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Welcome to Williams

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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.

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.

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

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Uncertain



“As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.”- 1Timothy 6:17

Uncertain is not just a place in Texas. We live in uncertain times. Doom and drama sounds on the TV, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We are a rich and powerful people. We are accustomed to the world bowing down to our power and now we are afraid of losing what God richly and freely gives to us. I suggest the reason it seems so bad is because we have put our trust in the uncertainty of riches. This passage from Paul’s letter to Timothy gives us the solutions for our fears:

1. Do not be haughty. When we puff ourselves up to be high and mighty we show our foolishness. Greatness is witnessed in the one who serves and puts the needs of others ahead of their own. It may be our insecurities and fears of loss which cause us to act haughty.

“The haughty blind person picks a fight with his guide. – African Proverb”

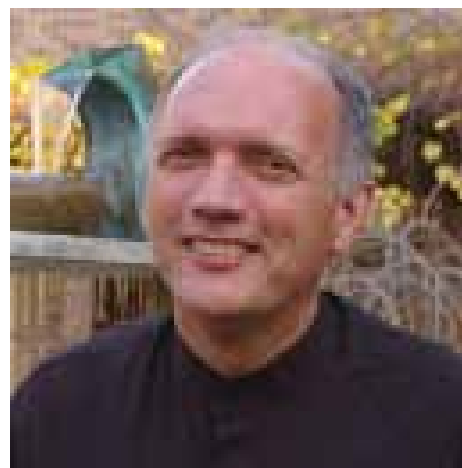
2. Set your hope on God. Hope is essential. When people lose hope they lose their lives, but we can put our hope in things rather than God. When we trust in possessions or positions of power we will be insecure. We will constantly worry about loss. When our hope is set on God our confidence and security

soars. No one can take God away from you. The love of God takes all other fears away.

3. God provides us with everything – even our enjoyment. Too often we view God like a miserly parent who only gives us the essentials to live. God is generous and gives us more than enough, even for our enjoyment. The danger is when we think it is just for our self-centered enjoyment. Our enjoyment is not to the detriment of others. God cares about all of God’s creation. We are blessed and given everything we need and enjoy, trust in God’s providence.

Yes, we do trust in God. No, we do not know everything that will happen to us. But “I know Whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I’ve committed unto Him against that day.”

See you in worship.



Danny Wayman-Senior Pastor

September Sermons

9.4.11

“Treating Offenders Like Gentiles”

Exodus 12:1-4

Psalm 149

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

9.11.11

“Forgiving Debts”

Exodus 14:19-31

Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

9.18.11

“Receiving God’s Grace”

Exodus 16:2-15

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

9.25.11

“Imitating the Mind of Christ”

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

What's Your Excuse?



Hebrews 10:24-25; "And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

What if our excuses for not going to church were applied to other areas of our lives? Would we still use those same excuses?

For example, vacation! Here would be some of our excuses on why we wouldn't want to go on vacation!

I was forced to go on vacations as a child!

There are just so many types of vacations, and I just can't decide which vacation is right for me!

None of my friends will go on vacations with me!

I'll start going on vacations when I am older! I don't really have time for vacations!

I don't believe that vacations do anybody any good at all; they are just crutches that are used by the weak!

I don't go on vacations because travel agencies, cruise lines, hotels, theme parks, and restaurants are just

after your money!

The excuses we use for not attending church are really funny when applied in other parts of our lives, and lets face it, we would never use them! So why do we let excuses get in the way of going to church?

God is calling all of us to put aside all of our excuses, and everything else that is getting in the way of our relationship with God! Let's all go back to church!

In Christian love;

Tommy Earl Burton



What's This?



A QR or Quick Response code is a two-dimensional code that is readable by a QR code reader on your smartphone.

They are appearing on magazines, business cards, store products or any place a user needs more information.

We have included a few QR codes in this month's Insight. They may link to the website of the ministry, or more photos.

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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.

