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Our church campus is 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.

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Trust and Obey

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God...

(Romans 8:15-16 NRSV)

by **Danny Wayman**

Mother's day, graduations, and many other celebrations of spring occur during May. Another celebration is Aldersgate Sunday.

Aldersgate refers to a street in London where a group of Christians met for Bible study. On one particular Wednesday evening in 1738, John Wesley attended such a study. The following is an excerpt from his Journal:

"In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate-Street, where one was reading Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation: And an assurance was given me, that he

had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death."

This event in John Wesley's life changed the course of his life and also of English Christianity. Many people thought he became too "enthusiastic" about his faith, others saw his response as a clear expression of Biblical spirituality.

While we celebrate this event of 262 years ago, the more important question is, "Do we have assurance our sins, even ours, have been taken away and we are saved from the law of sin and death?"

That experience of assurance is one of the steps along the path of following Christ. If you would like to visit with me about your spiritual experience and what God desires from you, please give me a call. See you in worship on Aldersgate Sunday and every Sunday in May.



Danny Wayman-Senior Pastor

May Sermons

5/2/10

Senior Sunday

"The New Covenant Community?"

Acts 11:1-18, Ps 148,
Rev 21:1-6, Jn 13:31-35

5/9/10

Mother's Day

"The Holy Spirit Will Teach You Everything"

Acts 16:9-15, Ps 67
Rev 21:10, 22-22:5
Jn 14:23-29

5/16/10

"While You Wait"

Acts 1:1-11, Ps 47
Eph 1:15-23, Lk 24:44-53

5/23/10

"Heart Strangely Warmed"

Acts 2:1-21, Ps 104:24-34, 35 b
Rom 8:14-17, Jn 14:8-17 (25-27)

5/30/10

Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31, Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5, John 16:12-15



About the Cover

Featured on the cover is the Confirmation Class of 2010. They joined the church on April 18, 2010.

Brianna Gail Carmony, Peyton Elizabeth Glenn, Emily Pearl Hatridge, Grayson Goodwin Kirk, Caroline Elizabeth May, John Travis Morgan, John Cargile Norton, William Milner Parker, Jr., Joseph Townsend Pearlman, Colleen Diana Russell, Tyler Lee Snell, Elizabeth Jean Hunt Tullis, Sydney Holland Warren, Cooper James Zverina

Music and Fine Arts



Sherri Waters- Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministry



Sunday Schedule

- 8:15 Early Worship in Sanctuary**
- 9:00 Gathering Time**
- 9:15 Sunday School**
- 10:15 Gathering 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**

I have two occasions that celebrate accomplishments.

I have received a Masters in Theological Studies from Perkins Seminary at Southern Methodist University. My last class was April 29, and the requirements are finished.

I have been recommended for commissioning as a Deacon in the United Methodist Church. The ceremony will be Tuesday June 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. This will be a worship service that is part of Texas Annual Conference in the Woodlands. You are certainly invited to attend, but this is not yet the ordination service. That will be in 2012.

I have been appointed to Williams Memorial UMC, and deacons do not itinerate, so this is my home church!

I thank you for the support and kindnesses that you have shown me. This is a great place to be, and I am pleased to be your deacon.

We are finishing the ensemble rehearsals that run most of the year. Wesley Ringers, Ageless Handchimes and YES! Youth Ensemble Singers have been vital in worship leadership. They do not rehearse for the summer months.

Chancel Choir continues through June, and then we take a July rehearsal break. Brass Ensemble will play during June.

Grace and Peace,

Sherri



"I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations." Psalm 89:1

My Week in El Salvador



By Sherri Waters

My trip to El Salvador was enlightening and educational. It is an experience to go to another country that is in the middle of trying to accomplish political change in the middle of great economic hardship. There is a strong gang presence, and the unemployment rate that I was given is 90% unemployment.

We went into the slums and saw incredible poverty and apathy. There are no environmental protections for the country. Smog, water pollution and trash are true problems, not just nuisances. People bathe, wash clothes and drink polluted water that kills young children especially. Poor farming and ranching practices

have killed large portions of the land, which affect every part of life. It was difficult to see such trouble and know that I can do nothing to change the country.



