



Wesley United Methodist Church



THE WESLEY WORD

To the saints of Wesley,

I am so very excited. Wesley United Methodist Church will be having a Fall Revival! The dates and times have been set, the theme has been agreed upon, the revival preacher has been chosen, and the enthusiasm is beginning to build.

We are not unique here at Wesley, in our Summer doldrums and being exhausted by the heat and our busy lives. Summer has been a time for many of us to pull away and get some much needed family time. But Summer has also been long, and hot, and may be leaving us feeling a little drained. Now we are beginning to gear up for the new school year, with lots of activities for our children and youth, and there will be a lot of pulling us here and there in the coming weeks and months. With all of that said, there will be no better way to refresh and renew ourselves, and no better way to prepare ourselves for the work ahead, than receiving a spiritual boost.

All of us need to recharge ourselves occasionally, even Jesus pulled away for a quiet time of rest. We cannot keep giving and giving of ourselves, without replenishing our spirit. We have planned a great time of revival intended to rejuvenate our souls and spirits. The theme of our Fall Revival will be: *Renewed, Refreshed and Ready to Run.* This theme is drawn from our revival scripture of Isaiah 40: 28-31, *Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those that wait for the Lord shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.*

Our revival preacher is my very best friend, and the one who is a constant encourager of mine, Reverend Hadley R. Edwards. Hadley is the pastor of Bethany United Methodist Church in New Orleans, Louisiana. He has a powerful witness to the goodness of God, and all that God can do if we are willing to open ourselves up to His healing and His rejuvenation.

I hope and pray you are planning to attend our revival, believe me when I say, it is for ALL of us. I would like to ask each of us to do just three things to ensure the success of our revival:

1. Pray for our revival and the revival preacher.
2. Plan to attend and bring someone with you.
3. Commit to give at least \$25.00 as a financial gift to the church

(Please mark your offering for revival.)

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, mark your calendars and do not miss this phenomenal opportunity to experience the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit upon us all.

Your fellow traveler on the Way,

Tom Waitschies

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JESUS INVITES YOU INTO HIS PRESENCE

Abba, all praise and honor belong to you. Paul teaches us in your Word that we are to pray without ceasing. Lord, grant that Wesley shall become a house of prayer. As we learn to commit ourselves to God's reign and to God's way, our needs will be met. In the holy name of Jesus, may it be.

Amen

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*Happy September
Birthday's*



Simon Cowley	1st
Andrew Peterson	1st
Chuck Schober	2nd
Margie Martin	4th
Evan Vizard	4th
Joe Wimmer	4th
Nicholas Turner	6th
Abigail McCauley	8th
Tara Zappe	9th
Colin Full	10th
Rob Kelly	10th
Hattie Lair	16th
Hali Jo Young	17th
Leigh Price	18th
Donna Thomas	18th
Stacey Cowley	23rd
Leah Hollingsworth	23rd
Connor Pieratt	23rd
Doyle Williams	23rd
Jane Moorman	24th
Earl Jandoc	25th
Betsy Cook	26th
Jim Young	26th
Lucy Mantilla	27th
Dale Lambert	29th
Chris Cook	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
- Mark & Pam Bruning
- Barbara Thomas
- Yamis & Ryan Ransom
- Debbie Ellis

Baptism 2010

- Abigail Reece McCauley
- Joseph Ransom
- Riana Ransom



Up-Coming Events

1st	WFN & Life Groups begin
3rd	WCP Meet the Teachers
5th	Rally Sunday
	Worship Committee Mtg
6th	Labor Day office closed
7th	WCP begins
11th	WCP CPR Training
12th	Sunday Lunch Bunch
13th	Finance Meeting
14th	WCP Board Meeting
17th-19th	Wesley Revival
19th	One Worship Service/11am
20th	Church Council Meeting
22nd	Newsletter articles due
25th	Ice Cream Social for new confirmands and parents
30th	Confirmation Classes begin



School has begun, be mindful of school crossings.



CHANCE TO WIN THIS BEAUTIFUL BIBLICAL QUILT AT THE FAMILY HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Family Holiday Bazaar Coming November 13, 2010

Many events are being planned for Wesley's Fall Festival. A **Biblical Quilt Raffle** (tickets are on sale now in the church office), **Vendor space** (reserve your spot), **Silent Auction**, **Piecemakers Corner** (purses, bags and other items), **Frozen Casseroles & Soups** (advance orders accepted), **Bounce Houses, Kids Activity Center, Food & Drinks** (traditional stew, burgers, dogs, popcorn, snow cones etc) and much more. For more information call 972-542-2228 or email wumc@wumcmckinney.org



UPCOMING UNITED METHODIST WOMEN EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER



1. September— no local meeting in order to attend district annual meeting
 2. September 18—Sherman-McKinney 37th Annual District Meeting held at Key Memorial UMC, Sherman from 8:15 a.m. until 12 noon—carpool from Wesley parking lot (leave McKinney at 7:30 a.m.)
 3. October—no local meeting in order to attend conference annual meeting
 4. October 16—North Texas Conference 37th Annual Conference Meeting held at First UMC-Dallas from 8:15 a.m. until 12 noon—carpool from Wesley parking lot (leave McKinney at 7:30 a.m.)
 5. November 20—local UMW brunch and meeting—9:30 until noon—Quilters Room, Wesley UMC
- Call UMW President Pat Chadwick (972-542- 6585) if you have questions.



