



The Wesley Word

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Dear friends in Christ,



JESUS INVITES YOU INTO HIS PRESENCE

All praise, honor, and glory belong to the Lord God Almighty. May we spend our days in praise and our nights filled with the joy of the Lord; for God will pour out His Spirit upon all peoples. Our sons and daughters shall prophesy, the old shall dream dreams, the young shall see visions. Come, Lord Jesus, pour out your Spirit, enfold us in your grace, and reveal to us your glory. Amen (adapted from Joel 2: 28-29)

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We have had a busy, busy month during May, and now we are heading into our Summer program which will be equally busy in many ways. We have our Annual Conference in Wichita Falls, Vacation Bible School, field trips for our children, mission work for our youth, and the wonderful opportunity to enjoy God's wonderful creation all around us. We are blessed! Remember the church needs your prayers and faithfulness during the Summer, as much or more as it does throughout the year.

As Summer approaches, there are those who think it is a down time for church. Nothing could be further from the truth. We are planning for a great Summertime of worship, with many opportunities to sing familiar and favorite hymns and songs of the faith. True enough, we will relax a little, we will play a little, we will rest a little, but we will worship every Sunday and praise God for all God is doing for us.

We will be experiencing some change this Summer, if the Annual Conference Strategic Plan is approved, we will be in a newly configured district, the North Central District, with a new District Superintendent-Reverend Milton Gutierrez. Some of you may remember him as being the senior pastor First UMC-Allen, prior to his appointment to be District Superintendent of the Dallas South District. We will say goodbye to Rev. Dr. Clara Reed as she transitions to become the District Superintendent of the newly formed Metro District. We want to be sure and keep both of these persons in our prayers for their ministries to be fruitful, and we want to pray for our new district, that it continue to follow the great commission of Jesus Christ, to make disciples.

Here at Wesley, we too are engaging in a Strategic Planning process. I want to say I am thoroughly astounded by the planning committee's commitment to the process and to providing a well thought out, prayed over plan for our future as a beacon of hope and love to the McKinney area. We are setting priorities, we are looking at the current and future needs of our church and community, and we are asking the Holy Spirit to guide us as "we plan the work, so we can work the plan!" Please keep the committee in your prayers.

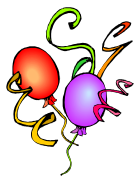
As we head into Summer, please make a priority of worship. Remember, worship continues to fuel and fill our lives in many, many ways. We receive so much from God through our time in worship, and others receive so much from God through us when we are in worship together. Our faithfulness through our attendance, prayers, giving, serving and witnessing are imperative to the life and health of Wesley United Methodist Church. But more importantly, this same faithfulness is imperative to our own life and health as believers in the One who blesses us in untold ways.

Your fellow traveler on the Way,
Tom Waitschies



*Happy June
Birthday's*

Joel Cook	3rd
Ben Long	3rd
Nycol Mosley	3rd
Laurel Mutchler	5th
Delaney Gullickson	17th
June Halpin	19th
Bridget Hartnell	19th
Leslie Hollingsworth	21st
Larry Tinsley	21st
Sara Gullickson	22nd
Marlo Major	22nd
Landon Soderstrom	23rd
Bryan McDonald	24th
Paige Wells	24th
Ruby Williamson	25th
Suzanne Hartnell	27th
Susan Hines	27th
Lisa Full	28th
Jarred Dreher	30th
Kenny Gullickson	30th



*“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
Dianne Beauchamp
Nancy Washburne
Mfon Akpabio
Juanita Williams
Kenny & Sara Gullickson
Ryan & Julie McCauley
Andrew Brinkman
Carter Camp
Cheyenne Ehman
Christiana Panciotti
Eva Peterson
Kaley Priestley
Evan Vizard



Baptism 2010
Abigail Reece McCauley

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 ● Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, ‘Why is the bride dressed in white?’ ‘Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life.’ The child thought about this for a moment then said, ‘So why is the groom wearing black?’



