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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 to 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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Welcome a Stranger



“And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you? ...Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”
(Matthew 25:38, 40)

Have you ever been a stranger? Have you ever welcomed a stranger? Jesus equates the way we treat strangers to our relationship with Him, and it is not just strangers but the least of strangers.

The new TV show “Undercover Boss” shows the boss taking on a job in the lower echelons of the company in order to find out how to be a better manager. As the TV audience we are privy to the boss’s thoughts while we see video of employees working or training this strange new employee. Predictably the fellow employees say things and treat the boss in ways they would not if they knew the identity of their stranger.

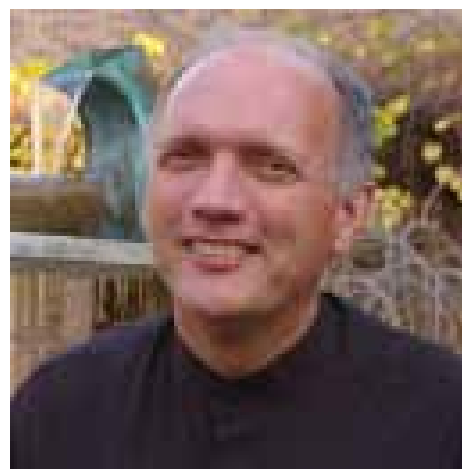
At the end of the show the employees are called into the main office and the boss reveals the true identity of the stranger. The employees are rewarded for their good work and shown appreciation for their humanity. Rarely an employee is corrected for their bad behavior, at least on TV, but it does happen.

Jesus is undercover everyday. He came into the world as a baby too poor for a crib. Chased out of his own town he continued to be a stranger

without a place to lay his head. We should not be surprised when he says how we treat the least of his family is how we treat him. He continues to reveal his love and grace among the poor and the stranger. How is that love revealed through you? How does it show through our church family?

Radical hospitality is not based on ourselves but on the person of Jesus Christ. As followers of Jesus Christ it is the life God calls out of us. We all know what it is like to be a stranger, let that lead us into how we treat the stranger in our midst.

See you in worship.



Danny Wayman-Senior Pastor

February Sermons

02/06/11

Epiphany of the Lord

“A Sermon for Everyone”

Isa 58:1-9 a,

Ps 112:1-10

1 Cor 2:1-16,

*Mt 5:3-20**

02/13/11

“You Have Heard that it Was Said”

Deut 30:15-20,

Ps 119:1-8

1 Cor 3:1-9,

*Mt 5:21-37**

02/20/11

“Be Perfect”

Lev 19:1-2, 9-18,

Ps 119:33-40

1 Cor 3:10-11, 16-23,

*Mt 5:38-48**

02/27/11

“First Things First”

Isa 49:8-16 a

Ps 131 or Ps 62:5-12

1 Cor 4:1-5

*Mt 6:24-34**

Williams Hospitality



In Romans 12:9-13 we read; "Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers."

Dr. Kirby was my Christian Heritage professor, and he was a fascinating man. He never ceased to keep my attention, and that's saying something, because my mind tends to wander during lectures! One of his stories involved him going to a monastery somewhere in Oklahoma to do some research in their library. Upon arrival at the monastery, he was greeted at the door by the monks with warm fresh baked bread, homemade jelly, and wine! Dr. Kirby said, "Now that's hospitality!" I'm not trying to correct Dr. Kirby by any means, but I believe that was "Radical Hospitality!"

Welcome to Williams! That's how our volunteers and staff greet our visitors to our Society of St. Stephen Food Pantry on Monday mornings! We provide them with a nice clean place to sit, a nice hot pot of coffee, and a variety of snacks that range all the way from donuts to cookies! Now that's "Radical Hospitality!"

