

A row of golden brass bells is arranged on a dark, draped table. The bells are shiny and reflect light, creating a sense of depth. In the background, there are sheets of music on stands, some with red and white patterns. The overall scene suggests a church or a musical setting.

Insight

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Welcome to Williams

A monthly publication highlighting the mission of Williams Memorial United Methodist Church

Photo by Krista Petty

Welcome to Williams Memorial UMC



Our church campus located at 4000 Moores Lane on the north side of Texarkana. Moores Lane is north of I-30 between Summerhill and Richmond roads.

We invite you to worship with us. Our services are Christ-centered, Biblically grounded, and culturally relevant. The words, music, and means of grace are all designed to empower you to grow in your relationship with God and in ministry to the world.

You are also invited to belong to the faith community. We enter into the family of Christ through baptism. We recognize God's action in baptisms in other faith communities; you do not have to be re-baptized to belong at Williams. If you have not been baptized, we will be honored to baptize you.

We offer the sacrament of Communion on the first Sunday of each month in the Sanctuary at both the 8:15 and the 10:30 a.m. service. On the third Sunday of the month we offer Communion during the Xperience service in Wesley Hall. We encourage all people to respond to God's grace in receiving the sacrament. We practice open communion, which means you do not have to be a member of Williams or any church to receive from the Lord's table. We offer God's love freely to all persons.

As a faith community we believe every member is in ministry. Your baptism is your authority as a member of God's family. No one can take that away from you. We are all individually gifted and called to service. We live out that calling within the community.

Our goal is to be like Jesus Christ in this world. We are constantly growing in grace; we have not arrived. We grow through worship, prayer, and study of God's Word. Through large meetings, small groups, and discipleship, we are changed from our old selves to our new selves.

As you pray to God, we hope you will consider belonging to the Williams faith community. As you respond to God's grace, please talk to one of the pastors at the end of any worship service, and they will be honored to assist you in belonging at Williams.



Seeing Christmas with Child-Like Eyes *by Danny Wayman*

...and a little child shall lead them. (Isaiah 11:6)

Christmas celebrates God becoming human. Baby Jesus is born, and we receive God's gift to us.

A new child in the family brings another depth of relationship. Parents, grand-parents, and the greats all rejoice in the new life. Familiar rituals take new meaning and hope for the future. Watching a small child who is seeing Christmas for the first time renews the meaning of Christmas for us.

God sent Jesus into this world in order to make everything new. The old flat earth needed a revival of purpose and understanding. Humanity thought we had God all figured out, and we had the rules to prove it. God burst into the scene with new possibilities, shaking our preconceived foundations. The tremor of the new and possible shook us out of our complacency.

We need the same revival today. Jesus does not need to be born again, but we need to see with new eyes and hearts so we can be born anew. Find a child or simply follow the child God has given your family and see Christmas through their eyes. See the wonder and glory of the new. May our hearts not be filled with stuff, but may they be filled with joy, glory, and peace. Gather at the manger and wonder at God's gifts. See you in worship.



Danny Wayman-Senior Pastor

December Sermons

12/6/2009

"Refiner's Fire"

Malachi 3:1-4

Luke 1:68-79

Phillipians 1:3-11

Luke 3:1-6

12/13/2009

"Shame Becomes Praise"

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Isaiah 12:2-6

Phillipians 4:4-7

Luke 3:7-18

12/20/2009

"God's Gift to You"

Micah 5:2-5a

Luke 1:47-55

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-45

12/24/2009

Christmas Eve Services

Isaiah 9:2-7

Psalm 96

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-20

12/27/2009

Combined in Wesley Hall

1 Samuel 2:18-20,26

Psalm 148

Collosians 3:12-17

Luke 2:41-52

Welcome Our New Members



Jeff and Mary Thomas
pictured with their family



Fred and Martha Norton
Ben, John and William



Dan and Shawn Edmonds
Maddie and Clark



Jo Anne Caldwell



John and Dorothy Braddock Hopson



Jeremy and Sarah Ackerson



Jim and Cherul McPhaul
Caroline, Braden May, Meredith

Xperience

Worship

Xperience Notes- Christmas Time is Almost Here

The stores have been saying it since before Thanksgiving, the television commercials have begun playing it, and there is no denying that Christmas is on its way. With the countdown to Christmas in full swing, it becomes so easy to focus on December 25th and forget about the season leading up to that day. That season of the church is called Advent.

