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# KAYMAH H. WARNER NEW HOPE ACADEMY MARGIBI COUNTY, LIBERIA



**Liberia Annual Conference  
Bethany UMC  
Grand Bassa  
District LAC/UMC**

## MISSION TRIP JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2016

**KAYMAH H. WARNER NEW HOPE ACADEMY**  
MAMBAH-KABA DISTRICT  
LOWER MARGIBI COUNTY, LIBERIA  
CONCEIVED February, 2009  
EST. FEBRUARY 14, 2014

**EPISCOPAL LEADERSHIP**  
Bishop Stephen Trawen Nagbe, Sr., 1955 - 1973  
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# 5789 MILE MISSION

THOUGHTS AND EXPERIENCES FROM OUR MEMBERS

Contributors: Miguel Galaviz, Betty Gudgell,  
Chris Olson, and Steve Vincent

In January of 2016, twelve Power From The SON volunteers, including members of FUMCA left for Monrovia, Liberia. For the next two weeks, they did preparation and installation work on the solar generation system and completed part of the internal wiring on the Kaymah H. Warner New Hope Academy.

The dream of former United Methodist Bishop and Vice President of Liberia, Bennie D. Warner, is to build a school that teaches children from kindergarten through high school. When completed, Kaymah H. Warner New Hope Academy in Margibi County, Liberia will serve children coming from at least fourteen area villages, children that have been without schools since the civil war, which ended in 2003.

The school will provide a curriculum which focuses on the fundamentals of elementary education, with emphasis on reading, writing arithmetic, computer technology, arts, music and basic elementary vocational technology in agriculture, and other hands on skills.

Bishop Warner asked Power From the SON (PFS), a to provide procurement and construction of the electrical system including a solar generating system. PFS engineers, procures, and constructs efficient electrical systems for hospitals, schools, and missions in the developing world. Prior to arriving in Liberia, PFS designed and procured the material necessary to provide 16Kwh at 220 volts; generated by solar cells installed on the roof of the school, and batteries to provide electricity on demand at night and during the rainy season. The system is designed to operate for up to eighteen years without the need for additional fuel or equipment replacement.

The school's target opening is September of 2016. Remaining construction items are finishing the floors, plastering of the walls, and installation of the ceiling, doors, and electrical fixtures. Upon completion, the school will be maintained and operated by the Liberian Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

**LEARN MORE ONLINE:** [arlingtonmethodist.org/Liberia](http://arlingtonmethodist.org/Liberia) or [PowerFromTheSon.com](http://PowerFromTheSon.com)



Steve Vincent  
*Power From the Son*  
*President, Church Member*

A missionary in Sierra Leone told me, "If you see something unusual, you should take a picture, because after five trips, nothing seems unusual." This was my fifth trip to Liberia, so I made a point to be aware of the sights and people that are totally different from what is found in Arlington, Texas. In January and February, Power From The SON was outside the capital city of Monrovia, in the bush, working to electrify The Kaymah H. Warner New Hope Academy and install our first solar generating station.

Some things will never change. Like the awe inspiring ability of the women, brightly dressed, to carry very heavy or bulky items on their head, all the while talking and laughing with their friends. The children are always running and laughing, playing with a hoop and stick, a piece of wood, or just following us around. It seems Liberians that have the least are blessed to be unencumbered by the material world and its demands, and enjoy life the most.

Good and evil is colorless and sexless. The things that can make us great and strong, or the divisions that can separate us, are the same all over the world. The only way to get to great and strong is to, "do unto others as you would have them do unto you". Greed, envy, a "me first and only" mentality, and lack of responsibility are destroyers.

I have changed. Because of the past trips and my interactions with Liberians in America, I am quite comfortable with their culture. I am able to work within their society and accomplish the goals of Power From The SON. Sometimes it takes a lot longer than I planned, but that too, is part of Liberia.

