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Beginning, February 19th Discover God's Purpose for Your Life



On February 19, we will we begin *40 Days of Purpose*, a 6-week spiritual growth Campaign that is designed to answer the question, "What on earth am I here for?" Together, our entire church family will learn about God's five purposes for our lives, and we will have opportunities to take steps of growth in each of these five areas.

To receive the full benefit of these 40 life-changing days, you will want to participate in each spiritual emphasis:

1. **Hear** all eight messages in the series, "*The Purpose Driven Life*".

February 19	Don't Waste Your Life
February 26	What on Earth Am I Here For?
March 5	You Were Planned for God's Pleasure
March 12	You Were Formed for God's Family
March 19	You Were Created to Become Like Christ
March 26	You Were Shaped for Serving God
April 2	You Were Made for a Mission
April 9	What Have We Learned?

2. **Read** the 40 daily readings in *The Purpose Driven Life* book. These readings will guide you in your personal journey of discovery of God's purposes for your life.

3. **Join** a *40 Days of Purpose* Bible study group or Sunday school class. Look for sign-ups beginning this Sunday.

Roses Need Love, Too

Valentine's Day—a day we associate with love. A time for us to demonstrate our love of those we hold dearest. And if you're a grower of roses, the universal symbol of love, it's time to prune (trim) Wesley's plants to get rid of the old, sometimes flopsy or gangly growth and make room for new, vigorous growth and great roses. If you are a rose grower, or would like to be, hoping to improve your plants and their performance, be sure you're at Wesley at 8:30 am, Saturday, February 11, 2006. It's close



enough to Valentine's Day. We will prune our young rose plants at that time, and you will learn the right way of doing this essential exercise. We need a good group to turn this chore into an enjoyable learning experience, and it will be a great opportunity for you to gather cuttings from your favorite plants and root them to produce plants of your own. Those of you who attended our Roses 101 classes last year learned the basics of pruning. Those who didn't attend will have an excellent opportunity for "on-the-job" training. Bring your pruning shears and saws, a good pair of leather gloves, long sleeves made of durable fabric, a good rake to clean up our mess,

and make sure your squatters and benders are limbered up. If all goes well, we will be joined by a few members of the Golden Triangle Rose Society to assist in the instructions (and entertainment) of our members. If you know a friend or neighbor who would like to join us, please invite them to do so. If you thought our roses were beautiful last year, be here to observe and assist our pruners in preparing our plants to have a much more beautiful display this year and the years to come. You will be proud of your participation in Wesley's contribution to the beautification of our area and to its popularity with our members and visitors.

Birthdays

February 13

Casey Chilton
 Frank Corley
 Sandy Jones
 Nancy Kuecker
 Icylyene Wainwright
 Payton Weinbaum
 Colin Yohe

February 14

Mary Albright
 Sherry Beckham
 Taylor Busby
 Jennifer Neil
 Mark Porterfield
 Scott Sims
 Sophie Sweeney

February 15

Deborah Hansen

Allison Jones
 Linda Loesch
 Gracia Savage
 Allen Tirey

February 16
 Patty Burleson
 McCain Devillier
 Zachary Gerlufsen
 Linda Goans
 Stacie Swearengin
 Bradna Vardiman

February 17
 Emily Bunn
 Meagan Byrd
 Kim Hood
 Wilton Johnson
 Cheryl McMillion
 Melissa Orwig
 Cory Talbot
 William Talbot

February 18

Melissa Bourland
 Pat Cornelius
 Jay McConathy
 Brad Monceaux
 Teri Royer
 Brett Shelander
 Ashlin Stinson
 Hunter Wilson
 Ella Mae Yentzen

February 19

Carl Albright
 Michael Hefley
 Greg Hood
 Donald McCullough
 George Moses
 Mical Padgett
 Charlie Prevost
 Brandy Walls



Memorials

Choir Fund

In honor of Jim & Debbie Bass
 Armon & Orvalee Husband

Building Fund

In loving memory of Miller Davis
 Joe & Rose Connors
 Beau & Nelda Hicks

In loving memory of George Conger, Sr.
 Ann Conger

Budget Fund

In loving memory of Miller Davis
 Smart Set Sunday School Class

Scout Fund

In loving memory of Jack Pickett
 JE & Betty Jo Ray

St. Stephens Fund

In loving memory of Rosa Flack
 Roy & Lynda Follmer

In loving memory of Miller Davis
 Roy & Lynda Follmer

In loving memory of Jack Pickett
 Roy & Lynda Follmer

Wesley offers its deepest condolences to Liz Holliday on the death of her sister.