Welcome to Williams! We greet our youth with snacks, drinks, and meals on Wednesday and Sunday nights! We provide them with an awesome

youth center, gym, and cafe area where they can enjoy food, fun, and fellowship. This last year, we had a profession of faith out of our youth group! On the Wednesday night that I talked with this youth about her desire to accept Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior, be baptized, and join our church, she told me that this youth group had made her feel right at home! Now that's "Radical Hospitality!"

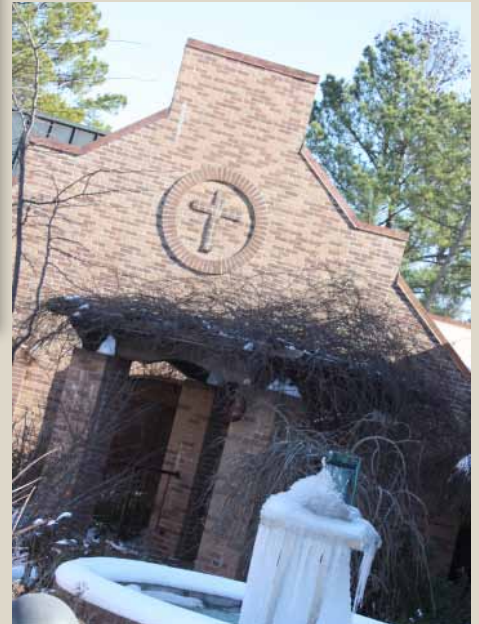
Everything we say or do here says "Welcome to Williams," and Hebrews 13:12 reminds us that we may never truly know who we are greeting; "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it." Love all, worship one, and practice "Radical Hospitality!"

In Christian love;

Tommy Earl Burton



About the Cover



This month's cover is a beautiful photo of our courtyard and frozen fountain.

The freezing weather also brought a blanket of snow. Make sure and check out our snow day photos on page 10 and 11.

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.**

Williams News

Join the Dream Team

The Administrative Council, which includes the leadership of Williams is invited to a Saturday workshop to dream, evaluate, and plan the ministries of the coming year.

If you are not on the Administrative Council but interested about Williams, you are invited to attend as well.

Date: January 29, 2011

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Lunch and Nursery provided

Please RSVP for lunch or nursery by email danwayman@gmail.com or call: 903-832-8663



Vacation Bible School Directors Needed-

VBS will be here soon, and we are looking for a few outstanding individuals to be our directors.

If you would be interested please contact Sue Camp 903-832-8663 or suecamp@cableone.net.



Canines In Training

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 Society of St. Stephen.

The puppy class, for dogs 3-6 months, will begin with an orientation session Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in room 104. The class will then run for 10 weeks beginning March 8th 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 8th, 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, or by contacting Harry White at 903-792-6142 or by e-mail: harry@vandermeir.com.

United Methodist Men Invite You To The

Valentine Dinner and Dance

6:00 p.m., February 11th, 2011
Williams Memorial UMC Wesley Hall.

Dance Music Provided By
"The Dick Stark Trio"
featuring Pete Hamer and Charlie Mudford,

Dinner will be served and the cost to you
is just a free will offering.

Sign Up in Welcome Center or Good Treasures Bookstore

Williams School



Reading Changes Lives



Coming Soon Williams School Registration

Mon March 7th

*Current Students
and Williams,
First Church and
St. Lukes Members*

Tues March 8th

*Siblings of
Current students*

Wed March 9th

Open Registration

The importance of reading to and with our children cannot be over emphasized. As an aide, teacher and later administrator, I've seen first hand how being read to and learning to read opens up new worlds of interests, imagination and insights.

What is fascination is the impact is not limited to language arts! Social studies, science, mathematics and other areas are dependent on the building blocks of reading.



At Williams School, we devote part of each school day to reading activities. As you can see from the pictures, we read books, make books and even write books. A special library time is set aside on Mondays when church member and volunteer, Monica Davis reads to each 3 and 4-year-old class.

Yes, we believe in reading; but, we want to do more. We want to offer more opportunities for our children to explore books by adding books to each classroom's library. And we

want other children beyond our Williams School family to have these opportunities as well.