So what is Advent? Here is a simple definition from wikipedia.com.

Advent (from the Latin word adventus, meaning "coming") is a season of the Christian church, the period of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus; in other words, the period immediately before Christmas.

For me, Advent is a time to prepare for Jesus' coming. In the Xperience service, over the next few weeks leading to Christmas we will be preparing. Some of the music will be the Christmas carols you know and love. Some of the music will be songs that help us to look forward to Christ, and to prepare our hearts and minds for His arrival. I pray you will join us in fully experiencing this Advent season as we prepare for Christmas.

December 20th will be a special time for us. We will have a service of carols and communion. We will be telling the Christmas story through scripture and using contemporary versions of Christmas songs, and some new ones to help guide us through this experience.

Sunday Schedule

- 8:15 Early Worship in Sanctuary**
- 9:00 Fellowship Time**
- 9:15 Sunday School**
- 10:15 Fellowship Time**
- 10:30 Xperience Worship in Wesley Hall**
- 10:30 Sanctuary Worship in Sanctuary**
- 4:00 Cornerstone Worship**
- 4:00 Youth Band**
- 5:00 Alive @ 5**
- 5:00 UMYF**

On Christmas Eve, the service for families with children will be held in Wesley Hall at 5:30. This service will have the carols you know and love, just with some Xperience style background. We will also have candlelight and communion as part of that service.

See you in worship

Russell Martin

Looking For You

Do you sing, play an instrument or act? Do you have experience working with computers or sound boards? The Xperience band is looking for participants in each of these areas. If you would be interested in singing or playing with the Xperience Band, or you would like to be part of a drama team, or technical team, please contact Russell Martin or Kerri Crocker.



Get Involved

An Interview with Leigh Ann Scates

I recently sat down with Leigh Ann Scates to talk about her, her family and what being involved in the church means to her.

Leigh Ann is married to Eddy Scates and has two beautiful children Carleigh, age nine and Caylin age six. She grew up in New Boston, Texas and attended Tapp Memorial UMC. After they got married, and visited a few different churches, they settled on Williams Memorial UMC. After a

short detour living in Fort Worth, they moved back here to Texarkana and have been members at Williams ever since.

“There are a few things that drew me to this church. First was the Methodist faith, being the faith I grew up in. I also liked the fact that there are women in leadership, and the openness of the Methodist Church, that anyone can take communion.”, she said, “and I like the Xperience service

and our kids do too.”

When talking with her, you automatically get the sense that she wants to be involved. Last year Leigh Ann was one of the directors for our Vacation Bible School. “Angie Barber called me and said there was no one to do it; let’s do it together.” I asked her why, and she said, “When I think back to what shaped me and molded me, I think of the people who were involved in the church, involved

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can be used and take that
leap of faith and do it.*

in the children's ministry. If they hadn't given then I wouldn't be where I am today."

She smiled when she went on to describe her experience with Vacation Bible School, "It was very rewarding. It wasn't as tiring as I thought it was going to be and it was great to see all of the volunteers who came together and gave of their time. My favorite part was probably the difference I saw in the kids from the first day kind of standing around, to see them go to the end of the week when they are singing and having fun, and had made new friends. I think that was pretty awesome."

In addition to helping with VBS, Leigh Ann has also gotten involved singing in the Xperience service. "I've always sung, even as a little girl, and in the church. My mom used to encourage me to use my God given talent," she said.