Music and Fine Arts



Sherri Waters- Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministry

A Special Song to Remember

Choir practice is in session, and we are preparing for a special September 11 service. We will sing Mark Hayes "Te Deum" or "To God Be the Glory." We will have instruments as well for this special service. We glorify God as we remember this day that tragedy struck America. We join with those around the world in worship during this day of remembrance and hope.

Back to Church Sunday

September 18 is National Back to Church Sunday, and we invite all prospective, former and current choir members to come Wednesday,

September 14 at 7:00 p.m. to prepare a fun piece for this great celebration. We will meet in the choir room.

Handbells

Wesley Ringers begin rehearsals Monday, September 12.

Christmas Cantata

Cantata rehearsals for Chancel Choir begin Wednesday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room. All are welcome. It is a great experience to sing during the Christmas season. The cantata will be sung December 11 at both 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. services in the Sanctuary.

Children's Music



Amy Kirk - Children's Music Director

Children's Music

Attention Parents of kids aged 4 through 6th grade:

I can't wait until Kids Choirs start meeting again!! I have missed y'all this summer! Our first rehearsal will be Sunday, September 18.

Kids Choir meets during Alive @ Five, our children's programming that takes place on most Sunday nights during the school year. If you have participated in past years, welcome back! If your family hasn't joined choir before, then this is the year to begin! We have lots of super fun songs and movements to learn so

that we can present them in worship services this fall.

If you have any questions about your child participating in children's choirs at Williams, please call me at 903-276-8576 or email me at amykirkmusic@gmail.com. I would love to hear from you! Also, if you would like to assist in the kids choir room, or start a new choir, I would love to help you do that! Call me!!

In His Love,

Amy Kirk

Xperience Worship

Xperience Team Looking for New Members

The Xperience Worship team is looking for new members willing to share their talents.

If you play an instrument or sing, and are willing to do so at least once per month, or on an as needed basis, we would love to talk with you.

Prospective instrumentalist should www.welcometowilliams.org

be able to play their instrument, read chord charts, transpose, play as part of a band, play in tune and keep a steady rhythm.

Vocalists should demonstrate ability to sing on pitch, keep a part when others are sung, learn parts by listening, sing as part of a group, and be a positive stage presence.

We are also looking for volunteers

to run our computer and sound equipment.

If you are interested in joining the Xperience Worship team in any of these areas please download an application from welcometowilliams.org/joinxp or in the Welcome Center.

Questions? Contact Russell Martin rgmmusic@gmail.com or 903-832-8663 x 31

Williams School



What a wonderful summer we have had at Williams School! The children have enjoyed all our special units and activities.



Our International Adventure was both educating and exciting. The children were able to sample food from other countries and cultures. We also looked up on the globe and maps where these countries were located.



The children made special props for our annual Fourth of July Parade. Everyone gets excited because we go through all the hallways and the church offices. What fun!



Sprinkler Day was such a treat for the children. I think we can remember the fun times we as adults had playing in the sprinkler. Well, times haven't changed; children still love sprinklers.



From our Mother's Day Out to the four year olds, they were able to enjoy our special vacation. The playspace was decorated to look like a beach vacation. The children brought beach towels and disposable cameras to take pictures of their "fun vacation".

We are getting ready now for an exciting fall. All our classes are full, and we are anticipating a successful 2011-2012 school year.

As always, thanks for letting us love and nurture your children.

Ms. Paula, Director, Williams School



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Stacey Pool



Jambo,

I have now completed my first full year teaching at TESOL and living in Lubumbashi. By the time you read this article some of you may have already seen me at church.

These past several months in Lubumbashi were full of events and adventures for me. The first event was a fundraiser that Genavee and I were in charge of organizing. We decided to call it "TESOL Family Fun(d) Fair" and run it like a carnival.

We had everything from a water balloon toss, face painting, sack races, karaoke, hot dogs, and cotton candy. It was a great experience for the kids and also a lot of fun.

The second event, also a fundraiser but more traditional, was the International Supper. This year was the 24 International Supper in which students put together plays, dances, songs, and a fashion show to depict cultures from all over the world.

