



40 DAYS OF PURPOSE

A PURPOSE-DRIVEN LIFE CAMPAIGN

Get Ready for Week Six, Sunday, April 2 “Ministry: You Were Made for Mission”

God is at work in the world, and he wants you to join him. This assignment is called your mission. God wants you to have both a ministry in the Body of Christ and a mission in the world. Your ministry is your service to believers, and your mission is your service to unbelievers. Fulfilling your mission in the world is God’ fifth purpose for your life.

Have you ever wondered, "When a person becomes a Christian, why doesn't God just take them on to heaven?" The answer is that God has an assignment for each of us; you were made for a mission. What is that mission? You don't have to speculate. Just as Jesus was leaving to go back to heaven, he left clear instructions for each of us. Come next week and explore the only one of the five purposes we can't do in heaven!

Complete these readings from The Purpose Driven Life the week of April 4:

WEEK 6: You Were Made for a Mission (Mission)

DATE

- Day 36 Made for a Mission _____
- Day 37 Sharing Your Life Message _____
- Day 38 Becoming a World Class Christian _____
- Day 39 Balancing Your Life _____
- Day 40 Living with Purpose _____

Small groups will discuss these readings in their groups the week of April 4.

Scripture Verse for the Week: Colossians 4:5 (NIV)

Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.

We invite you to commit this scripture to memory as we consider Mission — one of God's purposes for our lives.

Please pray for 40 Days of Purpose:

- Thank God that he wants us to help Him do His work in the world, that He has given us the privilege of acting as His hands and His feet.
- Pray that God will help us to understand and accomplish both our ministry in the church and our mission in the world. Thank Him that He gave us each other to share the mission, and our own individual assignments to help complete the mission.
- Pray that God will give us strength, courage and guidance to effectively introduce people to Him through our testimony, our life lessons, our godly passions, and the Good News of Jesus Christ.
- Pray that God will help us to maintain balance in our lives and to live for the purpose of having an impact in the world for Him.

The purpose driven Life

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What on earth am I here for?	WORSHIP
FELLOWSHIP	DISCIPLESHIP
MINISTRY	EVANGELISM

Rev. Peter Miller Accepts the Bishop's Appointment to New Church

Rev. Peter Miller has accepted the Bishop's appointment to become an Executive Associate Pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Houston. St. Luke's UMC is one of the largest churches in the Texas Annual Conference with a membership exceeding 7,000. This is a great opportunity for Peter that recently developed because of the retirement of the current Senior Pastor, Rev. Jim Moore. The new Senior Pastor asked Peter to join his staff as an Executive Pastor. The Bishop also felt that Peter's experience and gifts for ministry uniquely qualified him for this position.

In very large churches, it is a common administrative structure to have an executive associate pastor supervise the staff and assist the Senior Pastor in the management of the church's programs. In his new role, Peter will supervise several staff and clergy, and serve on St. Luke's management team with the Senior Pastor and other key leaders.

Speaking of his new appointment, Peter says, "St. Luke's will be a wonderful place for us. We have many great memories and experiences to take with us and we deeply appreciate the support and encouragement of our Wesley church family."

The United Methodist Church has an appointive system for selecting pastors. Individual churches do not "call" their pastors as in some denominations. Instead, clergy are appointed annually by the Bishop in consultation with the pastor and church leadership. Every year the Bishop, with the District Superintendents, assess the needs of the churches along with gifts and graces of the pastors in the conference. They then determine how best to match those together for ministry. This system is called "itinerancy." Pastors itinerate from church to church, going where they are most needed to further God's Kingdom.

The Texas Annual Conference is comprised of almost 800 churches, and is one of the largest in the entire United Methodist Church. Its borders go from the Gulf Coast to Texarkana and from Louisiana to Tyler and Bryan-College Station. It is based in Houston and is presided over by Bishop Janice Riggle Huie. The conference is divided into twelve districts with a district superintendent supervising each area. We are in the Beaumont District with Dr. Richard Burnham serving as our Superintendent.

