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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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A New Year

*So if anyone
is in Christ,
there is
a new
creation:
everything
old has
passed
away; see,
everything
has become
new!
(2 Corinthians 5:17)*



Danny Wayman-Senior Pastor

See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them. (Isaiah 42:9 NRSV)

What makes a year new?

We usually associate it with the change of a number which counts the times the earth has gone around the sun since Jesus Christ was born. This year the number is two thousand and eleven.

I suggest we do not just go by the time that flies past but the opportunities we have to experience what God makes new.

God promises to make us new. We associate this time of year with a desire to change. We make commitments to lose weight, get rid of old habits, and act in new ways to our friends and family.

If God is putting these “new” things on your heart do not ignore them nor give up because you have failed in the past.

God is the one who makes all things new. It is not ourselves or our will power. It is God. Let God make this a “new” year for you. See you in worship!

Danny Wayman

January Sermons

01/02/11

Epiphany of the Lord

“The Wisdom of God”

Isa 60:1-6, Ps 72:1-7, 10-14

Eph 3:1-12, Mt 2:1-12

01/09/11

Baptism of the Lord

“Jesus is Baptized”

Isa 42:1-9, Ps 29

Acts 10:34-43, Mt 3:13-17

01/16/11

“God Names Us Before We Are Born”

Isa 49:1-7, Ps 40:1-11

1 Cor 1:1-9, Jn 1:29-42

01/23/11

“United in the Same Mind”

Isa 9:1-4, Ps 27:1, 4-9

1 Cor 1:10-18, Mt 4:12-23

01/30/11

“What Does the Lord Require of You?”

Mic 6:1-8, Ps 15

1 Cor 1:18-31, Mt 5:1-12

New Year's Resolution



Luke 4:18-20 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

It's a new year, and you know what that means? It's "New Year's Resolution" time again! What goals do you think that Jesus Christ has for you this year? What goals do you think Jesus Christ has for our church? I believe that God is calling us to "Change The World" through "Extravagant Generosity!"

In his book, *Change the World: Recovering the Message and Mission of Jesus*, Mike Slaughter, pastor of Ginghamburg UMC in Tipp City, Ohio, describes an encounter he had with a man in Darfur. Darfur is primarily a fundamentalist Islamic community, and after having witnessed the wonderful works being done in their country by Mike's church a man had some questions.

"Why are you here? Why are you Christians helping us? Where are our Arab brothers? Where is Saudi Arabia...Dubai?" Mike goes on to explain his reaction to this man's questions. "Why should I be surprised? When we demonstrate the love of Jesus, we earn the right to share the reason why." (*Change the World: Recovering the Message and Mission of Jesus*, page 129).

Through "Extravagant Generosity," Ginghamburg UMC is funding all sorts of projects in Darfur. This is not only bringing good news to the poor of this area, but it is also giving them the opportunity, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to share the good news of Jesus Christ!

Through your generous giving, our food pantry, financial assistance, and local mission projects are bringing the good news of Jesus Christ to those who are needy! And, through the power of the Holy Spirit, it is also giving us the opportunity to share the good news of Jesus Christ! We can "Change The World" through "Extravagant Generosity!" Amen!

In Christian love;

Tommy Earl Burton



About the Cover



The photograph on the cover is of the Xperience Worship stage in Wesley Hall. This stage was designed by Meagan Martin for the Christmas and Epiphany Season.

A new stage is designed and created every four to six weeks to reflect the church season. If you would be interested in helping with the stage construction, design, or setup, email Russell Martin at rgmmusic@gmail.com.

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

3:00 Liturgical Dancers

4:00 Cornerstone Worship

3:30 Youth Band

4:30 Ageless Hand chimes

5:00 Alive @ 5

5:00 U.M.Y.F.

DYT "A Christmas Carol" Photos



Williams School



Happy New Year

How fast the time passes! It seems like we just started school and it is already the New Year. Our children continue to learn, grow, amaze and delight us. Every year about this time, our teachers remark what a difference these few months make. As we look forward to 2011, we wanted to share these pictures of our recent Christmas Program.

