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Living in the Present With God

By Jayne Wolfe



Lord Jesus, grant that the Wesley family will pray constantly for our brothers and sisters in Christ, that God may count us worthy of his calling and by God's power fulfill in us every good purpose and every act prompted by our faith. Lord, we pray this so that the name of our Lord, Jesus the Christ, may be glorified in us and we in him, according to the grace of our God.

(adapted from 2 Thessalonians 1: 11-12)

PASSIONATE WORSHIP

Jayne Wolfe

People are searching, perhaps not consciously, for worship that is authentic, alive, creative, and comprehensible, where they experience the life changing presence of God in the presence of others. "God uses worship to transform lives, heal wounded souls, renew hope, shape decisions, provoke change, inspire compassion, and bind people to one another." (34)

The Greek word for church, *ekklesia*, means "called out of the world". (35) As Christians we are called from an ordinary life into worship that breathes life into the community of followers of Christ, forms identity and provides a place of common learning about faith and about being still before the Lord, listening to what God is saying to each of us. "In worship, people practice the highest command Jesus has taught us: 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself' (Luke 10:27)." (35)

Without passion worship becomes dry, routine, boring, and predictable, having the form but not the spirit. Whether fifteen hundred people attend or fifteen, Passionate Worship is authentic, alive, fresh, and engaging. (37)

Do you consider yourself a passionate worshipper? Are you in church to receive what God is offering and to offer your best in response to how God is leading? Are you aware that Passionate Worship "gives people an interpretive lens through which to view the world, helping them see events, relationships, and issues through God's eyes"? (39)

What if we decided to enhance our worship by asking each ministry area, committee, Sunday School class, Bible Study, staff member, or choir to do something extra "for the love of God" to strengthen corporate worship and deepen personal devotion?

Schnase states that "one way to deepen the experience of worship is for each person to actively prepare his or her heart, mind, and soul before attending". "Worship soars on the God-given gifts of congregational members." (55) Whether you sing, serve as an usher or greeter, serve as an acolyte, or as a passionate participant; do it all for the love of God. Worship passionately!!

(Part 2 of a 5 part newsletter series on the Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations)

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Happy Birthday

AUGUST

Jason Malone	4th
Carolyn Pratt	4th
Martha Long	5th
Cooper Natal	7th
Curtis Clark	8th
Mitchell Wells	8th
Nicholas Lantz	9th
Lori Annett	10th
Mario Major	10th
Jayne Wolfe	10th
Esther Denniston	12th
Jody Jones	13th
Dian Walker	13th
Kristen Coburn	14th
Rachel Kleker	14th
Mia Major	14th
Luciano Garcia	18th
Sherry Major	18th
Stefani Billings	19th
Coy Coburn	20th
Margaret Talkington	20th
Shirley Clark	22nd
Bill Lair	24th
Meikhail Major	24th
Robert McFaddin	25th
Daniel Kardos	26th
Florabelle Livingston	27th
Laurie Wells	27th
Wanda Fisher	28th
Michael Mullens	28th



Up Coming Events

Aug 3	Worship Team Mtg.
Aug 4	Trustees Mtg.
Aug 9	Samaritan Inn Meal
Aug 11	Finance Mtg.
Aug 16	UMW Mtg
Aug 17	Ice Cream Social
Aug 18	Church Council
Aug 21	Prayer Vigil
Aug 22-23	Women of Faith at AA Ctr
Aug 25	SPRC Mtg.
Aug 31	Healing Service



**Ice Cream Social
for Incoming Confirmands
(those entering 6th grade)
Sunday, August 17th**



Prayer Vigil August 21 Sanctuary

A time to seek God's face, to listen to the small, still voice, to lift our nation and the world to God, a time to pray for the concerns of your brothers and sisters in Christ, a time to read from God's Prayer Book. WOW! How can one do so much in thirty minutes? **Come and see!** Sign up board in the Narthex **August 3-21**



Healing Service August 31 Sanctuary

"Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. I can see His mighty power and his grace. I can hear the brush of angels' wings; I see glory on each face. Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place." We all have a need to be touched by God in some way. Our fifth Sunday healing services open us to receive God's healing touch in whatever way it is needed. God is waiting for you. Come and see.



