

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

VBS (Vacation Bible School) -- Marketplace Jerusalem - Where Jesus Walked to the Cross! You'll travel back into Bible times. Each day you can become part of history as you see, hear, touch, and even taste what it was like to live in Bible times! You'll explore authentic Marketplace shops, become students in synagogue school, take part in games, dance to lively Bible songs, and sample tasty tidbits as you discover more about life when Jesus walked the earth. These experiences make God's Word come alive with new meaning for all who participate! Jerusalem Marketplace is great fun for children of all ages. Adults & teenagers will enjoy the adventure as Tribe Leaders, Marketplace Shop Keepers or Assistant Tribe Leaders. So register now for **June 5th – 9th**. The adventure starts at 9 am and will end at 12 pm. To register your family for this awesome Bible adventure, look for the registration

forms in the Sunday's worship guides, look for the blue VBS boxes located around the church, or call the church at 892-7733.



Confirmation Sunday



On Sunday, April 23 at the 10:30 am service our 2006 confirmands will become full members of Wesley United Methodist Church. These confirmands have worked really hard this year. They have had to overcome obstacles (Hurricane Rita) and have had to really study hard (in less time) to complete the requirements for confirmation. Part of the requirements they had to fulfill were making cards and cookies for service projects. They also had to go on a required weekend retreat (where by the way, Pastor Jim foiled the girls plans to "prank" the boys since he was staying in the same room) .

Please make plans to attend this service and show your support and to welcome Wesley's newest members.

Birthdays

April 24

Kenneth Church
 Joe Connors, Sr.
 Caris Dunivant
 Jason Greene
 Sheryl King
 Morgan Phillips
 Justin Talbot
 Kathleen Withers

April 25

Kassie Cantrell
 Jim Foster
 Mark Harken
 Brad Johnson
 Pat Lane
 Dewey Lytle

April 26

Lillian Atwood

Tim Beard
 Chester Bowlin
 Sandra Collier
 Matt Connors
 Eileen Garrett
 Marguerite Waddell

April 27

Jason Bass
 Heather Bennett
 Jeffery Fairchild
 David Goans
 Gary Hay
 Sharon Hughes
 Kandi Kibodeaux
 Bill Townely

April 28

Brandon Bailey
 Jocelyn Frank
 Brandi Fumuso
 Edward Long

Cindy Woodall

April 29

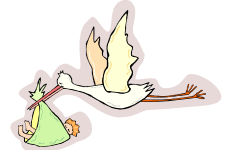
Billy Smith

April 30

Maureen Busby
 Bradley Goforth
 Suzanne Johnson
 Travis Sims
 Don Thompson



Congratulations to Jay & Sally McConathy on the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Elizabeth, born 4/7/06 at 4:42 pm weighing 8 lbs., 6 oz., and 20 1/2 " long. Proud grandmother is Nancy Adams.



Offering and Attendance

Sunday, April 16, 2006

Budget	8:00 am	
Other	9:15 am	Not available at print time.
Total	10:30 am	
	Sunday School	
	Total	677

Wesley would like to extend its deepest sympathy to:



Evelyn McDonald on the death of her grandson,, Kyle McDonald.

Storage Building Update

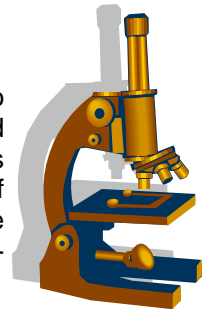
Due in part to an increase in rent, the Trustees have decided to no longer keep church belongings in the storage facility on Hwy 90. If you or your Sunday school class have something stored there, please move it before April 30. All unclaimed items will be donated to the Society of St. Stephen garage sale at Wesley. If you have any questions, please call Kyle Riggs @ 892-6230 or Beau Hicks @ 892-7733.



A huge thank you to Honey B Ham for donating the delicious sandwiches for the Habitat for Humanity workers on April 8th.

