



Wesley United Methodist Church

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Living in the Present With God

By Jayne Wolfe

God of Glory, we praise you as we continue to say, "He is risen"; we celebrate the Easter Season and pray that all we choose to do brings glory to your name. Grant that the Holy Spirit will come upon us and that we will receive power to be your witnesses in McKinney, throughout America, and in all of the world.

Amen and amen.

No Foolin'

When I think of April, I think of spring, warmer weather and rain showers. Something else also comes to mind: April Fools Day.

A few years ago I woke up Nicholas and Lucas early on April 1st, and told them it had snowed. The excitement to play in the snowy wonderland was more intense than I had predicted, therefore, the fallout from the "joke" was quite severe. I now know better.

I found something on the web called *The Top 100 April Fool's Day Hoaxes Of All Time*. The criteria for such an award read "as judged by notoriety, absurdity, and number of people duped". Here are a few that caught my eye:

#1 The Swiss Spaghetti Harvest – In 1957 the respected BBC news show Panorama announced that thanks to a very mild winter and the virtual elimination of the dreaded spaghetti weevil, Swiss farmers were enjoying a bumper spaghetti crop. It accompanied this announcement with footage of Swiss peasant pulling strand of spaghetti down from trees. Huge numbers of viewers were taken in. Many called the BBC wanting to know how they could grow their own spaghetti tree. To this the BBC diplomatically replied that they should "place a sprig of spaghetti in a tin of tomato sauce and hope for the best.

#4 The Taco Liberty Bell – In 1996 the Taco Bell Corporation announced that it had bought the Liberty Bell and was renaming it the Taco Liberty Bell.. Hundreds of outraged citizens called the National Historic Park in Philadelphia where the bell was housed to express their anger. Their nerves were only calmed when Taco Bell revealed, a few hours later, that it was all a practical joke.

#8 The Left-Handed Whopper – In 1998 Burger King published a full page advertisement in USA today announcing the introduction a new item to their menu: a "Left-Handed Whopper" specially designed for the 32 million left-handed Americans. According to the advertisement, the new whopper included the same ingredients as the original Whopper (lettuce, tomato, hamburger patty, etc.), but all the condiments were rotated 180 degrees for the benefit of their left-handed customers. The following day Burger King issued a follow up release revealing that although the Left-Handed Whopper was a hoax, thousands of customers had gone into restaurants to request the new sandwich. Simultaneously, according to the press release, "many others requested their own right-handed version". (<http://www.museumofhoaxes.com/hoax/aprilfool/>)

There's nothing quite like an April Fool's Day joke.

On March 23rd, Christians across the world celebrated the resurrection of Christ. At Wesley we declared God's victory through the Risen Lord Jesus. This article is not a retraction of that message. I'm not writing to say "April Fool's". It happened. Jesus rose from the grave and conquered sin and death. The news of Easter is good news for us as we ponder eternity. Paul says, "And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you." (Romans 8:11). Yet the impact of Easter is not only limited to eternity. Listen again to Paul, "And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you..." Consider it! The Spirit of Life dwells in every believer and therefore we can live with faith, hope and love. As the hymn says, "Because he lives I can face tomorrow." No Foolin'.

Blessings,

Ed

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2008 Leadership Roster Wesley United Methodist Church

Church Council

Chairperson Betsy Cook
Vice Chairperson
Secretary
Lay Leader Carol Boston
Staff-Parish Relations (chair)
Shirley Clark
Board of Trustees (chair)
Finance Team (chair) Carol Bichler
Treasurer (staff) Curtis Clark
Financial Secretary Holly Malone
Lay Member To Annual Conference
Greg Dupree
United Methodist Women Pat Chadwick/
Barbara Miller
UMYF Rep Rachel Moorman
Pastor Ed Lantz
Prayer Ministries Jayne Wolfe
Fellowship Team Jim & Terry Young,
Curtis & Shirley Clark
Worship Leadership Team Ken
Hollingsworth
Missions Team Ken Hollingsworth
Congregational Care Team Susan Coburn
Communications Team
Children's Ministry Terrilee Schober
Nursery Team
Youth Group Team
Athletics Team Andy & Tara Zappe
Evangelism Robert Camp
Prime Timers Yvonne Campbell
In Touch Ministry June Halpin
Wesley Christian Preschool Karen Stein
Piece Makers Betty Dalton
Library Sue Rominger
Puppet Ministry Shana Kelly
Stephen Ministry Rep Michelle Barr
Stewardship Rep

