



Westview United Methodist Church ***“Fire in the Rain”***

“Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.”

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The Good Views

From the Pastor

“Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation...He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.” Psalm 111:1, 9-10

Most of us have sung “Our God is an Awesome God” by now. The word awesome has been popular as a description of almost anything but the most appropriate use for this word is in describing what God is. Our awesome Almighty God is in authority and wields power that leaves us amazed and even fearful especially when we approach God in worship or prayer and feel God’s presence and sense God’s response to our petitions. As Christian disciples we still experience the raw emotions of awe and fear in God’s presence but we approach God with boldness and confidence as a people who know we are God’s children. God loves us and Jesus keeps us connected with God.

I am often asked about the “fear” of the Lord and obviously many people get stuck at this point. Many people are curious about fear and the things they fear. They like to get a peek from a safe distance when they have an escape plan. Others are disabled by their fears. Jesus instructed his followers to “fear not” and Paul talked of being “bold” in our faith. Fear in fact leads to wisdom and the risky things we dare to try can help us to learn how to act and live healthy and safe lives. Like it or not, when we learn something new, we usually experience some close calls along the way. A willingness to risk these close calls is required of those who follow Jesus.

We can choose to play it safe and avoid all risk but that doesn’t mean that the unpredictable troubles of life will pass us by. Even when we seek security we must be prepared for uncertainty. Choosing Jesus and the Christian life is to risk living life to the fullest by growing to understand what God intended for us and then risking actually living out Gods plan for our lives. What God wants are a redeemed people who take the risks necessary to keep the covenant and grow in wisdom and understanding.

Our Church Calendar: Programs and Activities @ Westview



United Methodist Information Service

Where you can ask any question
about the United Methodist Church

1-800-251-8140

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Central Time
Toll-free in the U.S.

<http://infoserv.umc.org>

Weekly Meetings

Sundays

8:30 a.m. Southern Gospel Folk Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 p.m. Worship Service
12-2 p.m. Youth Fellowship
12-2 p.m. Children's Fellowship (2nd Sunday's)
2:00 p.m. Joyful Noyz Youth Praise band practice

Tuesdays

7:30 a.m. AA meeting

Wednesdays

6:30-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir practice
6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Thursdays

7:30 p.m. AA meeting

February 2006

Sunday, February 5	11:30 a.m.	Fellowship Dinner
Monday, February 6	6:00 p.m.	Trustee meeting
Saturday, February 11		Youth Valentine Banquet, fundraiser
	2:00 p.m.	New Beginning Widows and Widowers Support Group
Sunday, February 12	12:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Children's Fellowship (2 nd Sunday's)
Monday, February 13	6:30 p.m.	Finance committee
	7:15 p.m.	Administrative Council meeting
Thursday, February 16	5:30-7:00 p.m.	Preschool Fundraiser at Pizza Hut
Monday, February 20		Deadline for March newsletter
Wednesday, March 1		Ash Wednesday begins the Lenten Season
Sunday, March 19		Anniversary Sunday
May 15-20	Mission Trip to:	Sager Brown/UMCOR Depot in Baldwin, Louisiana

February Birthdays and Anniversaries

1 Baxter Rainey	15 Chad Rainey, Lauren Cagle
3 Jim Barr	16 James Bloodworth
6 Jackie Burkett	19 Gwen Brison, Allison Bradford
9 Diana Wedgewood	21 Codie Landers
10 Kim Tenney	22 Tommy Bradford
11 Jackie Bateman, Scott Renner	27 Terry Thornhill
13 Jerry Cox, Cindy Mangrum	28 Ann Winslett

- You are invited to write and share a witness of faith and spiritual experience in our monthly newsletter. Give your account to Janie Wells or the Pastor.
- On the first Sunday of each month we have a food collection. Bring dry beans/rice for Graceworks and canned goods for Second Harvest food bank. We also take an offering at the communion rail for Graceworks.
- Donate your empty inkjet cartridges to the church. We can get a FREE ream of copy paper or \$3 coupon for each cartridge you give. Since June 2005, we have received **70 reams of paper**. Thank you and keep those cartridges coming in!

