A WEEKLY PUBLICATION OF WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

9:00am Contemporary Worship (Praise Center)*

10:30am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)*

* these services are live streamed and can be viewed on our Facebook Page and our YouTube Channel.

> YouTube Channel https://www.youtube.com/ WesleyUMCBeaumont

Facebook Page https://www.facebook.com/ WesleyUMCBmt

Use the link below to view past sermons <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/</u> <u>UCgzhJJfVFM3OhyujuKkdBhg</u> Don't bother.

I WANT TO BELIEVE, BUT ...

Praying for you. 🙏

God didn't listen.

I'll never get to see mom again.

Join us for week FOUR of our new sermon series!

Many have trouble believing in a God they cannot see or completely understand. If God does not answer their prayers, stop tragedies from happening, or make them feel like he is there, how can they believe? This series will talk about God not living up to our expectations —and why that is a good thing.

> Sunday Worship 8:00am, 9:00am, & 10:30am

Attendance April 25, 2021

Sunday School

9:00am Children	NA
9:00am Adults	NA
10:30am Children	NA
10:30am Adults	NA
Sunday Worship	
8:00 Worship	NA
9:00am Worship	NA
10:30am Worship	NA
Live Stream	
9:00am Worship	NA
10:30am Worship	NA
Wednesday	
ONE Students	NA

ALUMINUM CANS

You can bring your aluminum cans for recycling and put them in the container near the Folsom entrance. Money is used for Methodist Men's group projects and local missions.



Financial News: April 25, 2021

2021 Church Income Budget	\$1,377,000
Needed for One Week	\$26,481
Received thru 04/25/21 for Church Budget	\$14,636
Needed Income YTD	\$450,173
Received Income YTD	\$375,614
Difference	-\$74,559

Non-Budgeted Gifts Received

Missions	\$50
Soc. Of St. Stephen	\$55
Community Garden	\$80

WHY SHOULD I GIVE TO THE CHURCH Giving Shows Reliance on God

An example we see is in Mark 12, the widow who had nothing to give, gave everything. And it was her great faith that moved Jesus' heart.

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything-all she had to live on."

Mark 12:41-44

She demonstrated that though she was alone and without money or provision, she trusted in God above money, and so she gave as both an act of worship and trust in her creator. Likewise, giving to your local church can be an act of faith, obedience, or worship.

FROM THE PASTOR



SENIOR PASTOR REV. RICK IVEY

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you. Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age." Matthew 28: 19-20

In just under three years, Jesus turned a handful of disciples into a movement that forever changed the world.

There have been many books that examine his extraordinary leadership, his service to God, and how he was so good at casting a vision.

But the main way his teachings and vision became a world changing movement where his disciples simply doing what Jesus taught them.

They loved their neighbor.

They helped those in need.

They devoted their life to God.

They loved other the way Jesus had loved them.

I hope and pray we see this kind of movement again soon.

In Christ, lvey Senior Pasto

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 2

8:00am 9:00am

10:30am

6:00pm

Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) Contemporary Worship* (Praise Center) Sunday School **Traditional Worship*** Sunday School ONE Students: Sunday Night Live (Youth Center) * this service is online and in person. In person please remember to wear a mask and practice social distancing

Monday, May 3

6:00am 9:00am-1:45pm

Methodist Men's Breakfast (Parlor) Wesley Day School

Tuesday, May 4

9:00am 9:00am-1:45pm **Community Garden Work Day** Wesley Day School

Wednesday, May 5

9:00am-1:45pm Wesley Day School 5:00pm Handbell Rehearsal (Choir Room) 6:00pm ONE Students: Midweek Worship (Youth Center)

Thursday, May 6

9:00am-1:45pm 12:00pm 1:45pm

Wesley Day School Ladies Bible Study (Parlor) Bunco (Parlor)