The Williams School staff joins me in wishing everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

Paula Hawkins, Director



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

Williams School Looking for Director



Williams School is searching for a New Director

Ms. Paula has announced that she will be retiring at the end of this school year. Therefore these children are looking for someone to be the new Williams School Director.

Applicants must have a college degree - Education degree preferred - or the 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.

Music and Fine Arts



Sherri Waters- Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministry

A Word of Thanks

We are refreshed after the holidays and we are starting all our rehearsals again after a brief break. This is a great time to join Chancel Choir, our instrumental ensemble, Ageless Hand chimes or our Liturgical Dance group. Check the Sunday worship folder or the web site for current schedules on rehearsals.

This church is blessed with all the volunteers that give regularly of their time and talent to lead worship. There is at least a four week lead time for preparation for any worship service.

The volunteer hours are greater than my ability to sort them out. We are all busy people. The gift of choosing a consistent ministry of showing up every week for rehearsal and every week for worship is a truly extravagant gift.

I am grateful for the gift of service that each musician, actor, lay reader, and member who led worship, and decorated, undecorated and restored the worship spaces for our Christmas season. The gift is wonderful, and I thank you.



Amy Kirk- Children's Music Director

Thank You From Ms. Amy

Thank you, children's choir!! Y'all did a fantastic job on "Shepherds, Sheep, and a Savior". The musical was wonderful, and I so appreciate your energy and enthusiasm and talents.

Thanks, also to all the parents who helped with it - Casey Zverina, Lisa Morgan, Leigh Ann Scates, Marcie Hlavinka, Shawn Edmonds, Bryan Steed, and all the dads who helped move furniture to get ready.

It was truly a blessing to work with all of you. Your children are delightful. Praise God!

A new Youth Choir is forming beginning January 9. We'll meet in the Chancel Choir Room on Sunday afternoons at 4:00.

We will work on songs to sing during the Xperience service, the Sanctuary service, and for Youth events. Anyone in grades 7-12 is eligible to participate, as long as you can commit to attending most rehearsals.

If you have questions please email amykirkmusic@gmail.com.

"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

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Tidbits...

Good Treasures

Bookstore and Coffee Shop

The Good Treasures bookstore is a great place to come enjoy a cup of coffee, get some free popcorn, or even have lunch. The bookstore also carries a variety of cards, hand made items, bibles, books, figurines, children and adult clothing, toys, CDs, and jewelry. There is always something new in the bookstore!

Store Hours

Monday	7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday	7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday	7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Thursday	7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Friday	7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 a.m. - noon

Family Fun Night

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, January 18th, at 5:30 p.m. for a night of food, fun and fellowship in Wesley Hall. Come for a meal of loaded baked potato, salad and dessert.

After we eat we will play Bingo. This fun filled event is sure to brighten those long dark winter days. We are asking for a suggested donation of \$10.

Please make your reservations by picking up a ticket in our Good Treasures Bookstore. We are looking forward to seeing everyone for this fun filled event.



2010... Cover to Cover



Xperience Worship



Experiencing Worship

What does it mean to experience worship? This past year we have shared some awesome moments of God's presence moving among us. I have heard our voices come together and sing songs like, "Sing, Sing, Sing" and "How Great is Our God" stronger than ever.

We also have heard wonderful, thought provoking messages from our pastors, and children's moment leaders. We have shared in communion as the body of Christ.

All of these are wonderful times, that make up a wonderful worship service. However I think we are not experiencing worship to the fullest if we allow ourselves to be satisfied with songs, screens, and sermons.

James 1:27 says "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."

Worship is what we do on Sunday morning, but that's not the end. God tells us that to fully experience worship, we must look after those in distress, care for the widows, and tend to the needs of the orphans.



My hope and prayer is that on Sunday Morning we will sing songs of joy, and hear messages that speak to our heart.

