



# westminster

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## The Life of WPC

*Four Hours of Faith - by Baron Eliason*

Whenever I stop and think about WPC, I'm so thankful God has brought me here. The blessing starts in what I call the locker room - our staff and elders. No team performs well if things in the locker room are off. Thanks be to God we have a good locker room. Our staff and elders are hard working, faithful, and supportive of one another. Through their leadership and effort we are provided a wide banquet of ministries in furtherance of our mission to connect thirsty people to receive and share the living waters of Christ. We as a body continue to be experienced by our visitors as friendly, open, and welcoming to newcomers. Meanwhile, our relationships are growing deeper and wider as our bridge groups (discussion based events) continue to meet and share life and faith.

In response to these blessings and others, our rolls are growing, particularly with young families. The Holy Spirit is at the heart of these blessings. Just this morning, as I write this, a member stopped me in the hall to express what a blessing our WNL bridge groups have been in her life. What she is experiencing is the work of the Holy Spirit bringing living water through our connection. It is as old a story as the church itself.

My prayer for us as a body is that the Spirit will awaken a sense of urgency to the importance of our commitment to this connection. The weekly rhythm of Sunday and Wednesday

connection amounts to a four hour weekly commitment. There are a few things that I want you to know about this Sunday/Wednesday rhythm we have built our church around.

First, this rhythm represents a minimal recommended weekly allowance for spiritual connection. Breaking that down, it works out to 75 minutes of worship and 75 in God's word, 20 minutes of prayer, 45 minutes of enjoying a meal with your family (by blood and by the Spirit), and 45 minutes of time spent in casual fellowship going to and fro. Second, this rhythm works more like a crock pot than a microwave, meaning that the benefits accumulate slowly and powerfully over time. Some nights you will be adding the flavor of your faith to others, some nights you will be seasoned by their faith, but God will use your presence every time. Finally, the relationship between the power of the experience and attendance is not linear but exponential. The more the merrier is not just a cliché but a spiritual truth. When a person is mission, it's a break in the chain of fellowship, and everyone loses.

Assuming that we average eight hours of sleep each night, we are talking about a commitment to connection of 4 of the 112 waking hours God gives us each week. Viewing our time from the perspective of the tithe, that leaves us over seven remaining hours for additional acts of spirituality as our "map" outlines, such as

fortifying our faith in study and prayer, loving our neighbor in speech and action, opening our lives in fellowship and care, and worshiping our Lord in private devotion.

If you have not given our Wednesday Nite Live (WNL) a try yet, now is the time. Our current session will last until March 2nd. The next Wednesday night we'll have a special Ash Wednesday service, and the following Wednesday we'll take a break for Spring Break. Afterwards, our WNL calendar will resume on March 16th as we journey through Lent together in our continued study of the Apostles' Creed. I want to encourage us all to make the commitment to connection and enter into this rhythm of faith at WPC.

### **SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT**

Now is the time to come to the aid of your pastor! One of the worst things I can do in preaching is answer questions no one is asking. And so, I'm asking you to send me your urgent needs and deepest questions so that I might plan a sermon series this summer around those themes. **ALSO**, I'm hoping that those of you who take magazines would share them with me when you are finished. I'm looking for periodicals like Time, Newsweek, etc. from which to draw illustrations for our sermons. I'm not asking for boxes of old magazines to be dropped off at my office! Rather, please let me know what you take, and we'll coordinate.

*Blessings, Baron*

## Ash Wednesday Service



**March 9th**  
**6:30pm, Sanctuary**

Plan to attend our very meaningful mid-week worship service on Wednesday March 9. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Regular adult Wednesday evening activities and dinners will not be held that evening.

## Children's Ministry

by Leslie Roach

### Camp Kid Jam:

July 22nd - 25th

Texas Women's University, Denton, TX

\$350; Open to Current 3rd & 4th Graders

Partial scholarships available & Coke fundraiser after spring break.