Families and friends of students and staff brought food representing their culture, and after the program we would feast!

In April, I had the opportunity to visit a local village in Lubumbashi for the third time. The village is called Mutwale (Moo-twall-ee). It is not much different from most other African villages. What makes Mutwale special is that it has a

clinic (the only one in at least a 17 kilometer radius) that was put there by a fellow TESOL teacher.

Upon my first visit I noticed many children without shoes. With your help, we have collected over 200 shoes for Mutwale. After distributing the shoes to Mutwale, I will distribute shoes to the boys and girls orphanages here in Lubumbashi. I still need financial support to transport the shoes from Texas to Africa.

I am so thankful to the children of Williams who helped to raise over \$700 during this year's Vacation Bible School to help with the cost of moving and distributing these shoes. Many lives will be touched and changed because of their extravagant generosity.

I will be returning to TESOL in September for at least one more school year.

I want to thank all of you for the support you have shown me this past year. Your prayers, emails, and financial support have meant so much to me. Thank you.

See you soon!

Stacey

Stacey shares her thoughts and adventures on her blog discipleofgrace.blogspot.com



Adult Ministries



by
SUE ELLEN HANING

TWO NUTS IN ITALY

A mother and daughter travel to Italy, get jobs, carry all their possessions on their backs and stay free with generous Italians! What could possibly go wrong with this?

Don't miss this opportunity to meet and hear author and Texarkana native, Sue Ellen Haning at a free luncheon sponsored by United Methodist Women.

This special event will be Thursday, September 29, 11:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m., in the church parlor.

Learn what the Italians taught her about life and how to experience it on a deeper level!

Sign-up sheets for the event are in the welcome center. Books are available in the bookstore. For more information, contact Peggy Burson at pburson@cableone.net

*For more information visit our news section of the website.
www.welcometowilliams.org/news*



Good Treasures Bridge

Come and join the Wednesday Night Bridge group every week at 6:00 in the Good Treasures Bookstore. When things start to get hectic in the fall, this is a great way to unwind and enjoy the company of fun-loving people.

Contact John Mercy at jmercy@texarkanalawyers.com if you'd like to join us

Williams Book Club

Join this group of ladies on the second Monday of each month. They meet at 12:00 in the Children's Library to discuss what they liked and didn't like about the book of the month. For September, they will be reading Caleb's Crossing by Geraldine Brooks. The book for October will be Gregory Maguire's Confessions of an Ugly Stepsister. The only requirement to join this group is that you must love to read.

Williams Travelers

The Travelers are ready to venture out to Fredericksburg this October 10-14th. Among other things, we will be visiting historic Fredericksburg with its amazing museums, do some shopping around Main Street and travel through the Chisholm Trail Winery.

If you are still interested in participating, there is a possibility you can still get in on this historic trip. Contact Sue Camp at suecamp@cableone.net or call 903-832-8663, ext. 17 to find out how you can join this amazing adventure.

The Williams Travelers plan trips twice a year. Keep an eye out in the Insight and the bulletin to find out where these adventurers are headed next and how you can join in the journey.

XYZ

The second and fourth Thursday of each month you will find a group of seniors adding eXtra Years of Zest to their lives by playing games and having fun. These ladies and gentlemen meet in the Youth center at 9:30 a.m. In addition to playing games, they share a lunch and have lots of fun. Call Billy Roberts at 903-838-7639 if you would like to join this group.

W2LEO

Do you love to eat out, but hate to eat alone? W2LEO is full of fun-loving people that feel the same way you do. These Widows and Widowers (and married couples as well) meet at local restaurants twice a month to enjoy a meal and the company of others. And they would love to have you join them. If you would like to find out where we're headed this month, contact Larry Walker at 903-832-5129.

Back to Church Sunday



Back to Church Sunday

Most of us know someone we care about who has never been to church or who has stopped going for one reason or another. We want to invite them to join us at Williams, but we just don't have the right words or know exactly how to approach the subject. On Sunday, September 18, Williams is joining a nationwide catalyst, National Back to Church Sunday. This event will give us the opportunity to invite our friends to come to church for the first time or to give them the opportunity to return to church.

