

THE WINDSOR WIRE

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CHURCH DIRECTORY TIME IS UPON US!

As you can tell from the overly-dramatic headline and explosive clipart, it's time for Church Directories! Olan Mills will be on site September 13th through 17th to photograph all our lovely families. Be sure to sign up now!

Karen Thomas has all the info. If you miss her are her signup table in the hallway, contact the church office. Do it soon, spaces are filling up fast. Don't get left out! Every family or individual who gets their picture taken will get a free copy.

Church directories are a great way to put names to faces and look up that person who keeps greeting you by name, but you don't know who they are.

Olan Mills will take orders if you would like prints of your photo. They have a no pressure policy that they have always stuck to.



Annual Calendar Planning Meeting Sept. 10th

We will meet from 8:00 a.m. till 12 noon on September 10th to plan the church calendar for 2012. All Committee Chairs and anyone who would like to participate in planning our 2012 calendar please plan to attend. We will be serving a continental breakfast starting at 7:30 a.m.

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PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

DEBBIE WOOTEN, ADMINISTRATOR

Welcome Back! Wow, summer flew by and school is now back in session and in full swing! I want to welcome all of our teachers back as well as some new faces in the hallways. Our teachers are as follows: **Judy Blessing**-Infants; **Karen Thomas**-Infants; **Sandy Anaya**-Toddlers; **Lucy Solano**-Toddlers; **Lisa Ochoa**-Younger 2's; **Chayra Perales**-Younger 2's; **Margret Ordonez**- Older 2's; **Elena Solano**-Younger 3's; **Connie Turner**-Older 3's; **Lety De La Rosa**-K-4; **Tanya Lamoreaux**-K-4; **Maribel Madrigal**-K-5; **Kish Davis**-1st and 2nd grade; **Roshunda Darrett**-3rd and 4th Grade; **Amanda Lopez**-Spanish; **Becky Owens**-Enrichments; **Lisa Knight**-Assistant Administrator

I feel this is a great group of women and I am honored to work with them to enrich the lives of the wonderful children in our program. The first few weeks of class have gone very smoothly and I am looking forward to an amazing 2011-2012 school year! We do however still have many spaces available so tell your friends and family to come and join us for an exciting school year here at WPPS! Things are getting bigger and better every year! Fun things on the calendar this month include **International Literacy Day** on the 8th, on the 10th we will honor our Grand-

parents by inviting them to bring a sack lunch and join their grandchildren for lunch! The 12th is **National Chocolate Milkshake Day** followed on the 13th by **International Chocolate Day** which is Milton Hershey's Birthday, 1857. The 14th is the anniversary date that the **Star Spangled Banner** was composed in 1814. The 15th is the day the **Puzzle** was invented in 1913. The 16th is **National Play-doh day**. On the 19th we will have fun with **International Talk Like a Pirate Day!** The 20th is **National Student Day** followed on the 21st is the **International Day of Peace**. The 22nd is the first day of **Autumn** and **National White Chocolate Day**. The 26th is tasty **National Pancake Day** followed by **JOHNNY APPLESEED'S BIRTHDAY** on the 27th. We will close out the month on Friday the 30th with **Fair Day** and we will have no classes on that day. What a jam packed, fun filled first full month of school!

Please continue to lift up our students and teachers in prayer. (even those that are not here yet!) Thank you for your continued support!

CHILDREN'S NOTES

CHILDREN'S MINISTER, CRYSTAL GARRETT

Summer is coming to an end and we are excited about a new school year. WPKids spend one of our last few Summer Saturdays packing boxes for our friends and family who will be heading off to college soon. We want to thank everyone who was involved in making "Operation: Back to School" a success! We ask that you keep all of our students in your prayers as they begin another exciting school year!!!!

September holds in store for us an exciting new class for children who have made a decision to trust Christ at any point during the last three years. "I'm A Christian Now" is designed to help students better understand their decision to become a Christian and guide them as they begin their journey to follow Jesus. There will be two sessions, each lasting 5 weeks. The first session will be geared toward students in Kindergarten through Second Grade. This class will start September 11th and will be held during the Sunday School hour (9:30). Sign up today to reserve a spot and a workbook for you child.

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The church van is on the road and it's looking for passengers! Don't let transportation issues keep you or those you love from joining us on Sunday mornings!

If you or someone you know needs a ride, contact Pastor Chris or the church office 972-230-3000!

It's FREE!

