



# The Wesley Word

## Hurrah for Resolutions!

### Jesus Invites Us Into His Presence

By Jayne Wolfe



**God of all years and time, as we stand on the threshold of a new year fill us with peace and hope. Light us with your holy fire; give us a vision of all possibilities open to your people. Grant that we may work within your will to help your kingdom come.**

**Amen**

*Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun. Psalm 37:4-6*

The tradition of New Year's Resolutions began long ago. Some credit it to the ancient Babylonians while others credit it to the ancient Romans. Whatever the origin, resolutions are firmly embedded in our culture. Many will begin 2009 resolved to improve their health, finances, relationships, personal skills and variety of other things.

As noble as resolutions may be, they've become the butt of countless jokes. The making of resolutions and the breaking of resolutions are almost seen as a given. Eric Zorn writes, "Making resolutions is a cleansing ritual of self assessment and repentance that demands personal honesty and, ultimately, reinforces humility. Breaking them is part of the cycle." Mark Twain says, "New Year's Day...now is the accepted time to make your regular annual good resolutions. Next week you can begin paving hell with them as usual."

For centuries, though, the Church has viewed making New Year's resolutions as a great opportunity to grow in faith and to draw closer to the Lord. Jonathan Edward was the famous theologian and educator of colonial America. Listen to the tone his New Year's Resolutions:

*Being sensible that I am unable to do anything without God's help, I do humble entreat Him, by His grace, to enable me to keep these Resolutions, so far as they are agreeable to His will, for Christ's sake. [I will] remember to read over these Resolutions once a week. Resolved, That I will do whatsoever I think to be most to the glory of God, and my own good, profit and pleasure, in the whole of my duration; without any consideration of the time, whether now, or never so many myriads of ages hence. Resolved, to do whatever I think to be my duty, and most for the good and advantage of mankind in general. Resolved, Never to lose one moment of time, but to improve it in the most profitable way I possibly can.*

*Resolved, to live with all my might, while I do live.*

*Resolved, Never to do anything, which I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life.*

*Resolved, Never to do anything our of revenge.*

*Resolved, Never to speak evil of any one, so that it shall tend to his dishonor, more or less, upon no account except for some real good.*

*Resolved, To study the Scriptures so steadily, constantly, and frequently, as that I may find, and plainly perceive, myself to grow in the knowledge of the same.*

*Resolved, Never to count that a prayer, nor to let that pass as a prayer, nor that as a petition of a prayer, which is so made, that I cannot hope that God will answer it; nor that as a confession which I cannot hope God will accept.*

*Resolved, To ask myself, at the end of every day, week, month, and year, wherein I could possibly, in any respect, have done better.*

*Resolved, Never to give over, nor in the least to slacken, my fight with my corruptions, however unsuccessful I may be.*

*Resolved, After afflictions, to inquire, what I am the better for them; what good I have got by them, and what I might have got by them.*

*Resolved, Always to do that which I shall wish I had done when I see others do it. Let there be something of benevolence in all that I speak.*

Jonathan Edwards, The Works of Jonathan Edwards, Vol.1

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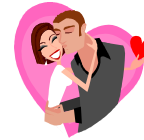
### Happy January Birthday's

Carla Gilbert	2nd
Audra Lambert	4th
Robert Nelson	4th
L M Polser	6th
Yvonne Campbell	8th
Paul Vizard	9th
Kathy McClellan	10th
Cavan Natal	11th
Paul Anderson	14th
Liz Jones	14th
Fernando Encizo	15th
Gayle Wilks	16th
Brian Peterson	22nd
Ashleigh Quinn	23rd
Alan Denniston	25th
Charles Rominger	28th



### Up Coming Events

1st	News Years/Office Closed
4th	Worship Team Meeting
4th	Youth Parent Meeting
5th	Trustees
10th	Church Council
10th	Samaritan Inn Meal
11th	Sunday Lunch Bunch/3rd Annual Chili Cook-off celebrating Wesley Memorial 100 days to 100 years
12th	Finance Meeting
14th	WFN
15th	Prime Timers
17th	UMW Meeting
19th	Church Council
24th	Production of Mexico Puppets
26th	SPRC Meeting



### FAMILY LIFE Presents WEEKEND TO REMEMBER

Valentine's Weekend February 13-15, 2009

Gaylord Texan Resort Grapevine, TX  
To join our group contact Tim & Valerie Brinkman

home@thebrinkmanfamily.com

972-540-6290 by February 3, 2009



### Church Council Goal Setting & Discernment

January 10th, 10am-noon



### SUNDAY LUNCH BUNCH January 11th

The 3rd Annual Chili Cook-off will be in celebration of Wesley Memorial Methodist Church. 100 days to 100 years of Faithful Service. Come and celebrate with us following the 11:00 Service, January 11th in Fellowship Hall. Rev. Becky Frank & Rev. John Dilliard will join us in leading worship.



