

MISSIONS @ WILDWOOD

Missions is not only what we do, it is who we are in Jesus Christ



Impacting the lives of others

As August winds down, we have so much to celebrate! This month has been filled with opportunities to serve, connect, and share God's love throughout our community. As we look ahead to September, we're excited for all that is on the horizon - from meeting the kindergarten classes and welcoming a new group of young readers, to getting back outside for ramp builds as the weather begins to cool. We'll also be starting our Neuro-Worship group, creating another opportunity for individuals and families to experience a welcoming and meaningful worship community. September promises to be a busy and rewarding month, and we look forward to seeing how God continues to work through the hands and hearts of our Wildwood family!

- Cindy

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Our Mission

Wildwood strives to provide faith-based, community-wide solutions to individuals and families who need hope for a better future. Whether the need is a ramp enabling a wheelchair-bound individual to achieve a better quality of life, a family in need of groceries, or parents unable to provide gifts for their children at Christmas, Wildwood offers services year-round. Our outreach spreads from Magnolia to as far away as Honduras so see where your talents can be used for the Glory of God! We can always be reached by email at Missions@Wildwood-UMC.org.

Cindy O'Donnell, Missions Chair

Rev. Jessica McMullen, Associate Pastor

Mission Leaders

Adopt a Reading Buddy - Rev. Jessica

Angel Tree - Beverly Robertson

Big House - Rev. Jessica

Family Promise - Kathy Miller

Food Pantry - Cindy O'Donnell

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Looking ahead ...

Sunday Buddy Training - September 13th

Neuro Family Worship - September 20th

Sunday Program Buddy - September 20th

Family Promise - week of October 26th

Inaugural Fatherhood Gala Community Awards - November 7th

Ramps

Steve Ransey

Due to the heat, no ramps were scheduled for this month.

Household Assistance

Mike Cooley

The team completed the projects listed below with the help of Steve Ramsey, Ron Newman, Doug Kerins, Laurence Mays and Mike Cooley:

- Installed a new bedroom fan/light fixture of a elderly lady in Magnolia.
- For a church member who has recently had a leg amputation, we installed an additional shower safety bar in their shower, widened the master bedroom closet entry, repaired a post on a double fence gate, and widened their front entry ramps.
- For a single mother in Magnolia, we installed new hinges on a bedroom door, replaced a bedroom window pane and repaired the front porch entry gate.



Hearts & Hugs Bear Ministry

Chris DuBois

Excitement abounds at Hearts and Hugs Bear Ministry as we begin the delivery of bears to the kindergartners at Bear Branch, Parkway, Ellisor and Audubon. We had a bit of a surprise as Audubon and Parkway have 6 classes instead of the 5 classes we had prepared for. Our first day is August 28th and runs through September 4th. Another surprise was that all schools now have morning schedules. Fortunately I have some very dedicated volunteers, so we are able to spread out and cover all classes.

Sew Much Love

Jean Kreutzer

Sew Much Love is back! Our Fall project is for the Montgomery County Women's Shelter. We will be sewing beautiful quilts for the ladies and cute fun quilts for their children. Our goal is to deliver these gifts in early December, just in time for the Christmas season. We meet on Wednesdays, 10am - 2pm. If you're interested in learning more, or wish to join us, please contact JeanKreutzer@icloud.com.

Stitches of Love

Cindy O'Donnell

This fun and caring group of ladies from our community continues to create beautiful handmade blankets that are shared with those undergoing medical procedures, homebound individuals, families celebrating baptisms, and others who could use a little extra comfort and encouragement. We meet at 2:00 p.m. each month, although our meeting dates vary, so be sure to check the website for the current schedule. Yarn is provided, with plenty to choose from! Come join us and be part of this wonderful ministry of wrapping others in love and comfort.

Worship For All

Rev. Jessica

Wildwood's Worship for All Special Needs Ministry continues to grow as we create spaces where everyone can belong, participate, and worship together.

On Sunday, September 13, come learn what it means to serve as a Sunday Buddy. Sunday Buddies provide one-on-one support to children with special needs, helping them participate in worship and church activities while building meaningful relationships.

Then, join us on Sunday, September 20 at 4:00 PM for our next Neuro-Family Worship service. This relaxed and welcoming worship experience is designed especially for individuals with special needs and their families, but everyone is welcome!

Whether you feel called to serve or simply want a welcoming place to worship, there is a place for you in Worship for All.