\$50 non-refundable deposit holds your spot

Register at:

[www.wpclubbock.org/children-ministries](http://www.wpclubbock.org/children-ministries)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE is February 27th

### Dates for Your Calendar:

Friday, April 8th: Kids Nite Out

Wednesday, April 13th:

Family Dinner & Glow in the Dark Egg Hunt

April 29th - May 1st: 5th Grade Mystery Trip

## College Ministry

by JR Cochran

College ministry is about college students. That sentence may seem too obvious to even write, but it is important. You have to stay focused on the students. You have to be available to them. You have to be involved with them. You have to invest in them. We can't just create a cool place for them to worship. We can't just talk about the things their lives might involve...We have to actually be in their lives.

This semester I'm hoping to do this through a few ways. First, I hope to spend more time at our students' activities. Many of them are involved with bands, orchestras, or the drama department, and I plan to be at many of those events. I am also making our small groups a priority. This will help me to be a part of their lives, but it will also help to train them in disciplining one another. Finally, I'm hoping to do some events that build relationships with our students. Events like a backpacking trip this semester, a mission trip in May, and service projects throughout the semester create shared experiences that serve as the foundation for relationships.

I hope that these efforts will deepen the impact of the college ministry, and I would appreciate your prayers.

## Missional Thoughts

by Matt Mitchell

This summer we will be joining with The Vine Church in Oklahoma City once again as we travel to China to work with our missionaries Will and Amanda Johnson. We are so excited about this opportunity and hope that you will be as well! Many of you have come to me and said, "I've always felt the Lord calling me to go on a mission trip, it's just not the right time." I can promise you, it is very rarely the *right* time. But the question I want to ask is this, "Is it *God's time*?" If the Lord is leading you and you feel led to go on this trip, please come and let Matt Mitchell know today! We are in the early stages of planning, but it will start happening quickly, so I'd like to know. Don't worry about money or time; the Lord will provide! We will be having an informational meeting in the next 2 weeks, so be on the lookout for the date and time. Please consider whether the Lord is calling you to be a part of this wonderful opportunity to serve Him in a place where many have never heard His name. For more questions, please call Matt at the church (806) 799-3621 or email me at [mitchell@wpclubbock.org](mailto:mitchell@wpclubbock.org).

### Mission China: 2011

June 5-19, 2011

To minister to and with Will and Amanda Johnson,  
our missionaries in China!

Cost: Approximately \$2500 (Some scholarships available!)

Join us for this incredible journey to China to see what God is  
doing in the underground church.

## Youth Ministry

by Shawn Mayo

I'm the new guy on campus, and I feel like a freshman in high school all over again (JR has already given me a swirly!) So, if you're a freshman and you're reading this article, I feel your pain. Anyway, since I'm the new guy on staff, you may not know too much about me. I aim to fix that problem. Here's a little bit about me:

I have recently moved here from Oregon to be with the woman of my dreams (200 brownie points) as she studies at Texas Tech. In a few weeks we'll be celebrating our five year anniversary, and in July we'll be getting married back home in Oregon!

Here are a few highlights to get to know me better: I love riding bicycles, cooking, reading, and being creative (wow, I feel like I'm on a first date). I love things from the heart, like an original song, or a simple compliment. Things that drive me crazy are when I get a horrible haircut and when I run out of deodorant.

I'm really excited about youth ministry at WPC. I'm a relational guy, and I would love to get together with you sometime and share a meal (breaking bread- it's biblical). If you have any interest in helping with the youth ministry, we have plenty of possibilities that range from eating pizza with high school students to becoming a small group leader. Feel free to shoot me an e-mail or call me anytime with any questions, comments, or concerns. I'd love to partner with you to impact the lives of our teenagers. Please contact me at [shawn@wpclubbock.org](mailto:shawn@wpclubbock.org).