### WFN BEGINS

January 14th



### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Morning Volunteers needed at 8:30 and 11:00 Services to be on hand in case someone joins the church.

Task: Greet the new member, give them a new member packet, and take their picture for the Picture Board.

If interested please contact Sandy in the Church Office for more information. 972-542-2228.



### UMW January Meeting

What: Wesley UMW Meeting  
When: Saturday, January 17, 2009  
Time: 9:30 a.m.—12:00 noon  
Where: Quilters Room

Ladies bring brunch food and join us for the first UMW meeting in 2009.

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

- Barbara Miller President [bamiller1234@yahoo.com](mailto:bamiller1234@yahoo.com)
- Pat Chadwick Vice President - [dillwick@juno.com](mailto:dillwick@juno.com)
- Betty Bailey Secretary - [bettybailey@tx.rr.com](mailto:bettybailey@tx.rr.com)
- Carol Bichler Treasurer - [cbichler@jcpenny.com](mailto:cbichler@jcpenny.com)



*"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**

Jake Wilson Zappe  
Jordan Allen  
Evan Mosley  
Ashleigh Quinn  
Natilee Quinn

#### **Our Newest Members**

Michael & Nycol Mosley  
Megan Mosley  
Susan Quinn



## **PRAYER VIGIL IN PRAYER ROOM**

Wesley will begin 2009 with a Prayer Vigil on January 6th from 9:00 am– 6:00 pm, in the Prayer Room. Our themes will be God's will for Wesley in 2009, the global economy that is effecting each of us, and employment for those in our church and community who have been effected by the current recession.

A sign-up board will be in the Narthex beginning Dec. 21 and prayer request will be in the bulletins.

**"THE FUTURE BELONGS TO THE INTERCESSOR."**



## **MEXICO MISSION TRIP**

Believe it or not, spring break is right around the corner, which means its time to start getting ready for our annual mission trip to Juarez, Mexico. If you are interested in learning more about the trip, please make plans to join us on January 11th after the 2nd service.

If you have any questions, please contact Robert Camp at 214-662-7496.



**WESLEY CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL**  
inching forward with love and learning  
A ministry of Wesley United Methodist Church

Thank you to everyone that contributed gifts to the angel families this Christmas. Wesley and the preschool sponsored 8 families and they were generously provided for and blessed. Webb elementary was very grateful.

The preschool had two wonderful Christmas programs in December as the children sang in a chorus and re-created the nativity scene for their parents. The staff also enjoyed a Saturday Christmas party and secret sister gift exchange at Audrey Natal's home.

We will resume preschool on January 5<sup>th</sup>. We wish every family peace and joy in the new year.



## Church Council

Chairperson	Ken Hollingsworth
Vice Chairperson	Open
Secretary	Open
Lay Leader	Carol Boston
Staff-Parish Relations (chair)	Nina McClellan
Board of Trustees (chair)	Open
Finance Team (chair)	Carol Bichler
Treasurer (staff)	Open
Financial Secretary	Holly Malone
Lay Member To Annual Conference	Barry Smith
United Methodist Women	Barbara Miller
UMYF Rep	Open
Pastor	Ed Lantz
Prayer Ministries	Jayne Wolfe
Fellowship Team	Jim & Terry Young, Curtis & Shirley Clark
Worship Leadership Team	Simmie Belonga
Missions Team	David Coburn
Congregational Care Team	Shannon Williams
Communications Team	Debbie Anderson
Children's Ministry	Terrilee Schober
Adult Education Coordinator	Barry Smith
Youth Group Team	Dennis Full
Evangelism	Rob Kelly
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	Cathy DeLisle
Adult Education Coordinator	Barry Smith

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### Staff-Parish Relations Team

