

WESTMINSTER NEWS



October 11, 2011

From the Desk of Eric Varnon, Director of Christian Education and Youth:

While visiting my wife's family we attended church in Monroe, South Dakota. (It's always a good thing to attend church while you're away from home - it can be a great faith experience. It can also help you understand a little more of your own church family.) During a prayer led by the church's youth pastor, I heard a line that caught my attention..."We are thankful that we are gathered as the community of faith to be fed by your word, but I also pray that in the coming days we are willing to feed ourselves."

Isn't there a saying that says, 'Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day, teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.'?

I often get caught up in the day-to-day tasks of doing my job at the church, but on occasion I'll find myself trying to figure out what the larger purpose is for me at Westminster. Today I spent some time thinking about why it is that the leadership of our congregation has found it important to have a Director of Christian Education on staff rather than an associate pastor. I think it might have something to do with the whole 'giving a fish, or teaching to fish' thing.

One of the most difficult tasks that parents have is to teach their children to be independent. We want them to walk, but not too far away. We want them to learn to speak, but only nice words. We want them to love, but not experience heart break. We even want to teach them to eat on their own (and secretly miss those moments of them depending on us for their every need). The list of things we want to teach them goes on and on.

It's true for how we feast on God's word. We can have the best worship services, the best, most profound sermons, and great Sunday school classes, but all of that is just the church feeding its community. To truly be independent Christians, we've got to learn to feed ourselves. Don't get me wrong, the community is important and always will be. Sunday gatherings for worship, study, and fellowship are essential to the church's (and our faith's) existence. But learning to trust in, rest on, and believe in Jesus Christ on another hectic Monday morning is when we find ourselves not only claiming to be Christians, but actually BEING Christians.

I hope that you find yourself being fed by the ministries of Westminster, but I also hope you find that you are learning to fish so that during the time in between seeing each other we remain faithful.

Blessings,

Eric



Presbyterian Women

Then Joshua said to the people, "Sanctify yourselves; for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you." Joshua 3:5

October Presbyterian Women Events

- Saturday, October 15th: PW Fall Gathering, at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Corsicana, Texas from 9:30 AM to 2:15 PM. The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Johnson Pense is the keynote speaker. The cost is \$7.00 Please see your Circle Chairman for registration forms.
- Tuesday, October 18th: 10:00 AM - Museum and Christian Community Assistance
- Saturday, October 29th: WPC, Membership sponsor the All Church and Community Fall Festival from 4-7 PM.

On Tuesday, October 18th, Presbyterian Women will meet at the church at 10 AM to travel to the Kimball museum. We will see the newly acquired painting "The Sacrament of Ordination" Christ giving the keys to Peter. We can also see the permanent collection and the exhibition "Caravaggio and his Followers in Rome".

After lunch at the museum, we will go to CCA for our 1:30 PM tour.

Please call or email Carol Lindsay if you plan to attend. 817- 292- 2172 or cjtx@att.net Admission is free, but there is a \$6.00 charge to see the exhibition collection.

Carol Lindsay, Moderator, PW

Next Newsletter deadline will be Thursday, October 20, 2011



RECYCLE at WPC

What is acceptable: Mail, Newspapers, Magazines, School & Office Papers, Catalogs.



Please keep these police officers

- T. Jones
- JE Little
- MW Moore
- PF Morrison



Please remember to pick up a Bear from the Bear Basket in the Narthex and pray for a child at Cook Children's Medical Center.

Westminster Presbyterian Church Mission Statement:



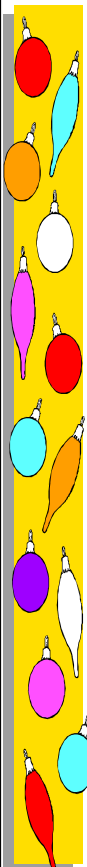
Because of God's grace and the transforming gift of God's Son, Jesus Christ, the vision of Westminster Presbyterian Church is: *to worship the Lord; to serve the needs of our congregation, community, and world; and to experience and share the power of God's love.*

PRAYER REQUEST FOR OUR CHURCH



"Session challenges all to continue to join us in daily prayer at noon (or as close as possible) as we lift collective prayer for God's will for our church."

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AT WESTMINSTER— A Bazaar for Missions



Ideas on ways to participate in WPC's missions fundraising:

Collaborate with 2 or three other people/families, pick a theme, and together, create a gift basket. You provide the products and we'll wrap it in cellophane and tie a ribbon on it. Please include a card indicating the value. Needed by **Oct. 30**.