MONTHLY EVENTS

Methodist Men's Breakfast 1st Monday of the month

Bunco 1st Thursday of the month

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 2 **Cameron Bailey**

May 3

Meredith Love **Kacie Quebodeaux**

May 4

MaryKay Branwell Jaclyn Carraway **Cash Floyd** Darin Hargrove **Maxine Russell** Sandra Smith

May 5

Jaclyn Bacchiocchi Gage Korry Dick Marsh Jr. Sarah Smithey **Clif Williams**

May 6

Lynde Freeze Zac Hansen Makeila Ivey **Kenedy Padgett**

May 7

Bailey Cowart Jenna Engstrom Tony Lucenti **Rob Seinsheimer**

May 8

Foster Ferguson Daisy Galmor Eric Gonzalez Roxanne Hellberg Stacy Stevens Norm Wagner **Eric Wooten**

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WESLEY



1st Thursday of each month

Next meeting Thursday, May 6 1:45pm Parlor



\$5 entry fee

Please bring a dish, drinks are provided

Please let Delraye Gibson know if you can attend by calling her at 409-866-7871, or calling the church office.



May will kick off Sunday Summer Fun for Wesley Kids! We plan to play games and have lots of fun while we learn more about Jesus this summer. Bring a friend and an extra pair of play clothes, as we may get sprayed with silly string, shaving cream or water balloons.

> Sundays 9:00am & 10:30am



Sunday May 30 8:30am (Worship) 9:30am (Sunday School & Worship) 10:30am (Mission Projects)



Are you the parent or guardian of a graduating high school senior who is a part of or participates in our church? We want to honor them! Please help us by filling out this online form.

https://forms.gle/tfuLak8vWzVTkpVNA

Senior Sunday will be May, 16 and we will honor these graduates at our 9am and 10:30am services. Mark your calendars!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Vacation Bible School July 26-30, 2021

We will only have 100 spots available. Be on the lookout for online registration as spots will fill-up quickly.

We will not be able to accept walk-ins during Vacation Bible School.



WE NEED YOU!

Join the VBS Leadership Team!

We need volunteers to fill the following positions:

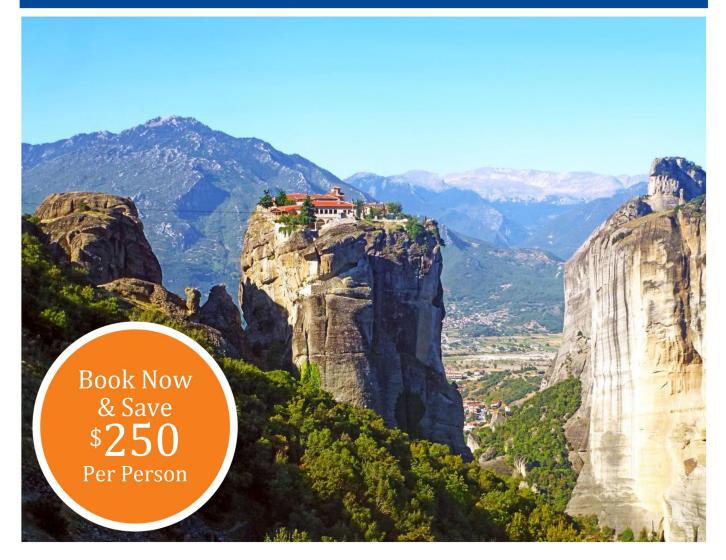
Volunteer Coordinator Preschool Director Elementary Director Decorating Director Craft Director Elementary Game Leader Preschool Game Leader Elementary Storytelling Lead Preschool Storytelling Lead Elementary Music Lead Preschool Conductor (group leaders) Elementary Conductor (group leaders) Preschool

> Contact Christine Haynes or Amanda Rice if you would like to volunteer.

