

THE VINE

Mission: Go and make disciples of Jesus

Vision: Provide hope, life, and new beginnings to change lives and transform the world

Purpose: Teach people about Jesus so they can go be Jesus

Journey: Know, love, and serve Jesus

EVENTS

October 2nd, 2026

SUNDAY

8:30-9:15AM **THE 8:30 GROUP:** LIBRARY
9:30-10:30AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL ASBURY CLASS:** LIBRARY
9:15-10:30AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL CRUSADERS CLASS:** FH104
 TO SIGN UP FOR ZOOM, EMAIL NSHARVEY51@GMAIL.COM
9:30-10:30AM **GARY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:** E105 & E106
9:30-11:30AM **NURSERY:** E103 *(BIRTH-PRESCHOOL)*
9:30-10:30AM **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:** E104 *(KINDERGARTEN- 5TH)*
9:30-10:30AM **YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:** E110
10:30AM **WORSHIP:** IN PERSON & LIVESTREAM SERVICE
10:30AM **CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** E104 *(KINDERGARTEN- 5TH GRADE)*
11:30AM **TOWN HALL MEETING:** SANCTUARY
3:00-4:00PM **WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP:** LIBRARY
4:00PM **YOUTH GROUP:** SURPRISE MISSION EVENT

MONDAY

6:30PM **BIBLE STUDY:** FELLOWSHIP HALL

WEDNESDAY

12:00PM **SMALL GROUP WITH WARREN:** LIBRARY
6:30PM **YOGA WITH NANCY**

THURSDAY

10:00AM **PAINT BANK TRIP**
5:30PM **CHOIR PRACTICE**

SATURDAY

10:00AM **YOGA WITH NANCY**

Charge Conference - October 13 6:30 at Raleigh Court UMC; All are welcome!

Hope. Life. *New* Beginnings.

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A WORD

from our pastor

Written by: Pastor Warren Carswell

October 2nd, 2026

John Wesley believed prayer was one of the “**means of grace**”—practices through which God forms us in grace. So the Lord’s Prayer isn’t merely a collection of requests.

As we pray it, **God changes us.**

Every time we pray the Lord’s Prayer, we are asking God to make us into the kind of people who live the prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer takes us on a journey:

Our Father → relationship

Hallowed be Thy name → worship

Thy kingdom come → mission

Give us this day → trust

Forgive us → grace

As we forgive → mercy

Lead us → dependence

Deliver us → community

And that’s essentially Wesleyan discipleship:

Know God. Love God. Become like Jesus. Serve others.

So, before you speed through the familiar words of the Lord’s Prayer, connect these thoughts:

- When you say *Our Father*, remember you’re not alone.
- When you say *Hallowed be Thy name*, surrender your need to be important.
- When you say *Thy kingdom come*, ask God where He wants to use you.
- When you say *Give us this day our daily bread*, let go of tomorrow.
- When you say *Forgive us*, receive grace.
- When you say *As we forgive*, release someone who has hurt you.
- When you say *Lead us not into temptation*, admit that you need help.
- And when you say *Deliver us from evil*, remember that you don’t fight the battle alone.

Don’t just **say** the Lord’s Prayer. **Pray it.**

And then...
live it.





WEEKLY EVENTS



Small Groups



Ladies, join us for a small group on Sundays, from 3–4 p.m. in the Library. **Dessert & Devotion**, led by **Margo Deck**, is a safe and supportive space for women to enjoy fellowship, tasty desserts, and uplifting Biblical devotions. No need for first timers to worry about bringing a dessert either; established group members take turns! Just come and be part of the fun! For more info, contact **Margo Deck** at 540-309-6309.



Weekly Sermon:

Faith That Endures

Join us for youth group!

This week's event is a surprise!
See you at 4pm.





ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Attention: **The Car Show** that was originally planned for this Saturday **has been moved to October 31st** due to issues with the weather. It will be the same time as originally planned, and the same activities will be happening. Thanks for your understanding, and we hope to see you there.





