



# The Age of Wisdom

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## A Texas Rose Christmas

**S**tep back in time and enjoy a Texas Rose Christmas in historic Tyler, Texas. During our three day, two night excursion, we will tour the Roseland Plantation, enjoy fabulous food, and get in some last minute Christmas shopping in quaint shops. We will also enjoy the Brookshire Wildlife Museum & Country Store with more than 450 animals from various regions of the world and a country store circa 1920, as well as Tyler's Aviation Museum and famous Rose Museum.



Seating on the bus is limited, so everyone is encouraged to register early. Cost is \$347 per person for double occupancy or \$436 for single occupancy. Full payment is due at the time of registration.

For more information, contact Patsy Moore at 281.482.6324.

# Services of Advent 2009

The season of Advent is a time of preparation. We prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day and we prepare our hearts for the second coming of Jesus Christ. Just as Lent is a time to prepare our hearts to celebrate Easter, Advent is a time to prepare our hearts to celebrate Christmas. The season of Advent always includes the four Sundays before Christmas Day. Please join us during Advent for these special times of worship:

## December 6 **Christmas Vespers, 5:00pm**

A Candle Light Processional proclaiming God's gift of the Christ Child to save us. *The choral choirs, church orchestra, and combined handbell and chime choirs of Friendswood UMC.*

## December 13 **Glad Tidings, 8:30/11:15am**

Announcing the coming of the Christ Child. *The Chancel Choir, Church Orchestra and selected soloists; arranged by Randol Bass.*

## December 13 **Friends at Home Advent Service, 2:30pm**

A Service of Worship and Holy Communion for persons unable to attend church on a regular basis due to limitations caused by health or mobility.

## December 13 **Tidings of Comfort, 5:00pm**

A service of reflection for those who have experienced loss or are feeling anxious or sad during the holiday season.

## December 24 **Christmas Eve Candlelight Services**

### **3:00pm Tidings of Joy**

A service specially designed for young children and their families. *The Combined Children's Choirs*

### **5:00pm Tidings of Praise**

Raise your voices in joyous praise of the coming King at this contemporary-style Christmas Eve service. *The Celebrate Praise Team*

### **7:00pm Tidings of Love**

Experience the traditional sounds and liturgy of Christmas Eve. *The Chancel Choir, Spirit Singers, Ensembles & Soloists*

### **11:00pm Tidings of Peace**

A quiet service of communion to welcome the birth of Christ. *Ensembles & soloists*



## Yule Tidings

Enjoy the music of the Christmas Season at our annual Yule Tidings. This year we enjoy the sounds of Betsy Brownlee on Harp (December 9) and the Clear Lake High School Advance Treble Choir (December 16). Each concert begins at Noon and is followed by a catered lunch for \$7 per person. Lunch reservations are required. 281.482.7535

## Don't forget to mark your calendars...

Every Tuesday Saints Alive! Rehearsal 1:00pm, Choir Room  
Nov 1 Communion Service, Village on the Park, 3:00pm  
Nov 4 Prayer Shawl Ministry, Wednesday, 10:00am, A-119  
Nov 6 Friday Night Fellowship, Friday, 7:30pm, A-119  
Nov 10 Village on the Park Gathering, 3:00pm, Town Hall  
Nov 11 Wonderful Wednesday Women, 2:00pm, A-119  
Nov 17 Fellowship of Retired Persons, 11:00am, F-100  
Nov 18 Prayer Shawl Ministry, Wednesday, 10:00am, A-119  
Nov 19 Charge Conference, Thursday, 7:00pm, Wesley Hall  
Nov 20 Friday Night Fellowship, Friday, 7:30pm, A-119  
Nov 25 Wonderful Wednesday Women will not meet  
Nov 26 Happy Thanksgiving; church offices will be closed  
Dec 1-3 Christmas Trip to Tyler  
Dec 2 Prayer Shawl Ministry, Wednesday 10:00am, A-119  
Dec 4 Friday Night Fellowship, Friday, 7:30pm, A-119  
Dec 6 Communion Service, Village on the Park, 3:00pm  
Dec 8 Village on the Park Gathering, 3:00pm, Town Hall  
Dec 9 Wonderful Wednesday Women, 2:00pm (A-119)  
Dec 16 Fellowship of Retired Persons, 11:00am, Christmas Party at Hope Village Tea Room (meet at church at 10:30a)  
Dec 18 Friday Night Fellowship, Friday, 7:30pm, A-119  
Dec 23 Wonderful Wednesday Women will not meet  
Dec 25 Merry Christmas; church offices will be closed



### GP Rockers Club

Grandparents know a special love

The Nursery Ministry is looking for loving grandparents to rock sweet babies on Sunday mornings. Volunteers are asked to commit to one Sunday per month for one service.

For more information, or to volunteer, contact Sharon Fortenberry at [sharon@friendswoodumc.com](mailto:sharon@friendswoodumc.com).

### Saints' Alive! at Village on the Park

November 5 / December 8, 1:00pm

On November 5, Saints Alive! Choir will present the musical *Bound for Glory*, filled with familiar gospel songs and hymns, such as Amazing Grace. It will be fun and entertaining for all!

On December 8, Saints Alive! will again visit Village on the Park to sing their Christmas program telling the story of the birth of Jesus with familiar Christmas carols.



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## All Saints' Day, November 1

It is a tradition in the United Methodist Church to observe All Saints' Day on the first Sunday in November. All Saints' Day is a day to remember and honor the Saints of the Christian faith who have contributed mightily to the growth and deepening of our faith over the years and centuries. As we reflect on those who have impacted our faith in a mighty way we may recall saints who are living or those who have gone on before us.

Please plan to worship with us on All Saints' Day, November 1. This will be a very special time of worship as we remember and give thanks for our members and loved ones who have gone to heaven since the previous All Saints' Sunday on November 2, 2008.

We will celebrate Holy Communion during all services. The Chancel Choir, under the direction of Rev. Terry Bebermeyer, will present Rutter's 'Requiem' during the 8:30 and 11:15 am services. Our 9:45 service will feature music and prayer giving us times of thanksgiving and reflection on our calling as Christians.

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### FORP (Fellowship of Retired Persons)

Join us the third Tuesday of every month for food, fellowship and interesting programs

**November 17, In Remembrance** Join us for a Thanksgiving celebration and traditional meal with all the trimmings. Program, In Remembrance, presented by Rev. Rosemary Dubois. 11:00am in the Family Life Center gym. Cost \$8 per person. Please RSVP no later than Wednesday, November 11.

**December 15, Christmas Party at Hope Village Tea Room** We will share Christmas tidings over a wonderful meal and entertainment (no gift exchange) at the Hope Village Tea Room. Meet at the church at 10:30am to car pool to the Tea Room. Tickets are \$10 per person and will go on sale at the November FORP meeting. Contact the church to reserve your ticket.. No reservations can be accepted after Wednesday, December 9.

# July 2009

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