Wesley United Methodist Church presents... Greece: In the Footsteps of Paul the Apostle

with Optional 3-Night Pilgrimage to Rome Pre Tour Extension

April 27 – May 7, 2022



Upgrade to Elite Airfare! see inside for details

For more information contact Matt Cecil Wesley United Methodist Church (409) 892-7733 or (512) 853-0091 mcecil@wesleyumc.com

GREECE TRIP





Book Now & Save \$250 Per Person:

Inside Cabin IB/IC Double Rate \$4,549; **\$4,299*** Inside Cabin IB/IC Single Rate \$5,049; **\$4,799*** Outside Cabin XB/XC Double Rate \$4,749; **\$4,499*** Outside Cabin XB/XC Single Rate \$5,449; **\$5,199*** Book Now & Save \$250 Per Person

For bookings made after Oct 28, 2021 call for rates.

Included in Price: Port Charges, Round Trip Air from Houston Intl, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$449 per person

* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package from IAH

Limited space on each cabin category, all cabins and singles are on a first come first serve basis.

Upgrade your in-flight experience with Elite Airfare

Additional rate of: Business Class \$3,990

† Refer to the reservation form to choose your upgrade option

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is subject to increase prior to the time you make full payment. Your price is not subject to increase after you make full payment, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. Once deposited, you have 7 days to send us written consumer consent or withdraw consent and receive a full refund. (See registration form for consent.)

intricate construction and exquisite Byzantine art. Overnight in Kalambaka. (*B*, *D*)

Day 9: Thursday, May 5, 2022 Kalambaka - Delphi Travel through scenic mountain terrain to Delphi. One of the most moving sites of the ancient world, Delphi is nestled on the slopes of Mount Parnassus in a landscape of unparalleled beauty. Pilgrims once came from all over the ancient world to consult its mysterious oracle. A guided tour takes you along the Sacred Way to see the Doric Temple and the Sanctuary of Apollo, the Treasuries, and the intriguing Archaeological Museum with its collection of ancient artifacts. *(B, D)*

Day 10: Friday, May 6, 2022 Delphi - Corinth - Athens Travel to Corinth where Paul lived and preached for two years and also wrote 2 epistles. Explore ancient Corinth on a guided tour featuring the Agora, where Paul's trial by Gallio took place, and the Bema, where Paul was brought before the tribunal, as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. In Athens, see the hill of Areopagus (Mars Hill) – where Paul delivered his famous "Men of Athens" speech – and visit the incomparable Acropolis. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a marvelous trip. (*B*, *D*)

Day 11: Saturday, May 7, 2022 Athens - Tour Ends Return home inspired by the incredible, soothing landscapes and the words and deeds of Paul the Apostle. *(B)*

PLEASE NOTE:

Book Now rates valid until Oct 28, 2021, valid on air inclusive packages only. IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Your cruise ship provides a "blanket visa" when visiting Ephesus, Turkey. There is no need for you to buy a Turkish visa as long as you travel with the group to/from Ephesus.

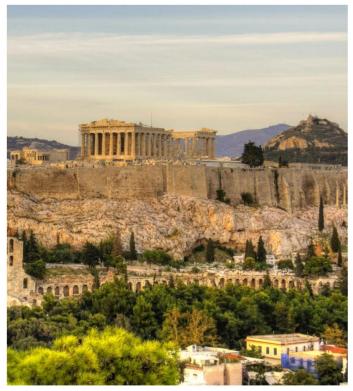
Port taxes, service charges and fees of approximately \$159 USD (subject to change without advance notice), quoted at time of booking, per person is not included in the land-only tour cost. Single cabins, if confirmed, are higher.

Museum visits and shopping may be affected by the observance of religious or local holidays.

The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour.

Optional shore excursions are available for purchase directly from the ship upon embarkation.

