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Animal Crackers

2010

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

If you like *Animal Crackers*, then join us for Vacation Bible School Sunday, June 6, through Thursday, June 10, from 6:15—8:45 p.m., each evening. It's easy to register on-line at www.websterpresby.org and go to the VBS site. Or, you can pre-register in person at the church.

Adults classes are being held during the same hours. This would be a perfect time to bring a visitor—such as a neighbor or co-worker. We are sure to have some lively discussions and a lot of fun working on our projects.

Supper will be served every night in Bouton Hall so you won't have to cook!



Adventures in Worship!



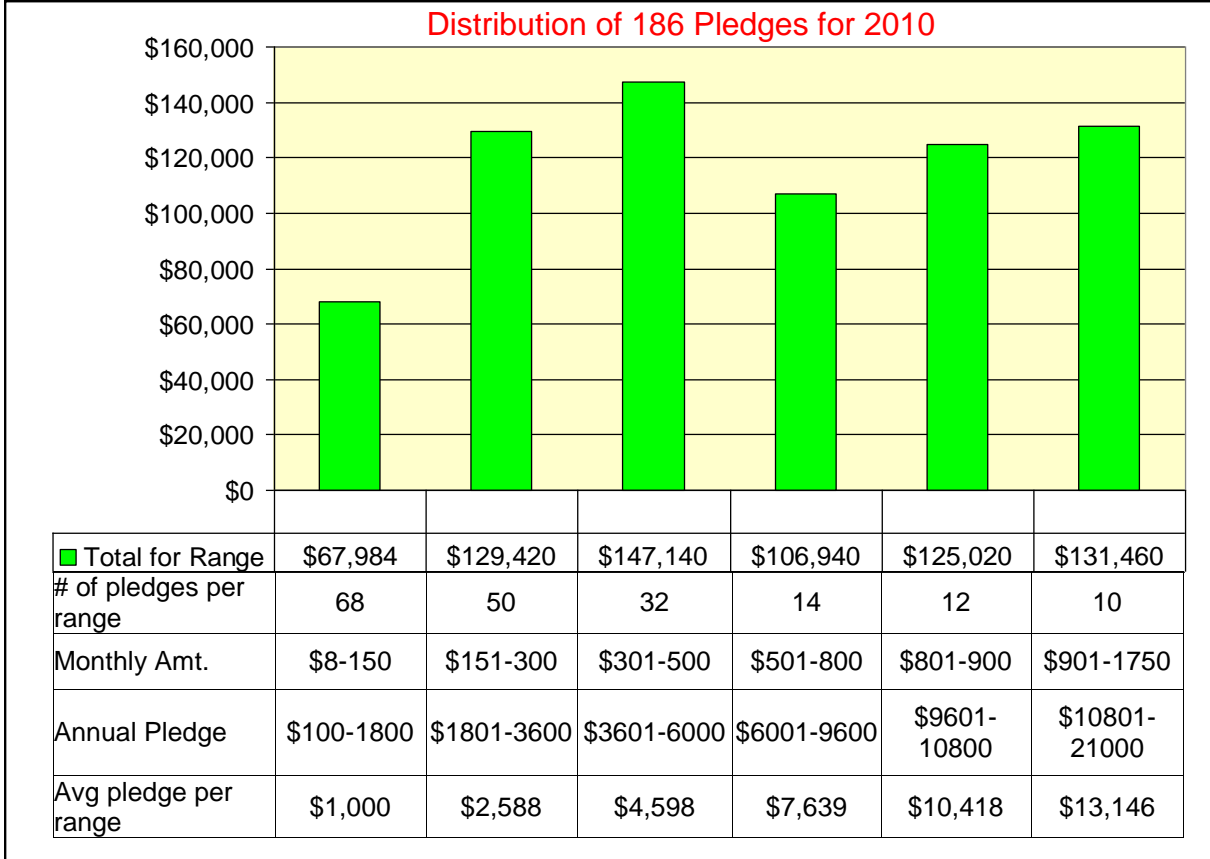
A Change for the Summer!

