

NEWS BRIEFS

Women of Faith Conference

The Early Bird Ticket Deadline is this Sunday. We will experience INFINITE GRACE! Information will be outside the worship centers to register. See Page 5 for details.

VBS Crafts



There are several bags and miscellaneous crafts from VBS in the church office. If

your child is missing something they made, please stop by the church office and see if any of the crafts belong to them.

Farewell Party for Galloway Family

Jimmie, Barbara, Shay, & Sophie Galloway will be moving to Hemphill this month. Join us this Sunday, August 10, in the Parlor, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service for a Farewell party for this family that has been a vital part of the Wesley family.

*Tasting for
Some Other Place
August 19
United Methodist Men
Retreat
August 23*

“Calling Sunday”–This Sunday

Have you ever wondered where great pastors come from? Great pastors come from congregations just like ours!

- Congregations who welcome young people and encourage them to become active participants in church life.
- Congregations who look for young people with a heart for ministry and the gifts and graces to serve the church.
- Congregations who invite young people to consider ministry.
- Congregations who take the time to support candidates for ministry.

This Sunday, all three worship services will focus on God’s calling in our lives, particularly full-time ministry. Opportunities will be given for those who sense God’s call upon their life to enter into ministry, for those who see God’s call in someone else’s life, or who desire to pray, encourage and support in any way those who are called. May God bless our efforts as we seek to emphasize the option of Christian vocation that members of Wesley might hear and respond to God’s calling in their lives!

Meet Wesley’s New Buses!

Wesley has now purchased two new 15 passenger buses to be used for transportation to church and church events. We have named the buses *Flame 2* and *Flame 3*. *Flame 2* is a 15 passenger bus with overhead and rear storage. *Flame 3* is also a 15 passenger bus with two spaces reserved for wheelchairs and is equipped with a wheelchair lift. Both buses have seatbelts for all passengers. Our buses have already been used by Wesley youth and adults and everyone enjoys the ride. Special thanks to Darrell Baker who applied the lettering and artwork to the buses.

Funds from the Sharing our Faith campaign helped fund a portion of the purchase cost of the buses. A special thank-you to the church family who faithfully gave the remainder of the funds needed to purchase the buses now. Thank you for continuing to honor your Sharing our Faith pledge as there is still much to be done to fulfill our campaign goals.

With these buses comes the need to recruit volunteers to drive them for trips as well as to help transport people to church for worship and other events. If you are willing please come by the church office to complete an application to become an approved driver.



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



From Our Pastors

Are You Checking Your Voicemail?

Sometimes it seems like God is calling us, but we're either too busy to answer the phone or we don't recognize the number. So we don't pick up. Do you ever have this problem?

Before I went off to college, God was calling me into ministry with the church—you know, the people of God. But I didn't realize it. In fact, it was looking back on the whole situation—not while I was in it—that made it clear what was really going on. I always knew that I worked differently, on the inside, from the other kids in Sunday School and youth group...but I didn't know that the Church called that "being set apart." I knew the only time I was ever truly popular was on the Sundays we did Bible trivia...but I didn't know that was because God was calling me to help others learn about Jesus.

What's more, it turns out that others around me knew, too. I first started talking about my call when I was in college, and it seemed like everyone from my home church said, "Well, of course! We always knew that!" And I was astounded that they never told me.

So, if you think you might be called to ministry, or if you think that there are gifts you have that God is calling desperately for you to use in a unique way—pick up the phone! It's our job to answer, and then to live it out. And if you believe that someone you know might have those gifts to teach, preach, pastor, intercede for others, share God's passion for righteousness and justice...tell them so! Don't let them think that it's a wrong number, or that God has somehow gotten it wrong.

And pray. Pray that God will work through all of us to bring the good work of the Church, the Gospel, the Kingdom to completion, through the faithful witness of Jesus Christ in all of us. May God bless us with discernment and passion in the Holy Spirit. See you on Sunday!

