

# SAINT JOHN'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Creating a community where  
God's love changes people  
and God's people change the world.



### Sunday Morning Worship

July 25: 9:00 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.

### Sunday School

9:55-10:50 a.m. (some start earlier - see brochure on information table)

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### Church Office Hours

Mon-Thurs: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Closed Fridays

- 1 *We believe in:* making disciples of Jesus Christ for transformation of the world.
- 2 *We live by two kinds of holiness:* Personal, Social
- 3 *We follow three simple rules:* Do no harm, Do good, Stay in love with God
- 4 *We work in four areas of focus:* Develop leaders, Create places for new people, Eliminate poverty, Improve health globally

## A Galactic Week at Saint John's by Paul Escamilla

Vacation Bible School has just ended, and many of us who shared in that astronomical week are still in orbit! The joy of God finds its way into our lives by a thousand means, but at the top of the list must be the practice of sharing the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ with children, and allowing them to offer it back to us.



So many put so much into engineering a week that by its end had us all looking both bleary from the pace of it and bright from its rewards. From props and decorations to snacks and crafts, from recreation and science to stories and songs, from technical support to prayers, VBS was launched to the highest heights by an extraordinary team of dedicated volunteers. Perhaps most wonderful of all was the difficulty of deciding, between adults and youth and children, who was having the most fun!

Our God is marvelous, and *Galactic Blast* at Saint John's United Methodist Church was only confirmation of it. How deeply grateful I am—and I know I speak for all of us—for the talent, creativity, and leadership of our staff coordinators, Tracy Burger and Sally Rodgers, who, beginning with the planning stages weeks ago, presided over a gargantuan enterprise with an assurance and poise that made the week a delight for the rest of us; and for the host of youth who gave up a week (and half a morning's sleep for five days straight!) to give themselves over to children; and for the adults who brought such talent, creativity, and partnership to their myriad serving roles; and finally, for the children whose leaps into Galactic Blast were great in some cases, small in others, but always an inspiration to the rest of us who sometimes need reminding how to leap at all. Theirs is the kingdom.

And ours the gift of God's marvelous working in our midst through Vacation Bible School. When we finally return from orbit to planet Earth and our ordinary lives, we will have each been deepened in our faith by the unforgettable odyssey of Galactic Blast. Thanks be to God.

## SUNDAY, JULY 25 IN WORSHIP

This Sunday, Rev. Paul Escamilla will share the message "A Separate Abundance" with scripture reading from Luke 12:13-21. Special music is shared by Deb Rupp and Rebecca Witte. The Cokesbury Choir sings at the 9:00 a.m. service.

## Calendar

### Sunday, July 25

430p Prayer Group, A  
630p Family Night at Pease Park  
630p Tex-Mix, 5900 B

### Monday, July 26

100a Mom's Coffee, 5900  
530p Aerobics, YH  
530p Al-Anon, A  
615p Renaissance Service  
630p Book Study, 5900 B  
700p Extravagant Generosity, 5900 F

### Tuesday, July 27

230p Tai Chi, 5900B  
630p Book Study, 5900 B

### Wednesday, July 28

900a Staff Meeting, 211  
1045a Cokesbury, MR  
530p Aerobics, YH  
700p Get Acquainted Meeting, Offsite  
730p Debtors Anon, A

### Thursday, July 29

900a Postal Pros  
930a Sr. Adults to LBJ Library  
600p MFSA Exec., YH  
700p Get Acquainted Meeting, Offsite  
700p AA, A

### Friday, July 30

1200p Girls in Grace, A  
530p Aerobics, YH

### Saturday, July 31

No Events Scheduled

A, B, C = Annex Classrooms (5906 Wynona)

FH = Fellowship Hall

GH = Great Hall

MR = Music Room

Sanc. = Sanctuary

YH = Youth House (5908 Wynona)

5900= 5900 Wynona: F=Front B=Back

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**News by Email** - Contact the office by phone or email and give us your email.

## Newsletter Deadlines!

Newsletter submissions are due the previous Thursday (yes, 10 days before!) for inclusion in the following Sunday's newsletter. Articles may be edited for style and length. Submit to [holly@stjohnsaustin.org](mailto:holly@stjohnsaustin.org) or leave your article in the staff mailbox outside of the church office.

