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# TOWER NOTES

## Keeping Up with the Kids!

To All Parents,

For the summer schedule we will post the youth and children's information in Tower Notes. If any changes need to be made we will contact you through email. Thank you so much and we can't wait to explore the faith with your family!

God bless,

Donna Shaw and Jennifer Hartman

- \* **Wednesday, July 9th - 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. "Faith Night"** at St. Andrew's, followed by dinner at Double Daves. (Sunset Ridge shopping center)
- \* **Wednesday, July 16th - 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. "Faith Night"** at St. Andrew's, followed by dinner at McDonald's on Broadway. (outside Loop 410)
- \* **3rd Sunday Movie Night! July 20th, 5 p.m.** Wear your pajamas and bring blankets and pillows to the Council Room!
- \* **Wednesday, July 23rd - 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. "Faith Night"** at St. Andrew's, followed by dinner at Cici's Pizza. (Austin Highway)
- \* **Wednesday, July 30th - 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. "Faith Night"** at St. Andrew's, followed by dinner at EZ's. (Sunset Ridge shopping center)

### UMW News

- ✧ There will be the Conference School of Christian Missions at Mount Wesley in Kerrville on July 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>.
- ✧ There will be no general or executive meetings in July.

### Emmaus News

*While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and walked with them. — Luke 24:15*

The [Emmaus] course is wrapped in prayer and meditation, special times of worship and daily celebration of Holy Communion. The "Emmaus community," made up of those who have attended an Emmaus weekend, support the 72-hour experience with a prayer vigil, by preparing and serving meals, and other acts of love and self-giving. Men and women attend separate events.

*from What is Emmaus? by Stephen D. Bryant*

New Life will host the **San Antonio Joint Gathering at Northern Hills UMC on Tuesday, July 15, 2008**. As hosts, please bring your favorite food agape. Please try to arrive a little early to help with setup. This will be the first gathering after the New Life Women's Walk #1445 July 10-13 with new Pilgrims attending. Come and share their "mountaintop experiences" with them!

Women's Walk #1445 will have its Candlelight Service this Saturday July 12 at Mt. Wesley and Closing on Sunday, July 13. Additional agape is needed for this walk. If you have agape, including "green agape" contact Elaine Gerlach. The New Life Men's Walk will be October 16-19. Applications are now being accepted, so get yours in now!

New Life has asked St. Andrew's to move hosting the community from January to November. This will usually fall in the week before Thanksgiving. If you have not already done so, please let Irwin Berlin, Mack Worsham, or Elaine Gerlach know how you feel. We need your input as we must let the board know in July.

SAUMC next Gathering: Sunday, September 14 at 6:30 in Fellowship Hall. Everyone Welcome! Make plans now to attend. De Colores!

### Witness/ Outreach Committee Meeting


July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.  
in the Council Room

### Worship Committee Meeting

July 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.  
in the Council Room

*Welcome home! We've prepared a place for you!*


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## JULY BIRTHDAYS

Here are members' birthdays for the period of July 15<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>. If we missed yours, please let us know and we will make amends.

- 15 - Karen Gonzales  
Gail Guthrie  
Don Johnson  
Ansley Mason
- 16 - Sue Fore  
Sarah Kimmel  
Kaitlyn Smith
- 18 - Mary Maley  
Linda Thorman
- 19 - Willy Obregon
- 20 - Marguerite Blankenship
- 21 - Marylyn Sillman
- 22 - Cody Shawver




## The Body of Christ!

In alignment with Pastor Mike Cave's sermon "A Lotta Different Folks" regarding us as the body of Christ, Jennifer Hartman led our youth and children in Sunday School with a tangible example of the same lesson. The kids made a cookie in the shape of man, and discussed how each part is a necessary piece that doesn't function completely without the others. It was a delicious way to learn how important we all are!



These concerns and celebrations were raised in Worship Services last Sunday. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

## Always In Our Prayers

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

- ♦ **Ruth Shankel** in NE Baptist Hospital with a broken hip. Requested by her friends in the office.
- ♦ **Safety for our Military around the world.**

Requested by Phil and Amy Hetrick.

