

Insight

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Welcome to Williams



Welcome

Welcome to Williams Memorial United Methodist Church. 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.

Worshipping

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.

Sunday services are in the Sanctuary at 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., and the Xperience Service is in Wesley Hall at 10:30 a.m.

Learning

Sunday school classes for all ages meet at 9:15 a.m. On Sunday evenings at 5:00 p.m. there are programs for your children and youth.

Believing

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 to Williams. If you have not been baptized, we will be honored to baptize you.

Growing

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.

Belonging

We hope you will consider belonging to the Williams' faith community. You can talk with us after church or come by during the week. We would be honored to assist you in belonging at Williams.

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Giving This Christmas



“But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.’”
-Luke 2:10-11 NRSV

Many years ago, my family and I were shopping for Christmas at Towneast Mall in Mesquite. I saw a camouflaged hunting vest that I just had to have, and Mother let me try it on. It fit perfectly, I was so excited, and then Mother told me take it off and hang it back up. What’s up with that? I pitched a fit! I got mad, cried, and made a complete fool of myself! Everyone wanted to whip me; including my family! I was one mad 18 year old! Ha ha ha! Ok, I was probably more like 8 at the time, but I was mad!

What I didn’t know was that after we left the store, Mother or someone else in the family, went back to that store and they bought that hunting vest for me. I was shocked, and a little embarrassed Christmas morning when I unwrapped that vest. I had made it all about me, and in doing so, I made myself and everyone else miserable. For several years afterwards, around Christmas Mother would gently remind me about that vest. Even though I thought it was funny, she still tiptoed around what had once been a very sore subject for me.

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Now that I’m a lot older and wiser, I understand that it’s not all about me. So for Christmas this year, even though I’m going to give and receive presents as usual, I’m also going to try my best and focus on others, especially those in need.

Think about how happy a hungry family would be to receive a box of food for Christmas? Can any of us comprehend how happy a family would feel to finally be free from their home with the gift of a new wheelchair ramp? Can you see the smiles of the local needy families as their kids open their unexpected presents on Christmas morning?

I believe that Mike Slaughter in his small group study Change the World; Recovering the Message and Mission of Jesus got it right when he wrote; “Jesus didn’t come so that we might be inspired to live a little better life or to get us into heaven. He came to get heaven into us. We were called to be sent—sent out to be the physical demonstration of God’s radical love to planet Earth, serving together to change the world one life at a time.

Now...go!” I believe that’s what I’ll try and do this Christmas: go and try my best to change not only myself, but also the world. God bless!

In Christian love;

Tommy Earl Burton

Submitting an Article

We are always looking for great stories about how God is moving in and through the lives of our people and ministries. If you have such a story we ask that you send it to us.

Email your article of around 400-600 words to williamsenews@gmail.com.

If you have one or more high quality photos, please send them. Include your contact information so we can get in touch with you.

Articles must be submitted the first Friday of the previous month. So for the January Insight, the deadline is December 2, 2011.

We will try to use all submissions. Please understand we may have to edit your article for space or use in other locations such as website or e-news.

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Christmas with Williams

Hangings of the Greens -

Sunday, December 4th
5 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Special Christmas Music -

Sunday, December 11th
8:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary
& both 10:30 a.m. services

Christmas Eve -

Saturday, December 24th
4:00 p.m. Children & Families
in Wesley Hall



7:00 p.m. Traditional service
in the Sanctuary
10:00 p.m. Candlelight service
in the Sanctuary

Christmas Morning -

10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Dancing for the Lord



Liturgical Dance is a worship element adding visual worship as well as the sound and speech elements that are a normal part of our worship. We embody praise, thanksgiving, joy, penitence, and the relationships we encounter in life. We choose to worship God in this way as our special contribution. We give God the glory.

I asked each member of the troupe to answer why they are in Liturgical Dance? What is most fun? What is most challenging? We are blessed to have Laila Al-Dubais as a Master's student at A&M Texarkana, and a scholarship student of the church as liturgical dance instructor. The dancers are Colleen Dunbar, Christian Mitchell, Sarah Mitchell, Krista Petty, and Elizabeth Tullis.

Colleen Dunbar: I am a liturgical dancer because it is a way to praise God through my actions. The most enjoyable thing about liturgicals is the memories I make with these girls. The most challenging aspect is perfecting the dances in such a short amount of time.

