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# TOWER NOTICES

Byrd L. Bonner

## “The Rev. Mr. John Wesley”

This Sunday in worship (our two services are combined), The Rev. Mr. John Wesley, aka, Byrd Bonner, will be in attendance. Known to many in St. Andrew's, and throughout both the Southwest Texas Conference and greater United Methodist Church, he is the Executive Director of The United Methodist Church Foundation. Byrd and his wife Patty Riggle Bonner, an early childhood educator, have two daughters, Lou Caroline (24), a public school educator in San Antonio, and Margaret Rosalie (21), a junior at Southwestern University.

He received his B.A. from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN, & his J.D. from Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. Byrd was in private legal practice prior to moving to the Foundation. He has served in leadership positions throughout the United Methodist Church for many years. Apart from his work, Byrd is an avid student of live theater and spends quality time with his family.

Please take time to welcome Byrd/Mr. Wesley following the service on Sunday. And don't forget to invite a friend.

### Tea Time!

Be on the lookout for a special “invitation” to a *fantasy* tea party coming soon in your mail. The St. Andrew's Special Events Committee is requesting donations to help with the upcoming 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our church. If you would like to help, please send your contributions by May 31<sup>st</sup> to the Church Office. If sending a check, please mark “Special Events Committee” on the memo line. An envelope has been included in the mail-out for your convenience.

### Children and Youth Meeting Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the Joy Room

All children, youth, and their parents are encouraged to attend a meeting this Sunday to discuss programming and upcoming events.

### One Combined Worship -- This Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, at 10:50 a.m.

### No Children's Church

There will be no Children's Church this Sunday so that all may stay and enjoy our special guest.

### Organ Donation Request

*The M. P. Möller pipe organ has continued to serve the congregation of St. Andrew's UMC well in its 60 years of music making. And with Gayle Morris at the organ console, one would never know that the instrument is in need of maintenance that will help keep the instrument playable. Our organ technician gave us an estimate of \$2,200 to address these maintenance issues. This additional expense is unexpected and the music ministry is coming to you for help. If we do not address these maintenance concerns now, they could lead to more costly maintenance needs in the future. If you feel that you could help us meet our goal of \$2,200 to address these organ repairs, we would be most grateful. Any amount will help us take a step toward our goal.*

Thank you!

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## May Birthdays

Here are birthdays for May 21<sup>st</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>. If we missed yours, let us know!

- 21 - Dawn Cochran  
George Dicus
- 22 - Merle Waters
- 24 - Matthew Grooms  
Jeanette Weber
- 25 - J. Farquhar
- 27 - Grace Garrett  
Melissa Benson

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day.



These concerns and celebrations were raised in Worship Services last Sunday. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

### Always In Our Prayers

PRAYERS WERE REQUESTED FOR:

♦**Doug Boyer**, safe journey to visit his dad.

Requested by Flo Scott.

♦for my brother, **Burl Branscomb and his family**.

Requested by Jessie Guerra.

♦**Sue Fore, Betty Anderson, Missy Byrd, and Ned Gander** all with health problems. Requested by Flo Scott.

♦**Lillie Mae Avrett**, hospitalized with heart problems. Requested by Ginger Cave.

♦For **all our military and their families**. Requested by Phil & Amy Hetrick.

AT HOME: **Norm Galyon, Elenor McCreless, Steve and Margaret Kulik, Grace Forney, Ginger Bommer, Adelaide Irwin**

IN EXTENDED CARE: **Sue Fore, Otis Griffing, Doris Swain, Geraldine Rock, Charles Moore, Robie Hargis, Doris Rohlfs**

CELEBRATIONS OF PRAISE WERE RAISED FOR:

♦For a **wonderful Mother's Day on this beautiful day of sunshine**. Requested by Phil and Amy Hetrick.

♦**Austin Brem** graduated from Texas Lutheran University yesterday. Requested by Mary Haerr.

♦For our younger son **John's birthday today** -- he was born on Mother's Day 28 years ago. Requested by Burt and Evelyn Crow.

## Thanks for Springfest

The Weekday School and Great Beginnings would like to thank the church members for helping to make their recent Springfest a success. These individuals include: Tom & Jerrie Jackson, LaNelle Murphy, Ginger Cave, Flo Scott, Frances Bingham, Helen Grizzard, Mack Worsham, Phil & Amy Hetrick, Barbara Ringen, Bob Rymil, Cole & Eleanor Carnes, Bob & Teddy Behrens, Adrian Ridgeway, JoLynn Ayers, Fred Strayer, Ken Bennight, Melissa Chapman, Ashley Carlson and Bud DeHaven. If we missed your name, please accept our apologies -- and know that we surely appreciated all the help!



