



**Celebration of
Student Missions
Golf Tournament
and Auction**
May 2 & 3

**Sermon Series
Amazing Grace**
May 3 - 31
TWUMC Main Campus

**Men's Conference:
Your Faith and
Your Work**
May 8 - 9

**Senior
Baccalaureate
Dinner**
May 13
6:30 - 8 p.m.
Wesley Hall

Life Without Limbs
May 14
7 p.m.

**Third Sunday
Food Drive**
May 17

Blood Drive
May 31
7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
TWUMC Gymnasium



Rev. Rob Renfroe

Rev. Rob Renfroe Named Good News President and Magazine Publisher

Rev. Rob Renfroe has been named the interim president of Good News and publisher of the magazine the organization produces. Past president and publisher Jim Heidinger is retiring after 28 years.

Good News is one of two primary Wesleyan renewal organizations within the United Methodist Church – the other being The Confessing Movement, where Rob served as president of the board of directors until taking the position with Good News. Both Good News and The Confessing Movement are committed to calling the United Methodist Church to doctrinal integrity and maintaining biblical positions on issues that come before the church. The two organizations will continue to work closely together, particularly on matters coming before General Conference.

The past position of president and publisher has been divided. Rev. Walter Fenton will function as chief operating officer for Good News. Beginning in July, Rob will provide general oversight, work with the board to develop a vision for the future and connect with donors and supporters.

Rob will remain as pastor of adult discipleship at TWUMC. "My calling has always been twofold," Rob said. "As a teenager, I felt called to serve Christ in the local church. But at the same time, I sensed that God wanted me to work to renew and reform the church on a larger level. My work with The Confessing Movement and now with Good News gives me an opportunity to do that. I am grateful to Dr. Robb and the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee for their support in this new role."

There are several magazines and organizations with names similar to Good News. For more information, visit goodnewsmag.org.

Nick Vujicic's Life Without Limbs

On May 14, don't miss international speaker Nick Vujicic as he describes *Life Without Limbs*.

Nick Vujicic challenges people all over the world to dream big, trust the Lord with all your heart and not grow weary when you fail to understand God's wisdom and great purpose for your life. You won't want to miss this fabulous opportunity to hear Nick's message in person. Share this experience with your friends and family, someone going through a tough time or those who need inspiration to keep their eyes fixed on God's promises.

Nick Vujicic's *Life Without Limbs* will take place at 7 p.m. on May 14. Tickets are available for \$5 at gracefamilies.com and twumc.org. For more information on Nick Vujicic and inspiring stories, visit lifewithoutlimbs.org.



Life Without Limbs speaker Nick Vujicic



Ray Hilbert
Men's Conference speaker

Men's Conference: Your Faith and Your Work

Combining faith and work is a constant challenge and, often, a frustration. Every day, Christian men wonder: How do I live out my values at work? How can I find meaning in work that is secular and driven by the bottom line? How can I balance my work life and my family life?

If you struggle with these questions, join Rev. Rob Renfroe and the men of TWUMC for *Your Faith and Your Work* Men's Conference, May 8 - 9. Our conference speaker is Ray Hilbert, owner and operator of two successful businesses. Ray felt a calling to help Christian business owners and leaders build strong organizations and integrate their faith into the marketplace through leadership and business development programs built on biblical principles and practices. As a result, he founded and presently serves as chief executive officer of Truth@Work. During the conference, Ray will present the following topics: *God's Purpose For Your Work*, *How to Live Out Your Christian Faith @ Work*, *Leaving a Legacy @ Home and @ Work*, and *Being a Man of Integrity*.

The conference will be held at TWUMC Friday evening through Saturday at noon, May 8 - 9. Cost is on \$25. For more information or to register, visit twumc.org.