"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
Stella Mae Jones
Johnny Ray Garcia
Emma Frances Dulworth
Tyler Trinh Young

Our Newest Members

Tom Tolbert
Denise Tolbert
Sylvia Munoz
Jessica Dulworth
Jerad Warick
Jourdan Brauen
Hannah Clarke
Savannah Ehman
Cayleigh Kardos
Camille Moorman
Michelle Mullens
Cooper Natal
Madelynn Schober
Mitchell Wells
Coleen Parkman
Betty Jo Miller

DO WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?

If you are not receiving e-mails from the church office nor prayer concern e-mails from Rev. Jayne Wolfe, we need your e-mail address. Please write the address at the bottom of the registration sheet or call the Church office. Thank you so much.



Wesley Writers

Will resume in September

WOMEN OF FAITH

Dallas August 22-23 American Airline Center

It is that time of year again and I need to find out who is coming!

\$119 The whole package (Friday night and Saturday conference with lunch plus the Friday daytime intensive with lunch)

\$73 Conference only (Friday night and Saturday with lunch)

\$58 Friday Daytime Intensive only with Lunch

Once I receive your payment, your reservation will be confirmed. We have GREAT seats this year! We are in section 104 Aisle H, J and K. No more sitting up in the heavenlies.

Please make your check out to Valerie Brinkman– 2105 Heather Court-McKinney, TX 75070 Remember the tickets will be reserved on a FIRST PAID status.

HOTEL

I will be arranging a Hotel later, but feel free to let me know if you are interested. Most likely it will be at the Embassy Suites where we stayed last year. I may see if there is anything closer, so those who want to save on parking fees, can walk to the American Airlines Center if they choose.

Looking forward to another GREAT conference! Hope you can join us!

Blessings,
Valerie Brinkman



Wesley's Puppet Ministry has been taking a break from meeting during the summer months. Keep checking your emails for the kick-off parent meeting & pool party in early

August. After that we'll begin our new season of practices and performances.

We'll be taking our puppet ministry on the road to the children in Mexico during the mission trip in the spring. We hope to do a performance for the children in the orphanage, and also have puppets created to leave with each child. Keep this upcoming project in your prayers.

A note from the director... What a fantastic week I spent in Bourbonnais, Illinois at the 2008 International Festival for Christian Puppetry and Ventriloquism sponsored by One Way Street. I spent the entire week with Lee and Doug Nearpass (remember Ms. Lee?) This was my first trip to IFEST and the only thing wrong with the week was that Wesley's Puppet Team was NOT with me. The theme for the week was "Fully Committed." I learned many important biblical, life enhancing, and life changing ways to not only make sure "I" am Fully Committed to our Lord and Savior, but that our puppeteers are headed in that direction as well. The Lord needs us to be Fully Committed to Him so He can spread His message through us!! You will see a change...This team has been blessed by prayer so far, please continue to pray for us...I look forward to seeing everyone again. God bless you.

Shan Kelly

SENIOR ADULT RETREAT

Mount Sequoyah Conference & Retreat Center Autumn Time – Senior Adult Retreat

Fayetteville, AR
October 27 – 30, 2008

(800) 760-8126 or

(479) 443-4531

www.mountsequoyah.org

A group of Senior Adults from Wesley United Methodist Church are making plans to attend the 'Autumn Time' – Senior Adult Retreat in October. Everyday there are scheduled classes (Morning Watch, Bible Study, Worship, Workshops, & Off Campus Outings).

Classes & Workshops

Witter Wildlife Refuge, One Man Drama, Gardening in a Responsible Manner, The Art of Soap Making, Missions Past, Present & Future, Praying Scripture, The Pleasure of Herbs, Bookmaking – The Accordion Memory Book, Tai Chi Fundamentals, Down Holler: A Sampling of Ozark Folk Speech, & Calligraphy.

