

# Branches

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Stroudsburg Wesleyan Church

Jesus said, "I am the Vine, you are the branches."

May 2011

## Glorious Day

What a glorious day! As I sit down to write this article, it is 75 degrees and sunny! The buds on the tree outside my window are bursting from their branches. Birds are chirping and children are laughing while they play in the green grass. Spring has finally come! All of creation seems to be coming back to life after a long winter. It is certainly a glorious day! The weather isn't the only thing that makes it a magnificent day. We sang a song at church this weekend called *Glorious Day*. The Holy Spirit fell upon us as we set our sights on God and thanked Him for sending his Son to redeem us. We sang...

"Living, He loved me  
Dying, He saved me  
Buried, He carried my sins far away  
Rising, He justified freely forever  
One day He's coming  
Oh glorious day, oh glorious day!"

I haven't been able to stop singing this song all week. I am overwhelmed by a God who loved me so much that He would take on my sins as His own...ultimately paying the price for my wrongdoing. Every day since Jesus victoriously arose from the grave has been a glorious day! Ephesians 2:4-5 says, "But God is so rich in mercy, and He loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, He gave us life when He raised Christ from the dead." Today is a glorious day because once again, Jesus takes our hand in His and ushers us into the presence of the Father. We are "justified, freely forever" because Jesus has paid the price for our sins.

I pray that today will be a glorious day for you as you experience Jesus escorting you into the presence of Almighty God once again. See you this weekend!

*Pastor Jason*

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# Local Church Conference for All Voting Members:

**May 11,  
7:00 PM**



All Covenant and Community Members will gather in the sanctuary on Wednesday, May 11 to elect lay leaders for the new church year (which begins May 1) and approve the new budget.

Everyone is invited to attend as we talk about vision for our future and pray together for God's guidance.

## PRAYER GATHERING

**Friday, May 6—7:00 PM**

Continues  
monthly  
every first  
Friday

All are  
welcome





# GROW

New Classes begin on the following days:

The Character of a Follower of Christ—Begins Sunday, May 8 from 10:00-11:00 AM

Your Life in Christ—Begins Wednesday, May 11 from 6:45-8:15 PM

Walking with Christ—Begins Sunday, May 8 from 10:00-11:00 AM

## Growth Group Leader's Meeting

If you lead a Growth Group over the past year you are invited to attend a Leader's meeting taking place on Sunday, May 8 beginning at 12:30 PM in Uptown. This will be a time of fellowship and food (of course). Please respond to the church office at 421-0750 if you can attend.

### **ROUNDING THE BASES SEMINARS**

SWC offers core seminars that are designed to help all adults and teens develop a deeper relationship with Christ and discover how God has wired us to make a positive difference in the world. These seminars are taught by members of the pastoral staff and are interactive, as opposed to straight lecture. Lunch will be provided, along with free childcare for those requesting it. You need to start with *Seminar 101: Believing* and work your way around the bases. To register for one of the following seminars, please submit the white Communication Card in the offering basket with your name, the seminar you're taking, and if you need childcare.

**Sunday, May 15 from 12:30-3:30 PM**

- *Seminar 101: Believing*
- *Seminar 201: Belonging*
- *Seminar 301: Becoming*
- *Seminar 401: Being*

### **Senior's Luncheon**

The Senior's lunch fellowship will meet on May 10 at 12:30 PM, and meets every second Tuesday of the month. Please come and enjoy a warm and friendly fellowship.

### **Last First Wednesday Dinner**

The first Wednesday of each month we host a dinner from 6:00 - 6:45 PM. May 4 will be the last Wednesday dinner served for the season. The first Wednesday dinners will commence again in the fall. Everyone is invited to join us as we share a simple meal and time together, people to people, in fellowship. The cost is \$3/adults and \$2/kids 10 years and under.

anxiety pain **Had Enough?** guilt  
 bitterness  
 depression anxiety *reliving the past* **addiction** anger

Celebrate Recovery-(hurts, habits & hang-ups)  
 Every Thursday  
 6:30 PM for dinner/Meeting begins at 7:00 PM

What Can I Expect?

