



# WESLEY FLAME

WHERE IS THAT PASTOR, ANYWAY?

Every year, United Methodist pastors sit down with their SPR Committee and they talk. They talk about what is going well. What needs to go better. What needs to happen more, and what needs to happen less. This past month, I sat down with the Wesley SPR and we had a good talk just like we were supposed to. Even though I have only been here for a little over 4 months, there were still many things we could discuss. One of the helpful suggestions I got from this evaluation was that I should let you know about all of the things I do beyond our local congregation. We United Methodists are a connectional bunch, and so that means no congregation exists unto itself. Let me tell you just a bit about where I might be on any given day if you can't find me in the office, or even in Huntsville.

You know that we are part of a large geographical area called the Texas Conference. There are ever so many things that have to get done in the wConference for this connection to function smoothly. I serve at the Conference level in various capacities. Here are a few:

Committee on Clergy Accountability—This is a large committee that oversees a variety of things having to do with effective clergy growth and functioning. We oversee the yearly evaluation process, (see paragraph above,) and make policy and recommendations having to do with continuing education for clergy persons. The use of the Birkman instrument falls under this committee. The matter of sexual ethics and the required training for such ethics is overseen by this committee. I serve as the Chair of this committee, and it takes some of my time, both to conduct the business inbetween meetings, but to attend the periodic meetings which are held in Houston.

Birkman Team—I serve as a volunteer Birkman coach for the Conference, and at least twice a year, but probably more, I will be gone 1-2 days while I conduct a training. This January, I will be in Longview for a couple days helping the most recent class of Commissioned clergy understand their gifts and styles for effective ministry. Every summer, I am at Lakeview for a few days for similar efforts.

Response Team—The Conference has trained people who can move in at a moment's notice should a congregation have a crisis and find themselves having their minister removed. I just spent to days at Lakeview getting training to serve on this team. I could be deployed next week, or I might never be deployed to serve on one of these teams.

Sexual Ethics Training—Every clergy person is required to received sexual ethics training once within every quadrennial. I am a certified trainer for these classes, and at least once a year, I teach a class. The last two years, I have gone to Jacksonville to teach at Local Pastor School, but who knows where it will be this next year.

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## From the Pastor

Now this may be more than you wanted to know, but perhaps it gives you an idea of where I might be when you drop by the church and I am not there. Don't worry. . . . I'm not eating bon-bons and reading romance novels! I am out and about, loving what I am doing, traveling hither and yon in the tradition of the old circuit riding preacher, except my steed has an engine and air conditioning instead of the bumpy horse ride those first Methodist preachers had. Thanks be to God for that!

Despite where I am or what is on my schedule, if you need me—Gloria always knows how to reach me. If you want to spend some time with me, just ask for an appointment and we will make it happen. If you need to know where I am and what I am doing, just ask. Once again, I will probably have more to tell you than you want to hear, but I will be so happy to share!

Cheryl

## TIME FLIES FAST WHEN YOU ARE HAVING FUN



### A Note From Cheryl

I have heard the above saying all of my life, and I suppose it is true. What I am finding out year by year is that it seems to fly FASTER—having fun or not—as you get older. For purposes of illustration, CAN YOU BELIEVE WE ARE ALMOST AT THE END OF THE YEAR???? Now, every 5 year old thinks it has been eons since Christmas came, but all adults know that it was really just a blink of an eye since Christmas was here.

This year, as we approach Advent, there are many things we will want to do.

- ♦ Family ties and traditions must be celebrated
- ♦ Financial arrangements for the holidays and end-of-the-year commitments must be made
- ♦ The church will be reminding us of extra services and opportunities for reaching out, and it will be our pleasure to participate.

You will likely be reminded over the next couple of months that the end of the church's fiscal year is approaching. Our obligations to ministry, both in our congregation and beyond our congregation, are still incomplete, and with December 31 approaching, we will ask you to consider. . . . consider whether your finances are supporting those things that are most important to you. Check it out and reconcile your accounts as you can, because. . . .time flies fast!