After having her family singing never came back to the forefront. She felt that where she needed to be was sitting with her family in church. With some encouragement though, she stepped up to the mic.

"My husband and a few friends would ask me every week, 'When are you going to get up there and sing?'" After a few more words of encouragement, and some prodding she has become a part of the Xperience vocal rotation, and shares her awesome talent with us several times a month.

"I really enjoy it. It's really awesome to be up there, and to sing, and to be using the talents God gave me. I like to look out there and see people singing, and hearing their voices. It's just a way that I can serve."

She recalled a moment that we had in the Xperience service when we were singing, and the congregation joined in singing strongly. "It was pretty awesome because that was such an awesome song, and I'm not used to hearing the congregation singing, but they were, and it was loud, and it was good."

She went on, "That was one of those close to God moments where we had a sense of being a family, and we're all worshipping the same God."

After talking with Leigh Ann, I began to sense a theme in her

comments. Many times she mentioned those who had volunteered at church when she was growing up, and how grateful she was to them. She mentioned how much she received from her volunteering at the church and the joy she received from the different areas of ministry. So I asked her, "What would you say to someone who is not involved in volunteering?"

"Prayerfully consider where God can use you. I think that people tend to underestimate themselves and think 'There's not anything I can do, or There's not any way I can help.' But even if your gift is hauling and setting up tables, you can help someone and help that ministry." she said, "Just prayerfully consider where you can be used and take that leap of faith and do it. I think people don't think about how important they are, no matter what they are doing." She also had a suggestion for those who know of someone with a gift or talent to share. "I think sometimes people just need a nudge, so if someone is sitting by you and you know they are good at something suggest to them, Hey you'd be good at that."

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*Designates Chairperson for committee or team

My Favorite Christmas *by Tommy Burton*

One of my most cherished memories is Christmas of 1987. This was the last Christmas that I had with both of my parents. Daddy was sick with cancer, and we felt like it would be our last Christmas together. In one aspect, it was a very solemn time. But on the other hand, it was a blessing. It was the year that I got two of my best Christmas presents ever; a firm handshake from Daddy, and a hug from Mother. There wasn't a lot of laughter or smiles that year, but we all were reminded of what Christmas is truly all about: Christ.

It's not about all of the gifts that you get, or the wonderful meals that you'll eat. It's about Jesus Christ. It's about counting your blessings. I am still blessed today by the wonderful memory I have of that Christmas. Even though Daddy didn't feel well, he still had his sense of humor. I didn't have a clue as to what he wanted for Christmas that year; I couldn't give him a miracle, so I gave him a box of bullets and a pair of jogging pants. We always hunted together; that's where the bullets come in. And he needed a comfortable pair of pants to wear around the house, thus the jogging pants. He looked at both of them really funny, looked up at me, and said, "What do you think I want to do? Jump and shoot?" I couldn't help but laugh! Daddy could be so funny! It was all such a blessing.

Even though my parents have both gone to heaven, they continue to bless me each and every day because of the most wonderful gift that my parents ever gave me. On May 24th, 1964, when I was one year old, my parents took me before my family and friends at St. Andrew UMC in Mt. Pleasant, and had me baptized. It wasn't a box of bullets, a pair of jogging pants, a car, or anything else that some might say would be a really awesome gift. It was so much more than that. It was the best gift that I could have been given, a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Maybe Christmas of 1964 was the best Christmas I ever had? I don't guess it really matters, because to tell the truth, each and every Christmas I have ever had has been a blessing! This year will be special as well, because we now have a whole new church family to celebrate Christmas with! Yeah! I am so looking forward to celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with you all this year! Hug those whom you love, give a firm handshake to those who don't hug, and count your blessings! God bless!

Children's Ministry

Alive @ Five Children's Ministries

Sunday nights 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

4 & 5 Year Olds-

Story Time / Dinner/ Cherub Choir/Activities

This class is a great way to learn about Jesus. We tell Bible Stories, play games, and learn songs.

