

The Window



ST. PAUL
United Methodist Church

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"Send out Thy truth and Thy light; let them lead us." --Psalm 43:4a

June 1, 2018

Congratulations High School Graduates of 2018



Austin Sterling Bridwell
Hawley High School

Austin Sterling Bridwell is the son of Gray & Teresa Bridwell. Grandparents are Ann Bridwell & the late Ralph Bridwell and Verbon & Betty Wilson.

Austin's school activities and honors include FFA, football, track, National Honor Society, and Future Farmers of America.

His church and community service includes balcony usher, operating slides during worship when needed.

His hobbies include having a successful hay production and sales operation. He enjoys working with his two horses, Tex and Pilgrim.

Austin plans to attend McMurry University to pursue his interest in Mechanical Engineering.



Theron (TJ) Robert Holladay, Jr.
Cooper High School

Theron (TJ) Robert Holladay, Jr. is the son of Theron & Robynn Holladay. Grandparents are Pat Holladay & the late Victor Holladay, Jr. and Joe Dudley & the late Arlene Yvonne Dudley.

TJ's school activities and honors include being ranked in the Top 25, Speech and Debate Team (4 years), Life Scout Rank with Boy Scout Troop 206, Boy Scout National Jamboree 2015, Patriots Academy 2017, Paid Internship with Directors Investment Group 2016.

His church and community service includes attending Aldersgate 2001-1010 and St. Paul UMC 2014-2018 and many scout projects.

His hobbies include metal and wood working, virtual reality and travel.

TJ plans to attend Sewanee: The University of the South in Tennessee after receiving a scholarship to double major in Economics and Mathematics to have a career in Business.



Katherine Elizabeth Miller
Home Schooled

Katherine Elizabeth Miller is the daughter of John & Bonnie Miller. Grandparents are Martha Faulkenberry and Kathy Clark.

Kate's school activities and honors include GPA 4.0, 60 dual enrollment units at McMurry University with GPA 3.95, Deans Honor Roll, Cooper High School Debate (4 years) with GPA 4.0, SAT Superscore, Scripps National Spelling Bee Finalist (Tied for 8th place), Star Student Award - Gold Division and many others.

Her church and community service includes Chancel Choir member, Girl Scout Troop 7162, Dance Instructor, and has been a Guest speaker at many events.

Kate will attend Hamilton College in Clinton, New York, where she will major in Psychology.



Rebecca Grace Ritchie
Home Schooled

Rebecca Grace Ritchie is the daughter of Matt & Sheila Ritchie. Grandparents are Annita Ritchie and the late Eris Ritchie and the late Bob and Beth Prickett.

Rebecca's school activities and honors include: homeschooled, so most activities fall in other areas.

Her church and community services include active in St. Paul Youth, Volunteer for Meals on Wheels, Assistant for Butman Mother Daughter Retreat and 30 Hour Famine.

Her hobbies include Classical Chorus – Chorale, Turning Pointe Academy of Performing Arts, APAC, Archery, Paramount Youth Musical – Hairspray, Teacher for Ballet and Tap at Turning Pointe Academy of Performing Arts.

Becca plans on attending Abilene Christian University to major in Digital Entertainment Technology with a focus on animation in hopes to be an animator in a major film studio or start her own animation studio.

Becca has been so blessed by her time at St. Paul. She has made so many amazing friends and grown in her faith and love for God. St. Paul will always hold a special place in her heart.



Claire Juliet Stokes
Abilene High School

Claire Juliet Stokes is the daughter of Greg & Ruth Stokes. Grandparents are Rose Stokes.

Claire's school activities and honors include Athletic Training, AP Photography, Writing Center Tutor, Abilene High PTA, Project Graduation Board Member.

Her church and community services include Children's Ministry volunteer 2012-2014, Children's Ministry employee 2015-Present, serving in Sonshine Chapel and the nursery.

Her hobbies include reading, poetry, photography, cooking and baking, event planning and traveling.

Claire plans to attend Texas Tech University in the Fall to pursue a degree in Human Development and Family Studies to achieve a career in Family and Marriage Therapy.



Molly Jean Turnbull
Abilene High School

Molly Jean Turnbull is the daughter of Andrew & Kim Turnbull. Grandparents are Jean Schumacher & the late Duane Schumacher and the late Dr. Marshall & Annadell Turnbull.

Molly's school activities and honors include Band, Choir, Pure Gold, National Honor Society, Phi Theta Kappa, PALS, Abilene Reporter News Star Student Award-Silver.

Her church and community services include Youth Mission Trips, St. Paul Coffee Shop, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Abilene High Special Education, Aggie French Fry Booth at West Texas Fair and Rodeo, and Girl Scout Silver Award.