Some things should change. Liberians need education. It is the only way out of being one of the poorest countries in the world. The gifts that can change their world are education and motivation. The previous trip to Liberia was to electrify a seminary and high school in Gbarnga, Liberia. Due to customs issues, we were only able to have our supplies a few days. We installed the generator and electrified twenty-two buildings of the seminary. We did not have time to electrify the high school and its dormitories. This trip, we planned to send a work crew to finish the campus. When we arrived in Liberia, we were told by our friend, Dr. James Labala, the work was complete. When our crew arrived at the school, "The place was lit up like a football field!" Dr. Labala, a Liberian who has spent some time in the Bryan, Texas area explained, "The students wanted electricity. They asked me to help them. They dug the ditches and electrified the campus, looking at what you guys had done at the seminary for their model." This is the type of change Power From The SON hopes to inspire in Liberia.

Power From The Son will be there for Liberia as long as they want us to help them help themselves.





Miguel Galaviz  
Building Superintendent

**What was your experience like in Liberia?**

I thought I had arrived in paradise. It was the opportunity of a lifetime, that I will always treasure. The people there were very hospitable, and it made me feel like I was just at home, not in another country.

**What was one of your favorite parts of the experience?**

I think one of my favorite parts was working with the native people and exchanging ideas. My favorite feeling and part of the job was seeing the electric panel come on since we were under a time crunch. I also enjoyed sharing time with the group that I travelled with. Even though I have known some of them for a while, I had the experience of sharing conversation and getting to know them better. It was a good experience for me.

**What did you learn about God?**

I learned that God lives not only in my home, but in the faces, homes, and lives of the Liberians as well.

**What was something that surprised you the most during your trip?**

I was surprised at the kind of power that the government has. They don't always make things easier, even if you're doing something for their benefit. The shipping container we needed was stuck in customs, so we had less time than planned to do our work.

**What did you learn about the people, the church, and the Christian community in the area where you served?**

When we went to a church service the first Sunday we were there, the energy of the people was contagious. They were not going to let you take a nap in their church!



**As a follower of Christ, what did you learn that can help you be a more fully devoted disciple?**

I think as a Christian, sometimes we have the mentality that we are going to give something, not realizing that we gain more from the experience than what we give. I feel like I received more than I gave.

**How might your faith be different if you had grown up where you were serving, as opposed to in your home community?**

I would live there in a heartbeat, just as they live. We think they need a lot of things, material-wise, but they are often complete and happy without those things. What good does it do to have everything and not be complete, as far as material possessions go?

**What advice would you give to others hoping to go on similar mission trips?**

My advice is to go with the mentality and focus on performing the job you're going there to do. Don't forget what you're there for. Also, you don't necessarily have to go physically, because funding and support for the missions are just as important.



Betty Gudgell  
Church Member

I was unsure what to expect in Liberia. The only real news received from that region concerned Ebola. What I found there was a friendly country with hot temperatures, humid air and happy people. I never felt unsafe in Liberia.

I found I was surprised by how joyful and content the people of Liberia are, despite their poverty. The children came to our worksite daily to help, visit with us and to collect our empty water bottles. They were so excited to have a school in their neighborhood. Many children walk 7 or 8 miles per day, one way, to attend school. Several of the kids living near the Warner school did not attend at all because of the distance and difficulty in getting to school. The school is being built out "in the bush" and the road leading to the area is not paved or graded and the going is rough. Most Liberians walk everywhere and carry their wares on their heads. This an extremely poor country.

Precautions are still being taken to prevent Ebola. As we deplaned and before entering the terminal our temperature was taken and we were asked to wash our hands in bleach water. Prior to entering the grocery store we were asked to wash our hands to prevent disease each time.

Liberia is a mostly Christian country and there are many churches. On Sundays there was a difference in the dress of many as they made their way, on foot, to worship. We were fortunate enough to walk to services and thoroughly enjoyed being there. The music is happy and prayerful. The offering was taken three times with every person in the congregation going by row to the front of the sanctuary. As visitors, we were placed on the front row and introduced to the congregation.

Having a work experience like this reminded me to be grateful for the blessings I have and the people in my life. The group that traveled with us was so great and positive. Much planning had been done in advance of our arrival.

For those asking themselves if they should venture out on a mission trip, I say go for it. I was the oldest person in our work group and was hesitant to sign up but I kept feeling the pull to go. I would say don't be afraid of water, disease, food changes, or even bucket showers that you have to share with big bugs. It all works out when we attempt to follow God's plans.

The school is set to open this fall but there are still many needs. Each classroom needs to be furnished with desks, books, etc. which can all be provided for about \$1000 depending on the age of the students.





