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Living in the Present With God

By Jayne Wolfe



An Invitation From Jesus

Gracious God, as we enter into the season of Thanksgiving, we pray for God to be glorified through the Body of Christ lived out at Wesley. We praise You that through Jesus we are able to share in eternal life through our growing faith in and knowledge of "Our Father who is in heaven". Grant that we may share in His joy, His Word, and be with Jesus where He is. All power, glory, and honor belong to Jehovah Nissi. Amen,

Praying from John 17

NOVEMBER: A MONTH TO REMEMBER

What months of the year stand out in your memory? Perhaps it is December for Christmas; January for the new year; February for Valentines and Veterans; March for Spring, and Holy Week and sometimes Easter; April for federal taxes; May for Mother's Day and Memorial Day; June for Father's Day; July for Independence Day; August for hot temperatures; September for the beginning of Fall; October for Halloween and cooler temperatures. There's something to remember about each month.

November is no exception, especially for Christians. This November will be a time to remember at Wesley.

On November 2, we will celebrate All Saints Sunday. All Saints is a time to celebrate the people of God throughout the ages with special remembrance of those who have died in Christ. If you have loved ones or friends who have gone to be with the Lord in the past year, please let us know so we can name them during worship.

Our Church Conference takes place on November 9 at 6pm. Dr. Clara Reed, our District Superintendent, will be present as we celebrate the ministries at Wesley and plan for the future.

Thanksgiving is a major theme in November. On Sunday November 23rd we will corporately remember God's blessings. On Thanksgiving Day many will gather around tables in their homes and give thanks to God. In so doing we are reminded of our nation's rich Christian heritage and how the Pilgrims bowed their heads in gratitude for God's grace. Referring to thankfulness, Clifton Cox writes:

John Henry Jowett says, 'Gratitude is a vaccine, an antitoxin, and an antiseptic.' This is a most searching and true diagnosis. Gratitude can be a vaccine that can prevent the invasion of a disgruntled attitude. As antitoxins prevent the disastrous effects of certain poisons and diseases, thanksgiving destroys the poison of fault-finding and grumbling. When trouble has smitten us, a spirit of thanksgiving is a soothing antiseptic.

November concludes with the season of Advent. All are invited to participate in the "Hanging of the Greens" on Saturday November 29 in the Sanctuary. The following day, November 30, Advent begins. Advent is the season to prepare our hearts for Christmas and the coming of Christ.

Indeed, November is a month to remember. Let us remember it together.

Blessings,

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Happy November Birthday's

<i>Betty Dalton</i>	<i>11-2</i>	<i>Casey Dickson</i>	<i>11-17</i>
<i>Caleigh Kardos</i>	<i>11-2</i>	<i>Sandra Graham</i>	<i>11-18</i>
<i>Ferrilee Schober</i>	<i>11-3</i>	<i>Joshua McFaddin</i>	<i>11-18</i>
<i>Bill Thomas</i>	<i>11-3</i>	<i>Haley Barr</i>	<i>11-19</i>
<i>Meredith Moorman</i>	<i>11-4</i>	<i>David Evans</i>	<i>11-19</i>
<i>Mary Elizabeth Rumsey</i>	<i>11-4</i>	<i>Pat Malone</i>	<i>11-19</i>
<i>Stella Mae Jones</i>	<i>11-5</i>	<i>Shelley Sides</i>	<i>11-19</i>
<i>Elizabeth McCaskill</i>	<i>11-6</i>	<i>Cole Pieratt</i>	<i>11-21</i>
<i>Robert Camp</i>	<i>11-10</i>	<i>Amanda McFaddin</i>	<i>11-22</i>
<i>Gerald Casteel</i>	<i>11-10</i>	<i>Brent Fowler</i>	<i>11-25</i>
<i>Robert Natal</i>	<i>11-13</i>	<i>Kelly Camp</i>	<i>11-26</i>
<i>Madelynn Schober</i>	<i>11-13</i>	<i>Joseph Dickson</i>	<i>11-26</i>
<i>Erin Malone</i>	<i>11-14</i>	<i>Karon Nelson</i>	<i>11-26</i>
<i>Courtney Sides</i>	<i>11-14</i>	<i>Ella McGarr</i>	<i>11-28</i>
<i>Rene` Kleker</i>	<i>11-15</i>	<i>Andrew Stein</i>	<i>11-28</i>
<i>Roger McClellan</i>	<i>11-16</i>	<i>Ellen Chapman</i>	<i>11-29</i>
<i>Kelli Mullens</i>	<i>11-16</i>	<i>Tom Moore</i>	<i>11-29</i>