Williams will kick off the Back to Church initiative on Sunday, August 21. We will join together in prayer for National Back to Church Sunday. The Evangelism team, in conjunction with the pastors and the Worship team will present information and a special video. The team will also provide invitation materials that will assist us as we invite our friends and loved ones to come back to church.

Members of the Evangelism team will be working behind the scenes to plan the events for Back to Church Sunday and the follow-up activities. Dan Edmonds and other team members will be coming to talk to interested Sunday school classes beginning on August 28 about how we can share our stories and our faith without fear.

Sunday School Classes

Sunday school classes will also

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have the opportunity to assist on or before September 18. The TNT class will be doing some hospitality activities that Sunday and we need more classes to help. Greeters will welcome people into all the Back to Church Sunday services. Anyone who would like to volunteer as a greeter can contact Terry Droske at droskedds@cableone.net. Also, we encourage all members to welcome those around them that they don't know. We need to make everyone who comes to Williams feel welcome.

Luncheon Provided

After the Back to Church Sunday service, we will host a visitor's luncheon. The Evangelism team would love to have volunteers to assist with that event, too.

New Classes

As a follow-up to Back to Church Sunday, the Evangelism team hopes to get interested visitors into a small group or Sunday school class. Amy Kirk and other team members will make initial contact with visitors after the September 18 services. We also encourage church members to make connections with those they invite and other visitors they know.

Beginning on September 28, Terry Droske will be facilitating a class called God Quest. This class will allow visitors and new members to come and ask their questions about God, their faith and Methodism. Please share this opportunity with those you invite!

Church Wide Program

We really hope that everyone at Williams will get involved in this Back to Church Sunday. We ask for your prayers beginning now. Pray for specific friends and about how to approach them with an invitation for September 18. We will have invitation booklets for you to use, which will be distributed beginning on August 21. We will also be advertising in the local publications. We will be using the church website and Facebook as media tools to encourage people to join us on September 18. All of these tools can be aids to get those unchurched friends and loved ones interested.

Sometimes it only takes a little encouragement or a simple suggestion. National Back to Church Sunday provides us with a great opportunity to extend that invitation. We hope that each Williams member will be led to make that one connection (or more)!

Questions

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to serve in preparation for National Back to Church Sunday, you can email Dan or Shawn Edmonds at dsmcedmonds@yahoo.com or call them at 903-306-1611.

Find Out More...

Find more about back to church sunday at www.welcometowilliams.com/backtochurch, or scan the code to the right with a smartphone QR Code reader



College and Young Adults

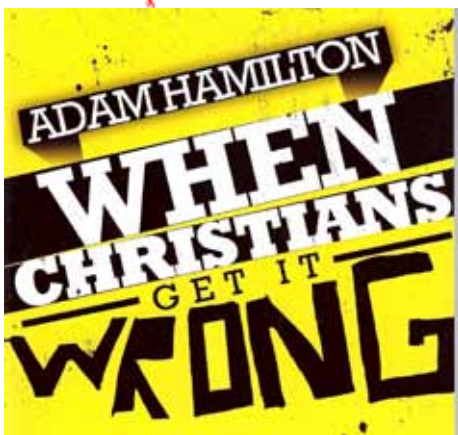


Williams College & Young Adults

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Kaitlin McMichael- Director College
and Young Adult Ministry



When Christians Get it Wrong

"I like your Christ, I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ." - Mahatma Gandhi

"Jesus was all right, but his disciples were thick and ordinary. It's them twisting it that ruins it for me." - John Lennon

These are quotes by two men that are greatly respected by young adults for different reasons. And, unfortunately, this is how most young adults today feel about Christianity. It's the attitudes and behaviors that they see Christians practicing every day that turns them off of Christianity.

