450
Memorials - All Funds	\$75
Soc. Of St. Stephen	\$555
Utila Mission Trip	\$53
Wednesday Night Meal	\$25

WAYS TO GIVE
at
Wesley



BY MAIL

Wesley UMC
3810 N Major Dr
Beaumont, TX 77713



ONLINE

at
givewesley.com

Summer
GIVING

Before you head out of town this summer make plans to continue your regular giving to Wesley UMC.

Recurring Online Giving can be set up through our giving portal at givewesley.com

If you need assistance please contact the church office.

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 10

Wesley Hosting U.M. Army

8:00am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
9:00am	Contemporary Worship *
	Sunday School
10:30am	Traditional Worship*
	Sunday School (Sanctuary)
3:00pm	Southeast District Discernment Meeting
(Sanctuary)	
6:00pm	ONE Students: Sunday Night Live (Youth Center)

*these worship services can be viewed online

Tuesday, July 12

9:00am	Community Garden Work Day
1:00pm	Knitting Group (Parlor)

Wednesday, July 13

9:00am-12:00pm	Day School Office Open
6:15pm	Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (choir Room)

Thursday, July 14

12:00pm	Heart Sisters Bible Study (Parlor)
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Saturday, July 16

Utila Mission Trip

MONTHLY EVENTS

Bunco
1st Thursday of the month

Wesley Bookworms
3rd Tuesday of the month

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 10

Melissa Means

July 11

Totsy Sitton
Hunter Engstrom

July 12

Dean Lantrip
Iris Smithey
Michael Broussard
Pat Archer
Quinn Keyser

July 13

Jeanette Simmons
Addison Travis

July 14

Matthew Fox

July 15

Dan Parker
Ruth Richmond

July 14

George McClain
Janis Prestridge
Liz Welch



**SENIOR PASTOR
REV. RICK IVEY**

“They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts.”

Ephesians 4:18

Maybe you remember the cartoons that had the coyote and the roadrunner. If you ever watched them, you know the coyote was always trying to catch the roadrunner. He was not fast enough to physically catch the roadrunner, so he had to come up with all kinds of crazy plans to capture the roadrunner. The coyote invested a great deal of time, effort, and money (where did he get it all?) to put together a plan to catch the roadrunner. He would then construct the trap that would inevitably fail. Even though his plans always failed to get him what he wanted, he kept on trying.

It would not have been the same show, but what if the coyote had picked another target? What if he found another path in life that did not require more and more futile plans that never brought him joy? What if he could have instead contributed something good and beautiful to the world instead of harming or taking from others?

I think many people reject and ignore Jesus because they have another plan they want to follow. It is a plan that involves sin, inevitably hurts others, and leads to their own destruction. But they keep trying again and again.

The passage in Ephesians 4:18 perfectly describes this situation. They are separated from life from God and have hardened their hearts against the wisdom and insight God alone can give.

Jesus is the only way out of this predicament.

Without him, we will just keep on drawing up futile plans and following schemes that never end with the life we truly want.

In Christ,

Rick Ivey
Senior Pastor

Possible Outline of a Discernment Process

- The possibility of entering discernment can be raised to the church council for approval by either the pastor or member of the congregation.
 - Administrative Council votes to enter or not enter the discernment process (July 17th.)
 - Members attend or watch the recorded version of a District meeting led by the Future Discernment Task Force (**July 10th 3-4:30pm in the sanctuary of Wesley UMC**)
 - Congregational meetings are held where:
 - Information is shared and questions are answered about remaining in the United Methodist Church (UMC), joining another denomination or remaining independent
 - Costs for leaving the UMC (apportionments and unfunded pension liability (over 300k) as well as legal costs for changing documents, construction costs for removing cross and flame logo)
 - Online resources are shared, including Navigating the Waters on www.txcumc.org
 - Prayer guides for discernment are distributed.
 - Upon completion of the process, if the Administrative Council believes there is sufficient interest in having a vote, the District Superintendent calls the church conference with the required notifications including the motion for changing affiliation. During that conference:
 - Prayer is offered
 - Members eligible to vote are identified and written ballots distributed, a motion to change from the UMC to a specific new status (GMC, non-denominational or other denomination) is made.
 - Opportunity is provided for speeches for and against, the vote is taken, the vote is counted immediately, and the result announced.
 - Under *Book of Discipline* paragraph 2553 (which is what Cabinet recommends) if 2/3 of those present and voting approve, the motion for a new relationship is passed.
 - *Book of Discipline* Paragraph 2548.2 requires a simple majority but is under review by the judicial council. This pathway is not recommended and might be overturned.
- The local church trustees are then authorized to complete the necessary documents with the Annual Conference.

Wesley BOOKWORMS

This month, we're reading the sequel to a book we all enjoyed.

The title is
"The Book Woman's Daughter,"
written by
Kim Michele Richardson,

who also wrote
"The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek."

**The meeting is at noon
Tuesday, July 19,
at Nancy Beaulieu's home.**

Bring your lunch if you like!

SERVE WITH US

Wesley needs all cooks on deck for **two** July dates at Some Other Place. Our regular day in the kitchen is Tuesday, July 12, starting at about 8:30 a.m. And this month has a fifth Friday, July 29, which means we get to do it all over again -- plus we help the Meals on Wheels people organize their bags before we even get in the kitchen.

If you've never done this, give it a try. The work isn't hard, but it is rewarding!

Update on the United Methodist Church

Conflicts and disagreements in the United Methodist Church have resulted in some churches in the UMC to consider leaving the denomination. The process of leaving the denomination is referred to as disaffiliation. A disaffiliated church becomes independent and can then decide if they wish to align with another denomination. The primary reasons why some churches are considering disaffiliation are disagreements over human sexuality such as same gender marriage, ordination of homosexual clergy, and a lack of accountability when bishops or clergy act in ways that are contrary to the rules in our governing book of discipline. In the months to come, there will be opinions expressed, news articles released, and information shared from questionable sources. The leadership of the church wants to help you stay informed with accurate information, so please take time to do your own research on the current situation in the UMC and make plans to attend upcoming meetings as best you can.

July 10th 3-4:30pm—Wesley UMC will host an informational meeting to discuss the current situation and outline options for congregations. The bishop and people from other United Methodist churches in the area will be present. Half of the time will be used to present and share information and half of the time will be reserved for questions from those who attend. This will be a very helpful meeting to attend if you are unfamiliar with the current situation in the UMC and we encourage you to attend or watch online.

July 17th after 10:30 worship—The administrative council of Wesley UMC will meet for the specific purpose of praying, discussing, and voting to determine if the discernment process is in God's will for our congregation. The vote would be to enter a time of discernment as a church. This will not be the vote to disaffiliate or not.

If there is ever a vote on the matter of disaffiliation, the time and date of the vote will be well publicized, announced in worship, and every member will be invited to attend and vote. Unfortunately, some of our homebound members may not get to vote. Members will need to be present in order to vote. We do not have provision for voting by proxy.

Please keep the congregation, denomination, and the ministries and missions supported by the United Methodist Church in your prayers.

If you have questions, please attend the meetings or reach out to one of the pastors or leaders in the congregation.