



# WESLEY HEIRS SPRING 2014

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### Wake Up With a Morning Face and Heart

At 81 every new morning is a marvelous blessing. Though I don't bounce out of bed I do rejoice to see the morning light. My old bones move rather slowly now but I can still walk on my own. On my doctor's advice I stand still on my feet for a few seconds before starting the walk to the bathroom. He says this allows my blood to start circulating and will help me to avoid falling. I do my best to match the pleasant disposition of my sweet wife. She greets every morning cheerfully. Dean is a convert of the writer Robert Louis Stevenson who admonished people to get up with a happy face, what he called "a morning face and a morning heart."

Stevenson is one of the people I wish I had known. He died too soon. Born in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1850, he died of a stroke in 1894. His 44 years were wonderfully productive. His books are treasured worldwide. You remember that he wrote *Treasure Island*, *Kidnapped* and *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* as well as excellent poetry. Stevenson struggled with various illnesses all his life. He was so sick during his early years that he was unable to attend school as a regular student until age 14. When 26 he married Fanny, a divorcee with two children, who also suffered from poor health. Despite her own health problems Fanny devotedly nursed Robert until his death.

Robert and Fanny lived in several countries, including France and America, but fell in love with the climate in the Pacific. So in 1890 they settled in Samoa where he continued writing and became known and loved by the Samoans. They called him "Tusitala," a writer of tales. The brief four years in Samoa were the happiest years of their lives. A victim of tuberculosis, Robert refused to surrender to despair and self-pity. He rose above his pain and maintained a positive attitude. One of his stepdaughters, Isobel Field, described Stevenson's victorious spirit in a book of her own, *This Life I've Loved*. Isobel wrote, "One day Stevenson read us a prayer he had just written. In it were words none of us will ever forget: 'When the day returns, call us up with morning faces and morning hearts, eager to labor, happy if happiness be our portion, and if the day be marked for sorrow, strong to endure.' Isobel continued: "We awakened on the morrow with happy morning faces, but that day was marked for sorrow. That day, at the height of his fame, in the best of health he had ever enjoyed, Louis went out of this life suddenly, quietly, painlessly."

When I am tempted to be grouchy in the morning, it helps to remember Stevenson's indomitable courage and his resolve to wear a cheerful morning face. The world needs more people with morning faces and morning hearts. I think I shall try to be such a person until the Lord calls me home.

By Walter Albritton

Excerpts from Altar Call, Opelika-Auburn News

WESLEY HEIRS PRESENTS  
 “CELEBRATE LIFE, LOVE, AND LAUGHTER”  
**MARCH 11—12, 2014**  
**Blue Lake**

Registration is at 10:00, then unpack, and session one at 11:30. **ARRIVE EARLY! REGISTRATIONS SHOULD BE IN BY FEB 25th**

**MEMORIAL SERVICE and PLANS** – Ann Johnson’s team will bring snacks for the snack table. There is always food for even dieters and those with diabetes. If interested in bringing your favorite goodies, contact Ann at (334) 446-3086 or email at [bruceann103@comcast.net](mailto:bruceann103@comcast.net). These snacks help keep those at the game tables full of energy. There is always punch and coffee available.

2:00 Executive Committee meets upstairs Conference Room. Choir practice time to be announced by Albert Hunt for Tuesday. Door prizes to be given out by Myrt, but please remember to help her out by bringing at least one prize, wrapped or bagged for the drawings. Please, nothing over \$10.00.

Dan Morris, D. S. of the Dothan District, will bring the Memorial Service message. He will present the Tuesday night program, after a little hardy singing by the group, on current happenings predicted for Annual Conference so retirees can be prepared for voting.

Prior to breakfast on the 12th, Holy Communion will be observed with The Rev. Jon Couey leading the service.

Tuesday afternoon will be open for games, refreshments, the Executive Committee meeting, and **CHOIR PRACTICE**. Singers Wanted! Women Singers Needed! No try outs required, only a joy in singing.

**SOME ARE COMING ON MONDAY AFTERNOON!**  
 About 20 Wesley Heirs came early on Monday afternoon at the Fall meeting and as planned via email correspondences, either meet at the Gator Café in Baker, FL or go together from Blue Lake after checking in. We try to get to Baker around 5:00. This is great fun and fellowship. If you have another place you wish to eat, that will be alright, too. The Gator Café does have good seafood. Register with the Maddox's, but pay Blue Lake, direct per room rate for single (\$27.50) or double (13.75/person) for one night. You will be responsible for meals as none are served by Blue Lake until noon Tuesday.