Teacher Needed

The Pre-school is looking for a science teacher! It would be on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 am—12:00 noon. If you are interested, please contact Linda Carroll at 892-7012.



Summer Fun: It's Not Just For Kids!



Look for some great new things coming this summer: for adults, just women, and the whole family!

There will be a just-for-fun **women's weekend** in July or early August. We'll share some laughs, relax, bask in the sun, sing and generally enjoy each other's company. It will be a great time to get to know some women from Wesley that you may recognize but not know well—and to just generally be happy!

Have you ever wondered what you would do if you received an invitation to dinner with Jesus of Nazareth? Would you laugh and throw the card away? Wonder who was playing a practical joke on you? What if you knew that "**Dinner with a Perfect Stranger**" would change your life forever? Would you go? Sometime this summer, we'll find out what such an intriguing invitation could mean to our lives.

To make sure those teachers and busy moms can participate in a Bible study, the Brown Bag Bible Study gang will begin the **NOOMA** series as soon as school is out. You've heard about this wonderful series of unique short films which address themes about Christian life in our world. No reading, no preparation, no muss, no fuss. Just great discussion.

For families, we'll get tickets and take a bus to an **Astros game** in later summer. Last year's trip was great fun for everyone, so let's fill the bus this year!

Also, for Wesley's families, we will plan a trip to see a fascinating exhibit at the Houston Museum of Natural Science. It's called "**Body Worlds 3**" and will be both entertaining and educational for kids and adults alike.

Watch the newsletter and Sunday bulletins for details and dates for all these activities and more to keep your summer busy!

A Retreat & Trips For Seniors Only

The Older Adult Division of the Texas Annual Conference has some wonderful events planned for all the "mature" adults in the conference.

First, "Re-Fire...Not Retire:" a two-day retreat at Lakeview in Palestine. May 2-4 It will be a time for refreshing, restoring, reforming, and re-firing!

July 7-14 is the week for a tour of the Canadian Rockies and Glacier National Park. It includes awesome sights in Montana, the Continental Divide, and Canada You'll have the chance to see hundreds of bird species, elk, marmot, bears, moose, and mountain goats!

Experience a Country Christmas in Tennessee. See the Great Smoky Mountains, Gatlinburg, the Biltmore Estate and Winery, Dollywood, Nashville—the Music Capital of the World, and top it all off with a traditional Christmas dinner and musical at Opryland. This great trip is November 15-20.

Come by the office and see Kathy to get a brochure or call Rev. Dean Robinson at 713-695-2010 to get details or sign up. You can also email dfontana@stlukes-hou.org.

Wesley Members Are Welcome

There are two events coming up, through other local United Methodist Churches, and Wesley members are welcome to attend.



On Sunday, April 23 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the Elegante Hotel on I-10 South, St. James United Methodist's United Methodist Women are hosting their annual Prayer Breakfast. There will be music, prayer, and a wonderful breakfast with four outstanding speakers. The theme for the event is "God Gives More Grace When the Burdens Grow Greater." Tickets are \$15 each and may be purchased by

calling Opal Truvillion at 832-0768 or the church office at 833-4867.

Trinity United Methodist will have their annual United Methodist Women's Spring Luncheon on Friday, May 5. The luncheon begins at noon and is \$15 per woman. For information or to purchase tickets, please call Nancy at 790-0599.

Calling Cards for Our Troops

Looking for a meaningful way to help our men and women overseas serving in the military? There is a web-site that will get calling cards which they can use to call home. Go to www.aafes.com and click on "Help our troops call home.." You can send these Military Exchange Prepaid cards to any serviceman or woman. The site explains the reason to avoid using store-bought phone cards for those overseas and makes purchasing these cards simple. If you don't know anyone in the military to send a card to, there is a way to purchase cards for a soldier who needs one. What a great idea to show our soldiers our appreciation!



"Afternoon at the Movies" Takes a Break

The Wednesday Afternoon Movie will resume in the fall with other Wednesday programs. During the summer break, look for other great special events and trips for adults!