Family Entertainment Basket: Fill a basket or tub with Board Games, Jump Rope, Baseball, 2 DVD's, Temporary Tattoos, Brain Teasers*, Brownie Mix, Cards, Puzzles *Look online at mindware.com – see clearance, too.

GREEN Book Basket: (Could be for ANY AGE group.) Recycle CURRENT or classic children's GENTLY USED books – hard or soft cover. Be sure to include a listing of the titles and suggested age group. Book mark, book light. (You might be able to find some great values at Amazon.com or even your neighbor's house! Think Book Club.)

SPA Basket: Bath mit, candle, body lotion, facial supplies, pumice stone, nail files, cuticle remover, tweezers, nail clippers. (we have other "stuff" to include) – A fluffy towel?

BBQ Basket: Winter grilling supplies Rub Sauce Long mitts Basting Brush Platter Recipes Plates/Napkins (I'll donate a Stainless & Rosewood tool 2 pc. set)

Other ideas include baskets for **Teen Glamour, Kids Rainy Day** or anything YOU would like to give or receive at Christmas!

Fathers, Brothers and Friends....
Join us on Saturday,
October 29th
8:00 AM
Men's Breakfast
@ Rise and Shine
Restaurant
on Alta Mesa.



Mentor Opportunities



The WPC response for Kids Hope USA has been excellent, thank you for your support of this worthwhile opportunity. At this time, we are still in need of one more male mentor.

Kids Hope USA is a program that will match members of WPC with students at Bruce Shulkey Elementary. The WPC Mentors will begin the second week of October.

Just one child, one hour, one church, one school. Will YOU give hope to a child? Contact Hal Leeds, 817-902-2981 or Kim Justice: 817-370-8246; kajmrj2010@yahoo.com



**WPC Youth Ministry
OCTOBER Calendar**

2nd	8:45 AM—2:30 PM Youth Programming
5th	5-8 PM Open Youth
9th	8:45 AM Worship, 9:45 AM Sunday School, 11:20 AM Out to Lunch
12th	No Youth Activities
16th	8:45 AM—2:30 PM Youth Programming
19th	5-8 PM Open Youth
23rd	8:45 AM—2:30 PM Youth Programming
26th	5-8 PM Open Youth DFW Adv. Park Sign-up deadline
29th	3-8 PM Fall Festival
30th	8:45 AM—2:30 PM Youth Programming

Men in Ministry
MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The men of Westminster are invited to attend each Wednesday Evening to study several aspects of our faith:
The Gospel of John,
Presbyterian Theology, Christian disciplines and a look at some of the characters from the Old Testament. All of this will be based on scripture and will cover the next two study years.

We start at 7:00 pm each Wednesday and welcome all with Y chromosomes.

Larry Atkinson

50th Annual Senior Citizen Fair
October 13-15
10 AM—8 PM
Amon G. Carter Exhibit Hall
Admission: \$5.00



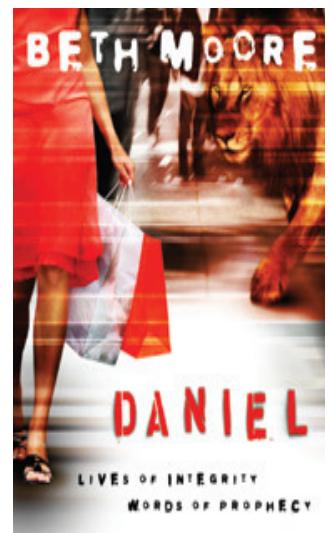
Operation Christmas Child
It's Shoe Box time!
Collection at WPC
Sunday, November 6th
Shoe boxes available in the Narthex



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH LIBRARY
IS AVAILABLE FOR YOU

Women's Bible Study

Begins: Wednesday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. Twelve-week study of the Book of Daniel:
Lives of Integrity: September 14 through October 19
Word of Prophecy: Video - Oct. 19 through Nov. 30
Cost: \$15 for Study Book
Questions?
Patricia Klint, 817-292-9386





Join WPC Membership Committee gear up for the Annual Fall Festival. Saturday, October 29th; 4-7 PM

Volunteers are needed for booth design, carnival games, Trunk-R -Treating, costume judges, sign makers, promoters, prize donations & Youngsters of all ages.

All wrapped candy donations are accepted in the bins set up in the Narthex.

Please sign up in the Narthex or contact Robi McAllister 817.905.2293; robi@alexanderchandler.com



Christian Community Assistance
FOOD SUNDAY— November 6, 2011

Needs:

sugar, flour, oil, canned meat, toilet paper, macaroni & cheese, bar soap, canned vegetables.