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Town Hall Meeting – Sunday, October 4th 11:30 AM – Sanctuary

Please make plans to attend! We'll be sharing exciting updates and important news that you won't want to miss. This will be a short meeting filled with valuable information, so we hope you'll join us. We look forward to seeing you there!



Candy collection is through 10/25 and can be taken to the Missions Room. Volunteers for trunks are needed too and can be signed up for on the sign-up sheet in the welcome center.



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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8TH TRIP.

We will be going to the Swinging Bridge Restaurant in Paint Bank, Craig County leaving the church at 10AM.

Along the way, we will stop at the VA Dept of Wildlife Trout Hatchery

Lunch will be at the Swinging Bridge Restaurant, at noon.

There are a General Store and Gift Shop, along with the Tingle Mill to explore/shop at the Swinging Bridge Restaurant.

After lunch we will drive a short distance to view American Bison/Buffalos.

Intend to be back at the church by 3PM.

Those interested in going should email the church office at office@genesistroa.org to RSVP.



MIRACLE SUNDAY — OCTOBER 11

Be part of a miracle that will impact generations.

On Sunday, October 11, United Methodists around the world will join together for Miracle Sunday, a special offering dedicated to permanently endowing theological education for pastors serving outside the United States.

Today, fewer than 5% of pastors outside the U.S. have earned a master's degree in theology, compared to more than 71% of pastors in the United States. Through Miracle Sunday, we have the opportunity to help change that.

Our shared vision is to endow 500 scholarships in perpetuity, preparing faithful, well-equipped clergy to serve in some of the world's most challenging mission fields. Each year, these scholarships will help approximately 500 students receive the theological education they need to lead Christ's church with wisdom, compassion, and hope.

This is an ambitious goal—one that calls for prayer, generosity, and faith. As United Methodists, we believe God can multiply our gifts far beyond what we can accomplish alone.

If you would like to participate, simply write "Miracle Sunday" on your offering envelope or in the memo line of your check.

Together, we can invest in tomorrow's church by equipping today's leaders. Thank you for your prayers, your generosity, and your commitment to this worldwide United Methodist ministry.

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Genesis Teacup Raffle

Save the date! The United Women in Faith's annual Teacup Raffle & Lunch will take place in the Fellowship Hall after worship on Sunday, October 18. Proceeds help UWIF with missions projects in the community. Invite a friend!



UP COMING GREENWAY TRIP

Picture this...a nice walk on the greenway accompanied by friends while enjoying the beauty of fall, followed by lunch at The Green Goat. Interested? Let's meet at 10 am on Saturday, October 24, in The Green Goat parking lot (802 Wiley Drive). All are welcome! Contact Amy Shank for further details.



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UPCOMING EVENTS



Mid-Week Prayer

Feeling stressed, anxious, or overwhelmed?

Need a few minutes to pause, breathe, and pray?

Join us for Mid-Week Prayer each Wednesday from 6:00–6:20 PM in the Genesis Church Library. Warren will lead us in a brief time of prayer, meditation, and reflection—just 20 minutes to step away from the busyness of life and reconnect with God.

Wednesdays • 6:00–6:20 PM

Genesis Church Library

Begins Wednesday, October 7

Come as you are. Pause. Pray. Breathe.

Take 20 minutes in the middle of your week to be still and make room for God.



Resilient: Restoring Your Weary Soul in These Turbulent Times

Tired, weary, and feeling like the world is in constant chaos?

Resilient: Restoring Your Weary Soul in These Turbulent Times may be just the class for you.

Warren will lead this **four-week book study** based on *Resilient* by **New York Times bestselling author John Eldredge**. The book offers practical spiritual guidance for navigating difficult and turbulent times while strengthening our faith and restoring our souls.

As Eldredge writes, “*Resilient is your guide for emerging from global trauma with your faith and your soul stronger.*”

📖 Book: *Resilient* by John Eldredge

💰 Book cost: \$15 (Book is helpful but not required.)