Peter has served Wesley for the past five-and-a-half years as our Associate Pastor. During that time he has been a steady presence through the various pastoral transitions. Peter has brought numerous gifts and graces to his ministry at Wesley. All of us could give witness to how God has used Peter to touch our lives and draw us closer to Christ. He and Brooke have been a true blessing to each of us and our church! His new appointment will take effect at Annual Conference during the last week of May. The Miller family's last Sunday to worship with us will be June 4th.

Birthdays

April 3

Samuel Beard
 Brenda Church
 Foster Dansby
 Michael Madigan
 Bob McClary
 Patricia McCullough
 Richard Mobley
 Lou Scheets
 Carol Sherrod
 Ronnie Spell

April 4

Clifton Barlow
 Colton Buckner
 Irene Hardy
 Roy Taylor
 Tressa Warner
 Gwendolyn Young

April 5

Rick Barry
 Kenny Fretz
 Kristi Fuselier
 Mary Ann Mathews
 Riley McMillon
 Bob Summers

April 6

Bernice Beaird
 Brittany Borne
 Robin Lucas
 Mary Swearingen

April 7

Mandy Anderson
 Jax Biggers
 Jennifer Doleman
 Jessica Doleman
 Amanda Flocke
 Gene Garcia
 Ellen Rivers

Fred Turner
 Jacob Yentzen

April 8

Jim Barras
 Jeremy Dale
 Erica Huch
 Meredith Hughes
 Glenda Menefee
 Kimberly Rose
 Scott Smith
 Marie Stephens

April 9

Becky Almany
 Matt Cerniglia
 Robert Hobbs
 Eisha Killian
 Steven Lowe, Jr.



Memorials

Building Fund

In loving memory of Anna Seago
 Lainie Banner

Budget Fund

In loving memory of John Mattison
 Marion Godwin
 Flora Duhon

In loving memory of Dan Thomas
 Marion Godwin
 Flora Duhon
 Marion Godwin Flora Duhon

In loving memory of Marianne Lytle
 Doris Waldron

Prayer Garden Fund

In loving memory of Kalika Beard
 Charles & Opal Beard

In loving memory of Al (Papa Dee)
 Mattar
 Charles & Opal Beard

In honor of Camren Matthew Moore
 Marsha Tuttle
 Taryn Corley

In honor of Olivia Rhea Miller
 Marsha Tuttle
 Taryn Corley

Wesley would like to extend
 its deepest sympathy to:



Amanda Tucker, Kim Seago,
 and Margie Watkins, their
 family and friends on the death of Anna
 Seago.

Morgan Phillips on the death of her
 grandfather, Gene Phillips.

Russ Meyers and family on the death of
 Wanda Meyers.

Susan Ward and family on the death of
 Susan's sister.

You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Offering and Attendance

Sunday, March 26, 2006

Budget	\$ 13,960.08	8:00 am	129
Other	\$ 1,603.78	9:15 am	188
Total	\$ 15,563.86	10:30 am	304
		Sunday School	356
		Total	621

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.

Children's Ministry— Building Champions for Christ!

Easter Candy & Eggs

The Children Ministries is asking for donations of candy and plastic eggs for this year's Easter Egg Hunt. Eggs and candy (including chocolate) may be dropped in the Easter Egg Baskets located throughout the church or at the church office. Eggs and candies are needed by April 9th. Thank you for your donations.

Sheerluck Holmes and the Golden Ruler – A new Veggie Tale adventure in Friendship, starring Bob, the Tomato & Larry the Cucumber, will be shown on Saturday, April 15th, at 9 am in the Praise Center, prior to the Easter Egg Hunt. This video is the latest in the Veggie Tale lineup. Sunday morning values, Saturday morning fun. Come & join us for a fun-filled morning.

Wesley's Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for 10:00 am. We will gather at 9:00 am for Sheerluck Holmes and the Golden Ruler, with our youngest members hunting at 10 am, Kindergarten to 2nd grade at 10:30 pm and 3rd grade to 5th grade at 11:00 am. Each age group will have their special area for gathering eggs. Anyone interested in hiding eggs while the Veggie Tales video is showing, please contact Debbie Bass.