What was wonderful was to see the result of Christians working together to educate children who have been rejected by the government schools because they cannot afford the uniforms, or they have learning disabilities. These committed people give their time in small schools to change the dynamics of the poor. They feed the 200 children that come to this Alta Mille Flores School. This may be the only meal the children receive for the day. They accomplish this on one tiny old stove and two hydrants. All drinking water must be purchased and hauled.

The teachers educate the students by teacher interaction, but without testing like we use. They evaluate each student each day, and watch for the time when a student can be promoted because the student has learned the concepts for that grade level.

It will be interesting to see what God will do with El Salvador, and the connections that are being built with the churches in the United States. Rev. Owen Ross, Diane and Donald's son, has begun a Spanish language church in Dallas, and is a passionate advocate for immigration reform. If this is an issue that you are concerned about, we will be glad to connect you to Owen and his work. I have a friend who was on the trip who is taking a mission team to El Salvador this summer to build a kitchen in this little school.

There are many ways we can make a difference in the world as God leads us. Each of us is led through different pathways. What is crucial is that we follow that leading, even if it does not look logical to us. God uses what we offer. What is important is that we take the first step on the path God leads. Together we can change the world for God.



Good Treasures

Bookstore and Coffee Shop



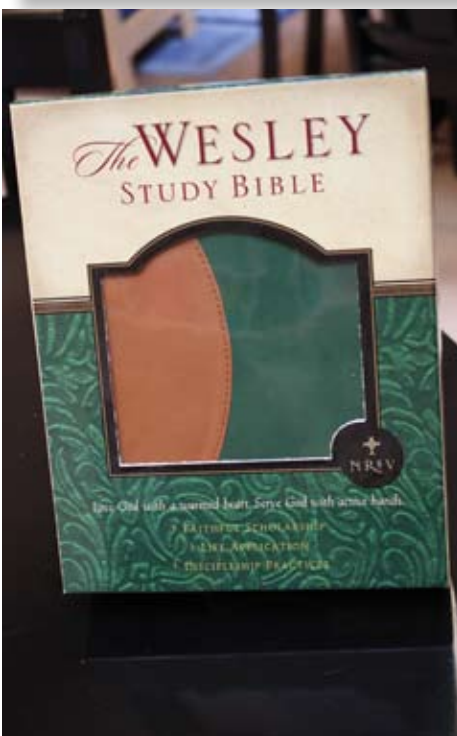
Mother's Day and Graduation are right around the corner.

We have a great selection of Willow Tree figurines and Angels, jewelry by Suzi Mercy, Scripture pillowcases by Kerri Crocker.

We also have Mother's Day and Graduation cards.

FREE GIFT WRAPPING WITH ANY PURCHASE.

Monogramming is also available; bring your items in early to insure they are done before Graduation.



Williams School



These 4-year-olds explore a Volcano at the Williams School Science Fair.

Explore, Discover, Learn!

Watching our children experiment with sponges at the recent Science Fair reminds me of the old adage: children are like sponges, they soak up every experience.

Take a look at the other Science fair pictures and see what else we watched, touched, and explored.

Soon many of our students will go on to explore the world of kindergarten. Graduation is always a happy yet sad time for our school staff. We're so proud of our kids and confident of their abilities to face the challenges of kindergarten. We're also a little sad to say goodbye to these children who are part of our family. Where has the time gone? Wasn't it just yesterday that most of these kids were in the two-year-old classes, discovering simple science properties, the concept of numbers and the sounds of letters? Now they are grown up four and five-year-olds, reading sight words and books as well as using phonic skills to decode words, applying math concepts to

solve problems, writing their names, addresses and phone numbers and becoming authors of small books.

