

# 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.

## Find Out More...

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I have written these things that  
you might know that he is Christ

# GOSPEL JOHN

9 week Study  
Beginning Thursday  
February 9th  
at 10:00 a.m.  
in Room 103

Taught By Martha Morriss  
Sign Up in the Welcome Center

## 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](mailto: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 if we have questions or need more information.

Articles must be submitted the first Friday of the previous month. So for the March Insight, the deadline is February 3, 2012.

Submissions may be edited for space or used in other locations such as website or e-news.

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## A Godly Touch

*"Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man and said, "I will. Be healed!" And immediately the man was healed from his disease."*

**-Matthew 8:3 (NCV)**

I recently purchased a daily devotional [Grace for the Moment Daily Bible, NCV: Spend 365 Days Reading the Bible with Max Lucado](#) by Max Lucado. Today, the day I'm writing this article, the devotion by Max centered around the theme of "A Godly Touch." In this text, Jesus is coming down the Mountain after preaching His Sermon on the Mount, and He encounters this man who is sick. The man has such faith in Jesus, that he tells Him if you would choose for me to be healed, then it would happen. Then he receives a healing from Jesus through "A Godly Touch."

Can't we do the same thing? We can choose to use our words carefully, and bring comfort to

those who need to hear a kind word or maybe an encouraging word. We can choose to lay our hands on those who are sick, and pray over them. We can sit and listen to that person who is grieving, and give them comfort. We can sit with someone at "Community Cafe," share a common meal, and make someone feel loved and appreciated.

Sometimes, even though our hearts are in the right place, we forget. We forget how powerful our words and actions can be, and we deny our discipleship. We forget how much we appreciated love, mercy, and grace when we were feeling down and out. I am so thankful that when we are in need of "A Godly Touch," that Jesus never forgets.

In Christian love;

Tommy Earl Burton



*Community Cafe is a community meal served to all on Monday nights at 5:30 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Meals are provided by Williams cooking teams. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. To find out more, or to volunteer to help, visit our website, [www.welcometowilliams.com/community-cafe](http://www.welcometowilliams.com/community-cafe), [facebook.com/communitycafetxk](https://www.facebook.com/communitycafetxk) or call our church office 903-832-8663.*

# Xperience Worship

**The Xperience service is looking for a few volunteers in the following areas:**

**Electric Guitar**

**Acoustic Guitar**

**Bass Guitar**

**Drums**

**Keyboards**

**Piano**

**Vocals**

**Sound Board Operator**

**Computer Operator**

**Light Board Operator**

**Woodwinds**

**Brass**

**Percussion**

**Strings**

If you would like more information about being a part of the Xperience Service contact Russell Martin ([rgmmusic@gmail.com](mailto:rgmmusic@gmail.com)), to set up an audition



# Williams School

## From the Director:

It is that time of year when parents and the staff begin preparing for the upcoming registration in March. I would like to share with you some of the aspects that we feel make Williams School so special.

We offer a warm environment that is conducive to learning. Our qualified and caring staff are always eager to learn new teaching strategies. We have regular staff meetings that offer topics that help enhance our curriculum. With requirements changing in public schools, we make sure our students are ready for the next step in their learning. Our teachers also team weekly to ensure that all children are offered the same opportunities.

Williams School is proud to be an ArtsSmart school. We host four events such as a professional storyteller, the Singing Zoologist and a drummer that introduces the children to different drums from Africa. The staff at ArtsSmart also offers us staff development in strategies that connect the arts to our curriculum.

At Williams School, we are proud to offer our children so many activities by having monthly special activities. Just to name a few, we have Western Day, Snow Fun Day and one of our favorites the Science Fair. We have wonderful parents and grandparents that help with these special activities.

Because we are part of a church family that shares its talents, we have weekly chapel in addition to music class and library story time. The threes and fours have computers with access to the internet and this enables the staff to bring up interesting topics such as science, math and reading activities. The fours have a wonderful time learning Spanish each week. Research shows that the earlier you expose children to different languages, the easier it will be for them to learn and use languages fluently.

Our primary focus is on the individual child. That is why it is important for teachers and staff to work with children individually, in small groups and with the whole group over the course of the day. That is one reason we keep our student/teacher ratio below what is required by minimum standards.