That's why I want to personally invite every church family to donate at least one new or gently used preschool and elementary age-appropriate book. You may wish to give a book in honor of or in memory of a family member or friend.

Some of these books will stay in our classrooms and other will be shared with the Theron Jones Early Literacy Center as part of Williams' volunteer mentoring program.

Our book drive will culminate with a school celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday the week of March 2nd.

Take a look at our "reading" pictures on this page and look for the book drop near the school office.

May your days be filled with good books!

Paula Hawkins-

Director





*Place your order now
for your special
Valentine!*

*Good Treasures is offering special
valentine gifts to be purchased and
delivered to your child's classroom.*

See Bookstore for details.

Music and Fine Arts



Sherri Waters- Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministry

Hospitality

I am grateful for members of each of the ensembles that I oversee. The people exhibit daily lives of hospitality.

Hospitality includes being welcomed into a group. A part of that welcoming includes bringing not only our joys and happy smiles, but our concerns.

The prayer concerns are a living part of our worship and rehearsal times, but they are a part of the daily lives of our singers and ringers, dancers and dramatists, worship leaders and Tribe of Dan members. When you are welcome however you come, then true hospitality is present.

We follow the example of God as shown in the prophet Zephaniah 3:17. "The Lord your God is with you. He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you. He will quiet you with his love. He will rejoice over you with singing."

We take delight in sharing our music with you. There are places of service in worship leadership. Come and join us. The schedules are listed, or call Sherri Waters 903-278-0499.



The Right Choices

As a parent we all face choices every day as to the things our kids are exposed to.

"Should my 10 year old watch that PG-13 movie?"

"Is it okay for a middle-schooler to play that rated-T game?"

"Is it good for a 4 year old to play organized sports?"

My common sense and experience say that the answer to all those questions is no. As my own kids are growing up, do I make the right decision every time? No. Sometimes my laziness creeps in and my judgement clouds, and I don't always make the right decisions for them.

Other questions arise that are even more important.

"How do I introduce my child to God?"

"How can I help him grow in faith?"

"Is there a way I can help her rely on God for answers?"

I believe that a positive step towards meeting the goal of nurturing Christian discipleship in our kids is to let them participate in choir. Choir allows children to praise with body, mind, spirit, and voice. It helps children develop social skills

and concepts of teamwork and cooperation.

Obviously it teaches children to read music. Choir focuses on working together, and builds relationships with each other and with musicians all over the world. Singing in front of people helps kids build confidence as they learn to conquer fear and take positive risks. And, singing is a gift you can give your children that will last their entire lifetime.

I don't know many 50 year old soccer players, but I know hundreds of 50 year old singers who still enjoy music every day of their life!

Won't you offer that gift to your child? Its easy and all it costs is the commitment to bring them to scheduled rehearsals.

We're starting a new choir for 7th through 12th graders called "Voice of Truth". We meet Sunday afternoons at 4:00 in the Adult Choir Room.

Pre-K through 6th grade choir is incorporated into Alive @ Five, Sunday nights from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Hope to See you Sunday! Love You!

Ms. Amy



Amy Kirk- Children's Music Director

"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

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

Xperience Worship



Xperience Radical Hospitality

Radical Hospitality is something we should show no matter where we are.

Here are a few ways that you can show our guests Radical Hospitality on Sunday Mornings in the Xperience Service.

1. Fill in blank seats-

It is much easier for a guest to find a seat on one end of the row or another, rather than climb over you for a seat. Sit together with those around you and leave the empty seats at the end for our guests.

2. Switch Sides

Typically the first place to fill up is the side of Wesley Hall closest to the doors. This makes sense because it is the first set of seats you come to. Consider switching sides, and sit on the front of the window side. This will leave the back and door side open for guests arriving late, looking for seats.

