



The Wesley Word

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To the saints of Wesley



JESUS INVITES YOU INTO HIS PRESENCE

God of glory, show us your face, that we might be transformed and renewed for service in the world you love. Grant that during this season of Lent you will remake us. Free us from the powers that tempt us and keep us from dwelling with you. Amen

Adapted from *Alive Now*, Jan.-Feb. 2010.

As I am writing this, we have heard of the pain of our sisters and brothers who are in Haiti, and now they have experienced yet another powerful earthquake. We mourn with the families who have lost loved ones, who have lost their worldly possessions, who have been left homeless, hungry, thirsty and hurting. We mourn the passing of those United Methodist leaders who gave their lives in service to our Haitian brothers and sisters. We name them in our hearts, and minds, and prayers: Ms. Jean Arnwine, Reverend Clinton Rabb, Reverend Sam Dixon.

As we mourn for all those affected by this tragedy, we also know God has given us a spirit of hope for the future. As we embrace this hope, we know we also have the opportunity to address the needs of this tiny impoverished island nation which consistently has been dealt devastating tragedies. As a congregation we are able to send our love and support through the donation of health kits which will be gathered and sent to the United Methodist Committee On Relief, who will in turn send them to Haiti to be received by those who so badly need them. We are also taking an offering over a couple of weeks which will be sent to UMCOR as well. Know that because of our faithfulness in paying our apportionments, the salaries and overhead it takes to keep UMCOR functioning are paid, thus 100% of the offerings received for a disaster such as this earthquake are used in direct aid to God's people.

We are quickly approaching the season of Lent, which will begin with an Ash Wednesday worship service on February 17th at 7:00 p.m.. This will be a time of receiving the mark of ashes on our forehead to remind us of our mortality and our need to turn from sin toward God our creator, redeemer and sustainer. We will have the opportunity to repent and turn our attention to the sacrifice Jesus Christ our Savior has made on our behalf. Lent is a holy time for us to contemplate the depth of God's love toward us, and for us to prepare ourselves for the resurrection and new life we are assured of when we accept Jesus as Lord and Savior of our lives.

I will be in prayer for each and everyone of you during the 40 days of Lent leading up to Easter. I will pray for each of you by name, lifting you up to the Lord. My prayer will be a prayer of thanksgiving for you, and a prayer that God will give you all you need to continue to grow in your discipleship. As United Methodists, our mission to "make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world" can only be accomplished when we grow in our own discipleship, and then lead others to become disciples as well. May God's grace cover you from the crown of your head to the soles of your feet, and may God's face shine on you and give you peace.

Your fellow traveler on the Way,

Tom Waitschies

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Thank you so much to all of you who have brought your paper to our church to help recycle! We are making a difference! We recycled 8.53 tons of paper in 2009, which translates to approximately \$43 for our church.

Here are a couple statistics...

Wesley UMC, alone, has saved 25.59 cubic yards of landfill!

Wesley UMC, alone, has saved 34,990.06 KWH of energy!

Just think how much more we could save if we got everyone involved. Let your business and neighbors know that we have a paper recycling bin on our property. Please continue to bring your paper to our bin to support this cause. Thank you so much to all of you who have brought paper to our bin the past year!



SAMARITAN INN MEAL



The second Saturday of each month is the designated time for Wesley UMC to provide a monetary donation of \$200 to the Inn for purchasing groceries. Mission Coordinator will see that the check is delivered to the Inn by the second Saturday. Your donations to this mission are greatly appreciated!

Hands and Feet for 2010

<i>January</i>	<i>Individual</i>
<i>February</i>	<i>Individual</i>
<i>March</i>	<i>Oasis SS</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>Individual</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>Open</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>Open</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>Fellowship SS</i>
<i>August through December</i>	<i>Open</i>

Call Gregg Dupree to sign up
214-551-1901

“Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.” Matthew 24:40

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wesley will observe Ash Wednesday Services on **February 17, at 7:00 pm**. On Ash Wednesday we enter a holy time, the season of Lent. It is a time for inward searching, for journeying to the sacred center of our faith. In the depth of our hearts Jesus is waiting for us, reaching out to us, inviting us to leave ordinary time and follow him

along the journey that brought him to the Cross. Listen in silence, for Jesus is calling.

