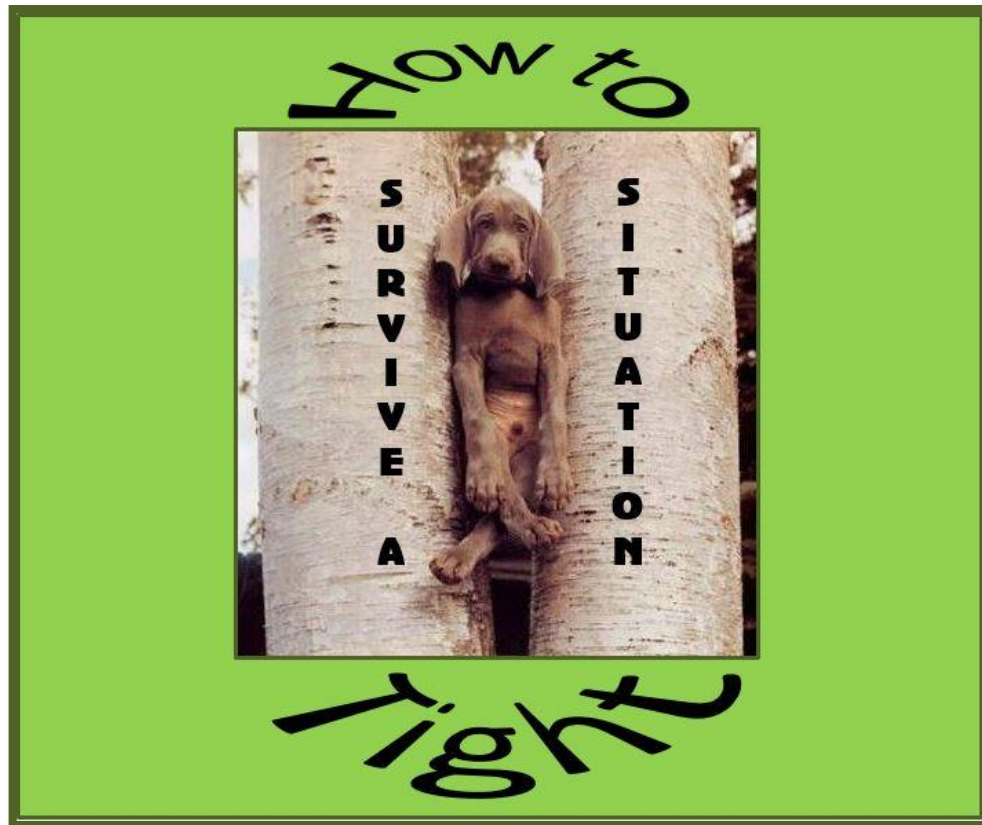


# *"The Church With The Warm Heart"*

July 26, 2020



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## ***"Sunday Worship Is a Family Activity"***

*"But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!" (Joshua 24:15)*

Greetings in the name of Jesus, my brothers and sisters! It is a blessed day to be alive and involved in kingdom building. The family is important to God and should be important to us. When we had in-person worship, I would look out into the audience and see many people who are worshipping without their entire families present. I would see fractured families every Sunday morning. When the subject of families not being unified or families facing dysfunctionality comes up, rarely does the church step in and say that the remedy is found through Sunday worship.

Now that we are worshipping virtually and at home for the most part, worship needs to be seen as a fun family activity. If the family can watch a movie together; watch the Cubs win together; watch the Bears lose together; go to dinner together, then the family ought to be able to worship together. Worship provides the entire family with a fresh word from the Lord. Worship provides the family with encouragement, spiritual nourishment, ministry opportunities, Christian Education, recreational activities, and an extended family. Worship provides direction for the family especially during times of difficulty and high stress. Worship provides a time and place of sacred centering for the entire family to be in the presence of God. Now that we stay at home to worship, make it a family activity.