Our Sunday School and Worship Service hours are going to change for 8 Sundays during the summer. Starting June 13th, the Christian Education hour will be from 8:45am—9:45am. Coffee will be available in the various Sunday School classrooms. There will be ONE service beginning at 10:00am. Together we will worship God our Creator, honor Jesus Christ our Lord and celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit as a community of Faith. These times will continue through August 1st. On August 8th, we will resume our regular hours. Wholy Grounds Java Spot will be open for 30 minutes after the end of Worship Service for each of these Sundays.

Family of Faith Ministry



Many thanks to all our members for providing a portion of your financial resources to support God's plan in our community and abroad. Your financial pledge is crucial each year in creating our budget. The 2010 WPC budget is \$773,000. Revenue received through end of April equals \$257,396. Expenses through end of April equal \$234,585. The chart below shows the distribution of our 186 pledges for 2010. WPC's mission is dependent on your financial commitment. Large or small, we give so that Christ's name will be praised.



Wednesday Night Dinner



WND dinners are taking a break for the summer and will return in September. We are looking for volunteers who would like to help

cook the entrée. It's not as hard as it sounds. You can take on the task yourself or get a couple of friends to help you, get your small group to try it or get your Deacon Zone involved. We welcome any and all that would like to join our very small group. We cook for 60 – 80 people and we have recipes for you to follow or we will help you recalculate your favorite recipe to feed a group. The menu can be as simple as hamburgers or Sloppy Joes to meatloaf to chicken or anything you think sounds yummy! A group of just six would each have to prepare a ½

steam table pan (provided by WND) and bring it in Wednesday to be cooked. Of course, you can always come in early on Wednesday and prepare the entrée or even come in the night before and prep everything so all that needs to be done on Wednesday is put it in the oven. We need at least one person to stay for dinner and keep things resupplied and to help us deal with the leftovers. If you can't stay past the dinner hour, that is okay too. Blaine and Jennifer are always around to lend a helping hand. Lisa and Kelly Haws joined us at the end of the Spring 2010 year and we are hoping they stick around to help us out in September! Please consider how you might lend a hand to this ministry to members and call either Blaine or Jennifer or catch us at a service. We would be happy to talk with you and recruit a new volunteer to join our ranks!

Family of Faith Ministry

"Mark"ings

In the midst of Yosemite National Park visitors can hardly miss seeing El Capitan, a 3,000-foot vertical rock formation which is a world's favorite of rock climbers. I remember once looking at the rock face and seeing climbers hanging from ropes about half-way up. As I came to understand it, for many climbers, perhaps even for all of them, El Capitan is not a one day climb. They must hang hammocks from their ropes, climb in them and sleep there, with hundreds of feet of nothing between them and the ground. I have a hard time imagining myself attempting a climb such as that. Or much of any other, for that matter. I actually consider myself a fairly adventurous type guy, but, as much as I admire those who do it, my thirst for adventure has never quite extended to rock climbing.

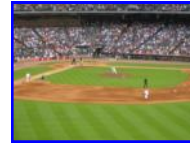
The thirst for adventure, the need to explore, is probably something God placed within us. Perhaps it is even part of the image of God in which we were created. Without it, we might have avoided a lot of trouble. ("You just HAD to have that apple, didn't you Adam? Didn't you Eve?") At the same time, as a people we probably would never have progressed, never moved, never been anything other than what we were at the very beginning, remaining where we were at the very beginning. As things, are, though, we have been a restless family, always demanding to see what's beyond the horizon, over the next hill, around the next curve. We've not only crossed every ocean, we've gone to the depths of them. We've not only learned to fly, we've moved beyond the sky and feel the call to go even further. Wherever we have encountered a frontier, we have challenged it. And, we have conquered. Conquered so completely that we may have reached the point where we have become our own worst enemies.

