



THE WESLEY BEARKAT

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to be experienced in 7
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on the go!*



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End of Year Event, May 5, 2021



A Few Quick Words from Greg

This is my tenth summer at SHSU. I have had multiple exciting weeks this summer, such as leading FUMC Huntsville's group to Orange, TX for UM ARMY (July). I also was glad to serve as a senior high school co-director of Lakeview Session 2 Camp (June).

One other amazing week I saw God move was when a UM ARMY Camp came to Huntsville.



This first week of June was action-packed. Adults and youth from Moody Memorial UMC, Pearland FUMC and Clear Lake UMC stayed at FUMC Huntsville and did incredible work around Huntsville such as painting Shiro UMC, building wheelchair ramps and helping the Wesley complete Phase 2 of our Veggie Garden! Bays Chapel UMC, a strong Wesley supporter, brought a dinner. The Youth Group brought a dinner. And the Wesley supplied a dinner and Saturday breakfast!



I truly felt like Nick Fury from the Avengers saga, bringing together a group of extraordinary youth, college students and adults to do amazing feats in Jesus' work to save the world. It was amazing to see God's hand in relationships I have spent years cultivating, and then to connect them with each other for marvelous Kingdom work!



In Christ's Service,

Greg

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Items needed for 1st Auction!

We are taking on a new ambitious fundraiser: a virtual auction, where all of our parents, alumni, church supporters, and people in the community can support our ministry by either donating an item or/and purchasing one for the auction! To make arrangements, call 936-295-5463 or email shsuwesleyfoundation@gmail.com

One round of Golf at Raven's Nest Golf Club

Massage, facials, manicures, pedicures

Autographed items (sports balls, hats, pictures)

Laser engraved items, like cutting boards

Kitchen items, dining room items, knife sets, etc

Quilts, blankets, rugs

Paintings

Tools from a hardware store

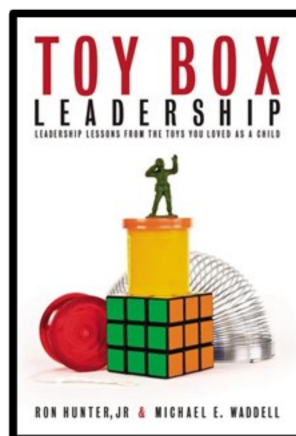
Elegant antique items

Christmas items



Leaders Finish Year of Development

This past academic year, the Wesley took a big bold step to better train, develop and equip our leaders. Each month, Greg would meet with each leader one on one to discuss thoughts and insights from a leadership book. The book that was selected was "Toy Box Leadership," by Ron Hunter and Michael Waddell. At the end of each semester, the Wesley would take the leaders out for a meal together to discuss the contents.



End of Year Event Brings 2020-2021 Academic Year to a Close

2020-2021 was truly one of the hardest years. But even in times of great adversity and great challenge, God still moves and God still does incredible things. Even during one of our hardest years, we had not one, not two, but five baptisms. Five. Five young adults, with little or no church experience between them, make commitments to receive Christ as Savior and Lord and to follow him with their lives. We ended the academic year strong with our annual End of Year Event combined with the last dinner and worship. Powerful testimonies were shared, our graduates were honored with the giving of Wesley chords, picture frames, wall crosses, and the sharing of memories from all those who remain. Our fun superlative awards were given out. The new Wesley students of the year were inducted into the Wesley's Wall of Fame.



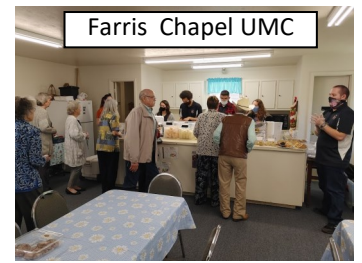
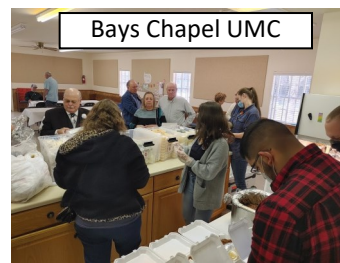
Veggie Garden Phase 2 Complete!

Sadly, College UM ARMY did not happen due to dwindled support. Yet, that freed up the funds we needed to build seven more vegetable garden beds and drastically increase our growing capacity! The cucumbers and squash in the new beds are already flourishing! The SHSU Food Pantry next door has been extremely blessed by pounds and pounds of fresh vegetables coming in from the Wesley Veggie Garden. I have dubbed 2021 as “the year of abundant rain,” which has directly helped our vegetable garden thrive, which in turn helps respond to food insecurity on the SHSU campus. Our heartfelt thanks goes out to the adults and youth from FUMC Pearland, Moody Memorial UMC of Galveston and Clear Lake UMC for coming to our aid during UM ARMY and building the Phase 2 for us! Grant money was also given to the SHSU Food Pantry, and they contributed to Phase 2!



2021 “Tater Tour” Raises Over \$13,000!

A supporter of the Wesley at one of our supporting churches nicknamed our baked potato fundraisers “the Tater Tour.” Oh my gosh! Why didn’t we come up with this name sooner? In 2021, we made our rounds to eight churches to fundraise for our Wesley ministry. Our leaders and crew put in a great effort, and we sold out of potato lunches at multiple churches. For multiple churches, it was the highest amount they have ever raised for a Wesley baked potato fundraiser. Our heartfelt thanks goes out to our Board members and supporting church leaders who rallied support, the students and staff who made the Tater Tour happen and all of the people who invested in the Wesley’s ministry!



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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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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!

What to expect: Fun short videos from the Wesley on YouTube and Facebook of Greg interviewing students to share a portion of their life at the Wesley, as we show off your wonderful auction items!

Top bids by 11:59pm on Nov 13 win the item!

Arrangements for shipping will be made, shipping costs will be applied.



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