Tasting for Some Other Place

The 6th annual "Tasting" for Some Other Place is Tuesday, August 19, at the Beaumont Civic Center on Main Street. This has been a tremendously popular event, and very profitable for SOP, plus it's a lot of fun. There will be over fifty food and drink booths, most representing local churches, but a very few carefully selected restaurants will be serving up their best, also. Wesley will have two booths, once again. One will be serving fantastic chicken spaghetti, assembled by the Missions Committee under the supervision of Scotty Gregorcyk. The other booth will be slinging a beautiful, scrumptious, cool salad, as arranged by Elva Burlin and the United Methodist ladies.

For a \$10 ticket, you can browse and graze from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. And because Main Street is undergoing construction, Sun Travel Bus Company will be running two air-conditioned buses, from the parking lots at First United Methodist and First Baptist churches all evening. You may contact me or the church office for tickets.

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Cooking Lunch at Some Other Place

Our days of service in August

Tuesday, August 12

Friday, August 29

Our team meets at 8:30 a.m. at SOP to start cooking and the service line is open 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Help is always needed so join us down at Some Other Place (590 Center St.). If you can't come cook or serve, donate an extra-large can of green beans in the collection boxes in the Sanctuary and Praise Center. For more information, contact Roy Follmer or Mark Bunch.

Music Ministry

If there is a place where music meets madness, where worship meets water guns, that place is Musipaloosa!

Last month I spent a week surrounded by forty children and youth. We laughed and played and danced. The children enjoyed art, drama, movement, and lots of music.

But most of all, we worshipped. Whether any of them realized it or not, we were fellowshiping with one another. Amidst all the grins and giggles, there were moments filled with children's voices raised in song. With eyes closed and hands raised, these children reminded us what authentic worship really is. It's not too contemporary or too traditional, not too fast or too slow. It's hearts and minds focused on Christ. As the children sang, "Only You, Lord Jesus, only You". That's the real deal.

Noel Turner

Thank You

Dear Wesley Prayer Team, Staff,
and Wesley Family,

Thank you so much for your cards, emails, phone calls, and prayers during my illness. Your thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,
Kaye Bryant

Dear Pam,

I just wanted to thank you for such a wonderful VBS. You truly have a gift in that area of ministry and it's obvious God is working through you. Please pass on my thanks to those others who were involved! Thank God for you!

Ty Badon

Dear Wesley Staff and Prayer Team,

Thank you so much for all the cards, calls, prayers, and other concerns you sent my way during my recent surgery. The people of Wesley mean so much to me.

God bless all of you,
Betty Nicholas

Dear Friends at Wesley UMC,

Thank you so much for all of your prayers, love, and support for my mother and family. Your presence and love have been a great comfort for both our mother and family and truly meant a lot to us and made a great difference in helping to see us through this difficult time. Although we grieve the death of our mother, we take great comfort in knowing that her absence from us is now great gain and that she is now in the presence of the love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We Great Love and Appreciation,
The Fox Family

Dear Wesley,

Thank you, for all the kind things and prayers you are giving us.

Sincerely,
O.C. & Alice Jordan

Dear Rev. Robert and Wesley United Methodist Church Family,

It was such a surprise on my early morning surgery day to see you walk in and visit and have prayer with us. It meant so much to me.

To the entire church, I have felt your prayers lifted up for me. God's been with me through my surgery and now my recovery time.

Thank you seems like such a little thing to say when you've blessed my life in such a big way! We feel very blessed to be a part of such a loving, caring church. I hope to be back in church real soon.

In Christ's Holy Name,
Virgie Harper

Dear Wesley Prayer Team,

I want to thank you for all the love and concern shown in the many cards and phone calls I received since my back surgery.

Yours is a wonderful ministry at Wesley and I do so appreciate your caring spirit.

I know this has helped me get through the weeks of healing.

I saw my surgeon last week and he released me. He also told me to focus on how far I had come since the surgery, and that is what I am working on now.

Thank you for all the love and support.

God bless you.
Helen Bistline

News

Update on Upper Room Recycling

Whoeee, but you all have come through on this!! I have all kinds of publications going back to the beginning of time—and I am putting everyone of them to good use. I am taking them to the Land Manor Substance Abuse Facilities—an all male facility, an all female facility, a mixed male and female facility, and a facility for adolescent males from 11 to 17 years of age. My policy has been to take the 'current' month for the number of individuals at the center and then also send some extra publications such as Guide Posts and others.