Up-Coming Events

- June 6 Worship Mtg**
- June 7 Trustees Mtg**
- June 8 WCP Board Mtg**
- June 12 *VBS Volunteer Kick-off meeting in Quilters room 10am**
- June 12 Samaritan Inn Meal/Hands & Feet Individual**
- June 13 Sunday Lunch Bunch**
- June 14-18 Vacation Bible School**
- June 14 Finance Mtg**
- June 16 Articles due for July Newsletter**
- June 19 UMW Mtg**
- June 20 Fathers Day**
- June 21 Church Council Mtg**
- June 23-25 Jr. High Mission Trip/Arlington Metroplex**

** Volunteers still needed ,if interested please attend the meeting to get all your questions answered and information on volunteering.*

V.B.S. June 14—18 9am– noon

4 years through 5th grade Age and Grade as of 9-1-10



On Monday please arrive for check-in at 8:45 am.

Explore the mighty love of God! Drama, Crafts, Music, Games, Snacks and more!

Join us for a musical celebration on Thursday, June 17 at 6:30 pm

Registration forms located in Narthex. Fee-free, donations welcomed see participation board in Narthex.

Imagine *Women of Faith*

Join other Wesley women at the **WOMEN OF FAITH** conference “**IMAGINE**” on **August 20th & 21st at the American Airlines Center.**

Escape from the everyday at a Women of Faith weekend and be refreshed, encouraged and inspired. Because the God who loves you can do far more than you can ever IMAGINE.

At a Women of Faith weekend experience the people you’ll see and hear onstage (and in the audience) are like you. They’ve been through good times and bad – and they’ve learned a thing or two along the way.

God can do anything, you know – far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! Ephesians 3:20 (MSG)

Cost: \$99 for both days and even includes two box lunches!

2010 Women of Faith Team: Michelle Aguilar, Lisa Harper, Karen James, Luci Swindoll, and Sheila Walsh

Musical guests: Natalie Grant and Mary Mary

Drama by Nicole Johnson

Special guest: Marcus Buckingham

Call Valerie Brinkman 972-540-6290 for more details. Once she receives your payment, she will reserve your spot! Let her know if you'd like to make monthly payments....even \$25/month for 4 months would be fine. Sign up list will also be in the Narthex.

Come join us for two days of fun and laughter! You’ll be blessed!

Can also sign up online at this web address <http://gps.womenoffaith.com> Group name is: **WESLEY UMC**



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

January	Individual
February	Individual
March	Oasis SS
April	Individual
May	Individual
June	Individual
July	Fellowship SS & Tues Eve. Bible Study
August	Individual

September	Individual
October	UMW
November	Open
December	Open

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



Wesley UMC now hiring an experienced Nursery Assistant:

Qualifications: **Christian values and a love for children**

When: **Sunday morning plus other times as needed**

Wages: **\$9.00 per hour**

Apply to Church Office:
972-542-2228

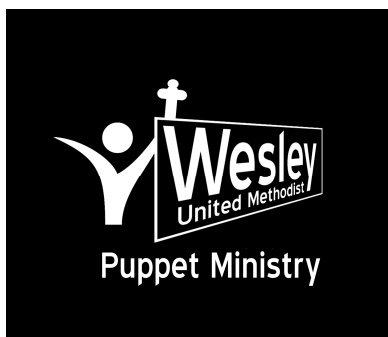


Wesley Christian Preschool

The preschool is 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. Curriculum will be Bible based and teachers in this program will be current WCP staff. Stop by the preschool office for more summer registration details.





Confirmation Puppeteers - The 2010 Confirmation class shared about being A Believer with their performance during Children's Moment on May 16th. They did a fabulous job reminding us of the many places we see Jesus' face. These newest puppeteers will be welcome to join the puppet team when we start up in the fall.

IFEST is the International Festival of Christian Puppetry and Ventriloquism held just south of Chicago during the first week of July. Over the last few months we have been asking the congregation to support our team's attendance at this wonderful conference. We want to thank everyone for their prayers, encouragement and financial support. This year Shana Kelly and Stacey Cowley will be attending. We are looking forward to returning with new energy, excitement and ideas. Please continue to pray for our team.

The puppet team will be taking a break over the summer. We will jump start our next season with a performance at Stonebridge UMC in August and our annual pool party. Watch your email for more information.