“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
Mason Webb

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
David & Lynnea Webb
Jordan Hopps
Robert & Karon Nelson



Did you get word that the **Pictorial Directories** are here? If you had your picture taken you get one free. You can pick one up in the Church Office. New Members will also be getting a directory to help them put faces to names.

A Mosaic of the Church Family has been hung in the hallway near New Member photos for all to see.

Note from the Church Office: If you have suddenly stopped getting e-mails from the office, please call and let Sandy know. We can no longer send large distribution lists. A Church wide email now has been divided into 14 groups (only 10 addresses per list). In an effort to get these in groups I may have inadvertently dropped an address.



UMW NOVEMBER MEETING

What: Wesley UMW Regular Monthly Meeting
 When: Saturday, November 15, 2008
 Time: 9:30 a.m.—12 noon
 Where: Quilters Room

Bring you favorite brunch food and join us.
 Program by Betty Jo Miller, "World Thank Offering"



If you have questions, please 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@jcpenny.com



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: The first Friday of every other month. Oct 3rd, Nov 7th, Dec 5th, Feb 6th, April 3rd

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

Cost: The cost will be \$10.00 (one child), \$15.00 (two children), \$20.00 (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 2008-09

Come and have some fun!

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

*(Nov. 7 exception to every other month)



Up Coming Events



2nd Day Light Savings Time
 Ends Set your clocks back
 1 hour

All Saints Sunday

Dedication to the Prayer
 Garden following the 11:00
 Service

Round Up Celebration Stew
 Luncheon in Gym immedi-
 ately following the Dedic-
 ation of the Prayer Garden

3rd Trustees

4th&5 WCP Portraits taken

4th Prayer Vigil/Prayer Room

7th Kids Night Out

8th Samaritan Inn Meal/Hands
 & Feet Needed

9th Church Conference

10th Finance Meeting

12th,13 WCP Hearing Screening

14th-16 Youth Disciple Now

15th UMW

17th Church Council

20th,21 WCP Classroom Parties

20th Prime Timers

24-28 WCP Thanksgiving Break

24th SPRC

27th,28 Thanksgiving Day/office

29th Hanging of the Greens

30th Healing Service/Prayer Rm

December 3rd WFN Ends with a Ad-
 vent Workshop



ROUND UP CELEBRATION

November 2, 2008

You don't want to miss the huge **Round Up Celebration Lunch** on **Sunday, November 2, at noon** following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Come and celebrate what God is doing at Wesley as we celebrate our blessings, the completed Pony Express Stewardship program and the exciting year coming up at Wesley in 2009. The celebration is in the Wesley Gym. Stew Luncheon Planned.

See you there pardners!



Piece Makers

Thursday's are busy days in the Quilters Room. The "Quilters" are working their nimble fingers at the frame. These ladies earn money for our group by quilting for other people.

The "Piecers" are busy making "hand tied" lap quilts to be donated to the Veterans Hospital in Bonham, Texas.

Our ladies welcome any visitors and "recruits" to join our group. Bring a sack lunch, (tea and coffee are provided), and meet at 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM in the Quilters Room on Thursday except for the third Thursday of the month, which is the Prime Timers Meeting.