How can Christians get it right when facing issues that non Christians believe to be the opposite of Christ like: judging others, condemning people of other faiths, rejecting science, injecting politics into faith, and being anti-homosexual?

This Fall we will be doing a 6-week study by Adam Hamilton, When Christians Get it Wrong. We will tackle these issues and openly discuss how, as Christians, we can get it right and be the Christ-like figures that we are meant to be to spread the love of Christ in our world.

The study will begin on Monday, September 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the Good Treasures Bookstore. Dinner will be provided each week.

Williams College and Young Adults ministers to college students and young adults ages 18-30. Please join us!

Adopt a student

We are still in need of couples, families, and individuals that will "adopt" a college student for the current school year. You have the opportunity to be a family away from home for a young adult. This is a great opportunity to bless someone and to be blessed by them in return. Welcome to Williams really means, "Welcome to the family."

I hope you will prayerfully consider this wonderful opportunity to make a difference in a young person's college experience. Contact Kaitlin McMichael at kaitlin.mcmichael@gmail.com or sign up in the Welcome Center to volunteer.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday August 30th

Spotlight on Texarkana

Wednesday September 7th

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

Monday September 12th

Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
in the Bookstore

Friday September 16th

Night at the Fair - Meet in the
Welcome center at 6:30 p.m.

Monday September 19th

Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
in the Bookstore

Monday September 26th

NO BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday September 27th

Movie Night at Cinemark

Classes and Opportunities



Puppy and Dog Training

Cost is \$50.00 per dog or puppy

Applications are now being accepted for Fall 2011 Dog & Puppy Obedience Training Classes.

Training applications and information letters are available at the church Welcome Center or by contacting :

Classes begin with orientation on Tuesday, August 30th in room 104. Puppy owners come at 6:00 p.m. and dog owners at 7:00 p.m.

Harry D. White 903-792-6142
harry@vandermeir.com

Classes run for six weeks beginning Tuesday, September 6th. Puppy class at 6:00 p.m. and Dog class at 7:00 p.m. in the Williams Memorial UMC Parking Lot.

Barbara Cole 903-831-5788
eloc9427@cableone.net.

Or find out more on our website.
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Good Treasures Bookstore and Coffee Shop



The Good Treasures Bookstore is located inside of the Welcome Center.

The bookstore is open from 8:00 a.m. till 5:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday, and on Sunday Mornings from 8:30 a.m. till 12:00 p.m.

We have cot and mattress covers for your little one going back to the Williams School. Also don't forget to ask about the treasure box lunches.

We have a variety of books, gifts, music, jewelry, apparel and more for you to choose from. We carry brands like Dayspring Cards, Poseybears, Willowtree figures, and Demdaco wall decorations.

We also have popcorn, coffee, soft drinks, snacks and food.

Stop by the bookstore get what you need for back to school

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ZUMBA[®] with Williams FITNESS

Beginning Monday, September 19th

Classes
Monday - Thursday
8:15 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.
in the Youth Center
\$4 per class on arrival

Proceeds go to
Good Treasures
Bookstore
and
Pavillion Fund

\$10 weekly pass and \$30 monthly pass
available in the Good Treasures Bookstore

Fall Classes and Studies Begin

DIVORCE Care

Beginning Tuesday September 6th
Weekly meetings
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
in Room 103

Divorce Care

Divorce Care will meet in room 103 in the Williams Memorial United Methodist Church Education building, beginning September 6 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. It is team-taught by Sherri Waters and Dr. Greg Montoya.

This is a video/discussion format class for those who are looking for a healthy way to start a new direction in life after divorce. There are positive, Christian ways to deal with the difficulties of this significant life change.

There is no fee for this workshop. We offer a children's session that runs at the same time.

For more information contact Sherri Waters 903.832.8663 x 15



DISCIPLE II Begins This Fall

Disciple is an extraordinary Bible study program emphasizing disciplined reading of and listening to Scripture. The focus of the Disciple series is not just to learn bible history and facts, but to transform the participants into the kind of faithful disciples Jesus Christ wanted us to be.