1st & 2nd Graders.

Bible Zone/Dinner/ Praise Choir-This lively group gathers for Bible stories, activities and games.

3rd & 4th Graders

Bible Basics/Dinner/Praise Choir-Children learn the books of the Bible and memory verses along with related games and activities.

5th & 6th Graders

Music/ Dinner/JYF (Junior Youth Fellowship)

Bible study and games are part of Sunday evening activities. In addition, there are trips, events and on-going mission projects.

A monthly rotating menu of Pizza, Chicken strips and Tacos will be offered. (A donation of \$4.00 a meal or \$36.00 a semester is suggested.)

Children's Ministries Alive @ Five Schedule and Menu

Dec. 6th –Hanging of the greens
No Children's Activities

Dec. 13th –
Happy Birthday Jesus Party (Pizza)
Parents are invited to
help with the big party

Dec. 20th –No Activities

Dec. 28th – No Activities

Jan. 10th –
Alive @ Five resumes

Jan. 10th –
Parent meeting in the
Chapel at 5:00

Children's Music

The children of Williams Memorial United Methodist Church invites you, your family, and friends to attend the Hanging of the Greens Worship Service on December 6 at 6:00. Along with the Chancel Choir, Liturgical Dancers, Wesley Ringers, pastors, and others, the children will present a traditional service focused on stories from Bethlehem. Please join us as we all prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ

Miss Amy

Happy Birthday Jesus

Please make plans to attend our

Happy Birthday Jesus Party

When : December 13th

Time: 5:00 until 7:00

Where: Williams Memorial

Bring \$10:00

**Our Mission this year is to help
Temple Memorial Rehabilitation Center**

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Meet our Staff- Russell Martin

My name is Russell Martin and I am the Director of the Xperience Service here at Williams Memorial UMC. My passion is leading worship and using music to show who God is, and how much He loves us. It is such a joy to work with the talented musicians, vocalists and technicians in the Xperience Service and to lead worship for such an awesome congregation.

As long as I can remember music has been part of my life. Growing up in Pearland, Texas, I was in the children's choir, began writing songs in high school, and leading worship in college. In addition to leading worship, I also write music and have recorded four CD's. The most recent is available in our bookstore.

In addition to overseeing and leading worship in the Xperience worship service, I also create and edit the videos we use, produce the Insight monthly magazine, and take care of our electronic communications, including the website, e-news, and church facebook page.

I live here in Texarkana with my wife Meagan, who teaches chemistry at Texas High School, and our 4 dogs and 1 cat.

I look forward to what is in store here at Williams Memorial and to finding ways we can all use our gifts to glorify God.

If you are interested in becoming involved in any of these ministries I have mentioned, from playing in the band, to taking pictures for the website, please contact me. Thank you so much.

Music and Fine Arts Ministries



Sherri Waters- Director of Music
and Fine Arts Ministry



Our Advent services begin November 29 as we anticipate the Christmas celebration of Jesus birth.

On December 6, at 6:00 p.m. we have our annual Hanging of the Greens service. There will be bells, choirs, drama, and palm trees. The service will be followed by punch and cookies in the Parlor as we decorate the Chrismon Tree. This year the tree will be located in the Welcome Center.

"Glad Tidings of Great Joy", our Christmas cantata will be offered Sunday morning, December 13. Laura Seabourne, harpist, and Vickie Al-Dubais, organist, will accompany the Chancel Choir. Fred Norton is our dramatist. He will tell the story of Simeon, the prophet who waited for Jesus birth.

YES! Youth Ensemble Singers, will travel to Centurytel Center on December 18, departing at 5:30 p.m. to see the Trans-Siberian Orchestra.

Christmas Eve services offer variety this year. The 5:00 p.m. service will be held in Wesley Hall featuring the Xperience musicians. It is a service focused toward families with children and youth. The 7:00 and 11:00 p.m. services will be held in the sanctuary. The Chancel Choir sings at the 7:00 service. All services will observe communion, candlelight and carols.