3. Park Away

There are no designated guest parking spaces in the back parking lot. If you can walk a little further,

consider not taking the closest parking space. This will leave those spaces for our guests, and those who may have more difficulty getting around.

4. Welcome to Williams

Do not be afraid to welcome someone to our church. It does not matter if they are a member, a visitor or if you are not sure. Shake a hand, smile and simply say, "Welcome to Williams, I'm glad you are here!"

5. Become a Greeter/Usher

Of course we want everyone to be friendly and greet those around you. We are always looking for special individuals who will stand at the doors, pass out our Williams Weekly News, and welcome people to the service. These ushers and greeters are often the first people that our guests will see, and we need you.

If you would be interested in being an usher or greeter, talk to one of our ushers or email rgmmusic@gmail.com.

These are some ways you can show Radical Hospitality, there are many more. Join us this month as we express our Radical Hospitality.

Radical Hospitality Around the World

Last month at communion time we collected money for Society of St. Stephen. This money will go to help members of our community who are in need of help with a utility bill. We collected enough to help with at least one family.

The Methodist church has been involved with a project called Nothing But Nets, which provides a mosquito net for a child to help prevent malaria.

According to the World Health Organization, by the end of this year, 289 million nets will have been delivered to Sub-Saharan Africa since 2008. This is enough to cover 76% of the 765 million people at risk of malaria.

You can help our missionaries in the area show Radical Hospitality by providing these bed nets for those who remain.

This month we will be collecting for Nothing But Nets. A donation of \$10 provides a net. I hope you will join us in supporting this project.

Snow Day



Children's Ministries



Upcoming Children's Activities

February 6

No Activities

February 13

Meal- Pizza

1st and 2nd in Zone

February 20

No Activities

February 27

Meal- Chicken

5th and 6th in Zone

Alive @ Five Children's Ministries

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

4 & 5 Year Olds-(Story Time)

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)

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

3rd & 4th Graders (Bible Basics)

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

5th & 6th Graders (Junior Youth Fellowship)

Music/ Dinner/JYF

What Happens at Alive @ 5?

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, Corn dogs, Chicken strips and Tacos will be offered. (A donation of \$5.00 a meal or \$35.00 a semester is suggested.)

2011 Confirmation Class

Confirmation Class starts on January 30 at 5:00 in room 108.

If you are a sixth grader or older and you would like to go through confirmation, please come join us.

Roger and Susan Waldrep will be teaching the classes, with help from Danny and Tommy Earl too.

We are planning on eating Breakfast

with the Bishop on February 12th at Lakeview Conference Center in Palestine, Texas.

Confirmation is not the beginning or the ending of the faith journey. Confirmation is about making disciples.

For more information about our Confirmation Class please contact Sue Camp 903.832.8663 or email suecamp@cableone.net

Radical Hospitality One Quilt at a Time

ANGEL QUILTS

After finishing one decade, Angel Quilts looks forward to starting the next ten years. It has been a privilege for the fourteen and more quilters to be able to make, pray over, and give out these quilts to cancer patients going through their treatments.

We continue to make the quilts for no charge when someone requests the quilts for a cancer patient in the Texarkana area who is going through treatments.

To request a quilt, someone just needs to come to the quilting room, choose a quilt, and fill out a sheet with information for a prayer list and to have a card of encouragement sent later. Then leave the sheet after taking the quilt. Donations keep coming in and allow us to continue making the quilts.

Several new quilters have joined us this year that are not members of the church. We feel this ministry has definitely made itself known as a way to show God's love and help others who are going through a very



difficult time.

Angel Quilts continues to meet in the 5th and 6th grade classroom on Tuesday night from 6:30 – 9:00 P.M. and invites anyone to come and join. This is a ministry that all ages and talents can participate in.

Even if the person cannot sew or quilt, there are many other areas that they can join in and feel they are an important part. These areas include praying for cancer patients, ironing, cutting out patterns, scrap booking, correspondence, washing and wrapping completed quilts, and just keeping each other uplifted.

