



## Alabama-West Florida Conference

### *Wesley Heirs*

## Spring 2022 Newsletter

### *Marking Time*

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That's what I have been doing while waiting to see if Wesley Heirs would ever get together again. It's been too long since any of us were together at "Blue Lake". Because attendance has fallen off at our gatherings, and because there is a monthly meeting in the SE corner of the conference at "Westminster Acts Village" in Spanish Fort, Alabama attended by 20-30 retirees, the executive committee decided to try meeting there this time and shorten our time together. I personally am not real happy adding so many more miles to my drive south (364 miles one way), but I'm willing to try it once. "Blue Lake" has changed the way they operate, and I hope the change is short term and we'll get back there this fall. Housing is being arranged for those of us who will be staying overnight. Westminster is furnishing us meals, snacks, and space at no charge, which is good with gasoline prices going up. Of course, the "Memorial Celebration Service" will be a major part of our gathering as it will be our first in 2 years and we have over 70 clergy and spouses to remember. Families of the deceased are invited and encouraged to attend. Please pass the word. The Memorial Service will also include Holy Communion this year.

It seems like the newer conference retirees don't need or want the fellowship that Wesley Heirs has been providing for so many years. If you know and have contact with them, please encourage them to give us a try. As I guess you know, Annual Conference will be held on the Alabama State University Campus this year. We will be working to try to set up a Wesley Heirs meal for those of us who make it to Montgomery.

I hope you stay well and join us March 15!

Mark Stewart, Wesley Heirs President

### *Remembering Our Legacy*

What is your vision for retired pastors and spouses? To maintain our organization and to continue the legacy of the Wesley Heirs, we need your input, your thoughts, and your suggestions for ways to increase participation in the bi-annual Wesley Heirs retreats. Without the participation of members (current and new), Wesley Heirs may not be able to continue. Prayerfully consider this request and respond with your thoughts and ideas to either Mark (austew@aol.com), Monette (monette\_charles@yahoo.com), or Julia (wesleyheirs@gmail.com).

Monette Walker, Wesley Heirs Co-President

### *Rev. Jim Fillingim*



We are honored and blessed to have Rev. Jim Fillingim as our "Memorial Service" speaker. From Pensacola, Jim's family was in the grocery business for 60 years. He attended Troy State intending to become an accountant for their 3 stores, but God called him to the ministry. Jim transferred to Asbury College and Asbury Theological Seminary. Jim coached basketball, softball and soccer at the college for 2 years. He met Kay there, and they married after graduation. They moved to the AWFUMC where Jim was ordained in 1969. Jim has served a variety of churches in a variety of capacities. He is currently Pastor Emeritus at Daphne UMC. He continues to preach when/where he is needed. Jim and Kay have 3 children and 6 grandchildren. They enjoy traveling, camping, cooking, and canning, as Jim is working on becoming a Master Gardener.

## **Wesley Heirs Executive Board**

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## **Spring 2022 Retreat Schedule**

8:00	Shuttle pickup from Hotel
8:30	Breakfast
9:30	Registration
10:00	Gathering & Announcements
10:30	Cokesbury Hymn sing
Noon	Lunch/Dinner
1:00	Memorial Celebration Service & Holy Communion
2:15	Executive Committee Meeting Games & Fellowship
3:30	Westminster Village Tour
4:00	Sing Along w/Special Numbers
5:30	Supper
6:30	Games & Fellowship
???	Shuttle back to Hotel

## **Treasurer's Report**

Bank Balance at ending of Spring 2020 meeting	\$1,439.26
Deposits from Registration & Offering	<u>1,888.00</u>
TOTAL	\$3,327.26
Disbursements:	
Blue Lake assembly for fall registration	\$250.00
"Church Ladies" Honorarium (program)	150.00
Harland Clarke Check/Acc (new checks)	36.91
Blue Lake United Methodist (Fall Retreat)	<u>1,386.50</u>
TOTAL	\$1,503.85

## **Spring 2022 Retreat Information**

Wesley Heirs will be meeting again for fellowship and worship. This is a one day gathering, meeting for the first time at Westminster Acts Village in Spanish Fort, Alabama and ALL meals will be free of charge. We will have opportunities for fellowship and games, a Cokesbury Hymn Sing, a Sing Along (with featured soloists), a time to share in Holy Communion, and a time to celebrate all the lives of AWFUMC elders and spouses who have gone on before us these past 2 years. Family members are encouraged to share lunch with us and attend the "Memorial Service" but must let Rev. Tony Soper (revtony2@gmail.com) know ahead of time so he can let Westminster include them in meal planning. Arrangements have been made at the "Courtyard Marriott Mobile Daphne/Eastern Shore on Cypress Way in Spanish Fort", (251) 370-1161 for discounted rooms for March 14 & 15th under the name: Wesley Heirs/Julia Fitzpatrick. A shuttle bus will be provided to pick up and return guests from the hotel to Westminster Acts. There are also a few guest suites available at Westminster Acts. Contact Marguerite Soper (margueritesoper@gmail.com) for details. **IMPORTANT:** Westminster Acts requires ALL visitors to be fully vaccinated. Everyone attending **MUST** reply with their planned attendance no later than March 8, 2022 so meal arrangements may be made.