*Mother, Daughter,
Sister, Friend Luncheon*

Saturday, May 13

11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Wesley United Methodist Church Cafeteria

All women are invited to join the first annual Mother, Daughter, Sister, Friend Luncheon at Wesley. This year's program includes our special guest speaker Lisa Mayhugh of Livingston, Texas. The wife of a United Methodist minister, Lisa will bless us with her sense of humor and speak to us about her own faith journey.

If you would like to be a hostess, please contact Debbie Bass or Kathy Haskins. Hostesses will decorate their own tables for eight or ten guests. The tables should have a theme and a scripture, which can match the theme or simply be a personal favorite. The theme and scripture must be turned in when the hostess gets her tickets. They will receive more detailed instructions about their tables after they register. Each hostess has the option of buying tickets for her own table before they go on sale to the public.

To register for a table, call Debbie or Kathy at 892-7733 or email either of them at dbass@wesleyumc.com or khaskins@wesleyumc.com



Drew's News



Body Building for Christ

Narnia

Sunday, April 23rd all youth will meet together to view this movie—4:30-6:30 p.m. Bring your own movie snacks. Drinks will be provided.



Thanks for Your Help

Thanks to all our Youth and adults who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt and the "Sonrise Service". Your participation is greatly appreciated!



Donuts and Dogma

Sunday School Hours
9:30—10:30
& 10:30—11:30
A New Series to be started the Sunday following Easter. Details to follow.

Confirmation Sunday

April 23rd. All youth should plan to attend at least one service to show your support for our newest members.



Splashtown

Sunday, May 28th all the youth are invited to a fun filled day that includes all the churches in our Annual Conference. Deadline to reserve your place on this trip is Sunday, May 21st. The time will be 10:00 am-10pm. One meal to be provided. Cost is \$30.00 which will cover the cost of one meal, entrance into the park and transportation. More details will follow closer to the actual date.

The Calendar At a Glance



Important Dates

- ⇒Confirmation is April 23rd.
- ⇒Narnia @ Body
- ⇒Builders
- ⇒Deadline for Registration for Splashtown is May 21st
- ⇒M a y 2 8 t h — Splashtown
- ⇒UM Army is June 11th-17th
- ⇒JUMMP—June 19-23
- ⇒Summer Camp— June 26th—30th
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- Watch here for Future Events and Dates
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Crosstalk—

- April 20th—Southern Maid Donuts—Lumberton—7:30 a.m.
- April 24th—McDonalds on Phelan RD – 6:30 a.m.
- April 26th—Votraut's on Hwy 105—7:00 a.m.



SLUG—

April 19th—Beginning this week there will be no more meals on Wednesday but we will continue to meet and Travis Hefley and Casey Tucker will lead us in Worship and Prayer. Questions or comments on this page—Drew's Contact Info is on the back page—give him a call.

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 23
 Traditional Worship.....8:00 & 10:30 am
In the Sanctuary

Contemporary Worship.....9:15 am
Praise & Worship Center

Sunday School.....9:10 am
 Second Hour Classes.....10:30 am

Confirmation Sunday.....10:30 am
 Knitting Class.....5:00 pm

Monday, April 24
 Monday Evening Study Group..6:30 pm
 Boy Scouts.....7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 25
 Crafters.....1:30 pm
 Girl Scouts.....6:00 pm
 Administrative Board.....6:30 pm
 AA Meeting.....7:30 pm
 AIAnon.....7:30 pm

Wednesday, April 12
 Communion.....12:15 pm
 AA Meeting.....7:30 pm
 Overeaters Anonymous.....7:30 pm

Thursday, April 13
 Brown Bag Bible Study.....12:15 pm
 Senior Games Day.....1:00 pm
 Boy Scouts.....6:30 pm
 AA Meeting.....7:30 pm
 Alateen.....7:30 pm
 AIAnon.....7:30 pm

Friday, April 14
 Games Night.....6:30 pm

Saturday, April 15
 Lawn Service.....7:00 am
 AA Meeting.....7:30 pm