DISCIPLE

Invitation to the New Testament

Explore the writings of the New Testament using the story of Jesus as the starting point. This study looks at how the early church took ownership of and was shaped by the story of Jesus and how the church learned how to develop as disciples and create communities of faith.

Participants find a deeper conversation with the writers of the NT and a renewal of our commitment to be shaped---personally and communally--- by the story of Jesus.

Sundays 5:45 – 7:45 p.m.
September 11th – November 13th
In the Youth Room



Sunday, October 23rd
Finance/Stewardship Committee will host and provide fried chicken for lunch. Last names beginning A-M please bring side dishes. Last names beginning N-Z please bring desserts.

The Outreach and Missions Committee will coordinate a "Diabetes Self-Management Workshop."

This is a six week session with one meeting, from 2 – 4:30p.m., each Tuesday. It is provided at no charge by Senior Citizens Services, the same group which provided the Matter of Balance classes. The classes have begun and will run to November 15, 2011. You will learn things like: Common problems among people with Diabetes, the importance of monitoring and managing blood sugar, how to use a formula for healthy eating, how to use a food guide to plan healthy menus, ways to reduce fat in meals, Tips for choosing appropriate exercises for fitness program, reading and understanding the main nutrition facts on food labels, a stress management techniques How to change negative thinking into positive thinking, and guidelines for proper skin and foot care. Signup sheets will be available in the Narthex, September 25 and Jenifer Severance will be available at Friends and Neighbors on September 28 to answer questions you may have.

If you have interest or questions, please contact Neil Van Geem

Friends and Neighbors



Wednesday, October 26th
11:45 AM

Join us in giving out candy for the ELP Trick or Treat time, and Parade of Halloween costumes.

Then, we will share our many varied pot luck lunch dishes and hear a very informative program about services available to Texas Veterans.

Please bring a bag of wrapped candy, and your favorite dish to share.



Kirkin O' The Tartan
Reformation Sunday, October 30th

Tartans will be available to carry during the recessional, if you would like to carry a Tartan, contact a Worship Committee Member.

SCOTTISH HERITAGE TARTANS

Anderson, Armstrong, Bruce, Buchanan, Chisolm, Campbell, Colquhoun, Crawford, Cunningham, Donald of Sleate, Douglas, Dunn, Elliott, Farquharson, Ferguson, Fraser, Galbraith, Galloway, Grant, Gunn, Hay, Henderson, Innes, Johnston, Kennedy, Leslie, Lindsay, Livingston,

MacAthur, MacCrae, MacDuff, McGregor, MacIntosh, MacIver, MacKay, MacKinnon, MacLean, MacLennan, MacNab, MacNeil, MacNichol, MacPherson, Malcolm, Matheson, Maxwell, Menzies, Montgomery, Morrison, Munro, Murry of Tullibardine, Napier, Oliphant, Robertson, Rose, Ross, Scott, Stewart, Sutherland, Texas Bluebonnet, Urquhart, Wallace.



October Mariners Event

Sunday, October 30th,
 after the 11 o'clock worship
 service.

Join us for lunch at
 Fiesta Mexican Restaurant
 3233 Hemphill Street

We will gather in their backroom, we will be ordering from the menu & have separate checks.

Please let the McClendon's know if you plan to attend, so we can save you a seat.
 817-292-5181 or rip.joanne@att.net
 See you there.

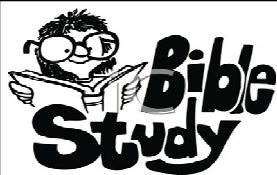


2011 Advent Devotional Book

Theme: Prophecy and Fulfillment

The scriptures are available for you to pick up at the sign-up board in the Narthex. Please return your written inspirational Advent Devotion by October 31st to Vandee via email or drop off at the church office. wpcfw@swbell.net

The Advent Devotional books will be available for all on the First Sunday of Advent.



Whoever you are...
 Whatever your interests...
 Whenever you're available...
We've got you covered.

Check out one of our adult education opportunities:

- Pathfinder Class:** Sundays 9:45 – 10:45
 Studying "Devotional Classics"
- Friendship Class:** Sundays 9:45 – 10:45
 Studying "Christian History"
- Motley Crew :** Sundays 9:45 – 10:45
 Studying "Book of Ecclesiastes"
- Men's Bible Study:** Wednesdays 7:00 – 8:00
 Studying The Gospel of John, OT Characters,
 and more
- Women's Bible Study:** Wednesdays 7:00 – 9:00
 Studying The Book of Daniel
- Disciple Class:** Sundays 5:45 – 7:45
 Studying "An Introduction to the
 New Testament"



**FROM THE COMMITTEE OF
 FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP**

The pastor got up at the beginning of a huge stewardship rally, held his hands up for silence, and said, "Friends, I have a marvelous announcement to make about our building fund and our stewardship program for the coming year."