"At Large" Members of Church Council Class of 2008

Paul Vizard
Judy Brown
Valerie Brinkman
Susan Hines
Jane Moorman
Nina McClellan
Jane Moorman
Carolyn Pratt
Margie Martin

Staff-Parish Relations Team

2110 Nina McClellan
Gina Lambert
Derek Kardos
2009 Rob Kelly
Kelly Camp
Valarie Brinkman
2008 Craig Moorman
Roger Barr
Shirley Clark

Lay Member To Annual Conference
Gregg Dupree

Board of Trustees

2110 Paul Anderson
Michelle Gell
Roy Salas
2009 Howard Graham
Lyle Wells
Barry Hines
2008 Sarah Tinsley
Bill Priestley
Amanda McFaddin

Finance Team 2008

Chairperson Carol Bichler
Lay Member to Annual Conference
Gregg Dupree
Church Council Chair Betsy Cook
Parish Relations Chair Shirley Clark
Trustees Chair
Treasurer (staff) Curtis Clark
Financial Secretary Holly Malone
Auditor
Lay Leader
WCP Rep Dian Walker

At Large Members:

2008 Carol Bichler
Holly Malone
Gerald Casteel

The Fellowship Team 2008

Co-Chair Jim & Terry Young
Co-Chair Curt & Shirley Clark

Judy Brown
Ken & Yun Hollingsworth
Amy & Brian Peterson
Debbie Anderson
Yvonne Campbell
Betty Dalton
Walter Bressler

Evangelism 2008

Chair Robert Camp
Deb Anderson
Carol Boston
Jane Moorman

Worship Leadership Team 2008

Chairperson Ken Hollingsworth
Music Director Mario Major
Usher Coordinators Jim Young
Usher Captains Charles Rominger
Ken Hollingsworth
Tony Annett
Howard Graham

Children's Time Coordinator

Terrilee Schober
Technical Coordinator
Communion Coordinator Jayne Wolfe
Communion Stewards

Chuck & Carol Boston
Greg & Dana Dupree
Greeters Coordinator Kelly Camp
Greeters Betty Dalton

Chuck Boston
Gina Lambert
Yvonne Campbell
Acolytes Lisa Lantz

Staff: Rev. Ed Lantz
Sandy Ragland
Karen Stein

Missions Team 2008

Ken Hollingsworth, Chair

Congregational Care Team 2008

Susan Coburn, Chair
June Halpin, Claire Hastings, Yvonne
Campbell, Michelle Gell, Joan Cook,
Betsy Cook, Valerie Brinkman, Carol
Boston and Sue Rominger

Athletics Team 2008

Andy & Tara Zappe, Chair

Communication Team 2008

Chair, _____
Chuck Boston
Toni Miracle

Nursery Team 2008

History & Archives Team 2008

Valerie Brinkman, Chair
Wanda Fisher
Cindy Harper
Sue Rominger

Youth Group Team 2008

Laurel Mutchler
Robert Camp—2007 Mexico Mission
Trip Coordinator

2008 Leadership Roster Wesley United Methodist Church

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In Touch Ministry 2008

June Halpin, Chair
Yvonne Campbell, Wanda Fisher, & Ed
Lantz

Library Team 2008

Sue Rominger, Chair
Elizabeth McCaskill, Joan Cook, and Pat
Chadwick

Membership Team 2008

Sue Rominger, Yvonne Campbell, Sara
Tinsley and Terry Young

Committee on Lay Leadership

2010 Larry Tinsley
Betty Bailey

2009 Michelle Barr
Curt Clark

2008 Jodi Priestley
Sara Tinsley
Toni Miracle

Lay Leader Carol Boston
Pastor, chair



Up Coming Events

April 5	Relay for Life Garage Sale
April 7-8	Preschool Drama Event/Gym
April 7	Trustees Meeting
April 10-12	Olan Mills photo sitting
April 11	Kids Night Out
April 12	Samaritan Inn Meal
April 14	Finance Meeting
April 17	Prime Timers Potluck/Meeting
April 18-19	Disciple Now/Youth
April 21	Church Council Meeting
April 27	Confirmation Bake Sale
April 27	SLB Spaghetti/Mission Trip Show
April 28	SPRC Meeting
May 3	Confirmation Banquet
May 4	Confirmation Sunday

PRAISE IN THE PARK WORSHIP

MAY 25, 2008 10:30 AM

On Sunday morning May 25th, the Wesley family will worship together in one service at the Pavilion at Towne Lake Park. (the pavilion is near the concession stand).

