



NEWSLETTER

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SPRING FORWARD
ONE HOUR ON
MARCH 8 AT 2AM

The banner has a light green background with a decorative border of colorful flowers (pink, orange, purple, yellow) and green leaves. The text is in a bold, dark green sans-serif font.

ANN H. LOYD WILL TURN 100 ON MARCH 14TH. HER FAMILY IS REQUESTING CARDS TO HELP HER CELEBRATE. THERE WILL BE A RECEPTION AT THE WESLEY HOUSE FROM 2-4 THAT DAY OR YOU CAN BRING YOUR CARDS BY THE CHURCH OFFICE BEFOREHAND AND WE WILL GET THEM TO HER.

The announcement is set against a light beige background with a decorative border of white lilies and green leaves. The text is in a red, serif font.

TRIPLE L
GAME TIME
TUESDAY, MARCH 31
AT NOON IN THE GYM

The banner has a white background with a colorful border. It features icons of a colorful ring, a pin, a domino, and a stack of cards. The text is in a bold, colorful sans-serif font.

THE ARK ENCOUNTER
STILL HAS 4 SEATS ON THE BUS LEFT FOR OUR TRIP MARCH 23-28.
CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE OR SEE BARBIE STEGMAN TO SIGN UP!

The banner has a dark blue background with a starry pattern. The text is in a white, bold, sans-serif font.

DEACON NOMINATIONS
WE ARE NEEDING TO ADD MORE DEACONS AS OUR CHURCH CONTINUES TO GROW. YOU CAN PICK UP A COPY OF THE "DEACON QUALIFICATIONS" IN THE FOYER OR EAST PORTICO ALONG WITH A "DEACON NOMINATION" FORM. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATIONS IN THE OFFERING PLATE OR TO THE CHURCH OFFICE THROUGH MARCH 15TH.

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COMMUNITY Bible Study
March 18th Noon - 1
Lunch \$10
Study led by Jerry Gaston
RSVP to church office by noon March. 16th.

The banner has a purple and orange bokeh background. The text is in a white, serif font.

HELP YOURSELF TO FREE BOOKS AND DVDS ON THE CART OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY

The banner has a light beige background with a decorative border of colorful triangles. The text is in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

Karen's Korner

Dear Friends,

The tulip trees are in full bloom and the redbuds are right behind them! I think that means that Spring is almost here. Daylight Savings time begins March 8 – move that clock forward one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

Easter is only one month away – who do you want to invite to our special resurrection celebration of music, message and brunch on April 5th? We will have services at 9:00 and 11:00 with brunch in between at 10.

Finally, save the date for Tuesday, May 19th. We will be travelling to ETBU for a one-day Senior Adult conference. Cost is only \$25 and includes a message by Dr. David Hardage, Director of Church Engagement for Texans on Mission; lunch; “The Life & Memory of Susanna Wesley” by Professional Storyteller, Dr. Shellie O’Neal; Coffee & Cookie break; and a mini concert by Award-winning Gospel artist, Mark Bishop. Call the church office to sign up.

In His Love,
Karen Oakerson
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 3/8 Daylight Savings Time Begins
Move Clocks Forward 1 hour
- 3/9-13 GISD Spring Break
- 3/11 No Wednesday Activities
- 3/12 Precept Studies Exodus
9:30 Ad 5
- 3/14 Ann H. Loyd Reception
Wesley House 2-4
- 3/18 Community Bible Study
Noon Gym Lunch \$10
- 3/23-28 Ark Encounter
- 3/26 Precept Studies Leviticus
9:30 Ad 5
- 3/31 Potluck and Game Day
Noon Gym





Hymn Story



There Shall Be Showers of Blessing

This hymn was written by Major Daniel Webster Whittle. Before he was a major, Daniel served in the Civil War and in one battle was knocked out. That night his arm was amputated above the elbow. As he recovered he searched in his backpack for something to read and found the New Testament his mom had placed there.

He read straight through it and found that it was interesting, and he could understand it in a way he never had before. He re-read it and understood how to become a Christian but still did not make that decision. One day in the hospital a young man next to him begged a nurse to pray for him but the nurse refused. The man then asked Daniel to pray, but Daniel replied, "I can't pray. I never prayed in my life. I am just as wicked as you are."

Daniel sensed the Lord speaking to him, so in his own words, "I dropped on my knees and held the boy's hand in mine. In a few broken words I confessed my sins and asked Christ to forgive me. I believed right there that He did forgive me. I then prayed earnestly for the boy. He became quiet and pressed my hand as I prayed and pleaded God's promises for him. When I arose from my knees he was dead, but a look of peace had come over his troubled face and I believe that he had trusted God. I hope to meet him in Heaven."

*There shall be showers of blessing: This is the promise of love;
There shall be seasons refreshing, Sent from the Savior above.*

CHORUS:

*Showers of blessing, Showers of blessing we need;
Mercy-drops round us are falling, But for the showers we plead.*

*There shall be showers of blessing— Precious reviving again;
Over the hills and the valleys, Sound of abundance of rain.*

CHORUS

*There shall be showers of blessing; Send them upon us, O Lord!
Grant to us now a refreshing; Come, and now honor Thy Word.*

CHORUS

*There shall be showers of blessing; O that today they might fall,
Now as to God we're confessing, Now as on Jesus we call!*

CHORUS

