



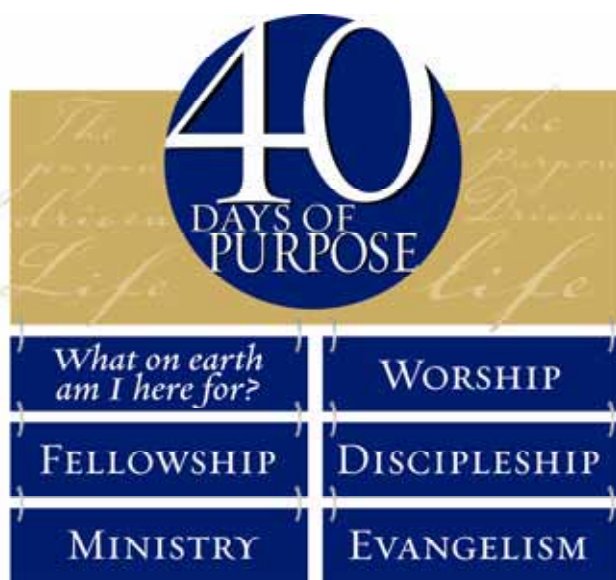
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Beginning, February 19th Discover God's Purpose for Your Life



Have you ever wondered, "What on earth am I here for?" Do you think you may have missed God's will for your life? Join us for the *40 Days of Purpose Campaign* to learn God's 5 purposes for your life, then put the purposes into practice through the personal disciplines, group connections, and church-wide events that will take place during the six weeks of the Campaign.

Imagine the impact on our community if all of us at Wesley United Methodist Church were committed to living out God's purposes for our lives! Bring a friend along with you, and start living a purpose-driven life.

Sign-up for a Purpose Driven Small Group in January — you will have the opportunity to gather weekly to discuss the application of the weekly book readings and message for your life. Live 2006 with purpose!

Campaign Message Schedule

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?

Wednesdays at Wesley Begin on January 11 !

There will be several new groups to choose from and everything begins on January 11. Dinner begins at 5:00 pm in the cafeteria and adult programs follow at 6:00 pm.

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"Going Public with Your Faith"

Join Jim Bass for this 6 week class which will help you to take evangelism out of the religious box and weave it into your life at work. You spend hours every day in the most high-impact mission field in the world: your workplace! This study will walk you through a proven approach that respects the unique relationship you have with coworkers, clients or customers. Sessions include: Spiritual Economics, Earning the Right to be Heard, and Keep It Simple: From Cultivating to Planting. "Going Public" will meet in Room 104.

Birthdays

January 2

Rutheline Bradberry
Susan Copeland
Donald Jones
James Linscomb
Pete Mathews
Christy Morris
Matt Orwig
John Smithey
Mary Alice Taylor

January 3

David Ahysen
Clark Faulkner
Reed Gilchrist
Melba Jenkins
Maddie Sims

January 4

Chloe Armstrong
Jill Gerlusfeen
Al Herrera
Shelle Samaha, Jr.
Margaret Thorne

Jessica Wood

January 5

Gage Galloway
Trace Harken, III
Michael Swindells

January 6

Mark Goforth
Penny Hobbs
Helen Snyder

January 7

Mary Beuhler
Max Brown
Lindsey Erickson
Carly Lewis
Perry Mason
Jo Page
Jennifer Roebuck
Roy Scheets

January 8

Wendi Allen
Heather Caskey
Chris Mayfield

January 9

Jerry Gaspard
Katie Gilchrist
Jason Moses
Gladys Parrish

January 10

Mary Fox
Aleta Gibbs
Kirk McBride

January 11

Logan Morreale
Scott Walls

January 12

George Broussard
Glenn Hanson
Leslie Maddox
Ann McClanahan

January 13

Brandee Ferguson
Jennifer Garza
Cameron Robinson

January 14

Dylan Bailey
Martha Foster
Della Freeze
Samuel Guidry
Martha Hale
Betty Heacker
Judy Holden
Todd Joosten
Karen Linn
Allene McAnulty

January 15

Kurt Hay
Amber Hennigan
Bill Jenksins
Joe Kirkland
Erin McClung
Patrick Sutton
Kathy Walters

