

**TWUMC  
Sermon Series  
The Face of God**  
March 1 - April 5

**Sex and the  
Single Gal:  
God's Perspective**  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
March 7  
The Loft

**The Loft  
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Shades of Red**  
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The Loft

**Salsa for the Soul**  
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March 10  
The Loft

**Third Sunday  
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March 15

**Healthy Homes  
for Couples**  
Begins March 23

**DivorceCare  
DivorceCare 4 Kids**  
Begins March 25

**Blood Drive**  
March 29  
7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
TWUMC Gymnasium



## 2009 Mission Trip Opportunities

This year TWUMC is offering a wide variety of opportunities for you to serve in a foreign or local mission setting. Those who have gone on a mission trip from our church will tell you that it is an incredible, life-changing experience. Why not take advantage of the opportunity to serve God as you never have before? He will bless you abundantly through your experiences with the people you serve.

If you have felt God tugging on your heart to go on a mission trip, now is the time to answer that call. Applications are available at the Information Center on Sundays or at the reception desk in the Church Office during the week. If you have questions, please contact John Hull, Missions Minister, at [jhull@twumc.org](mailto:jhull@twumc.org). Step out – it's your time to serve the Lord.

**March 26 - 29 – Juarez, Mexico – Quest Men's Mission Team:** A three-day trip in which our men will build several houses in one of the most impoverished areas in Mexico. We will work with each family to construct a 12 x 20-foot concrete block house with a concrete floor and waterproof roof. You can't imagine how these homes change the lives of the families! Cost is \$725.

**May 10 - 16 – El Salvador – Living Water / Discovery Class:** We take water for granted, but imagine what life would be like if the only source of water is contaminated. This mission team will be working with Living Water International to drill a water well in a remote village. The team will also do hygiene training and ministry outreach for the people of the village. Cost is \$1,600.

**May 25 - June 5 – Kenya Mission Team #1 (Adult):** Kibera, in Nairobi, is the largest slum in all of Africa. With more than 1 million people living in Kibera, population density is 750,000 per square mile. Our team will serve with missionaries who have planted churches and provide for the needs of the people living there. Cost is \$3,600.

**June 6 - 17 – Kenya Mission Team #2 (Youth):** Members of our Senior High Youth Group will serve in Kibera. They will work with youth and children in this impoverished community by providing a Vacation Bible School for children where they will perform mime and dramas to communicate the Gospel message and more. Cost is \$3,600.

**June 7 - 13 – U.M. ARMY – Beaumont, Texas:** High-school youth and adults combine efforts to assist low-income families in our state. There is great joy that comes from repairing a leaking roof, building a wheelchair ramp or fixing a hole in the floor. These work projects are truly a gift from God for those who live in poverty. Cost is \$215.

**June 6 - 14 – Guatemala Medical Mission Team:** This team will extend the love of God and medical support to Mayan Indians at a missionary clinic in the mountains of Guatemala. While medical work will be a part of this team's mission, no medical experience is necessary. In addition, we will work with a local church to support efforts to bring Christ to the Mayans. Cost is \$1,300.

**June 14 - 20 – Junior High Trip to Reynosa, Mexico:** Our students will assist with building houses and leading Vacation Bible School for the local children. We are looking for students who are willing to get their hands dirty and serve in the name of Jesus. Each student must have a growing relationship with Christ in order to minister to others. Cost is \$495.



**June 20 - 28 – Guatemala – Renew Women's Team:** The 500 children who live at Casa Para Niños, a Guatemalan orphanage, receive love from the mission teams that come to work with them. The team will do a work project and minister to the teenage girls and boys, but the most important ministry happens through love, laughter and hugs. Cost is \$1,300.

**June 20 - 28 – Guatemala – Savior's Sons Men's Mission Team:** These men will continue their work among the Mayan Indians. Their mission will provide a place where children can learn and grow in their faith. The team, open to all men, will do construction on a Christian school. Cost is \$1,300.

