



September

Wesley United Methodist Church

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Living in the Present With God

By Jayne Wolfe



Holy God, we praise you that the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all people groups, teaching us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled and grace-filled lives while we wait for the glorious appearance of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. Jesus saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he has generously poured out upon us. Grant that we may devote ourselves to doing what is good, excellent and profitable for everyone. In the Holy name of Jesus. Amen

Adapted from Titus 2&3

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“When Our Plans Get Disrupted”

The dictionary defines a “plan” as “A scheme, program, or method worked out beforehand for the accomplishment of an objective”; A proposed or tentative course of action.” (www.thefreedictionary.com)

We are dedicated to planning and we plan just about everything: Workdays, weekends, vacations and vocations. We plan for our families and for the future. With school and church activities starting back, planning increases during this time of the year.

There’s nothing sweeter than a successful plan. Yet few things are as bitter as plans falling apart. Disrupted and Derailed plans can be very disheartening.

The Apostle Paul knew about disrupted plans. In Acts 16:6-10, he, Silas and Timothy make plans to go to Asia and preach the gospel. However, the “the Holy Spirit blocked the route.” Next they try to enter Bithynia, but again they were blocked.

Imagine being Paul. On two consecutive occasions you believed God wanted you to do a particular thing. You made plans and moved forward only to have the plans fall apart.

We are not strangers to disrupted plans, are we? We know what it’s like to make plans and see them fall apart. Maybe that’s your story – You had plans for yourself, your family, your career and those plans did not materialize as you had hoped; more painfully, not as you prayerfully believed they would.

Surely Paul experienced frustration and maybe anger. Yet despite disruptions, he seemed to be able to trust God and simply travel the road God opened for him. I refer to Paul as spiritually agile. When the road turned a different direction, he turned with it and kept his eyes on the Lord.

How can we become spiritually agile? Perhaps the place to start is by thinking about the will of God. The phrase “God’s will” is used often and loosely. We hear it used all the time. If something good happens we say, “It must be God’s will.” Likewise, when tragedy strikes there’s usually someone to say, “It was God’s will.” We hear of terrible happenings and ask, “Is this God’s will?”

One of the best and most practical works on this issue is Leslie Weatherhead’s classic little book called *The Will of God*. It’s a compilation of sermons Weatherhead preached in London during World War II. London was under bombardment by German forces, suffering was present and the world was on edge. People were asking, “Is this God’s will?” Weatherhead speaks of God’s Will in different ways: God’s Intentional Will, God’s Circumstantial Will and God’s Ultimate Will.

God’s Intentional Will is defined as “God’s ideal plan for men.” We see this in the Garden of Eden. God created Adam and Eve and his intention was that they and all of creation live in perfect fellowship with Him and one another. God’s intentional will, says Weatherhead, must be disassociated with any sense of fallenness, brokenness or sin. Referring to such things he writes, “Call them evil, call some of them inevitable evil because of widespread sin, but don’t call them the will of God.”(20).

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September Birthdays

Benjamin Brauen	1st
Andrew Peterson	1st
Chuck Schober	2nd
Margie Martin	4th
Evan Vizard	4th
Nicholas Turner	6th
Cody Annett	8th
Tara Zappe	9th
Colin Full	10th
Rob Kelly	10th
Grant Clarke	13th
Hannah Barr	14th
Hattie Lair	16th
Hali Jo Young	17th
Donna Thomas	18th
Luanne Clarke	21st
Leah Hollingsworth	23rd
Connor Pieratt	23rd
Doyle Williams	23rd
Jane Moorman	24th
Earl Jandoc	25th
Betsy Cook	26th
Jim Young	26th
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.

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 Webb
 Lynnea Webb
 Jordan Hopps



“Growing Old”

A Couple heading out to meet friends for dinner:

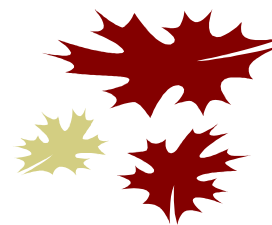
“Honey you try to remember where we are going, I’ll try to remember who we are”.



Up Coming Events



September 1	Labor Day
September 4-5	Meet the Preschool Teachers
September 7	Worship Team
September 8	Preschool begins
September 8	Finance Meeting
September 13	UMW Meeting
September 13	Samaritan Inn Meal
September 14	Teacher Dedication
September 15	Church Council
September 17	WFN Starts(tentative)
September 18	Prime Timers
September 20	35th Annual Sherman/McKinney District UMW meeting in Gainesville
September 21	Prayer Warriors for Children & Youth
September 22	SPRC Meeting
September 22	Autumn Begins
September 28	Bible Presentation



There are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, “Good morning Lord,” and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, “Good Lord, it’s morning.”

