

NEWS BRIEFS

Chili Lunch Thanks!

Next time you visit Chick-fil-A, please be sure to thank them for their support of the Missions Chili Lunch. They donated carriers for all the take-out chili.

Calling All Costumes!

All Road to Bethlehem costumes need to be turned in ASAP. Please wash your costume in cold water, gentle cycle, and hang to dry. You may return it to the church office. Thanks to all who have already turned in their costumes. Call Debbie Riggs at 892-6230 with questions.

Preschool/MDO Fall Registration

Registration for Wesley Preschool and Mother's Day Out programs has begun for current students and church members.

For more information, see Page 2 or call the school office, 892-7012.

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Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday, February 21

12:15 p.m.

In the Sanctuary

Communion followed by Distribution of Ashes

6:30-7:15 p.m.

In the Sanctuary

As usual, we'll have dinner together in the Dining Hall at 5:00 p.m. The children, youth, and adult classes will meet in their respective classrooms from 6:00—6:25 p.m. and then head to the Sanctuary for the service beginning at 6:30 p.m.

We Need Your Thoughts!



Lent will be here before we know it—Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and then Easter! This year we would like to have a Wesley Lenten devotional book available for everyone by Ash Wednesday.

Like the Chrismon booklet, it will tell about some of the Christian signs and symbols of this season, but we also want it to include things from you, the church family! What's your favorite poem, quote, devotion, Scripture, or story about this wonderful season?

Email Kathy at khaskins@wesleyumc.com or drop it by the office (the staff mailboxes are in the Workroom). **The deadline is Wednesday, February 21.** Be sure to include your name!

Wesley & An Astros Game—2007 Edition!

We got our seats for Minute Maid Stadium as the Houston Astros take on the Pittsburgh Pirates on Saturday, August 25. Call or email Kathy to reserve your seats on the bus and in the park. The game is at 6:00 p.m. and our seats are in the bullpen adjacent to the Astros bullpen. We will be close enough to marvel at the speed and movement of major league pitches! The cost for the trip (bus and game tickets) will





From the Pastor

Paying Attention?

Way back in 1985, I had just started my sophomore year of college at Centenary College in Shreveport, Louisiana. Throughout the year, I along with others would go down to New Orleans, Morgan City, Lottie, or various other towns in Louisiana just to play. One particular time, I remember a great tragedy that happened. It seemed that 200 lifeguards were meeting for their annual get-together just before the summer season began. They all met at the New Orleans Recreation Department at the city pool to begin the summer celebration.

While the city lifeguards were celebrating, a 31-year-old man drowned in that very pool. He was surrounded by 200 lifeguards, but no one was paying attention. It was the first summer in memory that anyone had drowned in a city pool.

During the season of Lent, I ask myself as I ask you, "Are we paying attention to those about us?" If not, someone may be drowning from loneliness, a broken heart, job struggles, family stress, or some problem that can be lived with if someone shows concern. So, take a few minutes. Make a list of those who matter to you. Add the names of those you are with most days. Do you know how life is going for these folks?

Let me encourage you as we begin the season of Lent and draw closer to Easter to make a phone call or write a note just for the purpose of saying, "I appreciate you" or "You've meant a lot to me" or "Thank you" or "I'm sorry" or whatever else you feel should be said to make someone know you love and appreciate them.

Let's pay attention. It's the loving thing to do!

See you Sunday. Also, please add to your schedule this year's Ash Wednesday service in the Sanctuary Wednesday, February 21. As usual, we'll have dinner together in the Dining Hall at 5:00 p.m. The children, youth and adult classes will meet in their respective classrooms from 6:00—6:25 p.m. and then head to the Sanctuary for the service beginning at 6:30 p.m. All events will end from the Sanctuary at 7:15 p.m. on this particular Wednesday.

Ashes will also be distributed (for those who wish) at 12:15 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, February 21, following communion in the sanctuary. All are invited!

Robert

Wesley Web

Did you know Wesley has a website? You can find it at www.wesleyumc.com and it is full of information for members and visitors alike.

Please prayerfully consider receiving your weekly copy of the Circuit Rider via email, instead of postal mail. This saves YOUR church an amazing amount of money that can be utilized in other ministries of Wesley.

Anyone with an email address can receive a copy. It's easy and painless. Just click on the link labeled "Email Lists" and follow the instructions on the page. The system will send you a test email. Simply reply to this email so we know it works.

