

# THE WINDSOR WIRE

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## Missions Banquet Nov 20th

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### Extra Help for the Holidays

Come enjoy a great time as we learn about God's work through missions. It's our Annual Missions Banquet! Join us on **November 20th at 6pm.**

Each year, we take time to not only be thankful for God's work through our church, but we're also thankful for the amazing and mighty things He is doing around the world and finding out how we can get involved.

Come hear our guest speaker and have a great time of fellowship at one of the best potlucks of the year. Members are asked to bring a side dish to help out. The meat and beverages will be

supplied by the Missions Committee.

Also, don't forget that the Mission Field is all around! You don't have to travel to distant lands or give mountains of money to do God's work. In this issue of the *Windsor Wire*, we highlight many ways you can help out right where you are.

We have opportunities where you can help families in need this Holiday season.

Contact Pastor Chris if you would like to help families in our church. If you would also like to help families in our community, pg2 has details on the DeSoto Food Pantry.



If you or someone you know in our congregation needs assistances for Thanksgiving or Christmas, please let Pastor Chris know. There shouldn't be any shame in asking for help. We're a church, it's what God calls us to do and we gladly do it. Don't let pride get in the way. Also contact Pastor Chris if you would like to help.

**Follow the Star!**  
**Dec 3rd**  
**DeSoto Parade of Lights**

Join us as we relight one our church family traditions! Each year, on the first Saturday of December, DeSoto has the "Parade of Lights". There are floats, lights and music! Groups from all over the area parade through town with trees, presents, Santa and a lot of elves. One thing that goes missing is the real story of the season—the birth of Jesus. That is where we come in. Our float is the manger com-

plete with animals, Mary, Joseph, Jesus and an Angel. Behind the float we have the wise men still making their trek. They, along with their entourage, pass out candy canes to the parade-goers. Attached to the candy canes is the story about the candy cane and information about our church. **We'll be meeting at the church at 4pm, December 3rd.** Transportation to and from the parade is provided.

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## PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

November is always a wonderful time at W.P.P.S., as we remember to be thankful for all that God has given to us. We will celebrate Thanksgiving with each class having their own Thanksgiving Feast on Friday November 18th. Parents are invited to join in the celebration as we feast on wonderful food and thank God for all of our blessings. In observation of the holiday we will be closed the week of November 21st thru the 25th. Other fun activities this month include the anniversary of the day the Light Bulb was Patented on the first in 1880, Cookie Monsters Birthday on the 2<sup>nd</sup> in 1969 and National Sandwich Day on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. The 4<sup>th</sup> is sure to be a favorite with National Candy Day! World Kindness Week is the 7<sup>th</sup> thru the 11<sup>th</sup>. Election Day is the 8<sup>th</sup> followed by the anniversary of the day Sesame Street premiered November 10, 1969. Veterans Day on the 11<sup>th</sup>, followed by Hat Day on the 14<sup>th</sup>, and then America Recycles Day on the 15<sup>th</sup>. The *oh so tasty* Homemade Bread Day is on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Closing out the month is my personal favorite, Mickey Mouses Birthday which is the 18<sup>th</sup> in the year 1928!! In addition to being the day of the Thanksgiving feast the 19<sup>th</sup> is an *early release* day. Wow, what a jam pack fun filled month!

DEBBIE WOOTEN, ADMINISTRATOR

Tis' the season for being thankful for what we have and for all those around us, therefore, I want to thank you all for allowing me to lead this amazing program and let you know what a true blessing it is to me. I am thankful for my wonderful staff and I'm looking forward to all the great things God has in store for me here and for our program.

## Christmas Musical Rehearsals



### Adult Choir Rehearsals

Wednesdays at 7:45pm in the  
Worship Center

### Children's Choir Rehearsals

Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the  
Choir Room

## CHILDREN'S NOTES

CHILDREN'S MINISTER, CRYSTAL GARRETT



## Scavenger Hunt

Windsor Park Kids Thanksgiving Scavenger Hunt! Come join us on **Saturday, November 12th from 10am to Noon.** We're putting food boxes together for Thanksgiving!

## Our Neighbors



## Need our Help!

The DeSoto Food Pantry is asking for donations of:

**Boxed instant Potatoes**  
**Boxed Cornbread Stuffing**  
**Fruit Cocktail**  
**Monetary Donations**

The deadline for donations is **November 16th!** You may place your food items in the basket in front of Crystal's office.

# EXPECTATIONS

The holiday season is about to begin. With that thought comes stress for many people. For some it comes from grief over losses that have occurred about which the holidays often remind us. But for many it is thinking about responding to the expectations of family, friends, church, employer, and society that create the majority of the stress.