SHARING THE JOURNEY

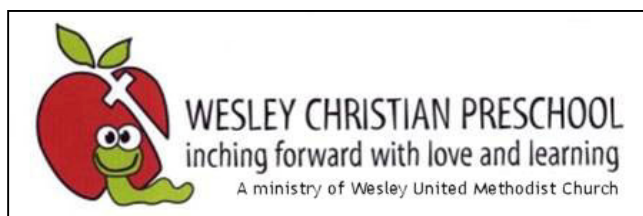
By Karen Stein

I remember it like yesterday. My family had been attending various churches in McKinney for the first 6 years we lived here. Then we visited Wesley. We were greeted by friendly people and the pastor's wife told us all about the church programs after the service was over. The next thing I knew I was asked to volunteer in crafts at VBS the following day. I generally ponder things awhile before I make any decisions but I felt God telling me to "just say YES!" As I went the next day, I was nervous and didn't know anyone. My 3 sons loved VBS and I finally felt needed, plugged in and happily serving the Lord as part of a church body. A month later we joined Wesley and I began working at the preschool. We jumped in and never looked back!

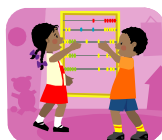
Staying plugged in and involved blesses me beyond measure. I have been involved in a number of ministries over our 9 years at Wesley. God has always met me in each one and given me the skills, friendships or time to serve in each ministry opportunity. Even if I felt unsure about saying "YES" sometimes, God brought someone that worked right along side me to hold my hand and share in the blessing.

One ministry that has been such a blessing is the preschool. Whether I was teaching children in a classroom or working in the office, God continued to provide the necessary skills and reassured me that this is where He has called me to be. I have met so many wonderful Christian people through WCP, people who care, share, pray daily for each other's needs and have become like family. It's a wonderful place to serve the Lord and get lots of hugs along the way.

As I walk into Wesley each morning to work at the preschool, I am always thankful that I said "YES" 9 years ago. Thankful for the many blessings the ministries of Wesley have brought to my family and for the faithfulness God has covered us with along this journey.



Preschool begins September 8, 2008, with
Meet the Teachers on September 4th and 5th.

**Library News**

Come to your library to find these new donations and check them out:

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The New Strong's Complete Dictionary of Bible Words
413.21STR

What's so Funny about Getting Old? By Ed Fisher and Jane Noland
741.5 FIS

Why God Why? Sermons on the problem of pain by Justin W. Tull
248.8 TUL

A Tale of Two Sons by John MacArthur
226.8 MAC

Two sons. Two different paths. An ending you've never heard before

The Shack: Where Tragedy Confronts Eternity (A novel by William P. Young
F YOU

The Story of Twelve Apostles; What happened to Jesus' inner circle of followers?
DVD APO

He gave them the staggering assignment to change the world. Here we follow their amazing lives and achievements

Dynamic Dads: How to be a Hero to your Kids by Paul Petit
248.8 PET

French Fry Forgiveness by Nancy Simpson Ages 7-10
J F SIM

Alex seeks God's help in trying to forgive a troublemaker on her swim team

Detective Zack: Red Hat Mystery by Jerry D. Thomas
Ages 9 and up
J F THO

As ten year old Zack continues his travels with an archeologist through the Middle East, he looks for further clues to support the stories from the Bible

Larryboy and the awful ear wack's attacks by Bob Katula
Ages 8-12
JF.KAT

Larryboy, a heroic cucumber with plunger ears, comes to the rescue when Alvin the onion unleashes the awful ear wacks to interfere with being a good listener.

Parables: Stories Jesus Told by Mary Hoffman and Jackie Morris
J 226.8 HOF

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God Bless You!

Sue Rominger

Library Ministry



UMW's TWO SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

Wesley women and guest are invited to attend the UMW's September meetings:

1.

What: Wesley's UMW Regular Monthly Meeting
When: Saturday, September 13, 2008 (Note: held 2nd Saturday this month)
Time: 9:30 a.m.—12 noon
Where: Quilters Room

Bring your favorite brunch food and join us. Topic is "Mission Giving" presented by June Halpin

2.