Off Campus Outings

–Bud Walton Arena & Sports Complex, & Botanical Garden

If you are interested in going contact Yvonne Campbell 214-585-0083 or yvocam@sbcglobal.net. Yvonne has registration forms that you can fill out and send to Mt Sequoyah.

Deadline for Registration October 13 (or until full capacity). Lodging is assigned on a first come, first serve basis.

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## Library News



The library has received a memorial to Warren Wilks, the husband of Gayle, from the Fellowship Sunday School Class.

The book **“The Last Lecture”** by Randy Pausch was selected.

The Synopsis

“We cannot change the cards we are dealt, just how we play the hand.”—Randy Pausch

What wisdom would we impart to the world if we knew it was our last chance? If we had to vanish tomorrow, what would we want as our legacy?

When Randy Pausch, a computer science professor at Carnegie Mellon, was asked to give a lecture, he didn't have to imagine it as his last, since he had recently been diagnosed with terminal cancer.. But the lecture he gave—“Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams” wasn't about dying. It was about the importance of overcoming obstacles, of enabling the dreams of others, of seizing every moment (because time is all you have...and you may find one day that you have less than you think”). It was a summation of everything Randy had come to believe. It was about living.

In this book, Randy Pausch has combined the humor, inspiration and intelligence that made his lecture such a phenomenon and given it an indelible form.

Also as a memorial book to Warren Wilks is the book **“Fearfully and Wonderfully Made”** by Dr. Paul Brand and Philip Yancey from the Fellowship Sunday School Class.

The authors, a renowned surgeon and a professional writer, explore the human body, Join them in a remarkable journey through inner space—a spellbinding world of cells, systems, and chemistry that bears the impress of a still deeper, unseen reality.

Thank you for your donations and **using your library.**

Library Ministry

Sue Rominger



## UMW August Meeting

Wesley women and guests are invited to attend the UMW's **August** meeting:

When: Saturday, August 16, 2008

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon

Where: Quilters Room

Bring your favorite brunch food and join us.

Program topic is *“Mission Study”* by Mary Winders

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

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## NURSERY NEWS

A joint recommendation from the WCP Board, WCP Staff and the Nursery Ministry was presented to the Trustees requesting approval to lock the Nursery rooms when not in use by WCP or when there is no scheduled Nursery coverage. The request was approved and will take effect Sunday, August 10, 2008. If your ministry is in need of Nursery (0 thru 3 years) or child care (4 years thru 5th grade), please complete the Nursery Request Form available from Sandy in the Church office or at the Nursery Check-in Desk. We know this change will affect many of you and we pray for your understanding as we work to maintain a safe and healthy environment for all of our children.

Blessings,

Nursery Ministry, WCP Board, WCP Staff



# No One Works



# Unless Someone Prays

## ELECTIONS/NATIONAL CONCERNS

As we go into the final stages of our national election process, may Wesley bathe the entire process in prayer. Affirm the sovereignty of God and the supremacy of Jesus Christ over all U. S. political parties, candidates, super delegates, platforms and nominating conventions. (Col. 1:9-20) Intercede for mercy and for godly candidates in accord with God's revealed will for redemption, truth, and good government. (I Tim. 2:1-4, I Jn 5:14) Intercede for those drafting platforms the Democratic, Republican, and third party platforms, as most debate and compromise over philosophy and issues are occurring prior to the August 25-28 Democratic and September 1-4 Republican nominating conventions. *Intercessors For America. June 2008. Vol. 35, No. 6*



## 2008 OLYMPICS IN CHINA

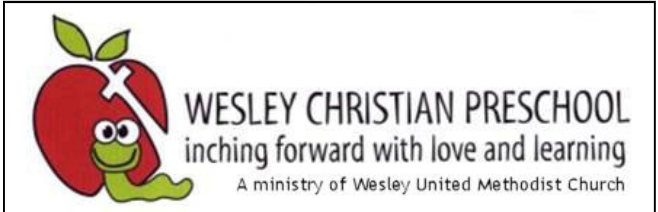
The eyes of the world will be on China leading up to the Olympic Games which will be held August 8-24, 2008, in Beijing. It's not too early for Christians to blanket China in prayer while counting down this historic event.