Chris Olson  
Church Member

### **What was it like in Liberia?**

I went on a mission trip to Liberia in 2009, and Liberia has changed over the last seven years, although it is still a typical third world country, if there is such a thing as typical. There is abject poverty, scarcity of resources and scarcity of compassion by some.

There have been improvements: some of the roads are better, so it is not as bone jarring to get into the countryside, but you still have to watch out for the occasional auto-eating pot hole. Traffic is worse, because there are more cars filling the paved roads. The general level of living, in the parts of Monrovia we stayed in, has improved. There are grocery stores that cater to Western tastes which have fixed prices for goods comparable to US prices but higher. But at other shops, or corner markets, there is a price for things bought by Westerners and a Liberian price for things. They will let you pay as much as you like, but to not haggle in the local shops is almost an insult.

When you drive around the city, two things catch your attention: there are lots of schools and lots of churches. The people value education, but there has been at least one, maybe two lost generations of Liberians without basic education because of the civil conflicts and poverty.

### **What was something that surprised you the most during your trip?**

It is not a cliché to say that the more things change the more they stay the same.

### **What did you learn about the people, the church, and the Christian community in the area where you served?**

They seem to be much more animated and participatory in their church services than we are.

### **What was your favorite part of the experience?**

Twice a day, we rode in the back of a vehicle similar to a Land Cruiser, to and from the work site. The first twenty minutes were a nice ride over paved roads, including the main highway I dubbed "I-35". It was a paved road with a stripe down the center, that most motorists honored.

The next twenty-five minutes on dirt roads were bone jarring, with holes, ruts, washed out sections, and cement culverts over streams.

The best part was the happy smiles on the faces of children that ran to the road to wave and greet us as we passed by each time. It made my day both coming and going.

### **As a follower of Christ, what did you learn that can help you be a more fully devoted disciple?**

It makes no difference where you go, you have to respect, serve, and treat people like Jesus was standing right next to you at all times.

### **What did you learn or experience that will change the way you live and represent Jesus in your home community and church?**

You need to walk a mile in someone else's shoes to understand them.

### **What did you learn about God?**

I am reminded that things happen according to God's timeline, not mine.

### **How might your faith be different if you had grown up where you were serving, as opposed to in your home community?**

I would probably have learned to trust more and ask for God's help more.

### **What advice would you give to others hoping to go on similar mission trips?**

Keep an open mind and ask a lot of questions.



# 2016 SUMMER CAMPS

By: Rev. Brian A. Young  
*Senior Associate Pastor*

## REGISTRATION

Registration for summer camps is open! While we will have some paper registration forms available, we have made online registration even easier with no need to print and return anything. It's better for the environment, and it can be completed at any time—day or night. Register at [arlingtonmethodist.org/Summer](http://arlingtonmethodist.org/Summer)

**Please be aware** that children won't be considered fully registered for camp until payment is made online or at the church office. Spots fill up fast, so be sure to register early.

## VOLUNTEERING

None of our camps would be possible without help from our fantastic volunteers. We have a great need for volunteers, and that are many ways to be involved this summer and throughout the year. There are cooking camps, art camps, music camps, VBS, and more. They vary from single-day to week-long camps, and any help you can give would be appreciated. All opportunities and volunteering descriptions can be found by visiting the website below.

**View opportunities and apply to volunteer at**  
[arlingtonmethodist.org/Children/Volunteer](http://arlingtonmethodist.org/Children/Volunteer)

## TERRIFIC TUESDAYS

*Martes Magníficas*  
Tues, June 7–July 5  
9:30 am–2:00 pm  
4th–6th grade  
\$45 or \$10/week