PRIME TIMERS

Prime Timers will meet Thursday, November 20, at 12:00 noon for our monthly luncheon, meeting and program. Our Special guest will be Rob Kelly who will entertain us with music and singing. We may have a surprise visit from the puppets. You do not want to miss this.

This will be our Thanksgiving luncheon so watch the Sunday Bulletin for the menu and meeting area. Let us all come together at this special time of the year to share our many blessings.

Library News



A memorial book has been given to the library in memory of **Martha Long**.

The name of the book is Tell Me the Secrets by Max Lucado and illustrated by Ron DiCianni.

Discover Eternal Treasures. Learn the "Secrets" of a Successful Life. The stories told in the pages of this book give you the opportunity to shape your children's values for life.

Please check it out.

Please help your Library become a great source of enjoyment and learning for all ages.

Your ideas and comments are greatly needed and will be appreciated. Call me or leave

your ideas or comment in the Library Mail Box. Thank you.

The Library Ministry

Sue Rominger



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

October has just flown by at WCP. We enjoyed pumpkin activities, fall festivities and a visit from the Merry Makers Drama Team. We kicked off our Cookie Dough sale, a big "thank you" to all who ordered. The products will be delivered Dec 10/11th. We have our preschool portraits Nov 4th and 5th and will be celebrating Thanksgiving blessings with "finger feasts" at the end of the month. WCP will be closed for the Thanksgiving break from November 24th– November 28th. We wish each family a "Happy Thanksgiving" as you thank the Lord for all your blessings.

Karen Stein

No One Works



Unless Someone

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*

LET THE SPIRIT OF GOD ENFOLD YOU

God is leading the Prayer Ministry in a new phase of service. Room 102 in the Adult Wing is being turned into a Prayer Room. A cross has been designed, constructed, and is gracing a table. An altar rail is in the room. It will soon be painted and other items, including devotional/prayer material, will be added. The Prayer Room is open for you to pray, meditate, read, or quietly be with God any time the church is open. This includes Monday evenings when there is a meeting and Wednesday evenings during all activities. Please use this room as the Holy Spirit leads.



PRAYER VIGIL

Tuesday, Nov. 4, 9:00 am—6:00 pm

Prayer Room



HEALING SERVICE

Nov. 30, 6:00 pm

Prayer Room

Corporately, as God’s family at Wesley, we have prayed most of 2008 for our nation, our national, state, and local leaders, and our military personnel. On Election Day, let us gather in the Prayer Room, giving God all praise, honor, and glory for the living hope He gives us through our Lord, Jesus the Christ. As we lift up our nation and the joys and concerns of our brothers and sisters, let us rejoice in the Lord, praising God for a country where we are free to vote our convictions and to worship God without fear of arrest or harm. A sign up board is by the prayer Table in the Narthex. Prayer request forms are in the bulletin and on the table.

For you who fear My name, the Sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in His wings. Malicah 4:2

Jesus softly speaks, inviting us to come before Jehovah-Rapha, opening our praise filled hearts to receive God’s perfect healing for each one. Join us in the Prayer Room for this beautiful time with God.

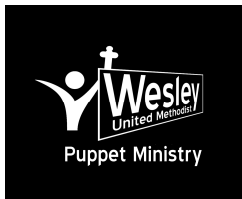


CONFIRMATION IN MY OPINION by Katherine Trout

In my opinion confirmation is really fun, creative, and enjoyable. We learn all about God and how he loves us. We do awesome activities. To begin we always pray, have a delicious dinner provided by kids and parents. So far, all of the dishes have been...awesome! (pizza anyone?) After dinner we begin our activities. For the last 30 minutes we do puppets, except for the last Wednesday of each month we do TRAPS, which are a series of challenges based on God’s teachings. Confirmation helps you meet new people and make great friends. Confirmation is for 6th graders only please:)

Each week I wonder what we are going to do next!

Have a great day!



Mexico Mission Puppet Project: Have you seen the fabulous fabric in those gorgeous, bright colors sitting in the Narthex? This fabric has been purchased to create the 100 puppets we will be taking with us on the Mexico Mission trip in March.