Christian Mitchell: I am in liturgical dance because I have always loved

dance and when I got the chance to dance for the Lord, I had to take it! So far dance is amazing, and I am so much closer to all of my dance friends. I am extremely glad we have a liturgical dance group, and I am happy to be part of it. Most challenging part of Liturgicals is remembering the dance moves.

Sarah Mitchell: I am in liturgical dance because it is so fun to dance for the Lord while making AMAZING relationships with all the girls. So fun! The most fun thing in dance would probably be goofing off in the middle of the dance, like when we stop to learn more, I like to add on something goofy 'til we get something to go there! The most challenging thing in dance would have to be trying to do Laila's AMAZINGLY BEAUTIFUL dance moves! Especially when they are so ballet-like! Sometimes she has to teach me multiple times before I can actually get it, since I don't dance much (:

Krista Petty: I am in liturgicals because it is glory to forget everything that I have to do in my life. It's a time I can spend with God. The most fun, to me, is the mix-ups/bloopers behind the scenes.

The most challenging thing about liturgicals is doing all the different styles of dancing when you haven't been a dancer before, but it comes together in the end!

Elizabeth Tullis: I am in liturgical dance because I love dancing and I enjoy doing it for the Lord. Being able to come and have a good time and learn dances with my friends is the most fun! The most difficult part of liturgical dance would be worrying too much about the dance moves because we're dancing for God, and He doesn't care if we do the moves correctly. He loves us for dancing for Him.

Laila All-Dubais: I was in liturgical dance when I was in middle school and high school. I was so excited when Sherri asked me to teach liturgical for a scholarship to put toward my graduate education. It has been so much fun working with this group of girls. Sharing my love of dance through liturgicals has been a respite during my week. The girls keep me young and are such a joy to be around. They are the highlight of my week.

Williams School

During this season, we are aware of the many blessings we have at Williams School. Our children are thankful for many things. Here are some of the 4-year-old responses along with the faces of our 4-year-olds.

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

...God

...shoes

...cookies

...turkey

...my baby brother, Zack

...for the Razorbacks

...my kitty

...I-Carly Wii

...chicken nuggets

...pumpkins

...my mom & dad

...Jesus

...my dog



For more photos and info visit us at facebook.com/williamspreschool

Williams School Job Opening



Williams School is searching for a New Director

Ms. Paula has announced that she will be retiring at the end of this school year.

These children are looking for someone to be the new Williams School Director.

Applicants must have a degree-Education degree preferred-or equivalent experience. They also must be a people person with a true love for children and with a strong desire to carry on the ministry of Williams Memorial United Methodist Church.

Applications can be picked up at the Williams School office.

Children's Ministries

Alive @ Five

Happy Birthday Jesus Party

December 11th - 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Come and enjoy pizza, games, crafts and cupcakes.

Parents are welcome to stay for the party.



Kids In Mission

This year our mission project is to buy towels for Randy Sam's Homeless shelter. We would like each child to earn \$10 by helping their parents or someone in the neighborhood. Children are to bring that money, or towels bought with that money, to Sue Camp, on or before the 11th.

Alive @ Five

Schedule and Menu

12/4/11

Hanging of the Greens

12/11/11

Happy Birthday
Jesus Party

12/18/11

No Activities -
Christmas Break

12/25/11

No Activities -
Christmas Break

1/8/11

Parent's Meeting
5:00 p.m. in Chapel

1/15/11

No Activities

Alive @ Five

Sundays 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Join us each Sunday Night for our Alive @ 5 Children's Program

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.

Children's Choirs

Amy Kirk directs the Sunday evening children's choirs. Activities include learning music to present during worship services, learning music-reading and choral-singing skills and learning spiritual truths through music.

Meals

A monthly rotating menu of Pizza, Tacos, Chicken strips and Hot Dogs will be offered.
(A donation of \$5.00 a meal or \$40.00 a semester is suggested.)



Christmas Time

in the Good Treasures Bookstore



The popular Seasonal Greetings painted screens by Silvestri are back this year with new designs. They are great for doors, or wall hangings, and make great gifts.



Check out our variety of Christmas ornaments. Whether you prefer classic, or whimsical, you are sure to find an ornament to fit your style.