- A place that is loving & non-judgmental
- A place to demonstrate genuine love
- A place to experience God's love
- A place of belonging

*Divorce, grief, addiction, depression, co-dependency, anger and abuse, spouses/children/parents struggling with someone addicted, for any and all life struggles*

Life Hurts/God Heals for Teenagers  
 Kids program for 5-12 year olds  
 For more information please contact  
 Pastor Dana at 570-872-4228

## Youth Activities

**Saturday Night Live  
 Presents  
 The Christian Club**

*This event is for teens in grades 6-12. Join us Saturday, May 14 from 7:00-10:00 PM in the Youth Annex and listen to music by DJ Krucial from Audiophilia. There will be Christian music, rock music, house music and music for all. There will also be a special appearance by Dr. Pain presenting Fear Factor. Come and bring a friend if you dare.*




**AWANA'S  
 CLOSING CEREMONY**

Join us on Wednesday, May 5 at 6:45 PM as we celebrate the accomplishments of our children at a closing ceremony. The evening starts off in the sanctuary with a time of worship followed by the Awards Ceremony and then we close in the gym with refreshments.

# May



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <b>Nursing Home Ministry-2:30 PM</b> * Rob Devenezia * Cassy Matthews ** Brian & Lorraine Diehl	2 * Christie Lee * John Millard * Christopher Rodriguez * George Woodling	3 John & Tana Jasionowicz	4 <b>First Wednesday Dinner-6:00 PM</b>  <b>AWANA's Closing Ceremony-6:45 PM</b>	5 * Kurt Ehrenfeuchter	6 <b>Helping Hands Food Pantry-4:30 PM</b> <b>Prayer Gathering-7:00 PM</b>	7 * Harold Metzgar
8  Mother's Day <b>Growth Group Leaders' Lunch-12:30 PM</b> * Angelina DeSanto * Patty Konopa * Terry Strouse ** Robert & Ruth Longo	9 * Maria Cicala	10 <b>Senior's Luncheon-12:30 PM</b> <b>LBA Meeting-6:30 PM</b>	11 <b>MUMs Meeting-9:00-11:00 AM</b> <b>Local Church Conference-7:00 PM</b> * Lynn Hufsmith	12 * Samantha DeConti	13	14 <b>Youth Saturday Night Live-7:00 PM</b> * Tracey DeHart
15 <b>Rounding the Bases Seminars-12:30 PM</b> * Clifton Lovell * Billy Pershyn * Mason Ulmer ** Andy & Debbie Porter	16 * Brittany Konopa * Alyssa Lebron * Anastasia Relethford	17	18 * Phoebe Stewart	19 * Heather Blum * Jordan Graves * Marie Reish * Terry Van Why	20 <b>Helping Hands Food Pantry-4:30 PM</b> * Keith Somers * Harold & Melody Metzgar	21 * Scott Burdian
22 * Lisa Holzwarth * Brian McCann * Leon Thompson	23 * Jeannie DeSanto	24 * Pam Cool	25 <b>MUMs Meeting-9:00-11:00 AM</b>  * Frances Butts ** Jason & Nicole Argo	26 * Lorraine Diehl * Anita Hockman * Victoria Roth	27 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">30-Hour Famine</div>	28 * Erica Givens * Noah Rodriguez
29 * Roberta Smalls	30 * Raven Henry * Lucy Jimenez   Memorial Day	31 * Alexis Stine	<b>Sunday Schedule</b> Worship—9:00 & 11:00 AM Adult Growth Groups 9:00 & 10:00 AM Coffee Time—10:15 AM Sr. High Youth Group 6:45—8:15 PM		<b>Wednesday Evening</b> AWANA & Jr. High Youth Group 6:45-8:15 PM Adult Growth Groups 6:45-8:00 PM <b>Thursday Evening</b> Celebrate Recovery 6:30 PM	
						<b>Saturday Service</b> 6:00 PM

## Stroudsburg Wesleyan's

### *Vision Statement*

To become a prayerful, diverse, and community-involved church family whose passionate purpose is to help seekers become servants of Christ.

### *Our Purposes*

To fulfill the Great Commission in the spirit of the Great Commandment by:

- **Going** out to seekers in the Community
- **Gathering** believers into Christ
- **Growing** followers through the Church
- **Grooming** servants for the Commission

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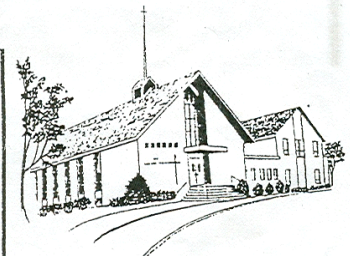
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### Saturday Evening Worship

6:00 PM

### Sunday Worship Schedule

Morning Worship

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Growth Groups

9:00 & 11:00 AM

Coffee Time

10:15-10:45 AM

Senior High Youth Group

6:45-8:15 PM

### Wednesday Night

AWANA

6:45 PM

Junior High Youth Group

6:45 PM

Adult Growth Groups

6:45 PM