For more information on extensions and options for this tour visit https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1053722



11 Days • 20 Meals: 9 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 8 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Athens, Taverna Dinner Show, 3-Night Cruise, Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Santorini, Thessaloniki, Kavala, Philippi, Meteora, Delphi, Corinth, The Acropolis, Mars Hill

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Day 1	Overnight Flight	
Day 2	Crowne Plaza Athens City Center, Athens	
Days 3 – 5	Celestyal Cruises, Celestyal Olympia	
Days 6, 7	Capsis Hotel Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki	
Day 8	Famissi Eden Hotel, Kalambaka	
Day 9	Domotel Anemolia Resort & Conference, Arachova	
Day 10	Holiday Inn Athens Attica, Athens	
	On some dates alternate hotels may be used.	

Private yachts to small ships, iconic rivers and fjords to open sea, **Cruising** offers a new perspective of the world. Local experts guide the way on land, introducing travelers to each new destination through included cultural experiences, iconic sights, and regional cuisine.

Spiritual Journeys: Collette's collection of religious tours has been created with our faith-based travelers in mind. The focus is on creating inspiring travel experiences in world-famous spiritual locations, and these itineraries are designed utilizing more modest accommodations that capture the reflective surroundings in which they sit. **Day 1: Wednesday, April 27, 2022 Overnight Flight** Paul the Apostle, the prolific writer of the New Testament letters, was one of the first Christian missionaries. Trace his journey through the ancient cities and pastoral countryside of Greece and Turkey.

Day 2: Thursday, April 28, 2022 Athens, Greece - Tour Begins Your tour begins in Athens, Greece's lively capital. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner in the Plaka, Athens' historic district nestled at the foot of the Acropolis. Feast on local cuisine and enjoy fine wine in a traditional taverna while Greek entertainment creates a wonderful ambiance around you. *(D)*

Day 3: Friday, April 29, 2022 Athens - Piraeus* (Embarkation) -Mykonos Embark on a 3-night cruise to the Greek Islands and Turkey. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served daily while on board. The island of Mykonos is your first stop. This charming, mountainous island is known for the hundreds of tiny chapels, whitewashed buildings, and beautiful windmills that dot its landscape. Don't miss Mykonos Town, following the mazes of narrow streets full of bustling activity. Enjoy free time to explore this island paradise. (*B*, *L*, *D*)

Day 4: Saturday, April 30, 2022 Kusadasi, Turkey - Patmos, Greece Visit the Turkish port of Kusadasi for an excursion to the ruins of Ephesus (UNESCO), where Paul the Apostle lived 3 years during his ministry. You'll also visit the Agora, the great theater, and the stadium where chariot races and gladiatorial combats took place. Legend claims that Paul fought here against wild beasts. Visit the House of Mary, where the Virgin Mother spent her last days. Continue your cruise to Patmos. Visit the Monastery of John and the Cave of the Apocalypse where John the Evangelist wrote the Book of Revelation during his exile. (*B, L, D*)

Day 5: Sunday, May 1, 2022 Heraklion (Crete) - Santorini** Enjoy an excursion to the incredible open-air museum of the Minoan Palace of Knossos. Then, during free time in Crete's largest city, enjoy a variety of museums, shopping, or visit a nearby winery to sample traditional Greek wine. Later, arrive on the fabled island of Santorini, known as the "Black Pearl of the Aegean." Enjoy time at leisure to independently explore this lovely port or purchase a ship excursion from the cruise line. (*B*, *L*, *D*)

Day 6: Monday, May 2, 2022 Piraeus* - Disembark Cruise Ship -Thessaloniki After an early morning disembarkation, travel north. Pause at Thermopylae, famous for its heroic defense by Leonidas against the Persian army. Your day ends in Thessaloniki, Greece's second largest city. Founded in 315 B.C., Thessaloniki was an early center for Christianity. Paul visited and preached here during the winters of A.D. 49-50 and wrote 2 epistles to the ancient Thessalonians. Visit the Church of Saint Demetrius (UNESCO), dedicated to the patron saint of Thessaloniki and set on the location of the saint's martyrdom. *(B, D)*