For the imposition of Ashes, your prayers to God in 2009 will be used.





Happy February Birthday's

Katherine Hines	1st
Callie Moorman	2nd
Colton Stallings	3rd
Sara Tinsley	3rd
Christina Cowley	5th
Denise Tolbert	5th
Dorothy McIntire	8th
Joy Short	8th
Rachel Moorman	11th
Wilma Williams	11th
Don Furness	13th
Matthew DeLisle	15th
Davie McBride	15th
David Pratt	16th
George Gilbert	17th
Reece Jones	17th
Nikki McDonald	17th
Dana Dupree	19th
Francine Chehati	20th
Debbie Anderson	24th
Diane Hartnell	24th
Natilee Quinn	24th
Charles Schober	24th
Cody Stallings	27th
Michelle Gell	28th
Ken Hollingsworth	28th



"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.

New Members 2010
 Neoma Brewster
 Michael & Roseann Zammiello
 Ruth Dickson



UMW'S February Meeting

Wesley women and guests are invited to attend the UMW's February potluck brunch and meeting:

When: Saturday, February 20
Time: 9:30 a.m.—12 noon
Where: Quilters Room

Come join us as we share our food, uplifting program and Christian fellowship. If you have questions, please feel free to contact one of the following officers:

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UP COMING EVENTS



- February 1 Trustees Meeting
- February 7 Worship Committee
- February 7 Youth Parent Meeting
- February 8 Finance Meeting
- February 10 Weight Loss Support
- February 12-13 Confirmation Retreat Lake Texoma
- February 13 VBS Planning Meeting
- February 13 Samaritan Inn Meal Hands and Individual
- February 14 Confirmation Bake Sale
- February 14 Sunday Lunch Bunch
- February 15 Church Council
- February 17 Ash Wednesday
- February 18 Prime Timers
- February 20 UMW Meeting
- February 22 SPRC Meeting



**Wesley United
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times as needed
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972-542-2228**

Word of Appreciation to Wesley

We give thanks with a grateful heart for the Wesley Family. Your love offering at Christmas speaks volumes of your love and support. More than you can imagine, those funds really impacted us at the perfect time. Thank you. What a privilege to be on staff here at Wesley.

Dennis Full and family,
Youth Director



Mission Trip 2010 - **It's Time!**

The theme for this year's mission trip comes from Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 "A Time for Everything".

- ¹ There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under heaven:
- ² a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
- ³ a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
- ⁴ a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
- ⁵ a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain,
- ⁶ a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
- ⁷ a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
- ⁸ a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.

What time is it in your life? Is it time to go on a mission trip? This year, the Mission Team will be traveling to Reynosa, Mexico to build two cinder block homes, put on a vacation bible school and visit a local orphanage. The dates for the trip are March 13th - 20th. Unlike previous trips, this one will not be quite as physically demanding as previous trips have been as we will be staying in dorms and most of the meals will be prepared by locals. As always, the trip will not be successful without prayer and participation from the whole body here at Wesley. If you are interested in joining us or learning more about how you can help, please contact Robert Camp at 214-662-7496 or by e-mail rcamp@bankoftexas.com.

Together in Christ,
Mission Team

Get in on the ACTI N

Would you like to be part of a ministry that makes a real difference in others' lives when they need it most—and in your own? Consider becoming a **Stephen Minister!** Stephen Minister training will begin in January. Topics include:

- *listening, feelings, confidentiality, providing Christian Care, maintaining boundaries, crisis theory and practice, ministering to people experiencing grief, divorce, hospitalization, illness and more.*

Applications are still being taken

Call Cathy Delisle 972-345-4919 or Church Office 972-542-2228

SHARING THE JOURNEY

By June Halpin

My most precious memory of Wesley UMC is my first Sunday to attend. As my daughter, Ellen, and I walked up to the door it was opened by these two big smiling men, G.E. Hemphill and Walter West. They welcomed us as if we were long lost cousins returning to the family. From that moment on I knew I had found my church home and family.

Next came Mrytle Jenkins and Hilda Tinsley and Wanda Fisher. Walter, Mrytle and Hilda have gone on to welcome me into the Pearly Gates, but G.E. and Wanda are still among my dearest friends. The first thing I learned from G.E. is "Never make a doctor's appointment for a Thursday." The next Thursday was Prime Timers and G.E. said I must come. My answer, "I'm sorry, but I have a doctor's appointment." I soon found that with Prime Timers and Piece Makers my Thursdays were booked up.