SHARING THE JOURNEY

We moved to the Dallas area in 1982. We began a search for a church that we could call 'home'. We attended several churches including First UMC in McKinney. The pastor told us about this church across town and thought we would be a good addition to this church. The next Sunday we attended Wesley UMC and immediately were welcomed and felt right 'at home'.

Three years later we were transferred to Columbus, Ohio. When we learned that we would be transferred back to the Dallas area, we moved to McKinney because of Wesley UMC. Over the years we have been able to share our talents in a variety of ways including teaching classes, Boy Scouts, Choir, Mother's Day Out, Men's and Women's groups and a variety of committees.

We continue to feel 'at home' at Wesley UMC and that is because of the people. Jesus teaches us to love one another and we have been very loved here. Curt and Shirley Clark

PIECE MAKERS



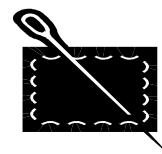
How many stitches are in the Biblical Quilt that the very dedicated quilters constructed? **TOO MANY TO COUNT!**

A multitude of thanks to the ladies for furnishing the quilt to sell donation tickets with proceeds going to the church. Tickets are on sale in the church office or in the Narthex on Sundays.

The winner is to be announced on November 13, at the Family Holiday Bazaar.

The Piece Makers are busy with crafts to be sold at the Bazaar, and welcome more hands to help and furnish ideas. We meet in the Quilters Room on Thursdays (except the third Thursday) from 9:30am to 2:00 pm. Bring a sack lunch. Coffee and Tea are provided. Please enter on the West side of Church.

Even if you can only come once or twice a month, please attend. It is a great way to become acquainted with the church and it's members.



Confirmation is Going to Begin...

We are planning for a great confirmation class this year. This will be for any child who is beginning the 6th grade and up. We are stressing, "and up," because there may be a youth who did not have the opportunity to go through confirmation class in the past and we want to offer that opportunity to them. We have a new curriculum which will be 18 weeks long, but broken up into 6 week blocks. In each 6 week block we will meet on Thursday evenings from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The first block will be September 30th – November 4th, second block will be January 27th-March 3rd, and the third block will be March 24th-April 28th.

We will have a need for mentors for each young person going through confirmation, so please search your hearts and see if God might be calling you to be a mentor to some young person preparing for their life in the community of faith.

At 2:00 p.m. September 25th, we will have an ice cream social as a kickoff to confirmation. We will be meeting at the home of Pat and Holly Malone, please let the office know if you plan to attend. The kickoff will be a time for the confirmands to get to know one another, and for the parents and mentors to meet as well.



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**

WANTED: COLLEGE KIDS ADDRESSES FOR 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

Please send Valerie Brinkman any updated college addresses for the coming school year. Wesley would love to continue keeping them in our prayers and sending them our love and encouragement throughout the school year.

Also if anyone wants to donate \$5 gift cards to popular dining areas for occasional treats we include in their cards they can be given to Valerie as well. (McDonalds, Sonic, Panera, Chic-fil-a, etc.) Thank you for your help and support.

Membership Audit 2010

The Discipline of the United Methodist Church encourages each local church to contact its members and to keep its membership rolls current.

We will be sending out letters to those members who have not attended Wesley in over a year. Some may have moved away and we need their correct address. Some may have joined another church and we were not notified of their decision.

As the Administrative Assistant I make these decisions based on Worship attendance. However, if you are in attendance but do not sign the registration sheet, you are not registered, therefore do not show as being in attendance and will show up on our reports as having not attended since....

We do this in preparation of the Charge Conference.



Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study began a focus on Philippians 4:8. This scripture is broken down and studied by each word or phrase from scripture itself. Come and join this group each Tuesday evening 7:00 pm—8:00 pm.



Happy School Year!! Kicks off with Family Night September 1. Parent orientation, games, music, food. 6:00—7:30 pm

WFN Fall Schedule: Wednesdays 6-7:30 pm

- September 1, Family Night
- September 8, The Importance of the Body: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27
- September 15, The Importance of the Body (cont)
- September 22, The Believers Share with Each Other: Acts 4:32-35
- September 29, John Baptizes People in the Jordan River: Matt. 3:1-6, Galatians 3: 26-27
- October 6, Jesus Washes the Disciples' feet: John 13: 1-17



YOUTH LIFE GROUPS BEGIN

September 1, Youth Life Groups begin meeting on Wednesday evenings 6-7:30 pm in the youth rooms. 7th—8th grades
9th—10th grades
11th—12th grades



RALLY SUNDAY September 5, 2010

Sunday School 9:45 am
Celebration in the Gym at 10:15 am
September 12, Parent Orientation at 9:45 am



Classes begin September 7, 2010 with meet the teachers on September 3rd.