Her hobbies include dancing at Turning Pointe Dance Academy for 13 years and have taught hip hop and a ballet/tap combo in the 2017-18 year.

Molly plans on attending Texas A & M University in College Station to study Kinesiology to become a Pediatric Occupational Therapist.

She has enjoyed working at the church running the slides in the Sanctuary almost every Sunday since 2014.



Elizabeth Anne Wilson
Home Schooled

Elizabeth is the daughter of Becki Wilson.

Elizabeth's school activities and honors include Dancer and Assistant at Turning Pointe Dance Studio, ZooTeen for 3 years (Head teen for 3 years) at Abilene Zoo, Global Leadership, Phi Theta Kappa Member.

Her church and community services include Sunday School, Wednesday nights, SPY Nights, Small Groups, Nursery, and Mission Trips: West Texas 2013, Calyx 2014, Costa Rica 2015 and Houston 2016.

Her hobbies include animals and conservation, which is why I participate in ZooTeens, ballet, journaling, embroidery, Old Navy Employee 2017 and Employee of the month for April 2018, reading and running.

Elizabeth plans on continuing her general Associates Degree at Cisco College, then transfer to a University to major as a Wildlife Biologist for conservation efforts.



Katherine Leigh Wilson
Home Schooled

Katherine is the daughter of Becki Wilson.

Katherine's school activities and honors include ZooTeen for 6 years (lead teen for 3 years) at Abilene Zoo, Dance Assistant for Turning Pointe Dance Studio for 4 years, Global Leadership, Phi Theta Kappa Member.

Her church and community services include Sunday School, participating on Wednesday and Sunday nights at Youth, Nursery, annual Mystery and Spring Break Trips, Mission Trips: West Texas 2013, Calyx 2014, Costa Rica 2015 and Houston 2016.

Her hobbies include working at Hickory Street Cafe, learning about animals and conservation efforts towards endangered animals, dancing for 8 years, running and reading.

Katherine plans on continuing her general Associates Degree at Cisco College, then transfer to a University to major in Zoology.

Volunteer at Reading Camp

I grew up reading. We didn't have much, but my Mom always made sure that we had books to read. Instead of going home and getting on my laptop, cell phone or IPAD, I opened up a book and allowed my mind to take me on a journey very far away from Buffalo, NY. I read for fun to make myself laugh. I read for inspiration to learn about people like Martin Luther King Jr., President John Kennedy, Shirley Chisolm, Florence Griffith Joyner "Flo Jo"- my track idol, Muhammad Ali and yes, the best footballer of that time, OJ Simpson. I read to learn more about life, the world and etiquette. I read comic books galore because it was too expensive to go to the movies. I firmly believe my habit of reading has ultimately lead to any success I have achieved.

We are told that if a child cannot read on grade level by 4th grade, they only have a 13% chance of graduating from high school. Over the last three years, we have offered a summer reading camp to kids from Lee and now Johnston Elementary, grades 3-6. The camp is June 18-22 from 9:00 am-noon daily.

The success of this camp depends on all of us. We need volunteers in the kitchen to help with snacks and a light lunch. We need huggers, hall monitors or aides in one of the three rooms - Reading, Phonics and Sight Word Rooms. Please call the office if you can help (even for one day). We will be having a meeting Tuesday, June 5 at 5:30 p.m. to get everyone ready for this great opportunity.

Be Blessed, *Felicia*



Way Forward

On July, 2018 the Council of Bishops will publish their final recommendation for the Way Forward. This recommendation will go to the Special Called General Conference in February, 2019. All three plans will be available for discussion with the ONE CHURCH PLAN being the strongly recommended Way Forward.

On **Sunday, July 15, 2018** immediately following the 11:00 a.m service, we will have an **open Town Hall Meeting** to discuss the recommendations of the Council of Bishops and how it will affect us as a local church.

Below you find the letter we received from our Bishop Earl Bledsoe discussing the recommendation from the committee on the Way Forward. I would ask that you write down any questions you may have and plan to come to the Town Hall meeting in July.

--*Felicia*

EPISCOPAL LETTER FROM BISHOP BLEDSOE

May 8, 2018

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

By now most have heard that at our last Council of Bishops meeting in Chicago we received the final report from the Commission on the Way Forward. I want to express my appreciation and thanks for all of you who prayed not only for the Council, but also for the work of the Commission – “Praying Our Way Forward.” I can truly say we would not have been able to complete our work without the prayers of individuals and the churches. It is important to also realize that the work of the Council was guided by a mission, vision, and scope that included the following: To design a way for being the church that maximizes the presence of the United Methodist witness in as many different places as possible; allows for contextual differentiation and creates as much unity as possible.