Many thank you notes have come in which attest to the impact Williams

Memorial quilters and quilts are having on the Texarkana area and beyond. Angel Quilts still partners with First Presbyterian Church, Arkansas and First Baptist Moores Lane to further impact the lives of the cancer patients.

For the past ten years, the quilters at Williams Memorial have made and distributed the following quilts:

- 2001 – 12
- 2002 - 30
- 2003 – 26
- 2004 - 37
- 2005 - 37
- 2006 - 32
- 2007 - 51
- 2008 – 49
- 2009 - 71
- 2010 – 61

Total for Williams – 406

Total for all three churches - 803



College and Young Adults

First Hand Hospitality

Last May I had the opportunity to travel with the Denton Wesley Foundation choir to perform in England. We based out of a little town called Wallingford in Oxfordshire and each stayed with families from the local Anglican Church. Before we left we were told the name of the person we would be staying with and a few activities they were interested in. Our choir director and the choir director at the church in Wallingford had hand picked who would be staying with who based on personality and interests. My husband, James, and I were told we would be staying with Keith—a single man in his fifties who enjoys theatre and rugby. What a combination I thought...theatre and rugby... I didn't really know what rugby was, and theater...well I only sang in the choir that year so I could go to England if that tells you anything. Wouldn't a couple of boys be more suited to stay with Keith and us to stay with a young couple with more similar interests?

When we finally arrived in Wallingford all of our hosts met us at the bus in the center of town and we were finally introduced to Keith. He was a big burly white haired man. I guess about what I had pictured. We spent the afternoon driving around Wallingford trying to get to know one another, learn about the city and surrounding areas, and trying not to fall asleep from the jet lag! When we got home we took a nap and when we woke up Keith was preparing a home made 4-course meal for us. It was one of the best meals I have ever eaten! That's just one more thing to add to Keith's array of talents—cooking.

Keith seemed reserved at first, as were we I'm sure. But as the week went on he wanted to share more and more of his life with us. One day when we came home he was ecstatic that he had just gotten an Easter card from his grand daughter with a photo of her inside. He had us look at it and

showed us photos of his other grand children. We weren't sure if we were confused about the Easter card or the electric menorah beside the bed stand in our room, but regardless we were interested to hear about Keith's religious beliefs. As we were discussing the differences between American United Methodists and British Methodists Keith told us that he was not a very religious man and that he was the only host that did not attend the Anglican Church in town. We didn't delve into theology that day. We simply took each other for who we were.

As days went on and I began to ask Keith about his family he opened up to me and told me that his wife died when his boys were teenagers. He shed a tear and briefly described the difficulty that had been brought upon his family. A few days later I noticed a photo of him and another woman years later. He saw me looking at it and said "We were married for a few years. Turned out we make better friends than a married couple." Keith, like all of us, has had a lot of heartache and a lot of joys in his life. What makes him so hospitable is that he did not only open his home to us, he also opened his heart. It's easy to make everything look neat and nice in your home and cook great meals and be a tour guide for a week. But to also open your heart and show love and interest for a stranger to me is what radical hospitality is truly about. Keith was no longer simply a show tune loving, rugby enthusiast to me. He was a close friend who offered me his love and vulnerability.

I hope all of you guys have had a fun and relaxing break! We will start back meeting on Thursday January 27th at 7 p.m. in the Good Treasure's Bookstore. We'll have dinner and a study as usual. Bring a friend and some new ideas for the Spring semester!