Adopt a Reading Buddy Program

Rev. Jessica

Our Adopt-A-Reading Buddy Program is back for another school year! In partnership with Wildwood's Hearts & Hugs Bear Ministry, we have placed nearly 500 bears into the hands of kindergarten students across four local elementary schools.

We kicked off this year's program during the last week of August and will continue visiting classrooms throughout September, reading with students and helping encourage a love of reading while reminding each child that they are loved and supported by their community.

Be watching next month's Missions Report for more about the impact of this ministry and how you can become a part of Adopt-A-Reading Buddy!

The DAD University

Jeff Springer

November 7th is our Inaugural Fatherhood Gala Community Awards at the Marriott waterway. See the brief paragraph below in the link. This gala is the inaugural public-facing event launching a broader fatherhood initiative. We are seeking program support to build and expand that initiative throughout the Greater Houston region. More information can be found on the website: <http://thedaduniversity.com/gala>

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Inaugural
FATHERHOOD GALA & COMMUNITY AWARDS
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PRESENTING THE PROPOSED TONY DUNGY
Father of the Year Award
INVITATION & NAMING APPROVAL PENDING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2025

HONORING EXCEPTIONAL FATHERS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS	LIVE & SILENT AUCTIONS HELPING US IMPACT MORE FAMILIES	DINNER SERVED A NIGHT OF FELLOWSHIP, INSPIRATION & IMPACT	VENDOR OPPORTUNITIES CONNECT WITH HUNDREDS OF COMMUNITY LEADERS	COMMUNITY FATHER AWARDS CELEBRATING LOCAL HEROES
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EVENING SCHEDULE

- 4:00 PM**
VENDOR MARKETPLACE OPENS
- 5:30 PM**
VIP RECEPTION
PASSED HORS D'OEUVRES
VIP NETWORKING • MEET & GREET
- 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM**
AWARDS GALA
 - DINNER
 - COMMUNITY FATHERHOOD AWARDS
 - PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSED TONY DUNGY FATHER OF THE YEAR AWARD
 - LIVE AUCTION
 - SILENT AUCTION
 - INSPIRING STORIES OF FATHERHOOD

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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

\$50,000 PRESENTING / LEGACY SPONSOR EXCLUSIVE – ONE OPPORTUNITY 20 VIP SEATS (2 TABLES) - VIP RECEPTION ACCESS FOR 20 - VIP PHOTO OPPORTUNITY** - PREMIUM SEATING - RECOGNITION FROM THE STAGE - PREMIER LOGO PLACEMENT	✓ Logo on event signage & screens ✓ Featured in social media ✓ Included in email campaigns ✓ Full page recognition in event program ✓ Premier vendor/display space
\$25,000 FATHERHOOD CHAMPION SPONSOR 10 VIP SEATS (1 TABLE) - VIP RECEPTION ACCESS FOR 10 - VIP PHOTO OPPORTUNITY** - PREMIUM SEATING - RECOGNITION FROM THE STAGE - PREMIER LOGO PLACEMENT	✓ Logo on event signage & screens ✓ Included in social media ✓ Included in email campaigns ✓ Half page recognition in event program ✓ Premier vendor/display space
\$10,000 LEGACY BUILDER SPONSOR 8 VIP SEATS - VIP RECEPTION ACCESS FOR 8 - VIP PHOTO OPPORTUNITY** - PREFERRED SEATING - LOGO ON EVENT SIGNAGE & SCREENS - RECOGNITION DURING GALA	✓ Inclusion in social media ✓ Included in email promotions ✓ Quarter page in event program ✓ Vendor/display space ✓ Opportunity to include item in guest gift bags
\$5,000 FAMILY IMPACT SPONSOR 6 VIP SEATS - VIP RECEPTION ACCESS FOR 6 - PREFERRED SEATING - LOGO ON EVENT PROGRAM - RECOGNITION ON SIGNAGE - SOCIAL MEDIA RECOGNITION	✓ Included in select email/event marketing ✓ Vendor/display opportunity ✓ On-screen sponsor recognition
\$1,000 COMMUNITY PARTNER 4 VIP SEATS - NAME IN EVENT PROGRAM - RECOGNITION ON SIGNAGE - SOCIAL MEDIA RECOGNITION - LISTING ON EVENT MATERIALS - OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE MATERIAL	
\$500 FATHERHOOD SUPPORTER 2 VIP SEATS - NAME IN EVENT PROGRAM - RECOGNITION ON SIGNAGE - SOCIAL MEDIA THANK-YOU	
\$250 FRIEND OF DAD UNIVERSITY 2 VIP SEATS - NAME IN EVENT PROGRAM - RECOGNITION AS FRIEND OF DAD UNIVERSITY	

**VIP photo opportunities and special guest experiences are subject to guest confirmation, availability, and applicable security requirements. Sponsorship does not imply endorsement by any invited guest.