**June 21 - 27 – U.M. ARMY – Dallas:** High-school youth and adults combine efforts to assist low income families in our state. There is great joy that comes from repairing a leaking roof, building a wheelchair ramp or fixing a hole in the floor. This team will help to expand U.M. ARMY to a new area in Texas. Through our help and example, many more churches will reach families in need. Cost is \$215.

**June 27 - July 5 – Costa Rica (Family Mission Trip):** Families with children who are at least 8 years old are invited to participate in training single moms in life skills and presenting a Bible school for their kids. In addition, there will be fix-up projects at the local church. Cost is \$1,350.

**July 3 - 11 – Costa Rica (Planet 56 Mission Trip):** Our confirmands and their parents will work together on two projects. They will work part-time on refurbishing the Methodist Center in San José, with the remainder of their time spent with the youth ministry of La Concepcion Methodist Church doing Bible study and just having fun. Cost is \$1,350.

**July 20 - August 1 – Croatia Adult Mission Team:** Join us as we continue our support of the new library at the Evangelical Theological Seminary of Croatia in Osijek. This team will process recently donated books and journals for the library, plus there will be opportunities for construction and repair in one of the dormitories at the seminary. Cost is \$2,300.

**November 5 - 8 – Juarez, Mexico – Quest Men's Mission Team:** On this three-day mission trip, another 100 men will continue the work of the March team. They will build an additional 10 houses providing shelter for families currently living in shacks of cardboard and tarps. The blessings overflow for both the families and the team members who go to serve. Cost is \$725.





## March Sermon Series: *The Face of God*

Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father - John 14:9. Who is this mysterious, invisible God we love and serve, and how can we approach Him? Through Jesus Christ, God translates Himself into human form so that we can know Him in a very intimate and personal way. God's characteristics become visible and approachable in the face of Jesus. Join us during this season of Lent as we prepare to receive the gift of Easter by examining the *Face of God* as it shines through His son Jesus in His teachings and actions.

March 1: *The Face of Glory*

March 8: *The Face of Compassion*

March 15: *The Face of Judgment*

March 22: *The Face of Sacrifice*

March 29: *The Face of Holiness*

April 5: Palm Sunday with guest artist Joe Castillo

## **Backyard Abolitionist Tour: Human Trafficking in the World – and in Houston**

A major obstacle faced in the fight against modern day slavery is that the crime is hidden. It is shocking to learn that slavery still exists and is widespread. It is even more shocking to realize that it may exist in our own backyards.

Join us at The Loft on April 16 at 6 p.m. to hear David Batstone, professor of ethics, founding member of *Business 2.0* magazine and author of the book *Not for Sale*. He will share with us the realities of human slavery and trafficking. David tells how he initially learned that a woman had been held captive by the owners of one of his favorite restaurants and of her ultimate death. He says, "My shock turned into a consuming passion that took me around the world to learn more about how slavery flourishes in the shadows. I also learned about the solutions. I met heroes: modern-day abolitionists fighting trafficking and slavery on the front lines. And I knew I had to do something."

For free tickets, visit the Information Center at TWUMC or The Loft before and after worship services, or during the week at the reception desk in the Church Office.

## Summer Splash



**Summer Activities  
register at  
gracekids.com**

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## **Big Important RebelBase Dates**

### March 3: 1st Annual Whiffle Fest

Junior High, Senior High and young adults will face off on the field in our first-ever whiffle ball tournament. Contact Dave Merrill for details at dmerrill@twumc.org.

### April 17 - 19: Junior High Break-Thru Weekend

Spring youth conference / retreat with hundreds of students from many other churches from the Houston area. Our own Brian McCormack will speak and Wayne Kerr will lead worship.

### April 24 - 26: Senior High Break-Thru Weekend

Chris Seay from Ecclesia Houston will speak and our own Zach Hendricks will lead worship.

### May 2 - 3: Celebration of Student Missions Golf Tournament & Auction

We are already looking for golfers and sponsors for our only fundraiser of the year. For information, contact Haley Graham hgraham@twumc.org.

