



THE WESLEY BEARKAT

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*A newsletter designed
to be experienced in 8
minutes, for people
on the go!*



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Welcome Week, 8/24/2022



A Few Quick Words from Greg

At the beginning of this year, I planted a baby crepe-myrtle tree in a grassy area of our parking lot. I nicknamed the baby tree “Grogü”, Baby Yoda’s name from the Disney Plus series The Mandalorian. This breed of tree can have a 70 or 80 year lifespan or more. That means, if all goes well, “Grogü” will be alive and well to the end of this century, years after I have passed away. It’s a bit sobering to think of: planting trees that will still be here after we’re gone, even if that is decades from now.



Ministry to college students and young adults is like that, too. We nurture faith, care for, cultivate, guide, protect and do everything we can to impact their lives in the present time that will have future implications. Every person who became a “redwood of faith” started as a sapling. It was so with the first disciples who followed Jesus, and the same can be said by all the billions of disciples who have followed Him throughout the centuries, including our own.

Someday in the later part of this 21st Century, “Grogü” will be as tall as its cousin crepe myrtle trees (one is pictured below). More importantly, many of the students we serve together today will be great leaders in churches and ministries, as well as committed disciples of Jesus Christ. And I am certain from their words, skills and actions will blossom even more beautiful things.

In Christ’s Service,

Greg



CONNECT WITH US!



Items needed for 2nd Auction!

We are having another virtual auction this year, 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 from the auction! To make arrangements, call 936-295-5463 or email shsuwesleyfoundation@gmail.com

Please donate by Friday at Noon on 11/4/22!

A Round of Golf at Bearkat Golf Club or other Sport Tickets

Massages, Facials, Manicures, etc.

Autographed Items (sports balls, hats, pictures)

New Power Tools

Kitchen & Dining Room Items, Knife Sets, etc.

Quilts, Blankets, Rugs, Paintings

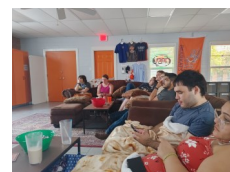
Elegant Antique Items

Christmas Items



Summer 2022 at the Wesley

We had a great summer at the Wesley! We helped host a UM ARMY Camp who did projects at our Wesley, we fed their crew twice, and opened our Wesley to them too. We had a weekly dinner and Bible study on Wednesday nights, that lasted all the way to Welcome Week. We used The Chosen video series, season 1, and highly recommend it to you! We can't say enough good things about it! We were also able to do a service project: drive to Gause, TX to assist Gause UMC in their quarterly roadside cleanup responsibilities. Our leadership also did an amazing job at the new student orientations, connecting with over 130 new students who signed up for more info from the Wesley.



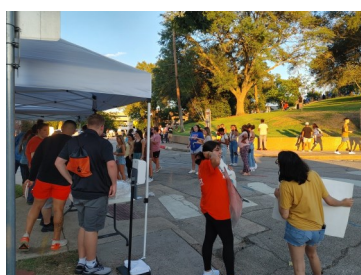
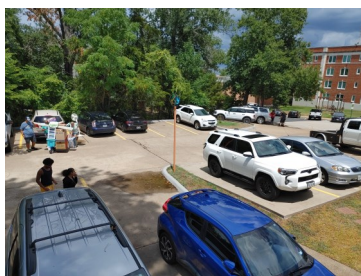
End of Year Event Brings 2021-2022 Academic Year to a Close

The end of the year is always bittersweet. At least we didn't have to contend with a playoff Bearkat football game this time, due to the season being postponed as a response to Covid! This was our first "more normal" End of Year Event since April of 2019. We enjoyed dinner at Olive Garden. The baton was passed from the 2021-2022 Council to the newly elected 2022-2023 Council. Superlative awards were given. We enjoyed a great End-of-Year video composed by Nic Hendricks, our Connections Intern. Many good words and memories were shared with our graduates. More hand-prints were added to the Wall of Fame in our Couch Room (now celebrating its 20th year of handprints being added to the wall). We don't get to keep the young men and women God has entrusted to us; we get to launch them! Our campus ministry excels at that!



Welcome Week 2022 Dodges Rain, Still Succeeds!

After a scorching summer with no rain, lots of the rain finally showed up for Welcome Week. Well, OK. It made Move-In Days a lot different, plus it was the coldest move-in weekend ever for us (82 degrees as the high on Friday; Wow!) This August was our most ambitious Welcome Week ever: three dessert open houses in a row, Friday through Sunday nights, serving snow cones and helping people move in, renting a big waterslide, our Monday night luau, Tuesday pancake brunch, Wednesday's interaction with Party at the Pit, parking lot movie night, all leading up to our first dinner and worship service! Starting the year off strong always gives us great momentum to do many more great things in service and ministry!



2022 "Tater Tour" Raises \$15,000!

I never thought I would travel like a rock band, except with selling potato lunches to hundreds of amazing people from eight different churches, across a 4-month span! We did it!! Over 700 potato lunches were served to amazing people in churches from across our region: north, east, south and west of us! Generosity flowing in from all directions! Such generosity ensures our students only have to pay \$20 for a semester retreat (instead of \$100). It funds good paying jobs for our outstanding interns. It helps with food costs, promoting this campus ministry, and especially impacting our communities through our service projects. From the bottom of our hearts to all the great people who helped our 2022 Tater Tour be the biggest ever: thank you, Thank You, THANK YOU!



2.6.22- Riverside UMC



2.13.22- Willis UMC



2.27.22- First UMC Huntsville



3.6.22- Bays Chapel UMC



3.6.22- Farris Chapel



3.27.22- Madisonville UMC



4.10.22- Paul Horton UMC



6.12.22- Onalaska UMC

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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:

2nd Annual Wesley Virtual Auction:

Nov 7-11, 2022

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

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

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

Arrangements for shipping will be made, shipping costs will be applied. Or use it as a great reason to come by the Wesley in-person!



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