

NEWS BRIEFS

Meeting Change

Due to planning meetings for the upcoming Capital Campaign, the following meetings have been moved to January 30:

Trustees, 5:30pm, Conference Room

Administrative Board, 6:30pm, Choir Room.

Confirmation News:

For 6th Graders and Anyone Older Interested in Confirmation Class

The 2007 Confirmation Class will hold its orientation meeting Sunday, January 28, at 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Confirmands, parents, and mentors will be briefed on plans for this year's Confirmation series. Please call the church office if you are planning to participate.

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Southeast District Annual Lay Speaking Ministries Training Event

Wesley United Methodist Church
 Saturday, February 10, 2007 (9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.)
 Sunday, February 11, 2007 (2:00-5:00 p.m.)
You MUST attend both days to be certified.

Registration Fee: \$30 (Includes materials and lunch) *Early registration by January 19 is requested, but late registration is available.*

COURSES OFFERED:

1. Lay Speaking Ministry: Basic Course
 Instructors : Broderick Morris, Ray Cline, Glenn Dutton
2. Lay Speakers Lead in Stewardship* -Instructor: Rev. Malcolm Monroe
3. Lay Speakers Lead in Bible Study* -Instructor: Rev. Carlos Phillips

* These are advanced courses for those having completed the "Basic Course" in any of the last 3 years. To keep certification current, you must take a course every three (3) years.

Come by the church office for a registration form and information.

Calling All Button Pushers

Do you use a remote control at your house? Would you say that you can change channels as well as most people? Then you are qualified to come join the multimedia team. We run sound, lights, computers, and cameras for the services. We need you!

Join us in the Sanctuary, Tuesday, January 23, at 6:00 p.m. to be introduced to pushing buttons for Christ. No experience of any kind is necessary. If you can use a light switch, you can help us! If you have any questions, call Gary Hay at 363-9557.



Travel Group Gathering.... Let's Go Cruising

Are you interested in a summer cruise? Yes? Well, then we have just the thing for you and your family. We will be leaving out of Galveston and cruising from July 8 to 14. Approximate costs are \$819 for the first 2 passengers in a room and \$649 for passengers 3 and 4.



There will be an informational meeting on Sunday, January 28th, at 2:00 pm at Wesley. For more information,

email alicecrocker@ccsolisp.com or talk to Rev. Pam Besser.



From the Pastor

2006 Was a Great Year

As we began 2006, who would've known the transitions Wesley would encounter during the year. And yet, through all the transformations, when challenges are presented to us, we come together to make it all happen. Here's just a small sampling of

numbers from 2006:

- 112 The number of new members who made Wesley their official church home
 - 65 The number of persons who were removed from membership due to moving or death
 - 37 Total number of persons baptized
 - 722 Average attendance at morning worship services
 - 308 Average attendance at Sunday school
- \$173,909 Total amount sent for mission support. This is the total amount given to Wesley to spread God's love to others outside of our church family. (This includes local and worldwide missions and missionary support, faith-promise funds, United Methodist Men, Women and Youth money spent on spreading the Gospel to people all across the globe! This figure represents almost 14% of the 2006 church budget!)
- \$1,155,535 Amount received from offerings
 - \$ 289,399 Amount transferred from Building Fund for loan payment
 - \$1,444,934 Total income from all sources
- \$1,350,975 Total Expenses (including \$290,077 loan payments)

Statistically speaking, we did all of this and even paid our bills. Your faithful support and your genuine witness helped us to "Serve God by Serving Others in 2006." Thanks for your faithfulness to Christ and His Church.

I am truly proud and honored to be your pastor! Thanks for making it come true in 2006....again!

See you Sunday,
Robert

P. S. A special "thanks" to those who were responsible for Wesley's float in the MLK parade on Saturday. It was good to be represented. More "thanks" to the folks who came out for Sunday's Leadership Training at Wesley. We were well represented and the training was fantastic.

News

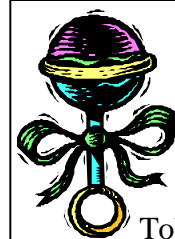
Sanctuary Lamp

2007 has started off and is quickly getting away. Don't forget to reserve your week for your loved ones, in memory or in honor, for the Sanctuary Lamp. There are plenty of dates open and ready to be filled.