Our prayers and thoughts are with her and her family at this time of sorrow.



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in honor of Mike and Liz Wiggins.

Offering and Attendance

Sunday, February 5, 2006

Budget	\$ 31,733.35	8:00 am	111
Other	\$ 6,106.00	9:15 am	192
Total	\$ 37,839.35	10:30 am	368
		Sunday School	329
		Total	671

DeColores! Emmaus Gathering

An Emmaus gathering is scheduled here at Wesley UMC on Saturday, February 18th at 5:00 pm in the Dining Hall by the Praise & Family Life Center. Bring a covered dish and celebrate the presence of the Lord with the Emmaus Community. Everyone is invited to attend, whether you have been on a walk or not. Babysitting is available starting at 4:45 pm. Any questions, please contact Don Sample at 899-1650 or 899-2515 or the church office.



Children's Ministry— Building Champions for Christ!



Teachers needed for our three year old class. The Children ministries is looking for a teacher for our new 3 year old class. The preschool class of 3's & 4's has grown and it is time to split the class. We are looking for one teacher to stay with the class and aids to float in on a monthly schedule. If you feel this would be your calling, please contact Debbie Bass at the church office, 892-

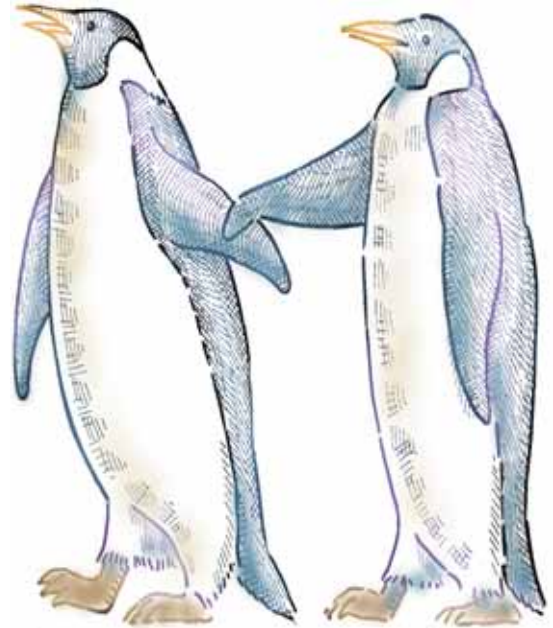
7733. Come and share the love of Christ with the younger members of our church.

Coffee Cans

Coffee cans are needed for the children's ministry area. Please bring the cleaned cans with the lids to the church office or set them outside the education storage closet, across the hall from the teachers lounge in the CE building. Thank you for your help.

Worship bags

Worship Bags are available for our younger members outside the entrance to worship. In each bag will be pencils, two children bulletins for different ages (3-6 & 7-12), and paper. Teaching our children to sit through service is important and these bags helps keep them focus. Please return the bag with pencils after the service to the "used worship bags" basket.



Bring a Friend This Sunday

Student Ministries

District Youth Lockout



There will be a District Youth Lockout beginning on Friday, February 24 at 9:00 pm and ending on Saturday, February 25th at 7:00 am. We will have fun and worship. The evening begins with a

worship service and ends with worship service. In between this time, there will be bowling, a scavenger hunt, dancing and food. Everyone will receive a t-shirt for those who attend. Registration is only \$20. See Drew for more information. Be ready to stay up all night.

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Gumbo.....

The Seekers Sunday School class is selling Chicken and Sausage Gumbo. For \$10.00 you get one quart of gumbo and one quart of rice. See a class member to pre-purchase your gumbo. All pre-sold tickets will be guaranteed. All others will be sold on a first come basis. You can pick up your gumbo in the kitchen of the Praise and Family Life Center on Saturday, February 25, or Sunday, February 26 from 9 am until noon on both days.



F.R.I.E.N.D.S at WESLEY

If you've been hoping to find a class on Sunday morning where you'd feel welcomed, make great new friends, learn something about the relevance of Christianity in our lives in the 21st century, and just feel like you could belong, this may be the group for you.