Kaitlin McMichael- Director College and Young Adult Ministry

Upcoming Events

Thursday January 27th
Dinner & Study in the
Bookstore

Thursday February 3rd
Dinner & Study in the
Bookstore

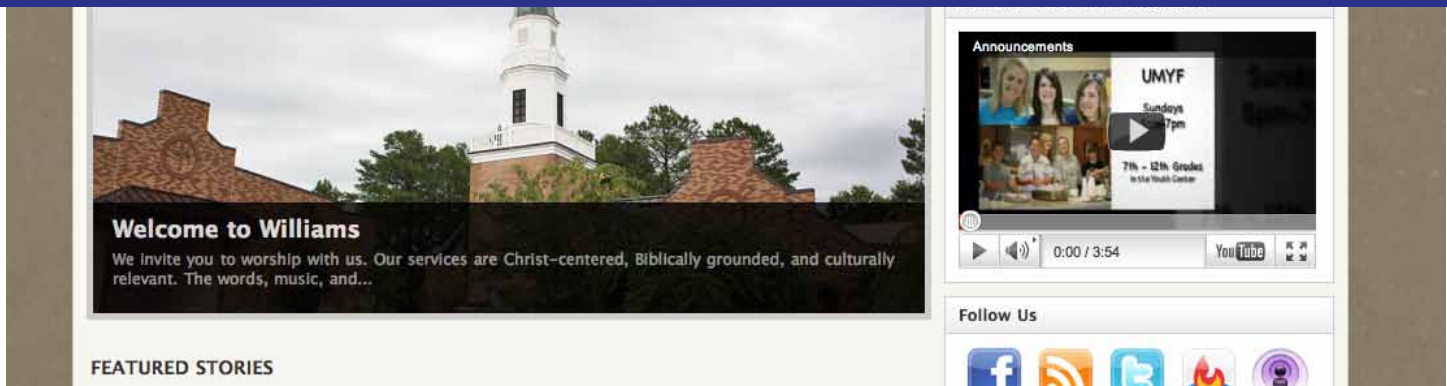
Thursday February 10th
Dinner & Study in the
Bookstore

Thursday February 17th
Dinner & Study in the
Bookstore

Thursday February 24th
Fun Night Out TBA

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How Can We Contact You



We have many wonderful programs, events and happenings at Williams Memorial UMC. We need to have effective ways of communicating this information to you. We would like to take this chance to remind you of the different ways we offer to let you know how. If you have not filled out a Contact Information card please fill this one out and turn it in or mail it to the church. You can also fill it out online by following the link on our website

E-mail- E-news is an e-mail service that sends a message to your in box 2-4 times per week. Every Thursday the e-mails contain the weekly news found in the Sunday bulletin including the weekly calendar, weekly prayer list and announcements. We also send announcements and articles that are of importance to you at other times. Finally we include links to our website for things like the sermon audio and the monthly newsletter.

Monthly Insight- The monthly "Insight" magazine is mailed to all of our members. It contains articles and stories which can go much more in depth than a weekly black and white mailing. It also includes full color pictures of events and members. This is a great piece to give to your neighbors or take to your office to let others know about the ministries and people at Williams Memorial.

Website- Our website at www.welcometowilliams.org contains information about our church and it's ministries. It also is a place for you to download resources like sermons or register for events with our forms. There are also photos of our events and descriptions of our ministries with contact information. Our website is linked with our e-news so that items sent out from there are posted on the website as well.

Facebook- Our church facebook group is another way to connect with church members and find out information. You can post photos that you have taken at an event, or leave messages for others. A link can be found on our website.

www.welcometowilliams.org

Twitter- A Twitter is a short 140 character message sent out to those who subscribe to the service. It is a way we can send to you an immediate message about an event. If you use twitter you can subscribe to "wmumc" If you want more info visit www.twitter.com

Bulletin- Our church bulletin contains the weekly information like prayers, calendar and announcements. This is the same information sent out weekly in e-news or mailed to you weekly if you subscribe.

Williams Contact Information Card

Please fill one of these forms out for each person in your family youth age and above. This will help us to consolidate our database and make sure we can communicate with you in the most effective manner possible.

(Name First, Last)

(Children and Ages)

(E-mail)

(Home Phone)

(Cell Phone)

(Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

Please check each of the ways you would like the church to communicate with you.