Due to the overwhelming generosity of our congregation, we have been blessed with enough money to complete this project and then some! Our plan was to build a portable stage for the orphanage using PVC pipe, but because everyone was so kind, we are now able to purchase staging just like what we use.

January 24, 2009 - Put this important date on your 2009 calendar. 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.

Did you happen to see the children's moment entitled "Gotta Go". Our puppet friends reminded us of all the gifts we have and should be sharing with those around us. Thank you to Chuck, Clay, Ian, Liam & Stefani for sharing their talents.

A note from the director...

I have been reflecting on this past year and remembering areas of concern - areas given over to the Lord and areas I still wanted to control. I am thankful that I have a Lord who helps me in all these areas, especially with ones I don't want to hand over to Him. He graciously lets me back myself into a corner where I decide I don't want to struggle anymore. It is there that true healing, change and joy come to me.

I try to stay in this place of connection with God while managing the Puppet Ministry. I can see

clearly how the Lord has been my helper all along and He continues to bless me through all He does in and through us. I am extremely thankful for my leadership team. Kathy Billings, who stepped in a little over a year ago, has beaucoup talent with set design, props, costuming and just about everything I give her to do. She is presently making props for our upcoming shows and in charge of the Mexico Mission Puppet Project. I think she may be related to MacGyver!! Stacey Cowley was another answer to prayer with her administrative gifts. She keeps us very organized and helps get our face out to the congregation more (this letter being one of the many ways). She's encouraging and will even throw a puppet on her hand if needed!! What a blessing. Prayers are extremely important to this group and it was placed on my heart last spring that we needed someone praying for the team daily. My own accountability partner and long time friend, Jody Priestley, came to mind immediately and she was just as excited to say yes as I was to ask!! Our newest leader is Luanne Clarke who will be taking care of our budget and promotions. This year we are working towards getting our team out into the community and Luanne is just the gal to get us there...She has what's known as "Savvy!" Now for the wonderful team of puppeteers... what they do is not as easy as it looks. They work very hard and are all working towards getting their next level of certification. We now have 10 Apprentice Puppeteers!! We also have three very hard working "behind the scenes" team members. These team members work our audio/visual and help on Kathy's Creative Team.

I am very thankful for the Lord and all He is doing. I am very thankful for the leadership team He has put in place and I am extremely thankful for the wonderful youth who volunteer their time and work so hard at what they do. I'm anxious to see where the Lord is leading us this year... Happy Thanksgiving from Wesley's Hands In Puppetry Team.

Shan Kelly

SHARING THE JOURNEY

By Shanna Kelly

Wesley means home to me. I can't picture how our lives would be now if the Lord had not led us to Wesley 12 years ago; we immediately felt at home when our family walked in the doors.

Rob and I often talk about how blessed we are to have a family at Wesley since our real family is so far away. That "homey" feeling extends to the Lord as well. While worshipping at Wesley all these years we have grown closer to the Lord. Rob and I knew who the Lord was and we believed but we had not yet made Him Lord of our lives.

The role models that the Lord has put in our lives and the wisdom He has shown us through studying the Bible, countless sermons seemingly spoken directly to us, mercy and grace shown when we slip up, all these things we have experienced at Wesley. The fact that Vince and Liam have had a life with Jesus from the beginning is again another blessing. Though there are too many "homey" feelings that I could share the one that always surpasses them all is the incredible warm "homey" feeling of being part of something eternal and truthful, something that will never fail you, Our Lord Jesus Christ and His children!



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!

<u>DATE:</u>	<u>HANDS AND FEET</u>
<u>January 12</u>	<u>Individual</u>
<u>February 9</u>	<u>Individual/Youth 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>Church Council</u>
<u>August 9</u>	<u>Individual</u>
<u>September 13</u>	<u>Individual</u>
<u>October 11</u>	<u>Individual</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

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.



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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 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.

Licensed by the state of Texas

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