Lynn Redgrave, keynote speaker for the 15th Annual National Cancer Survivors Day Luncheon

TWUMC Members Celebrate Cancer Survivorship

CanCare congratulates the following members of TWUMC for graduating in the 45th class of CanCare volunteers: Gwen Bengfort, Stacey Bible, Bud Dole, Linda Fackenthal, LeRoy Fronk, Bettie Hendrix, Margaret Holifield, Jennifer Kiser, Cathy Rentfrow, Cheryl Sanford, Vernon Smith, Dawn Thompson and Tim Wallace.

CanCare volunteers are cancer survivors and caregivers of survivors who provide one-on-one emotional support to people currently facing cancer. CanCare volunteers offer hope for the future, courage to face the road ahead and compassion that comes from a shared experience. Anyone experiencing cancer as a patient or as a caregiver is encouraged to contact CanCare for a free and confidential match with someone who understands firsthand what you are going through.

Join your fellow congregants as they celebrate cancer survivorship at CanCare's 15th Annual National Cancer Survivors Day Luncheon, May 28, 2009 at The Westin Galleria Hotel. The keynote speaker for the luncheon is breast cancer survivor and legendary actress of stage and screen, Lynn Redgrave. For luncheon tickets or to be matched with a CanCare volunteer, call 713.461.0028 or visit cancare.org.



Women's Summer Bible Studies and Fellowship Groups

Ladies, strengthen your relationship with Christ this summer by becoming part of one of our Bible studies or fellowship groups.

Wising Up Wherever Life Happens by Beth Moore

Join us this summer as we journey through Proverbs. Beginning June 3, this Wednesday Bible study meets from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in Asbury Hall. No homework for this study, a handout sheet will be given at each session. For more information or to register, contact Donna Roberts at zdkr01@slah.com. Free childcare available by reservation.

BreakFree

BreakFree is an energizing ministry specifically for young adult women who desire to learn more about how the amazing love of God can transform their lives. Join us for a fun evening of fellowship, crafts and inspiration from special speakers on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. beginning June 9. For more information, contact Sarah Purcell at sarahRpurcell@mac.com.

Priorities: Tyranny of the Urgent by Charles Hummel

Have you ever wished for a 30-hour day? Every week we leave a trail of unfinished tasks. This study will help you put your life back in order by discovering what is really important. Join us Thursdays from 9:30 - noon, June 11 - July 23. For more information, contact Julie Adcock at jadcock@twumc.org. Registration available at gracefamilies.com/women's.

Satisfy My Thirsty Soul by Linda Dillow

Women have an innate thirst for true, genuine intimacy. Author Linda Dillow believes that this desire found deep within a woman is created and can only be satisfied by God. Linda guides readers into a lifestyle of worship where every emotion, thought and source of pain can draw women into closer communion with their heavenly Father. Additional features include practical applications for each chapter and a 12-week devotional study. Join us Thursdays at 7 p.m., June 4 - August 20. For more information, please contact Julie Adcock at jadcock@twumc.org. Registration available at gracefamilies.com.



Camps for Foster Children

This summer spread Christ's love and brighten the lives of children living in foster care. Join Family Life Ministries as we run four fun-filled weeks of camps for children in foster care at Arrow Ranch. There are many different areas where you can get involved. Should you not be able to give of your time, we would be grateful for your financial support of campers, counselors and overall expenditures. To find out how you can benefit the lives of these children, visit gracefamilies.com and click on Mission Projects. Camp dates are as follows:

Sunday, June 14 - Thursday, June 18 (girls age 13 - 17)

Tuesday, July 21 - Saturday, July 25 (boys age 13 - 17)

Tuesday, July 28 - Saturday, August 1 (girls age 8 - 12)

Tuesday, August 11 - Saturday, August 15 (boys age 8 - 12)

Camp Good News: Fill Me UP

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13



2008 Camp Good News campers

Kids, join us June 22 - 26 at Carolina Creek Christian Camp near Huntsville for Camp Good News: Fill Me Up. We will travel by chartered bus on Monday, June 22, at 9 a.m. and return on Friday, June 26, at noon. Boys and girls who have completed grades 2 - 5 in May 2009 are invited for the best week of your lives!

Register today at gracekids.com. Scholarships available, please contact Eric Albert at ealbert@twumc.org.