What: 35th Annual Sherman-McKinney District UMW Meeting
When: Saturday September 20, 2008
Time: 8:15 a.m.—12 noon (Carpool from Wesley—time TBA)
Where: First UMC in Gainesville

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

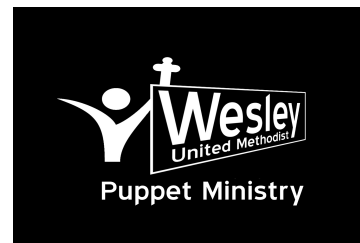
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PRIME TIMERS

The Prime Timers are considering changing their meeting place from the Gym and move to the Quilters room. The Meeting and lunch will meet at the same time (Noon on the third Thursday of the month) starting in September. It will still be Potluck but geared more to finger easy foods.

We will try this in September and see how it works for everyone. Tables are already set up in the quilters room so there will be less work setting up and tearing down.

We will get feedback after the September Meeting and make a final decision then.



Wesley's Puppet Ministry kicked off their fall season with a family pool party, cookout and meeting. The 2008 confirmands were officially welcomed as new Puppeteers in Training who can now work towards their Apprentice Puppeteer level. We also awarded the Apprentice Puppeteer Certification to Coy Coburn and Kelsey Priestly at the meeting.

The Puppet team is now meeting on Wednesdays from 5 - 6 pm in the portable building.

Under Construction: look for changes happening on Wesley's website under Puppet Ministries. We'll be adding new pictures and new information and even a few surprises. Keep checking so you can be one of the first to see what's new!

Mexico Mission Puppet Project: We need the congregation's help in raising funds for puppet-making supplies. We'll be asking the Sunday School classes to "pick a part" of the puppets to sponsor. These puppets will be given to the children in the orphanage in Mexico. We hope to not only hand each child their own puppet, but to do a show with a special message in Spanish. This will definitely test our puppeteering skills. We'll also be holding several work days to assemble the puppets and we'll need all the helping hands we can get! Keep this upcoming project in your prayers.

A note from the director... As I sit here planning for this year's Puppet Team, I can't help but look back to our beginnings and how far we've come since 2004. I remember, like it was yesterday, Lee and I performing our first puppet skit for Children's Moments. We had one puppet - Gordy! It is now 2008 and despite the fact that Gordy and Ms Lee moved away, our team has continued to grow. The Lord has been good!

Mario tells us every Sunday, that the Lord is good all of the time. He is good even when life with Wesley's Puppet Team gets to be a challenge. I've come close to giving up several times and that was just THIS week!! While I struggle, God is always good and blesses this ministry. We now have twenty some puppeteers, and over 30 puppets. We have staging equipment, props, costumes, poles, kneeling pads and all kinds of thing-a-ma-jigs. All we need - physically. The Lord also knows what we need spiritually. Just when I start whining, "I can't do this anymore" the Lord provides. It can be like a roller coaster ride, but the more I give up my will to God, the less sharp turns I take, the less "stomach in your throat" dives. I'm a little less involved in the ride (if you know what I mean). It's becoming more enjoyable...Is this the peace that surpasses all understanding? Ahhh, what peace comes when you surrender to the will of our Lord and Savior. Situations don't change, but you will! Thank you Lord for all You are doing in and through this team. Thank you Lord for the leadership team you are putting together with Kathy Billings and Stacey Cowley and all their fabulous talents. I am excited, Lord!!

Shan Kelly



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Weatherhead, then takes into account the fallenness of creation. God's Circumstantial Will is "God's plan within certain circumstances." He writes, "Because of human folly and sin, because man's free will creates circumstances of evil that cut across God's plans...there is a will within the will of God...the circumstantial will of God."(30). Take sickness, for instance. Weatherhead does not believe that sickness is God's intentional design. However, the battle against disease is God's will – It is God's will within the circumstances. Circumstances may have a negative impact on our physical lives. Yet believers can find spiritual strength knowing that in "all things God works for the good of those who love him." (Romans 8:28).

Weatherhead's final point is called God's Ultimate Will. God's Ultimate Will is "the final realization for his purposes." Nothing – absolutely nothing – can happen that can ultimately defeat God's final redemptive restorative plans. Everything that happens is not God's will, but nothing happens that ultimately defeat His will.

Something else catches my eye from the story in Acts 16. I see a distinction between Paul's plans (with a little p) and Paul's Plan (with a big P). Paul's plans of going to Asia and Bithynia were different from the Lord's plans. But Paul's Plan was not different. His overall Plan was to glorify God and serve Christ. God can redirect and redeem broken plans if the overall Plan is to serve and glorify Him.

Also, Paul does not disconnect from God. Despite disruptions, he stays connected and the Lord led him to Macedonia to preach the gospel in a land that had never heard it. Jesus says to his disciples in John, "I am the vine and you are the branches. If you abide in me you will bear fruit." M. Craig Barnes writes, "Your mission in life is not to get to the right place in life. That's God's job. Your mission is to know the God who is traveling with you."("Road Closed").