**Big  
Thank  
You!**

The women of the Wesley UMW would like to thank you all for coming out and supporting our bazaar. You helped to make it one of the best!!!

A very big thank you to Mr. Richard and Carol Byrd for the best BBQ in Texas...

The Women of the UMW

#### LAWN CARE

Over the last two years some very generous people at Wesley have been donating to pay for a lawn service to take care of our church grounds. MBT Lawn Service has been providing their services twice a month in the Spring and Summer and once a month in the Fall and Winter. They have been doing a great job. I want to take this opportunity to say THANKS to all of those people who have made donations toward the lawn care at Wesley.

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Person who will be collection ushers and communion aides For the next four months;

November – Mel and Gloria Yost, Richard and Carol Byrd

December – Joe and Dorothy Hunter

January – the Choir

February – Tom and Susie Crews, Larry and Terri Fuchs

Thanks,  
Bill Fleming  
Ushers and Communion Chair



## Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church Garage Sale & Bake Sale November 5th, 2011

8am to 3pm

**Clean out your closets and bring your stuff in to sell  
and we will sell it!!!**

**Bake your goodies up too**

**Sign up sheets will be in the  
narthex for set up, work and clean up!**

**Let's make this the best one yet**

Greetings from the Witness Committee,

I recently heard a pastor preach about what Jesus called the "greatest commandment"—to love God and love our neighbor. He wanted to see how well his church was doing at loving his neighbors, so he went around and asked several of their churches physical neighbors what they knew about the church or if they knew where to find the closest United Methodist Church. To his disappointment, very few people in their neighborhood knew anything about the church.

I wonder how the church's neighbors would answer that same question. I wonder how our personal neighbors—at home, in the workplace or at school would answer that question. How well have we been answering the call to love our neighbors? How well do our neighbors know about the love and ministry shared at Wesley Memorial UMC?

I know for some of us, it can be a challenge, or even awkward to invite a friend to join us at church. But as we prepare for Advent and the busy church schedule that awaits, there will be ample opportunities to invite a friend to join us—and the Witness Committee in the next month will have a number of ways to make inviting a friend easy—electronically, through postcards and flyers or by helping with telephone calls.

So, we hope that you will prayerfully consider which of your neighbors might benefit from participating in mission and ministry in an loving environment this Christmas season, and then keep an eye out for opportunities to invite them to join us!

Looking forward to reaching out to our neighbors with you!  
Scott Atnip



Wesley Family,

It is a busy time of year for the Wesley Youth Program as we prepare for Advent. As always, remember that we are meeting every Sunday evening from 5-7 unless otherwise announced. In addition, we have a lot going on over the next two months, so please make a note of the following youth dates.

Remember that we would gladly welcome any 6-12<sup>th</sup> grade students you know to join us, so please invite any youth-age friends you know to join the Wesley Youth!



### November

Saturday November 12noon Santa's Helpers Bowling Tournaments- Youth teams and volunteer

Sunday November 27 noon Wesley Thanksgiving Dinner

### December

Thursday December 1 5:30-7 Journey Through Bethlehem Rehearsal

Friday December 2 5:30-9 Journey Through Bethlehem

Saturday December 3 5:30-9 Journey Through Bethlehem

December 4-8 5:30-8 Santa's Helpers Setup

Wednesday December 7 7:00 Santa's Helpers Advent Worship Service

Friday December 9 5:30 Santa's Helpers Lock In

Saturday December 10until 1ish Santa's Helpers

Wednesday December 14 7:00 Youth-led Hunger Advent Service

For more information, or to be added to the youth email list, contact Scott or Shannon.

Thanks for your continued support,  
Shannon and Scott Atnip

*May you hear God's voice in your heart,*

*Know His touch in your life, and feel His love each day.*

### A Word From The Finance Committee

The year 2011 has so quickly flown by. I cannot believe we are entering the last 2 months of this year. It has been a year of many ups and downs. Right now we are in a period of ups.