Some of our graduates will be with us for the summer. Each week in the summer session we explore a different theme. Our kids will be excavating dinosaurs, celebrating our nation's independence, exploring the treasures of the sea (and getting very wet on Sprinkler Day!), discovering our solar system, learning about farm animals, taking pretend vacations to distant lands and hosting a circus with the children performing all the circus stunts. We will also welcome visits from community helpers such as police officers, nurses, etc. It will be a very busy summer!

I continue to look forward to each day with our children as we explore, discover, and learn. What fun we have at Williams School!

Paula Hawkins



New Members

Here are some of the new members who have joined our church recently. When you see them around, please make sure and say, "Welcome to Williams".

Are you interested in becoming part of our family here at Williams Memorial UMC? There are three main ways to get started:

1. Please take the opportunity to talk with one of our Pastors at the end of our worship services. You can also meet them in the coffee shop after the services and they would be glad to discuss what it means to be a member here at Williams.

2. Drop by or call the church office during the week. This will give you a chance to meet the Pastors, Staff, and ask any questions you may have.

3. Visit our website www.welcometowilliams.com and click on the "Visiting Link" at the top of the page.



John and Dorothy Hopson



Mary Lea Norton



Morgan Seals, with Hayden,
Camden and Libby



Michael, Lisa, Madison and
Megan Turner



Hollis, Wade and Wyatt Boyette



Chad Williams



Dottie and Billy Thigpen

Glorify God, Inspire Others to Follow Christ, Make Disciples of Jesus Christ

What is UMCOR?



“The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’” Matthew 25:40

By Tommy Earl Burton

UMCOR stands for the United Methodist Committee on Relief. This year we have supported UMCOR by donating money for health kits to assist earthquake victims in Haiti, and this summer our youth will be volunteering at the UMCOR Sager Brown Depot.

The Senior High mission trip will be Sunday July 18th through Friday July 23rd, and the Junior High mission trip will be Sunday August 1st through Friday August 6th. Volunteers can work in the warehouse with the various kits that UMCOR sends all over the world, or you can choose to help out in the local community.

This is how UMCOR describes the ministry they do.

UMCOR Sager Brown reaches out to the community of Baldwin and the world through

its campus off of highway 90 in southern Louisiana.

The UMCOR Sager Brown Depot in Baldwin, La., is the headquarters for UMCOR's relief supply operations. Approximately \$4 million in supplies are shipped each year from the Baldwin, La. campus. More than 2,000 volunteers that come through Sager Brown each year make these shipments happen.

Locally, UMCOR Sager Brown reaches out to the Baldwin community through a housing rehabilitation and food distribution, engaging volunteers in projects that help families and the elderly.” (<http://sagerbrown.org/>)

When you give to UMCOR, whether through financial donations or through volunteering your time, you

are joining with thousands of people from all over the world who are coming together as the body of Christ to love God and love neighbor.



