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Happy New Year

A Guide to Better Resolutions - by Baron Eliason

Congratulations on another trip around the sun! That fact amazes me every January 1st. We have literally come a long way. For us as a congregation it has been a grand journey. In some ways, my life is marked by our sermon series like Prodigal God, Big Questions, Text Messages, Ephesians, Bridge Under Construction, FLOW, and Advent Conspiracy. I've enjoyed sharing those with you all. But our life is bigger than sermons. At this time last year I challenged you to make 2010 more than a happy new year. The focus was on making 2010 a sacrificial, forgiving, meek and loving year and together we have.

The evidence of your attention to these great ends has been everywhere. Just last month over \$14,000 was sacrificially given to the Hope for Nica Teethsavers Clinic. Meanwhile, exciting plans are coming together to move us from warehousing to serving in our property along 34th Street. As in missions, I have witnessed countless examples of forgiveness and meekness in our relationships together which has helped to create a wonderful atmosphere of grace amongst us when things don't go according to plan. But that has been rare because of the loving hands who have given so much as we've sped through the cosmos.

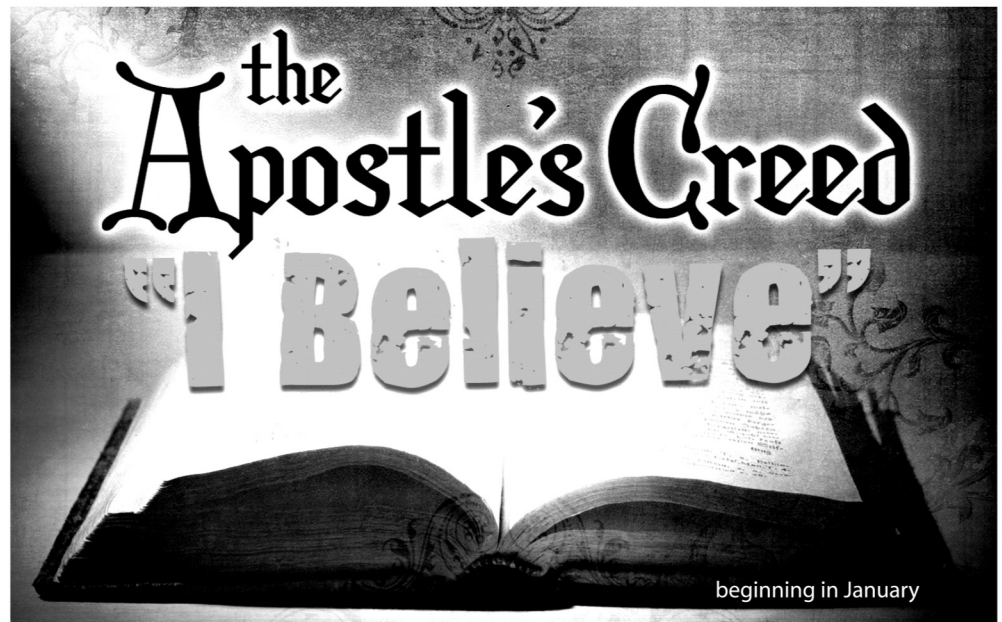
While last year's resolutions are a great focus, I want to add a new set. In a nut-

shell, "get in the FLOW." This is a call to take one more step in your life as a member of Westminster and as a child of God. Hopefully, the mission of connecting thirsty people to receive and to share the living waters of Christ is very familiar to you. Let me share some of the ways.

Resolve to Fortify Your Faith through our Build groups. New brochures will be available in January. Also, plan to attend our Palm Sunday Seder with Jews for Jesus. Resolve to Love Your Neighbor by getting more involved in our mission events and by inviting that friend or neighbor to worship. Resolve to Open Your Life by joining us for the "I Believe"

series starting January 9th on Wednesday nights. For that matter, think about joining or forming a small group that can meet on your schedule. Finally, resolve to Worship our Lord more fully. Worship attendance is growing, but it's not the same without you here.

