



# Ashford Messenger

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## *Dates to Remember*

6.17—Pastor Hazel's Retirement Lunch

6.24—Directory Photos (by appointment),  
Meals-On-Wheels Volunteer Meeting

6.25-29—Vacation Bible School

6.27—Monthly Prayer Meeting,  
Directory Photos (by appointment)

7.1—Blood Drive, "I Can" Sunday,  
Directory Photos (by appointment)

## *Announcements*

ACEC Summer Storytime—June & July

Meals on Wheels Info

Music @ Ashford—Summer Rehearsals

Sign up to Help Impact Youth

Registration Open for ACEC

UMCmarket-You Shop. We Give

## Let's Live as Christians

Friends, this is my last Newsletter for the Ashford Messenger. I am retiring and want to encourage each of you to continue to move forward in life; to believe God's promises and to live lives that will glorify God.

God has made many promises to those of us who believe in Him and trust His Word. God so loves us that He gave His only Son that whosoever believes in Him will not perish, but have everlasting life.

Noted theologian, Warren Wiersbe states that God promised to bless His people in all places—the city, the field, and the home—with all that they needed. As they went in and out in their daily work, He would care for them and prosper their efforts. He would give them victory over their enemies so that they could maintain possession of the land. He would supply the rain for their fields, for water was a precious commodity in the East. They would receive rain in the growing seasons and grow crops abundantly. They would sell their surplus harvests to other countries and would not have to borrow from anyone.

God promised Israel these blessings because they were in their spiritual infancy and one way to teach children is by using a system of reward and punishment. These material blessings were God's way of reminding His children that obedience brings blessings and disobedience brings chastening. Yes,

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

June 2	Nana Wade
June 3	Ojiugo Iko, Ionie Phillips
June 4	Hailey David, Susan Headrick
June 5	Sherri Allen, Kelly Iko, Marlys Swanson
June 6	Carter Jones
June 8	Cody Douds
June 9	Eleanora De Baan
June 15	David Doerr, Michelle Goddin, Stephen Owolabi, Debbie Turner
June 17	Christine Wines
June 19	June Macharia, Mukui Muthama
June 21	Luis Sato
June 22	Sandra Curry
June 27	Bill Merrill
June 28	Hazel Jackson, Alexander Merrill
June 29	Alice Hastings-James, Pam Thyssen
June 30	Ayo Okunnu
July 2	Debbie Norris
July 4	Shirley Arthur
July 5	Margaret Dutch
July 7	David Compton
July 9	David Keahey
July 11	Anna Jackson, Mary Oduola
July 13	Sherry Rahimi

*Missing from the list? Let us know and we'll recognize you next month!*

## A "Home Survival Food Audit"

Hurricane season has begun once again and we are all well-aware of the importance of being prepared for one.

So, now is a good time to do a survival food audit at home. Even if you're out of the immediate path of a hurricane, extreme weather could still result in power outages or limited access to roads, stores, or help.

Food storage isn't just a necessary preparation for a natural disaster. It's also good to have in case some unexpected family emergency comes up—someone loses a job, you have a unexpected major purchase such as having to buy a new car, or you have unexpected major medical expenses. And you'll be the most prepared if you have short-term and long-term food storage supplies.

Long-term food storage includes items that are freeze-dried, or packaged to last over 1 year (or longer). Most long-term kits also include water purifiers, flashlights, batteries, and an emergency radio.

Short-term food items have a shelf life of 3-6 months, and are items like canned products and frozen or dry goods.

In situations where you have notice of a hurricane or storm and can prepare, stocking up on short-term food should be first on your to-do list. So...What should those items be?

Think about the foods that you and your family cook with and eat on a regular basis. Make a list of these foods and then decide how much of each food item you'd go through in a 3-6 month time. Keep these foods in your pantry or some other food storage area, and then **use and rotate them in your daily cooking**. Restock these items when they go on sale and as your supply gets low.

### Here's What's on My Checklist:

- Bottled water
- Cereal or granola
- Peanut butter
- Apples
- Instant coffee
- Trail mix
- Boxed non-dairy milk
- Canned vegetables, beans and tuna

### Other food items that will come in handy during a short crisis include:

- Juice boxes
- Crackers
- Single-serving fruit cups and applesauce
- Canned soups and stews
- Comfort food

Of course, don't forget to grab paper towels, paper plates, paper cups and pet food.

## Let's Live as Christians (cont'd.)

wicked people were often blessed too, so that is why there is more to obedience than just doing what is right and being rewarded. These promises became our promises also, when God came to the world in the form of His Son, Jesus. Jesus' death and resurrection gave us Gentiles an opportunity to be blessed by God as well. We were adopted on the day of Pentecost; therefore we are descendants of Abraham, children of God, and therefore heirs to God's promises.

Do you believe what God's Word says? Not sure? What is the extent of your beliefs? Do you have God in a box? Why do you think that God can do some things, but you limit His power in other things? Do you try to help God solve your challenges? Do you really believe that God needs your help? Friends, I am here to share with you today that God is all powerful. He can and will do all that He has promised, however there are some conditions. We are encouraged to:

✚ Obey God's commands—obedience is more than being rewarded for doing good, it's also being a witness for others.