<b>2011</b>	Laurel Mutchler	Bob Morris	Sandra Graham
<b>2010</b>	Nina McClellan Chair	Gina Lambert	Derek Kardos
<b>2009</b>	Rob Kelly	Kelly Camp	Valerie Brinkman

**Lay Member To Annual Conference** Barry Smith

### Board of Trustees

<b>2011</b>	Jim Young	Pat Malone	Jeremy Turner
<b>2010</b>	Teresa Barker	Michelle Gell	Roy Salas
<b>2009</b>	Howard Graham	Lyle Wells	Barry Hines

### Finance Team

	<b><u>2009</u></b>
Chairperson	Carol Bichler
Lay Member to Annual Conference	Barry Smith
Church Council Chair	Cathy DeLisle
Staff-Parish Relations Chair	Nina McClellan
Trustees Chair	Open
Treasurer (staff)	Open
Financial Secretary	Holly Malone
Auditor	Bob Morris
Lay Leader	Carol Boston
WCP Rep	Karen Stein

**The Fellowship Team**

Co-Chair  
Co-Chair

**2009**

Jim & Terry Young,  
Curt & Shirley Clark  
Judy Brown  
Ken & Yun Hollingsworth  
Davie McBride  
Debbie Anderson  
Yvonne Campbell  
Betty Dalton  
Terry Green  
Sara Tinsley

**Evangelism**

Chairperson

**2009**

Rob Kelly

**Worship Leadership Team**

Chairperson  
Music Director  
Usher Coordinators  
Usher Captains

**2009**

Simmie Belonga  
Mario Major  
Jim Young  
Charles Rominger  
Ken Hollingsworth  
Terry Green  
Howard & Sandra Graham  
Robert & Karon Nelson  
Terrilee Schober  
Joel Cook  
Jayne Wolfe  
Chuck & Carol Boston  
Greg & Dana Dupree  
Kelly Camp  
Betty Dalton  
Gina Lambert  
Yvonne Campbell  
Lisa Lantz  
Rev. Ed Lantz  
Sandy Ragland  
Karen Stein  
Dennis Full

Children's Time Coordinator  
Technical Coordinator  
Communion Coordinator  
Communion Stewards

Greeters Coordinator  
Greeters

Acolytes  
Staff:

**Missions Team**

Chairperson

**2009**

David Coburn

**Congregational Care Team**

Chairperson

**2009**

Shannon Williams  
June Halpin  
Claire Hastings  
Yvonne Campbell  
Michelle Gell  
Joan Cook  
Betsy Cook  
Valerie Brinkman  
Carol Boston  
Sue Rominger

**Communication Team**

Chairperson

**2009**

Debbie Anderson

**History & Archives Team**

Chairperson

**2009**

Sue Rominger;  
Wanda Fisher

**InTouch Ministry**

Chairperson

**2009**

June Halpin  
Yvonne Campbell  
Wanda Fisher  
Ed Lantz

**Library Team**

Chairperson

**2009**

Sue Rominger  
Elizabeth McCaskill  
Joan Cook  
Pat Chadwick

**Membership Team**

**2009**

Sue Rominger  
Yvonne Campbell  
Sara Tinsley  
Terry Young

**Committee on Lay Leadership**

**2011**

**2010**

Larry Tinsley

Betty Bailey

**2009**

Terry Young

Curt Clark

Lay Leader,

Barry Smith

Pastor, Chair



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**One of Methodism's most beloved prayers is John Wesley's Covenant Prayer. The prayer is often prayed during Watchnight Services on New Year's Eve. It reads:**

*I am no longer my own but thine  
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt  
Put me to doing, put me to suffering  
Let me be employed for thee or laid aside for thee,  
exalted for thee or brought low for thee  
Let me be full, let me be empty  
Let me have all things, let me have nothing  
I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure  
And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
thou art mine and I am thine  
So be it  
And the covenant which I am made on earth,  
let it be ratified in Heaven  
Amen.*

**“Commit your way to the Lord”, says the Psalmist. May our New Year's Resolutions include a deeper commitment to Christ and His Church.**

Yet we must remember that any commitment we make to Him is secondary to His commitment to us. We commit to Him because he has already committed to us. The Apostle Paul writes, **“ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8).**

Blessings, Ed

## SHARING THE JOURNEY

Seven years ago at the midnight Christmas Eve Candle Light service, Chuck and I knelt at the prayer rail and boldly asked the Father for physical healing. Chuck had been diagnosed with metastasized melanoma and after four operations, chemo and radiation, he is now cancer free. Praise the Lord!