We have a GREAT PREACHER. One who is genuinely interested in the welfare of each and every one here at Wesley. A preacher who is willing to go the distance for Wesley to help make it a place where all are welcome and a place to feel good when we come. A family atmosphere, where we all help each other. That's the preacher we have. I think we are the luckiest church around. We need to stand up and give great big cheer for how blessed we are here at Wesley.

We are working to make this a wonderful church. This wonderful church is because of YOU! Because of YOU, houses are being built, schools are being filled, children are being clothed and fed, young adults are learning to preach the good news of God. Because of our apportionments, we are able to do all these wonderful things. We want to continue to do wonderful things. Wouldn't it be GREAT if we could wipe out hunger? Could we put a dent in poverty? It would sure be nice to try.

The apportionments you give each week, month or quarter go for all these great things. We are here changing the world! Let's continue to do great things here at Wesley.

Don't forget the church wide garage sale on November 5, 2011. It's from 8 to 3, or until everything is sold. Whichever comes sooner. Bake up your favorite bread, cookies, cakes or pies too. The bake sale is also part of the garage sale.

Additionally, on November 19, 2011 we will have briskets, already cooked for sale. Smaller ones for \$35 and larger ones for \$45.

All the above proceeds will go to our mission work. Come help be a part of the great kingdom of God serving our family, friends, and neighbors.

Working for the kingdom of God,  
Your Finance Committee



### WHOLE BRISKETS FULLY COOKED

**SMALL BRISKET—\$35**

**LARGE BRISKET—\$45**

**WANTS TO MAKE YOUR HOLIDAYS TASTIER AND EASIER**

**WE WILL MAKE TO ORDER A FULLY COOKED BRISKET**

**FOR YOUR THANKSGIVING OR CHRISTMAS DINNER**

**ORDER YOUR BRISKET NOW**

**BRISKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP**

**FIRST PICK-UP DATE: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19th**

**SECOND PICK-UP DATE: DECEMBER 17th**

**PICK UP A ORDER BLANK IN THE NARTHEX OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE @ 295-7459**

This is a recap of our current monthly expenses and the income we have taken in through September. We have survived by taking money out of our Money Markets and a \$3,000.00 check from the Texas Conference to offset Darrell's salary that we received in March

Monthly expenses

Monthly Income

Pastor's Pension	770.31	January	12811.05
Pastor's Health Ins	383.25	February	16490.60
Parsonage pymt	802.40	March	10055.00
Wesley Roe	460.00	April	11683.00
Water/church	400.00	May	11681.00
Water/parsonage	160.00	June	15865.43
Phone/church	195.00	July	13409.00
Phone/parsonage	74.77	August	10375.95
Entergy/church	600.00	September	11226.33
Entergy/parsonage	160.00		
Entergy/Wesley House	105.00		
Copy machine	395.95		
Centerpoint Energy/church	30.00		
Centerpoint Energy/Wesley	16.00		
Insurance	542.00		
Workers Comp	102.00		
Shelby System	100.00		
Building Maint & Res	454.00		
Office Supplies	216.00		
Postage	44.00		
AT&T Advertising	145.50		
Network Funding	70.00		
Payroll	6,300.00		
Payroll taxes	900.00		
	13,426.18		

We have taken from our Money Markets until there is only \$1526.00 left in those accounts. We still have money in our Building Reserve account that will likely get used up to pay to fix the water leak.

## Lawn Care

### LAWN CARE



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# 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL SANTA'S HELPERS BOWLING TOURNAMENT

November 12, 2011  
12pm

Roll on in and help us knock out Christmas presents for Walker County

Huntsville Lanes 663 I-45 South

Team of 4 will play for \$100.00; Sponsor a youth team for \$100.00  
Or  
To be a Sponsor Donate \$50.00 (table), \$100.00(Lane) or \$250.00  
(Title Sponsor)

Silent Auction and Cake Auction will also take place!!