Building Fund

In loving memory of Cleo Stitler

Frank Richardson, III

In loving memory of Carol Crawford

Frank Richardson, III

In loving memory of Chloe Palmer

Frank Richardson, III

In loving memory of Gertrude Walling

Frank Richardson, III

In honor of Jim Bass

Milton & Frances Allardyce

In honor of Peter Miller

Milton & Frances Allardyce

In honor of Elvis Davis

Milton & Frances Allardyce

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Parker

The Porter Family

In memory of Patsy Porter

The Porter Family

In memory of Wayne Scott

The Porter Family

Choir Fund

In loving memory of Orville Hall

Kathy Heiner

In honor of Delores Hall

Milton & Frances Allardyce

Pipe Organ Fund

In loving memory Freda Wells

Frank Richardson, III

Society of St. Stephen

In honor of Roy & Lynda Follmer

Frank Richardson, III

Landscaping Fund

In honor of Tommy & Ange Hebert

Milton & Frances Allardyce

The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Jay Odom

Offering and Attendance

Saturday, December 24, 2005

Christmas Eve Services

Budget	\$	15,320.23
Other	\$	300.00
Hurricane	\$	4,336.34
Total	\$	19,956.57

4:00 pm 551

6:00 pm 573

11:00 pm 175

Total 1299

Sunday, December 25, 2005

10:00 am 225

Sunday, January 1, 2006

10:00 am 315

New Classes & Groups in 2006!

Whatever your interests, whatever your generation, whatever you are looking for: we'll have something for you at Wesley this year. A few of the studies offered will be:

“Invitation to the Old Testament”

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“When Godly People Do Ungodly Things”

This is a popular Beth Moore study for women. As Christians, we need to be constantly aware of the winds of evil blowing in our world today and its desire to seduce us. We are in desperate need of developing God's heart and mind and this is a guide to authentic repentance and restoration. The group will meet on Tuesday evenings beginning on February 7 in Room 104 at 6:30 p.m.

The New Revelation Sunday School Class

The New Revelation Class which meets during the 10:30 Sunday School hour, will start meeting again on January 8th in the teachers workroom. We will discuss what our next study will be on this day. If you have any questions, please call Kim Hood, 781-1243.

Children's Ministries

Building Champions for Christ!

Parents' Night Out

Parent's night out is Friday, January, 6, 2006, from 6pm – 10pm. PNO is an opportunity for your children, nursery through 5th grade, to enjoy an evening at the church with their friends while you enjoy an evening out. Church member cost are \$5 for first child, \$3 each child of \$10. Non-member until a total church cost are \$8 for first child, \$5 each child

until a total of \$15. Come to the Praise Center entrance and sign your children up for a great evening. If you have any questions, please contact Kelli Reyes @ 782-0234 or Debbie Bass @892-7733.

Sunday School

Beginning Sunday, January 8th, we will go back to our regularly scheduled times. Come join us at 9:15 am or at 10:30 am for our wonderful children's Sunday school.

Camp Wesley

Join us once again on Wednesdays beginning on January 11th for our journey traveling to the Fruit of the Spirit. We are learning what makes us different when Jesus lives inside of us. Don't forget to eat dinner in the dining hall before you make your journey to room 112.

Devotionals for Members

We have always been glad to provide The Upper Room Daily devotional books for anyone who would like to pick one up every other month. They are in the Welcome Center outside the sanctuary (and outside of the doors to the Praise Center when worship returns there). All we ask is that you drop a dollar into the can near the books to help alleviate the expense. However, we also get copies of another devotional book by the Upper Room Ministries. It is called *Alive*

Now. This isn't an average daily devotional, but a small book of spiritually nourishing essays and poetry with Biblical references for daily reading. If you would like a copy of this publication every other month, call, or email me at khaskins@weselyumc.com or let her know when you see her on Sundays. I currently only receive a dozen but would be glad to increase it if there is interest.

Pillows of Love

Providing Love & Hope for Women & Children in Need

This ministry provides beautiful pillowcases and Bibles to women and children who are displaced, in a recovery shelter, or a pregnancy center. It is based on Psalm 4:8 which says "I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety." If you, your class or group, would like information about this non-profit organization and how you can help, please call Kathy Haskins in the church office.