Demdaco's new individual magnetic letters give you the freedom to create personalized photo frames, buckets or display boards. Come check out all of our Demdaco items.



This Willowtree Nativity set is one of three different sets in store. We carry a whole line of Willow Tree figurines. Buy a gift to help fill out a friends collection, or start a collection of your own

The Good Treasures Bookstore is located in the
Williams Memorial United Methodist Church
Welcome Center

Hours are Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. till 5:30
p.m. Sunday 8:30 a.m. till 12:30 p.m.

[Www.welcometowilliams.com/bookstore](http://www.welcometowilliams.com/bookstore)

Helping Hands



What an exciting ministry at Williams Memorial UMC. Each day I am learning more and more about how you here are going about making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Finding my place as an associate pastor in this fruitful ministry is my immediate challenge.

Having served in the Texarkana Independent School District for a number of years, I feel as though I know many of you. In so many cases, I either taught you or your children or your grandchildren. Also, my wife, Sara Vickers, was a teacher in TISD, so you may know her, too.

For several years I was on the staff of Hardy Memorial UMC as director of missions and evangelism. Then I accepted the call to become a pastor. For over 10 years, I served happily as pastor for Laws Chapel UMC in Atlanta, TX.

I look forward to getting to know you and to serving with you in the ministry here at Williams and saying "Welcome to Williams."

God bless!

--Dale Vickers



Helping Hands

"If you've gotten anything at all out of following Christ, if his love has made any difference in your life, if being in a community of the Spirit means anything to you, if you have a heart, if you care— then do me a favor: Agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends. Don't push your way to the front; don't sweet-talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead. Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand." -
Philippians 2:1-4 The Message

Lending a helping hand is what "Helping Hands" is all about. It's a ministry for those that are in need of a helping hand around their house. It's for members of our church, and for those who live in our community as well. "Helping Hands" matches up volunteers with those who find themselves unable to accomplish small jobs around the house.



If you know of someone, widows, widowers, elderly, ill, or disabled, who needs help with replacing light bulbs, changing out their a/c filters, yard work, wheelchair ramp, or other small household repairs, then call the church or go to welcometowilliams.net/helpinghands, and enter their information online.

"Helping Hands" needs you! If you would like to volunteer with this ministry, then call the church office or go to welcometowilliams.net/helpinghands/, and enter your contact information. Let's all come together as the body of Christ, and "....lend a helping hand." with "Helping Hands."

In Christian love;

Tommy Earl Burton

Adult Ministries



Extra Years of Zest

Come and join this group of Seniors as they meet to play games, share lunch, and joy in fellowship with each other. "XYZ" meets every second and fourth Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Williams Youth Center. Call Billy Roberts at 903-838-7639 if you would like to join this group.

Williams Book Club

The Williams Book club will read Sarah's Key, by Tatiana de Rosnay for their meeting in December. This story follows a modern-day journalist as she gets caught up in the events in the life of a ten year-old Jewish girl in France during the 1940's. Come join in the discussion on Monday, November 12th, at 12:00 p.m., in the Children's Library at Williams.

During January, the Book Club will read the Immortal Life of Henriette Lacks by Rebecca Skloot. The Williams Book Club meets on the second Monday of every month.

Keep an eye on the Insight to find out what book we're diving into next.

W2LEO

Fine dining and great friends! Widows and Widowers, Let's Eat Out goes out to enjoy dinner at local restaurants every second and fourth Tuesday. These widows and widowers (and married couples as well) love having food and fellowship together.

If you would like to find out where they're headed out to eat this month, call Larry Walker at 903-832-5129 and get your name added to the mailing list.

United Methodist Women's Groups

Williams Memorial has a very active United Methodist Women's group. Come and join us for our monthly general meeting and luncheon, at 10:00 a.m. on the first Tuesday of every month and meet some of these wonderful women. You can also get involved in one of the smaller UMW groups that meets at other times during the month. Here are some examples!

Girls' Night Out: UMW members in their 20s, 30s and 40s looking for Christian fellowship and fun meet every second Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in room 108.

Sowers and Doers: A mission-based subgroup of the UMW that meets at 10:00 a.m. on the third Tuesday of every month.

Betty Kelly Friendship Circle: meets the second Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in room 108.

Spiritual Life Group: meets the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m.

Live Nativity

This year the Williams Family is partnering with the Church of Jesus Christ of LDS on Moores Lane to present a live nativity.