Of course there are other commitments for the family but none should take precedence over Sunday worship. There used to be a time where the church was the most important institution in the community. Now, for many, it has become a second or third option in terms of weekend activities. To me, the church is still the most important institution in our community. And even though we cannot meet in our "church building", remember the church is really the people of God. So even though the church building is closed the church is still at work. The church is still active. The church is wherever the people of God are. Your home is now the church. Therefore, the church is a place where God meets us every Sunday. It is a place where everybody is somebody. There are no big "I's" or little "you's". It is a place that is not class-conscious or color-conscious. It is a place that provides ministry opportunities for every baptized believer. It is a place that fights for the liberation, transformation, and salvation of people who may not be able to fight for themselves. It is a place where everyone should be able to experience the love, mercy, and grace of God. It is a place that is good for everybody in the family not just for all the women in your family. It is a place for all of the men in the family as well. And this place is now your individual home.

Having said all of that, I am suggesting that in our new normal, we transform our perception of the Sunday morning worship hour into a family activity. Today, make a decision to make worship a family activity in your home and you will see the difference it will make within your family. I guarantee you! Have a blessed and productive week!

# EIGHTH 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

COLOR: GREEN

### 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

Jonah 2:1-7

see video, or page 4

### Psalms of Praise

Psalms 105: 1-11

see video, or page 5

### Announcements

### Offering

### Pastoral Prayer

### Sermon

*"How to Survive a Tight Situation"*

Pastor Leverette Bryant  
First Timothy Baptist Church, Chicago, IL

### Invitation to Christian Discipleship

### Affirmation of Faith

### Benediction

Stay curled up and cozy at home while helping your community, by supporting...

United Methodist  
Women's

# Stay-at-Home Tea

A FUNDRAISER



Ladies,

Look for your invitation in the mail soon!

United  
Methodist  
Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

**Date:** Saturday, August 29, 2020

**Place:** Your house!

**Cost:** Your gracious donation

**Benefit:** Knowing you've helped others in need



# Morning Scripture

## *Jonah 2:1-7 (NKJV)*

<sup>1</sup> Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the fish's belly.

<sup>2</sup> ***And he said: "I cried out to the LORD because of my affliction,  
And He answered me.***

***"Out of the belly of Sheol I cried,  
And You heard my voice.***

<sup>3</sup> For You cast me into the deep,  
Into the heart of the seas,  
And the floods surrounded me;  
All Your billows and Your waves passed over me.

<sup>4</sup> ***Then I said, 'I have been cast out of Your sight;  
Yet I will look again toward Your holy temple.'***

<sup>5</sup> The waters surrounded me, even to my soul;  
The deep closed around me;  
Weeds were wrapped around my head.

<sup>6</sup> ***I went down to the moorings of the mountains;  
The earth with its bars closed behind me forever;  
Yet You have brought up my life from the pit,  
O LORD, my God.***

<sup>7</sup> ***"When my soul fainted within me,  
I remembered the LORD;  
And my prayer went up to You,  
Into Your holy temple.***

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	
Morning Worship (7/19/20)	102 (views)
Worship Call	37 (callers)
Sunday School	16 (callers)
Prayer Group	8 (callers)
Bible Study	9 (views/calls)
UMW Project Meeting	8 (callers)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>180</b>

# Psalm of Praise

## *Psalms 105:1-11*

***(R) They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.***

<sup>1</sup> Oh give thanks to the LORD, call on God's name,  
make known God's deeds among the peoples!

***<sup>2</sup> Sing to the LORD, sing praises!  
Tell of all God's wonderful works!***

<sup>3</sup> Glory in God's holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

***<sup>4</sup> Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek the LORD's presence continually!***

<sup>5</sup> Remember the wonderful works God has done,  
the miracles and judgments God has uttered,

***<sup>6</sup> O offspring of Abraham, God's servant,  
children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.***

***(R) They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.***

<sup>7</sup> The LORD is our God,  
whose judgments are in all the earth.

