



Wesley Witness

Wesley United Methodist Church

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*Finally, brothers,
whatever is true,
whatever is honorable,
whatever is just,
whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely,
whatever is commendable,
if there is any excellence,
if there is anything
worthy of praise,
think about these things.*

Philippians 4:8



Lifetree Café

"Doing life. Doing good."

Lifetree Café at Coffee Off the Square is the place to be from 4:45 - 6:15 p.m.

each Sunday afternoon. Join Co-Hosts, Emily and Garrett Glass as they lead us with video clips, table discussion, fellowship, and good coffee.

Invite and bring friends and family to experience God in a casual, learning atmosphere. It is a "work in progress." The topics change each week. Thanks to our media guy, Stanley Foster, for putting our necessary equipment in place so we can be "Wesley at Lifetree Café at Coffee Off the Square." Come and be blessed!

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

Mack Phillips	October 6
Kathy Darrow	October 8
Mike Brock	October 10
Paul Clark	October 11
Sara West	October 12
Dicie Rue Cook	October 15
Margaret Campbell	October 19
Jerry Glossup	October 23
Theresa Garcia	October 24
Doris Rawls	October 25
Janet Skauge	October 25
Diana di Donato	October 27
Donna and Larry Nelson	October 11
Gina and Bill Wilder	October 18
Marge and Charles Johnson	October 26

2014 Stew and Chili Cooks





Little Acorn School

October Newsletter

- October 9 Donuts with Dad
- October 14 Scholastic Due
- October 23 Closed for Fall Festival
- October 26 - Oct 30 Red Ribbon Week

Monday - Wear Red (clothes, shoes, hair, etc.)

Tuesday - Wear pajamas to school to follow your dreams-not drugs

Wednesday - Nerd day -- too smart for drugs

Thursday - Wear a hat day -- we are putting a cap on drugs

Friday - Superhero Day -- wear anything like a shirt, hat, cape, etc.

October 30 - We will have a fun day all day (Teachers will let parents know what to bring)

Devotionals

- October 5 - 9 Baby Moses
- October 12 - 16 Prayer (God hears my prayer)
- October 19 - 23 Daniel and the Lion's Den
- October 26 - 30 Sampson and Delilah



To our Wesley Family of Prayer Warriors:

Debra (Casey) Jackson's 4 year-old grandson, Zane Magan, was diagnosed with leukemia last Saturday. We're standing firm in our faith as God as the ultimate healer. We know our Lord and Savior is bigger than any trial we face on this earth. Please join us in praying for this sweet little guy.

Rebecca Hathcoat



Adopt a Backpack Buddy

Each year we are given the opportunity to adopt a Backpack Buddy.

We will be giving food to children weekly at North Hopkins ISD and to children at Como-Pickton CISD (so far we have 73 children).

Included in the bag each child receives each week is:

2 breakfast items such as instant oatmeal or granola bars

2 lunch items such as ravioli or beans and wieners

2 snack items such as peanut butter crackers or pudding cups

2 drinks such as fruit punch or Yoo Hoo

The menu varies each week. The cost of the food given each week is \$3.00. When you adopt a Backpack Buddy, you may give your money by the week, month or year.

The Backpack Buddy display will be in the sanctuary as a reminder. Thanks so much for your participation!

Homebound Ministry

The Homebound Ministries program at Wesley needs a little help. We have lost several volunteers due to health problems and one passed away. We need two people who feel committed to serve. You will be asked to visit 3 or 4 members each week (on Monday or Tuesday). You will visit different people each week.

God will bless each visit you make. If God is nudging you to do this, please get it touch with Shirley at 903-945-2131 or Diane at 903-885-1671. Thank you!

Grandparents Day

September 13





Fall Roundup

Live Auction - 50 item limit

- Items must be purchased new or hand crafted - quality items, please
- Items must be at the church no later than noon on November 14, unless the committee has approved late arrival of the item.