***"You have nothing to do but to save souls. Therefore, spend and be spent in this work. And go not only to those that need you, but to those that need you most. It is not your business to preach so many times, and to take care of this or that society; but to save as many souls as you can; to bring as many sinners as you possibly can to repentance."***

***– John Wesley***

## ***We Remember***

Rev. T. Michael Smith, SY	February 19, 2022	*Rev. Roy T. Sublette, RE	January 31, 2021
Alma Fae Coleman, (Cecil)	February 13, 2022	Annella Trobaugh Smith (Johnny)	January 22, 2021
Rev. Jesse P. Shackelford, RE	February 6, 2022	*Rev. James W. "Jim" Bell, HR	January 20, 2021
Rev. Geary Martin, HR/PL	February 5, 2022	*Rev. Dr. Jerry M. Dooling, RE	January 1, 2021
Rev. Randall D. Culp, RL	February 2, 2022	Rev. Freddie L. McCain, RL	December 19, 2020
Rev. Dr. Stephen F. Dill, RE	January 14, 2022	Louise Eudene "Dean" Albritton (Walter)	December 16, 2020
Mary Ellen Christenberry (D.K.)	January 9, 2022	*Rev. J. Walter Ellisor, RE	December 06, 2020
Rev. Robert P. "Bob" Fischer, RA	January 4, 2022	Rev. Ray E. Whatley, RE	December 03, 2020
Rev. Douglas C. Newton, RE	December 28, 2021	*Rev. Ben R. McKee, RL	November 04, 2020
Rev. Charles R. Pittman, RE	December 28, 2021	Jennifer B. Brown (Robert)	November 5, 2020
Rev. Howard Lavon Davis, RE	December 24, 2021	Betty H. Hall (Billy)	October 22, 2020
Lavada K. Renfroe (J.D. Renfoe)	November 24, 2021	June M. Enfinger (Floyd)	October 11, 2020
Joy W. Brown (John Lamar)	October 28, 2021	*Rev. Albert Roy Hunt, Jr., RE	September 28, 2020
Rev. C. Jonathan Couey, RE	October 24, 2021	Rev. Rual W. Morris, RE	September 28, 2020
Voncile L. Spivey (Wesley)	October 24, 2021	Nancy W. Wingard (Bob)	September 08, 2020
Patricia M. Cowley (Brian D.)	October 13, 2021	Margaret L. McDonald (Hugh)	September 02, 2020
Ruth M. Herndon (Carl)	September 28, 2021	Rev. G. Ronald Williams, SY	August 29, 2020
Betty K. Hendricks (Ralph)	August 27, 2021	Rev. Charles G. Sanders, PL	August 27, 2020
*Rev. Gary R. Perry, RE	August 19, 2021	*Rev. Dr. Ervin Dailey, RE	August 16, 2020
Rev. William "Bill" N. Hust, RA	August 11, 2021	Rev. Kenneth L. Jacobs, RA	August 15, 2020
Mr. Senta "Dee" Stevenson (Cheryl)	August 01, 2021	Elizabeth "Becky" Bell, (Jim)	August 04, 2020
Brenda C. King (John)	July 25, 2021	James E. Howard, RL	August 04, 2020
*Rev. Johnny W. Johnson, Jr.	July 03, 2021	Jane W. Patterson (Rick)	July 30, 2020
Alvalene J. "Ivey" Reynolds (Jack)	June 13, 2021	Virginia O. Satterwhite (Charles)	July 18, 2020
Jean S. Sublette (Roy)	June 12, 2021	*Charles W. Avery, RE	July 6, 2020
Betty Jean Grice (Bobby)	May 31, 2021	Joilyn "Joy" Tanton (Jerry)	July 5, 2020
Margaret R. Greenhill (Ernest)	May 30, 2021	Betsy R. Newton (Lawrence)	June 26, 2020
*Rev. George W. Gilbert, RE	May 20, 2021	Robert A. Calvert, Jr. RP	June 25, 2020
Mr. Jimmy Smith (Reмония)	May 19, 2021	John F. Sawyer, RL	June 18, 2020
*Rev. Robert W. "Bob" Brown, RL	May 15, 2021	*R. Daniel Nixon, RE	May 28, 2020
Sandy L. Calvert (Bob)	May 14, 2021	Marilyn Jordan (Coyt)	May 16, 2020
Mary Ann M. Pickard (William)	April 20, 2021	Ann D. Gamblin (Roy)	May 5, 2020
*Rev. Ronald T. Lee	April 11, 2021	J. Clark Wilburn (Anita)	May 2, 2020
Vann S. Smith (Marcus)	February 19, 2021	Rebecca Harper, PL	April 23, 2020
*Rev. Dr. Thomas L. Butts, RE	February 15, 2021	Rev. James L. Farrow, Jr., RE	March 28, 2020
James E. Barefoot (Rita)	February 14, 2021		

All of these lives will be remembered and celebrated at the Wesley Heirs "Memorial Celebration Service" on March 15, 2022 at 1:00 PM at "Westminster Acts Village" in Spanish Fort, AL. Family members are encouraged to share lunch with us and attend the service but must let Rev. Tony Soper know ahead of time so he can let Westminster include them in meal planning. ([revtony2@gmail.com](mailto:revtony2@gmail.com)) Our offering will help to provide camper scholarships for "Mobile Inner City Mission".

## ***The United Methodist Inner City Mission***

**The United Methodist Inner City Mission** serves the greater Oakdale-Maysville community through a Christ-centered, holistic ministry. There is a wide range of programs that are provided in a safe, loving, and secure environment for people of all ages, regardless of race, religion, or creed. The ministries include / recreation, enrichment and educational programs for youth and seniors, emergency services for families in crisis, safe evening shelter for homeless single women through McKemie Place, and community development for Oakdale-Maysville residents. The Mission administers programs that address the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the community: As our hands reach out, we see the face of God – in the faces of those we serve.

### **The Mission Is About:**

Hope and change by giving children, youth, and families the help they need to improve their lives. Celebrating the lives of senior citizens by providing daily activities, special trips, lunches, and transportation to medical appointments and shopping.