As always, our team is open to anyone of any age (over 6th grade) and any skill level. We need puppeteers, prop makers, skit writers, choreographers, leadership, set designers and anyone with enthusiasm and ideas. Feel free to contact Stacey at cowleyzoo@sbcglobal.net



World's Greatest Dad

The first Father's Day celebration was in Spokane, Washington on the 19th of June, 1910.

President Calvin Coolidge, in 1924, supported the idea of a national Father's Day. Then in 1966 President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the 3rd Sunday of June as Father's Day. President Richard Nixon signed the law which finally made it permanent in 1972.

QUOTES ABOUT DAD

"Blessed indeed is the man who hears many gentle voices call him father!" -- Lydia M. Child

"A man knows when he is growing old because he begins to look like his father." -- Gabriel García Márquez

"Be kind to thy father, for when thou wert young,
Who loved thee so fondly as he?
He caught the first accents that fell from thy tongue,
And joined in thy innocent glee."
-- Margaret Courtney

"It doesn't matter who my father was; it matters who I remember he was." -- Anne Sexton



UMW Summer Schedule

Regular meeting—June 19th—9:30 am—Quilters room—Program by Betty Jo Miller

Regular meeting—July 17th—9:30 am—Quilters room—Program by Carol Bichler

Social Event—August 21—lunch at Ruth Ellen's Restaurant (11:00 meet at church parking lot and car-pool to Allen)



CONGREGATIONAL-CARE

This ministry is in place to meet the needs of those within our Wesley Family providing

meals during illness or recovery, reaching out to our college students and newly baptized, and helping with food needs in the event of a death.

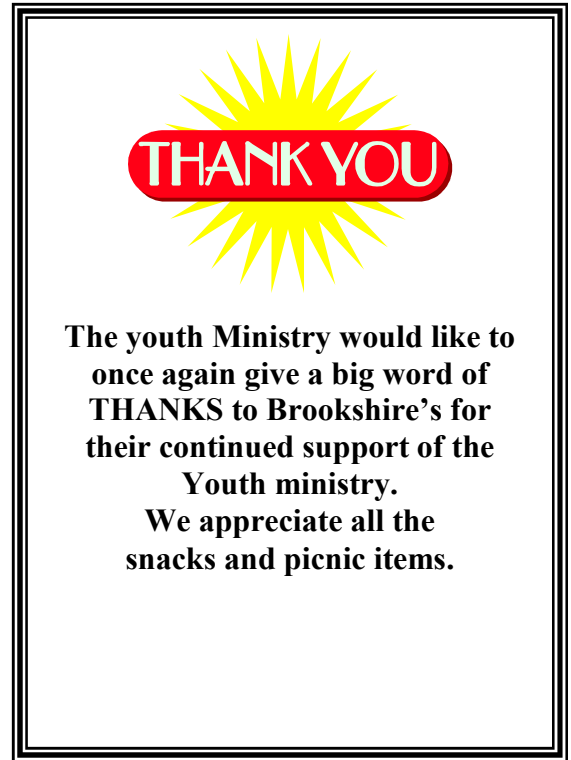
If you have a need or know of someone with a need that we could meet, please contact the church office, Pastor Tom, or Audrey Natal (214-504-6800)



"My command is this: Love each other, as I have loved you." John 15:12

Wesley Youth Dates

- June 2nd Life Groups, Final night with these classes
- June 4th Graduation ceremony for High School
- June 6th FUSION—Welcome for the new 7th graders. Games and cookout 5:30—7:30 pm
- June 13th FUSION
- June 14th Beginning of VBS week
- June 23rd—25th Jr. High Mission trip to: Mission Arlington for students currently in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. (Partnering with Mission Arlington as they meet needs in Arlington: Food Pantry, Homeless shelter, VBS weeks, clothing). Why? To learn to serve others. To prepare younger student for week long trips in High School. To build community within the Youth ministry. How? By God’s Grace.



New items in the library:

DVD: The Secrets of Jonathan Sperry

A heartwarming experience for the entire family. Dustin and his two best buddies are twelve year olds looking forward to a summer of fun in 1970. When Dustin mows the lawn of seventy-five year old Jonathan, a man he has seen at church, a unique friendship develops. What happens the rest of this summer is something Dustin and his friends will never forget! An inspiring film for all ages. A touching message that will impact both young and old!

