

NEWS BRIEFS

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.

Meetings-January 30

Trustees, 5:30 p.m., Conference Room

Administrative Board, 6:30 p.m., Choir Room.

Women's Emmaus Walk

Please remember in your prayers the pilgrims of Golden Triangle Emmaus Community Women's Emmaus Walk #109 this weekend, January 25-28.

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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 February 21. Be sure to include your name!



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 Sunday, July 8 to Saturday, July 14.

Approximate costs are \$819 each person for the first 2 passengers in a room and \$649 each person for passengers 3 and 4.

We will be on the Carnival Ship, "Conquest." We will port on Wednesday at Montego Bay, Jamaica, on Thursday we will port at Grand Cayman Island, and on Friday we'll stop in Cozumel, Mexico.

This is a church-wide trip, including children, youth, and adults. (For children under 5, Camp Carnival is available on the ship. This is child care).

There will be an informational meeting this Sunday, January 28, at 2:00

p.m. in the Dining Hall at Wesley. For information, email alice-crocker@ccsolisp.com or talk to Revs. Robert or Pam Besser.

Information Meeting
This Sunday
2:00 p.m.



From the Pastor

We're on the Way

The new family in the neighborhood overslept, and the six-year-old missed the school bus. Mother, though late for work, agreed to drive him if he'd direct her. They rode several blocks before he told her to turn the first time, several more before

he indicated another turn. This went on for 20 minutes; yet, when they finally reached the elementary school, it proved to be only a short distance from their home. Asked why he'd led them over such a circling route, the child explained, "That's the way the school bus goes, Mom, and it's the only way I know!"

It takes a while to accomplish the goals we've set as a church plowing good ground in Caring for our family, in Missions, Outreach, Fellowship, Worship, Sunday school and so much more. The church is constantly seeking to develop good, effective programs for every age of our church family. That takes time and people. However, with God's help and our congregation's faithful response, the Wesley family is well on the way and is making progress.

As many of you know, our church is beginning to lay the foundation for a Debt & Capital Improvements Financial Campaign. Monday and Tuesday a group of about 50 met to begin the process. More details will come soon; however, please do me a favor. Go ahead and block out Sunday, April 22, on your calendar. This is a very important day in the life of the church---we'll celebrate our past and look forward to the future God has laid out for us. I pray you will make every effort to attend.

We have come a long way, but it's not time to let up. Your every prayer counts!

See you in Church Sunday,
Robert

New Members



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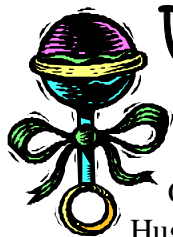
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Welcome!

Congratulations on the birth of Gabriel Jordan

Hughes, son of Kraig and Whitney Hughes, on December 22, 2006. His grandparents are Ron and Sandy Walker and his great-grandmother is Sarah Summers.

Congratulations on the birth of Charles William "Charlie" Rathgeber on January 7, 2007. He is the grandson of Carol and Ray Ward.

Area Part-Time Job

Brent Christopher Photography has a part-time office position available. The position is perfect for college student. For more information contact Brent Christopher at 892-4522.

Sanctuary Lamp

Don't forget to reserve your week for your loved ones, in memory or in honor, for the Sanctuary Lamp. Call Malana in the church office to reserve a week. The cost for each reservation is only \$5.00.

Children's Ministry

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

Thank You!

Thanks to the following people who helped drive and chaperone the Blitz 45 kids to the Galleria ice skating on January 15: Casey & Amanda Tucker, Ray and Robin Troy, Renee Cash, Debbie Riggs, Karen Stauffer, Shelby O'Brien, Robert and Pam Besser. There were a total of 33 kids and adults that went and everyone had a great time.



Blitz 45 T-shirts now on sale!

They are awesome, camo print with bright orange lettering. The cost is \$10. If you want to purchase one or two, please contact Rev. Pam Besser, pbesser@wesleyumc.com, or Casey Tucker.

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.

Vacation Bible School

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

Announcing our VBS Directors for 2007:
Barbara Galloway, Debbie Sims, Gail McMillon,
Laurie Lewis and Erin Bunch

Youth Ministry

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

SOUPER BOWL of CARING

Our youth will hold soup pots at church doors on Souper Bowl Sunday, February 4th. They will join young people in churches all across the country to collect money for those who are hungry and hurting. In 2006, 11,000 groups in all 50 states and outside the United States participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring generating over \$5 million.

All of the money collected is donated to a charity selected by the participant. None of the money is sent to Souper Bowl headquarters. Our church will donate our Souper Bowl collection to Some Other Place. Since 1993, nationally more than \$33 million has gone to help those in need.



Please support the youth of our church in this effort to "love our neighbors" by dropping your dollar in the soup pot on Souper Bowl Sunday.