Few things affect our daily relationships, stress, and mood more than expectations. The truth is, there is no “up side” to expectations in adult relationships. Expectations “set you up” for failure. If you do what I expect you to do, you don’t get credit or praise for that because that is what any “normal” person should do. If you don’t do what I expect you to do, then you are acting “below normal” and I am upset that I didn’t get the response I wanted. But with my expectations I also “set myself up” for anger and disappointment by believing that I desperately need someone to do what I expect them to do before I can be “all right.” Thus I’m letting that person have control over whether or not I’m going to be “all right.” That leaves God out of the picture.

For the believer, the bottom line is: God and I are going to be all right no matter what the people around me do or don’t do! God is all-powerful and all-knowing and always present to take care of all my needs. He is the only perfect One in whom I can trust and place my expectations. Take for example our emotional need for attention. No one wants to be ignored. We all want others to acknowledge us as persons and pay some attention to us. We would like it if everybody did so. But the truth is, only God has the time and ability to pay attention to me all the time. He is there to meet this need even when no one else is. So I can stop believing that I’m desperate for a certain person’s attention at any point. God is the One who will make sure my needs are fulfilled.

*“...so be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you. So we say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?” (Hebrews 13:5-6)*

The Scriptures also say, *“Delight yourself in the LORD and He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him and He will do this;...Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways...Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret – it leads only to evil...but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land.” (Psalm 37:4-9)*

Our expectations are what we believe “should” happen and thus what we are hoping will happen. They reveal in whom or in

STEVEN ARMSTRONG, ASSISTANT TO THE PASTOR

what we are trusting. If we keep our expectations aimed at God, we will never be disappointed because He never fails to meet the needs of His children. If we aim our expectations at people, we are trying to control their response and not leaving them free (as God does) to decide for themselves how they will live. We all feel disrespected as adults when someone tries to decide for us, manipulate us, or demand that we do what they want. The truth is, God has given each of us free will to decide for ourselves how we will live each day. The only way to be respectful toward other adults is to leave them free to decide for themselves. Of course, we are all free and responsible for our own choices and cannot blame others for how we choose to think, feel, or act; nor can they rightly blame us for their attitudes, thoughts, or behavior. We all will answer to God. So what others decide to do or not to do is between them and God. I only have control and responsibility for how I choose to respond and live. I will only answer for my own thoughts, attitudes, and behavior in the final judgment.

Are you leaving yourself and others free to respond as they choose? Can you say with Paul, *“I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances” (Philippians 4:11)?*



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## Counseling services include:

Child, Adolescent, Individual,  
Couple and Family

For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Lili-Erika at 469-394-8850.



**Best Costume**

# Trunk or Treat 2011



**Best Trunks**

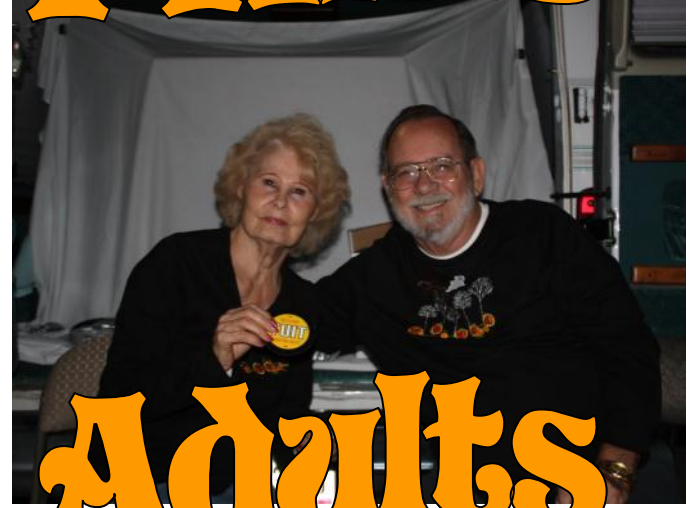


**20 Trunks**





Over 424 Kids



Over 150 Adults



Bags and bags, and bags, and bags, of candy!



# Ongoing Events



Cancer is a life-changing experience. The good news is that you're not alone in your struggle. On **Tuesday, November 13th, at 3pm**, the Cancer Support Group will meet. Each month, on the first Tuesday, members share their experiences along with the healing and support that comes from talking with and relating to people in similar situations. Don't miss this chance to connect with others and find healing.



Losing a loved one is never an easy experience. It is hard to go through the grief on your own, but there is hope. On **November 8th (7pm), November 15th (2pm), November 22nd (7pm), December 6th (2pm)**. Pastor Chris will lead the Grief Support Groups. Members fellowship in love and support with each other as well as have a good time bonding and laughing. Their laughter can be heard down the hall.

Know  
**WHY**  
You Believe

Join Alan Tarrant at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall today for a Bible study on "Know Why You Believe".



The next Men's Breakfast is **December 3rd at 7:30am**. In Fellowship Hall.