I do have a suggestion when you read your current Upper Room. I usually use a high lighter for special passages that are relevant to me. The thought occurs to me that that Upper Room might reach a person who particularly needs to see that passage emphasized. So, while you are reading, why don't you highlight or underline important passages the next person might benefit from.

Many, many thanks for returning these to me.

Love Peace Joy,
Nancy Crawford

Sympathy

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

Fay Finley, who passed away July 26, 2008 and

Georgia Pickett, who passed away July 31, 2008.

Children's Ministry

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

Upcoming Events:

Sunday School Teacher Training
August 20—6:00 p.m.

**Promotion Sunday
Blessing of the Backpacks
Kindergarten Prayer Partners**
August 24—Worship Services
Kindergarten Dinner—4:30 p.m.

**Adventure Club Training
Acolyte Training**
August 27—6:00 p.m.

**Mid-Week Boost Dinner &
Adventure Club Begins**
September 3—5:00 p.m.

September Parents' Night Out
September 5—6:00-10:00 p.m.

Kindergarten Students 2008-2009

*Trinity Ardoin
Max Brown
Thomas Bunch
Caleb Coates
Jacob Cruz
Julia Gigliotta
Joshua Haltom
Wesley Hatcher
Jaxson Haynes
Blake Jeanis
Tristan Killian
Daniel Kitzman*

*Matthew Lyons
Tanner Marsh
Landon McLeod
David Morgan
Landon Morreale
Lily Norman
Gavin Puckett
Corinne Renick
Brinn Richardson
Reese Rippeon
Caroline Roebuck
Hanna Royer*

*Austin Samaha
Sophie Sweeney
Ryan Thomas
William Travis
Aaron Tullier
Emma Tully
Meagan Waidley
Sean West
Caroline Wilson
Aiden Yetman*

If you know of any other child that will begin Kindergarten this Fall, please contact Rev. Pam Besser at pambesser@wesleyumc.com or 892-7733. Thanks.

**Mid-Week Boost Dinner
& Adventure Club
Resumes September 3 at 5:00 p.m.**

Youth Ministry

For more information, contact Alyson Stewart
at astewart@wesleyumc.com

Week's Schedule

Aug. 6 -
Revved UP! at Schlotzsky's
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Aug. 9 -
New 7th Grader Celebration
1:30-5:30 p.m.

Aug. 10-
Sunday School 9:15 & 10:30 am
UMYF: Canoe Trip
12:00-7:00 p.m.

Aug. 13 -
Youth Band Practice at Youth
Center 5:00-6:15 p.m.
Revved UP! at Parkdale Mall
Food Court 6:30-8 p.m.

Aug. 17-
Sunday School 9:15 & 10:30 am
Youth Band Practice at Youth
Center 3:00-4:30 p.m.
UMYF: Parent and Youth Fall
Kick-off Meeting at Dining
Hall 5:00-7:00 p.m.

FALL KICK-OFF CANOE TRIP

Sunday, August 10 * 12:00-7:00 p.m.

Join us in the Youth Center after the 10:30 service for lunch before we head out to Village Creek for an awesome canoe trip! Make sure you wear comfy clothes, shoes you can get wet, a swimsuit, and bring lots of sunscreen. The cost is \$20 for the canoe trip and includes lunch and dinner on the way back. Please sign up to allow for an accurate number of canoes reserved! Experienced and non-experienced adults needed.

NEW 7th GRADER CELEBRATION

Saturday, August 9 * 1:30-5:30 PM

Jimmy and Paula Herrington are hosting a swim party at the community park in Northwest Forest right off of 105. We'll be celebrating all of the Sunday school years they've shared with the upcoming 7th graders with fun, games, and pool fun!

PARENT & YOUTH FALL KICK-OFF MEETING

Sunday, August 17 * 5:00-7:00 p.m. * Dining Hall

We'll be kicking off the school year with exciting new activities, schedules, and bible studies. Come for a special youth band performance, dinner, and a peek at what's happening with youth at Wesley this fall!

