



# WESLEY FLAME

I suppose it is an occupational hazard for preachers that they are always thinking about some sermon—the sermon for the next Sunday, the sermons for the next series, the sermon just preached, and it goes on and on, occupying our waking moments and invading our dreams. Only because I lived most of my life as a lay person do I understand that the rest of the world is not structuring itself around the Sunday sermon. Matter of fact, the rest of the world may not even remember the last sermon they heard, and that's by 2:00 on a Sunday afternoon!



However, in my undying need to make the sermon more of a dialogue than a monologue, (even though I do all the talking!) I want to bring you into my world for the coming weeks. Beginning July 31, we begin a new sermon series called, “Dream Catchers.” For six weeks, we will be exploring the lives of dreamers in the scripture.

What kind of dreams are you trying to catch. . . .or have you given up on dreams in exchange for “reality?” What kind of dreams did biblical characters like Joseph and Moses and Peter have? What was the dream of Paul and of Jesus? Do we have the same dreams or do our self-focus and culture map our dreams for us?

Here's an idea if you want to get more out of the sermons. Come to church having studied the scripture ahead of time. When you study the scripture, ask yourself questions about it—don't just read it like a newspaper report of the burn ban. Ask yourself:

*What comes before this passage?*

*What comes after?*

*Why are the characters portrayed the way they are?*

*How important is the setting?*

*What is left out of the story that you might like to know?*

*Why do you think some things were included and some things left out?*

*What is the historical setting at the time the story was recorded?*

*Why was that story told then?*

*Why do we tell the story now?*

So take a look at our sermon texts for the next few weeks. Prepare. Read. Question. Study and then come to participate in the sermon rather than just be a receiver. You may be surprised how much more you will get out of it!

July 31

Title: Dream Catchers: Dreams From Yesteryear

Text: Genesis 32: 22-31

August 7

Title: Dream Catchers: Visions on the Water

Text: Matthew 14: 22-33

August 14

Title: Dream Catchers: Awaking From the Nightmare

Text: Genesis 45: 1-15

August 21

Title: Dream Catchers: Through the Looking Glass

Text: Romans 12: 1-8

August 28

Title: Dream Catchers: I Can Fly!

Text: Exodus 3: 1-15

September 4

Title: Dream Catchers: There's Just One Dream

Text: Matthew 18: 15-20

Rev. Cheryl Smith

## Children's Comm.



Summer is coming to an end, and what a great one we had. We will be kicking off this final month of fun with an arts and crafts day on August 14th. This will be held at the church from 5-7. We will have fun crafts designed for kids of all ages, adults are welcome too. We will be having a luau to celebrate going back to school on August 28th from 4-6. In Sunday School, we are still learning about our books of the Bible, so come on in and check out the exciting stories we are talking about. We hope you had a great summer, and have a great start back to school. If you have any questions please contact Marilee Fenn (281-507-2006) or Deana Marek (936-661-3550)

# 2011 Wesley “Shake it Up” Vacation Bible School

*We would love for you to help us make a difference in the lives of those who need a little extra help by bringing the following items:*

For the Good Shepherd Mission—Toiletry Items such as:

- Toothpaste
- Soap
- Aspirin
- Toothbrushes
- Shampoo
- Diapers
- Deodorant
- Hairbrushes
- Etc

For Wesley’s Santa’s Helpers Program

- New Toys
- Used Toys
- Books & Games

The women of the Wesley UMW would like to invite all the ladies of Wesley UMC to join us on Wednesdays at 4:00pm to work on stuff for our 2011 Bazaar in October. You do not have to be crafty. There is something for everyone to do. Contact the church office @ 295-7459 if you would like to help and enjoy the fellowship of the women of Wesley. Our Monthly meetings are now on the 4th Wednesday of the month, hope to see you all there. Our tickets for our BBQ pit fund raiser are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Mattilou Kookan,  
Pres. of WMUMW





# **SANTA'S HELPERS**



We are excited about Santa's Helpers this year and we would like to invite YOU to be a part of this exciting and rewarding mission opportunity!

Santa's Helpers has been a Wesley tradition for over 20 years providing toys, hope, and joy to about 400 children annually in need within our community. We have been able to do this by collecting and distributing new and used toys for Christmas, but none of that is possible without our amazing volunteers! We are currently organizing Santa's Helpers 2011 and we need your help! If you are as excited as we are then please come and join us! We ask that you will prayerfully consider helping out in one or more, of the following areas:

- Volunteering to bring snack suppers for the week before the big day
- Snack Supper Coordinator
- Providing breakfast for the Youth Group
- Donating cookies and cocoa
  - Kitchen Coordinator
- Check-Out Coordinator
- Bike Repair
- Clean Up Coordinator

- Set Up Coordinator
- Decorations Coordinator
- MASH Toy Drive
- Spanish Translator
- Santa Claus
- Photographer
- Fundraiser Committee
- Donation Committee

These are just a few of the many areas that you can serve in! Please sign up on the volunteer board located in the Narthex!

