



THE WESLEY BEARKAT

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*A newsletter designed
to be experienced in 7
minutes, for people
on the go!*



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A Few Quick Words from Greg

I still have a ritual of checking all the Covid data, numbers and facts. I have 5 websites, including the Texas Medical Center and Department of Health and Human Services. It does put a smile on face each time I see the Covid numbers continue to plummet in Texas, and the vaccination numbers increase and increase. I feel like I am a character living in the land of Narnia that is witnessing the thawing out of the 1000-year winter. With that comes the hope and anticipation that Aslan is about to do more amazing things.

In the beginning of the semester, SHSU called for a two week moratorium on student organizations meeting face to face. We are a student org and we are a church that has members who are not SHSU students. Yet, we chose to respect SHSU's directives and opted to have our Weds night dinners as to-go only so students could still have their Weds night meal while experiencing some spiritual formation with our online worship. Once the moratorium expired, we returned to face-to-face worship and will continue live-streaming it on Facebook for semesters and years to come. Since then, our campus foot traffic is considerably higher than it was in the fall. We are still seeing new students join the Wesley Ministry! As I write this, several of our students have also gotten their vaccinations. We are ready to leave the Covid Era behind, and see what God brings us during the Reconstruction Era!

In Christ's Service,

Greg



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Kats for Christ and Wesley Continue Visiting Tradition

Our Wesley students have been intentional about building bridges with other campus ministries for years. For the third year in a row, we did a Weds swap with Kats for Christ. They also have dinner and a Weds night experience, so on March 24, we joined theirs and Greg gave the message. On March 31, they joined our dinner and worship and Todd (their groovy campus minister) gave the message here. We always enjoy seeing relationships grow with other Christ-followers.



Crawfish Boil

In 2020, one of many events that was planned and canceled due to quarantine was our first-ever crawfish boil. We were able to have it in March, thanks to the help of parents and family friends! The event was after Spring Break to help us rally for the fourth quarter of the academic year, as well as connect with many students who had not been to the Wesley before.

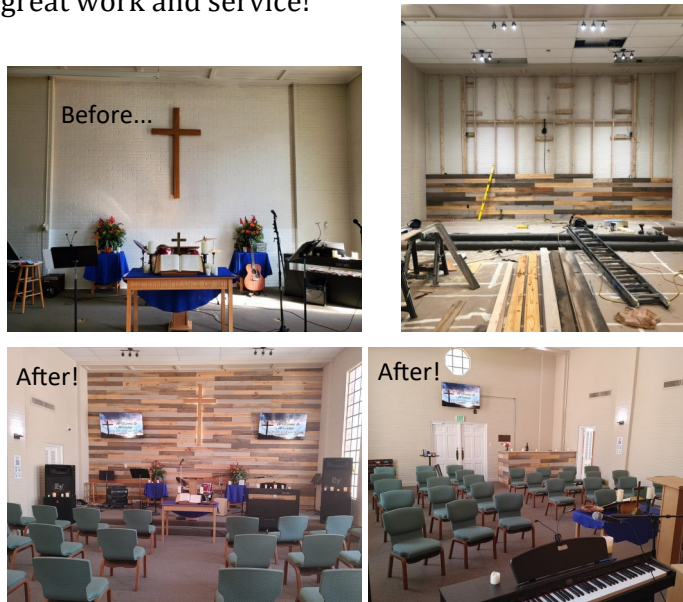


More Pictures from Snowvid '21



Chapel Remodeling Project (Jan)

We finished a project that was in development for several years! Thanks to a generous gift from an alumnus, plus money we had saved, we were finally able to install flat screen tvs, re-do the lighting, repaint, install a new tech station and install wood paneling for the stage area. The updated sanctuary looks AMAZING! Special thanks to Updated Home Remodeling for their great work and service!



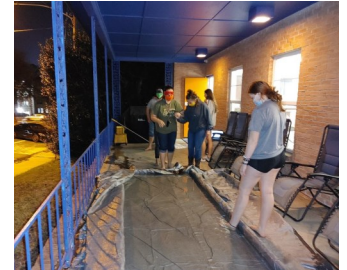
Wesley Work Day Draws Allies (3/6/21)

For the first time ever, other student orgs jumped in and helped at the Wesley Work Day: The SHSU Food Pantry and Zeta Tau Alpha sorority! We cleared the Veggie Garden and planted for the first season. We cleaned off fans, lights, the roof, the grounds. We repainted. We built and painted three new picnic tables for the front porch. Much was accomplished!



Peter's Walk Delayed, Not Canceled

Snovid '21 took place during Ash Wednesday. We decided to do our Ash Weds experience a week later anyway, when temperatures were back in the 70s. Peter's Walk consists of blindfolding the students and taking them to different stations to experience scenes in Peter the Apostle's life. It has been our way of starting the season of Lent for years now, and we are glad to have been able to do it, and not see it as another lost experience of these trying times.



Finding More Ways to Serve During Spring 2021



Even though we could not deliver roses to Creekside Retirement Community, we still made nearly 50 Valentine's Cards & brought them there to bless the residents.



We did a food drive for the SHSU Food Pantry, since demand for food was high because of Snowmeggedon.



We returned to the COME Center Resale shop to help sort. Men from Tau Kappa Epsilon joined us for the effort!

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Generosity Corner

If you use PayPal, Apple Pay, Google Pay, or Venmo, you can use your phone to scan the QR codes to donate electronically to support the ministry of the Wesley! Our students also use these apps to help support our Weds night offering, since many do not carry cash on a regular basis!



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Tater Tour '21 Status (Baked Potato Fundraisers at 8 churches)

-Riverside UMC (2/7/21) -Madisonville UMC (2/28/21)

-Bays Chapel and Farris Chapel UMCs (3/7/21)

-Paul Horton UMC (3/28/21) **Raised so far: \$9,200.00**

Remaining: First UMC Huntsville (4/18),
Wesley Memorial UMC (4/25), Onalaska UMC (6/13/21)

COMING IN NOVEMBER:

**1st Annual Wesley Virtual Auction:
Nov 1-13, 2021**

<https://www.biddingowl.com/SHSUWesleyFoundation>

To donate items or services, call 936-295-5463!

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