## ART CAMP

*Campamento de Arte*  
June 8 | 10:00 am–2:00 pm  
3rd–6th grade | \$20

## COOKALICIOUS CAMP

*Cocinalicioso*  
June 15–17  
10:00 am–12:30 pm  
4th–6th grade | \$20

## LITTLE ARTISTS CAMP

*Artistas Pequeñas*  
June 27 & 28  
10:00 am–12:00 pm  
K–2nd grade | \$10

## LITTLE CHEFS IN TRAINING

*Cocineros Pequeños*  
June 29–July 1  
10:00 am–12:00 pm  
K–3rd grade | \$20

## CROCHET CAMP

*Campamento de Tejer*  
July 6–8  
10:00 am–12:00 pm  
4th–6th grade | \$10

## MUSIC WEEK

*Semana de la Música*  
July 11–15 | 9:00 am–12:00 pm  
1st–6th grade | \$20

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

*EBDV*  
July 25–29  
9:00 am–12:00 pm  
PreK–6th grade | \$20

## SPECIAL NEEDS VBS

*EBDV Niños Especiales*  
July 24–26  
6:00–8:00 pm  
Special Needs  
Children & Adults

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\*All grades as  
of Fall 2016



## CHILDREN'S BOOK CARNIVAL

Saturday, June 4 | 10:00 am–1:00 pm

Join us for our annual Children's Book Carnival. Free books, games, food, and more!

Register online today at [arlingtonmethodist.org/Summer](http://arlingtonmethodist.org/Summer)

# YOUTH

## SUMMER ACTIVITIES

By: Joseph Bradley  
*Director of Youth Ministries*

It is that time of year again, when our youth ministry picks up and takes its show on the road. For many of our youth, past summer activities have proven to be highlights of their youth experience here at FUMCA. This summer is shaping up to be another in a long line of summers jammed packed with events for our youth to grow in their faith and in their relationships with one another.

### **JUNIOR HIGH MISSION TRIP: JUNE 6-10**

This summer, our Junior High youth will be once again attending a mission camp through a United Methodist organization: JUMMP (Junior High United Methodist Mission Project). This is a wonderful opportunity for our youth to gather with other United Methodist youth around the state to serve those in need. This year our youth will be traveling to Lindale, Texas.

### **SENIOR HIGH MISSION TRIP: JULY 17-23**

Our senior high youth will once again be attending a UM ARMY (United Methodist Action Reach-out Mission by Youth) mission camp where they will join with other United Methodist youth to serve the community of Wichita Falls, Texas. FUMC Farmersville, will be joining us in our week of mission, and it promises to be a week of faith-filled service, fun, and fellowship.

### **TESTAMENT CHOIR TOUR**

Our Testament Youth Choir this year will be a mystery trip. This trip provides the opportunity to minister to others through song. While on this trip, our youth will sing at different retirement communities as well as help lead worship. Dates for this year's choir tour are June 18-24 with a homecoming concert during Sunday morning worship on June 26.

### **REGULAR YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

We will not be having our Wednesday night program through the Summer. We will meet on select Sunday nights throughout the summer. We will also have special activities planned. A complete list of dates and events can be found on our church website as well as in our weekly e-blast. We ask for your prayers for all the events and activities we have this summer. Please pray that these events help our youth grow in their faith and relationships with one another. We thank you for all of your support and know that none of this would be possible without the wonderful support of our loving church family.

**Register online for youth summer events  
at [arlingtonmethodist.org](http://arlingtonmethodist.org)**



# "WHAT'S UP, ZAK?"

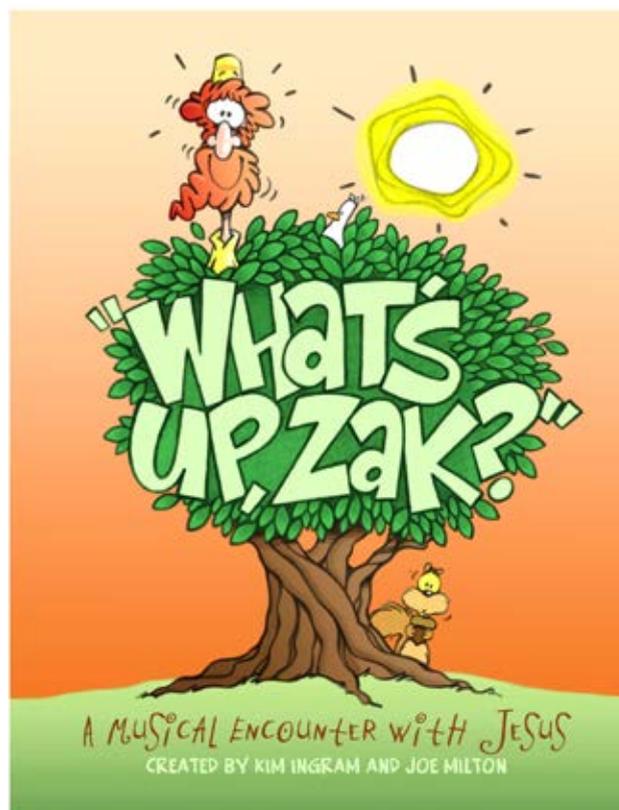
By: Sean Hale  
*Director of Music and Worship*

