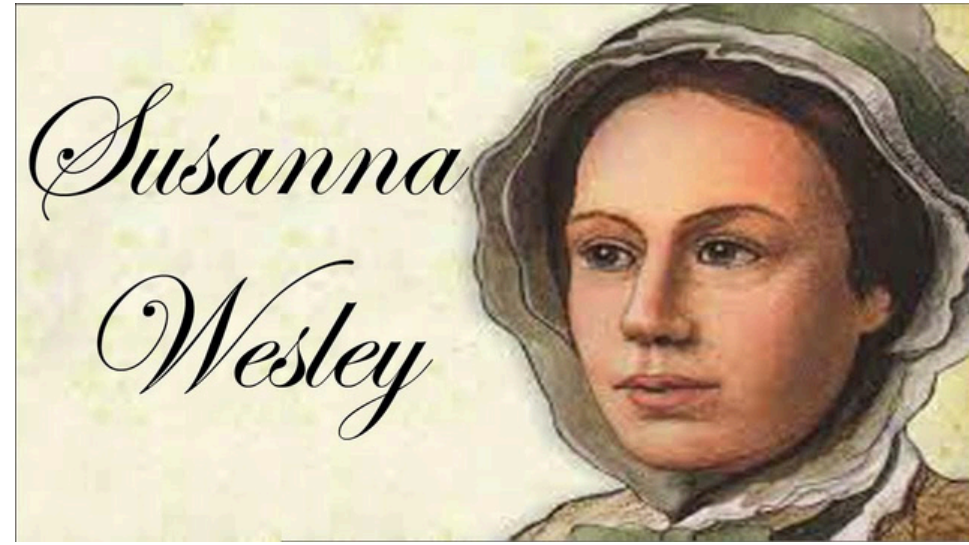




FROM THE PASTOR



Susanna Wesley (1669-1742), mother of John and Charles Wesley, practiced a structured, faith-based child-rearing approach focused on subduing self-will, instilling obedience, and fostering early spiritual growth.

Her methods often described as strict, emphasized routines, firm discipline, and positive reinforcement to raise children who were respectful, orderly, and religious.

Susanna Wesley's Child-Rearing Principles

- **Subdue Self-Will:** Believing self-will to be the "root of all sin" she focused on helping children master their own desires to better love God.
- **Establish Routine:** The household followed a strict schedule for eating, sleeping, and learning.
- **Strict Obedience:** Children were expected to obey immediately and remain still during family worship.
- **Polite Requests:** She never gave children things they cried for, only what they asked for politely.
- **Discipline with Forgiveness:** Sins like lying were punished, but she never punished a child twice for the same offense or faults they confessed and repented of.
- **Positive Reinforcement:** Good behavior and any sincere attempt to please were commended and rewarded.
- **Early Education:** Children were taught to read the Bible starting at age five.

The 16 Rules of the Wesley Household

1. No eating between meals.
2. Bedtime by 8 p.m.

3. Take medicine without complaining.
4. Subdue self-will.
5. Teach children to pray as soon as they can speak.
6. Require stillness during family worship.
7. Give nothing they cry for; only what is asked politely.
8. Do not punish faults that are confessed and repented of.
9. Never allow a sinful act to go unpunished.
10. Never punish a child twice for the same offense.
11. Commend and reward good behavior.
12. Commend any attempt to please, even if poorly performed.
13. Preserve property rights (no taking what belongs to others.)
14. Strictly keep all promises made to children.
15. No daughter (or son) to work until they can read well.
16. Teach children to respect discipline (the "rod") as a last resort.



- 13 - Jessica Howard
- 14 - Steve Cohron, Richard Laprise & Kaydee Stiles
- 16 - Tina Hazelwood & Marilou Walcott

ANNIVERSARIES

Toby & Heather Deaton
May 13, 2023

William & Hope Francis
May 14, 1988



Wednesdays at 6:00 PM | Ages 3 - 11

Upcoming events

Friday, May 15
Youth Rally at Grace Baptist Church

All teens invited! Please see Bro. Nate for departure time.

Thursday, May 21
Iron Men's Fellowship

More details to be announced! Stay tuned!

Sunday, May 24
Tri-County Bible Institute Graduation | 6pm

Wednesday, May 27
Riverland Christian Academy Graduation | 7pm

June 1 - 3
Vacation Bible School

BIBLE READING

- SUNDAY II Chronicles 17-20
- MONDAY II Chronicles 21-24
- TUESDAY II Chronicles 25-28
- WEDNESDAY II Chronicles 29-31
- THURSDAY II Chronicles 32-34
- FRIDAY II Chronicles 35-36
- SATURDAY Ezra 1-4

10 MAY



RIVERLAND RECOVERY PROGRAM

Every Friday at 7PM

HELPING INDIVIDUALS AND BRINGING FAMILIES CLOSER TOGETHER

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING A COUNSELOR FOR THIS YEAR'S SUMMER CAMP, JULY 6-9, PLEASE SEE BRO. NATE OR MRS. NICOLE ASAP. MUST BE OVER 21!

GET READY FOR THE GREATEST WEEK OF YOUR LIFE!

STAY TUNED! REGISTRATION OPENS SOON!

WHITE AS SNOW

JULY 6-9, 2026

GRADES 4TH - 12TH

"...though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow..."
Isaiah 1:18

FLORIDA BAPTIST ENCAMPMENT GROVELAND, FL

All campers and counselors must be registered no later than June 22!



GUEST SPEAKER
Pastor Jayson Godsey
Cadillac, MI

\$180 PER PERSON
\$230 - late registration space permitting



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