# Happy Birthday, Westminster!

by Florence Gum, Historian

Westminster observed its 63rd birthday on February 16, 2011. It is interesting to note that since February 16, 1948, 5,123 persons have been received into our membership. With no charter members remaining, the following have now been members the longest: Bertha Lemaster (joined 01-20-49); Carolyn Taylor (joined 04-10-49); Egie Crozier (joined 11-27-49) and Wallace and Zelta Hess (joined 12-04-49).

It has been my pleasure to prepare another year of Westminster's history. You are encouraged to leaf through the 2010 History binder which has been placed in the Church Office.

Please Note: Since I am unable to be present at all events, I would love to receive copies of any pictures members take at church activities throughout the year. These may be put in the Historian's box in the Church Office for inclusion in WPC's 2011 History.

## New Members

*please add to your directory*



Gary & Sharon Sturman joined Westminster on February 20, 2011, by Profession of Faith (Gary) and Reaffirmation of Faith and Transfer of Membership from 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church, San Angelo, TX (Sharon). Gary is a Supervisor with the U.S. Transportation Security Administration, and Sharon is the Financial Secretary here at Westminster. Their address is 5301 Chicago Ave. Apt. 3101/79414 and their phone is 325-656-4830.

## Directory Corrections

*Corrections for 2011 Church Directory*

Tom & Sarah Carter - Home e-mail: tomintx33@live.com

Jim Conkwright - Work #: 762-0181

Lucy Williams - Home e-mail: lucymaxw@aol.com

## March Birthdays & Anniversaries

### SIDE-LINED SAINTS BIRTHDAYS

Margene Peachee—9<sup>th</sup>

Elwanda Cox—10<sup>th</sup>

Jack Helms—28<sup>th</sup>

Ruth Huffaker—28<sup>th</sup>

Harold Laverty—29<sup>th</sup>

### 50+ ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Peggy Young—16<sup>th</sup> (54 years)

Harvey & Micky McEachern—19<sup>th</sup> (66 years)

## Flower Sentiments

The flowers in the Sanctuary during the month of February were given ...

...to the glory of God by Mary Zickefoose in honor of her husband, Lynn, and 30 years of wedded blessings!

...in memory of Hadley Edgar.

...by Jeane Frugé to the glory of God and in appreciation for her family and her church family.

...by Abel & Kristilie Reyna in honor of their children Gabriel and Alegra, their church family, and to the glory of God.

## Thank You

Dear Westminster friends,

The family of Kight Lane wishes to thank you for your prayers and support during the illness and death of Mr. Lane. The beautiful funeral service, your attendance, cards, visits, the family meal prepared by his Sunday School class, and many other kindnesses were most encouraging and appreciated.

Sincerely,

Julia Lane O'Dell

4122 S. Hughes St.

Amarillo, TX 79110-1329

Westminster Presbyterian Church,

Thanks for sending the wonderful Christmas stockings filled with all those great gifts. It is nice to know that Westminster, and the city of Lubbock, are thinking of the troops here at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. I enjoyed the letters and cards that were left in my stocking (especially the home-made cards from the kids).

Additionally, I was able to help hand out some of the stockings (100+) to the other troops here at Kunsan. A group of volunteers set the stockings next to each Airman's door in the middle of the night on Christmas day. The stocking filled with cards, candy, CD's and other things brought smiles to the faces of the troops here. It was also heartwarming for the personnel delivering the stocking. We all enjoyed the experience.

Sorry for taking so long to thank all of you for the wonderful stockings. I hope the new year is treating everyone well at your church and in Lubbock. Please take care and thank everyone at Westminster and Lubbock for the stockings.

Master Sergeant Jeff Randall, U.S. Air Force

Thank you so much for the Christmas stockings at Kunsan, Korea. They were a nice surprise for the holidays. I picked up this postcard on my way out here in November, but I am from KY and have been to Lubbock once a few years ago.

Carl Corvin, U.S. Air Force

### Upcoming Anthems in the Traditional Service

February 27  
Pepper Choplin

"Gather by the River to Pray"

March 6  
Twila Paris & J. Wayne Kerr

Prelude on "Lamb of God"  
Prime Chimers - both services

# Announcements

## 2011 Membership Directory

An updated Membership Directory for 2011 (non-photo) is available for you to pick up in the Narthex on Sundays.

