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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 in the Welcome Center.

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 con-



Dearest Friends @ Wesley:
We can only hope that you know how very grateful we are to you for your faithful support of the work of Some Other Place. I know that I do not say it often enough, but we are so very appreciative of your support

that helps to insure the continuation of our mission of service to others. We thank you for always "being there" for our work and for those we serve. You truly help to make Some Other Place a place for those who live among us who are in need. We hope you all are enjoying a great start to the New Year. We also hope you made it through 2005 without too much damage and chaos. We at Some Other Place were not sorry to see 2005 come to a close. May 2006 be a year full of much good health and happiness for you all. How blessed we are here at the corner of McFaddin and Center Streets to have you wonderful folks at Wesley as friends and partners in our work. We are truly grateful.

May God Bless and keep you all.
Paula O'Neal
Director Some Other Place

Birthdays



February 20

Helen Bistline
 Mackenzie Comeaux
 Tom Corley
 James Ferrell, Jr.
 Thomas Knight
 Sharon LaRocca
 Melba Moses
 Blair Pruitt
 Dorothy Steed

February 21

Mike Ellender

Rachel Flocke
 Donna Fortenberry
 Dough Franklin
 Doris Malgard
 Renee McLain
 Gail McMillon
 Brian Tully
 Zachary Vershel
 Terry Washburn
 Melanie Weinbaum

February 22

Eileen Gronning
 Keith Kemplay
 Amy Lambert
 Eric McLain
 Sheree Pierce

February 23

Kyle Bushnell
 Bryan Gaspard
 Olivia Schneider

Renae Sweeney
 Greg Waddell

February 24

P.J. Borling
 Leonelle Crow
 Connie Dopson
 Corey Greene

February 25

Eric Limbocker

February 26

Stacey Basinger
 Amie Bourgeois
 Kasey Connors
 Patty Griffin
 Donna Johnson
 Barbara Mattison
 Larry Porter, III

Memorials

Building Fund

In loving memory of Miller Davis
 Joy Fairchild
 Ronald & Evelyn Gantz
 Lois Head
 Billie Gordan

In loving memory of Jerrel Donalson
 Joy Fairchild

In loving memory of Olivia Wyatt
 Joy Fairchild

In loving memory of Jack Pickett
 Lois Head

In loving memory of Albert Address
 Narnie & Paul Roll

Budget Fund

In loving memory of Jerrell Donalson
 Mary Martha Circle
 Zelma Wilson

In loving memory of George "Dood"
 Isbell
 Sammy Bird

In loving memory of Olivia Wyatt
 Zelma Wilson

Congratulations to Kelly and Gaile Henry on the birth of their daughter, Hannah Grace. She weighed 8 lbs, 3 oz. and was 20" long. Proud grandparents are Helen Sample and Danna and Gaile Henry. Great grandparents are Helen Sample and Beverly Henry.



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in honor of Jim & Debbie Bass.

Offering and Attendance

Sunday, February 05, 2006

Budget	\$ 31,733.35	8:00 am	130
Other	\$ 2,916.00	9:15 am	198
Mission Truck	\$ 3,290.00	10:30 am	329
Total	\$ 37,939.35	Sunday School	294
		Total	657

Please join us as we celebrate the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Bubba and Pat Lane Saturday, February twenty-fifth from two until four o'clock Wesley United Methodist Church Parlor No gifts please

Charles & Debbie Breithaupt
 Corky Lane
 Tom & Deah Robbins



Children's Ministry— Building Champions for Christ!

Three year old teachers needed: 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 parent 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.

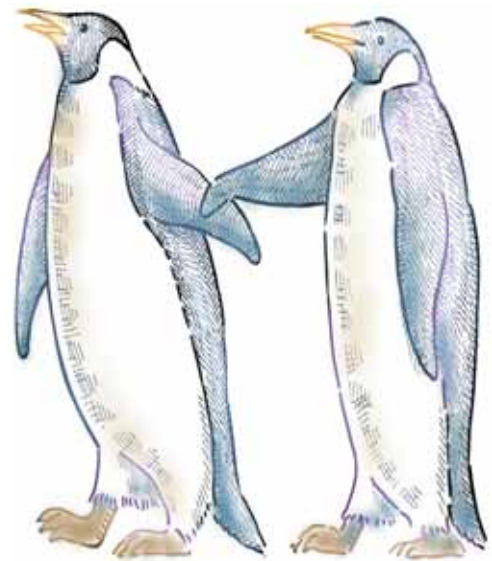


Coffee Cans

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.



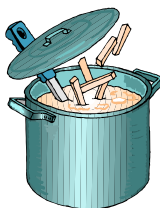
Bring a Friend This Sunday

Wesley Student Ministries is looking for a beach cabin for an upcoming overnight retreat. If you have, or know of, a beach cabin that we could use, please contact our student ministry director, Drew Swanson. He can be reached by calling the church office (892-7733) or emailing him at drew@wesleyumc.com. Thank you.