Sunday School Study for All Interested Adults

Not yet found a Sunday School class? Would you like to meet some people in a smaller setting than Worship? You are invited to join us in Room 106 at the 9:15 am hour during the next few weeks. Beth Tatum is leading a study based on *Prayers of the Cosmos; Meditations on the Aramaic Words of Jesus* by Neil Douglas-Klotz. It covers The Lord's Prayer & the Beatitudes and provide some inspired translations and new ways of hearing and praying Jesus' words. Please feel free to contact Beth Tatum with any questions.

UMM Conference Wide Retreat

All men are invited to attend the United Methodist Men's Conference Wide Retreat on Saturday, August 23, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., at Wesley. The keynote speaker will be Bishop Janice Riggle Huie, and breakout sessions will include: Society of St. Andrew, Strength for Service, Upper Room Prayer Ministry, and Men's Ministry Leadership. The cost is \$30 which includes breakfast and lunch. Registration information is available at: <http://www.tcumm.org/fallconference.htm>.

Where is Your Gift? Could you be a Mid-Week Boost Leader?

Contact Beth Tatum if you'd be willing to lead or co-lead a class or you'd like to propose a "Spice of Life" topic.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR—DAY TRIP SHANGRI LA Botanical Gardens & Nature Center, Orange Tuesday, August 26 Featuring the Brand New Wesley UMC Buses!

We will take a daytrip to Shangri La Botanical Gardens & Nature Center in Orange on Tuesday, August 26. The cost is \$22 and includes the guided tour of the Botanical gardens and Outpost including a pontoon boat ride on Adams Bayou, a box lunch from the Star & Crescent Moon Café, and bus transportation from Wesley. The walking tour is approximately 2 hours, a bit over a mile. Both tours are wheelchair accessible. We will depart from Wesley at approximately 8:15 a.m. and return by 2:30 p.m. No children under 4 are allowed on the Outpost tour portion. Folks should call the office to register by August 11. Forms are in the Welcome Centers and the office.



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Friday 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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WESLEY EARLY-BIRD

TICKET DEADLINE: August 10

NEW THIS YEAR – Wesley Buses Depart at **4:30 PM Friday.**
Conference - Fri. 7 PM—Sat. 5 PM \$68*

FEATURING

Mandisa, Sandi, Patty Patsy Clairmont, Nicole C. Mullen, Sheila Walsh, Marilyn Meberg, Luci Swindoll, Allison Allen

* Includes Bus from church at 4:30 & Box lunch on Saturday

You can earn a voucher to reimburse your ticket cost by volunteering at the Conference. Information is also available for hotel rooms and a Friday pre-conference event. Contact Beth Tatum, Director of Adult Ministries, 892-7733.

Watch for information on Mid-Week Boost Adult Classes!

Our Faithfulness

Our Attendance

Sunday Worship	August 3
8:00 a.m.	119
9:15 a.m.	200
10:30 a.m.	298
Total	617
Sunday School	August 3
Children	90
Youth	24
Adults	167
Total	281

Mid-Week Boost
Resumes September 3!

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.

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Jacqueline Larson
Jim & Eileen Malain
Brian, Teresa, Myka, & Mia Mayer
Tod McBride
Patty McCullough
George & Victor Midgett
Justin, Kris, Alec, & Spencer Murphy
Wilda Nobis
Maggie Osborne
James, Karen, & Kevin Parsley
Ginny Pope
Hazel Rairigh
Linda Redding
Kirk, Connie, Justin & Tiffany Rickerman
Amy Ricks
Delyn & Lynda Ridinger
Jose Rodriguez
Willa Ross
Clara Roy
Jimmy & Barbara Samaha
Philip Shipp
Harold & Sue Steward
Richard & Opal Stonnell
Jennifer, Ryan, & Abby Thomas
Wanda Underwood
Shawn Walker
Michael Walker
Heath, Marilee, Nathan, & Sean West
Jean Worsham
Joe Zuccaro

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

Memorials

Due to publication deadlines, memorials are printed a week after their submission to the office.