Sponsored by  
Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church  
If Interested Contact 936-295-7459



*In Our Prayers This Week*

Bob (Margaret Burnett's nephew) cancer  
 Warren Weatherson (Friend of Nancy Mowry and Byron Warren) cancer  
 Mary Ellen Ray ( friend of Suzie Crews) Cancer  
 Janice Rhinehart ( friend of Suzie Crews) Cancer contained, more radiation maybe, in remission  
 Tommy Jeffcoat (Jennifer Jeffcoat's husband) continuing chemo  
 Jessie Grant (Glen Grant's Mom) Lymphoma  
 Dianne Miller (Bob& Flo Bailey's daughter) breast cancer  
 Judy Wood - lung cancer  
 Lou Lorton (friend of Joe & Ella Machac in Seattle) pancreatic cancer  
 Tom Miller (Debby Miller's husband) cancer has returned  
 Ann Christian (friend of Jack Townley) started cancer treatment  
 Jackie Woods (Jack Townley's daughter) cancer  
 Sandra McCreary (Shannon Atnip's aunt) Intestinal cancer  
 Jenny Talas (Deana Marek's aunt) has a mass on her brain, still doing tests  
 Elaine Mathis (LeWanda Martin's Mom) surgery on her pancreas, doing well  
 Maudy McHenry (friend of Jean Burton) Maudy lives in Louisiana and isn't expected to live  
 Deneane Thompson (friend of Suzie Crews' daughter) MRSA after a surgery. She was on antibiotics and has developed complications and nerve damage  
 Rebecca Stephens (Richard Byrd's sister) recurring lung cancer, this is the 3rd cancer in 4 years.  
 Terri Galhaardt (friend of Deana Marek) ovarian cancer  
 Carolyn Karr (sister of Velma Coleman) health problems  
 Lewis Gaines (friend of Jack Townley) leukemia  
 Jerry Talas (Deana Marek's aunt) brain surgery  
 Iva Bohannon (Paulette O'Sullivan's mom) passed away 10/16/11  
 Mial Hillhouse (Myla Weber's dad) passed away 10/17/11  
 Jeannine (friend of Melissa Thompson's) who has ALS or Lou Gerrig's Disease. She is now confined to a wheelchair and will have a PEG tube placed for feeding as she is getting too weak to stand and hold her head up.

*Please continue to be in prayer for:*

All Religious leaders  
 All State and National leaders  
 All Military Personnel  
 Wesley family members currently serving our country:

Jordan Dugas (Brittanie King's Husband) Air Force, Saudi Arabia  
 SPC Patrick Bickel (son of Ivan & Jacque Bickel) Afghanistan  
 Jon Redman (Paulette O'Sullivan's cousin) Iraq  
 Josh Ritter (Dorothy Hunter's friend) US Army, Germany  
 Shane Graf (Jean Burton's gr. Son) 82nd Airborne, Ft. Bragg, North Carolina  
 Ryan Jordan (Velma Coleman's nephew) Iraq  
 Kyle Puckett (son of Kevin Puckett, grandson of Nadge & Barbara Puckett) US Army Afghanistan  
 TJ Martin (Son of Tim & LeWanda Martin) U.S. Marines, Okinawa, Japan  
 Trevor Hennings (Tom Martin's Son-in-law) Iraq  
 Adam Utley (great-nephew of Dorothy Hunter) Afghanistan  
 Michael Tripp (grandson of Betty & George Martin) Warrant Officer, U.S. Army  
 Colton Gardner (Vicki Easley's niece's brother-in-law) Army, going to Iraq soon

**Wesley Family,**

The monthly Huntsville Churches blood drive in November is co-sponsored by our church and I am looking forward to seeing all of you who are able to donate to come by Gibbs Elementary school cafeteria on November 12th. to give the gift of life. To schedule an appointment you can visit [www.giveblood.org](http://www.giveblood.org) and login to Digital Donor, then enter sponsor code 8008 or you may just drop by anytime from 9 AM to 4 PM. If you have questions about whether you are able to donate or not please look at the literature in the narthex I have provided.

