

WESTMINSTER NEWS



September 27, 2011

From, Dale Montgomery, Minister-In-Training, TCU—Brite Divinity School:

Christian Hospitality

Greetings! I am delighted to have joined Westminster at the beginning of this month as your new minister-in-training. I am currently attending Brite Divinity School at TCU in the Masters of Divinity program. My wife Pam and I live in Waxahachie, and we have one son and two grandchildren. I spent over thirty years in a career in commercial insurance as an actuary, but a few years ago God “nudged” me to pursue a commitment to full-time ministry. (Or perhaps God had been pushing for a while – but it took me a long time to pick up on it!) I currently have Inquirer status with the Presbyterian Church (USA), which is the first stage of the process leading to ordination.

As I reflected on the past few weeks, my thoughts went to hospitality. The practice of offering hospitality to strangers and guests is a thread that runs through Scripture. One aspect of the biblical concern for “strangers” stems from the ancestral memory of the Israelites as slaves in Egypt as depicted in the book of Exodus. As a people living in a foreign land, the Hebrews were strangers, technically resident aliens, in the land of Egypt. And yet for much of the time they spent there, they prospered and grew to be a great people. It was much later that the Egyptians began to oppress them mightily and the Hebrews cried out to God for relief.

But the Israelites did not forget the time they spent as slaves in Egypt, and their view of God as one who was just and impartial influenced their perspective on the treatment of strangers. The Israelites were concerned with fair treatment for those who were socially disadvantaged such as widows, orphans and “strangers.” Deuteronomy 10:18-19 provides an example of this perspective as God is described as one “who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing” and the Israelites were instructed to “...love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.” The offering of hospitality, in the form of food, clothing, shelter or employment, was thus viewed as fulfilling God’s expectation.

With respect to offering hospitality to guests as opposed to strangers, there is perhaps a more straightforward understanding. If you invite someone to be your guest, it would be understood that you would naturally share with them in food or drink or shelter or all of these. There are many examples of weddings and feasts within the Gospels which demonstrate the extensive hospitality considered appropriate for invited guests. But the foremost image that comes to mind in this regard is always the offer of shelter to Joseph and Mary in the manger on the night of Jesus’ birth, when the inn was full. It may not have been luxurious, but the innkeeper offered them what hospitality he had available.

I do not believe that my recent assumption of the minister-in-training role at Westminster equates with being either a stranger or a guest in the above context. Nonetheless I am moved by your gracious hospitality in inviting and receiving me. I am grateful to have the opportunity to develop pastoral skills with a caring congregation, and one willing to repeatedly receive and assist with training individuals preparing for full time ministry. Please know that the warmth and hospitality with which you have received me are greatly appreciated. Your provision of true Christian hospitality and willingness to walk this part of my faith journey with me are a tremendous blessing.

See you next Sunday!

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Montgomery".



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

- Tuesday, October 4th: PW Coordinating Team will meet at 10:00 AM in the Friendship Classroom, WPC.
- Monday, October 10th: PW Night Circle 3 will meet at 7:00 PM at the home of Layne Bruhn, 3528 Wren
- Tuesday, October 11th: PW Circle 1 will meet at 10:00 AM at the home of Beverly Crouch, 6805 Winifred Drive.
- Tuesday, October 11th: PW Circle 2 will meet at 10:00 AM in the WPC, Friendship Classroom.
- 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: PW will gather at 10:00 AM for a visit at the Christian Community Assistance (Food Bank)
- Saturday, October 29th: WPC, Membership sponsor the All Church and Community Fall Festival from 4-7 PM.

PW enjoyed a wonderful spiritual retreat at Still Water Lodge in Glen Rose. The weather was gorgeous, the facility fantastic, and we all came home rested and refreshed.

Carol Lindsay, Moderator, PW

Next Newsletter deadline will be Thursday, October 6, 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



Bazaar Preview Party & Auctions: Fri. Nov. 18th, 6:30 PM – 9 PM – Fellowship Hall
Bazaar: Sat. Nov. 19th, 9 AM – 4 PM – Narthex and Fellowship Hall
[Enter/Exit through the Narthex]

Workdays:

Tues. Nov. 15th, Bldg. & Grnds. Com. , 9 AM; All others, 1 PM – Tables and fixtures Set-up
Wed. Nov. 16th, Staff RECEIVE & set-up inventory from 7 AM – 7 PM
Thurs. Nov. 17th, Staff RECEIVE & set-up inventory from 8 AM - Noon.
[PLEASE do not wait until Friday to bring your products]. Staff shifts from 8 AM until 3 PM
Fri. Nov. 18th, Staff RECEIVE BAKED GOODS in Fellowship Hall from 8 AM – Noon

Preview Party & Auctions – [Staff times to be determined]
Food, entertainment, silent auction, & live auction

Sat. Nov. 19th, BAZAAR DAY – 2 Shifts: 8 AM – 1 PM and 12:30 PM – 5:30 PM.
Sign-up sheets will be in the narthex in mid-September.

On FRIDAY NIGHT AND SATURDAY, All Staff will wear special long-sleeved red crewneck shirts with logo. The cost will be \$9.50, payable BEFORE we order your shirt in October.

Items needed by October 26th: 2 steel posts, Gift certificates from businesses, items for the gift baskets by

If you need supplies to make or complete a product, please contact Ellen White who has a wide variety of supplies. (817)-423-1146 or ellen7100@sbcglobal.net.