The nativity will be available for viewing on Thursday and Friday, December 22 and 23, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., at the LDS church, located at 3701 Moores Lane.

On the first night, a joint adult choir will provide the music, consisting of traditional Christmas carols. LDS will serve cookies and hot chocolate!

On the second night, the TNT Sunday School class will sponsor a family choir and provide refreshments. Anyone is welcome to sing with the group or dress up and be a shepherd! We hope you will come and support this unique opportunity to remind our community about Christ at Christmas.

For more information contact Brian Barry or Amy Kirk.



Music and Fine Arts



Advent

Advent is a season of anticipation. We wait with quiet voices as we contemplate the gift of God's son, Jesus coming to us as a baby. We wait to sing Christmas carols until later in the season to heighten the joy when we celebrate Christmas.

Hanging of the Greens

One of the great celebrations for our church is "Hanging of the Greens". December 4 at 5:00 p.m. we will gather to decorate the sanctuary and Welcome Center as one church family. Bells ring, choirs sing, children laugh, decorations appear, and a reception happens in the Welcome Center to usher in the season of Christmastime. Please bring a sprig or two of greenery for your family to place on the altar rail so we all participate in decorating the church to honor the coming of Jesus Christ.

Christmas Music Sunday

December 11, 2011 there will be special Christmas music in all three worship services.

Choir Cantata

In the sanctuary, the Chancel Choir and orchestra present "Follow the Star, Follow the King, the Journey from Darkness to Light" by Lloyd Larson, Mary McDonald, Larry Shackley, and Douglas E. Wagner.

Xperience Christmas

The Xperience service will be presenting "Stories of Christmas." This presentation will use songs, hymns, scripture and stories to ask the question, "What's your Christmas story?"

We invite you to invite a friend, and join us for this festive musical Sunday!

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
- 3:30 Youth Band
- 4:00 Cornerstone Worship
- 5:00 Alive @ 5
- 5:00 U.M.Y.F.



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

College and Young Adults

Don't Worry, Trust Him

Proverbs 3: 5-8 says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones."

As you are studying and preparing for finals and the end of the semester, it's easy to get into the frame of mind that the world is on your shoulders – that everything that happens in the universe revolves around what grade you get in organic chemistry.

I want you to remember that our understanding of this world is so small. We can't comprehend all of the wonderful things God wants to do in our lives and how the heck that's supposed to get done, and sometimes that's scary.

Instead of relying on Him to take care of us we think we are in total control of our lives and instead of resolve, that can lead to lots and lots of worry.



College/Young Adults Cook for Community Café

Monday, December 19th

Meet in Wesley Hall kitchen at 3 p.m. to prep for dinner.

Community Café is a new ministry in our church where we distribute food boxes to those who need them and have a church and community meal together with a message from Rev. Tommy Earl Burton.

It's a really fun time to have guests

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in our church and enjoy each other's company. December 19th is our group's turn to prepare the meal for everyone. I hope you will join us!



Unplugged Worship

Wednesday, January 4th

Unplugged is an outdoor student led worship experience with acoustic music and student led devotions.

Unplugged meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 8:30 p.m. in the Courtyard at Williams Memorial UMC. Hope to see you there!



Mission Trip to the Bahamas: Informational Meeting

Saturday, January 7th

6:00 p.m. at Ironwood Grill

We will be taking a group to Eleuthera, The Bahamas August 5-12, 2011. We will be working with Bahamas Methodist Habitat doing home repairs for islanders whose homes have been damaged by Hurricane Irene and other natural disasters and hardships.

If you are interested on any level, please join us for this meeting!!



Williams College
& Young Adults

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Upcoming Events

Monday November 28th

Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
in Room 132

Monday December 5

Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
in Room 132

Wednesday December 7

Unplugged Worship in the
Courtyard. 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday December 12

Christmas Party 6:30 p.m.
in the Bookstore

Monday December 19th

Cook for Community Cafe
3:00 p.m. till 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday January 4th

Unplugged Worship in the
Courtyard. 8:30 p.m.

Saturday January 7th

Bahamas Mission Trip
Information Meeting at
Ironwood Grill. 6:00 p.m.

Youth Ministries



The Greatest Gifts

"This very day in King David's hometown a Savior was born for you. He is Christ the Lord. You will know who he is, because you will find him dressed in baby clothes and lying on a bed of hay."