We have enthusiastically embraced the challenges of our physical universe, not only exploring its every nook and cranny, but trying to understand all of its workings, hoping to manipulate them for our own benefit. Can it be, though, that we have tackled those challenges because there were other challenges we found too intimidating, such as the challenge of confronting the frontiers of our own spirit? How much progress have we made in understanding ourselves? We may think we understand who we are, but if we have we certainly haven't used that understanding to make progress in how we live together, or to back away from those places where our control of our environment has become counterproductive.

Maybe the time will come when we will change the direction of our explorations. Maybe we will truly begin to peer inward, with the goal of learning to live better with ourselves, with others, and with our world. If we do, then maybe we can hope that the progress we most need will be made. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin hoped so. He said, "Someday, after mastering the winds, the waves, the tides and gravity, we shall harness for God the energies of love, and then, for a second time in the history of the world, man will have discovered fire."

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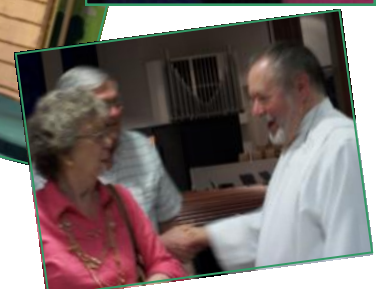
The Young at Heart trip to watch the Astros play the San Diego Padres was on May 8. We had 16 baseball fans attending and we arrived early for a Ballpark dinner. We all had fun in spite of the Astros' loss.

Our next trip is scheduled for June 28th so mark your calendars and watch the Sunday bulletins for further information.



June 14

Biblical Storyteller **Dennis Dewey** was a big hit at the "Storytelling Concert" on May 15th. He put a different "voice" to the stories we have heard most of our lives.



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Habitat for Humanity Co-Ed Build June 5

WPC's third Habitat for Humanity building opportunity will be Saturday June 5. The house is progressing well, and should be near completion. Work will start at 8:00 am and finish around 2:00 pm. For more information please contact Carl Allen.



June 27th is the date for a summer potluck picnic! This will follow the 10:00 am service so wear your "picnic" clothes that day and come join us in the Fellowship Hall for a fun potluck. The Fellowship Committee will cook the hamburgers and hot dogs and all the fixin's will be provided.

We are asking **members to bring a side dish, salad or dessert, picnic appropriate please.** We will have tables inside (and outside if weather permits). So you men or ladies that like to grill, please call Jennifer Carr and lend a hand. We need not only cooks, but grills as well.

Keep your eyes on the bulletin for further details! We always have fun at these potlucks. We will even have some "groovy music" (as a well known member loves to say) playing. **Just lots of food, fun and fellowship.** Don't miss out on this.



The **Women's Retreat** is scheduled for October 8-10. Spend a weekend at beautiful Camp Allen and learn what is behind the theme of "Breathing In, Breathing Out." Bring a friend, family member or neighbor. You never know how much you may help another person by inviting them. Call or go by the church office for registration forms.



Your Support

Many, many thanks to all those who made the Youth Musical "Two by Two" a huge success! Time, space, and inevitable forgetfulness prohibit us from naming everyone here. Our deepest, heartfelt gratitude go to the many youth who participated on or off stage, to the parents who volunteered their time, energy and money; and most especially to the good folks of WPC and beyond for supporting this church's youth, their mission work, and their ministry in music.

Melanie, Jennifer, Geri & Glenn

IT'S ALL ABOUT FOOD, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

There is a ministry of Fellowship that quietly runs in the background throughout the year—not interfering with the workings of any other group. Six to eight people, of various backgrounds and ages meet each month at one another's homes or a restaurant for a sociable meal—that's it. No meeting. No agenda. **Just food, fun and fellowship.** This is a great way to meet people or simply visit with old friends.

