

# *"The Church With The Warm Heart"*

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## ***"We Have to Sow2Grow"***

*"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously." 2 Corinthians 9:6*

It is through giving of ourselves as God has given to us that we help the body of Christ thrive. Offering our material resources to God is a FUN-damental activity that is so critical to Wesley's mission that failure to perform it in an exemplary way leads to decline. This means that generosity is the "engine" that drives the "giving train". What coal is to a locomotive that is what generosity is to the giver. It is impossible to give without some spirit of generosity. Those who give more money to the church, you could say, have more of a generous spirit. I understand there are some major factors that prevent many from being extravagantly generous to the LORD. One major factor is debt. The average American carries \$10,000 worth of credit card debt. Then there are student loans, car loans, mortgages, clothes, restaurant costs, cable, phone, and food bills. We are hounded by the bill-gods.

Nonetheless, as believers in God...and I am assuming that the readers of this Pastor's page believe in God...we believe that God has and will provide our every need. We believe that God will not send us to the poor house if we give the tithe to the Lord's house. We believe that whatever amount we sow, that is the same amount we will reap. We believe that God is a creator, sustainer, Good Shepherd, Father, Keeper, and ultimate Provider therefore what we give to His church (Wesley) will not negatively affect our standard of living. In fact, it will enhance it. Why? Because God's word, if we believe it, says if you tithe: *"I will open up the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing you won't have room enough to receive it"* (Malachi 3:10b).

When you think about the stewardship history of Wesley, you have to understand that every sanctuary built in which we have worshiped (212 and 201), every church piano and organ that has lifted our spirits, every non-padded and padded pew we have sat, every altar rail where we have knelt, every hymnal from which we have sung, every praise team and choir that has lifted our spirits, every church event, every Jazz Luncheon, every vacation bible school, every preacher that has graced the pulpit, every church sponsored meal that you ate, every church van ride you have taken---are all the fruit of someone's extravagant generosity. Those who have gone on before us sowed into this ministry and now we are benefitting from those who have sowed. They engaged in sowing 'so that' (one of my old sermons) we could still be growing in 2019.

We are the heirs, the beneficiaries of those who came before us who were touched by the generosity of Christ enough to give graciously. Their giving in the past has enabled us to experience the truth of Christ for ourselves in the present. We owe the same to generations to come. Have a great week.

# SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Please check the church website, now our 'virtual church,' and your email regularly for ongoing updates.  
[www.wesleyumcchicago.org](http://www.wesleyumcchicago.org)

**SPIRITUAL THEME FOR JULY: "Freedom to Flourish"**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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**Scripture for the month:**

<sup>17</sup> Now, "the Lord" in this passage is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is present, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> All of us, then, reflect the glory of the Lord with uncovered faces; and that same glory, coming from the Lord, who is the Spirit, transforms us into his likeness in an ever greater degree of glory. 2 Corinthians 3:17-18 (GNT)

**Call to Worship**

**Invocation**

**Scripture** Matthew 14:25-33 see video, or page 4

**Psalm of Praise** Psalms 145:1-7 see video, or page 4

**Announcements**

**Offering**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Sermon** "Get Out While You Can" Elder Tavell Grant  
Guest Minister, Greater First Baptist Church, East Chicago, IN

**Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

**Affirmation of Faith**

**Benediction**

**66<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary  
Pledge Drive**



**Thank you, to all who have given and continue to give sacrificially, during this challenging time.**

## Morning Scripture

### *Matthew 14:25-33 (KJV)*

<sup>25</sup> And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.

<sup>26</sup> ***And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.***

<sup>27</sup> But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

<sup>28</sup> ***And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.***

<sup>29</sup> And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

<sup>30</sup> ***But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.***

<sup>31</sup> And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

<sup>32</sup> ***And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.***

<sup>33</sup> ***Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.***

## Psalm of Praise

### *Psalms 145:1-7*

<sup>1</sup> I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.

<sup>2</sup> ***Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.***

<sup>3</sup> Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable.

<sup>4</sup> ***One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.***

<sup>5</sup> I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works.

<sup>6</sup> ***And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness.***

<sup>7</sup> ***They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness.***

## PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please check your email weekly for a full list of announcements, scripture readings and updates.