- ♦ **Wilma Horn** to have cataract surgery on Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. Requested by Wilma.

- ♦ **Pauline Gamez.** Requested by Jennifer Hartman.

- ♦ Continued prayer for our granddaughter, **Melissa.** She is still very ill. Thanks for all the prayers. Requested by Margaret and Steve Kulik.

- ♦ **Rex Dolgner** who is in N.E. Baptist Hospital. Requested by The Choir.

- ♦ **Ann Senkow** who is in ICU. (Ken's Mom). Prayer for strength for her family during this difficult time. Requested by Barbie and Ken.

- ♦ A successful **Emmaus Women's Walk #1445** this weekend (7/10-13). The walk is sponsored by the New Life Fourth Day Group of which St. Andrew's is a member. Requested by Elaine Gerlach.

- ♦ **Verna Trainer** who is in Hospice at the Forum. She is one of my communion persons. Requested by Betty Lovelace.

IN THE HOSPITAL: **Melissa,** Kulik's granddaughter

AT HOME: **Virginia Wolf, Sue Fore, Irwin Berlin, Dee Johnson and Eleanor Seiler**

IN EXTENDED CARE: **Nell Bueker, Helen and Charles Moore, Robie Hargis, Verna Trainer, Vivian Hayes, Nita Ward, Jo Mulcahy, Clara Taylor, Violet Dorsett, Sue Delph, Lorine Potter, Marguerite Davis, Helen Ask, Roy Schweers, and Doris Rohlfs, Michael Haight, Dexter Haight**

CELEBRATION AND PRAISE FOR:

- ♦ **Freedom of hostages in Colombia.** Requested by Phil and Amy Hetrick..

- ♦ **Two new great-grandchildren** from 2 families. Requested by Betty Keyes.

## Shop and Share

Each month we collect nonperishable goods for Agape. Agape is the northeast Methodist-sponsored distribution place for clothing and food for the needy. It is located right off the Austin Highway. Please leave Highway. Please leave your donations in the basket in the Narthex, the Church office, or the Council Room in the Office.

## 'State Fair' Cares for It's Own

The cast of 'STATE FAIR' which played at San Pedro Playhouse last month included our own born and bred IOWAN Judy Hagen who played Mrs. Edwin Metcalf. In response to the recent storms and flooding in the midwest, Judy called the play's stage manager and suggested that since the show was set in Iowa it made sense to help the region in some tangible way. Following a stirring speech made by actor Byrd Bonner, the cast collected more than \$2,000 to give to the Red Cross.

## Woman at the Well

There are donation 'cubby holes' in the Fellowship Hall which are labeled Woman at the Well, Agape, Wesley and Community Center. Sybil Wolff graciously delivers your donations each month to those facilities run by the United Methodist Church. There is a list of personal items that are on the women's 'wish list'. We hope to have September as the month for collection for those items.

## Pastor's Corner

"Time Is On My Side" is a song by my favorite rock group, The Rolling Stones. However, a more up-to-date title especially in today's hectic world, might be "Time Is Not On My Side."

We live in a "manana" world, putting off for tomorrow what should be done today. I wish I could say "this is not me," but unfortunately, it sometimes is. Ginger and I were once members of a Sunday School class called The Procrastinators. While the name referred to study of The Bible ("It's never too late to study the Bible"), I felt it spoke to me in a direct way.

Oh, I try, but still find myself putting things off. We do that in the church, too. It's to "delay" our discipleship. "Sure, I'll do that, but not today." Jesus constantly pushed and prodded those closest to him to act now and not wait. He saw the urgency in ways the disciples didn't.

And it's no different today. For the church to be the church, discipleship can't be put off. While we've waited almost 2,000 years for the return of Christ, God's people in the church have lost the sense of urgency that Jesus proclaimed. It's important that the church reclaim that urgency. After all, we do not know when he'll return at any time.