For information on any of these events or to register, please visit [rebelbaseonline.com](http://rebelbaseonline.com).



## **Parenting: Love and Logic**

Do you have children ages 0 - 6? Would you like to learn how to have a happy family and responsible kids? If you answered yes to these questions, don't miss the new class *Parenting: Love and Logic*.

*Parenting: Love and Logic* is a five-week course that meets two hours per week with three times to choose from. The course will meet the weeks of March 24 and 31, and April 14, 21 and 28. Each week you may choose to attend one of three sessions: Tuesday from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. (coffee and muffins served), Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. (soda, sandwiches and chips served) or Sunday from 4 - 6 p.m. (water, soda and cookies served).

To register, visit [gracefamilies.com](http://gracefamilies.com). For more information, contact Robin Nichols at [robinnichols@comcast.net](mailto:robinnichols@comcast.net).



Junior High Students Caroline DuBose and Caroline Davis with Camper Calvin Grimes at a Day Camp for the Children of Tamina Community Center.

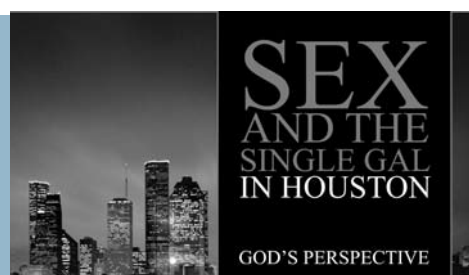
## Celebration of Student Missions Golf Tournament and Auction

The Celebration of Student Missions is a golf tournament and auction that is held annually to raise funds for the Student Missions Ministry. The Missions Ministry provides incredible opportunities for students in grades 7 - 12 to go into our world and make a difference for Jesus Christ. Students learn more about themselves and others while deepening their relationship with the Lord. This ministry not only benefits our youth, but also plays a positive role in the lives of the people we are able to serve.

The 2009 Celebration of Student Missions Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, May 2, at Blaketree Golf Club in Montgomery and the Celebration of Student Missions Auction will be Sunday, May 3, at TWUMC. If you are interested in participating, register at [twumc.org](http://twumc.org) or contact Haley Graham at 281.297.5939. Also, if you have any items that you would be willing to donate, please contact Leslie Alexander at 281.297.5938.

## Sex and the Single Gal: God's Perspective

Adult women, join us Saturday, March 7, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., in the Sanctuary. We will discuss *God's View of Sex, Body Image, Love of Jesus, Healing from Sexual Abuse and Forgiveness*. Cost is \$20, lunch will be provided. To register, visit [twumc.org](http://twumc.org) or [gracefamilies.com](http://gracefamilies.com).



## Adult Sunday School

Have you thought about joining an adult Sunday School class? Spring is a great time to get started and there are a variety of classes to choose from each week. Whether you are looking for a small and intimate discussion group, a large lecture format featuring an informative teacher or a group organized around your particular life stage, there is something for everyone!

- Believers Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. in Jones Library. Studying Revelation through the first week of June.
- The Lamplighters, 9:30 a.m. in Room D207. Studying the Old Testament in March, followed by a related study of the Book of John.
- Emptying Nests, 9:30 a.m. in The Otterbein Room. Book study, *Easter from the Backside* by J. Ellsworth Kalas, through April 19.
- Circle of Friends, 9:30 a.m. in Room D206. Book study, *The Fruits of the Spirit*, beginning in March.
- The Covenant Class, 9:30 a.m. in Room D214. Book Study, *Be Mature: Growing Up in Christ*, through June 14.
- The Discovery Class, 11 a.m. in the Jones Library. Studying *A Hunger for God* by John Piper.
- Friendship Class, 9:30 a.m. in Aldersgate Hall. Spring study, *Christ and Creation*.

For information on Adult Sunday School classes, visit [twumc.org/adultsundayschool](http://twumc.org/adultsundayschool).