- **Multiple ways to worship!** Our worship services are now available online! Go to: [www.wesleyumcchicago.org](http://www.wesleyumcchicago.org) and click/tap **SUNDAY SERMON**. The videos are also available on other platforms, such as our church app (see SERMONS), our YouTube channel (Wesley UMC Chicago), and will be posted on our **Facebook** page each Sunday afternoon (@WesleyUMCChicago). For those who prefer a more personal experience, join the **Weekly Worship Conference Call** at 10:30 am each Sunday! Call-in info: 1-425-436-6348: code 672500#
- **Do you have the GivePlus+ app? Electronic giving just got easier!!** Vanco's **GivePlus+** app makes it as easy as 1-2-3! Just download the **GivePlus+** app, (click for [Apple](#), or [Google](#)) complete your login and profile using your email address and password, provide your bank information and that's it! You can setup a recurring payment or enter the amount each time.
- **NEW FEATURE! GivePlus+ also allows you to make contributions with a quick text message!** Simply **send a text to our DEDICATED text number, 1-833-595-0705**, with the amount you would like to contribute. Make sure to include the dollar sign before the amount. Example: \$25. Within a few minutes, you'll be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and credit or debit card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt via email. For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically!
- **Sunday School's Returned!** 9 am, Sunday mornings. Join us! Call **1-605-475-4000**; code **260259#**
- Our weekly support call has ended however, should anyone feel challenged during this time or feel you need assistance, help is available. Click [here](#) or call **(312) 563-0445** for assistance.
- **66<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Pledge Drive** Wesley has kicked off our **66<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Pledge Drive!** We are asking each member of the church to prayerfully sign a pledge, committing to one of two sacrificial giving program tiers for the first 6 months of the year: **Contractor @ \$750; Bricklayer @ \$500**, either of which may be submitted in installments or a single payment. Our faith-raising goal is **\$60,000**.

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

James Gittens	July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Gwendolyn Watkins	July 9 <sup>th</sup>
Rinaldo McCrary	July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Babatunde Agbaje-Williams	July 12 <sup>th</sup>
Brittany Plaxico	July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Mattie Kellum	July 17 <sup>th</sup>
Bythiah Webster	July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Mecca Helm	July 18 <sup>th</sup>
Shaun Williams	July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Delilah Rucker	July 18 <sup>th</sup>
Shaunice Williams	July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jeffery Brunt	July 19 <sup>th</sup>
Diamond Jones	July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Dwond Donahue	July 21 <sup>st</sup>
Lorraine Forbes	July 5 <sup>th</sup>	Irett KoKo Madje	July 21 <sup>st</sup>
Stephanie Miller	July 5 <sup>th</sup>	Carla Davis	July 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Delisha Tripplett	July 5 <sup>th</sup>	Samuel Graham	July 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Ricardo Williams	July 8 <sup>th</sup>	Patricia Greenwood	July 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Caleb Cecil	July 9 <sup>th</sup>	Troy Hodge	July 25 <sup>th</sup>
Denise Magee	July 9 <sup>th</sup>	Betty Petty	July 29 <sup>th</sup>
	Leighton Cullars	July 30 <sup>th</sup>	

## PRAYER LIST

**Below is this week's prayer list. Please keep these persons in your prayers!**

(\* = Church member, followed by Class Number)