## Join the Zumba Class!

WoW and the Finding Freedom Sunday School class invite you to come get in shape with us! Join us for Zumba (Latin-inspired dance-fitness class) EVERY SUNDAY from 4-5pm in the Family Ministry Center. ALL are welcome and encouraged to jump in and have some fun! All levels of fitness and experience are encouraged to join, and you can feel comfortable learning new moves along with many others, AND there are no mirrors in the FMC!

When: Every Sunday, 4-5pm

Where: Family Ministry Center

What: Zumba exercise/dance—bring a sweat towel and a bottle of water

Who: ALL are welcome (men included!)

Why: it an exercise party!

\$5 per class (cash!) or \$3 per person if you bring a friend!

Questions? Contact Cayce Noble at [bandcnoblefamily@gmail.com](mailto:bandcnoblefamily@gmail.com) or 786-0560.

## Open Date on Flower Chart

Please sign up to provide a floral tribute for our worship services, in honor or memory of loved ones, to the glory of God, or in celebration of a birthday, anniversary, or other special event. The flower chart is located to the right of the Administrator's Office in the main hallway. Minimum cost of the weekly flower arrangement is \$50.00. Open date is March 20.

## Upcoming Events!

Sunday, February 27 - Registration deadline for Camp Kid Jam

Wednesday, March 9 - Ash Wednesday Service, 6:30pm, Sanctuary  
(no dinner or classes)

Sunday, March 13 - Daylight Savings Time begins; Combined Worship,  
no Sunday School

## Primetimers

Monday, FEBRUARY 28th

Speaker: Jim Gilbreath, Westminster member & City Councilman

Subject: Civic issues

## WoW Ladies Nite In Bunko Nite

Thursday March 3rd, 7:30pm to 9:00pm in the Parlor. Bring your favorite snacks.

## World Day of Prayer

Church Women United 2011-2012

Theme: "How Many Loaves Have You?"

Oakwood United Methodist Church

2215 58th Street

Friday, March 4, 2011 - 10:30am Brunch

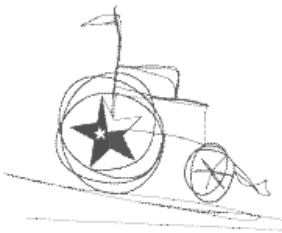
## The Westminster Sewing Ministry

Fellowship of the Scissors and Needles would very joyfully receive any donations of sewing machines, and/or other equipment in your sewing rooms and craft closets that you plan to give away during your 2011 spring cleaning.

If you would like to share the joy of delivering items to the American Cancer Society, or any of the other partner agencies, or to a church member or friend, please call Paulette English (806-795-0207) or drop by Room 206 during the WSM work sessions.

The Westminster Sewing Ministry Mission statement is to share the warmth of God's Love by creating gifts of comfort for our community and to the ends of the world.

## The Texas Ramp Project has moved in!



Our newest Mission Partner has moved into the 3306 34th St. building and is getting ready to start work. They will be holding an informational meeting Thursday, March 6th at 7:00pm in Room 101. All are invited and welcome to come hear about the great things happening with this wonderful ministry.

## Save the Date! A Model Seder Meal

A Family Event

Palm Sunday, April 17th

6:00pm in the FMC

Have you ever wondered why Jesus was called the Passover Lamb? Have you wanted to understand the Last Supper more clearly?

On Palm Sunday, April 17th, at 6:00pm, a model Seder meal will be held in the FMC for WPC families and guests.

Shoshannah Weinisch, a missionary in Jews for Jesus, will explain the meaning of the rituals of the Passover Meal, as we sample the various foods. Please plan to feed your family before coming to the Seder meal.

In keeping with the tradition of the Passover, you may bring your finest dishes for your family's table. The Church's dishes will also be made available. Childcare will be provided for children under the age of 5.