Tommy Earl Burton- Associate Pastor

Congratulations to our Seniors



Katelin Wayman



Spencer Mercy



Sarah Ramsey



Stephen Robbins



Nick Harp



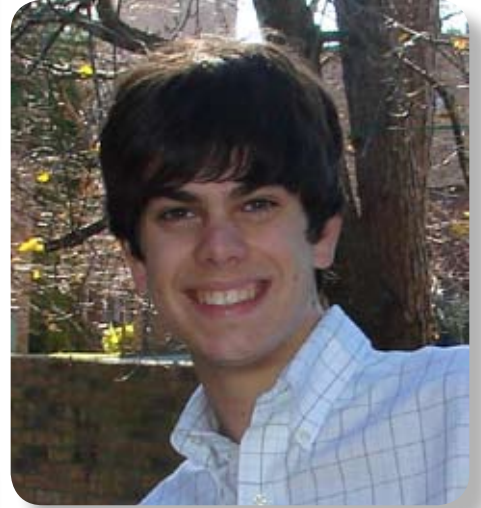
Ryan Maddox



Karlee DeHaan



Allison Day



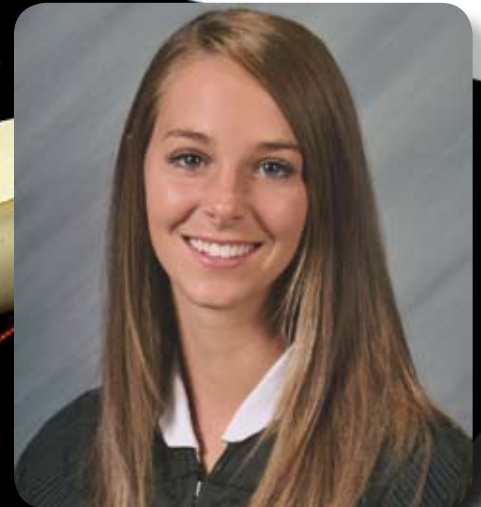
Grant Alkire



Trent Voth



Stephanie Bledsoe



Lauren Ainsley



Adult Ministries



Good Treasures Bridge

This bridge group continues to grow. We are attracting more experienced players and in turn our game continues to improve. If you would be interested in playing with this group Email John Mercy at jmercy@texarkanalawyers.com or Vee Daniels at gnvee@cableone.net. We gather at the Bookstore every Wednesday night at 6:00pm. Come give us a try.



W2LEO

If you like going out to eat, but sometime hesitate to go alone or call a friend at the last minute, then join our group of diverse adults that form our W2LEO group. They meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

If you want your name added to our ever-growing list call Sue or Vee and give them your name and address. You will then be mailed a card at the first of the month telling you when and where the W2LEOs will meet and eat.

If you have questions about any of these groups please contact :

Sue Camp, Director of Christian Education-suecamp@cableone.net or Vee Daniels, Assistant Director-gnvee@cableone.net

Book Club

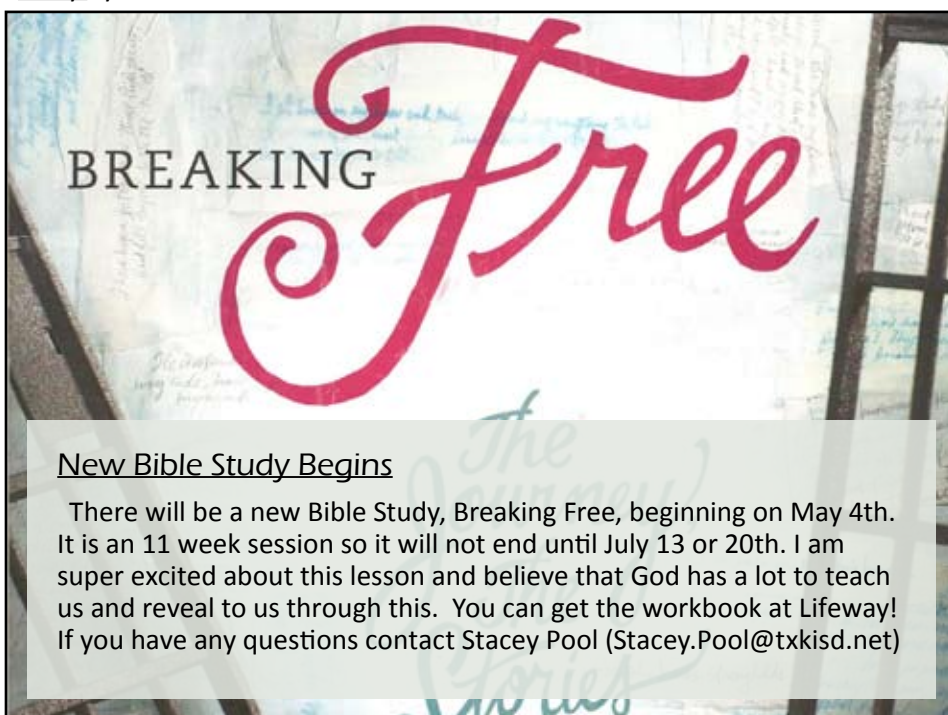
May's book of choice is Moloka'i by Alan Brennert. Moloka'i is a story of tragedy in paradise. This book shows a world of dazzling beauty coupled with an ugly disease and fear. If you would like to join our group come to the Children's Library on May 10th at 12:00 noon. We will discuss Moloka'i, which tells of the courage of a young woman in the Hawi'i of a hundred years ago. Please join us as we voice our opinions on this novel.