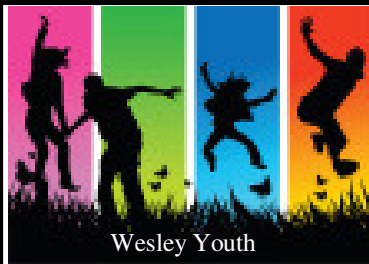
Also, we will be trying something new for the month of August. In the Narthex there will be a wrapped collection box and we would love to collect as many new/gently used toys specifically for teenagers and babies. These two groups are the ones that we receive the least for so we want to strive to make them better and have a wider variety. We will be taking a different monthly collection each month so watch your newsletter for those updates!

Thank you for your support and we look forward to serving our community with you!

Shannon Atnip & Hope Parker  
Santa's Helpers Co-Chairs

# **NEEDS YOU!!!**





Wesley Family,

Wow, what an eventful summer! We just got back from an amazing U.M. ARMY trip to Denton and could not have done it without your prayers and financial support. Thank you to the individuals and Sunday School classes who helped cover one adult registration and gas money! We are still a little in the hole financially on this trip, but trust that we will get it all taken care of by the Fall.

God has certainly been moving through the work of the youth group this summer. You would have been proud of their hard work and dedication to serving clients in need. This U.M. ARMY trip was different in that most of the sites in Denton were referred by the City of Denton Code Enforcement Division, so many of these low-income, elderly or disabled families were facing fines or even condemnation if the youth did not finish the repairs, so they were certainly in need, and we were able to share the love of God with them through the home repairs.

We have another exciting month in August, and hope that you will encourage any incoming 6-12<sup>th</sup> graders you know to join us at Wesley! And feel free to join us and help out where you can. We will soon be saying goodbye to our Senior Class as they start their college lives and are excited about being joined by an eager 6<sup>th</sup> grade group this year!

Thanks for all you do for the youth program!  
Shannon and Scott

## August Youth Calendar

**Wednesday August 3:** Wednesday at Wesley

**Friday August 5:** NO LUNCH WITH THE YOUTH STAFF-MYSTERY TRIP

**Friday-Sunday, August 5-7:** Mystery Trip to...

**Sunday, August 7:** No MYF-Returning from Mystery Trip

**Wednesday August 10:** Wednesday at Wesley

**Friday August 12:** Lunch with the Youth Staff-Mexican Market

**Sunday, August 14:** Back to School Party (Time Location TBA)

**Wednesday August 17:** Wednesday at Wesley

**Friday August 19:** Lunch with the Youth Staff-Mexican Market

**Sunday, August 21:** Lunch Out and home early to get ready for school

**Wednesday August 24:** Wednesday at Wesley

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*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

Rebecca Stevens (Richard Byrd's sister) chemo treatments

Jessie Grant (Glen Grant's Mom) Lymphoma

Dianne Miller (Bob& Flo Bailey's daughter) breast cancer

Cheryl Mozingo (friend of Susan Martin) diagnosed with lymphoma

Judy Wood - lung cancer

Rose Youngblood (friend of Jean Cloud-Clepper) blood clot on brain

David DeRamus (uncle of Thomas Gardner) needs a liver transplant

Lou Lorton (friend of Joe & Ella Machac in Seattle) pancreatic cancer

Joon White (Lyndsay Starkey's grandmother) surgery for brain tumor.

Ken Hughes (friend of Richard & Carol Byrd) blood clot in brain, after a fall, in rehab in Brenham

Joe Cannon (cousin of the Grays) recovering from stroke

Gary Schultz (good friend of Tim & LeWanda Martin) in hospital with fluid around his heart

Elaine Mathis ( LeWanda Martin's Mom) in hospital with pancreatitis & other complications

5 year old Avery Cedillo (daughter of a friend of Tracy Dean (Fred and Sharon Boyd's daughter) been hospitalized for a kidney infection

Tom Miller (Debby Miller's husband) cancer has returned

*Please continue to be in prayer for:*

All Religious leaders

All State and National leaders

All Military Personnel

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



**Help Keep our Prayer List Current**

**It is a privilege to pray with and for our church and extended church family. Requests will remain on our prayer list and printed in weekly worship bulletins for a period of 4 weeks before removal. Please help us keep our prayer list current by contacting the church office to provide necessary updates.**

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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.

3:30pm Bell Choir Practice

4:30pm Children's Choir

5:00pm Youth

**Wednesday**

5:30pm Choir Practice

6:00pm Youth Bible Study

7:00pm Horizons Practice

**Monthly Meetings**

**1st Mon.**

6:30pm Finance

**1st Tue.**

5:30pm Witness Committee

**1st 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

**2nd Sun.**

12:00pm UMW

**2nd Sun.**

12:00pm Worship Comm.



Dana Heuszel	08/02
Bill Hudgins	08/04
Jack Townley	08/04
John Tyre	08/04
Ivan Bickel	08/05
Tasha Fry	08/08
Kelly Davis	08/12
John Harvey	08/12
Caidi Davis	08/13
Clint Wilson	08/13
Beth Miles	08/15
Carly Plitt	08/16
Peggy Sloat	08/18
Mattilou Kooken	08/19
Velma Coleman	08/23
Kelli King	08/28

**HAVE YOU  
TALKED  
TO GOD  
TODAY?**



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Sent with prayers to:



*August*

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."



August 22, 2011

**ARTICLES FOR THE  
SEPTEMBER  
NEWSLETTER ARE DUE  
NO LATER THAN  
AUGUST 15...**

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