If you have any questions, or would like to assist in the planning and set up of the Seder, please contact Carol Keeling (798-0143) or Cheryl Sebastian (794-2157).

# Christian Concerns Westminster Cares

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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.)

**Church-wide Prayer Team:** "My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations."—Isaiah 56: 7. Join a church-wide prayer team of all ages, which will be broken into smaller teams to meet on a rotating basis during the Sunday School hour each week in the prayer room. Contact: Bev Day, 794-0038, Leslie Roach, 799-3621, ext. 219, or Sally Andrews, 797-0097.

**SYMPATHY TO:** to friends & family of Kight Lane, age 84, who died 2/11, services were held on 2/14 at WPC; to Becky Lipe & family in the death of her father, Lynn Hakes, age 86, who died 2/11, services were held on 2/15 at 1st Presbyterian, Brownsville; to Paulette Pillers & family in the death of her step-mother, Ann Peel, age 87, who died 2/12, services were held on 2/16 at Westmont Christian Church, Lubbock; and to family & friends of Dot Maxey, age 88, who died 2/16, services were 2/18 in Slaton, TX.

**HOSPITALIZED:** Mack Elston—CMC; recently hospitalized: Walt Clark, Maxine Day

## GENERAL CONCERNS

The following suffer from general health concerns: Anne Bulls, Walt Clark, Norma Couch, Ann Davis, Eunice Dersch, Monica Dunlap (Myelofibrosis diagnosis), Mae Egbe, Ermis Goble, Eugenia Gray, Anne Griffin, Lynn Hakes, Harold Laverty, Dana Hale, Jack Helms, Wallace Hess, Charles & Wilhelmina Hiemstra, Ann Jenson, Juanell Johnson, Kight Lane, Brandy Langston, Bertha Lemaster, Stacie Mathis, Dot Maxey (under hospice care at Carillon House), Harvey & Micky McEachern, Helen McGarrett, Margene Peachee, Mabry Peel, Helen Price, Betty Turner, Peggy Vannoy, and Helen Walker. Erik Herrera needs prayer for strength as he goes through therapy for Myasthenia Gravis.

## 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.)

Ryan Bitzer (Robert & Linda Sanders's great nephew) Epilepsy diagnosis; Ashton Cerka (Terry Witter's friend) injured in hit & run at the Depot District; Pauline Cummings (Kathy Wyrick's mother), Recovery from broken hip; Samantha Galloway (John & Betty Schmitz's great-granddaughter) Infant, breathing problems and hole in her heart; Karen Knutsen (John Schmitz's niece) Breast cancer diagnosis, lives in Austin; Jim McKee (Mary Zickefoose's brother) Diagnosed with throat cancer; Peter and Robert Nutley (Fay Carter's friend's sons) Diagnosed with Muscular Dystrophy in CA; Chip Redus ('Cile Redus' son) Throat tumor, Ryland Roe-Tubbs (Ryan & Geanna Tubbs' son) Moving away from home to San Antonio; John Shelby (Gene Day's friend) Bypass surgery in leg, kidney failure; Mike Thomas (Katie Eliason's father) Health issues--lives in Frisco, TX; Mark & Susan Weber (Robert Hook's sister & brother-in-law) Pray for successful foster baby adoption; Rick & Donna Walker (Pam Davis' friends) Recent death of their son, age 30 in Austin, TX area.

## SEMINARY STUDENTS

Emily Roberts, Dillon Ferguson, Jessi Fleming, Max Hochenedel

## MISSIONARIES

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. Garrett Zuerker (Mike Zuerker's cousin), Afghanistan  
**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) California, 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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## Church Staff

**Baron Eliason**.....Pastor  
**Matt Mitchell**.....Associate Pastor  
**Larissa Jenkins**.....Preschool/Daycare Director  
**Leslie Roach**.....Children's Ministries Director  
**Kristin Montgomery**.....Early Childhood Min. Coord.  
**Shawn Mayo**.....Youth Director  
**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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