We want our children to leave Williams School with many happy memories, seeds of knowledge, independence and self esteem planted firmly. This is my wish for every child. We hope you will become a member of the Williams School family.

Paula Hawkins, Director



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# Registration Schedule for Summer 2012 & Fall 2012:

## March 5th

-Current Students, Church  
Members, Parish Members

## March 6th

-Siblings of Current Students

## March 7th

-Open Registration

For further information forms and  
questions visit us online at:  
[facebook.com/williamspreschool](https://www.facebook.com/williamspreschool)  
[welcometowilliams.net/williams-school](http://welcometowilliams.net/williams-school)  
or call 903-838-9517

# Children's Ministries

## Alive @ Five

Schedule and Menu

**February 5th -**

No Activities

**February 12th –**

Meal: Hot Dogs

1st-2nd Grade in Zone

JYF Bowling

**February 19th –**

Meal: JYF Pancake Supper

3rd-4th Grade in Zone

**February 26th**

Meal: Pizza

# Alive @ Five

Sundays 5:00 - 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.

**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.)*



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JOIN US  
JYF PANCAKE SUPPER  
FEBRUARY 19TH  
at 5:00 P.M.  
IN WESLEY HALL

Each year, the 5th and 6th graders (Junior Youth Fellowship) host a dinner or lunch to raise money for various mission projects. This year all the proceeds from the Pancake supper will benefit two wonderful ministries, Society of St. Stephen and Watersprings Ranch.

Society of St. Stephen is a ministry of our church which provides food boxes and a meal for those in need.

Watersprings Ranch is a tax exempt, nonprofit, Christian organization that welcome children, 12 years of age or younger, who have suffered relentless abuse or severe emotional and physical neglect.

Suggested donations for the Pancake supper are \$5.00 and tickets will be sold during Sunday morning in the welcome center and at the door.

# Music and Fine Arts

## Lent

This season lasts until Easter. It is a time for us to think about how the gift of salvation affects us. The profound sacrifice God gave through the death and resurrection of Jesus affects us deeply. This gift deserves time spent with God. We can contemplate the ways we serve God, and we can contemplate how richly God blesses us.

This is also a time to spend listening closely to what God has planned for us. There is a divine plan for each of us. We are all called into ministry through our baptism. What does that mean? It is different for each of us. I look forward to conversations with you on what that looks like in ministry in your life.

## Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is a service at 6:00 p.m. on February 22nd. This is a service, in the Sanctuary, with hymns, scripture, meditation, and a time to come forward for the pastors to mark a cross with ashes on our foreheads. It is a profoundly moving service of re-commitment into God's service, through Jesus Christ, with the leading of the Holy Spirit.

## Lent Devotional Book

We will be printing our 40 days of Lent devotional book again this year. This book has devotionals written by our church members, one for each day during Lent.

Copies will be available at the Ash Wednesday Service, and in the worship areas during Lent.

## Walk and Pray

We are beginning a new prayer form for the season of Lent. It is a time to walk and pray. Yes, it is multitasking, but our bodies are in service to God, and they deserve health. Our hearts and souls need prayer, and God deserves our praise.

If you are interested in this group, we will meet in the Youth Center at 8:00 a.m. Monday and Wednesday of Lent, and Tuesday and Thursday at 12 noon. We will open with a brief prayer time together, then we will choose where we walk for 30 minutes.

We can walk alone or in pairs or groups, but prayer is the focus. Walking is the health benefit. Call Sherri if you have questions. 903-278-0499.

# Adult Ministries



## Williams Book Club

The Williams Book club will meet in February to discuss Invitation to Valhalla, by Mike Whicker. Pick up a copy of this fast-paced suspenseful novel about Nazi super-spy Erika Lehmann and her exciting mission in World War II America. Then join the discussion on Monday, February 13th at 12:00 p.m. room 103.

In March, the Williams Book Club will be reading March, by Geraldine Brooks.

The Williams Book Club has chosen wonderful books to discuss all the way through Spring. If you're looking for a great group of readers to share your thoughts with, join us on the second Monday of every month. Keep an eye on the Insight to find out what book we're reading next.

## W2LEO

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. We visited Bryce's Cafeteria and checked out Wake Village's new restaurant, the Blue Moon Café during January.