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](http://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](http://www.openDoorsUSA.org) and click on the rotating banner on the upper right of the homepage.

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Preschool News

The preschool is getting ready for the new school year. The teachers return at the end of August and the children begin classes on September 8th. We welcome new staff members to the preschool. Mrs. Laura Smith will be our new music and movement teacher two days a week. We are excited to have her on staff. One of our staff, Mrs. Jerri McCurley retired this past year after teaching at WCP for 6 years. In her honor, the parents donated a reading garden bench that will be placed under a redbud tree, outside her classroom, on the east side of the church. We plan to have a dedication of the bench and have her be the first to sit on it as she reads a book to the children. She has been such a blessing to so many children and staff at the preschool.

The preschool board's monthly meeting will be Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. We thank all the board members for their time and service, especially Dian Walker and Roger Barr.

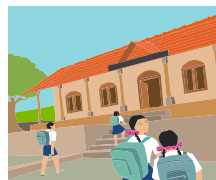
We welcome our newest members, Larry Tinsley and Kelly Willis.

As we begin a new school year, please keep the preschool in prayer as we joyfully share God's love with over 100 children each week. We are thankful for the church's support and the privilege of working with young children.

Joyfully in his service,  
Karen Stein

School starts August 25th in McKinney.  
Be mindful of School Zones.

Pray for Students and Teachers.



## GARRISON KEILLOR ON METHODIST

We make fun of Methodists for their blandness, their excessive calm, their fear of giving offense, their lack of speed, and also for their secret fondness for macaroni and cheese.

But nobody sings like them. If you were to ask an audience in New York City, a relatively Methodist-less place, to sing along on the chorus of "Michael Row the Boat Ashore," they will look daggers at you as if you had asked them to strip to their underwear. But if you do this among Methodists, they'd smile and row that boat ashore and up on the beach! And down the road!

Many Methodists are bred from childhood to sing in four-part harmony, a talent that comes from sitting on the lap of someone singing alto or tenor or bass and hearing the harmonic intervals by putting your little head against that person's rib cage.

It's natural for Methodists to sing in harmony. We are too modest to be soloists, too worldly to sing in unison. When you're singing in the key of C and you slide into the A7th and D7th chords, all two hundred of you, it's an emotionally fulfilling moment. By our joining in harmony, we somehow promise that we will not forsake each other.

I do believe this: People, these Methodists, who love to sing in four-part harmony are the sort of people you can call up when you're in deep distress.

\*If you're dying, they will comfort you.

\*If you are lonely, they'll talk to you.

\*And if you are hungry, they'll give you tuna salad.

\*Methodists believe in prayer, but would practically die if asked to pray out loud.

\*Methodists like to sing, except when confronted with a new hymn or a hymn with more than four stanzas.

\*Methodists believe their pastors will visit them in the hospital, even if they don't notify them that they are there.

\*Methodists usually follow the official liturgy and will feel it is their way of suffering for their sins.

\*Methodists believe in miracles and even expect miracles, especially during their stewardship visitation programs or when passing the plate.

\*Methodists think that the Bible forbids them from crossing the aisle while passing the peace.

\*Methodists drink coffee as if it were the Third Sacrament.

\*Methodists feel guilty for not staying to clean up after their own wedding reception in the Fellowship Hall.

\*Methodists are willing to pay up to one dollar for a meal at the church.

\*Methodists still serve Jell-O in the proper liturgical color of the season and think that peas in a tuna casserole adds too much color.

\*Methodists believe that it is OK to poke fun at themselves and never take themselves too seriously.

And finally,  
+ You know you are a Methodist when: its 100 degrees, with 90% humidity, and you still have coffee after the service.

+ You hear something funny during the sermon and smile as loudly as you can.

+ Donuts are a line item in the church budget, just like coffee.