I pray that we will be encouraged to see and give to those who need help, encouragement, comfort, food, shelter, a shoulder to cry on, and a hand to help them up.

There are so many opportunities here at our church to do just that. Now that Christmas has passed, unfortunately, many of the needs we were so keenly aware of a month ago have passed back into the back of our minds, not forgotten, but not on the forefront.

Starting in January there will be an offering at communion time.

Each month the money will go for a different emphasis. January we will be giving the offering to the Society of St. Stephen to help with utility bills.

We also will be making you aware of other needs that we know of. These may be ways you can serve, items we are collecting, or monetary needs. Keep watching the insight, e-news, website and facebook for these opportunities.

I'm looking forward to 2011 and our chances to worship, and experience worship together.

Russell Martin



Children's Ministries



Upcoming Children's Activities

January 9th

Meal-Pizza
Parent's meeting
5:00 in Chapel

January 16th

No Activities (School
Holiday)

January 23th

Meal Tacos
5th and 6th in Zone

January 30th

Meal-Chicken
3rd and 4th 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.)



Parents meeting on January 9th Starting at 5:00p.m.in the Chapel.

Alive at Five is an exciting and inspiring time for children from ages 4 through the 6th grade. With over 85 children in attendance at Alive at Five, we need your help. Please plan to attend the parent meeting so that your child's experience will be the best possible.

2011 Budget



The ministries of Williams works is made possible through the tithes and offerings of those who consider this faith community a part of their family. We hope you will continue or begin to make Williams an important part of your faithful exercise of stewardship.

The \$1,405,682 budget can be broken out into the following four categories:

Connectional Benevolences

These benevolences provide for United Methodist Ministries around the world and here in our community. These gifts add to the impact of other United Methodist gifts to be a part of God's change around the world. These only make up 15% of our total budget.

Church Operations

Operations provides for the physical aspects of our ministries on Moores Lane. Our building payments, utilities, insurance, and supplies are all paid for from this area. The workings of the office in postage, computers, copiers, supplies, and various other physical items are also included. This

category accounts for 28% of the budget.

Local Ministries

These specific ministries are: worship, education, communications, nurture, equipping, outreach, missions, witness, fellowships, food and other ministries which occur in our buildings or local community. These expenses are 12% of our budget.

Staff Salaries

Salaries are the largest portion of the budget and make the other ministries of the congregation possible. The purpose of Church Staff is to equip the members for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ.

This year we have three full-time clergy. Sherri Waters was commissioned at the Texas Annual Conference as a Provisional Deacon. Her leadership focuses in the area of Music and Fine Arts and provides strength to our pastoral team of Danny Wayman and Tommy Earl Burton. Pastor Danny functions as the Senior Pastor and Tommy Earl

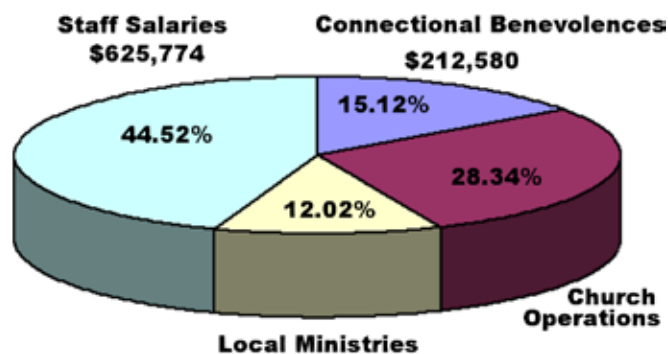
focuses on Families with Youth. We also have a part-time Pastor, Fred Smith who assists in worship services and congregational care.

Williams has seven full-time staff in various programs and ministries of the congregation. These lead the congregation in areas of education, worship, Bible study, college, youth, and children. Along with the full-time staff we have six part-time staff who assist the congregation in our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ.

Beyond these persons who directly empower the congregation in ministries we have persons who assist the congregation by maintaining our facility. One full-time person and three part-time staff work to maintain our physical building.