The Disciple series is designed to bring in every person, from the fisherman to the tax collector, regardless of background or knowledge of the Bible. This life-changing study begins with Genesis and continues through Revelation.

Disciple II, "Into the Word, Into the World" builds on the foundation laid by the Disciple I course. We focus on Genesis, Exodus, Luke and Acts, diving much deeper into the scripture than the Disciple I Course. Students will dig deep into the Word and when they emerge, be ready to take that Word out into the world and share it.

The Disciple II class, led by Joe Bunting, begins on September 12, at 6:30 p.m. in room 103 and continues every Monday night through the month of May.



Pastor's Class

Do you have questions about our beliefs and practices or do you want to learn more about Williams? The Pastor's Class is about getting better connected in the church.

It is taught by Pastor Danny and will meet during the Sunday School hour from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in Room 102 for five weeks beginning September 18, 2011. Questions are invited. If you will not be able to attend all the sessions, attend the ones you can.

September 18 - How do I know I am a Christian? What does assurance mean to faith? How do I grow closer to God?

September 25 - Why do we Baptize? How does Communion work? Why are these things important to me?

October 2 - What do Christians believe? What do United Methodists believe?

October 9 - Why are there different Christian denominations? Where do Methodists fit into the Christian family?

October 16 - What about Williams UMC, where did we come from? Where do I belong in the family here at Williams?

Mercantile Store

United Methodist Women of
Williams Memorial
United Methodist Church
present the annual

Mercantile Store

Silent Auction and Soup Supper

Wednesday, October 5th, 2011

5:00 - 7:00 P.M.

Located in Williams Memorial
Welcome Center and Parlor

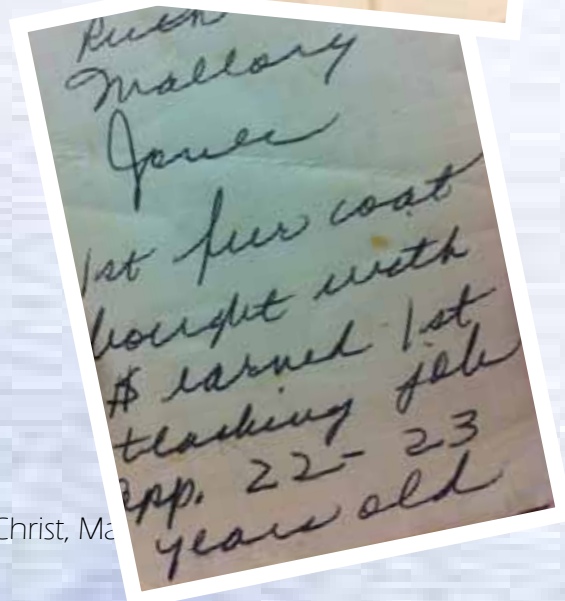
*Featuring a variety of handmade
items, frozen homemade
casseroles, homemade sweets,
crafts, and more.*

Proceeds go to support
UMW Mission projects.

(25% of all Good Treasures Bookstore proceeds
will also go to UMW that night.)



My Friend Ruth Jones



By Kaitlin McMichael

I had never really met Mrs. Jones before. She became a member of this church about 6 years ago, when I was a teenager and, well, I was a teenager and the world revolved around me. I began to notice her every Sunday morning when I moved back to be a part of Williams. I didn't know what to expect from a soon to be 100 year old woman: what to ask, or sometimes for me, what not to ask. All I knew is that Mrs. Jones' daughter, Paula Hawkins told me there would be no need to write questions. "Mother loves to talk," she said.

I've interviewed a lot of people in the past 8 years and have been technically trained to be a news reporter. The best skill I've learned in my experience is to shut-up and let someone else talk for a change. My parents paid an awful lot of money for me to learn that lesson.

I usually have to get a person to warm up to me before I interview them. I usually have to tell them to not look at the camera, it's me you're having the conversation with. And don't forget, this is a conversation, not an interrogation! I didn't have to do any of that with Mrs. Jones. She wasn't concerned about how she looked on camera or how she would come across to an audience. She was interested in having a conversation with me.