Does this sound like something you would be interested in? Then give **Dinner Club 7** (yes, 7 not 8!) a try. Groups are formed for 6 months—July through December and January through June.

Want to know more about it before you commit to it? That's perfectly understandable. Call Blaine or Mary Goekler for more information. Signup sheets will be available in the Narthex or in the church office throughout the month of June. The deadline for this session is June 30. Groups will be formed the first part of July.

Curious as to why "7" instead of the usual "8"? That's just to let you know that is not for "couples" only. Singles are welcomed in every group.

You would have a choice to either be in a group that meets in homes or a group that prefers to eat at restaurants. Don't worry—you won't be left stranded—there are lots of folks that love to help 'newbies' to the Club. See you at dinner!



Children's Ministry



Summer Sunday School

Passport to Summer Sunday School!

Kids, get your passports ready as we travel to distant lands this summer with Heifer International! We'll make our passports, then start our journey to "visit" countries like Ecuador, Nepal, Poland and Thailand. When we reach our destination each week, we'll get our passports stamped and learn how Heifer is following God's Word and making a difference in lives around the globe. We'll finish up each lesson with games and activities from each country.

Preteen Spiritual Sunday School

Our preteen 4th and 5th graders have been working on their relationships with God during Sunday school over the past six weeks. Beginning with "Road Signs for Good Decision-making," the kids moved on to Prayer and the Ten Commandments, finishing up with writing their own set of "Class Commandments." In-depth discussions of the way God wants us to live let the kids work on their relationships with God, our Sunday school shepherds and each other. They were challenged to live out the lessons with weekly "Daily Challenges," and had fun in the process!

Bible & ME Class – What an Adventure!

For six weeks, ten second and third graders and their parents journeyed through the Bible in our "Bible & ME" class. This class is part of our Milestones Ministry, which provides and celebrates significant moments in one's faith journey. Led by Pastor Caressa, these children learned the books, divisions, key verses and stories, and good news of God's Word to us found in the Bible. The parents even admit that they learned a little bit too! Each child received an NIV Adventure Bible as a gift from WPC to use as they grow and mature in their faith. Class participants were recognized during worship on



Sunday, May 16. We are very proud of Garrett Allen, Sutton Anderson, Timothy Brazzel, Caleb Kidwell, Elsa King, Audrey Looney, Kylie Luedde, Evelyn Rix, Jordan Rodgers, and Mykala Strahan.

Baby Animal Crackers!

VBS for Toddlers to Three-year-olds For moms or dads and their kids! Sundays in June in Room 102

June 6 ~ 9:45—10:45 am

June 13, 20, 27 ~ 8:45—9:45 am.

Moms or dads, bring your young children to our Baby Animal Crackers VBS! We'll be learning all the same stories as the bigger kids, but we'll be doing it in activities just for little ones. Parents will engage in activities and songs with their young children as we learn about...

- Day 1: Celebrating Creation
- Day 2: Celebrating People
- Day 3: Celebrating Animals
- Day 4: Celebrating the Earth

Please register by e-mailing Linda Smith-Gregory at lindasg@websterpresby.org.



THANK YOU TO OUR
SUNDAY SCHOOL
TEACHERS

"Teach what you've seen and heard to your children and grandchildren."

— Deuteronomy 4:9b

Teachers: What a Blessing You Are to Us!

The end of the school year is a natural time to show our Sunday school shepherds and leaders how much we appreciate the time commitment and all of the hard work they have done this year. Our leaders teach our kids important Bible and life lessons while forming trusting relationships, an integral part of our children's ministry. A big thank you to Lauren Balleto, Cathy Black, Rachel Boeckenhauer, Paul Cianchetti, Freeman Gregory, Kristina Hearn, Darren & Tacy King, Cappi McNeill, Jim Magnant, Wendy Noriega, Dan & Erin Parraz, Anne & Dan Reilly and Karen Rix.

Youth Ministry

**Thank You!**
Sunday School Teachers

We LOVE our teachers!