📅 Begins Wednesday, October 7

🕒 6:30–7:30 PM

📍 Youth Room



Come take a break from the noise and busyness of life and spend four weeks **restoring your soul, strengthening your faith, and discovering how God meets us in turbulent times.**

For more information:

Contact **Warren Carswell** at warrencarswell@vaumc.org or call the church office at **540-362-1767**.



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The Next Step

Interested in learning more about Genesis?

Want to know more about **baptism** or **joining the church**? Maybe you've been a church member for years but **would like a Methodist 101 refresher**?

The Next Step is for you!

This **three-week course** explores the basics of the Christian faith, who we are as **United Methodists**, and what it means to be part of **Genesis Church**. It's a great opportunity to get connected, ask questions, grow in your faith, and discover **your next step in your walk with God**.



Begins Monday, October 12



6:30-7:30 PM



Gary's Sunday School Classroom

For more information:

Contact **Warren Carswell** at warrencarswell@vaumc.org or call the church office at **540-362-1767**.





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Thank You

SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

TO MY GENESIS CHURCH FAMILY,

THANKS FOR ALL OF THE KIND
BIRTHDAY WISHES AND BIRTHDAY CARDS
ON THE OCCASION OF MY 80TH BIRTHDAY.
YOUR KINDNESS AND THOUGHTFULNESS
ARE TRULY A SPECIAL BLESSING.

SINCERELY,
RODNEY OWEN



VOLUNTEERS, STAFF, & LEADERSHIP BOARD



GREETERS

Welcome Center:	Vicki Akers
Porch/Door:	Mike Akers
Sidewalk:	Wanda Martin
Exit Greeter:	Wanda Martin

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Children's:	Karen Davis
Nursery:	Susan Ballantine

LEADERSHIP BOARD

Tommie Crozier | Karen Davis | Robin Edwards | Gloria Gibson | Georganna Hite | Allison Stallings |
Pat Walters | Alan Wolfe | Savannah Wood

CHURCH STAFF



Co Pastors: Warren Carswell & Jeff Wilson

Office Manager:	Aeron Langheim
Choir Director:	Bob Zimmerman
Accompanist:	Rhonda Casey
Nursery Director:	Dakota Campbell
Children's Director:	Megan Walkup
Custodians:	DJ & Renee Johnson

STAFF EMAIL ADDRESSES

Rhonda/Bob (going to Bob)
Children's Director
Youth Director
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Prayer List

Prayer requests left on the list more than 4 weeks without an update will be removed.

Congregation

- Allen Nichols - ongoing health concerns
- David Franciso
- Homebound members
- Barry Lavinder - Healing

Congregation Family

- Family of Lola Martin - In her Passing
- Family of Les Blankenship - In his Passing
- Denise Martin - Health concerns
 - Sister of Vera Hill

Friends

- Skyler Dickerson - Health Concerns
 - Friend of Bob Zimmerman
- Della Holden - Health Concerns
 - Friend of Joan Jones
- Eddie Cox - Health Concerns
 - Friend of Karen Lavinder
- Patty Farriss - Health Concerns
 - Friend of Kim Newcomer
- Dennis Miller - In his passing
 - Friend of Barry and Karen Lavinder
- Family of Rev. Jack A. Minnick - in his passing

Rehab

- Dottie Weaver - Friendship North
- Karen Harris - Berkshire Vinton
- David Myers - Oakwood in Bedford
- Peggy Shaver - Daleville Health & Rehab

In the Military

- Josh Sullivan
- Wyatt Williams
- Garrett & Caroline Brown
- Rachel Harris
- Will Harris
- Joshua Levendosky
- Erik Flury
- Dustin Fines Jr
- Caleb Cash

In the Community

- Caregivers
- Our Country
- All people in war conditions or in need
- Families of special needs children

Nursing Home & Assisted Living

- Margorie Buchanan - Pheasant Ridge
- Ike Carper - Friendship Salem Terrace
- Alda Bower - Hermitage
- Al Saladiner - Friendship South
- Sandra Collins - Friendship North
- Bob and Arlene Cheeseman - Friendship North
- Jessie Gilliam - Friendship North
- Ed and Ruthie Conner-Friendship North