We have **The Book of Discipline 2008**

Also **The Book of Resolutions of the United Methodist Church 2008**

The Cost of Discipleship by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Bonhoeffer wrote “Cheap grace, is the grace we bestow on ourselves ...grace without discipleship... Costly grace is the gospel which must be sought again and again, the gift which must be asked for, the door at which a man must know...It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life.”

Other Donations; United Methodist Women’s books:

The Spider’s Web by Laura E. Williams (Youth book)

Year of No Rain by Alice Mead (Children book)

Miracles: Wonders Jesus Worked by Mary Hoffman & Jackie Morris

Thank you so very much for your donations.

Please, Please, Please use your Library. There are many good books to read.
If you know of one that needs to be in our Library, Please let me know.

Library Ministry
Sue Rominger

SHARING THE JOURNEY with love, Amy Peterson



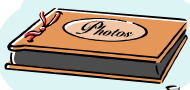
Wesley means a lot to our family. First, just starting with the basics, Wesley has been a part of our family's history and milestones for many years. We started attending when Andy was almost two years old, and now he is almost 16 and working on that whole driving thing. So, Wesley has been a part of pretty much his entire childhood. He and I were both baptized by Pastor Paul. Eva was also baptized by Paul, and Ben was baptized by Pastor Jerry. Andy was confirmed at Wesley, and Eva was just confirmed with Pastor Tom standing by. Eva even played Baby Jesus when she was only 8 weeks old (anyone remember?!). When we told Ben we were moving, one of the first things he said was, "What about confirmation?" It's as if he couldn't imagine not going through confirmation at Wesley with Dr. and Mrs. Brinkman.

Wesley is a congregation that cares about each other. Our daughter Eva was recently confirmed, and my eyes still water when I look at the quilt she received. I believe it to be one of the most precious gifts anyone in our family has ever received because of the love and care that obviously went into it. Eva's room was painted last week, and she had to sleep upstairs because of the fumes. Of course, she had to take her quilt with her. She told me, "Mom, when I cover myself in that quilt, I can literally feel Ms Yvonne's love covering me." So many worked on her quilt, that it actually involved a lot of love from a lot of people and she knows that too. Frankly, I find her quilt very inspiring. That these ladies would use their special God given creative and artistic gifts to create such a beautiful quilt, and then give that gift away to bless and touch others--wow. That is an example to all of us. Little children say, "that's what I want to be when I grow up." I can easily say, "that's *how* I hope I'll be when I grow up." Uhhh,. I am assuming we don't grow up until we are old enough to join AARP? That's what I've heard anyway.

Our children have that strong foundation in faith. It is there, and a permanent part of their makeup now. They know they can pray when they are happy, or pray when they need help. Their faith and their relationship with God is a comfort to them. That is a priceless gift and will continue to direct their path in life. I have always been touched by the fact that Wesley loves children. They are not sent off to a separate worship service like some of the bigger churches do. They are a part of each Sunday. Maybe they are singing, or maybe the youth band is playing. Sometimes, the kids are performing as part of a puppet team reaching younger children (and adults too) :). Other times, the youth council is making announcements. There are children's moments, bake sales, and special things that are done just on behalf of loving and caring for them, as well as training them up in the way they should go. If there is a child with special needs, Wesley takes steps to make sure they are loved and cared for. I feel a profound sense of trust when I send my children off to class or any activity under the loving care of the teachers and staff at Wesley.

My husband recently graduated college. He has really missed his family and where he grew up (he has been away from the Northwest for just over 20 years now!). He talked to some recruiters up there just to see if he would get any activity. He was offered a job on his third phone interview. Things just seemed to fall into place, and we know we are meant to relocate. It all happened so quickly that it has been like a whirlwind these past two weeks. Brian and I have taken many bible studies over the years and attended many classes. We have gotten to know the other families and adults and definitely feel like part of the family. Brian's been biking with the WUMBATs, and we've gone camping with our friends on several occasions. Moving is bitter-sweet. There are some things to look forward to like being near family, or maybe hiking in the mountains, but there are so many people that we'll miss when we've moved, including all of you. We thank you for making our family feel a part of your family. It has been a treasure to us.