Come and join in the fun! 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.

## Homebound Ministry

If you're looking for a way to give back to your church family, join us in bringing communion and fellowship to the members of our church who need it the most.

Bring communion, seasonal greetings, and personal company to church members who can't leave their homes or are restricted to nursing centers, and make some great friends in return. For more information on the Homebound Ministry at Williams Memorial, contact Sue Camp at (903) 832-8663, ext. 17.

## Girls' Night Out Special Meal!

At our monthly meeting, the United Methodist Women will cook dinner for the Girls' Night Out group. So come and join us on February 8th at 6:00 p.m. in room 108 for a special meal and a special visitor.

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

## eXtra Years of Zest

Every second and fourth Thursday at 9:30 a.m., you can join a group of fun-loving seniors in a morning of games and fellowship. "XYZ" shares lunch, joy and fellowship with each other in the Youth Center. Call Billy Roberts at 903-838-7639 if you would like to join this group.

## "Here and Now... There and Then..."

Beginning on February 5th, the Joy Sunday School class will be working through "Here and Now...There and Then" by Beth Moore, a lecture series on the book of Revelation.

This Bible Study presents several different points of view and interpretations, and allows students to decide for themselves when the scholars can't agree. Beth Moore also teaches that God is as specific about what He does reveal as He is about what He does not reveal.

Come and join the Joy Sunday School class at 9:15 a.m. every Sunday starting February 5th while they work through this 11-week study.



# College and Young Adults



Williams College  
& Young Adults

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## Upcoming Events

**Wednesday February 1st**  
Unplugged Worship in the  
Chapel - 8:30 p.m.

**Thursday, February 2nd**  
The Mix - 8 p.m. - A&M  
Bringle Lake - Eagle Hall

**Monday February 6th**  
Bible Study - Room 132 -  
6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, February 9th -**  
The Mix - 8 p.m. - A&M  
Bringle Lake - Eagle Hall

**Monday February 13th**  
Bible Study - Room 132 -  
6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday February 14th**  
Valentines Dinner/Dance -  
7 p.m. Wesley Hall

**Thursday, February 16th -**  
The Mix - 8 p.m. - A&M  
Bringle Lake - Eagle Hall

**Friday, February 17-19th**  
All Campus Retreat

**Monday February 20th -**  
NO BIBLE STUDY

**Thursday, February 23rd -**  
The Mix - 8 p.m. - A&M  
Bringle Lake - Eagle Hall

**Monday February 27th**  
Bible Study - Room 132 -  
6:30 p.m.



## Open up your eyes...

College days are all about expanding your mind and reaching new educational horizons. So why can't your faith life be full of these eye opening experiences? Here's the good news; it can be! And should be!

As a faith community we grow in faith by inviting our God to search our hearts. We read our Bibles, fellowship with other people of the Christian faith, and seek a pure and loving lifestyle.

But what about when we have questions about our faith? What about when someone we love believes strongly in a faith that is completely different from ours? Are we afraid that if we learn too much about another faith, our own faith will be shaken? Or do we trust in the all knowing and mystical God to open our hearts and minds to other faiths while growing stronger in our own faith? I hope that for you the second answer is true.

This Spring Semester we will be seeking to grow in faith while learning about Christianity and other world religions such as Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism. Through Adam Hamilton's study we will wrestle with the questions we have about other faiths and how they affect our own walk with Christ.

Join us for an eye opening experience every Monday night starting February 6th at 6:30 p.m. in room 132. We will also gather before to have a meal together at Community Café in Wesley Hall at 5:30 p.m..



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*Valentines  
Dinner  
and Dance*

*Tuesday,  
February 14th  
7:00 P.M.  
Wesley Hall*

**Proceeds go to  
College and  
Young Adult  
Missions**

**\*Suggested  
Donation**

**Tickets being sold for \$15 at  
Good Treasures Bookstore  
through Sunday February 12th.  
\$20 at the door.**

## Youth Ministries

# BUILDING HEALTHY FRIENDSHIPS

**WILLIAMS YOUTH 5-7 P.M. SUNDAYS**  
[welcometowilliams.com/youth](http://welcometowilliams.com/youth)

### Healthy Friendships

*Proverbs 13:20 (MSG) "Become wise by walking with the wise; hang out with fools and watch your life fall to pieces."*

This month we are going to be studying "Healthy Friendships" in youth, and I have a few questions for you. Are you establishing healthy friendships, and avoiding unhealthy ones? Do you know how powerful your friend's influence is for you and others?