"Friends at Wesley" begins on February 19 in Room 106 at 10:30 a.m. Mike Matsuda will lead this discussion-based class for young adults starting with a special study of "A Purpose-Driven Life." Then look for studies of popular books such as Donald Miller's Blue Like Jazz or Searching for God Knows What, and faith-based programs like "the NOOMA Series" or "Elevate."

Come check out this new kind of Sunday group: Friends at Wesley. It's a way to meet others just like you who are searching: searching for friends, searching for explanations, searching for answers, and searching for your best life.

Ladies: God Has a Bold Agenda for Your Life!

During the Purpose-Driven-Life campaign, we'll have a special class for women at 6 PM on Wednesdays in Room 106. Pathways to Purpose is about connecting your to-do list, your passions, and God's purposes for your life. God wants to use everything about you—your past and present, your hopes and dreams, your huge hurts and little hang-ups—to achieve his ultimate purposes in your life. We'll discover how our life roles, longing, and experiences point us toward our life mission. There are practical how-tos and personal stories of women whose lives have been transformed by following these proven principles. It's an exciting way to discover how to become the woman God created you to be!



New February Field Trip

There are some interesting exhibits currently showing at the Art Museum of Southeast Texas, so let's stay in town for the next field trip. On Tuesday, February 21, we'll meet at the church at 9:00 a.m. and after our museum visit, we'll go to lunch at the Spindletop Restaurant at Crockett Street. Cost for the trip will be \$3 for transportation and the cost of your own lunch. Call Kathy at the church to get your name on the list for a seat in the van.



The exhibits include "Art of the Hebrew Bible" - In honor of the renovation of Beaumont's Temple Emanuel, the museum is showing this collection of sacred pieces and fine art from the collection of the Congregation Emanu El in Houston. There are pieces by artists like Marc Chagall, Ben Shahn, and Salvador Dali.

Also, "The Face of Texas" is an exhibit of photographs by Michael O'Brien. This features pictures of known and less-known intriguing people from our great state.

Finally, "Industrial Perspective" is a collection of intriguing black and white images of the refineries which we in Southeast Texas take for granted.

"When Godly People Do Ungodly Things" Study Begins

This Beth Moore study for women began with an introductory class on Tuesday February 7. It's not too late to join the group meeting in Room 104 on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. (*We will not meet on Valentine's Day—Feb 14.*) If you didn't make that first session but would like to come, call or come by the office to get a workbook. It's a fascinating study of the ways we all fall into Satan's traps. And learn ways to safeguard ourselves against those attacks. All women are encouraged to participate.



Women of Faith Conference



This is a wonderful opportunity for the women of Wesley to attend the annual Women of Faith conference on Friday and Saturday, April 7 – 8. This year's event is called "Contagious Joy" and features those inspiring Women of Faith speakers and guests like Max Lucado and Avalon. Feel the contagious joy in the music and the words of the speakers. Find out how you can get that joy and spread it to others! It's all about God and His plan for you!

If you want to reserve a ticket, \$100 for both days—includes lunch each day, call the church, 892-7733, or 790-3549, and talk to Kathy or email her at khaskins@wesleyumc.com.

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 12
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

Coffee with Pastor.....2:00 pm
UMW.....2:00 pm

Monday, February 13
Girl Scouts.....6:00 pm
Monday Evening Study Group..6:30 pm
Boy Scouts.....7:00 pm

Tuesday, February 14
Crafters.....1:30 pm
Women's Bible Study.....6:30 pm
Cub Scouts.....6:30 pm
AlAnon.....7:00 pm

Wednesday, February 15
Communion.....12:15 pm
Mary Martha Circle.....2:00 pm
Wednesday Evening5:00 pm
Programs.....6:00 pm
AA Meeting.....7:30 pm
Overeaters Anonymous.....7:30 pm

Thursday, February 16
Brown Bag Bible Study.....12:15 pm
Senior Games Day.....1:00 pm
AA Meeting.....7:30 pm
Alateen.....7:30 pm
AlAnon.....7:30 pm

Friday, February 17
No Activities

Saturday, February 18
Lawn Service.....7:00 am
Emmaus Gathering.....5:00 pm
AA Meeting.....7:30 pm