## NEWEST MEMBER OF OUR FAMILY

Sarah Scott and her two daughters, Allyson (8) and Farrah (4), joined Saint John's on June 20, 2010. Sarah's mom, Annell Todd, and her sister, Leigh Ward, are both members of Saint John's. Sarah is a teacher at Casis Elementary and enjoys reading, writing and being with family. We welcome the Scott family to Saint John's!



## WEEK OF JULY 25

### Family Night at Pease Park - July 25

Pull out the picnic basket and horse-shoes! It's almost time once again for Saint John's Family Night. We'll meet at Pease Park from 6:30 - 8 p. m. for water fun, food and great fellowship among the beautiful surroundings of one of Austin's best-kept secrets. In addition to basketball courts and playgrounds for all ages, Pease is home to a small water park that is great for kids of all ages. Make plans to join us for this authentically Austin evening. Bring your own food and blankets, and enjoy a great evening among friends.

*Pease Park is located at 1100 Kingsbury in the Enfield area. For more info, contact [tracy@stjohnsaustin.org](mailto:tracy@stjohnsaustin.org).*



### Mom's Coffee - July 26

Join us July 26 for our next Mom's coffee. This is Saint John's newest United Methodist Women's Circle, a casual group of Moms with young children (babies through early preschool) who meet twice a month for coffee, conversation, and a well-deserved break while our kids are in free childcare.

We do projects (such as arts/crafts, scrapbooks, baby books, etc), book studies on issues of social justice and parenting and informal playgroups at the church and in the community. We are currently studying *Child of Mine: Feeding With Love and Good Sense*, by Ellyn Satter.

We meet twice-a-month on select Mondays from 10-11:30 a.m. across the street from the church at 5900 Wynona, while our kids play in the nursery in room 102. For childcare reservations, please contact Stacy Sparks at [ssparks48@gmail.com](mailto:ssparks48@gmail.com) one week in advance, if possible. For more information and to get on the Mom's Coffee email list, contact Ruth Airhart at [pants2001@yahoo.com](mailto:pants2001@yahoo.com).



## Seniors to See Walter Cronkite Exhibit - July 29

Senior Adults and their friends have planned a visit to the LBJ Library on Thursday morning, July 29 to see the Walter Cronkite exhibit. At noon they will go to Hoover's on Manor Road for a delicious home-style lunch before returning to Saint John's. The church bus will leave for the library from the White Rock parking lot at 9:00 a.m. (Please park your cars there, too.) Please sign up on the clip board in the gallery. The cost is only \$5.00 (for the transportation fund) and the lunch is "on your own."



**July 27:** Lily Siegel, Beth St. Romain, Richard Stater, Jane Wilson

**July 28:** Mary Foster

**July 29:** Eva Jordan, Vicki Kullberg

**July 31:** James Mitchell, Zoe Whitworth

**Aug. 1:** Jonah Hartley, Dorothy Oswald, Sally Tanberg, Loretta Turner

**Aug. 2:** Mike Bock, Sarah Nichols, Duff Stewart, Amy Wright

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### United Methodist Men Breakfast - August 14

The Austin District UMM breakfast will be Saturday, August 14 at Crestview UMC. Coffee and registration starts at 7:30 a.m. and breakfast starts at 8:00 a.m. The guest speaker will be Reagan Lambert, Director of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Austin / Central Texas. Crestview UMC is located at 1300 Morrow Street, Austin, TX 78757. For more information, see the Austin District UMM website at: [www.austinumm.org](http://www.austinumm.org). Don't forget to bring white socks to support the Men's Clothes Closet (part of A.R.C.H.)!

### Parent Meeting for Youth Events - August 29

Please mark your calendars now! On August 29 at 6:00 p.m. we will have a parent meeting to discuss the upcoming Pumpkin Patch (October 4-30th), the possibility of a senior high ski trip, and possible dates for our summer 2011 mission trips. The students enjoy pizza and a movie while we meet. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend. Your input is vital to the success of our fundraising and planning.

### Mamma Jamma Ride - September 25

I hope your bikes have not been collecting dust since the Hill Country Ride for AIDS this spring. The Mamma Jamma Ride Against Breast Cancer is coming on September 25. Start thinking about signing up and getting some miles in on your bikes. If you're not a regular cyclist, this ride has routes for all



levels and the money raised goes to support ten local charities that serve those in central Texas with breast cancer and their families.

Go to <http://www.mammajammaride.org/> and register under the Saint John's team. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Sparks at [cm-sparks@gmail.com](mailto:cm-sparks@gmail.com) or 452-3730.