Big Important Dates for Parents:

Did Your Son or Daughter Miss Out on 6th Grade Confirmation?

Do you have a son or daughter age 12 - 18 who has never joined the church? Did they miss out on our confirmation program? Does a short-term confirmation class sound like the right approach for your child? Classes will run four consecutive Sundays May 3 - May 24 at The Loft Student Center from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. On Sunday, May 24, at 12:15 p.m. your son or daughter will end the course with a confirmation ceremony in the Robb Chapel. For information or to register, contact Lori Miller at 281.297.5940.

Senior Baccalaureate Dinner: May 13

TWUMC loves to celebrate the wonderful achievements of our high-school seniors and this year we have some terrific students to honor. On May 13, from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m., we will host a baccalaureate dinner for our seniors and their families in Wesley Hall. Please bring your student's baby picture and senior picture with name and phone

number on the back to the Student Ministry office before May 10. The dinner is free for seniors; family members must purchase tickets in advance for \$10 at the Student Ministry Office or Information Center. For information or to assist with dinner, contact Lori Miller at 281.297.5940.

Edge Camp 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea: July 12-16 2009

We are looking forward to celebrating 13 years of Edge Camp this summer in Lindale, Texas. Edge Camp is TWUMC's junior/senior high camp held each year in July. We are busy making plans for the most exciting summer camp experience your son or daughter could possibly have. Registration is under way so visit rebelbaseonline.com or come by The Loft Student Center for more information. Cost is \$325.



Dr. Ed Robb and Cubmaster Bill Muldoon

The Pack Gives Back

In October, Cub Scout Pack 772 sold Christmas greenery at TWUMC. Though that greenery has long since faded and died, the funds raised continue to benefit worthy causes.

After covering its operating costs for 2009, Pack 772 donated the additional funds raised to the Boy Scouts of America and TWUMC. Recently, Cubmaster Bill Muldoon presented Dr. Ed Robb with a \$1,000 donation to TWUMC. "This church sponsors us by providing facilities and resources as well as support for our God and Country program," said Bill. "We are proud to make this contribution to such a wonderful church."

For more information on how you and your son can become involved in scouting, visit Pack772.com for boys in grades 1 - 5 or Troop772.org for boys ages 11 - 18.

Amazing Grace

During the *Amazing Grace* sermon series, join one of our Sunday school classes that will study *What's So Amazing About Grace?* by Phillip Yancey:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School - Beginning May 3

Emptying Nests, Otterbein Room,
Hand in Hand, Room D213
Crossroads, Room D209

11 a.m. Sunday School - Beginning May 10

Under Construction, Room D210

Resources for *Amazing Grace* are available at Grace Point Book Store:

Grace: An Invitation to a Way of Life

John Ortberg, Laurie Pederson and Judson Poling

Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith

Kathleen Norris

Grace in Practice: A Theology of Everyday Life

Paul FM Zahn



CRAVE

BE IN THE WORLD
NOT OF THE WORLD

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT THE LOFT

Pray for the Persecuted Church in the Middle East

The decision to become a Christian in the Middle East can be very dangerous. A young Muslim man accepted Christ and shared his faith with his family. They called him "demon possessed" and told him if he did not renounce his faith he would be tortured or killed. He eventually fled the country because of these threats. Months later, his family asked him to return home. They claimed they loved him and were sorry for their behavior toward him.

He returned home and the family held a feast of celebration. While he was eating, he suddenly became painfully ill. He ran from his house and was able to stop a passing taxi. The driver happened to be a Christian and rushed him to a hospital. The doctors emptied his stomach of the poisoned food and saved his life. He has not returned home since. Unfortunately, in some places it is not only legal to kill a son or daughter who becomes a Christian, but it is considered a religious obligation.