"Back in the 1960's, the three major influences on youth were in order of first to last; parents, teachers, and spiritual leaders. Today the three major influences on you are; friends, media, and parents. Spiritual leaders dropped down the list so far that we basically don't exist!" (The Seven Checkpoints: Seven Principles Every Teenage Needs to Know by Andy Stanley and Stuart Hall, page 103-104)

I found this story by Alan B. Godberg, June 3, 2009, on abcnews.go.com. Jessica Rasdall and Laura Gorman were best of friends and inseparable from kindergarten all the way up to February 26, 2006. On that night, they decided to go out dancing after work. They ended up, at the age of 18, drinking in a club. When they left the club to head home, somewhere along the way they were involved in a wreck. Jessica was driving and survived, and her best friend was killed.

None of us would want to live with this kind of regret, and believe it or not it all comes down to the choice we make in friends. Do we hang out with people that build us up? Or with people who bring us down? Be wise, and choose your friends carefully. Who knows? Your wise choices may save you and/or your friends life some day! See you at youth soon! Invite your friends!

In Christian love;  
Tommy Earl Burton

Find Out More...

Visit the youth website at [welcometowilliams.com/youth](http://welcometowilliams.com/youth) or scan the code to the right with a smartphone QR Code reader



### Sundays at Williams

Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m., 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.

[www.welcometowilliams.org](http://www.welcometowilliams.org)



## February Events

### Saturday February 4th

**Monthly Mission Project** - Grab your tools and lets go. We will meet to work on a local mission project. Time and project TBA.

### Sunday February 5th

**Souper Bowl of Caring** - It's Super Bowl Sunday and we will be participating again this year with the Souper Bowl of Caring. Before and after Sunday school, youth will be collecting donations in the Welcome Center with giant soup pots! All donations will go towards "Community Cafe."

**Super Bowl Party - 5:00 p.m. to End of Game** - We will gather in the youth center and get this party kicked off at 5:00 p.m., and will stay until the end of the game! We will have plenty of food, drinks, and snacks, so invite your family and friends! And once again this year we will all be rooting for the Dallas...well, never mind.

### Sunday February 12th -

**5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. - North District Youth Rally** - FUMC Linden - We will leave from the youth center at approximately 4 p.m. and should return back to the youth center by approximately 8 p.m.. We will be electing officers at this meeting, and would love for you to run for one of the elected positions.

### Sunday February 19th -

**Youth - 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** - Starting at 5:00 p.m. we will gather for a meal, then we will have worship, hear a message, and break into our small groups.

### Friday February 24-26th -

**Friday 4:30 p.m. to Sunday 5:00 p.m.** - We will be loading at 4:30 p.m. and traveling to Lakeview for Iginite Mid-Winter Retreat! We will return Sunday February 26th at approximately 5:00 p.m. Russell Martin will be providing the music, and Tommy Earl will be preaching for Jr. High!

### Sunday February 26th -

**5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** - We will have open gym and game night! We will gather at 5:00 p.m. for pizza, and then we will play basketball, watch a movie, play games, or just hang out and visit! Invite your friends!

# Williams News



## Cheatham Fund Established

Bob and Clara Mae Cheatham loved this church and Bob sang in the choir. Upon their death, they left a significant gift to help Williams Memorial for years into the future.

In recognition of their generosity, a Fund in their name has been established as a matching grant program to fund special capital projects.

The first grant of \$7,950 was recently awarded to assist in repairs and upgrades to the pipe organ.

We appreciate the music program at Williams and we remember the Cheathams and their generosity.”



## The Williams Travelers are hitting the road again. . .

Or rather, hitting the seas! The Williams Travelers will be headed out on October 13 for a 9 day, 8 night cruise with Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines. The Jewel of the Seas cruise ship will take the Williams Travelers around the ports of New England and Canada, including stops in Boston, Maine, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

An initial deposit of \$350 per person double occupancy or \$700 per person single occupancy is required to secure reservations and assign cabins. The final balance of all costs is due June 30, 2012. Those who book early get the best cabin locations and their preferred dining times.