District Church Camp dates are June 26th—30th at Lakeview, Texas. Look for the registration information to be sent out the week of Easter. Come and join the camping adventure.



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.

Annual Fish Fry Wednesday, April 5, 5:00 p.m. Cafeteria

Everyone's invited for the last Wednesday meal of the season. It will be the popular fish fry and we'll have French fries, salad, and desserts.



Come on out and share a special time with the church family and close out the Purpose-Driven-Life Campaign in style!

Housewarming Party for the Whittleys

This Saturday, April 1, the membership of Wesley has been invited by the Whittley family to a celebration at their new home, 5280 Jenard Lane, Beaumont 77708, from 3 to 6 pm. We were one of the churches who helped build the Whittley home through Habitat for Humanity. Please call them to provide your RSVP at (409)896-5668 as soon as possible. The Whittley's will provide the meat and ask that everyone attending bring a dish to help with the meal. The Whittley's home is located on Jenard Lane. Look for the signs posted on Bigner off Lucas for help finding the housewarming party. They are registered at Target and Walmart.





Drew's News



Body Building for Christ

Sunday, April 2, 2006

Middle School—4:00 p.m.
 High School—4:30 p.m.
 Snack Supper—5:00 p.m.
 Kickball—5:30-6:30 p.m.

Parents, youth and interested adults who plan to attend or want more information on the summer mission trips need to attend the meeting this evening. They will be held at the above times. If you cannot be at the meeting but wish to participate in the trip please contact Drew as soon as possible so he can give you the details.

You will receive sign up materials, pre-trip planning events schedule and have an opportunity to get answers for your questions including where we will be going, who will be going with, etc.

Sunday, April 9, 2006

Youth will be filling about 1,000 Easter Eggs that will be used in the egg hunt the following Saturday.

Regular meeting times will prevail
 Jr. High—4:00-5:00 p.m.
 Snack Supper—5:00-5:30 p.m.
 Sr. High—5:30-6:00 p.m.

No Evening Youth Easter Sunday



Donuts and Dogma

Sunday School Hours
 9:30—10:30
 & 10:30—11:30

Sunday, April 2nd we will continue our discussion by reading what the Bible has to say about Heaven.

Sunday, April 9th we will have a lesson on Palm Sunday



Easter Happenings

Calling all youth to attend, support and participate in the events that lead up to Easter. On April 15th youth need to be at the church at 9:00 am to assist in hiding eggs for the children.

Also, On April 16th the youth will be at the church by 6:00 am to set up and prepare to present the "Sonrise" service. See Drew for more details.

The Calendar At a Glance



Important Dates

Confirmation retreat is 3/31—4/1

April 2—Parents and Youth Meeting for Mission Trip

April 9th—Fill Easter Eggs for Children at Body Building

April 15th—Help with the Easter Egg Hunt @ 9:00 am

April 16th—Easter Sunday—Sonrise Service—6:00 a.m.

Confirmation is April 23rd. UM Army is June 11th-17th

JUMMP—June 19-23
 Summer Camp—June 26th—30th

Crosstalk—

Monday, March 27th at Whataburger on Dowlen

Wednesday, March 29th—No Crosstalk

Thursday, March 30th—Southern Maid Donuts in Lumberton



SLuG—

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Questions or comments on this page—Drew's Contact Info is on the back page—give him a call

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



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Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 2
 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

Miller baby shower.....1-4 pm
 Knitting Class.....5:00 pm

Monday, April 3
 Adult Field Trip.....10:00 am
 Monday Evening Study Group..6:30 pm
 Boy Scouts.....7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 4
 Women's Bible Study.....6:30 pm
 Administrative Board.....6:30 pm
 AA Meeting.....7:30 pm
 AIAnon.....7:30 pm

Wednesday, April 5
 Communion.....12:15 pm
 Last Wednesday Meal.....5:00 pm
 Programs.....6:00 pm
 AA Meeting.....7:30 pm
 Overeaters Anonymous.....7:30 pm

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

Friday, April 7
 Parent's Night Out.....6:00 pm

Saturday, April 8
 Lawn Service.....7:00 am
 AA Meeting.....7:30 pm