**REGISTRATION FORM**

**Registration Deadline: FEB. 25TH**

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_  
 State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

**RATES:** Double Occupancy=\$54.00/person or \$108.00/couple  
Single Occupancy = \$66.00/person  
Campers = \$33.00 for meals/person plus \$8.00/person registration Fee or total \$41.00/person. In addition campsite charges paid directly to Blue Lake. Meals not eaten, deducted.  
One-Day Stay, (No Overnight) \$4.00 Registration Fee with meals in addition, based on number of meals eaten.

- Registrar to assign same gender roommates if requested with double occupancy rate.
- Assign Same Gender Roommate
  - Single Occupancy Requested
  - Double Occupancy Requested, Rooming With Spouse
  - Camper Registration
  - Check if downstairs room required.*
  - Check if Wheelchair Required*
  - Check if special diet is required*
- DIABETIC YES [  ] NO [  ]
- Reserve Room  
 (Pay Blue Lake Directly for Charges, Not WH)

Please Make Checks Payable to: **WESLEY HEIRS** and send registration with payment to:  
**JOYCE & GERALD MADDOX**  
**Wesley Heirs**  
 919 County Road 115  
 Abbeville, AL 36310-6135  
 (334) 585-5071

Monday night stay  
 Reservations/Monday Night. Call directly the Maddox’s by Friday Morning, March 7 to assure a room is made available.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** by William E. Calhoun, Treasurer

Fall meeting Offering was \$936.50, which went to Wesley Heirs Operating Fund. Our balance is now sufficient to take care of all expenses and absorb any Blue Lake price increases without raising registration fees. This enables us to continue contributing \$100.00 to the Wesley Heirs Trust Fund twice a year. The Spring meeting offering will be divided equally between the Sunshine Camp and Camp Discovery.

**The Wesley Heirs Trust Fund** is administered by the United Methodist Foundation. After administration fees 70% of the interest from the Trust is given to The Blue Lake Chapel Fund and 30% is added back to the Trust. Any individual wishing to make a contribution to this Fund may do so by making a check to Wesley Heirs and designating it for the Trust Fund. Mail the checks to: Bill Calhoun; 3 Echo Lane; Fairhope, AL 36532; or bring it to a Wesley Heirs meeting. The market value of the Fund is presently \$20,000.00.

**REGISTRA'S REPORT, FALL MEETING BY JEAN & ROY SUBLETTE**

Total number registered was 48, with 6 cancellations and 3 guests. Total in attendance was 45. Thanks for being our Registrars and working so diligently at this job.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT**

New officers for 2014—2015 were elected and the results are provided on the back of this Newsletter. You will note we elected two sets of Vice-Presidents to assist the Presidents due to Betty's medical problems. We wish her a speedy recovery from the hip fracture.

**PROCESS OF CLERGY/SPOUSE DEATH NOTIFICATION**

Death of a loved one is never an easy time, whether clergy or spouse. So many details must be addressed, especially the notification of the Conference Pension & Benefits Office, by the Executors, directly or through the District Office. The Conference Office has created a "Procedure for Reporting a Death, Clergy or Spouse". Call the Office at 1-888-873-3127 for a copy. Consider placing it with your wills. An insurance benefit is due survivors.

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**REMEMBER WESLEY HEIRS UNABLE TO ATTEND**

There are 400 retired ministers or spouses scattered over the Conference and in other states and Conferences. Yet, at best we see around 100 of them either at the Annual Conference Luncheons or at our bi-annual meetings at Blue lake. Please stay in touch with those of our brethren and sisters who are physically unable to attend or who live out of stay with or near children. Many do not have or use computers, thus unable to benefit from this modern median known as "The Information Highway". For this reason, the Executive Board voted to continue mailing the Newsletter to all for whom the Conference Office has mailing addresses.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The Commission on Archives & History provides the family of each deceased clergy member in the Conference with a bronze plaque as a marker for the graves of the clergy person. This has not always been their policy, but these plaques are available for purchase through Cokesbury for \$114.00 plus shipping cost. They are 5 inches in circumference with a circuit rider shown in the center and weigh 2 pounds. The gift plaques are not retroactive, if death date prior to the start of this policy, the surviving spouse or family is responsible for purchase. Item number: 299494—Grave Marker.