Wesley United Methodist Church History



New members and old members the History of Wesley is in albums in the Library. We can be very proud of our heritage. Just come in your library and look through these albums anytime the Church is opened. Take your time and enjoy.

Please take pictures of events in your group that need to be in our history and forward them to:

Sue Rominger @escpr@yahoo.com

After reading last month’s article some of you may have thoughts of buying a new Bible; to supplement what you already have or, for others, it may be your first study Bible. For most you probably found what you already have is altogether suitable. At the end of the day as long as truth is not compromised the choice of interpretative style is largely subjective. If you are interested in evaluating style when considering different versions try comparing the same verse or passage from a variety of translations. The language style you are most comfortable with is probably the one you should choose. For example consider the following translations of the same verses:

Hebrews 4: 1.

KJV- “Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.”

NRSV - “Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest is still open, let us take care that none of you should seem to have failed to reach it.”

REB - “What we must fear, therefore, is that, while the promise of entering his rest remains open, any one of you should be found to have missed his opportunity”.

NAB - “Therefore, let us be on our guard while the promise of entering into his rest remains, that none of you seem to have failed”.

NJB - “Let us beware, then: since the promise never lapses, none of you must think that he has come too late for the promise of entering his place of rest.”

NKJV - “Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it.”

NIV - “Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it”.

NLT - “God’s promise of entering his place of rest still stands, so we ought to tremble with fear that some of you might fail to get there.”

In concluding these three articles on Bible Study I hope you will find the following summary suggestions of use:

- Be comfortable with your choice of study Bible and see that it comes with the additional features I have recommended. It will be your companion, inspiration and strength for many years to come.

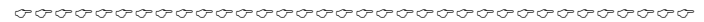
As you study you should make a point understanding both the intended meaning at the time of writing and its application for today. Simply speaking this is what the study of Exegesis and Hermeneutics is about. Aids to achieving this include - a Concordance, a Bible Dictionary and commentaries on individual Books of the Bible. .

Over the years each book has been the focus of numerous great Biblical scholars. As a result there is no shortage of good commentaries available. Included in the many that would be worth taking a look at are the ‘Tyndale New Testament Commentaries’ series, the ‘New International


Biblical Commentaries’ and, of course, the works of that world renowned Scottish New Testament interpreter William Barclay.

- Join a Bible Study group. Look for one that is essentially Bible based, in other words one that is focused on Scripture.
- If you don’t understand something that is said or you don’t agree ask for clarification and bear in mind the more you give the more you will get out; Bible study is no exception.
- Remember context is important when reading the Bible; preferably read a whole chapter or, better still, the whole book in one or two sittings before getting into individual verses. While you’re about it read the introductory notes at the front of each book. This is a quick and easy way of getting basic background on the author, date and place of writing, and the circumstances and purpose of the book.

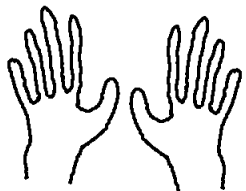
Finally *study of God’s word is not a substitute for a Spirit Filled Life; rather it informs us of His Will, Power and Purpose for such a life. Will, Power and Purpose for such a life.*



LOOKING FOR



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There is a garden at Wesley which needs tending. A garden filled with little hearts. A garden that needs Christ-filled hearts and loving hands of the adults that God has placed here at Wesley. The Spiritual Gifts and earthly talents you have are enough to nurture this garden of thirsting hearts. Our children need adults to teach them, to listen to them, to play with them, to be an example for them to follow, to be the hands and feet of Christ in their lives. There are many places you can tend the garden: Summer Sunday School, VBS, WFN, Bible Activities, Nursery, Children’s Moments, Children’s Church, Promise Kids. Each of these areas has need of your Gifts and talents. Yes, doing these things is a sacrifice a lot of the time but is not as great as sacrifice as Christ’s. In nurturing children, you will also be nurturing the other adults who are serving with you. Having another adult in the classroom or working with you, creates a safe and loving place to learn and share the love of Christ. So, pray and hear God’s call to serve. An information packet will be available shortly. In the meantime, if you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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