Let me conclude with a couple of questions inspired by Weatherhead. Number one, do I really want to discern God's plans for my life or do I simply want God to bless my own plans? Number two, do I have the courage to do God's will when I discern what it is.



CONFIRMATION MENTORS NEEDED

The confirmation Class needs about 8-10 adults to serve as mentors. A mentor is to pray for your confirmand and meet with him or her periodically, either in person or by phone, to encourage, answer questions and be a listening ear. There will be 2-3 Wednesday confirmation classes we ask that you attend, plus writing a letter of encouragement to be given out at the Spring retreat. Contact Tim or Valerie Brinkman at: home@thebrinkmanfamily.com.

Wesley Writers

Come join the Wesley Writers who meet on Wednesday evenings in the Library from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

For more information call David or Anna Evans 469-556-3003



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*



HANGING ON MINISTRY

We will be starting a new ministry here at Wesley called the Hanging on Ministry. The process is quite simple. Once a month, a group of us will go into a nearby neighborhood placing door hangers on each persons door. The door hanger will ask the resident if they have a prayer request. If so, the person simply writes it on the door hanger and then places it back on the door for us to pick up one week later. The hanger will state that over the next 30 days we will be praying for their request. In order to make this work, we need people who are willing to give up one hour two weekends in a row and, more importantly, to then pray for any request we receive over the next 30 days. Even if you can't get out and place the hangers on the door, you are still welcome to participate by being part of the prayer team. If you are interested in helping with this new ministry or have any questions, please contact Robert Camp at 214-662-7496 or by e-mail at rcamp@bankoftexas.com

SAMARITAN INN

1710 N. McDonald Street, McKinney, TX 75071

SUPPORTING MISSIONS AT WESLEY

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 Samaritan Inn is an integral member of the Wesley UMC body as are *all* missions that are supported by our church family.

Wesley has long supported The Samaritan Inn by providing groceries for a meal once a month. The food items are purchased and delivered to the Inn the second Saturday of each month. The groceries are then used to prepare a meal for the residents by Inn personnel. The current monthly Wesley grocery list consist of ingredients for a hamburger dinner.

The cost of the groceries is approximately \$200.00.

As fuel and food prices rise, we are *all* affected; the Mission Ministry would like to implement an alternate method of collecting the “non-perishable” food items that are needed to round out the grocery list.

The Non-Perishable food stuff may be donated on an ongoing basis by the whole Body, and the group that is responsible for the monthly meal (i.e. Sunday School class, youth group, individuals, Bible Study groups, UMW, Men’s Prayer Group, Prime Timers) can draw from that “food basket” and add the perishable items to complete their grocery list, thus reducing the overall cost.

The Inn population is full with approximately 120 residents on a full time basis.

Below is the standard grocery list that Wesley is responsible for the one meal a month:

NON-PERISHABLE:

- Dill Pickle Slices 1 Gallon
- Mayonnaise 1 Gallon
- Mustard 1 Gallon
- Ketchup 4 Qt. Bottles
- Onions 1 Bag

PERISHABLE:

- Hamburger patties 4 cases
- Hamburger buns 10-16 bags
- French fries 6 5lb bags
- Lettuce 8 heads
- Cheese 160 slices
- Tomatoes 18
- Ice Cream 5 5quart buckets

You may contact the Mission Ministry chair, Ken Hollingsworth, with your choice of future dates



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.

2nd Sat. of month	Samaritan Inn Meal
DATE:	HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST
January	INDIVIDUAL
February	INDIVIDUAL W/YOUTH SERVING
March	OASIS SS
April	QUEST SS
May	FELLOWSHIP SS
June	UMW
July	CHURCH COUNCIL
August	INDIVIDUAL

“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

All Parents and all Adults

Come Be A Blessing *** Come Receive A Blessing
 Come Plant a Seed *** Come Build a Foundation
 Your Presence, Prayers, Gifts and Service are needed.

Children's Ministries is gearing up to start of our 2008-2009 programs.

Problem: Many of you may not know what's available for children or know where you can use your Gifts and Talents.

Solution: **See the enclosed Children's Ministry Summary!!!!**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES CALENDAR

Fall Sunday School Session Starts

August 31

Teacher Dedication	September 14 11:00 Service
WFN Starts	September 17, tentative
Prayer Warriors for Children & Youth	September 21
Bible Presentation	September 28





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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.

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