Less than three years ago, my only child, Angela, was involved in a fatal car accident.

God in His infinite grace and wisdom has blessed my life with a loving, praying church family. You wrapped your arms around me tightly in the time of pain and grief with such care and love.

Of all that was given by the Wesley family at the death of my child, the most treasured was your prayers and your tears. The prayers have lifted me up and have given me comfort. Your tears flowed because you cared.

I am truly blessed with a church family filled with brothers and sisters in Christ. A family who has taken the time to nurture and teach me; to advise; to remind me that God is good all the time; to gently guide me in my Walk with Christ. There is not one person that I have met at Wesley that has not touched my life in some way.

That Candle Light service was the second time that Chuck and I had worshiped at Wesley and the "rest is history" "as they say.

God laid upon my heart the desire to become a part of this church with my presence, my gifts and my service.

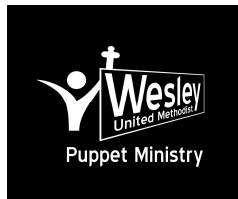
God's glory was reflected by the body of Wesley and my heart was touched by the compassion and fellowship that was found within the walls.

**"I always thank God for you because of His grace given you in Christ"**

**1 Corinthians 1-8**

**Carol Boston**

**\*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 [carolboston@swbell.net](mailto:carolboston@swbell.net)**



Sounds of the Season: Our puppeteers shared some of their favorite Christmas Carols during the Advent Season.

This was a great opportunity to work on our puppetry skills while having fun with the music.

Winter Projects: We have two very special events coming up in the spring - Mexico Mission Puppets and Show and the Centennial Celebration. We'll be spending the next few months working towards those with a few smaller projects added in. If you speak Spanish, we could use your help recording our show, so contact Shana Kelly at [shanleekelly@yahoo.com](mailto:shanleekelly@yahoo.com).

Mexico Mission Puppet Project: Put this date on your calendars! **January 24, 2009** -

We will be meeting at the church for a Puppet Creation Day. We need all the hands we can get, if we are going to make 100 puppets. No special skills are necessary! More details will be coming, so watch the bulletins and check your email.

Help Wanted: The Puppet Team has an urgent need for a Creative Director. We need someone who can lead a creative team of students in the design & production of sets, props and costuming. Must be able to meet regularly with Director & Administrator and be available to meet with your team on Sundays (4-6pm or 5-6pm depending on day). Please pray for the person God will be sending us - is it you?!

### A note from the director...

It's a new year...wow, where did 2008 go? Four years ago Lee Meir had a little puppet friend named Gordy that she wanted to introduce to the kids of Wesley. Lee asked if I would help her, neither one of us dreaming the Lord would have me serve in this way. I fell in love with puppets, and the rest, as they say, is history!!

It struck me this week that this ministry could go on without me! Don't get me wrong, I'm not going anywhere but the Puppet Ministry is moving along without any help from me. The Lord showed me very early on that this is HIS ministry and if I relied on Him for everything, He would provide. The puppeteers have come to a point where little direction is needed. They are beginning to see the vision themselves! They are writing ideas, doing their own choreography, creating and making their own props. As their director, this is a beautiful sight to see. Is this how God feels when his children start to get it - the sight of baby Christians starting to believe and growing in a faith of their own. I am so proud of the growth our puppeteers and I can hardly wait to see what God has in store for 2009.

Happy New Year everyone!!

# 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!

**DATE:                      HANDS AND FEET**

January 10

February 14

March 14

April 11

May 9

June 13

July 11

August 8

September 12

October 10

November 14

December 12

Sign up now for 2009, call church office or David Coburn 214-726-0182

## 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.

### NEW MISSION COORDINATOR

David Coburn is the new Mission coordinator for 2009.

Sign-ups are now underway for filling the Hands and Feet (2009) for the Samaritan Inn. Discuss with your SS Class, Small group, or consider as an individual which month you would like to sign up and call David or the Church office. You can also call David for more information.

Don't wait—Sign up now.



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**Now enrolling for fall 2008/2009 school year**

- 2 ,3, 5 day classes available
- Must be 2, 3 or 4 years old by Sept 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 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 8/9<sup>th</sup> and ends May 21/22nd.

Licensed by the state of Texas

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