### OUR PRESENCE:

#### Attendance Sunday, July 11

Sunday School	171
Worship 9:00a	106
Worship 11:00a	230
Worship Total	336

#### Attendance Sunday, July 18

Renaissance Service	18
School of Christian Mission, Mt. Wesley	9
Sunday School	147
Worship 9:00a	120
Worship 11:00a	286
Worship Total	433

### Worship Service CD's Available

If you know someone who would like a CD on a weekly basis, give the name to Jeanette Ball. We also need people to deliver them to our homebound. Sunday's Worship CDs are available for pick-up in the church office on Thursday mornings, and a limited number of CDs are available for anyone on Sundays in the Gallery.

### Sermons Online

For audio or text of recent sermons, visit [www.stjohnsaustin.org/sermons](http://www.stjohnsaustin.org/sermons).

### Large Print Hymnals Available

Large print hymnals are available on the usher carts that are near the sanctuary entrance. If you know someone who has special needs, please let the church know. We will do our best to accommodate them.

## SENIOR ADULT ACTIVITIES

Tuesdays, 2:30: Tai Chai Class

Wednesdays, 10:45am: Sing with the Amazing Grays

Low Impact Aerobics Class: Mon., Wed. & Fri. 5:30 - 6:30

Movie Morning in Rm. 208, on 4th Thursdays, beginning July 22, 10 am

July 29: Trip to LBJ Library to see Cronkite exhibit; lunch at Hoovers.

### Upper Room Devotional

The July/August issue of the Upper Room daily devotional is available for \$1.50 each on the Information table at the front entrance to the church.

### Men's Clothes Closet

The United Methodist Men deliver clothes to ARCH every week. The "Clothes for Homeless Men" donation basket is in the gallery.

### Save Your Tabs!

Save the pull tabs on your fruit, veggie and meat cans, as well as soda cans and put them in the specially marked "Ronald McDonald House" boxes attached to the can recycle containers around the church. Ronald McDonald House receives money for these tabs to support their "home-away-from-home" for families of children with serious illnesses.

### Thank You Saint John's

Dear Saint John's UMC: On behalf of the hundreds of families we help each year from across Texas to around the world, we are grateful for your donation of pull tabs. Each tab helps make our house a home away from home for families with hospitalized children. With sincere thanks, Lela Barker, Ronald McDonald House volunteer. Thanks to Jack Zieger for taking the pull tabs we collect to Ronald McDonald House.

### Equal Exchange Coffee

Equal Exchange, our coffee we use Sunday mornings, provides an alternative by working directly with small farmer cooperatives, helping to build pride, independence and community empowerment. The coffee, which comes in various flavors, and hot cocoa can be purchased outside the church office. The coffee is \$7.50 per bag and hot cocoa is \$5.50 per can.

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## MEMORIAL GIFTS TO SAINT JOHN'S

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It has long been our practice to acknowledge gifts in memory to the Memorial and Endowment Funds and other programs of Saint John's in the newsletter. Personal cards of thanks are sent to the donor and cards of notice to the families. Following are gifts given to various funds during the second quarter of 2010. Thanks to all of you who have chosen this means of showing love.

Gifts were given to the **Memorial Fund** in memory of:

**Ruby Handcox**, by Arlene Zirkel

**Muriel England**, by Arlene Zirkel, Terry and Barbara Collier, Bill Henry, Barbara Fannin, Dennis and Janice Pampell and family, Suzanne and Curtis Smith, Kay Musick, Daniel and Ellen Farquhar McClure, Mike and Linda Greenhaw

**David L. Thomson**, by John and Betty Anderson

**Bob McMullan**, by Barbara Bowman, Sue Meischen, Sandi and Sam Harris, Carolyn and Claude Ross, Charles and Susan Bridges, Larry and Deana Tuggle, Sam and Virginia Warrington, Bill Henry, Rosemarie Ashmore

**Carroll Gregory**, by the Wesley Class

**Lillie Terhune**, by the Wesley Class

**Bob Adair**, by John and Betty Anderson

**Antonio Reyez**, by John and Betty Anderson

Gifts were given to the **Endowment Fund** in memory of:

**Muriel England**, by John and Janis Richter, Marjorie and Dannie Schoppe, Phil and Renna Darby

**John Hettrick**, by John and Janis Richter, Marjorie and Dannie Schoppe

**Marvin W. Morgenroth**, by Marjorie and Dannie Schoppe

**Bob McMullan**, by Marjorie and Dannie Schoppe, Phil and Renna Darby

**Carroll Gregory**, by Donna Johnson

Gifts were given to the **Building Fund** in memory of:

**Bob McMullan**, by Sue Meischen

**Muriel England**, by Steve and Nancy Rooks

A gift was given to the **Music Program** honoring **Saint John's music program**, and **Kari McDonald and Charles McDonald**, by Lori Fey

Gifts were given to the **Memorial Fund** in honor of:

**David Gilliam**, by Gwen Becker

**Tom and Diane King**, by Frances Gage

# CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

## Children's Events

**Sunday, July 25:** Family Night at Pease Park (see article pg. 2)

**Saturday, August 21:** Children's Ministries Volunteers' Evening Out

**Sunday, August 22:** Back-to-School Bash

### *Children's Sunday School*

Children in Kindergarten – 5th grade meet at 9:50 a.m. in room 101 for music. All children may be picked up in their designated classroom between 10:50 and 10:55.

- 3 and 4 years (Rm. 105 - drop off in 106)
- K – 5th grade (Rm. 103)

## Youth Events

**Sunday, July 25:** MYF is joining the congregation at Pease Park for Saint John's Family night. See article on pg. 2

**Sunday, August 1:** we'll meet at P. Terry 404 South Lamar Boulevard for dinner and then go to Peter Pan Miniature Golf. Bring \$\$ for dinner and miniature golf. 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**Sunday, August 8:** We'll be back to our regular schedule and meeting place – 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Youth House. Free dinner and games. We'll focus our time on preparing for Youth Sunday.

**Saturday, August 14:** the youth are going to Schlitterbahn for a day of fun!

### *Youth Sunday School:*

**Sunday, July 25:** Join us in the Youth House from 10-10:50am as we continue our study of Acts. We're combining classes for the month of July. The fabulous Mary Love will be your teacher.

**Have you checked the Lost and Found lately?** Several items have been hanging out in the box under the desk outside the church office this summer. If you recognize anything as yours...please check the box. Items left at the end of August will be donated to Montopolis Community Center.

- Journal - black cover and red binding
- Child's 4T blue nylon hoodie with grey flannel lining
- Light blue sweater, size 6-12 mos.
- Girl's purple reversible nylon/fleece hoodie – not sized
- Girl's black hooded button up sweater, size 10/12
- Black, long sleeve jacket, XL
- Long silk scarf with red roses and pink flowers
- Baby doll with lavender onesies with blue elephant head on front
- Ladies size 6 or 7 salmon-colored flip-flops
- Child's blue plastic thermos with "New York" and buildings in bright colors on front
- White ceramic-like lidded coffee cup with brown band around middle
- Brown baby's size 4 lace up shoe
- Eye mask
- Grey knit elephant finger puppet
- Pair of size 9 white New Balance athletic shoes
- Pair of black socks

### OUR SERVICE

**Open Hearts Volunteer Opportunities in this week's newsletter**

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## NEWS & NOTES

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### New! Sermon Audio Online

Did you miss a sermon recently? Do you know a friend who would have liked the message this week? Invite your friend to try our new sermon page: [www.stjohnsaustin.org/sermons](http://www.stjohnsaustin.org/sermons). We have audio and text versions of a number of recent sermons and scripture readings. E-mail [webmasters@stjohnsaustin.org](mailto:webmasters@stjohnsaustin.org) with any questions.

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### A Note from Pat Thomas. . .

Just to let you know....I will be away from Saint John's July 25 - August 6. It's time for my two classes at Perkins School of Theology, SMU/Dallas. This "Course of Study" (COSS) is required for Certified, Licensed Local Pastors (and includes pre-class work January through May). I will be looking forward to seeing you in worship on August 8! You may contact me by email or through Audrey in the church office. *Blessings to all - you will be in my prayers, Pat*

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### Newsletter Schedule in August

Due to summer schedules, we will not have a newsletter issue the week of August 8. Please keep this in mind if you have an activity coming up you would like publicized. Submit articles to [holly@stjohnsaustin.org](mailto:holly@stjohnsaustin.org) or leave articles in the church staff mailbox.

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### Communion Rail Offering in August

Our communion rail offering on August 1 will go to support Hope Food Pantry. Hope Food Pantry provides 3-4 days worth of groceries to approximately fifty families. Many of their clients are elderly, single parents, homeless, disabled, jobless or under-employed. Hope is funded by individuals, churches, small grants and fundraisers such as the Hunger Meal that Saint John's hosted. Austin uses the majority of the donations for purchases and distribution of food for disadvantaged families in the community.