You will start getting your Circuit Riders in FULL COLOR, EARLY, and most importantly, you will be helping "To know GOD, and to make GOD known" by being a good steward of your tithes to Wesley.

If you have questions or comments, you can always email me at tbeard@wesleyumc.com.

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Preschool & MDO

Registration for the Fall

Registration for the 2007-2008 school year is now open for those children presently attending Wesley Preschool or Mother's Day Out and for church members. We will open registration to the public on March 6. The registration fee is due at the time of registration. You may come by the school office to pick up the necessary paperwork.

Children's Ministry

For more information, contact Pam Besser
at pbesser@wesleyumc.com



The Adventure Club children will be singing on February 18, 2007, at the 9:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. We will be singing at the end of 9:15 service and at the beginning of 10:30 service. After they sing, you may leave or stay, depending on which service you attend.

Please have your child in Room 112 at 10:00 a.m. Sunday School kids will be brought over by their teachers!

Kids Making A Difference For Kids

Each Wednesday, the Adventure Club children collect an offering to be given to others. In January, the offering was collected for the Shriner's Hospital.

On Wednesday, February 7, the children presented a check for \$129.47 to Mr. Leroy Tucker, a Shriner and Wesley member. Presenting the check were Weston Connors, Sophie Galloway, Taylor Henley, Morgan Weiblinger, Makenzie Hearn, and Michael Hefley.

February's offering will go to the newborn Bible and baptism towel ministries of Wesley. Great job kids!



Vacation Bible School

The dates for this summer's VBS
will be July 23-27, 2007.



Blitz 45 T-shirts are on sale. They are black and white camo with an orange logo and letters. The cost is \$10. Contact Rev. Pam

Besser or Casey Tucker to purchase a shirt.

Youth Ministry

For more information, contact Drew Swanson
at dswanson@wesleyumc.com

Church-Wide Trip to the Texas Wildcatters Hockey Game



February 25
Game Time: 2:05 p.m.
Place: Ford Park
Cost: \$12

Tickets on sale this Sunday!

If you would like to purchase a ticket, please contact Pam Besser at 892-7733 or pambesser@wesleyumc.com.



crossalk February Locations

Monday – Kolache Factory
Beaumont ISD
Wednesday – Day Light Donuts
Hardin Jefferson ISD
Thursday – Southern Maid
Lumberton ISD

SUNDAY NIGHTLIVE

February Events

February 18 – Bigger & Better
Scavenger Hunt
February 25 – Wildcatter
Hockey—You must contact
Pam or Drew by Sunday, Feb-
ruary 18, if you want to go.

Ski Trip Fundraiser

The youth will be having a link sale on Saturday, March 3. All profits will go toward our Spring Break Ski Trip to Winter Park.

Stop a Stroke in its Tracks!

On Monday, February 19th Wesley is hosting a LifeLine Screening. There are four different tests available or they will perform all four (Stroke/Carotid Artery; Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Peripheral Arterial, and Osteoporosis) for only \$129. These are life-saving tests which physicians rarely prescribe until a patient has symptoms, but that can be too late.

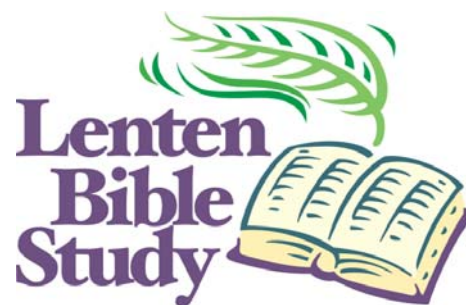
On the bulletin boards in both buildings there are posters with more information. Appointments are required. Call 1-877-792-8480 to schedule your appointment for one or all of these important health screens. Protect your health. Protect your life.

Special Lenten Study

Travel to Israel and radically change your understanding of the Scriptures. Wet your feet in the Jordan River and impact the culture with life-giving water.

At 10:30 each Sunday morning in Room 104, the Friends at Wesley Sunday group will begin an exciting five-week study called "Faith Lessons on the Promised Land." With great video filmed on location in Israel, this study brings God's Word to life with astounding relevance. It weaves together the Bible's fascinating historical, cultural, religious and geographical contexts as the author, Ray Vander Laan, reveals insights into the significance of Scripture for modern believers. It will ground your convictions and transform your life! With sessions titled "Standing at the Crossroads," "Wet Feet," "First Fruits," and "Confronting Evil," it will prove to be a great study and discussion.