The persons already mentioned do not include our nursery staff whose salaries also come from our 2011 Budget. These salaries make up 45% of the budget.

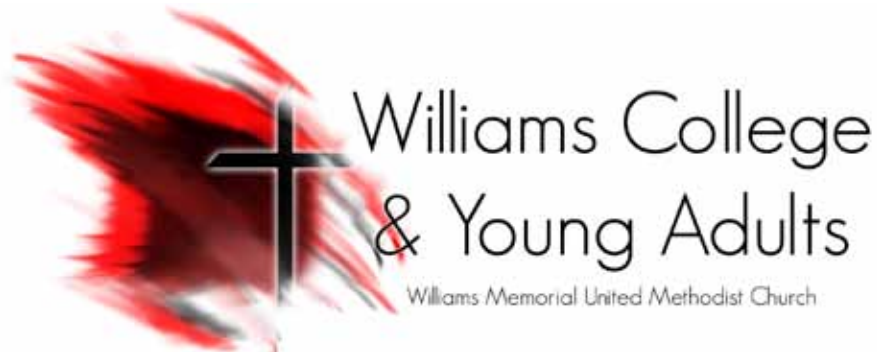
The Williams School and Good Treasures Bookstore employees are not included in this budget and their salaries come from the tuition paid to the school or the proceeds of the bookstore.



2011 Budget

Connectional Benevolences	\$ 212,580
Church Operations	\$ 398,378
Local Ministries	\$ 168,950
Staff Salaries	\$ 625,774
Total	\$ 1,405,682

College and Young Adults



Kaitlin McMichael- Director College and Young Adult Ministry

Generosity

Williams College and Young Adults has the great privilege of serving local students from Texarkana College and Texas A&M University Texarkana each week. We see those students every Thursday where we share a meal together, hang out, and study God's word. We get to nurture the students who live in town each week, but you might be wondering how we connect, if at all, with the 50 something members of Williams who are currently off at school.

For the fall semester this year we sent 50 "Finals Care Packages" all around the country to different colleges and universities. The care packages are full of brain food, a few fun items, and words of encouragement to let our students know that their church family loves them and is praying for them while they are working hard away at school. Finals Care Packages are sent out twice a year during the week preceding final exams in both fall and spring semesters and are also given to out in town students.

Along with care packages we strive to spiritually nourish our students away at school by connecting with them online. Our "Williams Young Adults" facebook page offers a place for students to connect with old classmates and church members, find out what's going on at church when they are home for the weekend or the holidays, and read devotions that are written especially for them.

If you know a student away at college who has been a part of our family at Williams, please send their name and contact information to Kaitlin McMichael at kaitlin.mcmichael@gmail.com.



Upcoming Events

**Wed. December 29th –
Dinner at Hopkins Ice
House 7pm**

**Sun. January 2nd –
9:15 am Sunday School in
Good Treasure's Bookstore**

**Sun. January 9th –
9:15 am Sunday School in
Good Treasure's Bookstore**

**Sun. January 16th–
9:15 am Sunday School in
Good Treasure's Bookstore**

**Thur. January 7th–
7:00 p.m. Sunday School in
Good Treasure's Bookstore**

Find Us On Facebook

A Group for You

Sunday School

I will make every effort to be in Sunday School every Sunday. This year, let this be your New Year's Resolution. If you have slipped into the habit of sleeping in on Sunday morning, shake the habit and join one of our many SS classes. We have one that is sure to help you find new friends, get more involved in your church and grow closer to God by learning more about His word.

Christian Adults—Room 104

This is a learning and caring fellowship for senior couples and singles.

The Upper Room---Room 106A group of senior ladies caring and growing in His word.

Fellowship---Room 103-105

This group of people in their fifties and up join in a leaning fellowship with good discussions of Biblical and social topics.

TNT ---Room 107

This class made up of couples in their 30's and 40's with special interest in family issues and growth of spiritual life.

New Horizons—Room 109

A new class formed to meet the needs of young adults mostly in their 20's and 30's. This class began on October 3, 2010 and has grown every week. The class studies a variety of topics with guest teachers, video based studies and taking turns teaching.