Call Malana in the church office and tell her which weeks you want reserved. The cost for each reservation is only \$5.00 and it will be published in the *Circuit Rider* for that week.

Are You Afraid of Youth?

That's OK because the Youth Ministry Team still needs help in other ways such as, food, driving, phone calls, stuffing envelopes, and even opening doors. Give our youth director a call if you can help out with any of the above tasks. Contact Drew Swanson at dswanson@wesleyumc.com or 892-7733.



Welcome!

Congratulations on the birth of Tyler Kent Tolbert, son of Toby & Michelle Tolbert, on December 21, 2006. He was 5 pounds, 8 ounces. His great-grandparents are Lowell & Kathy Sykes.

Congratulations on the birth of Bailey Jo Radley, daughter of Chris & Ashley Radley, on January 4, 2007. She was 5 pounds, 13 ounces. Her sister is Kiley Radley and her great-grandparents are Lowell & Kathy Sykes.

Children's Ministry

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

Church-Wide Trip to the Texas Wildcatters Hockey Game



Sunday, February 25, 2007
Game Time: 2:05 p.m.
Place: Ford Park
Cost: \$12

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

Children through 5th Grade are invited to come on
Wednesday Evenings for Dinner at 5:00 p.m. and Adventure
Club at 6:00 p.m. Come for play, lesson, music, and a craft!

Thank You!

A special to
the following
people who
gave of their
time to work
in the nurseries
on Christmas Eve
during the services. Aleta Gibbs,
Abbi Allen, Meredith Hamilton,
Ellen Gonzalez, Donna Powell,
Robin Troy, and Sara Patterson.



Thanks to the children who par-
ticipated in the Martin Luther King
parade. Thanks to Tammy and
Mike Toups, Jimmy and Paula
Herrington and Gail McMillon for
helping with the float and provid-
ing the candy and beads that were
thrown by the children.

Youth Ministry

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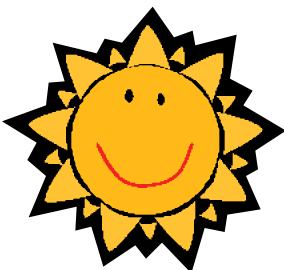
Summer Youth Events Meeting Sunday, January 21

Middle School Youth & Parents
at 5:30 p.m.

Fellowship Time for All youth
& Parents – 6:00 p.m.

High School Youth & Parents at
6:30 p.m.

We will discuss dates for Mis-
sion Trips,
Summer
Camps, and
other special
events.



Youth Ascent Wednesday Nights 5:00 p.m.-Dinner 6:00 p.m.-Ascent

January 24 – Servant Leadership

January 31 – Truth: Isn't it all
relative?

Christian Student Conference, Hot Hearts

This conference/concert combines messages of the most effective
youth communicators and the very best in contemporary Christian music.
It will be held at Ford Park. All Jr. High and Sr. High School students
are invited. Wesley will have a lock-in on Friday, January 19. Please be
at the church at 5:00 p.m. to go to Ford Park. Parent's please make ar-
rangements to pick the youth up around 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, January
20. The cost for the event is \$20 and breakfast and lunch will be pro-
vided on Saturday. Please eat before you come to the church on Friday,
snacks will be provided but no meal.

2007 Women of Faith Conference: *Amazing Freedom*

If you would like to join the group from Wesley when they attend the September 28-29 Women of Faith Conference in Houston this year, call or email Kathy (892-7733 or khaskins@wesleyumc.com) right away to reserve your ticket.

This first group of Wesley seats is on the lower level (just above the floor seats) at the Toyota Center, and I'm accepting names on a first-come-first serve basis. After I fill this group, I'll get more (but they may be in a different section). Tickets will be \$125 for both days. Go to the website www.womenoffaith.com to get more details and see who the fea-

Colorful Blankets Donated!



