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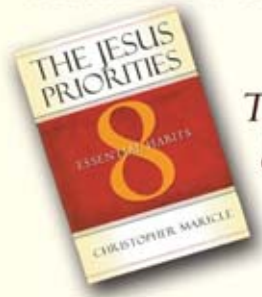
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GRONEMAN LECTURE SERIES

WITH
CHRISTOPHER MARICLE



AUTHOR OF
THE JESUS PRIORITIES
8 ESSENTIAL HABITS

A&M United Methodist Church invites you and your friends to the Groneman Lecture Series with Christopher Maricle, author of *The Jesus Priorities*. Maricle has searched the scriptures, focusing on the New Testament to find the answer to one particular question:

What did Jesus...

consistently say and do...

during his public ministry...

that would be instructive for us?

Join us as Christopher Maricle addresses this question in a series of talks entitled, *The Jesus Priorities @ Home*. These talks go beyond what would Jesus do, focusing on what Jesus did and how it impacts our faith and life. This is definitely something you will want to invite friends and neighbors to join you on Sunday and Monday, September 20-21.

Here's the line-up:

Sunday, September 20th

Morning Worship (8:30 and 11:00 in the Sanctuary; 9:45 in Great Hall)

Forgive THAT?! (Luke 7:36-50; John 8:3-11) - What does forgiveness really mean? Jesus forgave his tormentors. Can we do that? Is it within our power and how do we exercise or strengthen that power? How do we emulate the compassion that Jesus showed to everyone?

Sunday Evening (6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary)

Lego my Ego - Humility is not a call to meekness, but to service. The practice of humility will strengthen every relationship you have, beginning with God. Come reflect on practical ways we can embrace our gospel mission through the eighth essential habit: *Humility*.

Monday, September 21st

Lunch Hour Question and Answer (12:00 in Fellowship Hall)

Beyond the Bible - Where else have you found good spiritual food for thought? What are we reading to lift up our soul? Over lunch, we'll share stories and ideas from books that have touched us - and together produce a terrific reading list and explore some insights to strengthen our discipleship.

Monday Evening (6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary)

Blue Light Special - The things of this earth are not the treasure we seek, even if they are marked down 50%! Have you found the "pearl of great price?" Are you ready to give all that you have to possess it? Even your cell phone? Come reflect on how we can shift our focus from the stuff of earth to the stuff of heaven (and still keep the phone) by practicing the 5th essential habit: *Build Up Treasure in Heaven*.

Dates to Remember

- September 18** - Striving for Righteousness Retreat
- September 20** - Groneman Lecture Series begins
- September 25** - College Barn Dance
- September 27** - Student Joining Sunday
- September 27** - Adopt an Aggie Receptions
- September 27** - The Lyrical-Theology of Charles Wesley
- September 30** - Men's Prayer Breakfast
- October 4** - Elijah Partner Luncheon
- October 7** - DMA Luncheon
- October 17** - Country Fair at House Farm
- October 17** - College Monthly Mission Project
- October 18** - Church Council Meeting
- November 1** - Youth Halloween Barn Dance
- November 4** - DMA Luncheon
- November 8** - Wesley Sunday
- November 10** - WDS Fall Family Fun Night
- November 14** - College Monthly Mission Project
- November 29** - First Sunday of Advent

Volunteers Needed for Advent 2009 Team



Before long you will hear Christmas music everywhere and ads for Christmas sales. The Advent Team needs to get prepared too ... for the "real" meaning of Advent. Volunteers for the Advent Team will commit to two meetings, one Advent event, and to help plan and coordinate the 2009 Advent activities at our church. The first meeting will be on October 5, 2009 at noon in Room C-213. If you are interested in being a part of

the Advent Team, please contact Jennifer Fox at jennifer.fox93@verizon.net or 255-6694.

Prayer Concerns

Prayers of Healing for Elaine Waggoner, Stan and Beckie Stover's daughter, Robin, Marti McLemore (Rachel Markham's mother), Paul Pitts (Nicole Gueck's grandfather), Scott Williams who is preparing to deploy, Glyn Melcher, and Pam Walkup (Cleve and Bobbie Walkup's daughter-in-law) .

Prayers of Comfort for family and friends of Judith Pedigo, on her passing on September 1.

