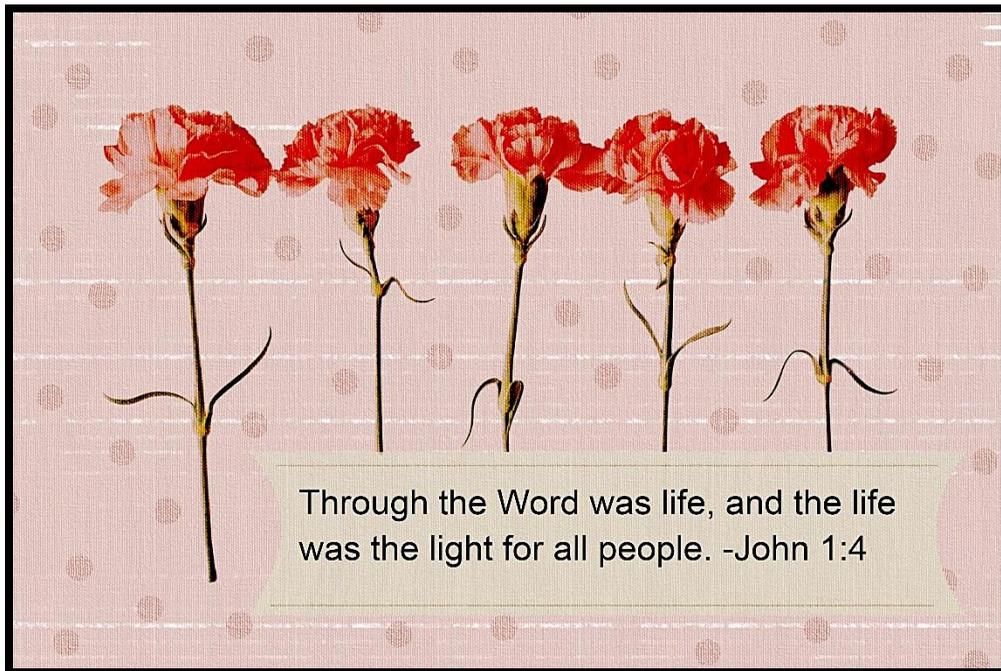


Wesley Chapel Methodist Church

February 22nd, 2026



Through the Word was life, and the life
was the light for all people. -John 1:4

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We welcome you to this worship service.

Order of Worship

Prelude

Come, We That Love the Lord

GRP 626

Announcements

Greeting

Kids Kingdom Moment

***Call to Worship**

Praise to the Lord Almighty

GRP 3

***Lighting of the altar candles.**

***Scripture Reading**

Rhonda Ledbetter

***The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven, give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn

Fairest Lord Jesus

GRP 113

***Affirmation of Faith:**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from which, he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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Sharing of Joys and Concern
Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Jesus Calls Us

GRP 520

***Doxology:** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Hymn

There's Something about that Name

GRP 134

Scripture

John 1:1-5

Sermon

The Logos: The Life and the Light of Men (and Women)

Mark Ledbetter

Hymn

Take the Name of Jesus with You

GRP 156

Postlude

The Way of the Cross Leads Home

GRP 519

***Please stand if you are able.**

Prayer List

Brenda and Pat Jones, James and Janice Adams, Vicky Rollins, Chris Kramer, Jr., Ruth Cox, Bill Crenshaw, Beth Major, Glenda Rumsey, Tanner Bowen, Matt Abrams, Bobbie Kinser, Mike Cleveland, Louise Rhodes, Jane Reynolds, Donald Caine, Danny and Alice Collins, Van Abbott, Chris Bishop, JoAnne Cleveland, Honest Gaddis, Kathy and Roland Roberson, Jeanne & Glen Deason, Sheila Pody, Ethan Corbitt, Jeff Thomas and family, Cindy Natali, Perry Duffey, Mallory Caine, Lisa Barnett, Ray Stone, Ellette Fillingame and family, Jerry Jordan, Charles and Janet Akin, Connor Edmondson, Frances Coleman, Jill Bailey, Leslie Hassal, Sarah Hethcox, Colin Pody, Janice Snyder, Dustin Bentley, Rachel Hobson, Kent Clifton, Dianne Sellari, Bobbie Hogan, Steve Ward, Jackie Vigiani, Brett Kelley, Ashley Williamson, Teresa Austin, Leonard Huskey, Fisher Camp, Johnny Jones, Randy Foster, Anthony Grogan, Alton Williams and Carol Ward.



The Role of Prayer in the Early Church

“They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.” ~ Acts 2:42 (NASB95)

Prayer: A Bridge for the Church

Serving as the essential link connecting the church’s pre-Pentecost and post-Pentecost experiences, prayer bridged the church’s worship experience. Before Pentecost, the disciples were unified in heart and mind, dedicating themselves to prayer (Acts 1:14). Following the powerful arrival of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the early church gathered in homes committed to discipleship, fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayer. Though receiving the Holy Spirit provided the ability to witness publicly about Jesus’s saving grace, the believers continued practicing the legacy of prayer Jesus had imparted to His disciples.

The Significance of “The Prayers”

Literally refers to “the prayers,” specific, ongoing practice rather than a general focus on prayer is emphasized. The continued observing established prayer times in the Temple three times daily: at nine a.m., noon, and three p.m. Those residing in Jerusalem could easily participate in these regular prayer sessions. Eventually, the early church adopted the habit of reciting The Lord’s Prayer three times each day, providing accessible prayer times for those outside Jerusalem and in churches beyond Judea.

The Lord’s Prayer: A Legacy and Model

The Lord’s Prayer, as highlighted in a recent Sunday morning sermon series, was given by Jesus as a standard prayer for the church and has endured through the ages as Jesus’s legacy to His followers. While *The Lord’s Prayer* remains an integral part of church liturgy, it is also intended for personal devotion—prayed in our “prayer closets,” places and times set aside for intimate communion with the Lord. Thus, *The Lord’s Prayer* not only enriches the communal worship of the Faith Community but also offers an opportunity to deepen our individual prayer lives. Serving as a model, each element of *The Prayer* provides a foundation expanding our prayers along its themes.

The Atmosphere of Prayer

It has been said that prayer is the atmosphere in which Jesus breathed, and He calls us to “breathe” in this same atmosphere. The church loses vitality, effectiveness, and becomes lifeless without prayer, and so too does an individual’s relationship with the Father suffer without prayer. Without prayer, we are left relying only on our own weak abilities to fulfill His will in us and forfeit His blessings. **LET US PRAY!**



Weekly Calendar

Sunday School – 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.

Prayer Meeting tonight at 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night Bible Study 5:30 p.m.



Baby Shower

For Lauren Ward

This afternoon 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 1st

The communion offering will go toward our Mission Fund.

Keeping money in this fund allows us as a church
to be able to address any emergency mission relief.

Administrative Board Meeting
Monday March 2nd at 5:30 p.m.



Connecting Congregation and Community with Jesus Christ.