**FALL REVIVAL AT WESLEY
September 17, 18, & 19th**

Rev. Hadley Edwards from Bethany United Methodist Church in New Orleans will be the Guest Pastor. The revival will kick off Friday September 17, at 7:00 pm. On Saturday, September 18, there will be a breakfast at 8:30 am and a mission project will follow. For more information on the mission call Gregg Dupree. The evening of September 18th the revival will begin at 6:00 pm with the 100 voice choir from Christ United Methodist Church (Plano) singing. On September 19th the revival begins at 6:00 pm. Note: On September 19th there will be only one worship service at 11:00 am due to the revival that evening.



September 16th Prime Timers meet offsite

Prime Timers meeting will be held at "Ruth Ellen's" Simple Dining", 103 Belmont Dr., Allen, TX 75013 at 11:30 am. Meet at the church at 11:00 am if you would like to car pool. If you have not had an opportunity to eat at Terry Green's restaurant, this will be a real treat. Reservations will be made but we need a headcount so if you plan to attend call the church office, Yvonne Campbell or June Halpin. Come join us.

We Confess by Barry Smith.

As you read this, whether you are aware of it or not, you have already been touched, to a greater or lesser degree, in one way or another, by what most regard as the bleakest state of the economy in this country's history. Now I expect many may believe this to be a reckless and ill informed exaggeration, and with justification were it not for certain historically unprecedented realities such as a multi trillion dollar national debt, the extent of which scrambles the imagination, of which over half is owned by countries who regard themselves more adversary than ally when it comes to America. Tie this in with an administration fixated on sacrificing Constitutional America on the altar of Euro Socialism and the writing on the proverbial wall suggests we can expect an increasingly rough ride going forward.

It doesn't take the special gifts of a 'Seer' to recognize that the challenges of the future will not only be economic but also ideological as the foundational role of Christian values is systematically undermined and the Christian faith per se' compressed, restricted and isolated to make way for various manifestations of secularism, atheism and, ominously, Islam.

Do I make these assertions to alarm, to depress or to suggest I'm an advocate for a narrow, exclusivist faith, comfortable with being neither 'of' or 'in' the world? No on all counts. Rather my call is for us to put on the "*..whole armor of God,*" to exercise spiritual vigilance that we may never fall under the influence of those "*who call evil good and good evil.*"

I believe we are approaching a cross- road of historic proportions where we will be called on to make a choice, perhaps many choices; may our response as individuals and as a church be in line with Joshua's famous declaration of old, "*... choose this day whom you will servebut as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.*"

With this in mind let's zoom in on our spiritual home, the church we love, Wesley. What does this mean for us now and going forward? To address this question let us get right into present realities:

Reality one is that our attendance at Sunday worship services is down and has been tracking lower than previous, year on year numbers, for several months.

Reality two is that there has been a commensurate drop off in our income from congregational giving.

Reality three is that these trends are by no means peculiar to Wesley, in fact the diminishing income registered by most churches is reflective of the general economic woes of the country at large.

Reality four is just because others are experiencing similar challenges must in no way suggest that there is no need for us to take stock of where we are and come up with a comprehensive strategy to address a rather serious situation.

Reality five is that God uses challenges and setbacks to awaken us, teach us, redirect us, energize us, discipline us and, above all, to bless us provided we seek His will in obedience and humility. So together let us be open to and heartily embrace what God will do to us and through us in this time of economic and ideological challenge.

We all have a roll to play and a responsibility to meet at this time and it is encouraging to know that the Finance Committee and Church Council, in their respective capacities, have been pro-active in seeking the Lord's will in determining the best way forward. To this end Council set up the Strategic Planning Committee to evaluate everything we do as a Church with a view to enhancing what is working, and changing, redirecting, modifying or eliminating what is not.

This exercise has transformed attitudes from resignation to hope, disillusionment to new resolve and anxiety at the fear of failure to excitement at the prospect of serving God with renewed vigor and impact through the power of the Holy Spirit. In short we anticipate a new era of dynamic witness for Wesley.

It is anticipated that the recommendations of the Strategic Planning Committee will be presented to Council for approval, and shared with all our members within the next six weeks. However the most important work during this time, is to be done by each of us who are members of Wesley; namely, to pray that all planning and deliberations may be in accordance with God's will for this, His Church.



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2010/11 information-Preschool starts September 7th

- 2, 3 & 5 day classes available.
- Must be age 2, 3 or 4 years by Sept 1st.
- Christian Curriculum including Spanish, Music & Movement and Chapel.
- Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:15-2:15, Fridays 9:15-12:45. Morning carpool available.
- NEW THIS FALL-Extended care hours from 8:00-4:00-Monday—Friday.
- Closely follows MISD calendar with the exception of start and end dates.
- Licensed by the state of Texas.
- Loving Christian environment with low student to teacher ratios.