Ongoing Prayers for: Saralyn Morris (daughter of Liz Miller), and Liz's friend, Finis Horne, Kurt Gerken, Bob Gallaway, Bill Ward, Pearl Kiser, Charlie Horner, Cecilia Wilson (Robert Wilson's mother), and Tricia Lander's mother, Loyd Smith (Beth Cade's father), Ethel Choate (Tammy Gilts' grandmother), Robert and Toby Hoffman, Billy Sherman (Sandie Bennett's step-father), Frances Henry, Virginia Read (Eva Read-Warden's mother), Virginia Bean (Beckie Stover's mother), M. R. Calliham, Nelson and Annie Durst, Pat Sargent, Jean Gresham, Sarah Pausky (Paul Pausky's mother), Field Cain, Kathleen Pratt (sister of Harry Jones), and Fred Kettleborough.

Please continue to pray for peace as you keep our troops around the world and their families in your prayers.



Let's Go to Israel, June 3-12

Now that school has started, are you ready to start making summer plans? Why not plan to go to Israel with Kip and Tammy Gilts from June 3-12? This is the first trip that our pastor has led since coming to A&M UMC. This trip is open to people of all ages. The group attending will meet together several times before the trip to study the history and significance of sights such as the Nativity Church in Bethlehem, Annunciation Cathedral in Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, Golgotha, the Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, Caesarea, Capernaum, Cana, Jericho, Jerusalem, Qumran, and so much more (extensions are also available for the pyramids of Egypt, wonders of Jordan, or a Nile Cruise). For more information, or to secure your place on this trip, please email kipgilts@am-umc.org or tgilts@yahoo.com. Start saving now and plan to leave for Israel the first week of June. If you have never been to Israel, this will change your life. If you have been to Israel, you probably already know the yearning to return. The Israel 2010 study group will be forming soon! Approximate cost is \$3,500 per person.

A&M UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 2009 COUNTRY FAIR



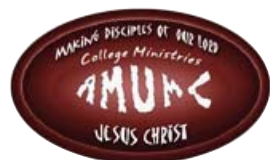
by Kip Gilts

The good news is our Wednesday night suppers are an incredible success! We are averaging over 130 diners at these church suppers. Attendance at Wednesday activities is up and the church seems to be strengthened through this ministry (not to mention very well fed). The only problem is that this ministry has quickly become more than one person can handle. Miss Faye is a great organizer and can work with volunteers quite well - all she needs are the volunteers. If you are able to assist with the preparation of Wednesday night suppers from 2:30 to 6:30 pm, please email me as soon as possible at kipgilt@am-umc.org. The ideal situation would be to have teams of 3-4 volunteers each week and at least 5 teams, one for each Wednesday of the month. So, the total of number of volunteers would equal approximately 20. This would mean each volunteer would serve one Wednesday per month. We especially need volunteers for September 23 and 30. The true success of our Wednesday night dinners depends on you. Can you serve in this capacity?

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17th
2 pm at Don & Paula House's Farm
ALL PROCEEDS DEDICATED TO A&M UMC

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| Hayrides | Chuck Wagon |
| General Store | Pony Rides |
| Silent Auction | Petting Zoo |
| Live Auction | Live Music |
| Fun Games | Refreshments |
| Cowboy Activities | M O R E ! |
| Carriage Rides | |

All kinds of items are needed for the country store and auctions. Also, feel free to volunteer to lend a hand with any of the activities planned. Email Paula House at paulabh@suddenlink.net if you would like to donate items or time.



Adopt-An-AGGIE

If you are interested in "adopting" an Aggie please contact Katy-Marie at katy-marie@am-umc.org. Being part of the Adopt an Aggie program means you help make a home away from home for a young Aggie, show them the love of Christ, and exemplify what it means to be a part of a church family.



Touch the Life of a Child

It's once again time for Operation Christmas Child. The project will officially begin on September 20 during all three services. Parents and interested adults are invited to the Children's Commons in the Christian Life Center on September 27 at 9:45 for a brief presentation on packing a shoebox. If you don't have children and you don't like to shop, you can still support this children's mission project and get involved by sponsoring a box for \$25. Just make a notation that it's for Operation Christmas Child in the memo space of your check made out to A&M UMC. The children will be delighted to fill a box for you. For questions, contact Carol Tatum at mctatum@suddenlink.net or 690-2332.

