



Welcome to
LOVERS LANE
United Methodist Church

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Our Made for More Story:

Jim & Glenna Wilkinson

To be asked to share our Lovers Lane story with you is on one hand an honor and on the other hand a bit intimidating. We hope you find something in our story that connects with your own.

Lovers Lane has been part of our story for **more than 60 years**. My Lovers Lane story began in 1954 when at the age of six Braniff Airways transferred my father to Dallas from our home in Kansas City, Missouri. Renting a home close to Love Field (his workplace) meant it was not long before my parents discovered Lovers Lane Methodist Church, which was growing rapidly at the time. My parents quickly jumped in with both feet, because that's just who they were.

My memories of growing up at Lovers Lane include **Tom Shipp**

handing me my Fourth Grade Bible, attending Sunday School, joining the church when I turned 12, and being active in Methodist Youth Fellowship and choir. One memory is sitting in the balcony of the Sanctuary on September 10, 1961 when **Mrs. Bernice Jones** joined as the church's first African American member. At 13 it was my first introduction to the reality that the congregation was made up of individuals who did not always agree on everything. It was a time when you did not ask people, "Do you go to church?" but rather, "Where do you go to church?", because Sunday mornings were for church.

Now we come to "our" story. Glenna and I were married in 1970 in the original Wallace Chapel on Lovers Lane. After completing my final year at Texas Tech I accepted a job in Dallas and we talked about what to do for church. I told Glenna I did not think I would make a very good Baptist, but I thought she would make a great Methodist. She joined and our story began.

We soon found the *Koinonia Class* for newlyweds. It quickly became a large part of our young lives and continued to be a significant treasure for over 50 years. The fellowship was wonderful and meaningful. **Lifelong friendships** were formed. Parenting theories were shared, we had family retreats and shepherded our children through their church programs, all

while seeking to work on our own spiritual journeys. (If you have not yet found a small group, we encourage you to talk with **Pastor Allie Shulman** to get connected.) We also became involved in church leadership and service.

We are still here. My career never took us away from Dallas. We raised our three children in this church. We have seen the church move locations, experienced seasons of joy and celebration, and seasons of challenge and change. Through it all, **it has always been about the people...** fellow believers and seekers giving and receiving love, and seeking to better understand God's goal for their lives and then acting on that understanding. That is what has kept us here.

But our story is not over. As we reflect back, we recognize Lovers Lane has truly been part of our DNA. We also recognize a consistent theme: **God has always provided more.** Whether your story here is 6 months, 6 years, or 6 decades, you have likely seen that same faithfulness.

Because this church has invested in generations before us, we believe in investing in the generations to come. We are grateful to continue *saying yes* to what God is doing here and what He still has planned.

KEEP SAYING *YES*

Connections Class

Every Sunday • 9:30am

For newcomers to learn more about Lovers Lane. llumc.org/connect

Find Community

From midweek studies to Chosen TV groups, there's a place for ALL. llumc.org/class

Serve

Find ways to serve at Lovers Lane or with one of our ministry partners. llumc.org/serve

Need Care?

Our Congregational Care ministry is here for you if you need support or prayer. llumc.org/care



Clockwise: Jim joining the church with Tom Shipp; our wedding in the original Wallace Chapel (1970); altar flowers celebrating our 55th anniversary (2025); our family in 1988, with kids active in church life.

There's so much **MORE** **MADE** for community

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llumc.org/news

Find Your Next Step

Looking for a group, a class, a place to serve, or simply someone to talk to? Tell us what you're looking for and we'll help you take your next step at Lovers Lane UMC.

- Join a small group
- Explore the basics of faith
- Get connected to missions
- Meet with a pastor

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Every Sunday:

24/7 Class

9:30am-10:30am

Wesley Chapel

Adams and Eves

9:30am-10:30am

CFC | The Parlor

“The Chosen” Arneson

9:30am-10:30am

Bridal Suite

“The Chosen” Lucas

9:30am-10:30am

Staff Conference Room

“The Chosen” Hale

12:30pm-1:30pm

Copeland House

Connections Class

9:30am-10:30am

The Spire Cafe

Explorations

9:30am-10:30am

Prayer Room

Faith Connection

Special Needs

9:30am-10:30am

Faith Connections Room

Fresh Fire Prayer Study

9:30am-10:30am

Pastor's Beginnings Room

Good News!

9:30am-10:30am

CFC | Room 113/115

Rooted Couples

9:30am-10:30am

Dudley Dancer

Spiritual Growth Group

9:30am-10:30am

Copeland House

Questions?

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