



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK. . .

In the Methodist world, May 24 marks one of the most significant days in our history. It was on this day, in 1738, when John Wesley felt his “heart strangely warmed” and at once knew the assurance of his salvation. This happened as the Rev. Wesley was attending a prayer group meeting in a home on Aldersgate Street in London. During the meeting, he heard Martin Luther’s Preface to the Epistle of Romans being read aloud. In this Preface, Luther describes the change that God works in the heart of believers through Jesus Christ. Despite having been an ordained priest for 10 years at this point, Wesley still experienced doubt of his salvation from time to time. He felt that, as a sinful human being, he occasionally turned his back on God and knew that sin was still a real presence in his life. In his journals, he sometimes questioned if God really could (or WOULD) save a sinner such as himself.

As Wesley heard someone read Luther’s explanation of faith through grace, not through works, Wesley experienced a change in his heart. At that moment he knew that there was nothing that he could do that would cause God to turn God’s back on Wesley. God offered salvation to all of humanity through the act of love and grace in the sacrifice of Christ on the cross.

Even for an experienced clergyman, this fact had become lost. Fortunately, Wesley found himself in a situation to be reminded of God’s grace and mercy at the right time in his life. From then on, though he openly admitted that he never attained a completely sinless life, Wesley lived in the assurance that God’s grace was sufficient to save the human soul.

My point in the historical reflection is this: All of us experience moments of doubt in our faith walk. It is normal. It is expected. It is HUMAN.

What all of us need from time to time is someone to come along and remind us of the glory of God’s grace. We all need someone to remind us that the sacrifice of Christ on the cross took away the guilt of sin from all of humanity for all of time. We all need someone to guide us back to the truth of God’s love and the assurance of our salvation.

If you are questioning or doubting, please, reach out to me or someone in the church. Reach out to a friend. Reach out to a colleague. ASK QUESTIONS. SHARE YOUR DOUBT. It means you are human.

If you are fortunate enough to be in a place where you feel the assurance of God’s salvation, share that with warmth with others. Be a guide and a beacon for others who question. The heart you warm may be someone who will change the world for Christ.

Together, we can share the Gospel message that Christ assured our salvation once and for all and that salvation is available to all of humanity.

In Christ,
Scott



BLOOD DRIVE

*While 1 in 7 hospitalized people will need a blood transfusion in a lifetime, only 1 in 20 eligible blood donors actually donate.
There is no substitute for blood - your donation saves lives.*

The Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center has a blood drive in Huntsville every month that is sponsored by many of the churches in Huntsville. A different church sponsors the blood drive each month. Wesley is sponsoring the drive on May 10th to be held at Church of Christ, 3737 Hwy 30, Huntsville, TX. If you are able and willing to give blood, please see Wanda Hassman or Nan Kennedy about signing up to donate on that date. Or you can go to <https://www.commitforlife.org>.

Some of you may know that on J.J. Kennedy's last day he had to have several blood transfusions using numerous units of blood, plasma, and platelets. In an effort to replace some of the blood at the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center, J.J.'s family is asking for blood donations in his memory. If you sign up to give blood on May 10th, please let them know that you are giving in memory of J.J. Kennedy. If you have friends and family who do not live in Huntsville, but live someplace that is serviced by the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center (Galveston to Huntsville to College Station), blood can be donated in memory of J.J. at any blood drive held on any date in those areas. Just let them know when you donate that it is in J.J.'s memory. If you are unable to give, please take some of the flyers that can be found in the Narthex at Wesley and hand them out to family and friends. Help us spread the word!

Thank you for all the love and support you have shown to me and my family!

Nan Kennedy

On April 27th the Wesley Ringers rang bells for the prelude. This will be our last performance until August. We hope by August to start up again. We will practice every Wednesday afternoon at 5 pm and welcome new people to join us. Thanks for your support and good vibes!!
Wanda

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service

at Scott and Audrey Moore's home



Holy Week Luncheons



Thank you to all the groups that provided the lunches for Holy Week; The Adult Senior Sunday School Class, The Women's Group, the Unity Sunday School Class, the Choir, and Family Ministry.