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

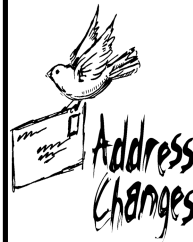


MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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



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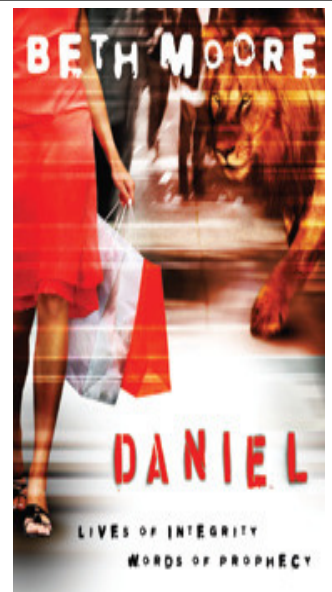
Community Policing Forum
Public Service Announcement
Thursday, October 6, 2011
7 PM—8 PM
Hallmark Baptist Church
4201 W. Risinger



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CHURCH LIBRARY
IS AVAILABLE FOR YOU

Women's Bible Study

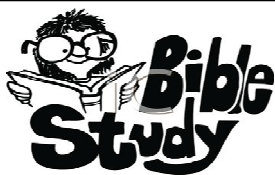
Begins: Wednesday,
September 14
at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room.
Twelve-week study of the
Book of Daniel:
Lives of Integrity:
September 14 through October 19
Word of Prophecy:
Video - Oct. 19 through Nov. 30
Cost: \$15 for Study Book
Questions?
Patricia Klint, 817-292-9386



SESSION NOTES:

- The Fall Festival will be October 29 from 4 to 7 p.m. Happy workers with or without costume will be welcomed. Unhappy workers must be in costume.
- The Christmas Bazaar will be Friday night preview and auction with Saturday sale to the public on November 18 and 19. Please plan to join us on Friday for preview and bidding and on Saturday for support where needed.
- Session welcomed into membership on August 21, 2011 Nancy Lander, who is the sister of Member Mary Cox and on August 28, Jimmie E. (Jim) Fletcher. Please find these new members and welcome them.
- Session welcomed part-time Minister-In-Training Dale Montgomery, a student at Brite Divinity. Dale and his wife Pam live in Waxahachie, and Session is thrilled to have him at work.
- Widening of the sidewalk from the east parking lot to Fellowship Hall has been completed and handrails are in place. Thanks to Building and Grounds for having this work done.
- Received into membership on August 28, 2011 Jimmie E. Fletcher based upon his Reaffirmation of Faith.
- The Presbyterian Panel (a part of PCUSA) has randomly selected our congregation for participation in a survey. Members of our church will be randomly selected and to receive an invitation to participate in a three-year survey, primarily involving church membership and mission. Up to about three surveys a year will be sent with questions easily answered. Session and Dr. Hogg urge participation as requested by this organization. Compilations of the information gathered from our church and the other churches selected will be available on the PCUSA website. (This opportunity to work within our church-at-large is DIFFERENT from the survey completed on Sunday September 19. This will be PCUSA contact directly with individuals associated with our church.)
- Congratulations to Loyce Ann Engler and Garry Edward Houston who will be married in our church on October 8. Loyce is a child of this church and her mother is Member Jeanette Engler.
- The Book of Order has taken on a significant change in the Form of Government. If you are interested in obtaining a copy, please contact the church.
- Joys and concerns were shared and we are in prayer for all.

Please continue to join our Session in daily prayer - at noon or as close to then as possible - as they lift collective prayer for God's will for our church.



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 "When Christians Get it Wrong"
- Motley Crew :** Sundays 9:45 – 10:45
Studying "The Jesus I Never Knew"
- 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



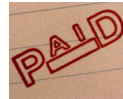
Holiday Reminders

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 lots 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 - Commitment Sunday 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 8 AM—8 PM Fall Festival Set up	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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SESSION MEMBERS

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— Sunday, October 2nd, 2011

Sermon: "Second Chances"
Scriptures: Mark 1:14-20; Jonah 3:1-10
Pulpit: Dale Montgomery, MIT
Acolytes: Keith Miyatake, Jennifer Winn
Counters: James Werner, David Bernardez
Doorstep Ministry: Uta and Larry Engelhart
Elder on Call: Gordon Couch
Greeters: Jon and Susan Bennett
Liturgist: Susan Bennett
Sound Room: Sarah Bernardez
Usher Team: Youth Usher Team
Worship Team (8:45): Bob Bittle

Serving the Church— Sunday, October 9th, 2011

Sermon: "Put On The Wedding Garments"
Scriptures: Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14
Pulpit: Rev. Dr. Donald R. Hogg
Acolytes: Lisa Winn
Counters: Larry Bartlett, Shar Werner
Doorstep Ministry: Connie and Chuck Bosworth
Elder on Call: Carl Ewald
Greeters: Jule and Patrick White
Liturgist: Kathy Nance
Sound Room: Elaina Riedel
Usher Team: Carl Ewald, Cory Tallman, Randy Sapp,
Belinda Sapp, Ellen White, Cal Miyatake
Worship Team (8:45): Carol and Red Lindsay

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