Our book for June is America's Prophet, Moses and the American Story by Bruce Feiler.



XYZ

This group meets in the Youth Center, at 9:30 a.m., on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. They play games and share lunch. If interested, contact Billy Roberts and let him add you name to the list of fun people that enjoy playing games.



New Bible Study Begins

There will be a new Bible Study, Breaking Free, beginning on May 4th. It is an 11 week session so it will not end until July 13 or 20th. I am super excited about this lesson and believe that God has a lot to teach us and reveal to us through this. You can get the workbook at Lifeway! If you have any questions contact Stacey Pool (Stacey.Pool@txkisd.net)



Sue Camp- Director of Education

UMW News



[A Day at Garvan Woodland Gardens](#)

What a perfect day God created for our trip to Garvan Woodland Gardens in Hot Springs. The sun was out, the temperature was ideal, what more could you ask. Forty two people boarded the bus with great expectations, and they were not to be disappointed.

As we arrived at the gardens we were greeted with an impressive display of daffodils in dramatic flair. As we walked or rode through the gardens the parade of numerous tulips and other spring flowers was spectacular. Every color in the rainbow was arranged in amazing order. Every turn in the pathway

brought a new breathtaking scene, from the beauties of nature to the dynamic architectural bridges and waterfalls.



After lunch at Cracker Barrel we ventured over to the Munro Shoe Outlet for some fun shopping.

A beautiful day for a ride, an amazing demonstration of God's handiwork, eating lunch, shopping for shoes; what more could anyone ask. Needless to say a good time was had by all.



The United Methodist Women are a very active group. Our general meeting is held the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am., in the parlor. The meetings are led by our president, Andi Kirby. We have several Sub-Groups some of which you might be interested in joining.

The list includes:

Betty Kelly Friendship-

This group meets the second Wednesday at 10:00am Room 108 Contact is Betty Farrar 903 792-2234

UMW Thursday Bridge

These ladies meet the first Thursday at 1:00 pm in the Church Parlor or at Cornerstone Contact Dorothy Hood at 903 793-1484

Sowers & Doers

Sowers and Doers meet the Third Tuesday at 10:00 am in room 109 Contact Jo Hatfield at 903 832-1120 or Dyanne Forward at 903 832-3797

Spiritual Life

This group meets the second Tuesday at 10:00 am Contact Barbara White 903 792-6142

UMW Night Bridge

This bridge group meets the second Wednesday at 6:00pm in Church Parlor Contact Mary King at 903 832-1892

UMW Princesses

This group for 20-40 year olds, meets every second Wednesday at 6:00pm in room 108 Contact Sue Camp at 903 832-8663



Plant Sale Success

Congratulations to the UMW on another great plant sale. They were successful in meeting their goals to provide generous donations to several local and church charities.

Thanks to all who came out and supported this worthy cause.

Children's Ministries

Wonderful Wednesdays this Summer

All Children entering the 1st - 6th grade are invited to join us at the church the following Wednesdays for food and fun activities.

Dates:

June 16th

Meet in Zone

10:00 until 12:00

July 14th

TBA

10:00 until 12:00

August 11th

TBA

10:00 until 12:00

Sue Camp, Brenda Reed
Amy Kirk



Williams Memorial UMC End of the year Party

Every year we throw an end of the year party to celebrate the great time and good friends we have had during the year at Alive @ Five. This year the party will be in front of the church on Sunday May 2nd from 5:00 to 7:00.

There will be hamburgers and hot dogs, blow up toys and lots of fun. This is a family party so we ask that you stay for the fun.



**Children's Summer Sunday School
Begins Sunday June 6th**

Glorify God, Inspire Others to Follow Christ, Make Disciples of Jesus Christ

A Missionary to Africa

Several months ago God put an intense hunger in my heart to know Him more. In my attempts to grow close to Him and continually seek His kingdom I read and studied His Word, read books and devotionals, and listened to sermons and worship music every free moment of my day.