I'm sure when I get to heaven I'll find Lillis Russell and Nell Polser, along with the Piece Makers who have joined them, with a quilt in the frame just waiting for the "gang" to get there.



The preschool begins registration for the 2010 preschool year on Feb 15th for currently enrolled families. Open enrollment for the public begins Feb 22nd.

Class and summer session information is available through the preschool office



We are excited to be offering two summer sessions for preschoolers. Session dates are June 21-July 2nd and July 5th -July 16th. Classes will be each Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 9:15-1:15 for children aged 2-5. Stop by the preschool office for summer registration details.

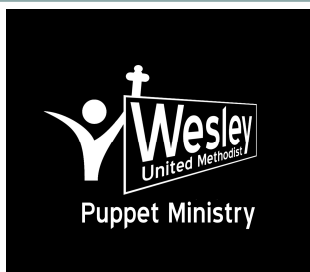


The Taste of Wesley Fundraiser was a huge success thanks to our Wesley Family. Your contributions helped raise enough money for the purchase of 14 banquet tables and 2 storage carts for the tables.

Our hopes are to have the tables ready for our next Sunday Lunch Bunch.

Thank you so much!

**Yvonne Campbell,
Jim and Terry Young**



The Puppet Team is starting 2010 with a very large goal in mind. We have the opportunity to attend an International Christian Puppeteering Conference. It will be held in Chicago during the week of July 5th.

Our intention is to take both of our adult leaders and at least 4 puppeteers. The cost of this weeklong event is \$400 per person, which includes the conference, accommodations and meals. We also need to cover the cost of two overnight stays (as we travel), gas money to/from Chicago and meals on the road. We estimate the total cost will be around \$550 for each one of us attending.

We are beginning to look for sponsors, to do fundraisers and to accept love donations to help defray the costs. Most importantly, we are asking for your prayers. We know God will do wonderful things with our puppet team and this opportunity for growth.

To Everyone who helped in the Nursery on December 13th.

Thank you to the many hands who took time out from worship and from being blessed by the Cantata to come and serve in the Nursery. Words cannot express my gratitude for your gracious gift of love and caring for me and for the wonderful children that joined us that day. You all are such a blessing and being in service with you during that short time was a great joy. I pray God's blessings on you as you continue to be His hands and feet wherever you go.

Your Sister in Christ,
Terrilee



To Every Youth and Adult who continue to support the Nursery Ministry.

Thank you to everyone of you who step in when there is a need in the Nursery; to those who check each Sunday to see if your hands and feet are needed; and to those who are willing to come and serve at the last minute. Your love of children and concern for their needs touches my heart. Wesley and the guests that God leads here are truly blessed by your servant spirit. I pray God's strength and joy and you continue to serve Him with your whole heart.

Your Sister in Christ,
Terrilee

Wow, already the third week of January, but I still find myself in a New Year mode. A time of looking in the rear view mirror to recall God's work and looking out the windshield to identify where we might again join in with His grace at work. It is from this passenger seat perspective that I can say with confidence and excitement that the Youth of Wesley have a heart for outreach, to claim and proclaim the name of Jesus. Why do I say this? Here is some of what I see in that rear view mirror;

One year ago this month, a small group began to meet to launch a Youth Praise Band. What a joy to see, and participate with them, proclaiming that name of Christ in song on Sunday mornings.

I recall those inviting friends to the BattleCry event, Wed night *Life Groups* and Waco mission trip.

My heart warms as I remember how they met basic human needs of the underprivileged. They served the hungry as they collect canned goods for the Food Pantry. They raised funds for the homeless at the Samaritan inn, and gave coats to Slaughter elementary.

Then in the middle of town square the puppet team boldly proclaims the Christ story for ALL to hear on Thanksgiving weekend. Yes, outreach.

Finally as our year was closing, another small group of High school students began meeting to form the Youth Council. What enthusiasm they have for ministry, and to make a difference, to reach out.