As a child at FUMC of Arlington, Music Week was always a highlight of the summer and a family event for us in the Hale house. My mom was a leader and my sister participated along with me. I have many fond memories of Terrific Tuesdays leading up to Music Week as well. What an excellent tradition these camps continue to be!

This year our Director of Children's Music, Janie Johnson, has selected a musical entitled, "What's Up, Zak?" The musical chronicles the story of Zacchaeus in a fun way. Music Week is not only a great way to minister to the children of our own church, but it is an excellent way to invite other families outside of our church to participate. We generally draw a number of kids that are not members of our church, and that is a wonderful thing! Lots of fun goes into the making of the musical, but it is also a great learning experience about a Bible story and a chance to minister to the children of our community.

If you do not have a child in the musical, perhaps you may want to volunteer to help. It's a great opportunity to show the children of the church that they are a part of our church family.

Preparation for the musical begins with Terrific Tuesdays which will start on June 7. Kids who are entering grades 4-6 can participate in Terrific Tuesdays and will begin learning their parts for the musical as well as songs or solos. The children rehearse and then do a fun activity, like visiting Theater Arlington to see The Little Mermaid. Music Week will be July 11-15 this year. The performance is Friday, July 15 at 7:00 pm in the Great Hall.



## TERRIFIC TUESDAYS

Tues, June 7–July 5  
9:30 am–2:00 pm  
4th–6th grade  
\$45 or \$10/week

## MUSIC WEEK

July 11–15  
9:00 am–12:00 pm  
1st–6th grade | \$20  
Musical: July 15 | 7 pm

Register online for Terrific Tuesdays and Music Week at [arlingtonmethodist.org/Summer](http://arlingtonmethodist.org/Summer)



On July 1, Rev. Kevin Wilson and Rev. Alfie Wines will be appointed to FUMCA as Associate Pastors. Look for more information and details in July.

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**Rachel Patman**  
*Director of Children's Ministries*

My name is Rachel Patman and my life's passion is to advocate for the spiritual, physical and emotional well-being of children. I am originally from Oklahoma, but have lived in several places across the southern United States. I have a degree in Elementary Education from Western Kentucky University, and a Master of Divinity from Candler School of Theology in Atlanta, GA. In 2006, I was commissioned as a Deaconess by the General

Board of Global Ministries, making a lifetime commitment to ministries of love, justice, and service. I have worked with children in a variety of church, community, and public school settings over the last 20 years. My husband, Don, and I just celebrated our 11th anniversary. We have two children, Anna, 8, and Micah, 5, who are almost as excited as I am to be a part of the children's ministry at FUMC of Arlington. I look forward to getting to know you!



**Manny Martinez**  
*Hispanic Ministries Intern and Summer Pastoral Intern*

My name is Emmanuel Martinez, also known as Manny. My two older siblings and I were raised by my parents in the border community of Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, where I am a native from. I am currently attending El Centro College as a senior transfer student after have invested a couple of years in college in Georgia. My goals are to culminate my undergraduate studies as a Philosophy and Religion major,

attend seminary, and ultimately pursue ordination among the United Methodist family. I will be serving at First United Methodist Church of Arlington as a Pastoral Intern over the summer, after serving as the Hispanic Ministries Intern in La Jornada. Prayerfully, I look forward to more great experiences in ministry amid the congregation, staff, and clergy of the FUMCA community.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT: GENESIS



## **When and where does your class meet?**

Every Sunday at 9:30 am in Room 251.

## **How long has your class been meeting?**

Since 2007.

## **How many people are in your class?**

Around twenty on an average Sunday.