During these months of seeking, God revealed His will for me to teach abroad in Africa. Once I made the decision to teach in Africa that hunger God put in my heart subsided.

I researched several avenues for teaching abroad and decided to go through the individual volunteer program through the General Board of Global Ministries (gbgm). Through gbgm I have applied to teach at the English Speaking School of Lubumbashi (TESOL) beginning August 2010.

Lubumbashi is the second largest city in the Democratic Republic of Congo and is located in the southern tip of the nation close to the Zambian border. At TESOL I will teach children of missionaries, doctors, diplomats, business people, etc. Teaching at TESOL will give me a great opportunity to learn and experience many different cultures.

I ask for your support and your prayers. I cannot fulfill what God has called me to do in Africa without an army of prayer warriors.

If you feel led to help support me financially, donations are tax-deductible, and if you have any questions about my budget please contact me.

Checks should be made payable to **Advance GCFA**, and in the memo line of the check put **Advance #982465 for Stacey Pool**. You can mail check to **Advance GCFA, P.O. Box 9068, GPO, New York, NY 10087-9068**. You can also donate online by visiting the link on my blog.

Please feel free to ask me any question you have. You may contact me at 903-276-6752 or stacey.pool84@gmail.com.

I also have a blog that I will update frequently while in Africa for you to follow and see how God is continually working in my life (<http://discipleofgrace.blogspot.com>).

You can find more information about volunteers in mission at <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/> under the get connected tab and volunteer opportunities.

For more information about TESOL please go to <http://web.me.com/hoovmoss/TESOL/Welcome.html>.

I pray that you will share this experience with me.

Your sister in Christ,

Stacey



Youth Ministries



Thank You

The Youth Group would like to thank everyone who supported the annual Mission Dinner! Over \$4000 was raised to benefit the youth's summer mission trips and the UMCOR Health Kits!!! We would especially like to thank Ron Rehkopf and Rehkopf's Grocery for their generous donations as well as Walt Hebert and Reggie Goins for helping plan the menu and cook, the food was wonderful! If you were unable to attend the dinner and would like to contribute to the Youth Mission fund please contact Courtney Waldrep. Thanks again to all of our wonderful volunteers; we could not have done it without you!

MYF In May...

Sunday, May 2nd-
MYF & Overflow

Wednesday, May 5-
Open Gym & Bible Study
Liturgical Dance @ 5:30 in Sanctuary
Y.E.S. @ 6:30 in Choir Room

Sunday, May 9th
Mother's Day: NO YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, May 12th
Randy Sam's meet @ 4:00 in Wesley Hall
Open Gym & Bible Study
Liturgical Dance @ 5:30

Sunday, May 16th
District Youth Rally

Wednesday, May 19th
Last Bible Study

Sunday, May 23rd
MYF: End of Year/Graduation Party

**Wednesday, May 26
& Sunday, May 30**
NO YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Senior Weekend...

Saturday, May 1st
Senior Dinner @ 6:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall, Juniors need to be here at 5:00

Sunday, May 2nd
Senior Breakfast @ 9:30 a.m. in Wesley Hall

Seniors will be recognized @ 10:30 in the Sanctuary

Church Camp & Summer Mission Trips

Lakeview District Camp
Church Camp at Lakeview will be June 28-July 1 for all youth grades 7-12. If you are interested in attending or being an adult volunteer please talk to Tommy Earl.

UMCOR Mission Trips
The youth will be taking two mission trips this summer to the UMCOR

Sager Brown Depot in Baldwin, Louisiana. The senior high youth will be going July 18-23 and the junior high will be going August 1-6. There are only 20 youth spots available for each trip, so if you are interested hurry and sign-up! We need 5 adults for each trip to help drive and chaperone; any adult interested please talk to Tommy Earl or Courtney. Remember you do not have to have a child currently in the youth group, just a heart for mission work! Each person attending is responsible for a \$60 nonrefundable deposit due Sunday, May 30. You do not want to miss all the fun!!!