Praying in Color Author to Present Workshop as Part of Prayer Series



Praying in Color presenter Sybil MacBeth

Sybil MacBeth, author of *Praying in Color: Drawing a New Path to God* and *Praying in Color Kids' Edition*, will present her interactive workshop Thursday, May 21, from 9:30 - 11 a.m. or 7 - 8:30 p.m. *Praying in Color* will cap off the *Short Takes on Prayer* series designed to bring prayer into your daily life in fun and unusual ways.

Sybil is a dancer, doodler and former community college mathematics professor. As a physical and visual person, Sybil has explored prayer forms that cater to the needs of different learning styles. So if you are word-weary, stillness-challenged, easily distracted or just in need of a new way to pray, give *Praying in Color* a try. No words are necessary, no artistic skill is necessary – only a desire and a longing for the presence of God. All materials will be provided. Sybil's books are available at Grace Point Bookstore and will be available for purchase and signing at the workshop.

Short Takes on Prayer will consist of three sessions, *Praying with Your Body* on May 7, *Praying with Open Eyes* on May 14 and *Praying in Color* on May 21. The cost for the May 21 workshop is \$10 per person, however, the May 7 and May 14 workshops are free. For more information or to register for any of the three programs, visit twumc.org/shorttakesonprayer or contact Lisa Blanchard at 281.297.5979.

CANCARE: FIGHTING CANCER WITH HOPE

Receive one-on-one support by calling Caring Ministries at 281.297.5953.

RENEW

Open to all women in the community, *Renew Bible Study* is the largest of our women's Bible studies. Beginning in September we will be studying *I AM Your Jesus*. Register today at twumc.org or gracefamilies.com.

ARTS MINISTRY

Do you love creating artwork? We are looking for artists interested in working with a variety of mediums to illustrate scripture. For information, contact Julie Graham by May 25 at 281.804.0354 or juliegraham1201@sbcglobal.net.

ANGER MANAGEMENT

During *Anger Management: Finding Peace & Joy When Seeing Red*, you will learn to identify your triggers to anger and the best ways to handle anger. Join us Tuesdays, now - May 19, from 7 - 9 p.m. in Room D210. To register, visit twumc.org or call Care Ministries at 281.297.5953.

HEALTHSCREENS COMING TO TWUMC MAY 16

Tests include: Stroke Screen (\$55), Aneurysm (\$50), Gallbladder (\$50), Kidney (\$50), Liver (\$50), Thyroid (\$50), Heart (\$50), Circulation (\$50) and Osteoporosis (\$45). Choose any four tests for \$130, any six for \$150 or all nine tests for \$215. Order any four or more tests and add a cholesterol / glucose blood screen for \$35. Please call 1.877.854.4735 for an appointment or visit healthscreens.net.

CONGRATULATIONS

John and Rachel Anderson on the birth of their daughter, Madeley Jane; **Peter and Kerri Bigler** on the birth of their son, Nathan; **Ryan and Katie Corley** on the birth of their daughter, Avery Katherine; **Eric and Nikki Hird** on the birth of their son, Luke William; and **Charles and Jenny Winkelman** on the birth of their daughter, Kate Alexis.

SYMPATHY

Our prayers and deepest sympathy go to the following families:

Geneva Carroll and her family on the passing of her brother; **Brent D'Alessio** and his family on the passing of his mother; the family of **Shirley Doe**; **Trixi Emden** and her family on the passing of her father; **Peter Gamwell** and his family on the passing of his father; **David Hamilton** and his family on the passing of his mother; **William Justus** and his family on the passing of his wife, Eileen; **Angela Lindsay** and her family on the passing of her sister; **Jason Mills** and his family on the passing of his father; **Wilma Oliver** and her family on the passing of her husband, Bob; **Ralph Paul** and his family on the passing of his father; **Robert Sampson** and his family on the passing of his wife, Billee; and **Ben Waters** and his family on the passing of his sister.



AlphaZeta: A Program for New Members

Join us Sunday, May 17, as we kick-off *AlphaZeta*, a program for new members. *AlphaZeta* will have four components: Decision Sunday, New Connections Breakfast, Supper at the Church and Family Game Night. Throughout the activities, we will focus on ways to grow spiritually and on understanding the foundational beliefs of God's children.