## **Who is your class geared towards?**

Anyone who has a desire to grow in faith and discipleship (and even those who aren't quite sure). We don't really represent a certain demographic group. Our members range in age from 30s to 70s. We have members who are married, single, divorced, male, and female. Our education levels, career focuses and economic statuses are varied and diverse. Our common goal is to help one another grow in faith and discipleship through study, service, accountability and fellowship. We are self-taught. Eleven class members rotate to deliver each Sunday's lesson. The teachers select the study series and the subjects range from Adam Hamilton's *John Wesley's Revival* to Mike Slaughter's *Radical Gospel*.

## **Tell us something interesting your class has done recently:**

We participated in a Kairos Prison Ministries closing worship service inside the Alred Unit in Iowa Park, Texas. We have visited Don Hughes' model railroad. We have quarterly gatherings

for food and fellowship, at restaurants, member homes, and other locations.

## **Is there a way your class gets involved with the One Mile Mission?**

As a class we contribute to Arlington Charities and Kairos Prison Ministries, both monetarily and through service. Our latest and ongoing service project was assembling Blessing Bags to carry in our automobiles for opportunities to bless street corner beggars. These are just a couple of specific mission activities we participate in. We generally answer the call to whatever opportunity presents itself through our church's ongoing mission programs. We have members who in the past and present, have participated in or led studies such as Beginnings, as well as in other places such as Kairos Prison Ministries, Picker's Fellowship, Church Leadership Committees, and Church Council.

## **The greatest strength of your class is:**

We love God and neighbor.

## **Describe your class in three words:**

Disciples in training.

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## **More Sunday school information:**

For a full listing of Sunday school class descriptions, times, and rooms, visit [arlingtonmethodist.org](http://arlingtonmethodist.org) or pick up one of the Sunday school listings located in the informational bookshelves around the church.

## **NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS! BEGINS JUNE 12 AT 9:30 AM IN ROOM 265**

# FUSION

A merging of singles, early career professionals, young married couples, and young families with kids. Whatever point you are at in life, you can find fellowship here! This is a class for those who want active fellowship, both in and out of the church.

**REAL TALK**

# Paul's Letter to the Galatians

By: Rev. Jarrod Johnston  
*Associate Pastor of Young Adults  
and Communications*

## SUMMER WORSHIP SERIES: MAY 29–JULY 3

Paul's Letter to the Galatians can be a tough pill to swallow. The church in Galatia had been given the good news of Jesus Christ to share, but it wouldn't be long before their ministry was corrupted by outside influences:

People who focused on the physical before the spiritual. People who focused on rules over grace. People who focused on history instead of the future.

To this church, Paul says, "Jesus is enough". As we embark on our first worship series of the summer, we'll read Paul at his most direct, his most polarizing, but also his most hopeful. It all calls us, here and now, to ask:

What does this letter to an ancient and struggling church mean for the church today? Is Jesus still enough? It's time for some real talk.

# OneMileMosser.com

## DR. MOSSER'S BLOG

*Dr. Mosser's blog is a source of sermon transcripts and blog entries that is updated every Friday. The following is an example of a typical blog post:*



### "A House Divided Against Itself"

Friedrich Nietzsche was a provocative, and still much quoted, 19th Century German philosopher. He was a severe critic of religion, especially the Christian religion. He once suggested that "The last Christian died on the cross." And, concerning Christian evangelism, he said, "If the church wants the world to believe in redemption, then the church ought to look a little more redeemed."

There is enough truth in that criticism to trouble those of us who have been involved in the effort of evangelism. Most of us could easily recite an occasion or two in which the church has not looked very redeemed. There are extreme exponents of the individualism, who in their determination to "have it their way" all the time, provoke dissension continually. Their failure to get along with others is more often than not a reflection of their inability to be at peace within themselves.

I read about a man who was stranded on a deserted island for several years. The rescue party noticed that he had built three separate

huts next to each other. When asked what the huts were for, he said, "I live in the one in the middle, and I go to church in the one on the right." When asked about the one on the left, he said, "Oh, that's where I used to go to church." Some people can't even get along with themselves.