This past year we have been SO blessed to have outstanding Sunday school teachers for our junior and senior high youth classes. These adults have given selflessly of their time, energy, and love to educate and guide our young people in the faith. We give God GREAT thanks

for you and the difference you have made: Watson Dupont, Ralph Fixel, George James, Nina Moede, Sandy Murphy, Katy Rendon, Frank Rix, Janice Bagheri-Smith and Kevin Snowden.

Youth Musical Mission Trip

After two very successful performances at WPC, our youth are just about ready to take their show on the road. 50 youth and adults will leave WPC on Friday, June 18, for the Dallas area. **You are invited to come and see us off from our WPC parking lot at 9:00am!** Our first stop will be Eastminster Presbyterian Church of Dallas, then on to St. Philip Presbyterian Church of Hurst and First Presbyterian Church of Grapevine. Grapevine is also generously hosting us while in the Dallas area. Monday we will take a break and head to Six Flags for some wild and crazy fun. Tuesday, June 22, we are back on the road, headed for Itasca, to perform our musical for the residents of the Presbyterian Children's Home. Our senior high will stay for four more days of hard work, fellowship and spreading God's Word. We will return on Saturday, June 26, at 3:00pm. You can keep up with us on our "Texas Tour" by going to www.wpcmission.blogspot.com to read daily updates and see pictures OR you can call the church office at 281-332-1251, ext. 25 to hear about our adventures. We thank you for your support thus far and ask for your continued prayers.

If you have relatives or friends in the Dallas area, encourage them to come and see the show! (No need to buy tickets, we will take an offering at the end of the show)

Friday, June 18, 7:00pm Eastminster Presbyterian 6650 Samuel Blvd. Dallas, TX 75228 214-381-4693 church office www.eastminsterdallas.org	Saturday, June 19, 7:00pm St. Philip Presbyterian Church 745 West Pipeline Road Hurst, Texas 76053 817-282-9181 church office www.stphil.org	Sunday, June 20, 6:00pm First Presbyterian Church 1002 North Park Blvd. Grapevine, Texas 76051 817-481-7129 church office www.fpcgv.org
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Summer Preview...

As you can probably already tell, things don't necessarily "slow down" for our young people during the summer. Our youth engage in faith-filled, fun, transformational experiences as they worship, play, and serve others. Here is a preview of the wonderful opportunities in store for our WPC youth this summer...

- † VBS – youth serve as helpers and teachers
- † After-Hours VBS – special time after VBS is over for youth to play games, fellowship, and worship
- † Gatherings with other youth groups from the Houston area and all over Texas
- † Senior High "Summer Book Club" to study *The Shack*
- † Astros game, pool parties, mission work days
- † Junior High Jubilee conference at Mo-Ranch
- † Senior High Synod Youth Workshop conference at Tulsa University
- † Junior Mission Trip to Galveston
- † Senior High Retreat to Huntsville State Park

Please keep our young people and adult sponsors in your prayers as they embark on an exciting and memorable summer!

Family of Faith Ministry

If you have a birthday in June, would you consider bringing cake, cookies or brownies for Wholy Grounds coffee bar? Just drop them by the Fellowship hall warming room.