Silent Auction

Items must be new or hand crafted

Grandma's Kitchen and Country Store

- Homemade cooked items : bread, cookies, candy, jams and jellies.
- Handmade items: crocheted items, afghans, quilts, embroidered pieces, aprons, baby bibs, booties, etc.
- If you have questions about Grandma's Kitchen and Country Store, please talk to Carol Ann.
- The Committee will determine where donated items will be placed.
- We are doing what's best to keep things peppy and to keep interest in the bidding.
- You can help us by signing up on the sheets posted on the bulletin board.
- Even if you have done a particular job in the past, we need to know if we have enough help.
- If you have any questions, please contact the following people:

Coordinator - Carol Ann O'dell

Live Auction - Rhonda Brock

Publicity - Diane Dixon

Stew Pots and Cooks - Gary Lewis

Silent Auction - Didi Thurman/Silvina Epperson

Set Up and Decorations - Wesleyan Class

Auctioneer Chief - Diane Dixon

Finance and Computer Guru - Rick Spears and Bill Wilder

Volunteers Needed for Coordination in the Following Areas:

Ticket Takers Grandma's Kitchen and Country Store Pie Room

Kitchen Preparation and Serving Clean Up

Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in Wesley Hall

The date is set: November 14, 2015! Time: 4:30 - 9:00 ish. The event: 37th Wesley Fall Roundup

Preparations have begun, sign-up sheets are posted, positions of leadership have been assigned. All that's needed to make this the best FALL ROUNDUP is your commitment. Everyone has a job; no job is too small. Last year many said it was their last year to cook and yet Wesley committed again to open our doors to the community, to our friends and to our family. I have committed to be chairperson for FALL ROUNDUP again because I believe in WESLEY! DO YOU?

Carol Ann O'dell

There is a Fall Roundup flyer in this newsletter. Please give it to someone or post in a place of business to help advertise Fall Roundup!

**From
Pastor
Steve**

Barnabas: The Encourager!

Imbedded in the Acts of the Apostles is a “sub-story” that the writer, Luke shares with all readers. Along with Simon Peter and the Apostle Paul, the two main persons in this early history of the Christian Church, is a man named Barnabas. His name literally means “Son of Encouragement” and every time we read his name, he is trying to be of help, lifting up, or encouraging someone else.

In Acts 4:36-37, Luke slips Barnabas into the story of the church: “There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means ‘son of encouragement’). He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles’ feet.” Since Levites could not own land in Israel, this property was most likely was in Cyprus. The very first mention of Barnabas is a man giving out of his own heart.

In Acts 9:27, we encounter Barnabas after the Apostle Paul’s conversion on the Damascus Road. He has started preaching the Good News, but is still fearful because of prior crimes against the Church. So much so, that no one will help him. “So Barnabas took him, brought him (still Saul of Tarsus but converted) to the apostles, and described for them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken boldly in the name of Jesus.” Once Barnabas lasted onto Saul (soon to become Paul), he was accepted among the Jerusalem apostles.

Perhaps the most fascinating part of Barnabas’ story is found in Acts 11:19-26 where the church of Antioch was growing fast. From verse 21 forward, we read: “The hand of the Lord was with them and a great number became believers and turned (meaning to repent) to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem (Mother Church), and sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted (urged) them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; for he (Barnabas) was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And

a great many people were brought to the Lord. Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was for an entire year they met with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called Christians (literally “little Christs).”

On the Apostle Paul’s first missionary journey, he took Barnabas and Mark with him. Mark leaves to go home (it is not said why, but he leaves). Barnabas and Paul complete this first tour. They also are called to Jerusalem for a Council Meeting (Acts 15:1-35) where Paul’s ministry to the Gentiles is validated by James, the half-brother of Jesus. Simon Peter would focus on the Jewish Christians. What an early account of “Conferencing!”