Luke 2:11-12 Contemporary English Version

It's that time of the year when things get really busy, and they tend to stay that way right up till Christmas day. Everyone is trying to get last minute shopping done, or started. Or in my case: both! It seems that everyone is having a party, and schedules get full really quick. Well, our youth schedule is already full, and it's going to be a fun Christmas season.

It all starts off with our "Hanging of the Greens" service on Sunday December 4th at 5pm. It continues the next week with a North District Youth Rally at Tapp UMC in New Boston on Sunday December 11th. That is followed by our own Christmas Party/Movie Night on Sunday December 18th, here at the youth center, where we will exchange gifts, and watch a movie.

I don't know about you, but I'm already excited about all the gifts that I'll be getting, and I'm looking forward to spending time with family and friends. Let's make sur, though, that in this busy holiday season, that we don't forget the greatest gift of all: the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God bless!

In Christian love;

Tommy Earl Burton



Find Out More...

Visit the youth website at welcometowilliams.com/youth or scan the code to the right with a smartphone QR Code reader



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Sundays at Williams

Sunday mornings at 9:15am, all students 7th through 12th grade gather in the youth center for Sunday school. We begin with fellowship, discuss upcoming events, and then begin our lesson for the day.

Sunday nights the youth meet from 5-7 p.m. in the youth center. We begin with fun and fellowship. Then we have worship with our youth band, Broken and Perfect, hear a message, eat supper together, and then break into our small groups.

Wednesdays at Williams

Wednesday nights Senior high youth have Bible study in the youth center from 6-7 p.m. After Bible study, we will head out to Subway, Chic-Fil-A, Sonic, or maybe even What-A-Burger for fellowship and supper! Youth have to provide their own ride and their own money!



“Broken and Perfect” Youth Band

The “Broken and Perfect” Williams Memorial UMC Youth Band leads worship for youth each Sunday, plays in the Xperience service periodically, and leads music for events at other churches and youth events on a regular basis.

The youth band is open to any youth 7-12 grade. We are always looking for instrumentalist and vocalists to be a part of this group. We rehearse Sundays at 3:30 p.m. in the Youth Center.

Pumpkin Palooza Photos

Special thanks again to all those who made the Pumpkin Palooza a huge success



Flee to Egypt

November Sermons

12.4.11

Matt Idom Preaching

Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Mark 1:1-8

12.11.11

“Sounds of Christmas”

Musical presentations in Sanctuary and Xperience worship services

12.18.11

“Nothing Will Be Impossible With God”

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Luke 1:47-55

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38

12.24.11

Christmas Eve

4, 7 and 10 p.m.

Isaiah 9:2-7

Psalms 96

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-20

12.25.11

Christmas Morning

“True Light for Everyone”

Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalms 98 (UMH 818)

Hebrews 1:1-12

John 1:1-14



Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” (Matthew 2:13 NRSV)

The messiah flees to Egypt? Jesus comes to earth among God’s chosen family. After the initial excitement and celebration, he has to run away?

The world is a dangerous place. Some leaders are more interested in maintaining their own power rather than acting justly. Herod’s desire to maintain the status quo leads him to destroy children. Our minds can not grasp that kind of evil.

After 2,000 years, the followers of that baby who had to flee are now world leaders. As we celebrate Christmas, let us be a people of safety and sanctuary for all God’s children. Let us not be those who grasp power and destroy.

President Bush responded to the attacks of September 11 with these memorable words:

“We are not deceived by their pretenses to piety. We have seen their kind before. They are the heirs of all the murderous ideologies of the 20th century. By sacrificing human life to serve their radical visions -- by abandoning every value except the will to power -- they follow in the path of fascism, and Nazism, and totalitarianism. And they will follow that path all the way, to where it ends: in history’s unmarked grave of discarded lies.”

As we are in a physical war with far away terrorism we must not forget our true enemy may be as close as our own hearts: 1. Pretenses to piety 2. Sacrificing human life and 3. Will to power.

To fight this war we need: 1. Repentance 2. Self-sacrifice and 3. Humility. President Bush was right in his words against the terrorists. We must make sure his words do not apply to our actions or hearts.