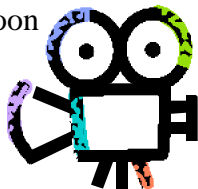
Wesley Attends Hot Hearts

Last weekend 30 youth and 7 adults from Wesley attended an amazing Christian conference at Ford Park. They heard encouraging stories from former NBA and Globetrotter, Melvin Adams, also a Houston native. They were challenged by the words of Rev. Mike Satterfield. Worship was led by the Steve Fee band, and concerts were brought by the Newsboys and Jason Morant. Our youth had a great time, including a lock-in at the church on Friday night. Please continue to pray for these youth as they step back into the "real world" and walk their faith from day to day.



Action at "Afternoon at the Movies"!

All adults are invited to come and enjoy an afternoon movie. This month we'll feature Harrison Ford in a really suspenseful action flick: [Air Force One](#). The President's plane is hijacked by terrorists and for a few hours the most powerful leader in the free world is at the mercy of a murderer with an agenda. It's not a new movie, but a really good one!



The movie starts at 2:30 p.m. in the Youth Center on the big screen on Wednesday, January 31. We'll have popcorn, candy, and lemonade along with enjoyable company.

Join the group on the last Wednesday of each month!

2007 Women of Faith Conference: "Amazing Freedom"

September 28-29 are the dates for the Women of Faith Conference in Houston this year. Contact Kathy (khaskins@wesleyumc.com or 892-7733) 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 the featured speakers. Last year's group had a wonderful time and it is a truly inspiring, uplifting two days. Call now to get your spot!



Upper Room Devotionals

Those of you who get your Upper Room magazines near the Praise & Worship Center may have noticed there's no longer a collection box. It disappeared with quite a few bills in it a few weeks ago. If you get an Upper Room, just put an extra dollar in the offering plates on Sunday to cover the cost to Wesley. There is still a collection box in the Welcome Center near the Sanctuary.

News and Coming Events

Missions Chili Lunch on Super Bowl Sunday

Our chili lunch will include beef or deer chili, with your choice of rice, beans, cheese, onions, crackers, or chips. As usual with any of Wesley's famous dinners, you will have cake and tea. After the 10:30 a.m. service, you can eat your chili in the Dining Hall before heading home to get ready for the Super Bowl. Plus, you can purchase take outs after the 8:00 and 9:15 a.m. services in the Dining Hall and by the Parlor after the 10:30 a.m. service. We will also have a cross-stitched "Dove of Peace" by Sherry Beckham for silent auction. It will be displayed after church services for bids and then a live auction after the meal at 10:30 a.m. Whole cakes will be auctioned off also. All proceeds from this fundraiser 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 place in the offering plate. If you want to help or want to donate any deer meat, contact Scotty Gregorcyk, 896-5120.

Desserts are needed!!!

We need cakes and cookies for the Missions Chili Lunch on Sunday, February 4. Please call Liz Holliday, 892-0833, if you can make cookies and/or cakes for this lunch.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to and prayers for the families of:

Brian Pearson's father, Curt Pearson, who passed away January 14, 2007;

Darrell Whitaker's mother, Margaret Whitaker, who passed away January 14, 2007;

Scott Sims' aunt, Rose Albanese, who passed away January 19, 2007;

Pat and Jim Cornelius' nephew, Tim Ormsley, who passed away January 19, 2007;

Debbie Canant's mother, Dorothy Hall, who passed away January 20, 2007; and

Bobby Hood's brother, Wilmer "Bill" Dillon, who passed away January 21, 2007.

Scouting News

Congratulations!

On Saturday, January 20, our younger scouts had their annual Pinewood Derby Race, and one of Wesley's members, Daniel Beard, won first place. Congratulations to all who participated, and thanks to the older scouts who volunteered to help. It was a great success.

Great Generosity and Vision

Wesley Church's Troop 65 has enjoyed the programs at The Philmont Scout Ranch in Northeastern New Mexico on a number of occasions. The great ranch covers two hundred and fourteen square miles of beautiful mountains, mesas, swift running streams, and beautiful valleys. It is aptly known as "Scouting Paradise."

The Philmont Scout Ranch was on the old Santa Fe Trail and before that was home to primitive early American Indians. The ranch is rich in archaeological sites which are a program theme.

In 1920, an Oklahoma oilman, Waite Phillips, purchased about 40,000 acres. Over time he expanded it and made improvements including a splendid summer home. In 1938 and 1941, Waite and Genevieve Phillips gave land including the incredible Villa Philmonte, and timber, mineral, and water rights to the property, livestock, and a large cash gift.

The Boy Scouts of America own and operate Philmont Scout Ranch. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips vision was that the ranch would be used to perpetuate "Faith, Self-Reliance, Integrity, and Freedom, principles used to build our great country by the American Pioneers."