Gifts as of July 27, 2008

Budget Fund

In Honor of: Lois Head

By: Billie Gordon

In Memory of: Wilbur Woodrow

By: Billy & Evelyn Duperier

In Memory of: Pauline Hines

By: Billy & Evelyn Duperier

In Memory of: Flora Nell "Flossie"

Duhon

By: Keith & Mary Kessell

By: Marie Stephens

In Memory of: Sammie Fox

By: Lynda Minick

News

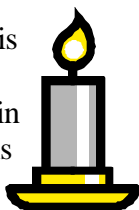
Hide & Seek?

Looking for "lost" study materials

Do you have a leader book or a DVD for Class or Group Studies that you borrowed from the church? If you have completed the study, please return the material to Beth Tatum. If you are hanging onto it as a "just in case," please let her know that you have it so the church can maintain a list of what we own. Thanks for your help!

Sanctuary Gifts

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week in Memory of Lowell Burlin on the Anniversary of his death by Elva Burlin.



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

Calendar

Sunday, August 10, 2008 Calling Sunday

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 Going Away Party for the Galloway's, Parlor
12:00 pm - 7:00 pm UMYF Canoe Trip on Village Creek

Monday, August 11

8:30 am Attendance Volunteers, Work Room
9:00 am Counters, Conference Room
1:00 pm Staff Meeting, Conference Room
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm District United Methodist Men's Meeting, Room 104
7:00 pm Boy Scouts, Youth Center Green Room
7:00 pm Cub Scouts Webelos I, Youth Center Blue Room
7:00 pm Cub Scouts Wolves, Youth Center Red Room

Tuesday, August 12

8:30 am Cook at Some Other Place
5:30 pm **Health Care Ministry Team Meeting, Room 108**
6:30 pm **Adult Ministry Team Meeting, Room 108**
6:30 pm **Missions Ministry Team Meeting, Room 104**
6:30 pm **Friends of Girls Haven, Dining Hall**
7:00 pm **College & Young Adult Bible Study @ Adair's, 4375 N. Major Drive #1323, Beaumont**
7:30 pm AI-Anon, Room 101
7:30 pm St. Frances AA, Room 112 (Childcare, Room 108)

Wednesday, August 13

8:30 am Circuit Rider Volunteers, Teacher Work Room
12:15 pm Communion, Sanctuary
4:00 pm Prayer & Card Ministry Team Meeting, Conference Room
5:00 pm **Women's Retreat Planning Team Meeting, Conference Room**
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm **Revved Up Youth @ Parkdale Mall Food Court**
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice, Choir Room
7:30 pm North Major AA, Room 101
7:30 pm St. Frances AA Men's Group, Teacher Work Room
7:30 pm St. Frances AA Women's Group, Room 112

Thursday, August 14

12:30 pm Senior Games Day, Youth Center
6:30 pm **MOSAIC Mission Meeting, 2593 Sunflower Lane**
7:00 pm Emmaus Board of Directors Meeting, Room 108
7:30 pm AI-Anon, Room 101
7:30 pm St. Frances AA, Room 112 (Childcare, Room 108)

Friday, August 15

6:00 pm **Women's Retreat Begins, Holy Family Retreat Center**

Saturday, August 16

4:00 pm **Women's Retreat Ends, Holy Family Retreat Center**
7:30 pm St. Frances AA, Room 112 (Childcare, Room 108)

If you have additions, deletions, or changes to the calendar, contact Gail McMillon at gcmillon@wesleyumc.com.



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Circuit Rider deadline is each Thursday.
Email articles to circuitrider@wesleyumc.com

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 office.

August 10

Sydney Allen
Breann Hanks
Holly Jackson

August 11

Lynn Ferguson
Justin Lyons
Jerry Myers

August 12

Jo Lynn Bailey
James Barlow
Daniel Beard
Michelle Goforth
Dolores Hall
Wesley Kent
Keith Kessell
Claire Mason
Laurynn Ray
Jamie Scales
Woody Woodrow

August 13

Travis Addington
Kim Carroll
Stephen Hill
Tom Kirk
Tim Mock
Kyle Riggs
Becky Withers

August 14

Loretta Davis
Blaine Duplecion
Duane Hill

August 15

Ray Baker

August 16

Ken Hobbs
Michael Matsuda
Bubba Merendino
Bridget Richardson