Soon, in Acts 15:36, Paul is ready to venture out again and invites Barnabas to go with him. But Barnabas wants to take Mark with them again. Paul did not want him since he left them before. There is a separation of Barnabas and Paul. Paul chose Silas to go with him. “The disagreement became so sharp that they parted company; Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus. But Paul chose Silas and set out, the believers commending him to the grace of the Lord.” (vs. 39) Except for an occasional reference in Paul’s writings, we never hear again “Biblically” from Barnabas. Folklore has him becoming a Christian martyr in Cyprus. A book purportedly written by Mark called “The Acts of Barnabas” was written much later. And some historians even think the Book of Hebrews was written by him. In some way, he vanishes without a trace.

Contemporary Christian writer, Liz Curtis Higgs, refers to herself as An Encourager. Perhaps, what most of us ought to be and should desire to become is a Barnabas, an Encourager. We traverse a fast-paced, high-tech, nervous and unsure world. Any word can apply to our emotions and feelings (wounded, broken, hurting, rejected, etc.). Be a Barnabas! Be an Encourager! Walk in someone’s shoes. Share their pain. Feel the love of God through you in Jesus Christ our Lord! “We are one in the bond of love!”



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Coffee Off the Square



PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Rhonda Alley	Dominic Ayala	Tim Armstrong
Poss and Sherry Baxter	Mary Barnhart	Joan Batty
DeLana Beadle	Dan Bell	Jeri Beverstock
Cletus Brown	Carson Bryant	Damon Byars
Margaret Campbell	Cassie Cavallere	Pamela Clayton
Steve and Dicie Rue Cook	Surene Cody	Kathy Crowson
Dylan di Donato and family	Dorothy Davis	Walinda Downs
Maggie Skaggs Foster	Dorothy Easley	Beulah Godfrey
Ty and Jamie Funderburk	Janie Godfrey	Larry Godfrey
Robert and Mary Glover	Doris Herman	Frank Hernandez
Harvey and Crusaders Class	Bill Hinchcliff	Frances Hopkins
Magan, Tim and Easley Henderson	Mindi Horne	Shelly Huff
Sabrina Hutchins	Jeff Johnson	L.B. Jordan
Janie Kirkland	Charles Johnson	Linda Johnson
Marvin and Louise Jones	Larry Jordan	Joyce Latimer
Christa and Victor Kasztelanski	Tommy Lewis	Angela Little
Yvonne Lowen	Muriel Lucas	David Mahand
Robert and Charlene Maples	Idalon McCoy	Christine McPhearson
Mary Ann McCormick	Gary Moon	Bonnie Moore
Helen Moore	Allison Mullinax	Wade Mullinax
J.W. Mullinax	J. T. Mullinax	Wickie Neal
Terry Nelson	Remy Pibe	Kay Orr
Ricky Orr	Sandra Parker	Matthew Prochaska
Jim and Marty Rose	Andrea Seale	Patti Sells
Donna and Dave Spears	Paul Stevens	Jayne Stone
Sam and Charlene Stewart	Ceely Stout	Jeanne Swatsell
Pat and Floyd Spears	Velma Swatsell	Allan Thar
Elton and Louise Stewart	Braden Tinsley	LeeAnn Vandeventer
Sarah Thompson and Family	Chrystal Vargas	Ben Walker
Louise Wallace	Stephen Warren	Bill Watts
Bo West	Sara West	Zane Magan
Renee Barrara	Christy Rudd	
Healthy Church Initiative/HCI Team	Community Chest/Cupboard	
Backpack Buddies	North Texas Food Bank	
Holy Highway Girls Home	Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center	
Dallas Bethlehem Center – Wesley-Rankin Community Center		
Way of Salvation UMC, Mytisch, Russia		
Our Country and Our Leaders	Military Personnel and their Families	
EMS, Fire Fighters, Hospital Personnel		

New additions to the prayer list are in **BOLD**
Note: Names added to the prayer list will remain on the list for 30 days. They will be relisted by request. Please help us to keep the list current

WESLEY HOMEBOUND

Doris Rawls Mary Burks Dell Cline Billie Newsom Bobbie Holder
 Bill Shell Muriel Lucas Sandra McIntire Della Loane
 Lloyd and Maxine Hiller



Ad Board Meeting
6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 13



From the Lay Leader

Fall Roundup is just around the corner and this is always an exciting time for our church. We need all of you to participate. We need workers and we need buyers! Please ask Carol Ann what you can do to help make this year's Roundup a success!