Whatever God leads you to do in regards to these suggestions, write them down and put them somewhere you can see them often. And may God bless you richly with His living waters all the way around the sun once again.



beginning in January

Missional Thoughts

by Matt Mitchell

WOW - that's about all I can say right now. Over the past 4 weeks we have been challenging each of you to look at Christmas differently. We've asked you to join us in the ADVENT CONSPIRACY as we prepare to WORSHIP FULLY the newborn King. In order to do that we encouraged you to SPEND LESS, to GIVE MORE and to LOVE ALL. Many of you have answered that call through a variety of ways here at the church and in your own lives as well. You've purchased gifts for the children on the Angel Tree, you gave money to the annual Christmas Joy Offering, and you also gave money to the ADVENT CONSPIRACY OFFERING we took up last week - and the results have been simply amazing. As of Thursday, December 23 we have received over \$14,000 for the Teethsavers Dental Clinic in Nicaragua. Dr. Jack Rudd and I were blown away by your generosity.

I want to share with you what will happen now as a result of your beyond generous giving. We have estimated that it will cost approximately \$5,000 to run this clinic for a year in San Juan Del Sur using Teethsavers Technicians. Most likely, we will now be able to run this clinic and another one in an adjoining community. What this will mean is that, because you gave so generously, over 60,000 people will have access to the resources that Teethsavers has to offer. I want to make this clear, none of this money will go to Keith and Kelly Rodgers or to Teethsavers International and their operating budget. Every penny we gave will go directly into saving children's teeth in Nicaragua. To me, this is the best Christmas gift I have ever given and ever received at the same time. Isn't God amazing? He gives us a task that seems so big - to save children's teeth through a dental clinic - and then he provides more than we could imagine in order to get it done.

I hope you will join me in thanking the Lord for this incredible gift. Over the next year, as Keith and Kelly get to Nicaragua (January, 2011) and begin the process of setting up the clinic, they will be relaying their progress. Please continue to pray for them as they prepare to leave all that they know and to step into the great unknown as they follow God's call to Nicaragua. We will commission them on January 9th, at the 9:00 service, so please join us for that great event.



Music Ministry

by Boyce Wyrick

A Big "Thank You" to One-and-All

Reflecting on a special day during Advent, I would like to thank all who were involved in the **Lessons and Carols** of December 12th. It was a blessed time of worship for our congregation and the visitors who shared that morning with us. Many of you have expressed through very positive comments how the service reached your hearts, and how it has become one of the services which you hold dear in the Christmas season. There were several who told me that this "is Christmas to me," and that you would not miss this hour of worship. That is most gratifying to the Music Ministry of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Although some would consider the Lessons and Carols a "performance," we at WPC try to keep it all in perspective and realize we gather on Sunday morning **to worship** and not to give a concert. That being said, it is important in my leadership role to make sure that all involved receive a "thank you" for making our **Lessons and Carols** the special worship service that it has become. So, without further ado (and, in no particular order), here goes:

Thank you, **Baron and Matt** for leading the service and having the patience to tie together the music with scripture and the message. And thanks for believing in the **Lessons and Carols** enough to reserve the Sunday to annually present it. Thank you, **J.R., Logan, Jill and Leslie** for the well-delivered scriptures. Thank you, **Kizziah family** for leading us in the Lighting of the Advent Candle. Thank you, **Al Faison and Doug Hogan** for giving us balanced sound and visual enhancements. Those of you who helped with the **Hanging of the Greens**, you made the sanctuary "just right" for the season. Thank you, **Freddie, Joe and Angie** for making all clean and straight around the church and having the sanctuary ready for an orchestra and the choirs. We couldn't have done this without **Jan and Tami** to make the bulletin and power point perfect. **Ricki, Sharon and Bruce** made everything work as smoothly as could ever be expected. **Corinne Allen, Jean Fruge, Beth Lee, Margaret Pappas, Ethel Plowman and Betty Schmitz** stuffed the bulletins so that we could all have the opportunity to participate in