## DivorceCare & DivorceCare 4 Kids

Are you separated or divorced? Are you looking for a place for you and your children to heal? If so, please attend *DivorceCare* and *DivorceCare 4 Kids (DC4K)*, meeting Wednesdays from 7 - 8:30 p.m., March 25 - May 27.



*DivorceCare* is a weekly seminar and support group for people who are separated or divorced. Leading the group is Susan Jones, licensed marriage and family therapist, certified rehabilitation counselor and executive director of Grace Point Marriage & Family Center. *DivorceCare* is a place where you can meet other divorced / separated adults and hear about ways to heal from the hurt of divorce.



*DivorceCare* also offers a coinciding program for your children called *DC4K*. This group is led by Kara Merrill, licensed professional counselor intern and board eligible national certified counselor. *DC4K* is a special group that helps children ages 5 - 12 heal from the hurt caused by the separation or divorce of their parents. Children become friends with other children who understand how they feel and the things they are going through because of the divorce of their parents.

For more information or to register, visit [twumc.org](http://twumc.org).



## Family Life Ministry: Spring Break Service Project

Join us as we clean up Camp Arrow in preparation for retreats and summer foster camps. We will help spruce up the camp from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., March 17 - 19. Please bring a sack lunch, gloves, rakes, shovels and gardening tools. For more information, contact Grace Ono at [gono@twumc.org](mailto:gono@twumc.org). Get involved! Join our Ways to Serve Team at [gracefamilies.com](http://gracefamilies.com).

## Grace Point Marriage & Family Center: Spring Groups

### Healthy Homes for Couples

This four-week session is designed to help couples acquire the skills to build a healthy family life. This group will be facilitated by Margie Jordan, licensed professional counselor intern, licensed marriage and family therapy associate and graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary. It will meet from 7 - 9 p.m., March 23 and 30, and April 6 and 13. Topics will include *Defining Healthy; Constructing Family Genograms to Understand Family Patterns; Effective Communication Skills; Effective Conflict Resolution* and *Developing Healthy Family Goals*. Couples attending this professional, biblically-based program will receive a notebook with handouts on each topic. Cost is \$50 per couple. Nursery is available by appointment for \$5 per family. Register by March 10 by calling Grace Point Marriage & Family Center at 281.466.8602.

### Special Blessings: The Journey of Hidden Treasures

This four-week session is for families who are expecting a child with special needs, and for families who have received a special-needs diagnosis for their child. Patricia Fairhurst, licensed professional counselor, and Sheryl Serres, Ph.D., licensed professional counselor - supervisor, will cover issues such as *Coping with the Initial Shock; Adjustment; How God Will Prepare You to Meet the Needs of Your Child; Marriage Challenges* and *Hope for a Future*. The group will begin in April. Cost is \$50 per individual or couple. For information or to register, contact Grace Point Marriage & Family Center at 281.466.8602.



## MOM2MOM

Mom2Mom will meet at 9:15 a.m. in Asbury Hall on Monday, March 2, for *Green Cleaning* and Monday, March 9, for *Home Organization*.

## KOFFEE WITH KIRSTEN

This free parenting workshop given by Kirsten Berger will be informative and uplifting. Join us Tuesday, March 3, from 9 - 11 a.m. or 7 - 9 p.m. in Asbury Hall for *I Wish I Had Some Help Around Here*.

## UPWARD SOCCER & CHILDREN'S BEGINNER BASEBALL

Upward is a fun, reliable, passionate and encouraging sports experience for boys and girls in grades kindergarten - 6. Register now - March 3 (\$100). Late registration is March 4 - 13 (\$120). Practices begin the week of March 23; games begin April 4 and end May 23. For information or to register, visit [gracekids.com](http://gracekids.com) or [gracefamilies.com](http://gracefamilies.com).