Troop 65 is looking forward to the next visit to "Scouting Paradise" – Let's go!

Calendar

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
2:00 pm	Cruise Meeting, Dining Hall
5:00 pm	Knitting Class, Room 102
5:00—7:00 pm	Sunday Night Live, @ FUMC-Beaumont, Coffee House
5:30 pm	Cub Scouts—Bear Cubs, Room 112/114
6:00 pm	Cub Scouts—Wolf Cubs, Room 108

Monday, January 29:

6:30 am	Crosstalk, BISD—Burger King
8:30 am	Attendance Volunteers, Workroom
9:00 am	Counters, Conference Room
1:30 pm	North End/Wesley Heritage Meeting, Rm 102
6:00 pm	District UMM, Dining Hall/Kitchen
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts, Youth Center Green Room

Tuesday, January 30:

10:00 - 11:00 am	Staff Meeting, Parlor
5:00 pm	College Student Ministry Team, Conference Room
5:30 pm	Trustees, Conference Room
6:30 pm	Administrative Board, Choir Room
7:30 pm	Al Anon, Room 101, AA Meeting, Room 112

Wednesday, January 31:

7:00 am	Crosstalk, HJISD, Day Break
9:00 am	Circuit Rider Volunteers, Teacher's Lounge
12:15 pm	Communion, Sanctuary
2:30 pm	Wednesday Afternoon Movie, Youth Center
4:15 pm	King's Kids Choir, Choir Room
	Wednesdays @ Wesley
5:00 pm	Dinner
5:45 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	North Major, St. Francis Women & Men AA Rm 101,112,106
7:30 pm	Overeaters Anonymous, Room 108

Thursday, February 1: Pre-School Out—Parent Teacher Conferences

12:00 pm	Brown Bag Bible Study, Parlor
12:30 pm	Senior Games Day, Youth Center Building
7:00 pm	Deborah Circle, Parlor
7:30 pm	Al Anon, Rm 101, AA Meeting, Rm 112

Friday, February 2:

7:00 pm	Chocolate Boutique Retreat Begins
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Saturday, February 3:

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

Sunday, February 4:

2:00 pm	Chili Lunch 11:30 Dine In, Take Out after each service
	Chocolate Boutique Retreat Ends
	UMW, Parlor

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

Our Faithfulness

Our Attendance

Sunday Worship	January 21st
8:00 a.m.	126
9:15 a.m.	262
10:30 a.m.	366
Total	754
Sunday School	January 21st
Children	132
Youth	45
Adults	198
Total	375
Adventure Club	January 17th
Total	107

February Greeters

9:15 Service

January 28	Jan Ray
February 4	Joyce Fancher Dorothy Steed
February 11	Janis Prestridge Delraye Gibson
February 18	Jocelyn Frank Lisa Stewart
February 25	Janis Prestridge

Our Gifts

2007 Church Budget \$1,257,029
(incl \$274,884 for debt service)

Needed for Two Weeks	48,348
Received 1/14 & 1/21	42,424
Needed Year-to-date:	72,521
Received Year-to-date:	76,106
Difference	3,585

Non-Budgeted Gifts Received:

Building Funds	\$1,711
Prayer Garden	162
Society of St. Stephen	825
Sanctuary Candle	25
Parsonage Fund	385
Choir Fund	35
Missions Fund	20
Landscape Fund	25
Praise Center Remodeling	50
MOSAIC	500
Nursery Fund	20

Monthly Debt Service: 22,907

Guests

Nick, Joanie, Kameron, Hayden, & Brandon Acevedo
Richard Adams
Arthur Baize
Sharon & Amanda Boldt
Lynn Callas
Joann Cherry
Nancy Crawford
Terry & Gale Daigle
Damon, Heather, Katherine & Davis
Artie Paul & Lee Decuir
Shanoe & Kendra Dillard
Mr. & Mrs. Blaine Duplocion
Amber, Blaycie, & Braelyn Fenter
Carl, Mary, Hannah, & Garrett Gerace
Brian & Kerry Glenn
Kirk & Patty Gordy
Krisiti Harwell
Joey, Kylie, Shanoah, Austin, & Tanner Hilliard
Deena Horn
Wanda Lanham
Alyssa LeMaster
Elmer & Kay Long
Lou Ann Lott
Cynthia Maloy
Royce & Susan McConathy
Sue McNeely
Mrs. Pope
Ann Sandefur
James & Courtnei Skoruppa
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For more information about joining Wesley United Methodist Church, contact Rev. Mark Bunch at mbunch@wesleyumc.com.