the special offering ... thank you, ladies! Let's also say "thank you" to the **Cherubs, Choristers and Carolers, the Prime Chimers, the Praise Team, and the Chorale**, and their leaders **Tami Summersgill, Beverly Fleming, Lindsey Spitsberg and Matt Spitsberg**. Did you bring family and/or friends to be with you in worship? Well, thank you! The Music Ministry of WPC really shone brightly that morning. We need to thank the orchestra members who spent time with us that weekend. Many of them have played this service for years and return because they, too, celebrate with us in our musical presentation.

After **Lessons and Carols** concluded, the Worship Committee of the Session hosted an appreciation luncheon at Ralph and Dona Nussbaum's home for those involved in the Music Ministry. What an honor for all of us involved in music at Westminster. **Thank you!**

As we look ahead to **2011**, the Music Ministry thanks all of you. You might remember that you are also involved in the music ministry of Westminster. You sing hymns and praise songs each Sunday and you support us in many other ways. We say "thank you" for all you do to make our ministry possible at 33rd and Indiana. We wish you a Happy New Year and hope that we all work together in 2011 to make the message and music as great a partnership as it has been for many years!

January Anthems

<p>January 9 Alfred Fedak</p>	<p>"Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year"</p>
<p>January 16 Craig Courtney</p>	<p>"Where Shepherds Lately Knelt" Organ and Solo Violin</p>
<p>January 23 Lloyd Larson</p>	<p>"Christians, We Have Met to Worship"</p>
<p>January 30 Gilbert M. Martin</p>	<p>"A Morning Canticle" Featuring Dr. Ruth Holmes, Harpsichordist</p>

College Ministry

by J.R. Cochran

Well, our college students are now well into their Christmas break. I imagine they have enjoyed Christmas and are trying to forget that they have to start classes all over again in January! In the mean time, I hope you'll join me in praying for the students we've reached over this semester and for those we'll meet this coming semester. I'm really excited to see what God has in store for the college ministry here at Westminster. I'd also like to thank you all for a great 5 months. This church has done such a great job of welcoming my wife and me. Westminster is surely growing into more than a church home for us. It is becoming our church family! So thanks. Amy and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Youth Ministry

by Logan Bennett and Jill Kiesel

With the coming of a New Year, SURGE has a lot to look forward to! We can't wait to start school again (just kidding!), attend numerous Spring events that are planned, and see what the Lord has to teach us about Him. On Wednesday nights, we will be studying the Upper Room Discourse, or what is known as Jesus' personal ministry to His disciples found in John 13-17. This is a chunk of Scripture that is full of so many fantastic truths from our Lord for us to delve into. Join us at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday nights in the basement (which is newly painted, might I add! Go check it out if you haven't already!). February will bring our main "Reach" opportunity for the semester, Disciple Now! This will definitely be a weekend for the books, so you do not want to miss it! If you are interested in hosting kids in your home, providing a meal, or helping with preparations, contact Logan Bennett, Jill Kiesel, or Matt Spitsberg. March will hold a Middle School Hootenanny, followed by April with the High School Girly-Burly Retreat! Look for your Spring calendars and monthly newsletters in the mail to stay updated on what is going on! SURGE looks forward to where the Lord takes us this Spring!

Children's Ministry

by Leslie Roach

Wow the New Year is already upon us as another year rolls past! I pray that the holidays brought you lots of relaxation and stress free times with friends and family! Children's Ministry is gearing up for a dynamite year and is excited to see all that God is going to do in the life of our children and families this year. I thought this would be a great opportunity to let you know of upcoming dates so you can get them on your calendar now. Happy New Year from all us in Children's Ministry!