After receiving the report of the Commission, we as the Council of Bishops agreed to submit all three plans [Traditional, One Church and Connectional Conference] to the delegates of the special called session of the General Conference to be held in February 2019. There was strong support in the Council for the One Church plan and this plan will carry the recommendation of the Council of Bishops. I know there will be many questions surrounding this action. Why forward all three plans if the Council is recommending one? To maintain transparency, we wanted to honor the values contained in all three models and to acknowledge that within the Council of Bishops, there is support for each of the three plans. The Council of Bishops believes the One Church plan is the best way forward for the United Methodist Church. We believe this plan allows for contextualization of language about human sexuality in support of our mission.

I will be meeting with the conference delegates to the special called session of the General Conference to talk about next steps and providing information for The Annual Conference. I will also be working with each District Superintendent to plan additional listening conferences and opportunities for me to visit each of the districts to hear your concerns and hopes regarding this recommendation prior to the Special Called Session. My prayer is that we remain focused on our mission while continuing to pray for the leadership of the church as we continue to discern God’s will and plan for the church. I look forward to seeing you at Annual Conference.

W. Earl Bledsoe
Bishop

Activities at a Glance...

Sunday, June 3

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
1:30 pm Wesley Court Communion
4:00 pm High School Pool Party

Monday, June 4

6:00 pm Mission Trip Meeting
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 3

Tuesday, June 5

8:30 am Staff @Food Pantry
9:30 am Staff Meeting
4:00 pm St. Paul @Food Pantry
5:30 pm Reading Camp Meeting

Wednesday, June 6

10:00 am Prayer Team
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 7

NWTX ANNUAL CONFERENCE
in Amarillo

Friday, June 8

NWTX ANNUAL CONFERENCE
in Amarillo

Saturday, June 9

NWTX ANNUAL CONFERENCE
in Amarillo

Sunday, June 10

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
Mission Trip to Houston begins

Monday, June 11

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 3

Tuesday, June 12

9:30 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, June 13

United Methodist Men
will not meet in June, July & August

10:00 am Prayer Team
5:15 pm Finance Committee
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 14

6:00 pm UMW Summer Supper

Sunday, June 17

Happy Father's Day

8:30 am Worship Service
9:30 am Reception for Dr. John Miller
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service

Monday, June 18

9:00 am Elementary Reading Camp
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 3

Tuesday, June 19

9:00 am Elementary Reading Camp
9:00 am Caring Hearts Visitation
9:30 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, June 20

9:00 am Elementary Reading Camp
10:00 am Prayer Team
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 21

9:00 am Elementary Reading Camp
5:00 pm Board of Trustees
5:30 pm Woman's Worship Meeting

Friday, June 22

9:00 am Elementary Reading Camp

Saturday, June 23

8:00 am St. Paul Work Day
@1718 Barrow

Sunday, June 24

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service

Monday, June 25

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 3

Tuesday, June 26

9:30 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, June 27

10:00 am Prayer Team
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 28

2:00 pm "In the Loop" Group
6:00 pm Women's Worship Service

Sunday, July 1

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
1:30 pm Wesley Court Communion

Monday, July 2

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 3

Tuesday, July 3

5:00 pm Patriotic Celebration
6:30 pm Downtown Parade

Volunteer at the Methodist Food Pantry

*Help fill sacks of groceries
for those in need.*

1st Tuesday of each month
4:00-6:00 pm & 6:00-8:00 pm

2626 North First Street



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SUMMER SUPPER

THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2018

6:00 P.M. @THE COTTON PATCH
3302 SOUTH CLACK

RSVP to Jamie Cauchon at:
iluv544s@sbcglobal.net

Bass Scholarship Awarded



Claire Stokes



Elizabeth Wilson



Katherine Wilson

*Congratulations to
Claire Stokes, Elizabeth Wilson
& Katherine Wilson*

*for receiving this year's
Bass Scholarship on Sunday, May 20.*

*The Henry K. Bass Scholarship Fund
was established in 2004 by
Henry & Charles Bass in recognition
of their father, Henry K. Bass.*

Birthdays!