Day 7: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 Thessaloniki - Kavala - Philippi -Thessaloniki Travel to the coastal town of Kavala where Paul, accompanied by Silas, Luke and Timothy, first set foot on European soil. In nearby Philippi, Paul delivered his first sermon in Europe, planting the seeds of Christianity. Join a local expert for a guided tour of this historic town featuring the archaeological site and monuments spanning the Ancient Roman and Byzantine eras. See the dungeon where Paul was held prisoner and the site where he baptized Lydia, the first Christian in Europe. (*B*)

Day 8: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 Thessaloniki - Meteora -Kalambaka Proceed through the fertile Thessalian Valley to Meteora (UNESCO). These dark, sandstone pinnacles rise abruptly from the plain of Thessaly, with 6 historic monasteries perched upon their peaks. Beginning in the 10th century, hermits, monks, and ascetics sought solitude and spiritual solace in these dramatic crags. Visit two amazing Meteora monasteries*** which are renowned for their

GREECE TRIP

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Triple accommodations are limited and will be confirmed upon request and availability from the cruise line.

Order of ports may be changed by the cruise line.

To complete your tour, we <u>include</u> roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your <u>own air</u>, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

*Port of embarkation/disembarkation can be either Piraeus or Lavrion. Please check your final travel documents for the correct listing.

**For sailings during the Greek Easter period (May 2, 2021 and April 24, 2022) Crete may not be available as a port of call. Instead, more time is spent in Patmos and Santorini.

***In order to enter the monasteries in Meteora, all guests must have their shoulders covered, women must wear skirts that cover the knees and men must wear long trousers.

Cruise ships have a limited quantity of cabins available in each cabin category. We will make every effort to accommodate your cabin category preference at the time of booking. If the cabin category preferred is not available at the time of booking, the next closest category available will be offered and a surcharge may apply. Celestyal Cruise Lines cabin categories are based on the following: Inside superior cabin IB (deck 3 or 4) and IC (deck 5 or 6); and outside cabin XB (deck 3 or 4) and XC (deck 5 or 6). Cabin availability is first come first serve.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of

time (1-2 hours) isn't a big deal. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, Zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. You can expect some longer days balanced with free-time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. Please note, if you require a walker or wheelchair, or have difficulty walking, you may not be able to access some of these areas and may want to consider an alternate tour.

Prior to full payment for the program, the cruise line reserves the right to impose a supplemental fuel charge. Should this occur, you will be notified of the additional charges.

Due to flight schedules, a pre or post night may be required at an additional cost to you.

On Mykonos Island, round trip transfers by bus to/from the ship to/from Mykonos Town are included in the land price of the program.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$800 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of October 21, 2021 are based upon availability. Final payment due by December 28, 2021. Deposits are refundable up until October 28, 2021.

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Extend your vacation with

Optional 5 Days 3-Night Pilgrimage to Rome Pre Tour Extension

Rate: \$1,199.00 USD per person, double, land only, airfare is not included. The purchase of an additional air segment is required for this extension. Please inquire for air rate at time of booking.

4 Meals: 3 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Travel on an inspirational journey to Rome and the Vatican to experience fascinating religious sites and relics.

Day 2: Rome, Italy - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Rome. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a special welcome dinner at a popular local restaurant featuring regional delicacies. Today dinner will be included.

Day 3: Rome - Catacombs - St. Paul Outside the Walls - Mamertime Prison

Begin your day exploring the Catacombs where early Christians hid and buried their dead. Follow in the steps of Paul, recalling both his first and second visits to the city. Pause for a moment of reflection in the Abbey of Tre Fontane (Three Fountains), built on the believed site of Paul's martyrdom. At the nearby Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, take time to meditate on the Apostle's tomb. Then, visit the Mamertine Prison, where Paul was arrested, bound in chains and executed. Take time to reflect before an evening at leisure. Perhaps you will join an optional dinner in a popular restaurant, where you'll indulge in a hearty meal accompanied by wine and local entertainment. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 4: Rome – St. Peter's Basilica - Optional Excursion