January 12th - Wednesday Nite Live Starts Back

January 21st - Father/Daughter Snowflake Ball

January 23rd - Kids Prayer Sunday

February 11th - Kids Nite Out

April 13th - Glow in the Dark Egg Hunt

April 17th - Family Palm Sunday Event: Journey to the Cross

April 29th - Kids Nite Out

June (TBA) - Family VBS

July 22nd-25th - Camp Kid Jam (Current 3rd & 4th graders)

January Birthdays & Anniversaries

SIDE-LINED SAINTS BIRTHDAYS

Wanda Brandon - 9th

50+ ANNIVERSARIES

Tom & Joyce Noble - 1st (50 years)

Flower Sentiments

The flowers in the Sanctuary on December 26th were given by...

... the Frank Sikes family to celebrate the glory of God, with thanksgiving for the indescribable gift of His Son, Jesus Christ.

Thank You

Thank you to the many members and friends of Westminster who sent cards and notes of best wishes for my 100th birthday. I especially give thanks and appreciation for the WPC members and Pastor Matt Mitchell who took the time out of their busy Christmas schedules to come to Memphis (Texas) to join in the birthday celebration hosted by my family. It truly makes me feel connected to the Westminster Church family. I look forward to worshiping with you each time I am visiting in Lubbock with Linda and Robert and family.

My birthday wish for each of you is a peaceful and joyous New Year and*when I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God.* – Philemon 1:4

Sincerely, Wilma Leslie



Announcements

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR CHURCH OFFICE & WPC PRESCHOOL

The Church Office and WPC Preschool will be closed on Friday, December 31 and Monday, January 3 for the New Year holiday.

NEXT ISSUE OF THE CHIMES

The next issue of The Chimes will be mailed Thursday, January 13. Newsletter deadline for that issue will be Sunday, January 9. Please e-mail your news to tami@wpclubbock.org.

WoW JANUARY EVENTS

Ladies' Nite Out

Thursday, January 6th; 7:00-9:00pm
Clay Cafe - 5102 60th St.

Let's get together and create a one of a kind piece that we as WoW can donate to the Belize Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser Silent Auction. Pieces start at \$10.

Ladies' Nite In

BUNKO GAME NITE!!!

Saturday, January 15th; 6:30pm
FMC/Gym

Bring a friend and your favorite snack and get ready to have an evening full of fun and surprises. Call the church office before Wednesday, January 12th to reserve childcare. Rides are available. Contact Amy Kidwell at 806.893.0371 for more information.

FATHER - DAUGHTER SNOWFLAKE BALL

Your presence is requested at the Royal Snowflake Ball in honor of fathers and daughters of all ages.

Friday, January 21st

6:30pm to 8:30pm

In the FMC

Tickets are \$5.00 per person and can be purchased in the church office. Dinner will be served. Dress is Sunday attire. Hosted by Westminster's Children's Ministry.

A SALUTE TO TEENS OF THE MONTH!

Congratulations to these recent "Teens of the Month:" Lauren Hale, senior at Coronado and daughter of Dana Hale; Cole Hendershot, 8th grader at Mackenzie and son of Kenny Hendershot & Nancy Dodge; and Peyton Lewallen, 8th grader at Evans and daughter of Cliff & Susan Lewallen.

WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS...

Our Church Staff wishes to thank the many members and friends who showered us at Christmas time with gifts and delicious treats. Your thoughtfulness and generosity is much appreciated!

FINDING FREEDOM CLASS

Beth Moore's study, "Breaking Free" - Room 216 during Sunday School
All women are invited to join in our conversations, share in the accountability, find encouragement, and grow spiritually as 2nd Corinthians 3:17 commands, "where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." For more information, contact Cayce Noble at bandcnoblefamily@gmail.com or 786-0560.