## ESL & More!

You don't have to leave Desoto to be a missionary. You can do it right inside our church on Thursday evenings.

**ESL classes meet on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm.** You do not need to be a trained teacher to teach ESL. If you know how to speak English, you can learn how to teach English with just a little training. There is also Spanish class available!

The important part of ESL is our sharing the love of Jesus with the students who come. Please see Lauralee Lindholm or contact the church office for more information or to sign up.



Be on the lookout for Box Tops for Education! They're EVERYWHERE on EVERYTHING! Cut them out and collect

them and you can help the Primary School raise money. Of course, don't clip them off items in the store without buying them first. That could end up with lots of yelling and chasing. You can save up your bounty of box tops and drop them off to Debbie or the WPPS office.

## Say Cheese!



Are you on our Family Board? It's a great way for people to put names with faces and meet new folks. Don't get left off! See Wally Kamm or Mike Causey to get your picture added to our wall of happy family faces!

Do you have a ministry or ongoing event that needs to be covered in the Windsor Wire?

Send an email to: [bripulver@yahoo.com](mailto:bripulver@yahoo.com). Include the basics: Who to contact; What goes on; Where does it take place; When does it take place; and How people join.

## OCCUPATIONAL HYMNS

**Astronaut:** "Nearer My God, To Thee"; **Baker:** "I Need Thee Every Hour"; **Barber:** "A Parting Hymn We Sing"; **Baseball Batter:** "Seek Thee First"; **Builder:** "How Firm A Foundation" and "The Church's One Foundation"; **Canoeist:** "Flow, River, Flow"; **Carpenter:** "The Nail Scarred Hand"; **Children's Librarian:** "We've A Story To Tell"; **Chiropractor:** "Awake My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve"; **Civil Engineer:** "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"; **Dentist:** "Crown Him With Many Crowns"; **Electrician:** "O Joyful Light" and "Send The Light"; **Fisherman:** "Shall We Gather At The River?"; **Golfer:** "There Is A Green Hill Far Away"; **Gossiper:** "Pass It On," "It Is No Secret," and "Oh, For A Thousand Tongues"; **Historian:** "Tell Me The Old, Old Story"; **IRS:** "All To Thee (I Owe)" and "We Give Thee But Thine Own"; **Jogger:** "The Path Of Life"; **Life-guard:** "Come To The Water"; **Long-Distance Trucker:** "On The Highways And Byways Of Life"; **Mathematician:** "10,000 Times, 10,000 Times"; **Medical Technician:** "Revive Us Again"; **Mountain Climber:** "The Rock That Is Higher Than I"; **Newlywed:** "I Need Thee Every Hour"; **Obstetrician:** "He Is Able To Deliver Thee"; **Optometrist:** "Open Mine Eyes That I Might See" and "When I Can Read My Title Clear"; **Paratrooper:** "Now On Land And Sea Descending"; **Philosopher:** "I Am Thinking Today"; **Politician:** "Standing On The Promises"; **Real Estate Agent:** "I've Got A Mansion"; **Sailboater:** "Deep River"; **Skeptic:** "Almost Persuaded"; **Shopper:** "Sweet By And By"; **Speech Therapist:** "He Never Said A Mumbling Word"; **Steeple Builder:** "Lift High The Cross"; **Stonecutter:** "Rock Of Ages"; **Switchboard Operator:** "There's A Call Comes Ringing"; **Tailor:** "Holy, Holy, Holy"; **Voice Teacher:** "Sing Them Over Again To Me"; **Watchmaker:** "Take Time To Be Holy"; **Watchman:** "Silent Night"; **Weatherman:** "There Shall Be Showers Of Blessings"

# OUR NEW MEMBERS!



Andra Baker



Manuel & Maria Brambila



Bryan & Jasmine Chupp



Ruth Gower



Meda Jean Perry



Velva Slider

(If you're a new member and we don't have your picture, call the office and let us know. We'll take one on a Sunday morning after the morning service.)

## You've Got Prayer Mail!

Have a prayer request that can't wait? The prayer chain serves as a hub for prayer requests and urgent announcements for many of our members. Signing up for it is easy.

Contact Kathy Seidlitz to have your name added to the list - 214.918.1018 or [sidelites02@tx.rr.com](mailto:sidelites02@tx.rr.com).