The Sunday evening Knitters have donated 15 wildly colorful blankets to the Salvation Army's Warm-Up America program. The blankets will be given to the homeless to keep them warm during the cold winter weather. If you didn't see the blankets, you missed a wonderland of colors and textures! (A special thank you to Knitter Joyce Fancher for delivering the blankets.) Everyone is invited to join this group—bring your knitting paraphernalia if you already have the skill, or come on in and learn how! The Knitters meet Sundays at 5:00 p.m. in Room 102.

Wonder isn't something
that we can only experience
on a vacation to a deserted island
or when we are standing in front
of a magnificent piece of art;
it's what happens when we take
our hearts off their leashes
and let them run free.

~Patsy Clairmont



tured speakers will be. Last year's group had a wonderful time and it is a truly inspiring, uplifting two days. Call now to get your spot!

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Just a little note to thank everyone for all the prayers and nice little notes we've received since the pregnancy started getting rough until now that she's home! It was so nice to see the pastors during their visits to us in the hospital. Also, John and I both feel very blessed to have such a thoughtful church family...for a congregation as large as ours, but to still have the family environment where people call you by name and want to get to know you is amazing to me and truly appreciated. You guys will never know how much you helped us make it through. Thanks again!

The Ricks Family

*John, Jessica, Jackson, Kendall,
and Noelle*

Thank you to Richard Morreale for pressure-washing the walks and landscaping stones at the main entry way to the Praise Center. You did a wonderful job and performed a much-needed, and much-appreciated, service to your church.

Thank You.

I wish to thank each and every one for their prayers for my grandson, Shannon Wilson.

Irene Wilson and Family

A big "thank you" to Gary Hay for making the DVDs of the Pre-school Christmas Program. The donations received to date are \$433. These monies are given to the church.

Linda Carroll

Buddy and I would like to thank you and members of our church family for sharing the beautiful bouquet from Sunday services. They are so very special, as are all of you. Thank you for all of your prayers and thoughts—they are so appreciated.

Buddy and Mickey Slaughter

I want everyone to share in my wonderful news...Darrell's in remission—free and clear of any swollen lymph nodes or masses! The only spot of interest seems to be an abscess that is still healing. God IS the glorious physician, and miracles still exist. Thanks for all of your prayers and support, they were needed and did not go unanswered.

Tracey Whitaker

Scouting News

Homemade chili, Dutch oven peach cobbler, and a story around a campfire. All these were enjoyed last Friday night by Packmaster Travis Hefley, his 13 Webelos Scouts, and their parents. Pack 65 met on the Cummings vacant lot and with the help of Troop 65 Scoutmaster John Smithy and Troop members, they enjoyed eating, playing games, singing songs, and hearing a scary campfire story. It was a great night of scouting fellowshipship.



Webelos listen as Glenn Cummings tells a scary campfire story.

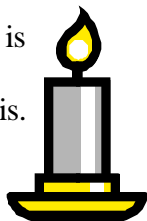
Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to and prayers for the families of **Steve Breaux's uncle**, Alan Breaux, who passed away on January 3, 2007; **Dane Roberts' grandmother**, Betty Roberts; and **Peggy Sanderson** who passed away on January 8, 2007. Her daughter is Linda Durmon.

Sanctuary Gifts

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week in memory of Powell Curtis.

Special thanks to Carl Johnsen Florists for donating the altar flowers for worship each week.



Calendar

Sunday, January 21:

- 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
- 5:00 pm Knitting Class, Room 102
- 5:00 pm Sunday Night Live, Dinner, Dining Hall
- 5:30 pm Cub Scouts—Bear Cubs, Room 112/114
- 6:00 pm Cub Scouts—Wolf Cubs, Room 108
- 6:00 pm Sunday Night Live Programs, Youth Center

Monday, January 22:

- 6:30 am Crosstalk, BISD—Burger King
- 8:30 am Attendance Volunteers, Workroom
- 9:00 am Counters, Conference Room
- 6:30 p.m. Debt Service/Capital Campaign Leadership Team, Choir Room
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts, Youth Center Green Room

Tuesday, January 23:

- 9:00 - 11:00 am Staff Meeting, Parlor
- 6:00 pm Multimedia Team Meeting, Sanctuary**
- 7:30 pm Al Anon, Room 101, AA Meeting, Room 112

Wednesday, January 24:

- 7:00 am Crosstalk, HJISD, Day Break
- 9:00 am Circuit Rider Volunteers, Teachers' Lounge
- 12:15 pm Communion, Sanctuary
- 4:15 pm King's Kids Choir, Choir Room
- Wednesdays @ Wesley**
- 5:00 pm Dinner (Muffaletta)
- 5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm Adventure Club studies for children, Youth Ascent, Adult Bible Studies, Old Fashioned Prayer Meeting
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice, Choir Room
- 7:30 pm N Major, St. Francis Women & Men AA Rm 101,112,106
- 7:30 pm Overeaters Anonymous, 108

Thursday, January 25: Women's Emmaus Walk #108

- 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, Room 112

Friday, January 26: Women's Emmaus Walk #108

- 10:00 am Church Women United, Room 104
- 6:30 pm Games Night, Youth Center**

Saturday, January 27: Women's Emmaus Walk, #108

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

Sunday, January 28:

- 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
- 11:30 am Confirmation Orientation Meeting, Sanctuary**
- 5:00 pm Knitting Class, Room 102
- 5:00 pm Sunday Night Live, Dinner, Dining Hall
- 5:30 pm Cub Scouts—Bear Cubs, Room 112/114
- 6:00 pm Cub Scouts—Wolf Cubs, Room 108
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If you have additions, deletions, or changes to the calendar, contact Malana Hearn at mhearn@wesleyumc.com.

Our Faithfulness

A summary of 2006 faithfulness is shared on Page 2.

Our Attendance

Sunday Worship	January 14th
8:00 a.m.	134
9:15 a.m.	274
10:30 a.m.	359
Total	767
Sunday School	January 14th
Children	158
Youth	32
Adults	207
Total	397
Adventure Club	January 10th
Total	102

Our Gifts

Gift Information for January 14th will be available in next week's Circuit Rider.

New Members



Stephen, Lexie, Julianna,
& Carter Mouton
6235 Park West Dr, 77706
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James, Marilyn, Amanda,
& Brittani Wren
PO Box 5823, Beaumont, 77726
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Guests

Joshua Amos
Bob Austin
Arthur Baize
Jason, Chris, Brett, & Kaitlyn Black
Lynn Callas
Joann Cherry
Terry & Gale Daigle
Damon & Heather Davis
Loretta & James Davis
Artie Paul & Lee Decuir
Brenda Duke
Barbara Duncan
Mr. & Mrs. Blaine Duplecion
Amber, Jasmine, & Vivian Emmert
Carl, Mary, & Hannah Gerace
Tinnie & Cindy Gillard
Mary Gordon
Kirk & Patty Gordy
Terry, Alicia, Alec, Cora, & Jake Hain
Henry & Virgie Harper
Joe, Shawna, Mitchell, Wyatt, & Kelly Henderson
Ian & Darcie Hunter
Cynthia Johnson
Kell & Marsha Jones
Douglas & Geraldine Leger
Caren, Rob, & Alyssa LeMaster
Rodney & Melody Marks
Mary McFarland
John & Kathleen Morgan
James, Karen, & Kevin Parsley
Ginny Pope
Rocky & Gayle Rhoads
Elouise & Bob Richmond
Brad, Connie, Bryce, Cheyene, & Brock Schroeder
Gary & Nancy Scott
James, Courtnei, Alexander, & Maddie Skoruppa
Sophie & Jacob Soto
Shawn & Nikki Walker
Paige, Johnathan, & Ashlynn Weatherly
Harry, Ann, Karey, Chris, Patricia, & Christopher Windham
DeAnn Young

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Denise Richard
Custodians

Preschool & Mother's Day Out
892-7012

Linda Carroll
Preschool Director
Kay Bender
MDO Director

News and Coming Events

Missions Chili Lunch on Super Bowl Sunday February 4th

Our chili lunch will include beef or deer chili, rice and/or beans, cheese and/or onions, crackers and/or chips, cake, and tea. We will be using Chester Erwin's recipe again and his grandson Chester Schion will be the head chef.

On Super Bowl Sunday, February 4th, the eat-in meal will be served in the Dining Hall after the 10:30 service. Take-outs will be available after every service by the Dining Hall after the 8:00 & 9:15 and by the Parlor after the 10:30. Consider buying a few take-outs to eat during the game.