Remember Our Military Friends Protecting our Country

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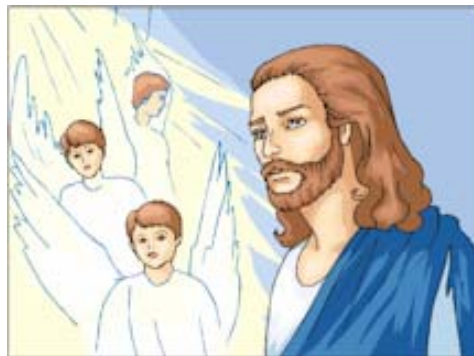
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Thirty Good Names to Call Your God

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Healer (Psalm 103:3) 2. Redeemer (Isaiah 59:20) 3. Deliverer (Psalm 70:5) 4. My Strength (Psalm 43:2) 5. Shelter (Joel 3:16) 6. Friend (John 15:15) 7. Advocate (I John 2:1) 8. Restorer (Psalm 23:3) 9. Everlasting Father (Isaiah 9:6) 10. Love (I John 4:16) 11. Mediator (1 Timothy 2:5-6) 12. Stronghold in Times of Trouble (Nahum 1:7) 13. Bread of Life (John 6:35) 14. Hiding Place (Psalm 32:7) 15. Everlasting Light (Isaiah 60:20) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 16. Strong Tower (Proverbs 18:10) 17. Resting Place (Jeremiah 50:6) 18. Spirit of Truth (John 16:13) 19. Refuge from the Storm (Isaiah 25:4) 20. Eternal Life (I John 5:20) 21. The Lord Who Provides (Genesis 22:14) 22. Lord of Peace (2 Thessalonians 3:16) 23. Living Water (John 4:10) 24. My Shield (Psalm 144:2) 25. Husband (Isaiah 54:5) 26. Helper (Hebrews 13:6) 27. Wonderful Counselor (Isaiah 9:6) 28. The Lord Who Heals (Exodus 15:26) 29. Hope (Psalm 71:5) 30. God of Comfort (Romans 15:5) |
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A Witness of Faith Experience: The Rain

My relationship with God did not begin like Paul's flash of light on the road to Damascus. The Holy Spirit began working Himself into my life slowly - careful not to overwhelm too soon. Like drops of rain, gently tapping, turning my nose heavenward. I found myself in a pool, surrounded by God's warmth - aware that my life was changed by something refreshingly new, yet something very ancient.

From a member of the congregation.

Children's Fellowship

The children's fellowship will meet on the second Sunday of each month. If you are interested in volunteering to lead a fellowship meeting once a month or several times a year please contact Traci Bloodworth (799-9169).

In February we will be making Valentine's for the residents of Maple Village and delivering them. We are then going to McDonald's. Pick up your child at McDonald's at 2:00 p.m.. - he or she will need \$2.00 for ice cream.

YOUTH SPECIALTIES STUDENT E-MAIL NEWSLETTER #221

SURF REPORT

~ Christian Gaming

A place where Christians can go to get information about online, computer, and console games.

<http://www.christiangaming.com/>

~ Next Step Magazine

A Web site all about your life after high school <http://www.nextstepmagazine.com/nsmpages/home.aspx>

FORGETTABLE FACT

A lump of pure gold the size of a matchbox can be flattened into a sheet the size of a tennis court.

POTENT QUOTABLES

It is the duty of every Christian to be Christ to his neighbour. - Martin Luther

Instead of a gem, or even a flower, we should cast the gift of a loving thought into the heart of a friend, that would be giving as the angels give. - George MacDonald

PARTING SHOT Never try to leap a chasm in two jumps.

