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MISSION AWARENESS LUNCHEON

The Missions Committee invites all our members and visitors to join us for lunch at 12:15 in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, March 7, and learn what mission opportunities are available as we reach out and “Connect Hearts to Christ.”

This year the Missions Committee will provide multiple opportunities for our members to grow in their discipleship and faith through service in a variety of ways as we reach out with local and global mission projects.

After lunch you are invited to join us in a hands-on project as we assemble the UMCOR Health Kits.

CELEBRATING A CALL TO LAY MINISTRY

The Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church, in partnership with Methodist Hospital’s Office of Spiritual Care and Education, put on a conference Thursday, February 4, 2010, and Friday, February 5, 2010, hosted by St. Paul’s Methodist Church in Houston’s Museum district. The purpose was to honor, educate and connect those involved at the local level and “extol the significant contribution laypersons make to The Kingdom of God.”

Our very own Vickie Diers, Amy Vogel, and Becky French were in attendance. Amy is the author of an article under the Religion and Spirituality section of the Houston Christian Living Examiner website, www.examiner.com/National-Religion_and_Spirituality.html. For the full article, visit our website, www.bearcreekumc.org, and click on **Lay Ministry Article** under Featured Information.

Christine Kalmbach is also a frequent contributing writer to Houston Christian Living Examiner.

JESUS & ME SUNDAY SCHOOL

Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 18:3

Our vision: To share the love of Jesus with all his children

Who: School age children through 18 years of age

What: Sunday school class for special needs children

When: Sunday mornings 9:30 - 10:30am

Where: In the Education Building, Room 5

Parents will need to pre-register their child to attend this class. You can download a registration application online at www.bearcreekumc.org/children or you may pick one up in the church office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March

- 5 Women’s World Day of Prayer
- 7 Mission Awareness Luncheon
- 15-19 Spring Break
- 28 Faith Matters Band Concert

April

- 1 Holy Thursday Service
- 2 Good Friday Service
- 3 Easter Eggstravaganza
- 4 Easter Morning Worship
6:30, 8:15, 9:40, and 11:00am
- 16-17 Women’s Retreat
- 16-17 Youth Camping Retreat
- 30 Rummage Sale

May

- 6 National Day of Prayer
- 10 UMM Golf Tournament
- 14 Fellowship Friday
- 15 Confirmation Interview Party
- 23 Confirmation Sunday
- 30 Annual Conference begins
- 31 Church Office Closed

June

- 2 Annual Conference ends
- 8 Summer Blast
- 18 JUMMP trip (Jr. High Youth)
- 18-19 Matt Musil’s Hoops Camp I
- 25-26 Matt Musil’s Hoops Camp II
Camp B.C. (Tuesdays)
Camp A.D. (Thursdays)

July

- 12-16 All-N-One Kidz Camps
- 17 Sr. High Mission Trip
- 19-23 Vacation Bible School
Camp B.C. (Tuesdays)

THIS WEEK AT BEAR CREEK

Sunday, February 28

8:15am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
9:40am	Contemporary Worship	Sanctuary
11:00am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
5:00pm	KidzROCK Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
7:00pm	Men's Bible Study	FLC

Monday, March 1

8:15am	Health in Motion	Gym
6:00am	Upward Cheer & Basketball	FLC
7:00pm	Monday Night Bible Study	FLC

Tuesday, March 2

9:00am	Library Workday	Library
11:00am	VBS Planning Meeting	FLC
6:00pm	Upward Awards Night	FLC
6:30pm	The Verge	FH

Wednesday, March 3

8:15am	Health in Motion	Gym
9:30am	Ladies' Bible Study	FLC 207
5:30pm	Bear Creek University Dinner	FH
6:30pm	Bear Creek University	FLC
7:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Thursday, March 4

6:30pm	Israel Trip Info Meeting	FLC
6:30pm	Board of Stewards Meeting	FLC
7:00pm	Faith Matters Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, March 5

8:15am	Health in Motion	Gym
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LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Do you enjoy meeting new people? The Welcome Home Committee is looking for volunteers interested in visiting those who visit our church. You would take Welcome Home bags to the visitors' homes and answer questions they may have about BCUMC. Training is provided. For info, contact Karen Hale at karen.hale@sbcglobal.net or Joyce Evans at jetevans@comcast.net.