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### Paper Recycling Raises Money!

Please continue to bring your used newspapers, magazines, shopping catalogs, junk mail, and other papers to the Abiti Paper Recycling bin. The large yellow and green receptacle is located across the street in the parking lot of Lamar Middle School. Grace Garden is the host of this recycling project that encourages everyone to stay green while earning money at the same time. Thank you for not only recycling, but also for helping to raise funds for Grace Garden Child Development Center!



### Flowers for the Sanctuary

If you would like to provide a flower arrangement for the chancel area in the Sanctuary on one of the following Sundays, please contact Diane Randle, 346-2342. August 22; October 3, 24, 31; Nov. 21.

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## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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Saint John's staff and prayer group members pray for these people each week. We encourage you to include them in your prayers as well. To have your prayers of joys and concerns added to the list, please submit them in writing to the office, or to [info@stjohnsaustin.org](mailto:info@stjohnsaustin.org). Include your name and phone number.

**Deaths:** Sandra Browning passed away July 3, (Faye Byers' daughter). Memorial Service was July 9 in Abilene, TX. Loretta Taylor passed away July 9, (Barbara Holmes' sister). Funeral was July 13, in Richland Springs, TX. Wanda Spooner passed away in Waco, TX. Funeral was July 13, at Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, in Austin. De Etta Sayers passed away July 13. Visitation was July 18; Funeral, July 19 at Saint John's; Burial at Capital Parks Mausoleum, Pflugerville.

**Hospital:** Russell Sayers, Baby Andrew Duderstadt

<b>Prayers and Concerns:</b>	Mary Gielstra	Beverly Massengale	Pam Stone
Saint John's Family	L. D. Golike	Alice Miertschin	Sally Tanberg
Norma Barber	Frank Green	Madeline Millard	Georgia Thompson
Nancy Basey	Joann Hedbawny	Dorothy Mitschke	Juanita Turner
Tina Bauguess	Lin Henneke	Virginia Montgomery	Tonya Turner
Keith Beasley	E. C. Herber	Alan Morris	A.G. Walker
Zach Benaya	Cindy Herschel	Richard Nicklas	Dillon & Gary Wardian
Bill Brewer	Barbara Holmes	Clyde O'Dell	Homer Willms
Ashlen Capes	Tom Howe	Wade and Rayda Porter	Flo Wojcik
David Cappolino	Dorothy Hutchison	Judy Raus	Amy Wright
Spencer Chaney	Reva and Jack Jackson	Jenna Richbourg	Dorothea & Vernon Wright
Liam Collier	David Johnson	Tom Rogers	Brandi Young
Riley Crawley	Ollie Jones	Steve Rooks	Cy Zaleski
Angela Crisara	Tommye Jones	Bonnie Schroeder	Ben Zieger
Phil & Renna Darby	Dale Kirtland	Vicki Shapiro	Jack Zieger
Malcolm Ferguson	Karen Knight	Audra Smith	
Gail Fuller & Carrie James	Pat Lovell	Dan Stokley	

**Military Service:** Captain Luke E. Barber (Dora Barber's grandson), Shea Browning (Faye Byers' great grandson), Marine Riley Callahan (Jane Wilson's grandson), Eric Clakley (husband of Rachel Richey Clakley), 1st Lt. Dan Cohen (Geneva Curry's grandson), Wesley Iley (Cecil Allert's grandson), Stephen Jarman (Gene Jarman's son), Brandon Kloppe (Elissa Kloppe's husband), Cpl. Justin Kloppe (Elissa Kloppe's brother-in-law), Tech Sgt. Chad Knox (Lynn Lindsay's nephew), SSG (P) John M. Lewis (Nona Gold's great nephew), Michael Scott Meischen, US Navy (Sue Meischen's grandson), Alexandria Ogg (Elissa Kloppe's cousin), Sean Pavelka (Kim Graley's cousin), SSGT Hans Pugh (Tim Pugh's son), Cpl. Peyton Sackett (Randi Wardian's friend), Col. Kenneth Tovo (Kathie's brother), Thomas Walker (Johanna's husband), Chester Wall (Karen Young's nephew), Holden Wilkie (Sally Tanberg's son), Tyler Wilkins (Georjean Blanton's great nephew), Scott Zaleski (Judy & Cy Zaleski's son). Jason Zirkle (Leif Dove's cousin), Megan Montgomery's husband, Mark.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**Prayer requests are listed for one month and then automatically roll off, unless you advise us otherwise.** If you know of a listed concern that no longer needs our prayers, please let us know.

