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Devotion to Jesus:
The Divinity of Christ
in Earliest Christianity

with Dr. Larry Hurtado

When, where and why did people
first believe in the divinity of Jesus?

An eight-session study on the subject of "Jesus Devotion" in earliest Christianity will be held on:

Thursday mornings in the Parlor –10:00-11:30 am –
Feb. 14 - April 3

The Da Vinci Code is only the most successful in a long line of books containing revisionist accounts of how and when early Christians came to believe in the divinity of Christ. In fact, the true story of their extraordinary "devotion to Jesus" is much more amazing, as Professor Larry Hurtado of Edinburgh University, one of the world's leading authorities on Christian origins, demonstrates in this important new DVD-based course.

The Eight Lessons:

1. Introduction to Jesus Devotion
2. Roman and Jewish Backgrounds
3. Jesus in the Letters of Paul
4. Jesus in Jewish Christianity
5. Jesus in the Synoptic Gospels
6. Jesus in the Gospel of John
7. The Costs and Consequences of Jesus Devotion
8. How Did It Happen? Why Does It Matter Today?

Course fee $15 (includes book). If you have any questions, contact Janet Cavalier at 834-9910.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

For our January Circle Meeting **instead of meeting on Tuesday, January 22nd we will meet on Wednesday, January 23rd.** We will attend the New Orleans Museum of Art for the Native American Indian Exhibit. This exhibit is in conjunction with one of our Mission studies. Please meet in the Elmeer parking lot at 10:00 am.

The Executive Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 12th at 9:15 am in the Parlor. The General Meeting will follow at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Our program will be on *Call to Prayer/Self Denial.*

UMW Sunday will be held on January 27th.

We will have a guest speaker at each service. We will also provide the ushers, flowers and refreshments.

January/February 2008 Adult Christian Studies Munholland UMC

Wednesday Classes began January 9th at 6:15 pm:

The Heart of Christianity (11weeks)	Rm 208
Women of the New Testament (thru May)	Rm 209

Thursday Classes began January 10th at 10:00 am:

Galatians Study (4 weeks)	Rm 110

Sunday Classes began January 13 at 4:30 pm:

Christianity's Family Tree (8 weeks)	Rm 211
Companions in Christ Studies (ends 1/27)	Rm 209

Sunday Class beginning on February 10th through March 16th at 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Companions in Christ: Blessedness	Rm 209

If you are interested in attending one of these classes, please contact Janet Cavalier at janetc@ munholland .org or Paul Gregory at paullgregory@hotmail.com.

Munholland UMC would like to invite your 6th-7th grader (or older youth) to be part of our 2008 confirmation class.

Please mark your calendar with the following dates:

Confirmand/Parent meeting
February 17th 4:00 pm rm. 110

Confirmation classes
Sunday's - 4:00-5:00 pm
February 24th, March 2, 9, 30, April 6, 13, 20, 27

Confirmation breakfast - Confirmation – 11:00 worship – reserved seats in Sanctuary
May 4 – 10:00 am – Fellowship Hall

We will also schedule a visit to a Church Council meeting and all Louisiana confirmands will spend the day with the bishop in Alexandria.

The rite of confirmation provides the opportunity for your youth to profess the faith into which they were baptized. The goal of confirmation classes is to discuss the basics of the faith, engage in the practices of the faith, and focus on commitment and discipleship.

Please contact Rev. Janet Cavalier at 834-9910 if you are interested in your youth participating in the confirmation process this year.

CARE TEAM MEETING
January 15th 6:30 pm
in room 211

A NOTE OF THANKS TO MUNHOLLAND ANGELS

We want to take this opportunity to thank all of our wonderful Munholland membership for their assistance and support during 2007.

A special thanks goes to the following angels:

- **Angel that donated our Christmas trees**
- **Angels for their help in decorating the church**
- **Angels for constructing the manger for our Living Nativity**
- **Angels who participated in the Living Nativity**
- **All the angels who helped with hosting of storm recovery groups**
- **All the angels that provided the church staff with gifts of goodies during the holiday season**

ALDERSGATE WEEKEND
at Munholland

In 1738 on Aldersgate Street, a fire was lit in the heart of John Wesley. This fire spread and ignited the flames in the hearts of thousands.

FEBRUARY 22 - 24, 2008

Come and Experience a Weekend of Music, Food, Fellowship and Renewal

Dr. Kenneth Taylor, Pastor of the Destin United Methodist Church, will come and join with us as he brings the messages of hope and renewal that John Wesley emphasized in his early sermons and writings.

On Friday night, we will kick-off our weekend with an opening dinner.

On Saturday night we will follow up with an ice cream social.

Sunday Services will close the event with the music of our own wonderful choir before Dr. Taylor's concluding message.

Please Invite Your Friends and Neighbors to Come and Celebrate With Us.

With Sympathy

Munholland would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Steve & Phyllis Zansler & family on the loss of his stepmother, Althea Zansler ...

You are in our thoughts and prayers.

DOLLARS & SENSE

A Note from the Finance Manager

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS WILL BE MAILED AT THE END JANUARY

We want all of those who give to Munholland to receive proper credit for their giving. When you make a cash donation, please be sure to include your name on the offering envelope so we are able to reflect your gift on your financial statement.