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WUMC Shepherding Groups

In an effort to be faithful to God's call, we believe it's important to intentionally care for each individual within each small group in addition to care provided by the pastor, concerned individuals or the church as a whole. We are developing shepherding groups because; God call us to love one another and commissions us to make disciples, The normal way people grow in discipleship and missions is through a local community of faith; and The normal way people feel connected to, and supported by, a local church is through smaller sub-groups. The first step was to make sure every family group currently (or recently) connected to WUMC was assigned to a shepherding group. The shepherding groups were chosen by the primary connection for the most active person within a family group to take on the role of caring for that family group. Each shepherding group has at least one person who has agreed to coordinate the care needs of those in their group. Shepherding care is an ongoing process and will include various manners of communication and visitation between the group coordinators and their group members. We are Disciples of Christ trying to carry out the Great Commandment and Great Commission. And like a good shepherd, watch over and protect our flock.

UMCOR Sager Brown: A Place of Mission for United Methodists

A mission team is scheduled to go to UMCOR Sager Brown in Baldwin, Louisiana between May 15th and 20th this year. Participants can plan to stay part of or all of that week as their schedule and transportation allows. Some of our church members and the Pastor have been to Sager Brown in the past. This should be a particularly interesting year to take part in this mission and see what is an ongoing hurricane relief effort in the areas near this mission site. The cost for food and lodging will be about \$20 per day. An RV will be making the trip and has room for several riders each way. Talk with Ira or Frankie Bourgoyne or Pastor Wedgewood for further details.

The mission of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is "to provide immediate relief of acute human need and to respond to the suffering of persons in the world caused by natural, ecological, and civil disasters or political turmoil." UMCOR Sager Brown (USB) helps to fulfill this mission:

- **through the UMCOR Sager Brown Depot** by receiving, preparing, holding and shipping material resources used in response to human suffering throughout the nation and the world;
- **through Mission Volunteers** by providing diverse opportunities, meals and lodging for volunteer involvement in UMCOR's service to persons in need;
- **through community outreach** by making alliances with civic and nonprofit organizations locally, regionally, and nationally which are involved in assistance for communities; and
- **through the UMCOR Sager Brown Campus** by offering low-cost facilities for United Methodist retreats, meetings and other gatherings.

Each year, more than 2700 **United Methodists volunteer** at UMCOR Sager Brown assisting in the Depot by processing tons of **disaster relief supplies** which are then shipped to national and international destinations. The shipments include: hundreds of thousands of health kits; school kits; sewing kits; layette kits; flood buckets; mops and brooms; generators; bedding packs; bales of blankets; and various other items depending on need. In addition to working in the Depot, volunteers also help distribute boxes of food in the "Food for Seniors" program, rehabilitate houses, assist in public schools, sew in the USB sewing room, maintain the USB campus, and enjoy cultural events from the 'Cajun Coast' of South Louisiana.

Located at the site of the old Sager Brown School in **Baldwin, Louisiana**, UMCOR Sager Brown covers **twenty-five beautiful acres** of landscaped grounds backing up to picturesque Bayou Teche. It may be accessed by car on highway I-49 (US 90) and is a two hour drive from either New Orleans, Louisiana or from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. USB has dormitories and small apartments available for Mission Volunteers to rent. There is a fully staffed food service serving three meals a day.

Wednesday March 1st is Ash Wednesday

Plan to take part in Ash Wednesday services at 7pm on March 1st. These services are unique and meaningful as we nail our confessions and burdens to the cross. These papers are then burned as preparation for our receiving the ashes in the form of the sign of the cross on our foreheads. In this way we begin the season of Lent leading up to Holy week and Easter Sunday.

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***Mission Statement: "We envision Westview
United Methodist Church as a place that
equips disciples to change lives."***

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- Gary Wedgewood, Pastor
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- Bishop Dick Wills, Tennessee Conference

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