**Please take a moment to write a note, on a Prayer Post Card, to individuals for whom you are praying.** Prayer Post Cards are available in the pews. If you do not know the address, cards may be placed in the offering plate or left in the church office for mailing.

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# SAINT JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS NOTES

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*For a full description of Sunday School Classes at Saint John's, please see the brochure on the table by the front doors.*

## **Companions Class, Annex A**

For progressive 40-something couples, singles and partners. Part of the Reconciling Ministries Network. Contact: Cathy Kyle, 450-0919.

## **Crossroads, Rm. 201**

The Crossroads Class is for young, single, partnered or married adults, 20 - 30 years of age. Crossroads represents where many young adults are: in college/grad school, or recently in the work world, a first or second job... at a crossroads, near a transition. The discussion-oriented class provides support in faith development, relationship building, work-life coaching, with curriculum and focus provided by Dr. Mike Renquist and socials engineered by the Journey Young Adult Class.

## **Discussion Class, Rm. 119**

People in this class consider relevant books and papers within the context of the Bible and our Faith. The class discusses the intersection of current social issues and Christian Faith. Contact: Bill Harris, 454.1052 or [billandlibharris@sbcglobal.net](mailto:billandlibharris@sbcglobal.net)

## **Fellowship Class, Rm. 210**

It was good to see everyone again after the break last week. Ralph's lesson was all about God blessing us so that we can share God's blessings with others. We sang Happy Birthday to Dora Barber. July 18, our lesson was to discover what it means to be chosen by God and sanctified by the Spirit. We sang Happy Birthday to Ida Stewart and welcomed one visitor, Janice Cohen - Geneva Curry's

daughter. Healing prayers are sent to Dorothy Hutchison, Norma Barber, E.C. Herber and Malcolm Ferguson who are all recovering now at home from recent illnesses and accidents. With the rising temperatures this week take time to check on family and friends.

## **Happy Heretics, 5900 Wynona, Front**

Have you ever wondered what Jesus actually looked like? Was he really a healer? How did his first followers hear his message? What was the Star of Bethlehem? Who was at the Last Supper, and what was the Holy Grail? How was he crucified, and why? Join the Happy Heretics as we hear from leading biblical scholars and archeologists in the National Geographic program, Science of the Bible.

## **Journey Young Adults Class, Rm. 207**

The Journey Class meets Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in room 207 - the first room to the right at the top of the stairs. The Journey Class is a class for adults mostly in their 30s, many starting families (but certainly not required). We discuss spirituality, social responsibility, current events, and our shared story as Christians and as Methodists. Contact Hilary Marchbanks with questions.

## **Open Circle, Annex C**

Singles and couples class that utilizes guest speakers, videotapes and Bible studies in a discussion format. All are welcome. Contact Beth Siever if you have any questions at: [bsiever@austin.rr.com](mailto:bsiever@austin.rr.com).

## **Seekers Class, 5900 Wynona, Back**

Singles and couples in their 30s to 50s seeking to become better disciples of Christ through primarily scripture-

based studies. Class time is informal yet enriching through education, prayer and support for each other. The class also enjoys family-oriented service and social events.

## **Serenity Class, Rm. 206**

Our class serves as a bridge between the church and those of us who struggle with our own compulsive nature, whether it involves work, food, alcohol, drugs, focusing on other people, etc. Whatever is shared within the class remains confidential. We use scripture and the 12-steps of AA as guides for our discussion but the class is not a 12-step meeting.

## **Wesley Class, Rm. 208**

July 11, Roy Harris gave the lesson from II Thessalonians 1:3. Remember Ollie Jones in the hospital. Vicki Shapiro is at home and doing well, using a walker to get around. Pray for Faye Byers in the loss of her daughter. We welcomed back A.G. Walker. We welcomed our pastor Paul and his wife Elizabeth who were visiting our class.

July 18, Ina Gay gave the lesson from II Thessalonians: 2. Being chosen by God is a gift. We as chosen have special responsibilities. DeEtta Sayers passed away July 13 and Russell is in the hospital. Keep Russell in your prayers. Also, Joe Birdwell is recovering from surgery, and Phil Darby will have surgery this Thursday. Remember Joe and Phil thru prayers.

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