***<sup>8</sup> The LORD is mindful of his everlasting covenant,  
of the word commanded for a thousand generations,***

<sup>9</sup> the covenant made with Abraham,  
his promise sworn to Isaac,

<sup>10</sup> and confirmed to Jacob as a statute,  
to Israel as an everlasting covenant, saying,

***<sup>11</sup> "To you I will give the land of Canaan  
as your portion for an inheritance."***

***(R) They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.***

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## 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.
- **UMW Stay-at-Home Tea Fundraiser** What a challenging summer! Never more than for the children and youth displaced from valuable summer camps and other support programs. **Saturday, August 29, 2020** Wesley's UMW unit invites you to curl up in your favorite chair and relax with a soothing cup of tea! We will be sending invitations to tea with a complementary tea bag and a return envelope for a donation. Your gift will help the UMW continue on-going support of programs such as *Kids Above All* (previously known as *ChildServ*) and other programs serving women, children and youth that struggle to maintain services during the COVID crisis.
- **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 Gerald (3)	*Helen Tuck (7)
*Fred Williams (20)	*Lucious Smith (12)

<b>GENERAL</b>		
*Callie Dulaney & Family (12)	Leslie Carey Kirk	Belinda Starks
*LaRue Grizzard (4)	Byron Agnew, Jr.	Katherine Thompson
*Y. Shorter-Darden & Family (4)	Sam Agnew	Shatarah Ridley
*Gloria Banks (20)	Nannie Agnew	David Williams
*Doris Echols (16)	Juanita Weatherspoon	Owen McPherson
*Mary Alice Lovely & Family (19)	Annie Lois Robinson	James Williams
*Diamond Jones (12)	Jessica Smith Crenshaw	James Taylor
*Trinity Jones (12)	Joyce Chisem-Davis	James Curtis
*Lawrence Moore (13)	Carolyn Ransom	The Baker Family
*Wilena Campbell-Watkins (5)	Sylvia Nichols	Anna Young
*Mark Garrett (5)	Milton Kellum	Dorothy Williams
*The Plaxico Family (17)	Rosie Howard	Lois Tucker
*Denise Richardson (20)	Natesha Smith	Katherine Evans
*Clarence Rogers, II & Family (4)	James Sanders	Carl Frazier
*Jessie Gilmore (16)	Joanna Lennhardt	Robert A. Watkins
*Maurice & Faye Smith (17)	Martha Muhs	Aaron Thomas, Jr.
*Theresa Bradshaw (12)	Muriel Bolden	Michael Miller
*The Hudson/Bradshaw Families (7 1 12)	Gregory Simms	Angel Acosta
*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	
*Odis & Lucinda Franklin Family (20)	Jerry Simmons	
Vinelle Myrie	Rochelle Johnson	
Alexandria Ward	The Ford & Robinson Families	
Davion McNeal	Mila Kuntu	
Rashaud Thompson	Ron Birton	
Mae Gilliams Fizer & Family	Aiden Combs	

# Social Commentary

## John Lewis, a Founding Father of American Democracy

by Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.



When John Lewis left us, editorials and columns paid tribute to his leadership, his courage, his moral example. The praise was well deserved. A broader context helps understand his true contribution. John Lewis was born one of 10 children of a sharecropper in Troy, Alabama. He should be remembered now as one of the founding fathers of American democracy. When he led that famous march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, in 1965, America was not yet a full democracy. Yes, a brutal civil war had been fought to end the scourge of slavery. Nearly a century later, the Supreme Court ruled in *Brown v. Board* that segregation — legal apartheid — was a violation of the Constitution. Yet, in 1965, Blacks still had no right to vote. Their efforts to register and vote were routinely suppressed, often violently throughout the South. The same was true for Latinos, for Asian Americans. Young people could serve in the military but had no right to vote. At Selma, John Lewis walked with amazing courage into mounted police blocking the way. He was beaten badly in the police riot that followed, fearing for his very life. That scene outraged a nation. Two weeks later, Lyndon Johnson pledged that “We shall overcome” and introduced what became the Voting Rights Act of 1965 into Congress. That Act outlawed discrimination in the right to vote by race, color, or language minority status. After that Act, young people received the right to vote. Women’s rights were expanded. Full American democracy was born.

John Lewis was a leader, but he was more workhorse than show horse. Show horses preen to win the blue ribbon and the applause of the crowd. Workhorses pull the wagon — and get the job done. John Lewis with his quiet courage and his forceful moral vision pulled people with him. Elected to Congress, he put the Congress on his shoulders and tried by example and by organizing to make it better. He never stopped. He took joy in how far we had come. There was a direct line from that horrible Bloody Sunday in Selma to the election of an African American president. Yet he knew we still have a long way to go.