Hope to see you there!!

Wanda Hassman, Coordinator for Wesley UMC



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**Office Hours:**

Mon.-Thur. 8:30am-4:00pm  
 Fri. 8:30am-12:30pm

**Sunday**

*Worship Services:*

8:45am Horizon's Service  
 10:00am Sunday School  
 11:00am Traditional Service.  
 5:00pm Youth

**Wednesday**

5:30pm Choir Practice  
 7:00pm Horizons Practice

**Monthly Meetings**

**1st Sun.**  
 12:00pm UMW  
**1st Mon.**  
 6:30pm Finance  
**4th Mon.**  
 5:30pm Worship Comm.  
**1st Tue.**  
 5:30pm Witness Committee  
**2nd Wed.**  
 6:30pm Council Meeting  
**2nd Wed.**  
 5:30pm Children's Committee  
**2nd Thur.**  
 11:00am SOAR  
**3rd Thur.**  
 5:30pm Trustees  
**2nd Sat.**  
 8:00am UMM Breakfast



Bill Plitt	11/01
Leland Heuszel (Jr)	11/03
Tim Martin	11/04
Ronnie Brame	11/06
Rhonda Blair	11/09
Darren Grant	11/11
Linda Haley	11/11
Parker Nash	11/12
Mary Roe	11/12
Jana Wilson	11/12
Joe Machac	11/14
Andrew Zeisig	11/14
Paul Swanson	11/17
Zach Martin	11/17
Hal Kooken	11/19
Joe Hunter	11/20
Dorothy Smith	11/23
Colleen Sala	11/24
Leonard Haley	11/27
LeWanda Martin	11/29

**HAVE YOU  
 TALKED  
 TO GOD  
 TODAY?**

# November 2011



700 Hwy. 30 East  
Huntsville, TX 77320

Sent with prayers to:

		1 <i>All Saints Day</i>	2 <i>Santa's Helpers night at El Chico</i>	3 <i>5:30p Choir Pract. 7:00p Horizons Pract.</i>	4	5 <i>Church Wide Garage Sale 8am-3pm</i>  <i>N/A Group Study</i>
6 <i>12pm UMW Meeting</i>  <i>2:00pm Amanda Fuchs' Wedding Show-</i>	7 <i>5:30p Finance Comm. Meeting</i>  <i>6:30pm Worship Comm. Meeting</i>	8 <i>5:30p Church Council Meeting</i>	9 <i>5:30p Choir Pract. 7:00p Horizons Pract.</i>	10 <i>11:00am SOAR</i>	11 <i>Children's Lock-in 6:00pm</i>  <i>Veterans Day</i>	12 <i>8:00am UMM Breakfast</i>  <i>9:00am 11am-3pm Santa's Help-</i>
13 <i>Charge Conference 4:00pm</i>	14	15	16 <i>5:30p Choir Pract. 7:00p Horizons Pract.</i>	17 <i>5:30pm Trustee Comm. Meeting</i>	18	19
20 <i>One Service Church Thanksgiving Dinner 12pm</i>	21	22 <i>Gloria</i>	23 <i>on</i>	24 <i>Vacation</i>	25	26
27 <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	28 <i>5:30pm Worship Comm. Meeting</i>	29	30 <i>5:30p Choir Pract. 7:00p Horizons Pract.</i>			



Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church—what will you do between now and the time we next gather:  
**"We will show the love of Jesus by loving God and all of God's creation with our whole being through active service and prayer."**



*November 24, 2011*

**ARTICLES FOR THE  
DECEMBER  
NEWSLETTER ARE DUE  
NO LATER THAN  
NOVEMBER 15...**

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