FINANCIAL FACTS

February 22, 2010

Received Operating	\$ 193,744.23
Budget to Date	\$190,364.75
Nehemiah	\$ 67,854.40
Haiti	\$ 12,847.69

Bear Creek University

Meets Wednesdays through April 28

HeBrews Coffee House from 5:30 to 7:00pm

BCU Dinner from 5:30 to 6:30pm

\$2.50 Child/Half-plate, \$4.00 Adult, \$15.00 Family Maximum

**Take-out is available*

Standard Menu: BBQ beef, baked potato, salad, green beans, and ice cream sundaes

March

3	Beef tips, rice, broccoli
10	Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy
17	Enchiladas (beef, chicken, cheese), refried beans
24	Lasagna, broccoli, garlic bread
31	Beef tips, rice, broccoli

See our website for full list of classes and locations, bearcreekumc.org/bcu

2010 CENSUS AWARENESS

The 2010 Census will arrive in mailboxes in March, 2010!

The ten questions will take ten minutes to complete and will affect public and private decisions for ten years.

Answers are entirely confidential. Take the time, fill it out, mail it back.

The impact of an accurate count effects the efforts of the conference to start new churches and focus mission efforts as well as funding for local programs, such as the Houston Northwest Community Center, which will begin operating on our campus in the near future.

What you can do:

- Complete and mail the forms
- Encourage family, friends, co-workers to participate
- Spread the word

For a detailed brochure, visit our website and click on the red Census 2010 logo.

2010 Census. Get COUNTED!

2010 Census. We're counting on you!!

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The 2010 Leadership Team manual is now online.

To receive our monthly e-News, visit the lower left-hand corner of the home page and submit your email address.

Parents of children in 2nd - 5th grades are encouraged to download the Family Connect Study Sheet, posted each Monday, containing the upcoming Sunday lesson—a great preparation opportunity during the week.

CHILDRENS' SUNDAY SCHOOL

You may check in at our computer kiosks at two locations: in the Nursery, located on the first floor of the Family Life Center, or in the Fellowship Hall Lobby.

Nursery, under 3 yrs: 8am to Noon

Z Street (2nd - 5th grades)

9:00 to 9:40 - Game Zone in room M2 of FH
 9:40 to 10:40 - Sunday School in Fellowship Hall
 *5th graders in the Library
 10:40 to 11:00 - Game Zone in Fellowship Hall
 11:00 to Noon - Sunday School in Fellowship Hall

Z Street (3yrs - 1st grade)

Education Building
 8:15 to 9:30 - Activity Zone
 9:30 to 10:30 - Sunday School
 3-4 yrs in room 13
 5-6 yrs in room 7
Jesus and Me (special needs) in room 5
 10:15 to 11:00 - Activity Zone
 11:00 to Noon - Lil' Church, room 14

Kidz - This is the last week for our Haiti offering. Thank you for all that you have given so far—it is awesome! Also, this is the last Sunday for collections for the medical kits. Remember your regular offering too.

Continue to bring your unopened Happy Meal toys to be placed in the medical kits for the children at Grace Children's Hospital in Haiti. You may place your donations in the boxes located throughout the church.

KidzRock: We will have our regular meeting time today from 5:00 pm to 6:00pm in the Choir Room.



WOMEN'S WEEKEND

The annual women's retreat is April 16-18 at Heartland Country Retreat Center. The program begins Friday at 7pm and concludes Sunday at Noon.

*Price: \$110 by March 14, \$150 by March 30, \$175 April 1-4; registration deadline is April 4

Includes 2 nights accommodations and 4 meals; Saturday only is \$50 and includes lunch and dinner.

*You may also make two equal payments by applicable deadline

As a resource for the weekend you may pre-order *Paths to Prayer* by Patricia Brown for \$15.



*God is
 whispering: are
 you listening?*

Question? Contact Pam Anthes,
 pamanthes@yahoo.com

Registration forms are available online.

YOUTH - SUNDAY MORNING

9:30

9:15 Youth Announcements
 in the Youth Lounge

6th Grade in FLC 201C

Teachers: Beverly and Craig Kemp

Confirmation, 7th Grade in Youth Lounge

Teachers: Thomas Oquinn and Greg Ford

8th Grade & Senior High in FLC 205/206, 9:30am

Teacher: Meredith Buchman

11:00

10:45 Youth Announcements
 in the Youth Lounge

Jr. High in FLC 205/206

Teachers: Dennis Sledge and Kathryn Craig

OSSCUR in FLC 210

Teacher: Pat Miller

Senior High in FLC Youth Lounge

Teachers: Teri & Russ Propes and Pat Smith

THE ATTIC

Youth group from 5 to 7pm in the FLC.