There will be no Worship service in our building and there will be no Sunday School that morning.

Worship will begin at 10:30 am. Be sure to bring your lawn chairs and blankets to sit on.

Following worship we will fellowship with food and fun.

DATES FOR KIDS NIGHT OUT



Kids Night Out is here! This is a time for parents to drop off their kids for a fun time at the church while the parents get to go out on a date or do something fun as well...just by themselves!

When: April 11

Time: The evening will run from 6:00 to 10:00 pm.

Cost: The cost will be \$10(one child), \$15(two children), \$20(three+children).

Limit: 20 children total. Reservations **HIGHLY** recommended.

Who: Children walking age thru 5th grade

Where: Fellowship Hall—Wesley UMC

Sponsored by: The Confirmation Class of 2007-2008

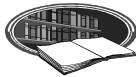
Come and have some fun!

Call Valerie Brinkman 972-540-6290 to make your reservation.

Happy Birthday

APRIL

Barry Smith	3rd
Audrey Natal	4th
Ryan Brinkman	6th
Eric Brinkman	6th
Blessmore Chitanda	8th
Carol Boston	9th
Terry Young	10th
Shadreck Chitanda	11th
Lilly McDonald	13th
Kaley Priestley	15th
Julie Brinkman	16th
Craig Hartnell	16th
Bill Priestley	16th
Dylan Schutte	16th
Robert Miracle	17th
Howard Graham	18th
Max Zappe	19th
Gina Lambert	20th
Eddie Tinsley	22nd
Meaghan McDonald	26th
Valerie Brinkman	27th
Alexander Young	28th
Nina McClellan	29th



News from your Wesley Library

by Sue Rominger

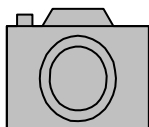
The Library has received numerous books, audiocassettes, and CDs. Please check the shelves for these items.

A recent donation is 4 CDs from Focus on the Family, Best of 2007, by Dr. James C. Dobson. The CDs are on Faith (6 discs), Marriage (5 discs), Balanced Living (6 discs), and Parenting (6 discs). You may find these on display for a while then they will be shelved with other CDs. Check them out.

Thanks for your support of the Library.

Library Ministry

Sue Rominger



Pictorial Directory

Dear Wesley Family,

We are excited to announce that we are going to create a new pictorial directory of our church family. The directory will help us to connect names with faces. It will be an ideal outreach tool and will capture the history of our church congregation.

Please participate! All we ask is that you have your picture taken by the professional photographer. Sign-up for sittings are underway. If you have not been in church and have not had the opportunity to sign up or you need to change your appointment time call Yvonne at 214-585-0083.

- Every participating family/household that selects a pose for the directory will receive a free directory and a complimentary 8X10 Custom Natural Portrait
- You will come to the church only once for photography and for portrait viewing.
- The program is available at no cost to the church budget
- You will have the opportunity to order additional portraits during your scheduled appointment time.
- If you wish to purchase extras, the portraits come with a 100% Satisfaction Guarantee
- Whether you decide to dress formal or casual, you will want to make the most of this opportunity

The scheduled dates for Photography and Portrait viewing are: April 10, 11, and 12th. If you have questions contact church office. Our new pictorial directory just won't be complete without you!

Sincerely,

Directory Staff: Betsy Cook, Audrey Natal, Yvonne Campbell, Valerie Brinkman, Sue Rominger, Nina McClellan, Carolyn Pratt and Amy Peterson.