EXODUS PRISON MINISTRY OUTEACH—Your Donations Welcome

Prisoners both locally and all over the nation benefit from this ministry to prisoners. Through Bible Correspondence Studies, an intercessory prayer group, and other means, Exodus Prison Ministry reaches out to prisoners with hope and guidance. The local office is located at 4223-34th Street. How can you help this ministry? They collect new and used Bibles and Christian books to ship to chaplains for prison libraries, jails, and youth detention centers. Any "uplifting, positive" reading material is welcome. Your donations may be dropped off in the church office in the box marked "Exodus Prison Ministry." Items such as devotional booklets and Christian magazines such as "Guideposts" are also welcome. For more information about this outreach to prisoners, visit the Exodus Prison Ministry website at www.exodusprisonministry.org or call their Lubbock office at 791-3673.

CHURCH TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

Would you be interested in helping with a church transportation ministry? This would involve bringing people who need a ride to church. We need drivers who could pick up people for the 11:00am worship service on Sunday mornings and take them home afterward. Most passengers would be elderly. If there is a good response, the ministry could then be expanded to bring people to church events on Wednesday nights. We are looking for drivers who are physically capable of helping people in and out of cars, opening doors, etc. Also, the church has vans that could be used for this transportation ministry purpose. If you would like to help with scheduling and/or driving, please contact Matt Mitchell at 799-3621 or mitchell@wpclubbock.org.



*Paul and Sheri Landers
request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter*

*Leah Nicole Landers
to
Jake Ryan Fluitt*

*son of Stephen Fluitt
and Tonia Edwards*

*Saturday, January twenty-second
Two thousand eleven
at two o'clock in the afternoon*

*Westminster Presbyterian Church
3321 thirty-third street
Lubbock, Texas*

*Reception to follow in the
Family Ministry Center*

Christian Concerns Westminster Cares

Please phone Jan in the church office (799-3621) to notify WPC of birth, death, illness, or hospitalization. We care and we want to know! (Please remember that HIPAA regulations do not permit the hospitals to share patients' names with WPC staff.)

HOSPITALIZED: Lynn Hakes, Covenant Specialty Hospital

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED: Len Hutchison, Betty Turner, Rebecca Wilson, Devynne Wyatt, Kathy Wyrick

SYMPATHY TO: Gary Terrell and family in the death of his mother, Jo Terrell, on December 20. Services were held December 22 at First Presbyterian Church, Snyder.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Shannon Diggs in the birth of a baby girl, Amari Rhea Heard, on December 13 in Lubbock.

GENERAL CONCERNS

The following suffer from general health concerns: Anne Bulls, Walt Clark, Norma Couch, Ann Davis, Eunice Dersch, Mae Egbe, Ermis Goble, Eugenia Gray, Lynn Hakes, Jack Helms, Wallace Hess, Charles & Wilhelmina Hiemstra, Ann Jenson, Juanell Johnson, Bertha Lemaster, Stacie Mathis, Harvey & Micky McEachern, Helen McGarrett, Margene Peachee, Mabry Peel, Helen Price, Brittany Sangwin, Peggy Vannoy, and Helen Walker. Erik Herrera needs prayer for strength as he goes through therapy for Myasthenia Gravis. Keith & Kelly Rodgers request prayers for their decision to become missionaries in Nicaragua.

FRIENDS & FAMILY

(We will list friends and extended family for a month. Following that time, please call the office if you wish for them to remain on the list.)

Jerry Bellows (Kathryn MacNair's uncle), Is in hospice care in California; Kayla Casstillo (Mikalya Polasek's friend); Clay Crofoot (Nancy Foster's relative) Broken collarbone; Samantha Galloway (John & Betty Schmitz's great-granddaughter) Infant, hospitalized for breathing problems and hole in her heart; Doug Lambert (John & Betty Schmitz's friend) Undergoing tests for enlarged lymph nodes in Dallas; Bettye Moilan (Jan Collier's friend) Receiving treatments for stage 4 colon cancer, lives in Granbury, TX; John Sucsy (Peggy Sucsy's relative) Pray for healing and life decisions to be made; Bob Sturman (Gary Sturman's father) Possible skin cancer diagnosis; Margaret Terry (Jan Kutch's aunt) Age 90, has been placed on Hospice in Glenwood, Iowa; Mike Thomas (Katie Eliason's father) Health issues--lives in Frisco, TX; Townsley family (Bruce & Kathryn MacNair's friends) Recent death of Bob Townsley on 12/7.