Lisa McWhorter

Schedule of Ministry Event

Meetings and Special Events

Jan. 15	10:00 am	Staff Mtg
	6:30 pm	Care Team Mtg (211)
	Holy Land Trip Departure	
Jan. 16	5:15 pm	Midweek Meal
Jan. 19	10:00 am	Shawl Ministry
Jan. 22	10:00 am	Staff Mtg
Jan. 23	10:00 am	UMW Circle Mtg - N.O.Museum
	5:15 pm	Midweek Meal
Jan. 24	7:00 pm	Greater N.O. Photo Society Mtg
Jan. 29	10:00 am	Staff Mtg
Jan. 30	5:15 pm	Midweek Meal

Due Date

The next edition of ***The Messenger*** goes to print on, **Friday, January 25th.** We will include in the newsletter, all articles received by **10:00 am** on Thursday, January 24th. Any article received after the due date will be included in the next edition of *The Messenger.* Thank you for your help in imparting ministry news to the congregation.

Weekly Worship Attendance

		Dec. 02	Dec. 09
Sunday			
	8:30 am	72	85
	9:45 am	39	47
	11:00 am	200	182
Other		15	15
Total		**326**	**329**
Sunday School		142	129

		Dec. 16	Dec. 23
Sunday			
	8:30 am	94	72
	9:45 am	49	54
	11:00 am	199	212
Other		15	15
Total		**357**	**353**
Sunday School		159	126

	Dec. 24
Christmas Eve	**600**

Every Week at Munholland

Sunday (Worship 8:30 am, 9:45 am and 11:00 am)

9:30 am	Sunday School
10:15-10:45 am	Altar Choir (204)
12:00-2:00 pm	Discovery Club (once a month)
12:00-2:00 pm	Young Youth (once a month)
4:30-6:00 pm	Disciple and related Bible Studies (various classrooms)
5:00-6:30 pm	MUMY (200)

Monday

9:30-1:30	Kid's Day Out

Tuesday

10:00 am	Staff Meeting

Wednesday

9:30-1:30	Kid's Day Out
5:15 – 6:15 pm	Midweek Meal
6:00-6:45 pm	Littlest Angels (108)
6:15 pm	Disciple and related Bible Studies (various classrooms)
6:15 pm	Communion (Parlor)
6:30 pm	Cursillo (Parlor)
7:00-8:30 pm	Chancel Choir (113)

Thursday

9:30-1:30	Kid's Day Out
10:00 am	Bible studies
7:00 pm	Nicotine Anon. (Choir Room)
7:30 pm	N.A. (111)
8:00 pm	A.A. (Parlor)

Friday

9:30-1:30	Kid's Day Out
12:00 pm	Friday Friends Bridge
7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 7 (201)

KID'S PAGE

JANUARY CHOIR SCHEDULE

Littlest Angels – Wednesday
(Rehearsal-Columns room)

01/16/08	Choir Time	6:00 pm–6:45 pm
01/23/08	Choir Time	6:00 pm–6:45 pm
01/30/08	Choir Time	6:00 pm–6:45 pm

Altar Choir – Sunday
(Rehearsal-Elementary Music Room)

01/20/08	Choir Time	10:15 am–10:45 am
01/27/08	Choir Time	10:15 am–10:45 am

Chancel Choir – Wednesday

01/16/08	Choir Time	7:00 pm–8:30 pm
01/23/08	Choir Time	7:00 pm–8:30 pm
01/30/08	Choir Time	7:00 pm–8:30 pm

MUMY CALENDAR

(Munholland United Methodist Youth)

January 2008

1/20/07 **Youth Meeting**

1/27/07 **Youth Meeting**

Sr. High Retreat **Feb. 8-10, 2008 or Feb. 15-17, 2008**

All meetings begin at 5:00 pm unless otherwise stated. The cost of the supper is $2.00.

For more information, please contact Ford Dieth, Jr. at 834-9910.

DISCOVERY CLUB NEWS
(Kindergarten through 3rd GRADE)
&
YOUNG YOUTH
(4th, 5th & 6th graders)

We are currently working on our schedule of events for 2008. Watch for announcements!!!

Could anyone host a swimming party in May?

If you have any suggestions for activities, please call Debbie Holman at 828-7436.

Thanks!

Sara Scandurro Debbie Holman

KIDS DAY OUT

KDO will be closed for Mardi Gras, beginning Monday, February 4th – Friday, February 8th.

We will return on Monday, February, 11th.

KDO is looking for loving, caring individuals to substitute in our classrooms. Please contact us as 834-0920.

Pitrina Messina
KDO Director

WORK GROUP UPDATE

There are no work groups scheduled in February but listed below are the groups scheduled for March.

March 9th – 15th
Boston University Group
Boston, MA
(13 volunteers)

March 23rd – 28th
Crosswind UMC
Logansport, IN
(75 volunteers)

March 29th – April 4th
Moorestown Friends School
Moorestown, NJ
(28 volunteers)

If you wish to drop off goodies or bottled water, snacks, cereal, power bars, nuts, fruit for our guests, please leave them in the fellowship hall at the table marked for visiting groups. If you would like to provide a meal or sponsor a "Midweek" treat for a group, please contact Betsy White 220-6541. Thank you for your continued interest and support in our efforts to serve our volunteer work groups.

THANKS for all the goodies that have been left in the fellowship hall for our guests to enjoy.

Betsy White
Volunteer Housing Coordinator

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