Another man once noticed that there was a church out on the edge of his town named the "Wego Baptist Church." Intrigued by this name, he called several of his Baptist pastor friends and asked about the church. None of them knew how the church got its name. Pressed by his curiosity, he stopped at the church one day and asked the church secretary about the name. She told him an interesting story:

Back in the 1940's there had been a conflict that divided the church's membership evenly down the middle. Half of the people wanted the church to take one ministry approach while the other half wanted a different approach to ministry. They could not decide. The conflict devastated the church. After much debate they decided to separate. One group said to the other, "We go and you stay." In order to commemorate this moment in the history of the church, the dissenting group decided to call their new congregation the "Wego Baptist Church."

Sometime the church does not look very redeemed. It is strange—and encouraging—that God often uses our failures to the purposes of the Kingdom—no credit to our hard-headedness.

Lest my Baptist friends think I am casting aspersions on their great denomination, let me tell you that I have seen a few "Wego" Methodist churches in my time—and Episcopalian, Pentecostal, Presbyterian, etc.

*-Blog post from May 13, 2016*

# NEW MEMBERS & BAPTISMS

FEBRUARY—MAY



Hobie and Tricia Henderson



Michael and Peggy Parson



David and Herbie Wilbanks



## 2016 CONFIRMATION CLASS:

Elaine Marie Copeland	Caden Allen Martin	Sydney Joy Stewart
Elizabeth Edwards Granger	Mallory Lynn Menard	Sara Leeann White
Carson Hagman	Chase Alexander Norris	David Austin Wilbanks
Jacqueline Mei Loper	Nicole Michele Novak	Kayleigh Nicole Wims
Presli Brooke Mallory	Madelyn McKee Stark	Samantha Faith Wren



Baptism: Mackenzie Ann Aylor



Baptism: Maddison Howard,  
Elizabeth Preston, Grayson Zacha

Not Pictured: Briana Chambers, Judy Jones, Cayla Moore, Andre Shorter, Kathryn Tanner, LeeAnn Wendell, Brittany Wright

# SUMMER

## WORSHIP SERIES & EVENTS

### REAL TALK: PAUL'S LETTER TO THE GALATIANS

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**MAY 29**

***Keeping It Real***

Galatians 1:1–12

It is, and it isn't, our gospel.

**JUNE 5**

***Paul's Story***

Galatians 1:11–24

Paul never sought human approval.

Why do we?

**JUNE 12**

***Faith Before Works***

Galatians 2:15–21

No matter what you do, faith in Christ is first.

**JUNE 19**

***One in Christ***

Galatians 3:23–29

Listen to who God says you are.

**JUNE 26**

***Fulfilling the Law***

Galatians 5:1, 13–25

Jesus is to be the authority in our lives, above all others.

**JULY 3**

***Jesus is Enough***

Galatians 6:7–16

As a people who follow Christ, we boast only in him.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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**BOOK CARNIVAL**

JUNE 4 | 10 AM–1:00 PM

Children of our church and community are invited to attend our Book Carnival. There will be free books, games, hot dogs, sno cones, and t-shirt decorating.

**JUNIOR HIGH MISSION TRIP\***

JUNE 6–10 | LINDALE, TX

Age requirements: completed confirmation through entering 9th grade.

**TESTAMENT CHOIR TOUR**

JUNE 18–24

The Testament Choir's annual tour to a mystery location. Their Homecoming Sunday will be June 26.

**DR. MOSSER'S VBS FOR ADULTS\***

JUNE 20 | 6:00–8:00 PM | GREAT HALL

This year our VBS study will be on Genesis Chapters 1–11. There will be a meal and time of fellowship at 6:00. Registration online or in the church office. Donations of \$10 each for the meal will be collected for each night.

**SOCIAL SECURITY 101**

JUNE 26 | 9:30–10:45 PM | BANQUET ROOM

Seminar presented by Educate DFW. Everyone is welcome.

**SENIOR HIGH MISSION TRIP\***

JULY 17–23 | WICHITA FALLS, TX

Age requirements: incoming 10th graders through graduated seniors.

**A LOOK AHEAD\***

AUGUST 13 | 8:00 AM–5:00 PM

Informational conference for persons with disabilities and their families.

**BLOOD DRIVE**

AUGUST 21 | 9:00 AM–1:00 PM | BANQUET ROOM

Summer blood drive sponsored by Carter BloodCare. Your donation touches 3 lives!

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