Children here at home and around the world are suffering and dying. I am humbled to be part of a faith community who cares for the least within our community and for the sick and dying children on the other side of our planet. See you in worship, and remember Christmas celebrates the birth of a baby born in poverty and danger who is the Word become flesh.



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"Change this Christmas" Opportunities...

The following list contains opportunities for you to make this Christmas a special one by giving to others.

The first "Secret Santa" section is to provide gifts and clothes assisting families within the Texas Independent School District. Donations for "Secret Santa" need to be by December 11th, so we have time to purchase the necessary gifts.

The second section is for mission opportunities within and outside the walls of our church. These gifts can be given until the week of December 18th.

Secret Santa - (please turn in by December 11th)

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|---------------------------------|---|
| 1. Wrapping paper & tape | so that each family can wrap their own gifts |
| 2. Family | \$200 provides age-appropriate gift and clothing for each child in the family |
| 3. Child | \$75 provides an age-appropriate gift and clothing for each child in a family in need |
| 4. Grocery gift certificate | \$40 allows a family in need to purchase the food of their choice for Christmas |
| 5. Homebound Christmas Stocking | \$15 provides a stocking stuffed with gifts of love for one of our homebound members |

Mission Opportunitites - (please turn in by December 18th)

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| 6. Society of St. Stephen | a. \$50 provides food box for a family of four for three days
b. \$100 provides one Monday Night Community Cafe meal |
| 7. Helping Hands | Donation for supplies to help with small repairs. \$_____ |
| 8. Texas Ramp Project | a. \$25 builds one foot of a wheelchair ramp or one doorway ramp
b. \$150 builds 1/4 of a wheelchair ramp
c. \$300 builds 1/2 of a wheelchair ramp
d. \$600 sponsors a completed wheelchair ramp |
| 9. UMCOR | a. \$11 - Buys one school kit and helps one youth obtain the basics necessary for school
b. \$12 - Buys one health kit and helps one person have the basic hygiene items
c. \$18 - Buys one sewing kit that gives one woman the basic necessities to make her own clothes
d. \$55 - Buys one cleaning bucket to help a family clean up their house after a flood |
| 10. Nothing But Nets | a. \$10 - Buys net for an individual
b. \$50 - Buys nets for a family of 5 |
| 11. Williams Youth | a. \$100 1/2 Scholarship to for district camp
b. \$200-- Full scholarship for district camp
c. \$ 40 -- Bus transportation for one youth to camp
d. \$150 - 1/2 Scholarship to Applachain service project (Summer Mission Trip)
e. \$300 - Full scholarship to Appalachain service project (Summer Mission Trip) |

“Change this Christmas” Sign-up



Change This Christmas

You can “Change This Christmas!” Celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by giving some truly unique gifts in honor or in memory of someone. You choose the amount you want to give, and you can choose which ministry you want to support.

“Change This Christmas” includes the Secret Santa program we have done for so many years. You can still give money to provide clothing and gifts for children who need them. We have included some other mission projects that you can give to as well

Here’s how it works.

First, read through the “Change This Christmas” opportunities .

Second, completely fill out the form to the right.

Third, write a check payable to Williams Memorial United Methodist Church

Finally, “Change This Christmas,” and be blessed!

(optional... give the gift in honor or memory of someone. Send them a Christmas card and let them know what has been given in their name, or of a loved one. Names will also be listed in the Christmas morning worship bulletin)

“He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”(Micah 6:8 NRSV)

Change This Christmas at Williams Memorial

I would like to give the following gifts...

Example #2a Child Toys Amt \$ 75

Choice 1 _____ Amt \$ _____

Choice 2 _____ Amt \$ _____

Choice 3 _____ Amt \$ _____

Choice 4 _____ Amt \$ _____

Other _____

Total: \$ _____

In honor / memory of. (Circle one)

Please fill out completely

Name _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Please drop this form in the offering plate at church or bring by the church office before December 18, 2010



Upcoming Events

- 12/4 - Guest Preacher - Matt Idom
- 12/4 - Hanging of the Greens
- 12/11 - Xperience Christmas Music Sunday
- 12/11 - Christmas Cantata Presentation
- 12/11 - Happy Birthday Jesus Party
- 12/22 and 12/23 - Live Nativity Scene
- 12/24 - Christmas Eve Services 4, 7, & 10 p.m.
- 1/8 - Children's Ministry Parent Meeting