*Dr. Chris Seidlitz*

**Pastor**

*Rev. Steven Armstrong*

**Assistant to the Pastor**

*Rev. Lance Hevron*

**Minister of Music**

*Rev. Rodney Singleton*

**Minister of Education**

*Debbie Wooten*

**Primary School Administrator**

*Jay Davis*

**Student Minister**

*Crystal Garrett*

**Children's Minister**

*Vicki Bierhalter*

**Financial Secretary**

*Belinda Vickers*

**Church Secretary**

*Lili-Erika Wiegand*

**Church Counselor Intern**

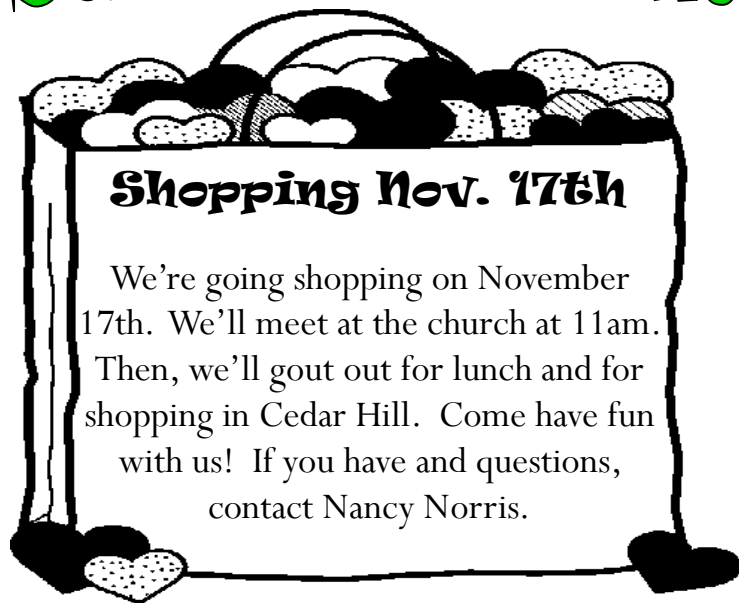
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- 11/2 Miles Davis
- 11/3 Ben Reeder
- 11/6 Antrum Crittendon
- 11/6 T'Asha Hall
- 11/6 Meredith Southern
- 11/9 Melanie Hicks
- 11/9 Michael Pulver
- 11/10 Corbin Ballard
- 11/10 Anthony Padilla
- 11/10 Gabriela Padilla
- 11/10 Kim Sledge
- 11/11 Patricia Clark
- 11/11 Enzo Garza
- 11/12 Betty Rose
- 11/15 Mary Casarez
- 11/15 James Brennan
- 11/16 Peggy Bobo
- 11/16 Rachel Glass



- 11/16 Brian Pulver
- 11/17 Janis Gordon
- 11/20 Carole Harris
- 11/20 Mike Kennedy
- 11/21 Jill Riepe
- 11/22 Yvonne Brennan
- 11/23 Janice Fulenwider
- 11/24 Barbara Newman
- 11/24 Colton Ragland
- 11/24 Rodney Singleton
- 11/27 Maci Davis
- 11/27 Teresa Berard
- 11/27 Mary Kinerd
- 11/27 France Reed
- 11/27 Dana Reese
- 11/29 Richard Stevens
- 12/1 Jennifer Morgan
- 12/1 Jeff Kilzer
- 12/2 Grace Hevron
- 12/2 Desirée Hicks
- 12/7 Uli Baumert
- 12/7 Patsy Dupriest
- 12/9 Maria Brambila
- 12/9 Karel Carpenter
- 12/10 Tina Johnson-Hall
- 12/11 Dillon Johnson
- 12/12 Cynthia Crittendon
- 12/12 Johnny Pate, Sr.
- 12/12 Carolyn Pritchett
- 12/13 Brianna Graf
- 12/16 Patrick McAlvey

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# Senior Adult Fun!



**Fourth Tuesday Senior Special:**

Food, fellowship, sharing, and caring.

**Tuesday November 22nd from**

**11:00 - 1:00** at Ray and Lauralee

Lindholm's house, at 305 Jordan Dr. in

Desoto. Bring sandwiches, salad, or dessert to share.

All seniors welcome!

# Senior Spotlight

Dot Semler was born in Little Rock, Arkansas. She lived a mile out of town and walked to church with her brother Jack. She was a tomboy and liked to climb trees. After she finished the 9<sup>th</sup> grade she got TB and had to stay at home for a long time. She went to the doctor twice a week for shots. Jack milked the goat so that she could drink goat's milk as the doctor recommended.

She learned to drive at an early age and stayed home from school on Tuesdays to drive her mother to WMU. She met Harry at the Baptist Soldier Center. She was popping popcorn for them and Harry "Just popped into my heart." They married and had sons Greg and Don. They moved to Dallas in 1955. Dot worked at Joske's, Best Products, and Burlington Coats over the years.

Dot says she was in church every time the doors were open. She completed an evangelism training course along with Miss Mary and they were counselors at a Billy Graham crusade. Her dad was a lay preacher. Before she was married she prayed for a Christian husband and a Christian home. She wanted to tithe all of her life and wouldn't marry a man who didn't agree. God answered her prayers when she met Harry. He passed away in 1981. Dot is still busy for the Lord. Every Sunday morning she helps with the Sunday School records and offering.

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