**LUNCHEON AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE IS PLANNED AT FRAZER. STAY TUNED!**

**REMEMBERING OTHERS**

If you know of someone unable to attend the meeting due to illness or infirmity, please bring stamped appropriate cards so we each may sign to let them know our love and thoughts are with them. Ann Calhoun to gather the cards after the signing is complete. You may leave the cards on tables in the Fellowship room (TV room) during the meeting to assure everyone gets to sign. It is helpful to bring a pen and leave it on the card. Let someone know if you require a ride to the Spring Retreat! Contact information on next page.

**FAMILIES ATTENDING MEMORIAL SERVICE**

If coming for one day or for the service, only, breakfast cost is \$6.50 per person and lunch cost is \$8.00 per person. Please make reservations on the Registration Form and send to the Sublette's.

**PRAYERS & CONCERNS**

Rev. Bert Weis is in the Atmore Hospital, room 220. He has pneumonia and COPD

Leonard and Carlyn Howell's son, Andy, is moving back to Prattville to help out due to their health problems. He is returning from the mission field in Africa and France. They had 2 grandsons who were married in Oct. of 2012 and Leonard filled in for 2 months (Nov. and Dec.) at Booth UMC for Tom Rimmer during his hip replacement surgery. Their youngest son, Jonathan, is a total invalid now.

Roy Gamblin reported having been ill for 3 months. He was hospitalized due to dehydration, after which he spend 2 weeks in rehab. 2 months under home health care and is currently experiencing problems with his balance. Otherwise, he reported doing fine.

Laura Ford was moved from Independent Living to Assisted Living at Westminster Village in Nov. Her sight is now greatly diminished, but otherwise she is happy and healthy. Her new contact information is 500 Spanish Fort Blvd. HCC, Spanish Fort, AL 36527 and phone number is 251-626-85311

Sue Jones is having health problems, but keeps a positive outlook. She reported experiencing small strokes, but is able to live alone in her Condo in Vestavia, AL with a sitter who drives her places. Her contact information is 2104 A Montreat Lane, Vestavia, AL 35216 and phone is 205-978-3659.

Condolences to Charles Walker whose sister passed away in Dec. in Dothan.

James Farrow reported that Kathleen's condition is steadily getting worse, but he maintains a positive outlook.



## **EXECUTIVE BOARD**

### *2014 Servant Leadership Roster*

Presidents: Betty and Ed Sells 251-344-2946

Vice Pres: Dean and Walter Albritton  
334-567-3290

Vice Pres.: Bobbie and Jim Dannelly

Secretary: Doug and Nelda Williams 251-626-7496

Treasurer: Bill and Ann Calhoun 251-990-2662

Registrars: Joyce and Gerald Maddox  
334-585-5071

Sunshine Camp: Betty Blackwell

Newsletter Editor: Myrtice Carr 205-991-7858

Music Director: Albert Hunt 334-514-9805

Accompanist: Judy Hust 251-943-8354

Past Presidents: Monette and Charles Walker  
850-939-7417

Call one of the Executive Board Members nearest to you if you require help in obtaining transportation to Wesley Heirs meetings.

## ***TO BE REMEMBERED***

*Andy Paul Watford*

*Willie Voncile Alburl (Alonza J.)*

*Bobby Holladay*

*Martha (Bobbie) Maxey (Torrence)*

*Joe Bates*

*Michael Calumbo*

*Jay Andrews*

*Carrie Reece*

*Dora Montgomery (Don E.)*

*Sara M. Anthony (Homer L.)*

*Bertha Hyland Bell (James H. Hyland)*

*Sarah B. Guy (Otis T.)*

*James (Jim) Allison*

*These are Wesley Heirs who have passed away since our last meeting and the list will be updated through February for the Memorial Service.*

We invite family and friends to participate by attending the meetings and lighting a candle when your friend or loved one's name is called. If planning to attend, please complete the enclosed Registration Form and send to Joyce and Gerald Maddox at the address shown on the form. Please designate number of meals you will require or if you plan to spend the night.