THE MOVE

Do you have a passion for music, art, or theater? If so, join us Sunday afternoons from 3 to 5 in the Youth Lounge (FLC 207-209).

THE EDGE

Go online for your copy of our weekly newsletter, The Edge, to keep up with all that our youth group is doing.

bearcreekumc.org/youth

ADULT EDUCATION

Men's Bible Study

Meets in Room 101 of the Family Life Center from 5 to 7pm each Sunday.

The focus of our study is Defending our Faith. We will cover a range of topics to help men better solidify and defend their faith.

We are studying *The Case for Faith* by Lee Strobel, looking at the case for a God that is the creator of life and that is active in our lives today.

Sunday Night Bible Study

5:00pm in FLC Room 102

The Life and Ministry of the Messiah, by Ray Vander Laan
Pack your bags. We're going on a journey. A quest to uncover Scripture and its meaning across history. All are welcome!

Monday Night Bible Study

7-8pm in FLC Room 102, Book of James

There are no books to buy and registration is not necessary; just show up. We have plenty of room and would like to have you join us. We look forward to seeing you.

Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study

We are currently in the middle of a 6-week study called *Sacred Echoes*. Class is held Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:00 in FLC 207-209. All are welcome and there is no book fee. If you have any questions, contact Paula Hoffman at 281-463-2039.

UPWARD AWARDS NIGHT

Awards Night is Tuesday, March 2 at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary. Doors open at 5:45 and the program is 6:00 to 7:45. Captain Escape is the featured entertainer. All Upward Basketball and Cheerleading participants, their families, and all Upward volunteers are invited to attend.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Now you can order them online! When writing your check please write **chancel flowers** in the memo line; flowers are \$50 per arrangement.

MISSIONS

Bear Creek UMC assists our community via the Faith Pantry of The Father's Heart Church. Please bring your generous monetary gifts and food items from the approved list, www.bearcreekumc.org/outreach/missions_local.aspx, to the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings or to the church office Mon.-Fri. If you can give money, that is especially helpful because it can be used to purchase those items in shortest supply.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

During the 40-day journey of Lent, the sermon series will follow Adam Hamilton's *24 Hours That Changed the World*. This study covers the final 24 hours of Jesus' life, beginning with the Last Supper and will follow Mark's chronology of these 24 hours. Most of our adult Sunday school classes are participating in this study.

March 7

Thursday night after midnight

Mark 14:53-65

Condemned by the Righteous

BETWIXT AND BETWEEN

This class is open to all adults, most of us have grown children. We are currently participating in the church-wide Lenten study of *24 Hours That Changed the World*. If you enjoy lively discussion with participation from beginning learners to advanced learners, join us at 9:30 in Hope I.

CROSS TRAINERS

Come join the fun and learning in room 212/213 in the Family Life Center at 9:30am as we continue a study about the prophets and kings of Israel.

ENCOURAGERS

Currently we are participating in the church-wide Lenten study of *24 Hours That Changed the World*. Great fellowship and a wealth of knowledge enable our joyful discussions and we'd love for you to be a part of that! Please join us in room 212/213 of the Family Life Center at 11am.

GENESIS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

James Carter is leading our participation in the church-wide Lenten study, Adam Hamilton's *24 Hours That Changed the World*. Join us at 9:30 in Hope 2 for stimulating discussions and warm fellowship.

OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS

Please join us for our study on parenting teenagers. Using the book *Raising Great Kids: A Comprehensive Guide to Parenting with Grace and Truth*, we explore how to raise teenagers and survive. We will be discussing topics such as: discipline and consequences, communication, peer pressure, and establishing boundaries. We meet at 9:30am in room 204 of the FLC.

The lectionary readings for February 28 are Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

The lectionary readings for March 7 are Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Elizabeth Circle – 2nd Tuesday, March 9, 1:30pm

Grace Circle – 4th Thursday, March 25, 7:00pm

Hannah Circle – 1st Tuesday, March 2, 6:30pm

Miriam Circle – 1st Friday, March 5, 9:30am

Ruth Circle – 2nd Thursday, March 11, 7:00pm

Questions? Contact Karen Hill, karenh@bearcreekumc.org