New Beginnings---Room 111-113

This class is made up of couples and singles in their 40s and 50's. The format is lecture with class participation on a wide range of discussion topics.

Joy--Room 115

A friendship group for women of all ages that offers Bible study, discussion and encouragement.

Friendship---Room 130

This class is for adults looking for a great group of friends and inspirational Bible study.

Gleaners—Room 131

A dynamic fellowship of senior men and women, with focus on an in-depth Bible Study.

Singles 30+—Room 132

A faith-filled class of single adults brought together through common interest of study, prayer and fellowship.

Joined In Christ—Room 133

A group of young couples that want to relate their Bible study to building relationships to God and their families.

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L.I.F.E. GROUP BIBLE STUDY

Living Life Together



L.I.F.E. is an acronym for Living In Fellowship Everyday. This group is a place where adults come together to share life and faith together.

L.I.F.E. group generally meets every other week, at the church for dinner, fellowship, prayer and Bible study.

We also spend time working on mission projects, eating meals, playing, and being an encouragement to one another as we go through our daily lives.

L.I.F.E. Group is great for those not part of a traditional Sunday school class, and those who want something in addition to their Sunday morning class,

L.I.F.E. Group bible study will begin again on Tuesday, January 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the Good Treasures Bookstore.

If this sounds like something you would like to be a part of please contact Lori Son Ison@pgisd.net or Russell Martin rgmmusic@gmail.com. Childcare is provided.

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the day approaching.

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 5-7p.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.

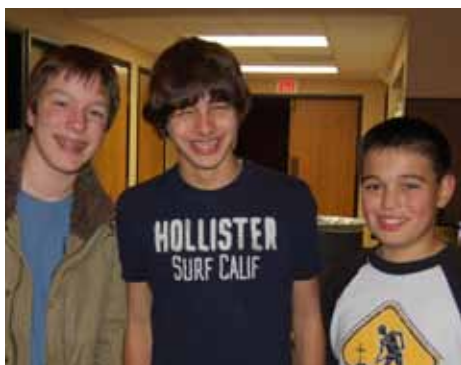


U.M.Y.F. Spring Bible Study

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 or come to the parent meeting on January 9.



5th Sunday Breakfast

The Youth will host a 5th Sunday breakfast on Sunday, January 30, 2011. All donations will benefit the Randy Sam's Homeless Shelter. The youth are collecting monetary donations and kitchen supplies to help restock the shelter's depleted pantry. Items Include:

Paper plates, Paper napkins, Styrofoam plates, Large pots or pans, Butcher knives, Large mixing spoons, Pot holders, Cutting boards, 5qt. Stew pots with handles, Disposable serving containers (aluminum or plastic), Large trash bags, Assorted bathroom cleaners, Bleach, Laundry detergents, Towels, Window cleaner, Mops and mop heads, Brooms, Ziploc bags, SOS steel wool cleaning pads.

These items can be brought to the breakfast on the 30th or dropped off in the Welcome Center throughout the month of January.



Change the World Book Drive Update...

Thank you to everyone who donated books and money to the youth's Change the World Book Drive, 350 children's books were collected.

Each book will help to change the lives of the children from the Theron Jones Literacy Center by providing reading tools in their homes.





Youth Parent Meeting!!!

We will be having our spring semester parent meeting on Sunday, January 9, 2011 at 4 p.m. in Wesley Hall.

All parents and youth are encouraged to attend and to bring your calendar and your checkbook.

We will be discussing upcoming events including; the Sky Ranch retreat, spring break trips, the Mission Dinner and Church Camp.



Youth Band

The youth band will begin rehearsals again beginning with a special rehearsal from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on January 9th. We will start back with our weekly rehearsals from 3:30 till 5:00 every Sunday.

Please note this is a longer rehearsal than we used to do. We will need this extra time as we prepare to play this summer for district youth retreat, and Senior High Camp at Lakeview.