SEMINARY STUDENTS

Emily Roberts, Dillon Ferguson, Jessi Fleming, Max Hochenedel

MISSIONARIES

Jamie Birney (Hope for the Children), Haiti

Will & Amanda Johnson (Youth with a Mission) China

Katie Mathis (iGO Global) Middle East

Keith & Kelly Rodgers (Hope for Nicaragua), Nicaragua

Jack Rudd (Teethsavers) Teethsavers in Africa & Central America

Doran & Amy Schoenhals (Campus Crusade) Texas

Brandon & Jenny Scott (CAM International) Guatemala

Billy & Jess Streu (Operation Mobilization) Bosnia

Tim Tam (Amarillo office), Beth Garner, Kenny Logan, Pedro Perez (Word at Work Ministry) Belize

MILITARY PERSONNEL

AIR FORCE Jonathan Hogan (Doug Hogan's son) Texas, Adam Keith (Stan & Kathy Tucker's son) Italy, Zachary Laird (Ruth Huffaker's grandson) Arizona, Billy Sullivan (Edie Logan's grandson) Missouri.

ARMY Keith Anderson (Beth Anderson Lee's son) Texas, Craig Combs (Samantha McKay's friend), Iraq; David Hale (Becky Benson Hale's husband) Georgia. Rick Miller (Martha Daniel's nephew) Afghanistan, Zane Wilson (Lynnette Wilson's son) S. Carolina.

COAST GUARD Michael Taylor Knight (Friend of many WPC Youth) Virginia

MARINES Beau Babcock (Mike Zuerker's cousin) Afghanistan, Bryan Perry (John & Betty Schmitz's grandson-in-law) Afghanistan, Paula Sepeda (Todd Faison's sister-in-law) California, Nick Sims (John & Debbie Sims's son) Rhode Island, Cole Stanley (Jim & Peggy Young's grandson-in-law) in Virginia being treated for injuries from a roadside bomb explosion in Afghanistan, Sean Vannoy (Peggy Vannoy's grandson) California,

NAVY Jeff Benson (Becky Benson Hale's brother) Japan, Jay English (Jerry & Paulette English's grandson) Japan, Mark A. Gilreath (Tamara Gilreath's husband) Colorado, Jonathan Loper (Stan & Kathy Tucker's son-in-law) Washington, D.C.



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Logan Bennett.....Student Ministries Co-Coordinator
Jill Kiesel.....Student Ministries Co-Coordinator
J.R. Cochran.....College Ministry Director
Boyce Wyrick.....Music Director
Matt Spitsberg.....Worship Arts Director

Don Smith.....Organist
Bruce MacNair.....Church Administrator
Ricki Feagan.....Pastor's Secretary
Sharon Sturman.....Part-Time Financial Secretary
Jan Collier.....Church Administrative Assistant
Tami Hodnett.....Part-Time Media Coordinator
Freddie Bryant.....Custodian
Rosa Aleman.....Housekeeper
Joe Sarratt.....Part-Time Custodian
Robert Sanders.....Night Sexton

Worship Times

Sundays

9:00am.....Contemporary Worship
 10:00am.....Sunday School for Children
 Fellowship Time for Adults
 10:15am.....Sunday School for Adults
 11:00am.....Traditional Worship

Wednesdays

5:30pm.....Supper (with reservation)
 Family Ministry Center
 6:00pm.....Wednesday Nite Live

Return service requested.

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