- I like to receive e-mail
 Mail me the monthly "Insight" magazine
 I'll check the website
 I will join the church facebook group
 I use Twitter
 I get my info from the bulletin at church
 I'd like to sign up to receive text messages from the church
 Other: _____

This form is also available online at www.welcometowilliams.com

Youth Ministries



Weekly Events

Sundays at Williams

Every Sunday morning all students, grades 7 through 12 meet in the Youth Center at 9:15. We eat, discuss upcoming events and then break into the junior and senior high rooms for a Sunday school lesson from LINC.

Sunday nights the youth meet for United Methodist Youth Fellowship (U.M.Y.F.) from 5-7 p.m. in the Youth Center for food, fun & fellowship. After U.M.Y.F. all youth are invited and encouraged to stay for a student led worship service, Overflow, it is from 7:15-8.

Williams on Wednesdays

On Wednesdays the youth meet for Open Gym from 5-7 p.m. Dinner is served; homework is done and games are played! Bible Study is from 7-8 p.m.



5th Sunday Breakfast to benefit Meagan Mauldin

The Youth will host a 5th Sunday breakfast on Sunday, January 30, 2011 from 8-9:15 a.m. All donations will benefit Meagan Mauldin.

Meagan is the 20 year old daughter of Stephanie Meunier and James Mauldin, and the granddaughter of Paula and Wayne Hawkins and Travis and Betty Mauldin.

She is a lifelong member of Williams Memorial and is currently undergoing chemotherapy, for the second time for Osteosarcoma, a rare bone cancer.

We would like to encourage everyone to show their support for Meagan and her family while enjoying a wonderful pancake breakfast with your church family!

UMYF Study

This semester, as requested, the youth group will be participating in a Bible study based on the movie, To Save a Life. In order to make this study a success, Tommy and I are looking for at least 4 adults to volunteer as a small group leader.

The youth meet on Sunday nights from 5-7 p.m. in the Youth Center. If you are interested please contact me at courtney.waldrep@gmail.com.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

This semester we will offer 3 Bible studies from 6-7 p.m. for the Youth. Craig Fant will be leading a boy's Bible study based on the Tony Dungy book, Quiet Strength. This will be a very exciting learning experience for young men who want to become genuine men of God and enjoy talking about sports!

Courtney will be leading the junior high girl's Bible study, Girl Talk: The Power of Your Words; and Tommy Earl will be teaching an open Bible study about discipleship.

Senior High Spring Break UM ARMY

The deadline for group registration for our Sr. High 2011 UM ARMY Spring Break Mission trip is quickly approaching! Group registration deadline is Saturday January 15th, and individual registration is due Tuesday February 15th!

Total cost for the trip is \$215. Please let me know by Friday January 14th if you are interested in going on this mission trip! I need adults as well as youth!



Mid-Winter Camp at Lakeview

Mid-Winter Camp is a mini-church camp experience the weekend of February 25-27, 2011. It will be a great adventure for any youth grades 7-12 to learn about God, worship with their peers and have fun with other United Methodist Christians.

The total cost is \$125 if registered by Sunday, February 6 or \$175 for late registration, due Sunday, February 20; this includes all activities and meals Friday-Sunday.

Questions?

For more information on this trip and other events, you can check out the WMUMC Youth Facebook Page, and the WMUMC blog! God bless!

facebook.com/williamsyouth

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Youth Calendar

Wednesday, 2/2
Open Gym/Bible Study

Sunday, 2/6
Super Bowl
Watch Party

Wednesday, 2/9
Open Gym/Bible Study

Sunday, 2/13
UMYF: To Save A Life
Session 2 / Overflow

Wednesday, 2/16
Randy Sam's (meet in
Wesley Hall @ 4)

Sunday, 2/20
Spring Break
Deposits Due!!!