He paused for the import of his opening remark to sink in. He then added with dramatic phrasing, "Friends, we have the money!"

A buzz of excitement went through the congregation. He held up his hands for quiet once again. He finished, "Yes, we have all the money we need. Now all we have to do is give it."



Early Learning Place

October 2011

Westminster Presbyterian Church



TAX EIN NUMBER 75-094-5945

October Events

- October 1-3 Tuition Due
- October 6 Book Orders Due
- October 10 Columbus Day **No School**
- October 18 & 19 Firetruck/Fire Safety
- October 26&27 Costume Celebrations



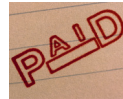
Holiday Reminders

We follow the Fort Worth ISD Holiday School Schedule. This schedule is posted on the ELP Bulletin board for your convenience. Teachers also send home reminders about upcoming holidays and we also post them on our website calendar. ELP has a holiday break on Monday, Oct 10. The entire ELP Staff will be in Training for the day!

FYI:

Special Shout Out to Eric Varnon (Noah and Cooper's Dad) for building our new sandbox!! Great Job Eric!! We love it =-) Eric is also the Director of Christian Education at WPC.

WPC Fall Festival Oct 29, Saturday from 4-7pm Come Join in the Fun! The ELP teachers will spray paint hair in neon colors. Stop by if you need a new look !! There will be lot's of fun and free activities for the entire family.



Monthly Tuition

Tuition is due the first three days of each month. The charge for late payment is \$20 for each week you are late. Your child may attend class when tuition is paid in full. *Don't forget we have a drop box in the parking lot for your convenience.*

Your promptness is appreciated.



Firefighters Visit ELP

Firefighters will visit preschool on October 18 & 19. They will discuss all aspects of fire safety. It is important to have a family emergency plan and meeting place so make sure and discuss this event with your child.



Costume Celebrations










We will have costume celebrations on October 26 & 27. Teachers will be posting sign up sheets for these events. Your contributions help to make these celebrations a success. Thanks for all you do to help support our preschool.

Working Together @ ELP

Sick Children:
Please do not bring sick children to ELP. A fever, vomiting, diarrhea or a green runny nose means your child is sick.

October



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Food Sunday—CCA 8:45 AM—2:30 PM Youth Programming 3 PM Bell Choir 4 PM Chancel Choir 5:45-7:47 PM Disciple	3 9-10 AM Exercise Class (FH) 6:30 PM Committee Chairman Meeting 7:15 PM Committee Meeting	4 10 AM PW Coord. Team Meeting 7 PM Boy Scout Troop #499	5 5-8 PM Open Youth 7 PM Ensemble 7 PM Men's Bible Study 7 PM Women's Bible Study	6 9-10 AM Exercise Class (FH) 	7 3-9 PM Engler/Houston Wedding Rehearsal	8 2-6 PM Engler/Houston Wedding and Reception
9 8:45 AM—11:20 AM Youth—Worship, SS, Lunch 3 PM Bell Choir 4 PM Chancel Choir 5:45-7:47 PM Disciple	10 Columbus Day No ELP ELP Teacher Work Day 7 PM Finance Mtg. 7 PM PW—Circle 3	11 10 AM PW Circle 1 10 AM PW Circle 2—@ WPC 2 PM Newsletter Mail-out 2-4:30 PM Diabetes Workshop (FH) 7 PM Boy Scout Troop #499	12 No Open Youth 6 PM Mom Nursery 6:30 PM Mom's Dinner 7 PM Ensemble 7 PM Men's Bible Study 7 PM Women's Bible Study	13 9-10 AM Exercise Class (FH) 11 AM Staff Meeting	14	15 
16 Children's Sabbath 8:45 AM—2:30 PM Youth Programming No Bell or Chancel Choir 5:45-7:47 PM Disciple	17 9-10 AM Exercise Class (FH) 7 PM Session	18 10 AM PW—CCA ELP—Fire truck visit 2-4:30 PM Diabetes Workshop (FH) 	19 ELP—Fire truck visit 5-8 PM Open Youth 7 PM Ensemble 7 PM Men's Bible Study 7 PM Women's Bible Study	20 9-10 AM Exercise Class (FH) 	21	22
23  Communion WPC Pledge Kick-off 8:45 AM—2:30 PM Youth Programming All Church Lunch Hosted by Finance & Stewardship 3 PM Bell Choir 4 PM Chancel Choir 5:45-7:47 PM Disciple	24 9-10 AM Exercise Class (FH) 7 PM Marketing & Evangelism	25 2 PM Newsletter Mail-out 2-4:30 PM Diabetes Workshop (FH) 7 PM Boy Scout Troop #499 	26 5-8 PM Open Youth 7 PM Ensemble 7 PM Men's Bible Study 7 PM Women's Bible Study 	27 9-10 AM Exercise Class (FH)	28	29 8 AM Men's Breakfast 4-7 PM Fall Festival 
30 Reformation Sunday Kirkin O' the Tartan 8:45 AM—2:30 PM Youth Programming 3 PM Bell Choir 4 PM Chancel Choir 5:45-7:47 PM Disciple	31  Happy Halloween 29th Anniversary of Dr. Hogg's Ordination 9-10 AM Exercise Class (FH)	* Dr. Hogg will be on Continuing Education leave Oct. 2-8	*Eric Varnon, DCE/Y will be on vacation Oct. 7-17			MEN'S BREAKFAST