+ When you watch a Star Wars movie and they say, "May the Force be with you," and you respond, "and also with you."

+ And lastly, it takes ten minutes to say good-bye!

## SHARING THE JOURNEY

By Gregg Dupree

As a member of Wesley UMC for six years, I have been blessed through my association with a great Sunday school class, the Oasis group. I am all Sunday school groups at Wesley, this is a varied group that is very nurturing. All of the members have their own special contributions to the class and I look forward to going to SS when I can. Thanks, Oasis Class!

Another blessing I have received at Wesley has been the chance to serve 5 years (2002-2007) as lay member to the Annual Conference of the North Texas Conference. This was a great experience to see the world wide connection that Wesley has to the global United Methodist Church. Seeing the different outreach groups that the North Texas Conference and the UMC support made me proud to be a United Methodist! Wesley UMC is truly part of a much greater worldwide movement.

**This column is a new addition to the monthly newsletter and will appear regularly. How have you been blessed by a ministry or an individual at Wesley UMC? Will you consider sharing your story? Please email our Lay Leader, Carol Boston, at [carolbos-ton@swbell.net](mailto:carolbos-ton@swbell.net)**

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Remember to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent.

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 Samaritan Inn is an integral member of the Wesley UMC body as are *all* missions that are supported by our church family.

Wesley has long supported The Samaritan Inn by providing groceries for a meal once a month. The food items are purchased and delivered to the Inn the second Saturday of each month. The groceries are then used to prepare a meal for the residents by Inn personnel. The current monthly Wesley grocery list consist of ingredients for a hamburger dinner.

The cost of the groceries is approximately \$200.00.

As fuel and food prices rise, we are *all* affected; the Mission Ministry would like to implement an alternate method of collecting the “non-perishable” food items that are needed to round out the grocery list.

The Non-Perishable food stuff may be donated on an ongoing basis by the whole Body, and the group that is responsible for the monthly meal (i.e. Sunday School class, youth group, individuals, Bible Study groups, UMW, Men’s Prayer Group, Prime Timers) can draw from that “food basket” and add the perishable items to complete their grocery list, thus reducing the overall cost.

The Inn population is full with approximately 120 residents on a full time basis.

Below is the standard grocery list that Wesley is responsible for the one meal a month:

NON-PERISHABLE:

- Dill Pickle Slices 1 Gallon
- Mayonnaise 1 Gallon
- Mustard 1 Gallon
- Ketchup 4 Qt. Bottles
- Onions 1 Bag

PERISHABLE:

- Hamburger patties 4 cases
- Hamburger buns 10-16 bags
- French fries 6 5lb bags
- Lettuce 8 heads
- Cheese 160 slices
- Tomatoes 18
- Ice Cream 5 5quart buckets

You may contact the Mission Ministry chair, Ken Hollingsworth, with your choice of future dates

SUPPORTING MISSIONS AT WESLEY



FOOD PANTRY DRIVE

“Please bring any kind of canned goods (regular size cans) and or dry goods to the church to be delivered to the McKinney Community Food Pantry. This is an on going need. Items donated go to needy families in the McKinney area. They also prefer the smaller jars of peanut butter. Thanks so much for helping with this Mission.

2nd Sat. of month	Samaritan Inn Meal
DATE:	HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST
January	INDIVIDUAL
February	INDIVIDUAL W/YOUTH SERVING
March	OASIS SS
April	QUEST SS
May	FELLOWSHIP SS
June	UMW
July	CHURCH COUNCIL
August	<u>OPEN</u>

“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



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inching forward with love and learning

A ministry of Wesley United Methodist Church

Now enrolling for fall 2008/2009 school year

- 2 ,3, 5 day classes available
- Must be 2, 3 or 4 years old by Sept 1st.
- Christian Curriculum including Spanish, Music & Movement and Chapel
- Hours: 9:15-2:15 Monday- Thursday
- 9:15-12:45-Fridays
- Follows MISD calendar with the exception of start and end dates
- Preschool year begins Sept 8/9th and ends May 21/22nd.

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