Grace and peace,

Sherri

MUSIC AND ARTS SCHEDULE UPCOMING EVENTS

HANGING OF THE GREENS- SUNDAY EVENING DECEMBER 6

CHRISTMAS CANTATA- SUNDAY MORNING DEC 13

SANCTUARY SERVICES, SUNDAYS 8:15 & 10:30 A.M. SANCTUARY

XPERIENCE SERVICE, SUNDAYS 10:30 A.M. WESLEY HALL

CHILDREN'S MUSIC IS PART OF ALIVE @ 5 CHILDREN'S MUSIC ROOM

WESLEY RINGERS, MONDAYS 8:30-9:30 A.M. HANDBELL ROOM

HANDCHIMES, WEDNESDAYS 3:30-4:15 P.M. HANDBELL ROOM

LITURGICAL DANCE, WEDNESDAYS 5:30-6:30 P.M. SANCTUARY

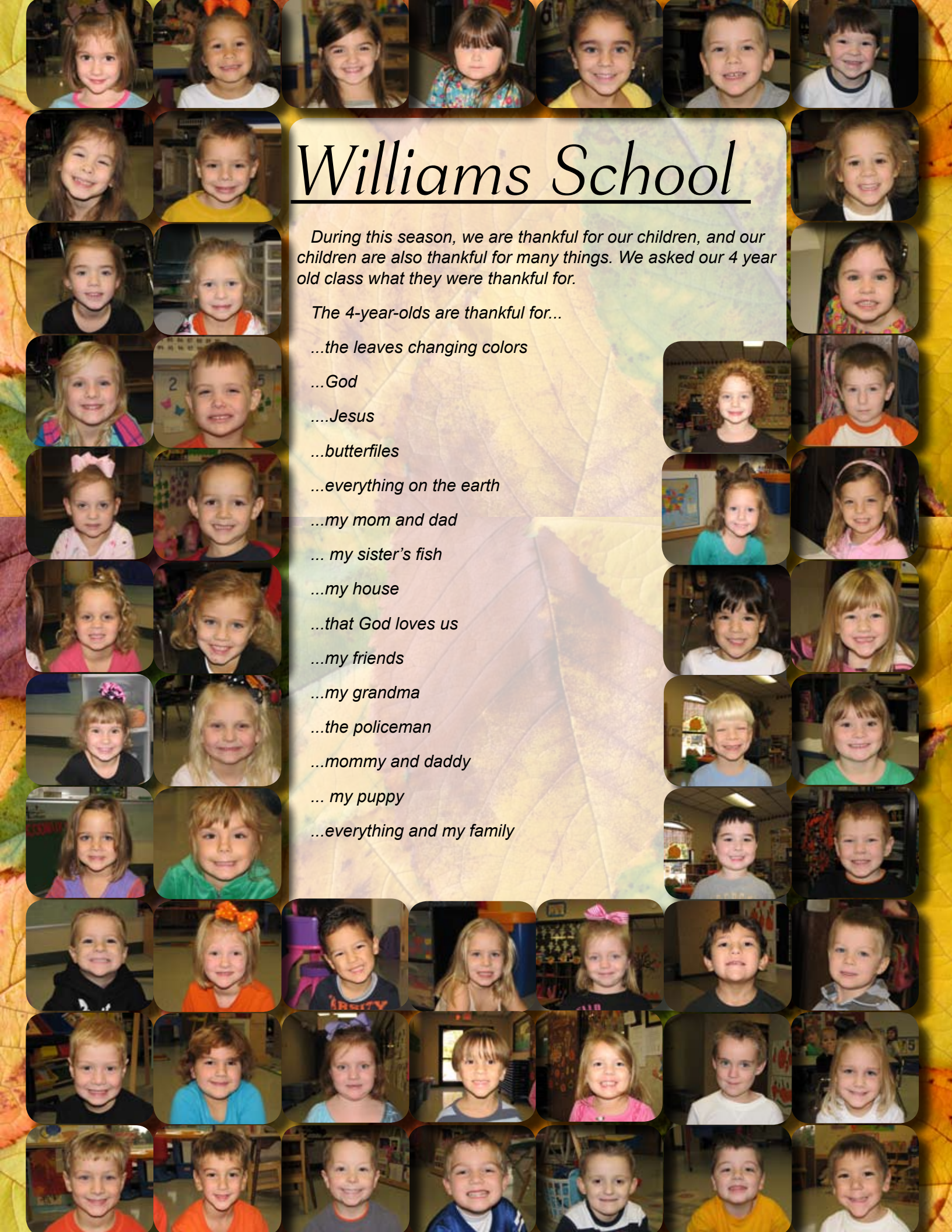
YES! WEDNESDAYS 6:30-7:00 P.M. CHAPEL

CHANCEL CHOIR WEDNESDAYS 7:00-8:30 P.M. CHOIR ROOM

CHANCEL CHOIR WARMUP SUNDAYS 10:15 A.M. CHOIR ROOM

TRIBE OF DAN-VARIOUS TIMES

THOUGH THEY HAVE BEGUN IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN ANY OF
THESE MINISTRIES. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT SHERRI WA-
TERS AT SWATERS@CABLEONE.NET OR 903-832-8663



Williams School

During this season, we are thankful for our children, and our children are also thankful for many things. We asked our 4 year old class what they were thankful for.

The 4-year-olds are thankful for...

...the leaves changing colors

...God

....Jesus

...butterfiles

...everything on the earth

...my mom and dad

... my sister's fish

...my house

...that God loves us

...my friends

...my grandma

...the policeman

...mommy and daddy

... my puppy

...everything and my family

Adult Ministries



Sue Camp- Director of Education

Dec. 1st-UMW General Meeting

Get in the Christmas Spirit early by attending the UMW General Meeting on Tuesday Dec.. 1st at 10 am. Barbara and Harry White's daughter, Karon Wall and her husband Jalon will sing Christmas carols. We encourage you to come join us as we set the tone for a Joyous Christmas Season. We will also be recognizing our special membership for 2009.

Dec. 8th-W2LEO