So let's commit to increasing our discipleship and follow Jesus. God, through the Holy Spirit, will give us the strength for the journey. May God bless us on this road of discovery. See you in church.

Grace and Peace,



Mike Cave

## Wesley at Columbia Hts

July and August have been designated by the Outreach Committee as 'school needs' for Wesley. Needed are school supplies, socks, and underwear for children of all ages. In our prayer of confession, we say 'we have not heard the cry of the needy.' You can change this by a small donation for those less fortunate. We will take cash donations from those who do not like to shop.

### "Strike 1, Strike 2, Strike 3. . ."

Bad words to hear in baseball, but great words since we were bowling! Sunday night the children and youth



gathered for the 1st Sunday of the Month

Fun Night at Astro Bowl. Close to twenty people spent the evening "knockin' 'em down" -- going for strikes, spares and turkeys...and just trying their best to keep

it out of the gutter! While strikes are a good thing in this sport, we won't publish any final scores because some were closer to that of a baseball game than



a bowling match!



Suffice it to say, whether pins were left standing or tossed across the alley, all had a ball Sunday night!

## Honoring our Bishop and his Wife

Bishop Joel L Martinez is completing 46 years of ordained ministry, and will be honored, along with his wife Raquel, at "La Gran Merienda" by the San Antonio Episcopal Area of the United Methodist Church. Mrs. Martinez is an accomplished composer and musician and edited the Spanish language Methodist hymnal, "Mil Voces para Celebrar." The couple has three adult children, Patricia, John and Rebecca.

The event is August 9<sup>th</sup> and will be held at the Alzar Shrine Center at 901 North Loop 1604 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., with lunch catered by La Fonda Oak Hills. The cost is \$15 and reservations must be made by July 15. Make checks payable to SWTC, Treasurer with the memo for "La Gran Merienda" and send to:

United Methodist Conference Center  
16400 Huebner Rd.  
San Antonio, Texas 78248-1693

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St. Andrew's UMC **Fridays, July 11 & 25, 2008**  
 invites your children to **6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.**



children 3 months to 12 years welcome!

\$12 first child, \$6 each sibling  
*Payment must be made by check.*

Reserve space by 3 p.m. Wednesday,  
 Call the Church Office at 824-2465

*Our goal at St. Andrew's is to provide a safe,  
 fun, Christian atmosphere for your children.*

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**Activities**  
 games  
 crafts  
 snacks  
 videos

### Wesley Class News

Frances, our President, presided, She and her husband were back from spending time in Lubbock with family. Jo Bartlett was Secretary-Treasurer. Barbara is on a trip to Switzerland. Wilma



band were back and prayer. She will have cataract surgery this week. (The class wishes her the best and a speedy recovery.) Diane is still in Houston. Missed Irwin. Hope that he will soon rejoin the class. Thanks to those who performed his duties. 21 members and one visitor were present. Frances Fuller was with us before (Should she decide to join the class, she will receive a warm welcome.) Glad to see Kathy back after a long absence. Her lesson, LEAP OF FAITH, was taken from 2<sup>nd</sup> CORINTHIANS - Thank you Kathy, for your work. Several reported on their holiday weekend. Frances reported on our class shut-ins. Keep them in your prayers.

### LOOKING AHEAD

**July 13 - 20**

- 13 - Membership Inquiry Class
- 14 - Trustees
- 16 - GGG's
- 16 - Prayer and Communion
- 16 - Faith Alive!
- 20 - Membership Inquiry Class
- 20 - Movie Night

The information in this issue is targeted for the week of July 13-20. To submit information about an event please give a 2 week advance. Place items in "Tower Notes" box in Church Office or email to standrewmelissa@sbcglobal.net. Deadline is noon Monday.

## St. Andrew's Worship Opportunities

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**Sundays**  
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Worship Services  
 at  
 8:30 a.m.  
 and  
 10:50 a.m.

Sunday School  
 for all ages  
 at 9:40 a.m.

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**Wednesdays**  
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Prayer Service  
 with  
**Holy Communion**  
 5:00-6:00 p.m.