6/1	Alan Pavone	6/16	Sandra Mossman
6/2	Jeremy Dickey		Paula Bray
	Nicholas Posluszny		Judy Pomier
6/3	Joey Lane	6/17	Melanie Moore
	Joseph Lane		Cleo Jones
6/4	Kyle McNamee		David Brazzel
6/5	Duana McNamee	6/19	Virginia Hurgeton
	Carter Parraz		Scott Clement
	Nicholas Parraz	6/20	Mary Ann Brown
6/6	Sonya Clement		Charmian Cornell
	Bill Hunter	6/21	Edna Arnold
	Robert Leewright		Blaine Goeckler
	Alex Massie		James Kidwell
6/7	David McNamee		Kimberly Luedde
6/8	Lea Brown		Jennifer Kinzler Dupont
	Mary Sumrall-Sydnor	6/22	Peter Shull
	Sarah Frey		Walt Johnson
	Mark Godwin	6/23	John Rosborough
6/9	Janice Smith-Bagheri		Marilyn Branham
	Blake Bachtel		John Jordan
6/10	Lois Phillips		George Ulrich
	Rebecca Hisle		Peter Tobia
	Susan Thames		James (Andrew) Pomier
6/11	Amy Bolon		Autash Bagheri
	Shelby McNeill		Elena King
	Allison Sulivant	6/24	Dorothy Evans
6/12	Anne Hays	6/25	William Chase
	Cletis Booher		Beverly Booher
	Raymond Harano		Jennifer Stoyanov
	Linda Thomas	6/26	Mark Evert
	Justine Steele		Darryl Menard
	Emma Stahr		Elizabeth Cravens
6/13	William Dwyer		Jordan Pomier
6/14	Patricia Lusk	6/27	Erik Kinzler
	Cappi McNeill		Jonathan Snowden
	Emily Shipman	6/28	David Murphy
		6/29	Katherine LeCour
			Suzanne Summers
			Alexis Ray
			Nathan Galvan
			Chad Cummings
		6/30	Stanley Baleson
			Joseph Godwin



**Wholy Grounds
Java Spot**
OPEN EVERY SUNDAY
Rain or Shine!

Summer Hours: Beginning
June 13 —August 1
Coffee served for 30 minutes after
Worship service ends.

Hot Shot Sunday



Hot Shot Sunday specialty coffee's will resume again in September.

Thank you to all of the many people who have contributed to our coffee bar each week. Your donations, whether in money, cookies or simply moral support, are truly appreciated.



The Early Risers' Breakfast for June will move to the 1st Sunday, June 6, because of the change to one church service. We will have the breakfast in Bouton Hall from 9:30-10:30 and it will be a regular buffet with take-out items for those going to Sunday School. Come hungry and bring a friend. EVERYONE is welcome!!

This will be the last breakfast for the summer but they will resume in October.

Thank you for your attendance and support. Ed Boyer



Mother's Day at
Wholy Grounds

← and Early Riser's
Breakfast →





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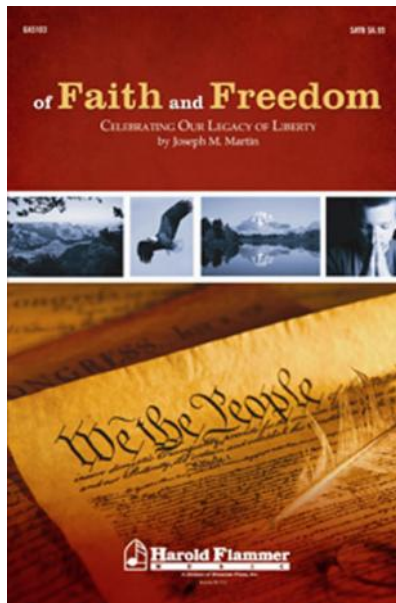
To encounter the loving God,
To nurture followers of Jesus Christ,
And to meet human needs.



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SUNDAY SERVICES ON OUR WEBSITE!

www.websterpresby.org/sermons.asp
Your Communications Team at work!



On Saturday, July 3rd, musicians of Webster Presbyterian Church will join with musicians of League City United Methodist Church to commemorate Independence Day with a concert at WPC celebrating our nation's legacy of freedom. The Faith Choir of WPC and the Sanctuary Choir of LCUMC will present Joseph Martin's cantata "Of Faith and Freedom", along with other patriotic classics. Also, the churches' handbell groups will combine to present their musical offerings. The concert starts at 2:00 p.m.

Childcare *will not* be provided.

A dessert reception in the Fellowship Hall
will follow the concert.

May the Fourth be with you!