2025

Greeters: Nan Kennedy & Retha Utley
 Assist with Communion: Mattilou Kookan
 Communion Rail Offering: Senior Center

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				01 Crafts at Wesley House National Day of Prayer	02	03
04 <u>Sunday School—10am</u> <u>Worship—11am</u> <u>Women's Group - 12pm</u>	05 Crafts at Wesley House 10am	06 <u>Administrative Council - 6pm</u>	07 <u>Canasta Club—11am</u> <u>Choir—5:30pm</u>	08 Crafts at Wesley House 10am	09	10 JJ Kennedy Blood Drive Church of Christ 8am-12:30pm
11 <u>Sunday School—10am</u> <u>Worship—11am</u>	12 Crafts at Wesley House 10am	13	14 <u>Canasta Club—11am</u> <u>Choir—5:30pm</u>	15 Crafts at Wesley House 10am <u>S.O.A.R. 11am</u>	16	17
18 <u>Sunday School—10am</u> <u>Worship—11am</u> <u>Lunch for Graduating Seniors Noon</u>	19 Crafts at Wesley House 10am	20	21 <u>Canasta Club—11am</u> <u>Choir—5:30pm</u>	22 Crafts at Wesley House 10am	23	24 Huntsville High School Graduation
25 <u>Sunday School—10am</u> <u>Worship—11am</u>	26 Crafts at Wesley House 10am	27  <u>NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE</u>	28 <u>Canasta Club—11am</u> <u>Choir—5:30pm</u>	29 Crafts at Wesley House 10am	30	31

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Sundays

Worship Services:
10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service

Wednesdays

5:00 pm Handbells Rehearsal
5:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Monthly Meetings

1st Sunday
12:00pm Women's Group

1st Tuesday
6:00pm—Administrative Council

3rd Thursday
11:00am SOAR

Please check with your
group leader each month
for any changes
in the regular schedule.

Happy birthday to all of you
born in **MAY**



Delanie Graham	05/01
TJ Martin	05/09
David Easley	05/17
Jim Moore	05/18
Kathleen Martin	05/22
J.T. Starkey	05/22
Wes McMillian	05/25
Brady Wilson	05/27
Mattie Wilson	05/28
Patti Utley	05/31

Here are **some May Birthday Fun Facts**

for you to enjoy:

May's Birthstone - If you were born in May then your birthstone is the vibrant deep green emerald. Emeralds have the same green shade as a thriving spring garden, and in French, the name for emerald is *jardin*, literally the French word for garden.

May's Birth Flower - We think one of the best things about the month of May is the blooming of spring flowers. The official birthday flower of May is the delicate and fragrant lily of the valley. The lily of the valley is said to represent sweetness, motherhood and humility.

Astrology Zodiac Signs of May - If you were born in the month of May, then your zodiac sign is Taurus (May 1st to 20th) or Gemini (May 21st to 31st). People born under Taurus, an earth sign, are known to be intelligent, dependable and stubborn. People born under Gemini, an air sign, are known to be whimsical, talkative and adaptable.

- The grandest horse race in the world, The Kentucky Derby, takes place on the first Saturday in May every year. This is one of the oldest horse races in the world and has been running every year since 1875. There have been only two years when the race wasn't ran in May. In 1945 during a wartime ban on horse-racing and in 2020 when the race was delayed until September due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- While many associate Cinco de Mayo with margaritas and partying, the origins of the yearly celebration is the 1862 Mexican victory over the French during the second Franco-Mexican War. Americans spend over \$600 million each year on beer for Cinco de Mayo. That's more than the Super Bowl or St. Patrick's Day! Let's raise our glasses and say ¡Salud! to this May celebration!
- It was on May 8th, 1945, that German high command unconditionally surrendered to allied forces bringing an official end to World War II. May 8th is now considered Victory in Europe Day, or VE Day. It is commemorated each year in countries like France, UK and Poland with remembrance ceremonies.
- WE LOVE YOU MAMA! May is the time to celebrate mom, and she definitely deserves it! In over 100 countries across the world, Mother's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday in May. And May is the perfect time of year to shower our mothers with beautiful bouquets of fresh spring flowers.

Happy
Anniversary

Leland & Dana Heuszel- May 14

Warren & Lynn Kroll - May 24

Jim & Debbie Moore - May 26

Richard & Carol Byrd - May 29



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Sent with love & prayers to:

ARTICLES FOR THE JUNE
NEWSLETTER ARE DUE NO LATER THAN

May 27th

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