Several of us participated in the trial run of our new ministry called Lifetree Café. It was an interesting time and I was glad to see so many people willing to try something new! We must be open to new ideas on how to reach the unchurched, people who have dropped out of church, or people who are simply hurting, for whatever reason. Some of us older folks are pretty set in our ways but we must be willing to embrace change and to try new things in our walk of discipleship. We need greeters, servers and people who just love to talk to other people. We all have something to contribute to this new ministry.

It is the time of year when we always seem to face a financial crunch. Utilities for the summer are higher and some people just don't seem to give when they are away on vacation. Let us be diligent in our tithing because the ministries of our church depend on us! We have a wonderful staff and they have to be paid! And speaking of staff, I have encouraged you to say a kind word of appreciation to them. Even though they are paid they still appreciate knowing they are doing a good job.

We have so many volunteers to who so much for our church and cannot name all of them. However, I do want to mention our volunteer bus drivers for Sunday mornings. Joe Batty, Malcolm Kirkland, and Ronny Darrow have stepped up and are driving on Sundays. There are others who also drive the bus for various occasions, but I just want to thank these Sunday morning drivers. The people who are being picked up are so grateful and Malcolm told me that he has been blessed just by being their driver! There are others who will join this ministry, but for now, please say "Thank you" to these men.

Laity Sunday will be coming up in October and we will have an exciting service. Our people are always willing to participate in this service and it blesses all of us.

Let us be a Barnabas, an encourager, to all we meet along the way.

Lou Jane Drummond



October Mission Emphasis

Smoke Alarms



Kidde Smoke Alarms
(this is the kind the fire
department recommends)
range from \$8 -\$16
(at Wal Mart)

10-Year Alarms range from
\$16 - \$21.50

9 Volt Batteries



We will give what we collect to
Fire Station 2 for distribution.

We also will have folks who
will come to your home and
check your smoke detector
and replace the batteries,
if needed. There is a sign-up
sheet on the bulletin board in
Wesley Hall.

The Dinner Bell at First United Methodist Church
presents



The Dinner Bell Cookbook

Feed My Sheep cookbook will be hot off the presses from Southwest Publishing Group, Nashville, TN in late November, 2015. This is the first cookbook produced by the Dinner Bell cooks under the passionate direction of local chef, Lyndsay Caldwell. Lyndsay and the editorial team reviewed 3 years worth of recipes to create this labor of love. With your generous giving, the cookbook will help raise money to feed those in our community who need a hot meal each week, which helps our cause to end hunger in Hopkins County. Since the Dinner Bell inception, we have served over 20,000 meals.

Please return the form below to First United Methodist Church, 301 Church Street, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482 to pre-order your cookbook today.

The Dinner Bell Cookbook

Feed My Sheep

Pre-Order Sales Form

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

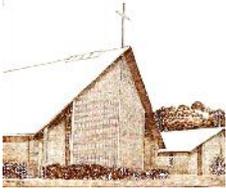
Phone _____

E-mail _____

Number of Cookbooks _____ x \$25.00 = \$ _____

Discount: Buy 5 get 1 free.

You will be contacted by email once the books come in to pick up at the First UMC Fellowship Hall. If you have questions, call Sharon Hughes or First UMC 903-885-2185.



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United Methodist Women

1:30 p.m. Tuesday
 October 20

Program: Mary Lou Foster
 Hostesses: Janie Godfrey/Dicie Rue Cook

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Wesley at the world-famous Hopkins County Stew Contest again!

Thanks to Cheryl, Rick and Jeff Spears, our cookers, our church will be part of this fall tradition. The date: Saturday, October 24 in Buford Park. We will have the same site that we had last year. We'll need folks to help us get the chicken boiled and pulled, get the veggies ready, and get tables and chairs loaded up on Friday evening, October 23 at 6:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet will be posted for workers. All hands on deck!