<b>SHUT-IN</b>	
*Minnie Thompson (20)	*Bessie Alford-Moore (18)
*Lucille Sanders (16)	*Doris Anderson (1)
*Clarence Sanders (16)	*Spencer Plaxico (17)
*Barbara Shepherd (18)	*Jessie Stokes (19)
*Eric Geraldts (3)	*Helen Tuck (7)
*Fred Williams (20)	*Lucious Smith (12)
<b>GENERAL</b>	
*Callie Dulaney & Family (12)	Leslie Carey Kirk
*LaRue Grizzard (4)	Byron Agnew, Jr.
*Y. Shorter-Darden & Family (4)	Sam Agnew
*Gloria Banks (20)	Nannie Agnew
*Doris Echols (16)	Juanita Weatherspoon
*Mary Alice Lovely & Family (19)	Annie Lois Robinson
*Diamond Jones (12)	Jessica Smith Crenshaw
*Trinity Jones (12)	Joyce Chisem-Davis
*Lawrence Moore (13)	Carolyn Ransom
*Wilena Campbell-Watkins (5)	Sylvia Nichols
*Mark Garrett (5)	Milton Kellum
*The Plaxico Family (17)	Rosie Howard
*Denise Richardson (20)	Natesha Smith
*Clarence Rogers, II & Family (4)	James Sanders
*Jessie Gilmore (16)	Joanna Lennhardt
*Maurice & Faye Smith (17)	Martha Muhs
*Theresa Bradshaw (12)	Muriel Bolden
*The Hudson/Bradshaw Families (7 1 12)	Gregory Simms
*The Moss Family (13)	Norbert Sanders
*Darlene Clark and Family (1)	Brittany Porter
*Lorraine Forbes and Family (3)	Rhonda Monique Miller
*B.J. Curtis and Family (3)	Ashley Parks
*Betty Jenkins and Family (5)	Kathy Jenkins
*Dorothy Williamson and Family (10)	Rebecca Merkson
*Donna/Deborah Lomax and Family (13)	John Anderson
Katherine Evans	Jerry Simmons
Vinelle Myrie	Rochelle Johnson
Alexandria Ward	The Ford & Robinson Families
Davion McNeal	Mila Kuntu
Rashaud Thompson	Ron Birton
Mae Gilliams Fizer and Family	Aiden Combs
Robert A. Watkins	Michael Miller
Aaron Thomas, Jr.	Angel Acosta
James Taylor	Anna Young
Carl Frazier	Dorothy Williams
The Baker Family	Lois Tucker
Belinda Starks	David Williams
Katherine Thompson	Owen McPherson
Shatarah Ridley	James Williams

Please **NOTIFY** the church office of ALL meetings or events scheduled in the church buildings.

# JULY 2020

+ Event occurs after worship service  
\* Event occurs at alternate site

Please check bulletin and emails **regularly** for schedule changes.

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<b>28</b> 9 am <b>Sunday School Call</b> 1.605.475.4000 Access code: 260259# ----- <b>Remote Worship &amp; 10:30 am Call</b> Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	1 Remote Bible Study 11 am ----- 1-312-626-6799; Mtg ID: 2951017709# (Call/email the church for ZOOM video link)	2 Remote Prayer Group 11 am ----- Call-in number: 1.425.436.6348 Access code: 672500#	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <i>Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!</i>
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**SAVE these Conference Call Numbers**

**Sunday 10:30 am - LIVE Service**

1.425.436.6348

**Thursday 11 am - Prayer Call**

Code: 672500#

**Wednesday 11 am - Bible Study:**

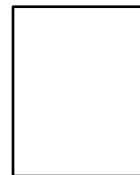
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**Sunday School 9 am – Conf Call:**

1.605.475.4000

Code: 260259#



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## ***Wesley's 66<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary!***

This year we will celebrate **Wesley's 66<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary!** We are so very grateful for the years of service to this community, yet we know there is still much left to be done.

We've kicked-off our **66<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Pledge Drive**, "*Building for the Future.*" Program details will be shared periodically via email. Please prayerfully consider participating in this sacrificial giving program. These special gifts can be given in a single payment or in installments over several months. We need your sober commitment to support our church and serve the Lord through this ministry!

### **2020 Daily Bible Readings (One Year Bible Reading Plan)**

#### **Week of July 12<sup>th</sup> – July 18<sup>th</sup>**

**July 12**

1 Chronicles 12:19-14:17

Romans 1:1-17

Psalm 9:13-20

Proverbs 19:4-5

**July 13**

1 Chronicles 15:1-16:36

Romans 1:18-32

Psalm 10:1-15

Proverbs 19:6-7

**July 14**

1 Chronicles 16:37-18:17

Romans 2:1-24

Psalm 10:16-18

Proverbs 19:8-9

**2020 Vision:**

***"The Year of the Child"***

(Matthew 19:14)

**July 15**

1 Chronicles 19:1-21:30

Romans 2:25-3:8

Psalm 11:1-7

Proverbs 19:10-12

**July 16**

1 Chronicles 22:1-23:32

Romans 3:9-31

Psalm 12:1-8

Proverbs 19:13-14

**July 17**

1 Chronicles 24:1-26:11

Romans 4:1-12

Psalm 13:1-6

Proverbs 19:15-16

**July 18**

1 Chronicles 26:12-27:34

Romans 4:13-5:5

Psalm 14:1-7

Proverbs 19:17