We will also have a cross-stitched "Dove of Peace" by Sherry Beckham. It will be displayed after church services for silent auction bids and then a live auction after the eat-in meal on February 4. We will also have a cake auction after the meal.

All proceeds from this fund-raiser will be used to support our Missionary in Guatemala and help less fortunate people around Beaumont. Normal donations are \$5 per meal. If you just want to donate to this effort you can note "Missions" on your check or envelope and put it in the collection plate. Call Scotty Gregorcyk at 896-5120 if you want to help, have questions, or want to donate deer meat.

Women's Emmaus Walk #109

Please remember in your prayers the pilgrims of Golden Triangle Emmaus Community Women's Emmaus Walk #109. The Walk will be held January 25 – 28 and includes the following Wesley Pilgrims:

Leiah Baird	Jeanette Findley
Eddie McBride	Kelli Reyes
Susan Steely	



Preschool & Mother's Day Out

January is a cold and sometimes dreary part of the year...but not at Wesley Preschool! The preschool has several exciting events coming up soon.

January 18—Students will be participating in a St. Jude's Trike-A-Thon. Each child will bring his/her bike, trike, or whatever form of transportation they enjoy. The school will have a bicycle safety presentation and then the children will ride around the gym. You are invited to support the children and St. Jude's Research Hospital by making a donation.

February 1—We will have Parent/Teacher Conferences. There will be no school that day.

February 6—Registration opens for 2007-2008 school year for children presently enrolled.

Calling All Girl Scouts



We would like to get all Girl Scouts attending Wesley (PLUS your GS Friends & fellow troop members) involved in a joint Girl & Boy Scout Sunday set for February 11, 2007 -- but first we need to know who you are!!

If you are a Girl Scout willing to show off your smile at one, two, or three of Wesley's church services on February 11, please contact Shannon Pinson by email, Tom_Pinson@prodigy.net or by phone, 860-4953. Give her your name, GS level (Daisy, Brownie, Jr. etc.), contact information, and services you are willing to assist with on February 11 (8:00, 9:15, and/or 10:30). INVITE YOUR GS FRIENDS TOO!

Girls will earn the official Go Green GS Patch by participating in this event! So come on out and volunteer to show your blue, brown, green, or tan GS uniform at Wesley on February 11.

Scheduling An Event or Meeting?

If you would like to **schedule an event or meeting** at Wesley in 2007, please come by the church office and fill out a reservation form. This is very important. Please don't assume the meeting is already on the calendar.

If your Church sponsored event will **require child care** over the next few months, please contact Aleta Gibbs, 924-9987 or agibbs@gt.rr.com, so that it can be scheduled.



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Circuit Rider deadline is each Thursday.
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.

January 24

- Trey Comeaux
- Ruby Daniels
- Joshua Haltom
- Miranda Hood
- Taylor Montelaro

January 25

- Skyler Barlow
- J. C. Hill
- Trey Neil
- Shawnee Partain

January 26

- Jamie Bushnell
- Trey Crysel
- Rose Dale
- Emily Trahan
- Taylor Trahan
- Shelby Tullos
- Regina Winger

January 27

- Tami Bohle
- Carolina Keating
- Kevin Keating
- John Landrum
- Blain Padgett
- James Turner

January 21

- William Coffman
- Ruth Dale
- Dee Franklin
- Arianna Gibbs
- Amy Hall
- Stella Hines
- Angie Neil
- Curt Pearson
- Deanna Westfall

January 22

- Waynette Cooley
- Jacob Dale
- Jamie Dunningan
- Dick Fleish
- Kathleen Gilbert
- Karah Kuecker
- Nancy Landolt
- Hope Reppond

January 23

- Tommy Bawcom
- Shane Chambers
- Stephanie Cummings
- Verneice Davis
- Chelsie Ellerbee
- Lucille Foreman
- Amy Hancock
- Skye Henderson
- Amber Howard
- Carolyn Hudler
- Mae Isbell
- Devin Johnsen
- Garrett Jones
- Amanda Mimick
- Alyson Morgan
- Russ Myers
- Hannah Whitaker