### *Things I Love About My Church:*

*From Extravagant Generosity cards returned by the congregation.*

- ♦ *The traditional feel of the worship.*
- ♦ *The fellowship of each member, greeting you with a smile and handshake. I love the choir.*
- ♦ *I love the preaching that flows from scripture and teaches how to apply it to our lives.*

The Corredor De Esperanza  
(Aldersgate, Epworth, Harlandale,  
Highland Terrace and  
Nuevo Amanecer UMCs) --

### **They're Having a Bar-B-Q!**

May 19<sup>th</sup> at Epworth UMC  
5718 Pecan Valley Dr.

**adult plate: \$7      child plate: \$5**

Call David Baird at (210)410-6444  
for tickets.

Tickets will also be sold at the gate.

**Food will be served 12 -4 p.m.**

There will be games, jumping castle, bands, face painting, and also a free drawing for a 32" TV!

Proceeds will support  
Corredor Youth Activities.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

John Wesley at times wrestled with his faith. Upon returning to England following his time in America, Wesley inquired of Rev. Peter Bohler, a Moravian minister, as his uncertainty of his own faith. Bohler's response (and this is one sentence out of the longer answer) was to tell Mr. Wesley to "preach faith until you get it." On the return voyage that led to this, as he was questioning his faith, the ship had been caught in a violent storm at sea. Wesley witnessed the calmness of a group of Moravians who sang and prayed as the ship was tossed about.

Wesley continued to struggle. As often was his habit, he attended more than one gathering in church. On the evening of May 24, he attended a gathering of a group of Moravians on Aldersgate Street (NOTE: Only a plaque now exists where the street once did.). Earlier in the day he had worshiped at St. Paul's in London. Here's what Wesley recorded in his journal for May 24, 1738:

"In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while the leader was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death."

This Sunday, The Rev. Mr. John Wesley will be in worship with us. Well, not *the* John Wesley, but Byrd Bonner. Byrd, a member of Travis Park UMC, has portrayed Mr. Wesley on many occasions. It is a delight that he will be at St. Andrew's on Heritage Sunday, the day that is celebrated throughout Methodism commemorating Wesley's "heart-warming experience."

Wesley had a profound impact not only on what would become the Methodist movement, but throughout the greater Protestant movement as well. Along with John Calvin and others, he is known as one of the great Reformers. As United Methodists, Mr. Wesley's influence touches every aspect of the church, from missions and evangelism, to the very structure we have.

We will have one combined service Sunday. I hope you will plan to be in attendance for this very special presentation. We'll sing several hymns from the pen of Rev. Charles Wesley, John's brother, as well elements from Wesley's "Covenant Renewal Service." Heritage Sunday is a time to remember our roots, and who we are as United Methodists. As we gather, we are knit together with all who claim John Wesley, both those who have gone before, those who will come after, and those present today. See you in church Sunday. Bring a friend.

Grace and peace,



Mike Cave

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**LOOKING AHEAD**

**May 20 - June 3**

*Below shows a 2-week calendar. Please plan accordingly when submitting your event for inclusion. Sundays are in bold.*

**MAY**

**20 - Sunday School for all ages  
 Children, Youth, &  
 Parent Meeting**

**ONE SERVICE at 10:50 a.m.**

22 - Worship Committee

23 - GGG's

23 - Prayer and Communion

25 - Parents' Night Out

**27 - Sunday School for all ages  
 Worship 8:30 & 10:50 a.m.**

28 - Memorial Day

28 - Church Office Closed

30 - GGG's

30 - Prayer and Communion

**JUNE**

**3 - Sunday School for all ages  
 Confirmation Class  
 Worship 8:30 & 10:50 a.m.**

**Friday, May 25**

**6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.**

children 3 months to 11 years welcome!



**Parents  
 NIGHT  
 OUT**

Call the Church Office at 824-2465 to reserve space.

\$15 first child,  
 \$6 each sibling  
*Payment must be made by check.*



**Wesley Class News**

**Sunday, May 13, 2012**

This week the Wesley Class met with the Parlor Sunday School Class.

Shut-ins are all doing the same. Keep them in your prayers. God bless all.  
**Happy Mother's Day!**

**St. Andrew's  
 Worship  
 Opportunities**

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**Sundays**  
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Worship Services  
 at  
 8:30 & 10:50 a.m.

Sunday School  
 for all ages  
 at 9:40 a.m.

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**Wednesdays**  
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Prayer Service  
 in the Chapel  
 with

**Holy Communion**  
 5:00-6:00 p.m.

The information in this issue is targeted for the week of May 20 - June 3. To submit information about an event please give a 2 week advance. Place items in "Tower Notes" box in the Church Office or email your information to standrewmelissa@sbcglobal.net. Deadline is noon Monday.