Bryce's is our restaurant of choice for our Christmas Celebration. Our group will meet at 6 pm on Tuesday December 8th, for food, fun and a jolly good time.

Dec. 9th-UMW Princesses

Cook your favorite dish to share with other young women (20's, 30's, or 40's) for an early Christmas dinner. Please bring a gift to exchange. Come join the fun and excitement as we celebrate Christmas a little early.

Dec. 10th-XYZ

Come to the Youth Center on Thursday December 10th, at 9:30 am to play games, visit and spread good cheer. Everyone is welcome to join us. Get away from the hustle and bustle of shopping and relax for a fun game of Bridge, Hand & Foot or Forty Two.

Dec. 14th-Book Club

Read Josh McDowell's book entitled More Than a Carpenter, then come join us on Dec. 14th at noon in the Children's Library, as we discuss this wonderful novel. If you have not read the book join us anyway, we may spark your interest enough to do so. January's book is The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows.

May the Joy of Christmas fill your heart, and keep you focused on the Reason for the Season. Share with someone less fortunate this Christmas.

Have a Merry Christmas!!

Sue Camp, Director of Christian Education
Vee Daniels, Assistant Director

Youth News



This December the youth are being challenged to "Change the World" by collecting spare change and canned goods. It is the junior high versus the senior high youth, with the needy children of Texarkana benefiting.

Both teams are responsible for raising funds to help make one child's Christmas wishes come true. The winning team will be awarded an extra \$50 towards their shopping budget. The canned goods collected will be given to the Society of St. Stephen's Food Pantry. We would like to encourage all Williams' members to support the youth by placing your canned goods in the wooden chests and dropping your change in the designated buckets located in the Welcome Center.