Everyone is welcome to join the five-week long study beginning on February 25.



His Extravagant Grace: Retreat

Thanks to the women—59 in all—who joined the Chocolate Boutique weekend getaway! Without the grace of God and the hard work of Nancy Beaulieu, Kim Dolan, Kim Joosten, Amanda Tucker, Leah Baird, Karen Linn, and Susan Steely, the retreat would not have happened.

But it was a joy for everyone, and I thought I would share a few of the comments that were on the retreat evaluation forms the women turned in as they left our closing worship service: "Loved the fellowship, facilities, worship & fun." "I wouldn't change anything. It was perfect!" "I loved the intergenerational grace groups." "I grew in understanding about what Jesus wants for my life." "Met new friends and reconnected

with long lost ones." "I had asked for God's protection and he surrounded me with new friends." "Jesus was here." "God reminded me so 'sweetly' that His grace is good." "I loved everything...especially the people!" "I feel spiritually nourished." "Being with other Christian women brings Jesus even closer." "[I loved] the pleasure of meeting people who were not known to me but have become my 'sisters in Christ'." "Let's have more of the same!" "The Lord spoke to us this weekend." "[I loved] the fellowship of women and the wonderful mix of ages." "Loved learning about chocolate and extravagant love...getting to know other women and their stories." "I loved witnessing all that incredible talent!"

Personally, I'm not too sure about the phrase "incredible talent," but no group of people has ever laughed so hard. (Who knew that God would suggest a Beatles classic to Angela Baker as the Rita Recovery theme song? And ask Patty Edwardsen to sing her college fight song for you some time!)

A very special word of gratitude to Pam Besser for being generous enough to come to us after a difficult day and then minister to us at communion during our worship service.

God's grace was all around us. It filled the hearts of the women there as they shared, laughed, loved, and learned. Watch the newsletter, bulletins, and website for more women's events and retreats!

Memorials

Prayer Garden Fund

In Loving Memory of Kalika Beard
By: Danny, Pam & Daniel Beard

Budget Fund

In Loving Memory of Joe Kirkland
By: Frank Richardson
In Loving Memory of Carla Johnson
By: Tim & Elaine Beard
In Loving Memory of June Ferrell
By: Joyce Labay

Building Fund

In Loving Memory of June Ferrell
By: Jim & Pat Cornelius

Coming Events

50-50 Talent Show

It's time for the 50-50 Talent Show again and time for you to "get your act together." The show will be Sunday, May 20, at 6:00 p.m. There will be a limited number of acts, so call Mabel Matthews at 753-3140 to get your act on the list. Let's have fun!!!

Attention Classes or Other Wesley Groups

Have you ever wanted to take one of the classes or studies offered on Mondays or Wednesdays, but were unable for one reason or another? Your classes are welcome to borrow any of the programs the church owns to use for your group. Maybe you'd like to change gears for a month or two, break away from your routine study for something different. If you're interested in finding out what we have here, contact Kathy.

Calendar

Sunday, February 18: Adventure Club Children Sing 9:15 & 10:30 am

8:00 am Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
9:15 am Contemporary Worship, Praise Center
9:15 am Sunday School, Classrooms
10:30 am Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
10:30 am Second Hour Sunday Classes, Classrooms
3:00 pm Igniting Ministries Training (Woodcrest UMC, Lumberton)
5:00 pm Knitting Class, Room 102
5:00 pm Sunday Night Live, Dinner, Youth Center
6:00 pm Cub Scouts—Wolf Cubs, Room 108
6:00 pm Sunday Night Live Programs, Youth Center

Monday, February 19:

6:30 am Crosstalk, BISD—Kolache Factory
8:30 am Attendance Volunteers, Workroom
9:00 am Counters, Conference Room
2:00 pm Communications/Audio Visual Meeting, Parlor
6:30 pm Caller & Front Door Visit Team Assist Train 1, Choir Rm
7:00 pm Boy Scouts, Youth Center Green Room

Tuesday, February 20:

10:00 - 11:00 am Staff Meeting, Conference Room
5:30 pm Endowment Committee, Conference Room
5:30 pm Advance Commitment #2: Planning, Choir Room
6:30 pm Caller & Front Door Visit Team Assist Train 1, Choir Rm
6:30 pm Finance, Conference Room
7:30 pm Al Anon, Rm 101, AA Meeting, Rm 112