- ✚ Commit your life to God—and bring glory to Him.
- ✚ Build a life of godly character through obedience and love.

It is imperative that we believe in Jesus to have our prayers answered and to have eternal life. We must believe and be obedient to God's principles to have peace and joy on earth. Our prayers can only be answered favorably if we are obedient, trust, believe, and live a life of faith.

God states in Jeremiah 29:11 that He has thoughts and plans for each of us; plans for good and not evil; to give us hope and a future. Let's live our lives like true Christians and watch God show up and show out! God keeps His promises! God is forever faithful to obedient believers. Let's trust God with our lives and let's grow in our faith and walk in love, joy, peace, and happiness from this day forth.

Blessings and Peace!!



Pastor Hazel Jackson

## NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY IS IN PRODUCTION!

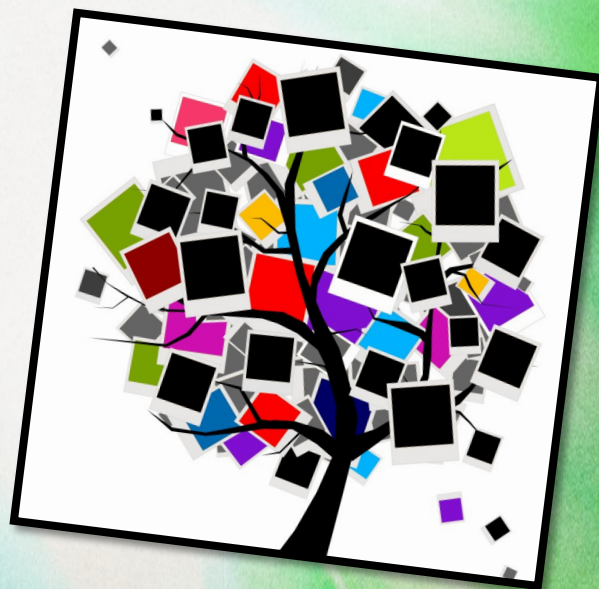
Ashford's new Photo Directory is in production and will be ready in July!

Members who had their photos taken by Richard Hastings-James are good, but there are a lot of folks who did not have their photos taken at that time.

There are several ways to get your photo submitted for the new directory...

1. We will be offering FAMILY appointments on June 24, 27, and July 1. Sign up at the back of the Sanctuary or by email to [Communications@AshfordUMC.org](mailto:Communications@AshfordUMC.org)
2. Submit your photo by email using this Email Link.
3. Submit a "Selfie" using this Message Link.

*Submitted photos should be set to highest quality print (300 DPI or higher) and be approximately square-shaped. (Finished size of Directory photos is 2.0625" wide x 1.8125" high)*





## Wesley Foundation



Did you know that one of the missions that Ashford supports is the Wesley Foundation at Texas Southern University? Their core belief is that, in partnering with the local United Methodist Church and community, they can make disciples of Jesus Christ and be among the most outstanding, mission-focused ministries serving matriculating students, our local community, and the world.

The Foundation at TSU now serves approximately 100 students/week through different initiatives, including a food bank and a professional clothes closet so that students can have access to nutritional meals and business attire.

### What are some ways that you can help?

- A gift of \$3,300 will provide an intern student salary for one semester
- A gift of \$500 will restock the food bank.
- A gift of \$300 will provide lunch for 50 students at one of the weekly discipleship gatherings.
- Or, join the 12/25 Club by committing to: Pray daily at 12:25 p.m. for TSU Wesley and Give \$25 (or more) for 12 months.

Visit [TSUWesley.com](http://TSUWesley.com) to donate!

## Ogan Family Update

You may remember the mikeysFunnies articles I reprinted on the Ogan Family. They're Mikey's Maundy Thursday tradition of sharing the story of the poor little rich girl...a true story of a little girl named Eddie Ogan. She and her husband have done SO much over the decades in support of missionaries and foster children (77 total) plus their 12 natural and adopted children. Well Phil, her husband of 66 years and a veteran of the Korean War, passed away in May. I share that so you can keep Eddie and their family and friends in your prayers. If you'd like to read the story again, here is the [LINK](#).



## GEAR UP! GET READY! GAME ON!

LifeWay's 2018 VBS invites your kids to grab their megaphones, lace up their cleats, and tune up their instruments! As they fill up the offensive line, sideline, and drumline, your players, cheerleaders, and band members will realize God has given them His ultimate playbook. He wants them to join His team, train hard, celebrate salvation, and encourage one another. Get in the spirit today with Game On! VBS.

### Theme Verse:

His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness.  
(2 Peter 1:3)

### Daily Content:

June 25: Jesus Cares About Me  
June 26: Jesus Gives Me Hope  
June 27: Jesus Helps Me Believe  
June 28: Jesus Loves Me  
June 29: Jesus Gives Me Joy

### Register & Pay online at [AshfordUMC.org](http://AshfordUMC.org)

(Note: To process your payment online, if you are a registered participant of Realm, please logout before proceeding, then enter CHILD's name & parent's email address.)