Outreach, it was life for Christ, a daily way of living. His heart was always sensitive to the need and He had the eyes to see the hurt of mankind around Him. Maybe from a teen's perspective it shouldn't always be the "big" event at youth, like feeding the hungry. Maybe it is reaching out to someone at school or on their teams. Maybe towards one who is; **spiritually lost, socially alone or emotionally hurting**? Do you recall some of this when you were a teen or even today? Sometimes Outreach is towards an unseen need, related to a sense of no identity or no acceptance. So what does Outreach look like? How can we develop the eyes of Christ or be the listening ear?

Over the course of the next two months we will participate in a few programs with this focus of Outreach and being equipped.

In ministry with students,

Dennis Full

D.A.N. January 24th, from 6:00 to 7:30 we have guest speakers coming in. D.A.N. is Drug Awareness Night. This session includes powerful testimonies of how drugs and alcohol impact life. That often the use is a symptom of an internal issue.

T.S.A.L. January 31st, we launch a six week series. This is centered on the movie, *To Save A Life*. This movie portrays life in high school in today's culture. It brings to life, real stories that happen every day in America. All is based upon true stories dealt with by a veteran youth minister in California. Go take a look at the trailer www.tosavealifemovie.com.

Jan 31st movie, then rally back at Wesley. Session 1 *Lowering the Waterline*

Feb 7th session 2 *You're Not Alone*

Feb 14th session 3 *Say Something...Do Something*

Feb 21st session 4 *What's your Logline?*

Feb 28th session 5 *How to Save a Life*

March 7th session 6 *Stepping Into the Bigger Picture*

Spring Mission Trip

March 13th – 20th Reynosa, Mexico. Build two cinder block homes and VBS

Acquire the Fire

April 9th & 10th "ENCOUNTER" in Dallas, Superpages Center

WE CONFESS

In recent issues of this Newsletter I have listed and commented on the major tenets of the Confessing Movement's Statement of Faith. In doing so my intention has been to set out that which gave rise to such a movement in the first place and why it's continued work and influence is so important and worthy of our support.

It is an age old reality that when religion and human nature interface human nature, being what it is, has a tendency to superimpose self serving, convenient, more palatable and invariably false interpretations and constructions on the true essence of a given religion. Christianity, owing perhaps to the soft image it projects as a result of its non-militant disposition and emphasis on love and forgiveness, is more prone to this phenomenon than any other as dissention, even desecration of the Faith, bring no retaliatory, least of all violent, consequences to the perpetrators.

From the time of the Apostles the Church has had to exercise discernment between God ordained Biblical interpretation and doctrinal advancement on the one hand and heresy on the other. In the past, and certainly up to the time of our founder John Wesley, deviations from the fundamentals of our Faith were not tolerated but today things have changed. Particularly within the main line churches; (Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Congregationalists, Methodists, Lutherans etc.) political correctness is replacing moral correctness, tolerance is replacing truth, license in replacing discipline, expediency is replacing righteousness and salvation through Christ alone is being sacrificed on the alter of inclusiveness.

This situation has already gained such momentum in certain denominations (Presbyterian, Episcopalian and Lutheran) as to result in schisms, splits within the respective denominations. Some believe that the United Methodist Church is headed in the same direction. Well this is where the Confessing Movement comes in; the following extract from their website summarizes precisely the reasons for their existence:

"We are United Methodists who love our church and who are centered on Christ. We believe in the historic Christian faith and are especially grateful for our Wesleyan understanding of God's grace and His call for personal and social holiness. We are committed to renewing the United Methodist Church by promoting Biblical truth and by praying for God's Spirit to unite his people around our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."

No Christian, I believe, would deny the importance of knowing what they believe and why. Most churches, and this certainly is the case at Wesley, are serious about helping members to grow in their faith through broader knowledge, understanding and acceptance of God's word as the uncontested 'roadmap' for life. Such knowledge and understanding is vital in that, for the Christian, it informs behavior, attitudes, choices, opinions and overall morality. Accordingly it is also important to know how our church is at work in the world.

Here are some important websites that will serve to keep you up to date on the positions of mainline churches in relation to many of the issues that define our times: www.confessingumc.org

www.theird.org

www.goodnewsmag.org

www.gnmagazine.org

In addition you may have heard recently of the Manhattan Declaration. This is a most encouraging development that we all need to be familiar with and, hopefully, support:

www.manhattandeclaration.org

Barry Smith.

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