As I listened to her and learned about her life, she asked me what I thought about the Bible, hard times in life and what they mean. She asked about my family, my work, and my health. I didn't expect to spend my hour interviewing Ruth Jones laughing and crying with a woman I barely knew who has 78 years of life on me. I didn't realize that we would come out good friends. But that's just the kind of person she is. A good friend -- waiting to listen, waiting to bring encouragement.



During our conversation Mrs. Jones said this, "Friendship. Isn't that what makes the world go round? People liking people. What if we didn't have friends and have each other?" "I think to love people is... how bout that! We couldn't do with out that, could we?"

Ruth Mallory Jones was born in East Texas on August 22, 1911. She was a school teacher for 23 years and spent 5 years as a music teacher. Her passion for teaching and learning flows from her soul to a listener's ear as she speaks. As Mrs. Jones says, teaching was her calling. She raised 3 children, has 6 grandchildren, and 7 great grandchildren. Mrs. Jones loves spending time with her family most of all. She is a member of Williams and lives next door at Cornerstone where she enjoys reading, oil painting, playing hymns on the piano, playing games, and many other things.

Ruth Jones will be turning 100 years old on August 22, 2011. She is a beautiful lady inside and out. I hope that you will have the pleasure of being her friend. She will fill your heart with love and hope, I am sure, as she has mine.



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Youth Ministries



Upcoming Events August

Sun. August 21st -
Open Gym/Bible Study - Youth Center from 5-7:30 p.m.

Wed. August 24th -
Open Gym/Bible Study - Youth Center from 4:30-7 p.m.

Fri. August 26th -
Small Group Leaders Training with consultant Pete Aubin - 6-8 p.m.

Sat. August 27th -
Small Group Leaders Training with consultant Pete Aubin - 10-12 noon!

Sun. August 28th -
Open Gym/Bible Study - Youth Center from 5-7:30 p.m.

Sun September 4th-
No UMYF or Youth Band

Find Out More...

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



Bad News... Good News!

I've got bad news! It's time to go back to school! Sorry! To calm your nerves about this whole school situation, and to maybe make you laugh, here are some really lame excuses students have used for not going back to school. I wonder who wrote these? Parents? Students? Oh well; here we go!

"My son is under a doctor's care, so please execute him from P. E!" Really? "Please excuse my son for being absent on January 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and also 33! Check your calendar, dude, before you write your next excuse!

"My son has been absent from school because he had two teeth taken out of his face!" Ha ha ha! And finally!

"Please excuse our daughter for being absent from school Monday. We forgot to get the paper Sunday, so when we found it this morning, we thought it was Sunday!" I wouldn't suggest using any of these excuses! Not only were they not thought through very well, but they were also really lame!

And now, for the good news! According to the Bible, school is out! Don't believe me? Well read this!

"My counsel for you is simple and straightforward: Just go ahead with what you've been given. You received



Christ Jesus, the Master; now live him. You're deeply rooted in him. You're well constructed upon him. You know your way around the faith. Now do what you've been taught. School's out; quit studying the subject and start living it! And let your living spill over into thanksgiving."- Colossians 2:6-7 (The Message);

God wants us to take a good look at our excuses we have for not going to church or for not going to youth, and to realize that they aren't very well thought through, and that they are just as lame as the excuses the students used to get out of going to school! It's time to go back to school, so let's get in the habit of going back to youth as well!

"So let's do it—full of belief, confident that we're presentable inside and out. Let's keep a firm grip on the promises that keep us going. He always keeps his word. Let's see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, not avoiding worshipping together as some do but spurring each other on, especially as we see the big Day approaching." - Hebrews 10:24-25 (The Message).

See you soon! God bless!

In Christian love;

Tommy Earl Burton

Shaking it Up at Vacation Bible School



Thank You VBS Workers and Kids!

We had two hundred and seventy children at vacation Bible school. This is the most children we have ever had.