Those who joined TWUMC January - April 2009 will be part of the Alpha group; from May - August will be the Beta group; September - December will be Gamma group. New members will proceed through the program together with their group. For more information, please contact Sherry Lewallen at slewallen@twumc.org.



Find God. Find People. Find Yourself. EMERGE. If you're looking for an opportunity to grow in your faith, make new friends and have an absolute blast this summer, come be a part of our EMERGE Summer College Ministry! For 12 weeks, you'll take a journey with other college students through exciting times of worship, engaging discussions, fun activities and life-changing mission projects. EMERGE begins on Tuesday, June 2, at 7 p.m. in The Loft Hangar.

For more information, contact Terence Hagans, pastor of young adults, at 281.466.8607 or thagans@twumc.org. Are you ready to EMERGE?

Third Sunday Food Drive - May 17

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

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

New Member Welcome

Nina Barrett. South Logrun Circle, The Woodlands. She is transferring from The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church.

Andrew and Amber Brock. East Torch Pine Circle, The Woodlands. They have one child, Alexandra Grace.

Thomas and Kristen Brown. Infield Court, Conroe. They have three children, Tommy, Taylor and Rebecca, and are transferring from First United Methodist Church in Gulfport, Mississippi.

Adria Caldwell. Antico Court, The Woodlands. She has two children, Cole and Carter, and is transferring from Lord of Life Lutheran Church in The Woodlands.

Andrew Campbell. Oakhurst Drive, Spring. He is transferring from Grace Presbyterian Church in Houston.

Jay and Pam Close. Gallant Oak Place, The Woodlands. They are transferring from Lord of Life Lutheran Church in The Woodlands.

William and Marilyn Cook. Wedgewood Court, Spring. They are transferring from Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church in The Woodlands.

Jeff and Tunde Devitt. Lake Woodlands Drive, The Woodlands. They have two children, Ariel and Nicole.

Catherine Ericson. Research Park Drive, The Woodlands. She is transferring from Saint Luke's United Methodist Church in Houston.

Kevin and Stacy Fellers. Leichester Drive, Spring. They have two children, Kailey and Caden, and are transferring from Klein United Methodist Church.

Bill and Dee Hansen. The Woodlands. They are transferring from Saint Peter's United Methodist Church in Katy.

Shirald and Suzy Hendrix. Gleneden Court, The Woodlands. They are transferring from John Wesley United Methodist Church in Houston.

Kevin and Kristen Kowalski. East Gaslight Place, The Woodlands. They have one child, Tucker.

Monika Leskova-Elakel. Mansions View Drive, Conroe. She has two children, Ruwan and Meran, and is transferring from Saint Rita Catholic Church in Solon, Ohio.

Michael and Linda Metcalf. North Goldenvine Circle, The Woodlands. They have two children, Christopher and Lauren.

Boyd and Julie Moore. South Player Manor Circle. They have two children, Avery and Cade.

Melvin and Megan Morris. Colonial Springs Lane, Spring. They have one child, Madison Kathryn.

Ellen Bradley Noble. Six Pines Drive, The Woodlands. She is transferring from Fellowship of The Woodlands.

Bud and Judy Pylant. Wells Lane, Conroe. They are transferring from Spring Baptist Church.

Matt and Georgia Samford. Andrew Chase Lane, Spring. They have one child, Macie.

Steve and Audra Simpson. Piney Bend Court, Spring. They have two children, Natalie and Tyler.

Perry and Judy Walker. South Flagstone Path Circle, The Woodlands. They are transferring from Jefferson United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Men's Chorus

The Woodlands Academy of Fine Arts invites you to come and enjoy its *Men's Chorus Spring Concert* on May 17 at 3 p.m. in the Robb Chapel. Guest group *Belle Chanson* will join the men's chorus. Admission is free and a reception will follow in Jones Library. The Woodlands Academy of Fine Arts is an outreach of TWUMC's Music Ministry. For more information, please contact Joseph Fuller at 281.297.5961.

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