Other Summer Youth Activities

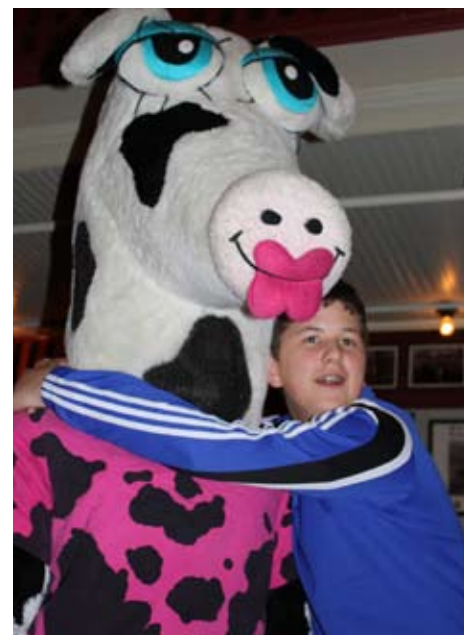
Sunday nights
MYF 5-7 p.m. in the Youth Center

Wednesdays, June 9 – July 28
Open Gym 6:30-9 p.m. in the Youth Center

June 6-10-
District Youth Week:
We will host June 6th

July 25-29-
Vacation Bible School

August 15-19
Best Week Ever @ Williams





Vacation Bible School



Vacation Bible School July 25-29, 2010

This year at Galactic Blast Vacation Bible School 2010, your cadets will voyage into outer space praising God. Through daily missions, your kids will see space as never before, gain a new perspective on our planet Earth, and learn easy "green" earth tips they can practice at home. Join with Mission Directors Leigh Ann Scates and Angie Barber for this cosmic combination of faith and fun that will have your cadets developing a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Vacation Bible School will blast off July 25-29, 2010. More information will be contained in future editions of the Insight Magazine and on our website at www.welcometowilliams.org

Volunteer for VBS

Galactic Blast

July 25 - 29, 2010

Volunteer Information Card

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____



I will help in the following ways:

Before VBS Begins-

Prepare props and decorations Make Pre-craft Items

Help with Pre Registration

During VBS-

Group Leader Assistant Other _____

Please tear out and return to church office or place in offering plate

L.I.F.E. GROUP

BUILDING LIFE TOGETHER

LET US NOT GIVE UP MEETING TOGETHER, AS SOME ARE IN THE HABIT OF DOING, BUT LET US ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER--AND ALL THE MORE AS YOU SEE THE DAY APPROACHING.

LIFE is an acronym for Living In Fellowship Everyday. This group is a place where adults come together to share life together. L.I.F.E. group generally meets every other week, at a member's home for dinner, fellowship, prayer and Bible study. We also spend time working on mission projects, eating meals, playing, and being an encouragement to one another as we go through our daily lives.

So maybe you would be interested in a group like this. Maybe church on Sunday morning is great, but you just don't find your self getting ready in time for Sunday School. Maybe you are looking for something more. Our L.I.F.E. Group meets regularly every other Thursday night. If this sounds like something you would like to be a part of please contact Lori Son loson@pgisd.net or Russell Martin rgmmusic@gmail.com





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Upcoming Events

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| May 1-2 | Senior Dinner and Service |
| May 2 | Alive at 5 End of Year Party |
| May 4 | “Breaking Free” Bible Study Begins |
| May 23 | UMYF End of Year Party |
| June 6 | LIVE BIG Children’s Sunday School Begins |
| June 6-10 | District Youth Week |
| June 16 | Wonderful Wednesday |
| June 28 | District Church Camp |
| July 14 | Wonderful Wednesday |
| July 18 | Senior High Mission Trip |
| July 25-29 | Vacation Bible School |
| August 1 | Junior High Mission Trip |
| August 15-19 | Youth “Best Week Ever” |

More events can be found online at

www.welcometowilliams.org or www.facebook.com/wmumc