The Williams Travelers will meet to discuss this trip on February 6 at 5:00 p.m. in the Williams Parlor. If you think you might be interested in joining in this adventure, please contact Sue Camp at (903) 832-8663, ext. 17 or come to the information meeting on February 6th. Bring your friends to the meeting!



## Dog And Puppy Training Classes

A trained dog is a happy dog. Training your dog is a great way to build a healthy relationship with your family pet. Training can also help stop destructive behaviors and bad habits before they start.

This spring we will be offering basic training classes for both puppies and dogs. Each training session lasts about 45 minutes and provides hands on instruction in things like basic training commands (sit, down, heel, stay), Socialization, and Canine Good Citizen test.

The cost of the class is \$50 and all funds are given to the Williams Memorial United Methodist Church.

The puppy class, for dogs 3-6 months, will begin with an orientation session Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in room 104. The class will then run for 10 weeks beginning March 6th at 6:00 p.m.

The dog class, for dogs 6 months and older will have their orientation at 7:00 p.m. in room 104. That class will also begin on March 6th, at 7:00 p.m. and run for 10 weeks.

Training applications may be picked up at the church “Welcome Center,” found on [welcometowilliams.org](http://welcometowilliams.org), or by contacting Harry White at 903-792-6142 or by e-mail: [harry@vandermeir.com](mailto:harry@vandermeir.com) or Barbara Cole, 903-831-5788 email: [eloc9427@cablone.net](mailto:eloc9427@cablone.net).



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# Pastor's Article

## February Sermons

2.5.12

### “Haven't You Heard”

*Isaiah 40:21-31*

*Psalms 147:1-11, 20 c*

*1 Corinthians 9:16-23*

*Mark 1:29-39*

2.12.12

### “Being Made Clean is a Testimony”

*2 Kings 5:1-14*

*Psalms 30*

*1 Corinthians 9:24-27*

*Mark 1:40-45*

2.19.12

### “On the Mountain We Can See”

*2 Kings 2:1-12*

*Psalms 50:1-6*

*2 Corinthians 4:3-6*

*Mark 9:2-9*

2.26.12

### “The Kingdom of God Has Come Near”

*Genesis 9:8-17*

*Psalms 25:1-10 (UMH 756)*

*1 Peter 3:18-22*

*Mark 1:9-15*



I, I am He  
who blots  
out your  
transgressions  
for my own  
sake, and I will  
not remember  
your sins.

(Isaiah 43:25

NRSV)

#### A Word from Our Sponsor

God forgives our sins for God's own sake? Jesus tells us to forgive sins so we can be forgiven and if we do not forgive we will not be forgiven. Does this apply to God as well? No.

God has no sin to be forgiven. But this scripture tells us God forgives our sin because it benefits God. How?

We do not fully understand, but one obvious benefit is the possibility of relationship. If God did not forgive, then God would have no relationships beyond the Trinity. All humanity has sinned. God would not be able to relate to us anymore. God wants us more than anything. This is the mystery of Love.

Charles Wesley wrote a hymn entitled And Can It Be. This is one small phrase from that great hymn: Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

God loves us. Love benefits God's own sake. If you can not attend worship for your sake, then attend worship for God's sake.

See you in worship this Sunday.



Scan the code to the left with a QR Code reader on your smart phone or go to [www.welcometowilliams.net/andcanitbe](http://www.welcometowilliams.net/andcanitbe) to read this story online and listen to a youtube video recording of the hymn “And Can it Be”

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## Pastors' Class Begins

What are the people called Methodists? Have you wanted to learn more about your Church? We have an opportunity for you to get better connected in your community of faith.

The class will meet during the Sunday School hour from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in Room 102 for five weeks beginning February 26. Questions are welcome. If you will not be able to attend all the sessions, attend the ones you can.

**February 26** - How do I know I am a Christian? What does assurance mean to faith? How do I grow closer to God?

**March 4** - Why do we Baptize? How does Communion work? Why are these things important to me?

**March 11** - What do Christians believe? What do United Methodists believe?

**March 18** - Why are there different Christian denominations? Where do Methodists fit into the Christian family?

**March 25** – What about Williams UMC, where did we come from? Where do I belong in the family here at Williams?