Home Small Groups

Wanted: Individuals interested in forming a close-knit community with other Christians- a community focusing on Scripture study and fellowship. If you fit this description, don't waste any time- Please contact Lindsay Kirkpatrick at lindsay-kirkpatrick@am-umc.org immediately to get plugged in to one of our new small groups starting up in 2-3 weeks.

college ministries

College Students, Welcome to A&M United Methodist Church. We are proud to be a congregation in the heart of the university setting. This provides us not only the unique opportunity to minister to college students, but also to minister with college students. We invite you to join as a student member of A&M United Methodist Church and get involved in ministry. Student Joining Sunday is September 27 and we are anticipating over 100 college student members!

You may join as an affiliate member, an associate member, or a full member. Affiliate and associate members maintain their membership in their home church, but identify A&M UMC as their church away from home committing to service as a member for one year. Next year you will have the opportunity to renew your affiliate or associate membership. Affiliate members are connected to another United Methodist Church. Associate members are connected to a church of another denomination. Full memberships are available for students who do not have a home church, do not plan to return to their home church, or have never joined a church before. If you have not been baptized, confirmed, or made a public profession of faith you are encouraged to visit with one of the pastors before joining. Please email Kip Gilts at kipgilt@am-umc.org if you have any questions.

The Coffee House - The Coffee House fall hours are Sunday 6:00 pm-11:00 pm and Monday-Thursday from 9:00 am-11:00 pm. If you would like more information on the Coffee House or are interested in volunteering, please contact Taylor Smith at taylor.g.smith10@gmail.com.

IGNITE Freshman Bible Study - If you are a freshman and would like to be a part of a Bible study specifically geared for freshmen, come join Ignite this semester. Ignite meets Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm. This semester the study will be *Crazy Love* by Francis Chan. So grab some dinner, gather in the Coffee House, and then join the Ignite Bible Study in the Christian Life Center, Room C-214.

College Sunday School - There are two classes on Sunday mornings at 9:45 am and 11:00 am, both meet in Room C-217 in the Christian Life Center.

In Home Small Groups- Students can sign up to participate in home small group Bible studies. These groups will meet on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday evenings in a home environment. This semester we are doing Beth Moore's study: *Daniel: Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy*.

For more information on Bible Studies or Small Groups contact Joanna at: texastar247@tamu.edu. Students may register for small groups or Bible studies by filling out a card found on the Information Table in the Welcome, filling out a registration form online at www.am-umc.org/college, or by contacting Joanna.

Mosaic - Mosaic's college worship service is Wednesday night. Students will eat from 7-8:00 pm in the Annex Fellowship Hall and worship will be in the Annex Sanctuary from 8-9:00 pm. Mosaic is a unique opportunity for students to come together for a time of fellowship and worship comprised of only college students.



Confirmation Class Is Coming Soon!

Confirmation is a meaningful and memorable milestone in one's faith journey. There will be a parent meeting on Wednesday, September 30 at 6:30 pm in Room C-206. The class will begin on Wednesday, October 7 at 6:30 in the same room. If you

know a 6th grader that would like to be confirmed this year please contact Joy Williams at joy-williams@am-umc.org or call 846-8731.

Children's Ministries needs volunteers to teach Kindergarten Sunday School

Teachers Needed

at 9:40 am and people to help the leaders on Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm in all areas. Please contact Joy Williams at joy-williams@am-umc.org to volunteer or inquire about more information.



Our church's investment of time and money has had a tremendous impact on the lives of others as witnessed by one of the mothers who has gone through the program. "I am finally graduating, thanks to angels who encouraged, pushed, and helped in many ways. All I can say is I am humbled by the way I see those involved in Family Promise truly walk with God," said Annette. We will be hosting families again on October 11 - October 18 and will need many volunteers. Please consider helping by taking time to cook a meal, drive a van, play with the children, or stay overnight in our church. We will also need help with set-up, take down and washing linens. There is a bulletin board located in the Welcome Area where you can volunteer. Simply fill out your name and contact information on the 3x3 card and put it under the day and area you would like to volunteer. For further information contact Linda Marr at 693-4934 or lindabill.marr@gmail.com. You may also contact Ann Marsh at amarsh4@verizon.net or 846-2014.