Seeker's 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.



Sanctuary Lamp

There is still time for you to get your requests in to Malana for the sanctuary lamp to be burned in honor or in memory of someone. I know some of you have special days you would like to reserve, so be sure to get those dates in to Malana as soon as possible. Remember, it is only \$5 for each honoree or remembrance that you request. If you have any questions, please call Malana in the church office, 892-7733.



Wednesday Meals

Our meals on Wednesday nights have picked back up with gusto! We have several "cooks" that have graciously stepped up and offered to split the task of preparing our meals for us. Elva Burlin is cooking on the second Wednesdays. The staff cooking on the first and third Wednesdays, and Elmer and Elaine Ashcroft are cooking on the fourth Wednesdays. We will be having hamburgers, hot dogs and french fries/chips on the 15th. Then back by popular demand, on the 22nd Elmer and Elaine will be cooking chicken & dumplings again. Instead of a set price per person, we are asking for donations to help offset the cost of preparing the meals.

Visit the Temple Emanuel and “Art of the Hebrew Bible” Exhibit



On Tuesday, February 21st, we will have a wonderful chance to visit both the newly renovated Temple Emanuel and the Art Museum of Southeast Texas’ exhibit of “Art of the Hebrew Bible.” We will meet at the church at 9 a.m. and first go for a private tour of the beautiful synagogue in downtown Beaumont. The

temple has recently undergone \$1.7 million in remodeling and repairs to the 83 year old house of worship. Then we will have lunch at the Spindletop Restaurant on Crockett Street before going to the art museum to see this special exhibit. In honor of the renovation of Beaumont’s Temple Emanuel, the Art Museum is showing a fascinating 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. Cost for the field trip will be \$3 for transportation, plus the cost of your lunch. Please call Kathy to get your name on the list and reserve your seat. The deadline for reservations will be Thursday, February 16.

Beth Moore Study: “When Godly People Do Ungodly Things.”

If you wanted to join this women’s group that started last week, there’s still time. They will not meet on Valentine’s Day, but will have their first full class on the 21st. If you’d like to participate, call or email Kathy so that you can be ready when they gather again.

NOTE: *The location has changed and the class will be meeting in the Youth Building from now on.*

40 Days of Purpose Groups Find the one that’s best for you!

There will be several choices available for everyone who wants to attend a class or group during this special campaign!

Sundays

Three classes will be studying “The Purpose-Driven Life:”

9:15 a.m.	50-50 Class	Room 101
10:30 a.m.	Daily Walkers	Room 108
10:30 a.m.	Friends at Wesley	Room 104

Tuesday Mornings—10:30 a.m. –Room
Join Debbie Bass for a study of “The Purpose-Driven Life.” Everyone’s welcome.

Wednesday 6:00 pm

“Talk Back with the Pastor” - Jim will lead this group which will study the book and delve deeper into his messages from Sundays.

“Purpose-Driven Life” Class—Bryan Blevins and this group will follow the book for study and discussion.

Small Groups—Peter will coordinate several groups which will gather to discuss the week’s readings from the book.

Pathways to Purpose—Kathy will lead this class for women only using the book by that name.

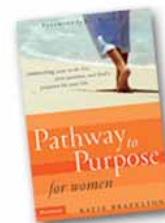
Old-Fashioned Prayer Meeting—This group will read the book and Elvis will lead the discussion and study.



Is it time to become more than just someone who comes to church on Sundays? Do you sometimes wonder why they call it a “church family”? Are you just trying to figure out what in the world all of this church-stuff has to do with your “real” life: work, relationships, family, bills, happiness and hurt? “Friends at Wesley” is a new kind of group. There will be a study, of course, but it will be relevant. It will help us learn how to integrate our Christian faith with life in the 21st century. We’ll read great books by contemporary authors of the faith—authors like Donald Miller and Max Lucado. Or we’ll watch inspiring ministers like Rob Bell and his NOOMA series. Stuff we can relate to from people who seem to understand us! Starting on Sunday February 19, we’ll meet in Room 106 at 10:30 a.m. Come see what the fuss is about. Maybe you’ll find exactly what you didn’t even know you were looking for.

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!



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Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 19
 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

Monday, February 20
 Monday Evening Study Group..6:30 pm
 Boy Scouts.....7:00 pm

Tuesday, February 21
 Field Trip.....9:00 am
 Trustees.....5:30 pm
 Finance.....6:30 pm
 Women's Bible Study.....6:30 pm
 Cub Scouts.....6:30 pm
 AIAnon.....7:00 pm

Wednesday, February 23
 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 24
 Brown Bag Bible Study.....12:15 pm
 Senior Games Day.....1:00 pm
 AA Meeting.....7:30 pm
 Alateen.....7:30 pm
 AIAnon.....7:30 pm

Friday, February 25
 District Youth Lock Out

Saturday, February 19
 Lawn Service.....7:00 am
 Emmaus Gathering.....5:00 pm
 AA Meeting.....7:30 pm