Also in December, the youth will have a Progressive Dinner and Christmas party on Sunday, December 13, from 5:00-7:30. We will meet in the Youth Center for appetizers and head out to various homes for soup, salad and the main course. Everyone will meet back at the church for dessert and a white elephant gift exchange. All youth interested in attending need to sign up with Courtney by December 6. Don't miss the FUN, FOOD and FELLOWSHIP!

For all youth who are interested in attending a weekend retreat to Sky Ranch in Van, TX; we will be going Friday, January 15 through Sunday, January 17. A \$25 nonrefundable deposit is due on Sunday, December 13. For more information you can contact Courtney Waldrep at courtney.waldrep@gmail.com or pick up an information packet at the Welcome Center desk.

Tommy Earl and I would like to encourage all youth who attend Williams to take advantage of the opportunities available to have fun, to learn about God, and to show love to your neighbor, including Sunday school on Sunday mornings, MYF on Sunday nights; open gym, and liturgical dance,

Y.E.S. Bible study on Wednesday nights and Randy Sam's the 3rd Wednesday of every month you have numerous chances to grow in the love of God.

UMYF in December

Sunday, December 6

Hanging of the Greens
No Youth Activities

Sunday, December 13

MYF: Progressive Dinner
5-7:30 meet in the Youth Center

Wednesday, December 16

Randy Sams' – Meet in Wesley Hall at 4:30
(No Y.E.S. or Liturgical Dance)

Sunday, December 20

MYF: Christmas Movie Night

Wednesday Dec 2 & 9

5:00-7:00 Open Gym
5:30-6:20 Liturgical Dance
6:30-7:00 Y.E.S.
7:00-8:00 Bible Study





Good Treasures News

Bookstore Hours

Monday

7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday

7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday

7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Thursday

7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Friday

7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Saturday Closed

Sunday Morning

8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



Christmas Gifts Have Arrived

The Good Treasures bookstore has a variety of gifts for this Christmas season. Items include Bibles, nativity scenes, jewelry, CDs, figurines and more. Do not forget that they will wrap items purchased in the bookstore for free, and items brought in for a small fee. Visit the Good Treasures bookstore today and see what treasures are in store.



Travelers Take Stadium Tour

On November 9th, nineteen people traveled to the new Dallas Cowboy Stadium for a private tour of the facility. We all enjoyed the behind the scene tour. We were able to see places that most people never see, even the players locker room. All agreed the stadium was awesome. After the two hour stadium tour, we headed to Joe's Crab Shack, ate lunch and headed back to Texarkana. Everyone had an amazing time.



The Good Treasures Bookstore Gift Wrapping Event.

Bring your packages in to be wrapped
while you enjoy a cup of coffee or
cappuccino.

All proceeds will benefit the
Bookstore.

Good Treasures Bookstore

Friday
December
4th, 11th, and 18th

Saturday
December
5th, 12th, and 19th

Time 1-5 pm

Contact Brenda Reed for more
information or to volunteer.
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Upcoming Events

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| December 4-5 | Good Treasures Gift Wrapping |
| December 6 | Hanging of the Greens |
| December 8 | W2LEO Out to Eat |
| December 11-12 | Good Treasures Gift Wrapping |
| December 13 | Christmas Cantata |
| December 13 | Happy Birthday Jesus Party |
| December 13 | Youth Progressive Dinner |
| December 19-20 | Good Treasures Gift Wrapping |
| December 20 | Xperience "Carols and Communion" |
| December 24 | Christmas Eve Services |
| January 10 | Alive @ 5 Resumes |
| January 10 | Parent's Meeting- Children's Ministries |
| January 15-17 | Youth Sky Ranch Winter Retreat |

More events can be found online at
www.welcometowilliams.org or www.facebook.com/wmumc