*"Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice"
Let us rejoice as we present ourselves before our loving creator.
Welcome to Wesley, Welcome to this house of God.*

Our new Baptized Members

Jenna Shae Williams	2-10-08
Stella Mae Jones	2-17-08
Johnny Ray Garcia	3-09-08
Emma Frances Dulworth	3-09-08

Our Newest Members

Tom Tolbert	3-02-08
Denise Tolbert	3-02-08
Sylvia Munoz	3-09-08
Jessica Dulworth	3-09-08
Jerad Warick	3-09-08

PRAYER VIGIL

Tuesday, April 15th

Sanctuary



How blessed we are to have the privilege of coming before the Throne of Grace with our joys, our thanksgivings, our concerns, and our sorrows. God knows each one of them. He knows our thoughts before we speak them. Come to the river of God's delight; sign up to be a part of this wonderful time with God. Fill out a prayer request, knowing that where 2 or 3 are gathered in the Name of Jesus, He is there, providing miraculous answers to our prayers. Answers we do not even dare to dream! "Proclaim God's love in the morning and God's faithfulness at night."

Psalm 92:2



Hands In Puppetry

Our team is excited about performing at Wellspring UMC April 13. This is a great opportunity for our team and we would ask our home church to please be in prayer for us and the Wellspring Congregation.

We will be performing a series of Children's Moments for our family here at Wesley beginning on April 27th. The series is titled "The sheep and their Shepherd" and will run once a month for several months.

Our Confirmation Puppet Team is gearing up for their "first" production entitled "The Little Root". This performance will take place during their confirmation banquet, May 3. The regular team has spent many hours in preparation for this performance and will be working hard behind the scenes for this production!! Both teams are making their own puppets this spring and also the puppets used for the Little Root skit.

Please also be in Prayer for an Audio/Visual person or persons for our team.

This need is great and the following is hoped for:

- Available Wednesday's 4:30-6:00 (but not every Wednesday)
- Access and knowledge of sound room
- Able to burn CD's (mainly for practice)
- Filming practices and performances
- Some Recording.

Knowledge of lighting

We are growing, we are learning and we are excited to be an extension of God's hands!! Please be in prayer for our team.

Thank you Wesley family for your ongoing, outpouring support for our Puppet Team.

GARAGE SALE

“Relay for Life” garage sale being held in the gym **April 5th**, 8:00 –2:00
All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society.



2008 OLYMPICS IN CHINA

The eyes of the world will be on China leading up to the Olympic Games which will be held August 8-24, 2008, in Beijing. It's not too early for Christians to blanket China in prayer while counting down this historic event.

To help believers unite in prayer for China, Open Doors USA is sponsoring a special prayer campaign called “One Minute/One Year/One Country.” Christians are asked to pray for China at least one minute each day, if possible at 8 p.m. Beijing time. The current time in Beijing as well as a countdown clock to the start of the Olympics are featured on the Open Doors USA website, www.openDoorsUSA.org.

Believers who register for the campaign will receive a monthly prayer email calendar and a brief daily email. Both will include updated information on China and specific prayer requests. “The Beijing Olympics present an awesome opportunity for believers in the West to unite in prayer....not only for our fellow Christians but for the Communist government of China to grant religious freedom to all worshipers, especially house church members,” said Open Doors USA President and CEO Carl Moeller.

To register for the campaign, go to www.openDoorsUSA.org and click on the rotating banner on the upper right of the homepage.

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WESLEY CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL



We have been “swinging” into spring here at WCP! The children are enjoying the warmer playground time and using our new swings! We enjoyed our Easter celebrations and learning about Jesus and the Resurrection eggs in chapel time and in our classrooms. We have the “Merry Makers” drama team coming April 7/8 to perform a spring show for the children. Parent conferences begin the week of April 15. Our cookie dough orders will be delivered April 16/17th. We appreciate all the church members who ordered cookie dough and contributed to this fundraiser. Field days will be based on the Bible story “Daniel and the Lions Den” and be held on April 23/24th. Enrollment continues for fall classes and we are being blessed with lots of smiling faces!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 23-27 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Pre K through 5th grade. (4 years old on or before 9-1-08, - children starting 5th grade in Fall of 2008). Registration information TBA later.



FOUR-DRAWER LOCKING FILE CABINET NEEDED:

The church is in need of a durable four-drawer locking (preferably fireproof) file cabinet. Please call the office at 972-542-2228 if you know of one that could be donated to the church or purchased at minimum cost.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

UMW APRIL 19 OFF-SITE MEETING

Wesley's April 19 Meeting will be held at the Anna United Methodist Church. We will meet at the Wesley parking lot (time TBA) and carpool to Anna.