Special Gifts

Gifts as of January 14, 2007:

Budget Fund

In Loving Memory of Joe Kirkland

By: Betsy Tucker

In Honor of Mary Lou & Betty Sue Kovar

By: Denise DeSoto

In Loving Memory of Mary

Gregorcyk

By: Bessie Steele

In Loving Memory of Joe Kirkland

By: The Matt Parra Family

In Loving Memory of June Ferrell

By: JoAnne B. Johnigan

In Loving Memory of June Ferrell & Joe Kirkland

By: The Lambert Family

In Loving Memory of June Ferrell

By: Janna Henry & Family

In Loving Memory of June Ferrell

By: Sarah Summers

In Loving Memory of June Ferrell

By: Henry & Nola Gaus

Society of St. Stephens

In Loving Memory of Joe Kirkland

By: Charles & Cynthia Curry

Building Fund

In Loving Memory of June Ferrell

By: Billy & Evelyn Duperier

In Loving Memory of June Ferrell

By: Joe & Rose Connors

In Loving Memory of June Ferrell & Joe Kirkland

By: Dick & Carole Marsh

In Loving Memory of June Ferrell

& Peggy Sanderson

By: Beau & Nelda Hicks

In Loving Memory of June Ferrell & Mildred Mitchell's Birthday

By: Margaret Kyte

In Loving Memory of Joe Kirkland

By: Milton & Frances Allardyce

In Honor of Linda Minick & Family, Terri Adams & Family,

Kay Spell & Family

By: Milton & Frances Allardyce

Prayer Garden Fund

In Loving Memory of June Ferrell

By: Virginia Voss

In Loving Memory of Tom Aiena, Patsy Porter, Wayne Scott &

Art Ostitis

By: Barbara Scott

In Loving Memory of Mary Eva Rush

By: Carl Rush

Choir Fund

In Loving Memory of Orville Hall

By: Milton & Frances Allardyce

In Honor of Delores Hall

By: Milton & Frances Allardyce

In Loving Memory of Sandy Dutton

By: Barbara Scott

Landscaping Fund

In Honor of Angie & Tommy Hebert

By: Milton & Frances Allardyce

Parsonage Fund

In Loving Memory of June Ferrell

By: Sandy Walker

In Loving Memory of June Ferrell

By: Betty & John Powell

In Loving Memory of June Ferrell

By: Lue Irvine

In Honor of The Brown Bag Class

By: Warren & Jude Dudley

In Loving Memory of June Ferrell

By: Marilyn Miller

In Loving Memory of June Ferrell

By: Martha Ashley

In Loving Memory of June Ferrell

By: Joyce Fairchild

In Loving Memory of June Ferrell & Joe Kirkland

By: Zelma Wilson and Family.

News

Note from our Missionary Family in Guatemala

The months of November and December were as busy as they tend to be every year. Starting in mid-November we visited orphanages and old folks' homes with a Christmas program, singing, puppets and fun. We held large children's Christmas party programs for hundreds of children in the slums of Guatemala City. The young people took their singing program to the regions of southern Mexico and sang for the last ten days before Christmas to hundreds of families and individuals. Our programs gave us the opportunity to pray with several hundred people young and old to receive *Jesus* – the first and greatest Christmas gift ever given.

SE District Lay Speaking Training Event

Wesley will host the annual Lay Speaking Training Event on Saturday, February 10, from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., and Sunday, February 11, from 2:00–5:00 p.m. **YOU MUST ATTEND BOTH DAYS TO BE CERTIFIED!** Resources available at District Training. Late registration is available. Registration fee is \$30 and includes lunch and materials. The courses offered are: Lay Speaking Ministry: Basic Course; Lay Speakers Lead in Stewardship;* Lay Speakers Lead in Bible Study.* (*Advanced courses for those having completed the “Basic Course” within the last 3 years.) To keep certification current, you **MUST** take a course every three years.



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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 28

- Lee Acevedo
- Betsy Cook
- Anna Craft
- Carl King
- Sheli Reagan
- Tom Schwab
- Sierra Vaughan

January 29

- Carol Cease
- Stephanie Comeaux
- Lauren Estes
- Steve Garrett
- Flo Gillespie
- J. E. Ray
- Chaise Reagan
- Larry Sweeney
- Penny Tully

January 30

- Mary Byrd
- Linda Cummings
- Jarrod Flory
- Elizabeth Gonzalez
- Fred Jackson
- Barbara McNary
- Jack Neil

January 31

- Tanya Morgan
- Melba Toups
- Shane Watts

February 1

- Doug Barlow
- Alan Bohle
- Kim Dimick
- Austin Hargrove
- Charles Land
- Lacey McGallion
- Kimberly Seago

February 2

- Janis Ashmore
- Cory Cash
- Stacie Cooper
- Carl Lightfoot
- Barbara Raymond
- Dana Smith

February 3

- Deanna Brittain
- Donna Broussard
- Don Cobb
- Johnny French, Sr.
- Cole Galloway
- Sandi Mitchell
- Shelby O'Brien
- Betty Winstanley