Wednesday, February 21: Ash Wednesday

7:00 am Crosstalk, HJISD, Day Break
9:00 am Circuit Rider Volunteers, Teacher's Lounge
12:15 pm Communion, Sanctuary
2:00 pm Mary Martha Circle, Dining Hall
4:15 pm Confirmation 2 (Sessions 3 & 4), Youth Center
4:15 pm King's Kids Choir, Choir Room
Wednesdays @ Wesley
5:00 pm Dinner (Ham, Macaroni & Cheese, Baked Beans)
6:30—7:15pm Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice, Choir Room
7:30 pm North Major, St. Francis Women & Men AA, Rm 101,112,106
7:30 pm Overeaters Anonymous, Room 108

Thursday, February 22: Men's Emmaus Walk, #109

10:00 am Mother Goose visits Preschool
7:30 am Crosstalk, LISD, Southern Maid Donuts
12:00 pm Brown Bag Bible Study, Parlor
12:30 pm Senior Games Day, Youth Center Building
7:30 pm Al Anon, Rm 101, AA Meeting, Rm 112

Friday, February 23: Men's Emmaus Walk, #109

4:00 -7:00 pm Oyster Dinner @ First United Methodist Church, Beaumont
6:30 pm Games Night, Youth Center

Saturday, February 24: Men's Emmaus Walk, #109

7:00 am Church lawn maintenance (volunteers are appreciated)
7:30 pm St. Francis AA Meeting, Room 112

Sunday, February 25

1:00 pm Wildcatters Hockey Game 2:05 game, meet in DH to carpool
1:30 pm Symphony League Gathering, Dining Hall

If you have additions, deletions, or changes to the calendar, contact Malana Hearn at mhearn@wesleyumc.com.

Our Faithfulness

Our Attendance

Sunday Worship	February 11th	
8:00 a.m.		178
9:15 a.m.		311
10:30 a.m.		442
Total		931
Sunday School	February 11th	
Children		141
Youth		43
Adults		197
Total		381
Adventure Club	February 7th	
Children		88
Youth		23

Our Gifts

2007 Church Budget	\$1,257,029
<i>(incl \$274,884 for debt service)</i>	
Needed Each Week	24,174
Received This Week	20,325
Needed Year-to-date:	145,042
Received Year-to-date:	150,420
Difference	5,378
Non-Budgeted Gifts Received:	
Building Funds	\$1,810
Praise Center Remodeling	100
Society of St. Stephens	240
Sanctuary Candle	10
Parsonage Fund	275
Choir Fund	35
Missions Fund	288
Monthly Debt Service:	22,907

Special Thanks to The PRINTery

We appreciate The PRINTery for donating the paper for our weekly bulletins and Circuit Rider and the printing of the Circuit Rider.

Lost Bible

If you find a burgundy leather Ryrie Study Bible, please bring it to the church office or contact Zim Morris.

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Joanie Acevedo
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Chris Andrews
Bob Austin
Arthur Baize
Sharon & Amanda Boldt
Tim, Shari, & Clay Brewer
Webb, Lisa, & Heather Broughton
Daryl & Gayla Brown
Lynn Callas
Joann Cherry
Nancy Crawford
Karen Cunningham
Ted Dailey
Loretta, Madison, & Meredith Davis
Lee Decuir
Vivian Emmert
Josh Gunter
Krisiti Harwell
Joe & Shawna Henderson
Lillian Howard
Sylvia Hughes
Brian Johnson
Wanda Lanham
Rob LeMaster
Clay Lindsey
Elmer & Kay Long
Lou Ann Lott
Greg & Monique Lumpkin
Stephanie Lundgreen
Sue McNeely
Mike & Kim Miller
Joyce Mims
Jory & Chrissi Odom
Lisa Peterson
Tonya Pruitt
Kris Revia
Scott, Terri, Quade, & Maddisen
Robertson
Tamara Royer
James, Courtni, Alexander, &
Maddie Skoruppa
Paul Szuch
Paige & Johnathan Weatherly
Ann Williams
James, Marilyn, & Brittani Wren
Chris & Peggy Yetman
DeAnn Young

For information about joining Wesley United Methodist Church, contact Rev. Mark Bunch at mbunch@wesleyumc.com.