What: Sherman-McKinney District's Annual Morning Apart—a Spiritual Growth Event—Theme is “Sing a New Song”

When: Saturday, April 19, 2008

Time: 9:00 a.m.—12 noon

Where: Anna United Methodist Church 100 West 2nd Street

A light breakfast will be served by the host church prior to the start of the meeting.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact one of the following officers:

- Barbara Miller, President
bamiller1234@yahoo.com
- Pat Chadwick, Vice President
dillwick@juno.com
- Betty Bailey, Secretary
bettybailey@tx.rr.com
- Carol Bichler, Treasurer
cbichler@jcpennet.com



Keys to Church Buildings

The Board of Trustees has had several requests for keys by new ministry chairpersons. If you are no longer a chairperson or ministry leader, please pass along the church building keys to your successor or return to the church office. Also, please email Michelle Gell when keys change hands (micdar@prodigy.net). Only persons requiring frequent access to the buildings at times other than regular service and activity hours should have keys

MISSIONS AT WESLEY UMC

SAMARITAN INN

1710 N. McDonald Street, McKinney, TX 75071

The Samaritan Inn is the only homeless shelter in Collin County. The Inn is helping individuals and families regain independence through Homeless Prevention, Emergency Shelter, Case Management and Supported Transitional Living.

The second Saturday of each month is the designated time for Wesley UMC to provide groceries to the Inn. The ingredients are purchased based on a list provided by the kitchen and delivered to the Inn by 6:00 PM. The ingredients will be used for a future meal to be prepared by the Inn's personnel. The cost of the groceries is approximately \$200.00.

Serving the residents for the Saturday night meal is a wonderful opportunity to fellowship and to share your faith.

The body of Wesley has continually supported the Inn through the years. Please consider participating in service to your brothers and sisters that are less fortunate. A Sunday School class; Youth group; Children's ministries; Bible Study class; Men's Prayer Group; Prime Timers; Piece Makers; any of the administrative or programmatic committees or individuals are encouraged to be the "Hands and Feet of Christ".

"Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me". Matthew 25:40

Blessings!

Ken Hollingsworth-Chair

Carol Boston

<u>DATE:</u>	<u>HANDS AND FEET</u>
<u>January 12</u>	<u>Individual</u>
<u>February 9</u>	<u>Individual/Fusion Served</u>
<u>March 8</u>	<u>Oasis SS Class</u>
<u>April 12</u>	<u>Quest SS Class</u>
<u>May 10</u>	<u>Fellowship SS Class</u>
<u>June 14</u>	<u>UMW</u>
<u>July 12</u>	<u>Open</u>
<u>August 9</u>	<u>Open</u>
<u>September 13</u>	<u>Open</u>
<u>October 11</u>	<u>Open</u>
<u>November 8</u>	<u>Open</u>
<u>December 13</u>	<u>Open</u>

Sign up now for 2008, call church office or Ken Hollingsworth 972-547-0878

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 1, 2008

The first call to prayer was in 1775 when the Continental Congress asks the colonies to pray for wisdom in forming the nation. In 1863 President Lincoln called for a day of "humiliation, fasting and prayer" and in 1952 President Truman signed a resolution declaring an annual National Day of Prayer.

The 2008 NDP is Thursday, May 1. McKinney will have two events; Prayer on the Square at noon on the East side of the MPAC building and an evening event (place and time TBD). Wesley is coordinating the prayer on the Square and another group is coordinating the evening meeting. Mark your calendars and plan to attend both events if possible.



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Prayer: Don't give God instructions—just report for duty!



Wesley Christian Preschool

A Ministry of Wesley United Methodist Church

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“Tending God’s Orchard with Love and Learning”

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday or Tuesday, Thursday classes available or Monday thru Friday combined classes available.
- 5 day programs available for 4 Yr. olds and Transitional Kindergarten
- Now Enrolling for 08/09 school year
- Christian Curriculum including Spanish, Chapel time, Music/Fitness class
- 9:00—2:00 Monday thru Thursday, 9:00—12:30 Fridays

If you have questions, please see Karen or Nikki at the Preschool office.

Karen Stein (Director)

Nikki McDonald (Admin)

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