June 2

Glenda Alexander
Ray Cockerell
Jenni English

June 4

Lisa Barela

June 5

Helen Cartee
Lexi Ritchie
Lynae Alyan Tutt

June 6

Landon Miers

June 7

Rosemary Burks

June 8

Ginger Bailey
Em Young

June 9

Amanda Mollet

June 10

Glenna Engle
Ann Rode

June 11

J.R. Farquhar
Holly Samuels

June 12

Molly Turnbull

June 13

John Arajuo

June 14

Ben Farwell
June Wideman

June 15

Cleta Dix

June 16

Samuel Hopkins

June 17

Carol Corley
Ivan Santana-Lopez

June 18

Cathlynn Brothers
Cheryl Holmes
S.M. Moore
Bryson Nichols

June 19

Jacob Barela
Krista Young Mosher

June 21

Rick Armstrong

June 22

Jim Alvis
Katheryn Estes

June 23

Jill Geeslin
Emily Shoeaker

June 25

Skipper Hamaty
Beth Larned
Jill May
Jessica Wood

June 26

Dale Cartee
Vanna Hollis
Velonika Siale Cherry
Hilary Yungblut Lavender

June 27

Lauren Farwell

June 29

Pat Fite



A SPECIAL GIFT WILL BE GIVEN
TO ALL OF THE FATHERS ON
SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 2018

SUMMER CAMP 2018

SUMMER IS COMING!!!
IF YOU OR YOUR STUDENT IS INTERESTED
IN ATTENDING CAMP THIS SUMMER,
IT'S TIME TO GET REGISTERED

MIDDLE SCHOOL

-GLENLAKE CAMP -JUNE 24-29

-SACRAMENTO METHODIST
ASSEMBLY- JULY 23-27

HIGH SCHOOL

GLENLAKE CAMP-JULY 1-6

If you are interested in attending, please call
Josh Day at (325) 672-7814 or
Jday@stpaulabilene.org by **June 18, 2018.**

*If you have any scholarship money,
it can also be used towards camps. Please check with
Laura Logan or Josh Day if you're unsure.

Reception Honoring Dr. John Miller

Sunday, June 17, 2018
9:30 a.m. - Heritage Center

Join us as we Celebrate
Dr. John Miller on his
United Methodist Ordination.



Sympathy

Charlotte (Shotti) Burton died Friday, May 11, 2018.
Services were Thursday, May 17, 2018 at St. Paul.

Richard H. Lacey, *Donna South's father*, died
Sunday, May 13, 2018. Services were Saturday, May
25, 2018 in Niagara Falls, NY.

Merle S. Washington, *Felicia Hopkins' aunt*, died
Sunday, May 27, 2018. Services were Friday, June 1,
2018 in Buffalo, NY.

Memorials and Gifts...

In Memory Of:
Shotti Burton

To Grateful to Give Fund
Mike & Kay Babington

To Handbell Fund
Bill & Maedene Armer
Roger & Mary Bauernfeind
Bob & Donna Carter
Robin & Ruthyle Julien
K.O. & Marilyn Long

In Memory Of:
Fred Lee Hughes

To Grateful to Give Fund
Bill & Maedene Armer
S.M. & Portia Moore

To Memorial Fund
Abilene Chamber-Military
Affairs
Charles & Mary Kate Bass
Ann Bridwell
Tucker Bridwell
Bill & Toni Burger
Chuck & Jean Kay Erwin
Vade Giles

Jerry & Clare Grable
Vance & Chris Goddard
Mr. & Mrs. G. Holman King
K.O. & Marilyn Long
Bob Monk
Propheteer SS Class
Scott & Michelle Senter
Zana Slaughter
Susan Springer
James & Reba Wheeler

In Memory Of:
Fred Lee Hughes

To TV Fund
Carolyn Barber & daughter
Lee & Callie Hampton
Allen & Mary Wright

In Memory Of:
Letha Mauldin

To Memorial Fund
Chuck & Jean Kay Erwin
K.O. & Marilyn Long
Bob Monk
Propheteer SS Class
James & Reba Wheeler

In Memory Of:
John Slaughter

To Memorial Fund
Ann Bridwell
Chuck & Jean Kay Erwin
K.O. & Marilyn Long
Bob Monk
Zana Slaughter

In Memory Of:
Oweda Terry

To Grateful to Give Fund
Ralph & Linda Terry Pease

In Honor Of:
Wayne Terry

To Grateful to Give Fund
Ralph & Linda Terry Pease

Bring water
and wear
sun screen.

WORK DAY

Bring a ladder
and/or stool if
you have one.

Saturday, June 23, 2018

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

1718 Barrow Street

Come help caulk, paint, do siding work
and light home repairs.

"In the Loop"
Knitting/Crochet/Needle Arts

Thursday, June 28, 2018

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

@Starbucks, So. 14th & Barrow

Join this fun group as we fellowship,
and do needle arts together.

Women's Worship
"Rise Up"

Thursday, June 28, 2018

6:00 p.m.

Wesley Friendship Hall

Worship, Fellowship
& Refreshments



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St. Paul United Methodist Family Thanks God For:

PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION

Tuesday, July 3, 2018

5:00 p.m. @St. Paul Activity Center

Join us for hot dogs and ice cream.



Ice Cream Contest with Prizes.

Bring your homemade ice cream.



Stars & Stripes Downtown Parade

Go to the Parade together, which begins at 6:30 p.m.