If you are interested in being part of the youth band or chorus contact Russell Martin rgmmusic@gmail.com

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Youth Calendar

Sunday, 1/9

Youth Parent Meeting

Friday, 1/14 – Sunday, 1/16:

Sky Ranch Retreat in Van, TX

Wednesday, 1/19

Randy Sam's Jr. High
(meet in Wesley Hall @ 4)

Sunday, 1/23

Movie Night: To Save a Life

Sunday, 1/30

5th Sunday Breakfast
(meet in the Youth Center @ 8:20)

Sunday, 1/30

UMYF: To Save a Life Session 1



Adult Ministries



Sunday School Spotlight

Joined in Christ Sunday School Class

We'd like to introduce you to the Joined in Christ Class. This adult Sunday school class meets in room 133 at 9:15 a.m.

They use a variety of studies which all aim to connect the Bible to building strong relationships to God and their families.

If you are looking for a Sunday School class, you may want to check out Joined in Christ.

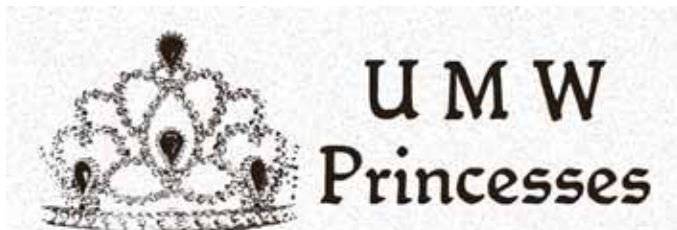
Want the spotlight to shine on your class? Send a high quality photo and short description of your class to williamsenews@gmail.com. Yours might just be chosen for the next Insight.

W2LEO (Widows and Widowers Lets Eat Out)



You do not have to be a Widow or Widower to join this group; anyone that loves to eat out and have fun is welcome. This group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. If you are interested give Larry Walker a call at 903 832-5129.

UMW Princesses (20, 30 & 40 year olds)



We have something for young ladies sure to get rid of the winter weather blues. On Wednesday January 12th come to room 108 for a night of fun, games and fellowship. Childcare is provided.

XYZ (eXtra Years of Zest)



Add some extra years of zest to your life by joining our group on the 2nd and 4th Thursday in Wesley Hall at 9:30am. We play bridge, Skip-Bo, dominoes, share lunch and have a great time of fellowship.



Williams Book Club

If you enjoy reading, come join us on the 2nd Monday of each month as we discuss the book of the month. We meet in the Children's Library at 12 noon. Our book of the month is always available in our Good Treasurers Bookstore. New members are always welcome.

United Methodist Women



United Methodist Women



UMW Shows what Extravagant Generosity Truly Means

A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.
Proverbs 22:9

“It is more blessed to give than to receive.” Acts 20:35

These are words that the United Methodist Women live by. Their generous spirit is shown through out the year.

The UMW donated over \$4,000 through channels to Global Ministries and UMCOR. Domestic Violence Prevention was given \$1,000, Society of St. Stephens \$1,000, another \$1,000 went to help with the Youth Mission Trip, Together in Hope an El Salvador Mission was given \$200, Sager Brown was sent sixty three birthing kits to be distributed.

At Christmas UMW shares their blessings with local families. Harvest Texarkana was the recipient of monies to help with their backpack program. The Bowie County’s child welfare Rainbow Room received a generous donation as well.

They gave to a family in our church that needed some assistant. Several other church projects were given a donation from UMW.

Many of the Sub-Groups of the UMW give generously to local families in need at Christmas time. One group gave to a local woman who was struggling to complete her education, working, and caring for her children as a single mother.

These women are all truly extravagantly generous and will be bless because they share what God has given them with others.

Let these ladies be an example, as we continue to share our blessings with others less fortunate throughout the year.

UMW’s General meeting is on the first Tuesday of each month. Come join these ladies in parlor for an informative meeting and a delicious lunch. There you will find information about all of their Sub-Groups.





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