## SALSA FOR THE SOUL

Ladies, spice up your spiritual life by coming to the final session of *Salsa for the Soul* from 7 - 8:30 p.m. at The Loft on March 10. Our topic this session will be *Let It Loose* by Bobbie Russell. Free childcare by reservation is available for children up to age 12. Register at [twumc.org/register](http://twumc.org/register) or call Noah's Nook Nursery at 281.297.5949 to ensure space is available for your children.

## HELPING FOSTER FAMILIES

We will collect clean, gently used / new clothing and new toys (in original packaging) for foster families. Clothing sizes are birth - 17 years of age. We also need toddler beds, diapers, formula, car seats, anything baby related and items for prom. Please make your donation in the Fostering Hope bins located in the front alley of The Loft.

## CONGRATULATIONS

**T.J. and Amy Fry** on the birth of their son, Andrew Jacob; and **Anthony and Laura Sullivan** on the birth of their daughter, Emma Madeline.

## SYMPATHY

Our prayers and deepest sympathy go to the following families:

**Melissa Bailey** and her family on the passing of her mother; **Linda Black** and her family on the passing of her mother; **James Blankenship** and his family on the passing of his wife, Carol; **Wilda Brunson** and her family on the passing of her sister; the family of **Ida Davis**; **Pam Evans** and her family on the passing of her father; **Myra LeBlanc** and her family on the passing of her brother; **Caleta Linn** and her family on the passing of her mother; **Faye Pevey** and her family on the passing of her son, Matt; **Lynn Ragain** and her family on the passing of her mother; and **Tom Stepp** and his family on the passing of his wife, Shirley.

## Third Sunday Food Drive

Help the Food Banks in Montgomery County help families in need. We make it easy for you!

1. Every third Sunday of the month (beginning March 15) bring a bag of groceries to church with you.
2. Place the bag on the trunk of your car when you park to go into the church.
3. We will pick it up while you worship.

## New Member Welcome

**Chris and Cindy Allen.** Azalea Sands Drive, Spring. They have one child, Emilee. Chris is transferring from St. Edmond Catholic Church in Lafayette, Louisiana, and Cindy is transferring from United Methodist Church of the Covenant in Lafayette.

**K.W. and Susan Ballentine.** South Knight's Crossing, The Woodlands. They have one child, Gabriel.

**Dereck and Jody Brower.** Acrewoods Place, The Woodlands. They have three children, Max, Annabelle and Clara Jane.

**Rick and Laurie Brusuelas.** Pine Holly Court, The Woodlands. They have two children, Marisa and Olivia, and are transferring from Fellowship of The Woodlands.

**John and Kathyne Buckley.** Sunspree Place, The Woodlands. They are transferring from American Protestant Church of The Hague.

**Jeffrey Ciarocco.** Sawmill Road, The Woodlands.

**John and Brittany Garcia.** West Greywing Circle, The Woodlands. They have one child, Ava, and are transferring from Second Baptist Church in Houston.

**Bjarne and Helen Haegeland.** Quail Oak Park Lane, Spring. They are transferring from Green Valley Free Church in Green Valley, Arizona.

**Matthew and Michelle Hanes.** Imperial Path Lane, Spring. They have one child, Christopher, and are transferring from The Journey Church in New York, New York.

**Amanda Hansen.** Humble Westfield Road, Humble.

**Jean Hansen.** Greenwich Place, The Woodlands.

**Bill and Sydney Hardham.** Ramey Heights Court, The Woodlands. They have two children, Nathan and Gracie, and are transferring from First Baptist Church in Houston.

**Arden and Donna Hetland.** April Breeze, Montgomery. They are transferring from Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Nassau Bay.

**Tona Hickman.** Tethered Vine Place, The Woodlands. She is transferring from First Christian Church in Conroe.

**Kirby and Jennifer Hopkins.** Knotwood Court, The Woodlands. Jennifer is transferring from the Presbyterian Church of Ruston in Ruston, Louisiana.

**Josh and Amy Hornback.** Twin Mills Lane, Spring. They have one child, Gavin, and are transferring from A&M United Methodist Church in College Station.