Scouting News

Numerous Boy Scouts, Webelos, Cub Scouts, Tiger Cubs, Girl Scouts, and Brownies could be seen in the halls at Wesley this past Sunday. It was Scout Sunday and scouts were recognized at all three worship services. Scouts presented the colors and served as ushers.

Two Girl Scout Awards were presented. Marisa Pinson received the Bronze Award. The God and Country Award was presented to Daisha Brown, Elise Johnson, Amber Heldreth, Rebekah Montgomery, Liana Pinson, and Kathryn Wilcox. They were counseled by Pastor Mark Bunch.

Boy Scout Awards were presented to Zachary Holt and Dalton Horn (God and Church Award), Mathew Hitt and Logan Smithey (God and Life Award), and Dustin Toups (God and Me Award).

Also recognized were adults who were Eagle or Gold scouts, those who were members of Boy or Girl Scouting Programs, those who served as advisors or mentors, and those with scouting children.

Following the 10:30 service a gazebo was dedicated in memory of Billy Fairchild. Photographs and more information about it will be in next week's Circuit Rider.

The many scouting youth looked very good in their uniforms and it was a day for our church to be proud of its long association with the Scouting Movement.



Thank You!

WOW! Wesley UMC, your support and generosity are AWESOME!

On Scout Sunday, Wesley congregants contributed 290 boxes of GS Cookies toward the "Sweet Surprises for Seniors" effort being spearheaded by Girl Scout Troop 6063. These cookies will be delivered to homebound seniors in and around Beaumont through the Meals-on-Wheels program. The cookies will bear a label letting the seniors know that these "Sweet Surprises" are coming via the Girl Scouts, but with the love and concern of their community at large. That message will be every bit as sweet to the Seniors as the cookies themselves.

But Wesley - the impact of your support is bigger and sweeter than cookies. As the Leader of GS Troop 6063, I got to watch the girls count your donations. They never imagined this much support in one day, from one group of people. These girls are young and not yet confident of their ideas and abilities. With every penny, nickel, and dollar collected, the girls realized that they were receiving adult approval of their girl-devised plan to put a smile on faces with these "Sweet Surprises." Through your contributions, you helped teach these girls that their capacity to make good things happen is larger than they realized. They learned that if they garner the courage to try, then they can change the world in big ways.

Some of the Scouts who helped with our Scout Sunday do not regularly attend church. They now know how fun and supportive church families can be in general, and specifically, Wesley UMC. The depth of your support was awesome. It inspired awe, and it enlarged the hearts and dreams of several Girl Scouts. By helping to provide "Sweet Surprises for Seniors," you provided much more than cookies. Thank you.

Shannon Pinson, Leader of GS Troop 6063

Sharing Our Faith

Calling All Photos!

The Audio/Visual and Communication Teams are looking for old photos, film, and other memorabilia from the North End church or the Arbor. These items will be incorporated into a DVD that is being made. Photos may be brought to the church office or you may contact Tim Beard at 753-1703.

Just a Minute...

Father, during these busy days, please give me the strength to stop for a moment, take a break, and allow You to help me to open my eyes and my heart so that I may see all the wonderful things that You are doing through Wesley United Methodist Church. Lord, help me find a way to be a part of this. Please give me the vision to recognize my own abilities and blessings and the strength to share them where needed.

For it is in Jesus' name I pray. Amen.



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Email articles to circuitrider@wesleyumc.com

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

Happy Birthday!

Listed are those of our church family who are celebrating a birthday next week. Keep these persons in your prayers for that day. Let's pray in unity for each other! It is our desire to have every Wesley member's birthday listed. If your birthday is not listed, please inform the church office.

February 18

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

February 19

Carl Albright
Michael Hefley
Greg Hood
George Moses
Mical Padgett

February 20

Helen Bistline
Tom Corley
Ashley Harvey-Bush
Thomas Knight
Sharon LaRocca
Melba Moses
Dorothy Steed

February 21

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

February 22

Eileen Gronning
Keith Kemplay
Amy Lambert
Eric McLain
Sheree Pierce
Mark Voss

February 23

Kyle Bushnell
Bryan Gaspard
Wyatt Samaha
Olivia Schneider
Rena Sweeney
Ethan Varnado
Greg Waddell

February 24

P. J. Borling
Connie Dopson
Corey Greene