OCTOBER	1 Bill Heiss	12 Sherry Foster	17 Brian Swanson	27 Elspeth Bittle
	1 Vance Riedel	12 Brad Estes	19 Eva Riggs	27 Stephen Younger
	2 Virginia Thorsen	12 Randy Sapp	21 Zachary Francis	29 Alice Clark
	4 Rebecca Early	12 Dena Williams	22 Mirand Zepeda	30 Bob Bittle
	6 Michael Preciado	13 Debbie Bunch	23 Ben Head	31 Stephen Maxwell
	9 Paul Halicki	14 Mary Nell Rush	24 Jaeger V. Williams	
	10 Joyce Welch	14 Grace Fomani	25 Michael Francis	
	11 Jim Marx	15 Dawn Carpenter	25 Lury Snyder	
	11 Noah Varnon	16 Paul Ringnald	25 Robert Vela	

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Contemporary Worship Service: 8:45 AM, Sundays

Traditional Worship Service: 11:00 AM, Sundays

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Dionne Bagsby	Carl Ewald
Larry Bartlett (T)	Allison Hurd
Becky Bittle	Sandra Klovstad
Jon Carter	Harold Leeds
Peggy Claus	Kathleen Nance
Gordon Couch	Polly Pooler (T)
Bob Craig (T)	Maury Shiver (T)
Carol Edley (T)	Neil Van Geem (T)
	James Werner

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Building & Grounds:	Carl Ewald	Co-Chairman
	Gordon Couch	Co-Chairman
	Carol Edley	
Christian Education:	Becky Bittle	Chairwoman
	Polly Pooler	
Finance/Stewardship:	Larry Bartlett	Chairman
	Bob Craig	
Membership:	Allison Hurd	Chairwoman
	James Werner	
	Jon Carter	
Outreach & Mission:	Harold Leeds	Chairman
	Neil Van Geem	
Personnel:	Maury Shiver	Chairwoman
	Sandra Klovstad	
Worship:	Kathleen Nance	Chairwoman
	Dionne Bagsby	
	Peggy Claus	

Serving the Church— Children's Sabbath, Sunday, October 16th, 2011

Sermon: "Imitators"
Scriptures: Exodus 33:17-23; I Thessalonians 1:2-7
Pulpit: Rev. Dr. Donald R. Hogg
Acolytes: Kathryn Pooler, Keith Miyatake
Counters: Bob Craig, Sharon Bernardez
Doorstep Ministry: Carol Lindsay
Elder on Call: Sandra Klovstad
Greeters: Youth
Liturgist: Youth
Sound Room: Sarah Bernardez
Usher Team: Robert Nance, Kathy Nance, Annette Boyd, Gordon Couch, Susan Bennett, Michele Parker
Worship Team (8:45) Larry and Debbie Bartlett

Serving the Church— Communion Sunday, October 23rd, 2011

Sermon: "A Fitting Eulogy"
Scriptures: Deuteronomy 34:1-8; Deuteronomy 34:9-12
Pulpit: Rev. Dr. Donald R. Hogg
Communion Preparers: Peggy Claus
Communion Servers: Dionne Bagsby, Becky Bittle, Jon Carter, Larry Bartlett, Gordon Couch, Carl Ewald, Larry Atkinson, Bob Bittle, Alton Bostick, Jr. Annette Boyd
Counters: Joyce Elliott, Bob Bittle
Doorstep Ministry: Hal Leeds
Elder on Call: Maury Shiver
Greeters: Gordon and Linda Couch
Liturgist: Uta Engelhart
Sound Room: Elaina Reidel
Usher Team: Ramon Zepeda, Herman Wardlaw, Bill Heiss, Harold Leeds
Worship Team (8:45) Bob and Layne Bruhn

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