

# THE CIRCUIT RIDER

A WEEKLY PUBLICATION OF WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## 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/channel/UCgzhJJfVFM3OhyujuKdBhg>

### Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/WesleyUMCBmt>

Use the link below to view  
past sermons

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# HOW *Happiness* Happens



Join us this Sunday, August 16 as we kick  
off our church-wide study and sermon series  
“How Happiness Happens.”

Group Bible Studies begin on  
Wednesday, August 19.

Checkout the complete list of  
groups on page 4.





**SENIOR PASTOR  
REV. RICK IVEY**

**“Go in through the narrow gate.  
The gate that leads to destruction  
is broad, and the road wide, so  
many people enter through it.  
But the gate that leads to life is  
narrow and the road difficult,  
so few people find it.”**

**Matthew 7:13-14**

I have always been impressed by the scientist who had to invent new math so people could land safely on the moon and return home. To successfully navigate the moon, they had to synthesize existing math and create new computer programs for 1960's computers. The computers were far less powerful than the average smartphone that many carry around these days.

A small mistake in their calculations would have resulted in the astronauts being way off course and the mission failing.

When Jesus shared the passage above, he lived in a time that required an exactness that most of us don't recognize.

The people of his day were faced with trying to figure out how to be faithful to God in a time when they had been conquered by a powerful military and were under the rule of an empire that did not care at all for them.

Jesus had to give them a way that navigated between being massacred in a senseless battle with Rome or weak resignation to the Roman occupation.

It was a difficult path, but he taught them exactly how to do it. His way triumphed, and eventually, the mighty empire of Rome crumbled while Christianity thrived.

His teaching shows us a peaceable way to bring hope, good news, and justice into our world. I invite you to take some time and read Matthew chapters 5-7 today and reflect on how you can better follow Jesus.

In Christ,

*Rick Ivey*  
Sr. Pastor

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, August 16

#### Happiness sermon Series & Study Begins

8:00am Traditional Worship (**Sanctuary**)  
9:00am Contemporary Worship\* (**Praise Center**)  
10:30am Traditional Worship\* (**Sanctuary**)

\* this service is online and in person.  
In person please remember to wear a mask  
and practice social distancing

### Tuesday, August 18

12:00pm Wesley Bookworms at Chris Broussard's house

### Wednesday, August 19

6:00pm-7:00pm Wednesday Night Studies  
See full list of groups and locations on page 4

### Thursday, August 20

9:00am Zoom Bible Study with Pastor Matt

### Friday, August 21

Weekly devotional posted online

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### August 16

Lane Collins  
Logan Collins  
Martha Royall

### August 17

Rod Dolan  
Blaycie Fenter  
Ashley Goforth  
Tillie Graeter  
Courtne Kash

### August 18

Sondra Mayfield

### August 19

Jamie Hansen  
G.A. Matthews  
Marty O'Brien  
Carol Perkins  
Weston Rice  
Don Smith

### August 20

Autumn Haynes  
Larry Lucas  
Angela Strahan

### August 21

Emily Brashear  
Natalie Brashear  
Renee Cash  
Leah Heniger  
Hallie Rice  
Scout Swanson  
Jerry Tullier

### August 22

Janice Barras

## SERMON SERIES

Join us for worship on Sundays as we explore "How Happiness Happens," based on Max Lucado's book by the same name.

The series begins on August 16 and you join us in-person or online.

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Now is the perfect time to know and enjoy the life-altering, heart-stabilizing, peace-producing joy, that Jesus taught and showed others how to have.

Come and discover a way of life that produces happiness that endures through any season.

The New Study Begins on Wednesday, August 19.

Contact the church office for more information or to sign up for a group, (409) 892-7733.

## WEDNESDAY GROUPS

**Wednesdays, 6:00pm-7:00pm**

All Wednesday adult groups will be participating in a church-wide study, "How Happiness Happens", by Max Lucado.