Safe Sanctuary

Wesley UMC will be implementing a Safe Sanctuary Policy for children and student ministries of the church.

What is Safe Sanctuary?

Safe Sanctuary addresses the responsibility of the church to provide a safe and caring environment for all children, youth, and adult volunteers. It sets forth standards for volunteers to ensure that children and youth are safe from sexual predators and abusive persons. In part, it also safeguards those who volunteer with children and youth.

Why is Wesley UMC developing a Safe Sanctuary policy?

The Bible calls upon people of faith to care for and nurture children and youth, and calls upon the church to be a place of sanctuary. (See Mark 1: 13-16; Matthew 18:6-7; Luke 18: 15-17; Isaiah 11: 1-9; Psalm 27: 4-5.)

In addition, the General Conference of The United Methodist Church passed a resolution on "Reducing the Risk of Child Sexual Abuse in the Church" in 1996. It was revised and adopted in 2004. The resolution calls local congregations to develop and implement educational programming on abuse, risk factors, and prevention strategies, to screen all volunteers and paid staff who work with children or youth, and to implement procedures designed to prevent abuse.

The Texas Annual Conference passed a resolution in 2004 which implements a Safe Sanctuary policy for all district and conference events effective June 1, 2005. The Conference policy includes the statement: "Each local church is required to adopt a Safe Sanctuary policy for their church by December 31, 2005 and submit the policy to the Area Provost." Due to Hurricane Rita, Wesley will be spending the first couple of months of 2006 reviewing, revising and adopting a Safe Sanctuary Policy.

A Safe Sanctuary policy will help safeguard all our children, youth, and adults, as well as the church itself. A Safe Sanctuary policy and procedures "are not based on a lack of trust in workers, but are intended to protect our preschoolers, children, youth, workers, employees, volunteers and the entire church body." (Texas Annual Conference)

What will Safe Sanctuaries mean for our congregation and its ministries?

Several changes, with respect to our volunteers, will be coming. Volunteers and paid personnel working with children and youth will undergo criminal background screening prior to serving. All persons working with children and youth will receive training on Safe Sanctuary issues. In order for this to happen smoothly, it will be helpful for volunteers to step up to serve more quickly, so we are able to take care of these details. For example, a minimum of two (2) adults will be required in each classroom or event.

What does it mean to "screen" volunteers?

In order to safeguard our children and youth, as well as our adult volunteers and the church itself, all volunteers (and paid staff) will sign a form allowing the church to conduct a criminal background check. This confidential check will be run through the company with which the Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church has contracted, and will seek to identify persons who have criminal histories of child abuse/molestation/neglect and all violent offenses, as well as recent (less than 5 years) drug-related or DWI/DUI offenses. **All information shall be kept confidential by the Senior Pastor of Wesley UMC.** The determination of whether a particular crime is serious enough to result in Wesley UMC giving a negative recommendation shall be made by Wesley UMC in its sole discretion. Persons with these histories may be invited to serve in other ministry areas, rather than with children and youth.

If you have any questions concerning Safe Sanctuary, please contact one of the program staff: Kathy Haskins (khaskins@wesleyumc.com), Drew Swanson (dswanson@wesleyumc.com), or Debbie Bass (dbass@wesleyumc.com) or call the church office, 892-7733.

The people of Wesley United Methodist Church are called to know God and to make God known.



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Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 8
 Traditional Worship..... & 10:40 am
In the Sanctuary

Contemporary Worship.....9:15 am
In the Sanctuary

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

Monday, January 9
 Boy Scouts.....7:00 pm

Tuesday, January 10
 Some Other Place.....8:30 am
 Crafters.....1:30 pm
 Cub Scouts.....6:30 pm
 AIAnon.....7:00 pm

Wednesday, January 11
 Communion.....12:15 pm
 Wednesday Evening5:00 pm
 Programs.....6:00 pm
 AA Meeting.....7:00 pm
 AA Meeting.....7:30 pm

Overeaters Anonymous.....7:30 pm

Thursday, January 12
 Senior Games Day.....1:00 pm
 AA Meeting.....7:30 pm
 Alateen.....7:30 pm
 AIAnon.....7:30 pm

Friday, January 13

Saturday, January 14
 Lawn Service.....7:00 am
 AA Meeting.....7:30 pm