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Prison Ministry

Glenn Smith

Kairos #17

Kairos #17 is scheduled for October 29-November 1, 2026. The Prison Ministry Team asks the Wildwood congregation for their continued support through their prayers, donations, prayer chain links, colored place mats and “Chewy” Chips Ahoy Chocolate Chip Cookies. If you are interested in serving on the next four-day event, Kairos #17 (October 29-November 1), please contact any one of the following Wildwood volunteers: Glenn Smith (drwgsmith@att.net), Bryan Johnson (bryan.p.johnson@exxonmobil.com), David Kennedy (apoliticalguy@gmail.com), Derek Reese (jderekreese@aol.com), Andy Rhodes (skinnyman180@me.com), Nick Smith (senornicksmith@gmail.com), Glenn Taylor (gbtaylor75752@gmail.com) and John Osborne (josborne003@hotmail.com). Also, Greg Miller, Doug Kerins and Lanny Baker are going to serve as volunteers on the Outside Team at the First Methodist UMC in Navasota during the Kairos #17 weekend.

Class Program

Wildwood UMC sponsors the following classes that are currently restarting: GriefShare (7 inmates), Winning at Work and Home (53 inmates), Quest for Authentic Manhood (62 inmates), Hebrew Basics (9 inmates), Disciple Classes I-IV (42 inmates), Disciple I in Spanish (25 inmates), Life Skills - English (25 inmates) and Life Skills – Spanish (25 students). Band/Choir have almost 15 inmates. In addition, Glenn Taylor and Luther Assistant Warden Justin Wade are counseling a group of twenty inmates who are addicted to K2 (a powerful synthetic marijuana). Inmates at the unit have overdosed resulting in numerous deaths and hospitalizations. The counseling has been very effective.

Glenn Smith is working with several inmates serving as Merit Coaches, Life Coaches and Field Ministers at the Luther Unit to initiate a prison-wide anti-drug program called IMPACT. This program has the approval of the Warden, Assistant Warden, Major and Chaplain. Wildwood UMC is currently serving almost 300 inmates in classes and band/choir at the Luther Prison Unit out of a total population of 1400. Another 84 will be served through the two-yearly Kairos weekends. Wildwood UMC is beginning to have a huge impact on the Luther Unit.

Music Program

Wildwood UMC volunteer David Kennedy oversees the Luther Chaplaincy Music Program on Mondays from 10:00 am - 12:00 Noon. Currently, he rehearses both the Kairos Band, which plays for the Kairos Weekends and Kairos Prayer and Share on Saturdays, and the NRC (Non-Roman Catholic) Band, which plays for the Protestant Worship Services on Sundays. Starting this month, David Kennedy will add a second two-hour Band practice on Wednesdays from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon. On Mondays the Band will practice for Kairos weekends and Kairos Prayer and Share and on Wednesdays from 10:00 am – 12:00 Noon the band will practice for church services.

Wildwood Pastors Preach in Luther Prison

Dr. Michael Jarboe will preach again at Luther Prison on Sunday, September 27, 2026, and Dr. Deanna Young will preach again on Sunday, November 26, 2026. Cindy O'Donnell is now TDCJ trained and approved and will be eligible to attend the worship services when Drs. Jarboe and Young preach in prison.

Christmas Blessing Bags

Christmas Blessing Bag Day IV is scheduled for Saturday, December 12, 2026, from 2:00 pm -7:00 pm. If you are interested in serving on this event, please contact Glenn Smith (drwgsmith@att.net).

Certified Volunteer Chaplain Assistant (CVCA)

Andy Rhodes has completed the training program to become a Lay Chaplain at the Luther Unit. He is awaiting the final approval as a CVCA from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) in Huntsville. David Kennedy will begin his training to complete the CVCA training and internship. Kennedy and Rhodes join Wildwood Volunteers Glenn Smith and Joe Wilson who have been CVCA's for almost sixteen years.