That’s why the extraordinary, unprecedented outpouring of protests for Black lives is so important. John has left us, but millions have picked up the baton that he once carried — focused now on equal justice under the law, and on ending the structural racism that makes racial inequality a pre-existing condition. May John’s example — his courage, his devotion of nonviolence and to a lifetime of making “good trouble” — help inform that struggle as it goes forward. The democracy of 1787, where only white male landowners could vote, referencing Blacks as three-fifths human, without regard for working class whites and women, was very incomplete — it has no export value in the world today. But the democracy of 1965, where Blacks can vote, white women can vote and serve on juries, Latinos and Native Americans, 18 year olds, can vote on college campuses, that SELMA democracy is the envy of the world. Let us cherish it.



# Little Known Black History Fact

## Bessie Stringfield

By D. L. Chandler



**Bessie Stringfield**, better known as the “Motorcycle Queen of Miami,” is a pioneering motorcyclist who broke down barriers for Black riders and women alike. The late Stringfield is historically known as the first Black woman to ride across the United States, riding well into her later years. Stringfield was born in Jamaica in 1911 to a Black Jamaican father and a white Dutch mother. The family migrated north to the United States and settled in Boston, Mass. Tragedy struck when Stringfield was just five-years-old, when her parents died. An Irish woman primarily raised her from that point on.

At 16, Stringfield was given a motorcycle by her caregiver, a 1928 Indian Scout. Three years later, at the age of 19, she embarked on the first of eight cross-country trips with stops at carnivals and stunt shows. She made a name for herself as a Black woman motorcyclist earning money on her long road trips. However, because of her race and gender, she would often have to sleep outside on her motorcycle because hotels wouldn’t take her in. Stringfield was married and divorced six times but never had children. She kept the last name of her third husband, Arthur Stringfield throughout her career. As her carnival stunt career slowed, Stringfield shifted gears and worked for the U.S. Army as a civilian motorcycle dispatch rider during World War II. She was the only woman in her unit and was essentially trained as a soldier.

Although she was a fearless rider, she endured racist attacks and taunts including people attempting to run her off the road. The incidents made her stronger and she decided to not let the prejudice of others get in the way of her love of motorcycles. Stringfield eventually settled just outside of Miami, Fla. and worked as a nurse. Stringfield eventually founded the Iron Horse Motorcycle Club. She also still partook in races, winning one such event disguised as a man though she was denied the prize money when she revealed her true gender. It was in Miami where she earned her nickname and rode on one of her many Harley-Davidson bikes performing tricks.

Stringfield rode up until her death in 1993. She was 82. In 1990, the American Motorcyclist Association honored Stringfield in a Harley-Davidson exhibit. In 2000, the AMA named its “Superior Achievement by a Female Motorcyclist” award after her. In 2002, she was posthumously inducted into the Motorcycle Hall of Fame.

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

# AUGUST 2020

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

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

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

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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:**

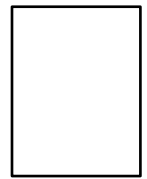
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***Wesley's 66<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary!***

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 26<sup>th</sup> – August 1st**

**July 26**

2 Chronicles 17:1-18:34

Romans 9:25-10:13

Psalm 20:1-9

Proverbs 20:2-3

**July 27**

2 Chronicles 19:1-20:37

Romans 10:14-11:12

Psalm 21:1-13

Proverbs 20:4-6

**July 28**

2 Chronicles 21:1-23:21

Romans 11:13-36

Psalm 22:1-18

Proverbs 20:7

**2020 Vision:**

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

(Matthew 19:14)

**August 1**

2 Chronicles 30:1-31:21

Romans 15:1-22

Psalm 25:1-15

Proverbs 20:13-15

**July 29**

2 Chronicles 24:1-25:28

Romans 12:1-21

Psalm 22:19-31

Proverbs 20:8-10

**July 30**

2 Chronicles 26:1-28:27

Romans 13:1-14

Psalm 23:1-6

Proverbs 20:11

**July 31**

2 Chronicles 29:1-36

Romans 14:1-23

Psalm 24:1-10

Proverbs 20:12