**Bruce and JoAnn Johnson.** Leaflet Lane, Spring. They are transferring from Lord of Life Lutheran Church in The Woodlands.

**Alice McBride.** Channing Springs Drive, Spring. She is transferring from First Baptist Church in Longview.

**Paul McBride Jr.** Channing Springs Drive, Spring. He is transferring from First Baptist Church in Longview.

**David and Lolly McKenery.** Carmel Drive, Willis. They have three children, Laura, D.J. and Michael, and are transferring from First United Methodist Church in Conroe.

**Michael and Elizabeth McWilliams.** Petal Park Place, The Woodlands. They have two children, Emily and Andrew, and are transferring from Park Cities Baptist Church in Dallas.

**John and Rebecca Mills.** Wooded Path, The Woodlands.

They have three children, Emily, Lauren and Caroline, and are transferring from First United Methodist Church in Round Rock.

**David Moellers.** Overlake Drive, Spring.

**Tracy and Lisa Morgan.** West Slatestone Circle, The Woodlands. They have two children, Joshua and Jason.

**John and Marianne Mote.** Cypresswood Shore, Spring. They have two children, Nolan and Makayla, and are transferring from Klein United Methodist Church.

**Kay Nash.** North Lace Arbor Drive, The Woodlands. She is transferring from Christ Church United Methodist in The Woodlands.

**Nancy and Dean Newsom.** Starling Stream Drive, Spring. They have one child, Zachary.

**Mike and Carol Petty.** Archer Oak Place, The Woodlands. They are transferring from First Baptist Church in Borger.

**Jeffrey and Tiffany Rains.** Stone Fox Drive, Spring. They have two children, Brandon and Brittany.

**Richard and Blair Read.** South Emory Bend Place, Shenandoah. They are transferring from Springwood United Methodist Church.

**Trevor and Becky Rooker.** Genesee Ridge Court, The Woodlands. They are transferring from The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church.

**Byron and Ann Russell.** South Horizon Ridge Court, The Woodlands. They have two children, Shelby and Brooke, and are transferring from Living Word Lutheran Church in The Woodlands.

**Victoria Salcedo.** Cape Jasmine Place, The Woodlands. She has one child, Samantha, and is transferring from St. Michael and All Angels in Morelos, Mexico.

**Susan Shafer.** Golden Scroll Circle, The Woodlands.

**Arline Singer.** Fitzroy Place, The Woodlands. She is transferring from Salado United Methodist Church.

**Gus and Judy Stevens.** Beckham Springs Court, Spring.

**David and Kristi Taylor.** Wind Harp Place, The Woodlands. They have one child, Justin, and are transferring from Christ Church United Methodist in The Woodlands.

**Troy and Jamie Turk.** Quiet Oak Circle, The Woodlands. They have one child, Logan.

**Brandon and Susan Van Sickle.** Caradoc Springs Court, Spring. They are transferring from First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Houston.

**DeDe Weatherly.** Wild Oak Drive, Houston.

**Scott and Jane Whitson.** Player Oaks Place, The Woodlands. They have three children, Annalaine, Presley and Derek.

**Alice Williams.** Merryweather Place. She is transferring from First United Methodist Church in Crossett, Arkansas.

**Edward and Kristen Wofford.** Calmar Drive, Spring. They have two children, Kassi and Caleb. Kristen is transferring from St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Houston.

**Josh and Alison Zimlich.** Amulet Oaks Place, The Woodlands. They have two children, Bonnie and Caden, and are transferring from Fairfax Church of Christ in Fairfax, Virginia.

## WOW! Science Camp

Registration for WOW! Science Camp 2009 will begin April 1. This year's theme is *Science Fun for Everyone!* Campers will explore weather, natural disasters, food, mixtures and body systems. Camp dates are June 22 - 26 or July 6 - 10 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. or 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Camp is open to kids age 3 (as of January 1) - grade 4 graduates. Visit [wowsciencecamp.com](http://wowsciencecamp.com) for information or to register.

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE  
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