This morning* visit St. Peter's Basilica, one of the largest religious buildings in the world. During a guided tour, meander along towering marble columns and stand in awe before the Pietà, Michelangelo's renowned sculpture. Pause for a moment of reflection by the *Confessio*, the sunken area directly in front of the tomb of the Apostle and which is dedicated to the Confession of faith by Peter that lead to his martyrdom. The afternoon is yours to explore more of the Eternal City. Consider an optional tour to the Vatican Museums**, taking in world-renowned wonders such as the Sistine Chapel and Michelangelo's mural of the Last Judgment. *Today breakfast will be included*.

Day 5: Rome - Athens, Greece

Your mini-tour comes to a close today. Say arrivederci to Rome as you head to the airport for your flight to Athens, Greece. Today breakfast will be included. Please Note:

The space on this extension is limited and will be available on a first come, first served basis. Applicable charges may apply at time of request.

*Depending on the day of the week on which you travel, you may be in Rome on a Wednesday, allowing you to attend the Papal Audience. The Papal Audience is, at times, unavailable due to the Pope's travel schedule. A reservation is required in advance. Please refer to your Parish Priest for guidance.

**The optional tour to the Vatican Museums may operate on a different day on select departures due to availability of reservations and closure on Sundays and holidays. Dates and times are subject to change based on availability of reservations.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate.

A local guide will escort you during your time in Rome.

Effective immediately and until further notice, all guests will be required to bring one of the following: proof of vaccination (official vaccination certificate in paper or electronic form), proof of recovery from COVID-19 or a negative test result (FDA Approved diagnostic) for a test performed 72-hours or less from the start date of the tour with you on tour to verify information you will be providing to Collette when filling out the Wellness Declaration upon arrival.

The overall activity level of this extension is a level 3. This means walking and standing for longer periods of time (1-2 hours) isn't a big deal for you. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, Zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. You can expect some longer days balanced with free-time to recharge or set out on your own adventure.

Wesley Family,

Each year we support the Wesley Foundation at Lamar during their Spring Fundraiser. The Wesley Foundation exists for ALL college-aged students to explore, grow, and live out Christ's calling. Due to Covid-19, they will not be planning a Spring Feast and Auction this year, which we usually host.

Reason to smile: The Wesley Foundation helps college students live out their calling to Christ by allowing them to serve and connect with the mission of the Church. Some examples include: creating and leading worship service with Buckner's Children's Home Assessment Center, sponsoring and operating the Cardinal Food Pantry, and learning and implementing skills for Disaster Relief work. The students are given opportunities to learn new skills and to add service projects, through the Wesley Foundation, to their resumes.

The ask: Since Covid-19 has restricted more traditional means of fundraising, such as our annual Spring Feast, you are invited to prayerfully consider making a charitable donation to the Wesley Foundation. Suggested ways in which to donate are:

- \$50 sponsors a student for a retreat
- \$175 sponsors a student for our mission trip
- \$2000 sponsors an Intern for 1 semester for the internship program

This Spring Fundraiser runs until April 30th. To make a financial donation, make your checks payable to: Wesley Foundation at 4590 Cheek St Beaumont, Tx 77705 or Paypal the Wesley Foundation at wesleyfoundationlu. Make sure to click 'Friends and Family' so the Wesley does not incur fees. Remember, this will be our only Spring Fundraiser.

Friendship and prayers are always valued and appreciated. Still, I wanted to share the opportunity so the Wesley Foundation can continue to focus on the mission of service to our students and service to our community. Thank you for your consideration.



Grace and Peace Matt Cecil

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

May 9	Mother's Day
May 16	High School Senior Graduation Sunday
May 23	Pentecost Sunday
May 30	Day of Caring
JUNE	
June 17-19	Garage Sale
JULY	
July 13-19	ONE Student Ministries
	Mission Trip to Utila
July 20-28	Adult Mission Trip to Utila
July 26-30	Vacation Bible School