Sunday, 2/20
School Holiday: NO
YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, 2/23
Open Gym/Bible Study

Friday, 2/25 -
Sunday, 2/27:
Midwinter Retreat
at Lakeview

Youth 5th Sunday Breakfast

in benefit of
Meagan Mauldin

Sunday, January 30th
8:00 - 9:15 am
in the Welcome Center



\$10 Tickets Available in Good Treasures Bookstore

Adult Ministries



Sunday School Spotlight



The Gleaners Class

Proverbs 4:5 reads, Acquire wisdom, acquire understanding....

The definition of the verb Glean: To gather wisdom in small amounts over a period of time. To acquire information bit by bit.

Gleaning God's Word, is something the Gleaners Class take very seriously. The mission of the Gleaners Class is to read and study the Bible to Glean God's will for our class.

This class is made up of senior adults, both single and married, who are actively pursuing wisdom and understanding for their lives. The Gleaner's Class is lead by Jim Nowlin, Dick Stark and Bill Carl. This class is made up of very active and hardworking church leaders.

If you are interested in studying God's Word in-depth, come join us at 9:15 on Sunday morning in Room 131 as we continue to Glean God's Word.

Want the spotlight to shine on your class? Send a high quality photo and short description of your class to williamsenews@gmail.com. Yours might just be chosen for the next Insight.

XYZ (a group of seniors that get together to play games)

If you are looking for something to do to help with the winter blues, come to Wesley Hall on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. We meet at 9:30 for fellowship, to play games, share lunch and have a wonderful time. If you are interested call Billy Roberts at 903 276-9085 for more information.

Good Treasures Bridge Club

This group of diverse bridge players meets every Wednesday at 6 p.m. If you are a beginner and need a little help, no problem. If you are an expert we could use your help. All you need do is Email John Mercy at jmercy@texarkanalawyers.com let him know you plan to play and be at the Bookstore at six on Wednesday. We would love to have you join us for a relaxed game of bridge.

W2LEO (a group of senior adults that love to eat out)

This group meets at local restaurants for a Dutch treat meal on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. On February 15th meet us at Uncle Juan's at 5 p.m. We will share a meal and fellowship. If you would like to join this group, of both single and married adults, call Larry Walker at 903 832-5129.

Williams Book Club

This group of ladies enjoy reading and meets on the 2nd Monday of each month in the Children's Library, to discuss the current book. The book of the month is always available in the Good Treasurer's Bookstore. If you love to read, and would like to join this group call Roberta McMahon at 903 832-8192 for more information.

For additional information about any of these groups contact:

Sue Camp, Director of Christian Education

Vee Daniels, Assistant Director

United Methodist Women



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If you are interested in the missions of our church, both local and global, come to our general meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 10 am in the Church parlor. We invite all women, young and old, to join us for an informative meeting and a delicious lunch.

The UMW also have many sub-groups that meet throughout the month. These are a great opportunity for fellowship, learning, accountability, and friendship. Read the descriptions of the groups below to find the group that is best for you.

Betty Kelly Friendship-

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

UMW Thursday Bridge

These ladies meet the first Thursday at 1:00 p.m. 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 (UMW Mission Studies)

This group, led by Kitty Harrington, meets in the Game Room of Cornerstone on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10 am. Everyone is welcome to attend any or all of the sessions. If you have questions call Kitty at 903 334-7489.

UMW Night Bridge

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

UMW Princesses (20, 30, & 40 year olds)

If you are a young lady in this age group, come to room 108 on the second Wednesday of this month for fun and games. Childcare is provided, so come and enjoy a night out with the girls.





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Upcoming Events

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| Jan 29 | Administrative Council Workshop |
| Jan 30 | 5th Sunday Breakfast |
| | Confirmation Class Begins |
| Feb 6 | Super Bowl Watch Party |
| Feb 11 | Valentine Dinner and Dance |
| Feb 25 | Midwinter Youth Retreat |
| Mar 1 | Dog Training Orientation |
| Mar 7-9 | Williams School Registration |