### Young Adult Group

**Leader:** Chase Cobb  
**Location:** Room 105

### Men's Group

**Leader:** Chris Ayers  
**Location:** Room 106

### Parent's Group

**Leader:** Iris Smithey  
**Location:** 104  
Video-Based Study

### Women's Group

#### Tired Super Girls

**Leaders:** Kellye Badon, Diana Miles, & Destiny Martin  
**Location:** Parlor

### Zoom Group (Online)

**Leader:** Ellen Wiemers

### ONE Student Ministries

6th-12th Grade  
**Leader:** Jonathan Martin  
**Location:** Youth Building

### Wesley Kids

4y-5th Grade

**Leaders:** Christine Hayes & Amanda Rice  
**Location:** Children's Church Room  
Nursery Care is provided in the Sanctuary nursery for children ages birth-3y.

## OTHER GROUPS

We have several other groups participating in the church-wide study. If you would like to join a group, please contact the church office, (409) 892-7733).

### Daily Walkers Sunday School Class

**Sundays @ 10:30am**  
**Location:** Room 106

### The Roots Sunday School Class

**Sundays @ 10:30am**  
**Location:** Room 101

### Discovery Sunday School Class

**Sundays @ 9:00am**  
**Location:** Parlor

### Zoom Group (Online)

**Beginning August 20**  
**Thursdays @ 9:00am**  
**Leader:** Pastor Matt Cecil

## Attendance August 9, 2020

### Sunday School

9:00am Adults	45
10:30am Adults	9

### Sunday Worship

8:00 Worship	48
9:00am Worship	76
10:30am Worship	80

### Live Stream

9:00am Worship	48
10:30am Worship	26

### Wednesday

ONE Students	48
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## DID YOU KNOW?

The CARES Act allows a donor to elect to increase his or her deduction limit for certain 2020 charitable contributions. Without the election, the limitation would be 50% or 60% of the donor's adjusted gross income (without regard to net operating loss carrybacks).

For 2020, a taxpayer may elect to deduct certain cash charitable contributions up to 100% of his or her adjusted gross income.

Contributions made to private non-operating foundations, supporting organizations, and donor-advised funds do not qualify for this enhanced limitation, although they remain deductible up to the existing limits.

Non-cash donations (i.e., securities, personal property) do not qualify for this provision, although they are still deductible up to the existing limits.

Contact your EKC Tax Preparer for more information!

## Financial News: August 9, 2020

2020 Church Income Budget	\$1,378,000
Needed for One Week	\$26,500
Received thru 08/09/20 for Church Budget	\$16,421
Needed Income YTD for Expense Budget	\$848,000
Received Income YTD	\$916,101
Difference	\$68,101

### Non-Budgeted Gifts Received

Memorials - All Funds	\$100
Missions	\$75
Soc. Of St. Stephen	\$70
Garage Sale	\$95
Tshirts	\$414
Kairos Prison Ministry	\$400
One Student Ministry	\$340

## WAYS TO GIVE at Wesley



**ONLINE**  
at  
wesleyumc.com



**BY MAIL**  
3810 N Major Dr  
Beaumont, TX 77713

## SANCTUARY LAMP

The Eternal Flame Permanent Endowment Fund was set up to keep our Sanctuary Lamp lit at all times. Anytime you enter the Sanctuary you see the Eternal Flame keeping the Holy Spirit alive. This is a great way to honor a loved one that has passed on. If you would like to contribute to the Eternal Flame Permanent Endowment Fund, in honor or in memory of a loved one, please contact the church office, (409) 892-7733.





# We Care

Please let us know when you need care. Need a pastor to pray with you before surgery or visit someone? Please let us know by contacting the church office.



## Wesley BOOKWORMS

"The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" by Kim Michele Richardson is the holdover read from July, and it's a good one. Although set in the 1930s, it has themes that relate to the chaotic times we live in now. Discussion should be interesting when we meet at noon on Aug. 18 at Chris Broussard's home.

**Our next meeting is at noon  
on August 18, 2020!**



## Insect Repellent Needed

Our next Lunchsack day will be August 23. Y'all know how AWFUL the mosquitoes are. Can you just imagine not having a place to get away from them. Let's hand out a little something extra with the lunches this month. Please pick up a can (or 6 ) of any kind of insect repellent and drop it in the tubs outside the Sanctuary and Praise Center. Or in the office. Or contact me and I'll come get it from you! [spierce@wesleyumc.com](mailto:spierce@wesleyumc.com) or 409-673-0884  
THANK-YOU!

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