They brought 1590 food items for our food pantry We raised \$734.01 for the mission in Africa to help buy shoes for the children.

Thank you to all of the volunteers and helpers who helped make this year's VBS a huge success.

After our VBS was done, St. Lukes Methodist Church borrowed our decorations for their "Shake it Up Cafe" VBS the following week.

During their week of VBS, they collected over 175 cans of food that they donated to our food pantry.

Thanks again to all who made this year's VBS the biggest and best ever.



VBS Photos Online

Here are just a few photos from VBS this Year. To see all the photos go to:
www.welcometowilliams.net/2011/07/vbs-2011-photos/ .
 ..or scan the code to the right with a smartphone QR Code reader.



Children's Ministries



Parent's Meeting

There will be an Alive @ 5 ministries parent's meeting on Sunday August 28 at 5:00 p.m. in the chapel.

This meeting is for all parents of children 4 years of age through 6th grade who will be attending our evening program.

This is a very important meeting. Mark your calendar!!!

Daycare will be provided and please bring your calendars.

Promotion Sunday Coming Soon

On August 21st we will be promoting our children to their next grade of Sunday School. Please check the list below to see where your child's new class will be.

Please feel free to come by during the week and show your child where their new class will be. This way they will feel more comfortable when promotion Sunday comes.

Crib- Room 202

1 year olds-Room 204

2 year olds- Room 208

3 year olds- Room 226

4 year olds- Room 224

Kindergarten- Room 228

1st & 2nd – Room 205

3rd & 4th –Room 209

5th & 6th- Room 215

They need to be this age on or before September 1st

We provide childcare for children through kindergarten at all three Worship Services.

Bibles Presented to 3rd Graders

At the 8:15 & both 10:30 worship services on Sunday, September 11th, all third grade children will receive the NRSV Children's Bible.

Presentation of Bibles to third graders is a tradition at Williams Memorial. For over 32 years the Gleaners class has donated the money for the Bibles in memory of Bob McGraw and all the deceased Gleaners class members.

The third graders will use their Bibles on Sunday mornings and Sunday nights.

Listed below are the 3rd grade students who are in the church database:

Brett Carmony, Zach Dunbar, Jackson Halter, Sydney Hornbuckle, Olivia Kirk, Molly Laird, Emma McMillen, Emily Meunier, Cody Morgan, Nathan Morriss, Ella Nichols, Brooke Reed, Hollan Reed, August Riggs, Carson Sanders, Caylin Scates, Rachel Steed, Holly Thornton and Mikayla Zverina.

If your 3rd grader is not listed please contact the church office. 903-832-8663.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Summer is flying by and it will soon be time to start heading back to school.

Before school begins, we would like to send your children back to school with a blessing.

Bring your child's backpack, and lunchbox, on Sunday August 21st to have them blessed in our 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services.

These backpacks, and lunchboxes are our children's constant companions as they go about their school days. Therefore, it is very important to

have them blessed, along with reminding our children of God's presence in our lives.

This blessing is not limited to backpacks or lunch boxes. Bring anything your child uses that is important to him or her so these too can be blessed.

You can also be a blessing to someone else's child by purchasing a new backpack and bringing it to the church that day. The new backpacks will be distributed to kids who need them.

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

**Welcome
Back
Alive @ S
Party**

**at
Texarkana
Fun Country**

(Formerly Texarkana Fun
Park on State Line Ave.)

**Sunday,
September 11th
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

We will be grilling
Hamburgers and
Hot dogs.

Please bring your child then stay for the
fun. The adults that would like to ride
should see Sue for extra tickets.

For more information contact
suecamp@cableone.net



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Upcoming Events

8/20 – TAMUT Move In day

8/21 – Promotion Sunday

8/21 – Blessing of the Backpacks

8/21 – Alive @ 5 Parent Meeting

9/4 – Combined Worship Sanct.

9/6 – Divorce Care

9/18- Back To Church Sunday

10/10 – Fredericksburg Trip