GUILT—EVERYBODY’S PROBLEM

STEVEN ARMSTRONG, ASSISTANT TO THE PASTOR

How many people have had a problem dealing with guilt? If we believe the Scriptures *“There is no one righteous, not even one...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”* (Romans 3:10,23) then we know we are not alone in feeling guilt. The fact is, we all have regrets about our past attitudes, thoughts, and behaviors. It is a universal human problem resulting from our inherited sin nature that made us all predisposed to making wrong choices. Our conscience is a precious gift from God. It functions to warn us when we are considering or doing something wrong. But many live with a guilty conscience carrying a stressful load through life that weighs them down. This is not what God wants for us. The apostle Paul declared as one of his lifestyle goals: *“I strive always to keep my conscience clear before God and man.”* (Acts 24:16)

But in this world, it’s shocking how many twisted ways we use to try to deal with guilt. Instead of clearing one’s conscience, these sear over the conscience so guilt won’t be felt so intensely. *“...you must no longer live as the Gentiles [unbelievers] do, in the futility of their thinking. They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more.”* (Ephesians 4:17-

19) To deaden the conscience to make it insensitive is a dangerous, destructive path to walk. The first way we do this is perhaps the most common, denial. “I haven’t done anything wrong. What’s wrong with that?” Another is blame. “It’s not my fault. They made me. They’re responsible for the way I reacted.” Another is excusing. “I had to do it. I wasn’t myself. I wasn’t thinking. That’s just the way I was raised.” Another is compensating. “I apologized. I paid them back. I do lots of good things for God and people.” Another is justifying. “It didn’t hurt anyone. He did it to me first. He had it coming. He deserved it.” Another is defending myself. “Prove it. You can’t prove I did anything wrong.” Another is escaping. “I’ve just got to go somewhere else and start over. They’ll never catch me.” Another is deceiving or lying to others and/or myself. “I wasn’t responsible. I don’t know what they’re talking about. I had nothing to do with it.” Another is resignation. “That’s just who I am. I’ve always done it that way. I can’t help it.” Another is self-condemnation or shame. “I’m just a worthless idiot. I can’t do anything right. I’m hopeless.” Another is concealing or cover-up. “It doesn’t matter as long as no one else knows/finds out.” Another is comparison. “Others do a lot worse than I do. At least it wasn’t half as bad as what I’ve seen others do.” Another is normalizing. “Everybody else does it too.” And finally

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YOUTH NEWS JAY DAVIS, STUDENT MINISTER

The WPBC Youth Sunday School class has just started a 13 week, Back to the Basics Bible Study in Sunday School. This is a very informative and interesting class that helps set the foundation of what we believe. If you are in the 7th grade and above please join us for this very important study. Sunday School meets upstairs in the Youth Classroom at 9:30 am. Please see Jay Davis if you have any questions.



As she has grown up at Windsor Park, Erika has served the church in many capacities including Youth minister and Mission Trip coordinator. Now, as she works on becoming a fully-licensed counselor, Erika returns to the church staff as our Church Counselor. She is currently working on 3,000 hours of supervised counseling toward her full certification.

For anyone who did not make it to the business meeting, the new position has no impact on the church budget. Erika will be paid through fees from her clients. Church members are seen free of charge.

The hardest moments in life come when we suffer in silence, feeling lost, alone or embarrassed. If that is where you are right now, know that you’re not alone and help is always available. Stop agonizing in isolation today. You can contact Erika or the church office for more information or to set up an appointment.



October 2nd we will be having our annual church picnic at Ernie Roberts Park on Pleasant Run Rd. This year we will be having all morning church activities at the park at **9:30 a.m.** Bring side dishes and/or desserts for your family plus two and the Fellowship Committee will be providing the drinks and chicken. Also bring games to play.

Ongoing Events



Cancer is a life-changing experience. The good news is that you're not alone in your struggle. On **Tuesday, September 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 **September 6th (2pm); 13th (7pm); 20th (2pm) and 27th (7pm)**, 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.



Women of Windsor Bible Study

Meet Jesus up close and personal. As you go through this study, you will have a greater appreciation and deeper relationship with the Savior adding more snapshots than in the manger, walking on water, and His death on the cross. "No one understands...like Jesus."

Sunday Nights at 5pm

Debra's contact info:
469-417-8712 or
dkilzer@erac.com

See you on Sunday evenings at 5pm.— Debra Kilzer

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast is October 1st at 7:30am. In Fellowship Hall.



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. Include the basics: Who to contact; What goes on; Where does it take place; When does it take place; and How people join.

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. Signing up for it is easy. **Contact Kathy Seidlitz to have your name added to the list - 214.929.1523 or sidelites02@tx.rr.com.**



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.

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is relativism. "There is no right or wrong. There are no moral/ethical absolutes. Every person determines what is right for themselves. It can't be wrong if it feels right." Paul wrote Timothy, "*The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.*" (1 Timothy 4:1-2)

All these ways are unnecessary and fail to remove guilt. God has provided the only way to be free from guilt! [This truth sets true Christianity apart from all false religions; they have no answer for the guilt and sinfulness of mankind.] He has let His only Son pay the debt for our sinful failures to do right and our selfish willfulness to do and say whatever we please. Forgiveness from guilt is thus realized only by those who turn to God from their sins, believe in Jesus Christ as their personal Savior/Redeemer, and yield control of their lives to Him. So for believers "*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness...I write this so you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense – Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours, but also for the sins of the whole world.*" (1 John 1:9;2:1-2) But even in the time before Christ came, God had made this clear.

"*He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy. Blessed is the man who always fears the LORD, but he who hardens his heart falls into trouble.*" (Proverbs 28:13-14) "*Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. [We sure know how that feels!] Then I acknowledged my sin to You and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD" – and you forgave the guilt of my sin.*" (Psalm 32:1-5)

There is one additional matter with regard to guilt – the matter of restitution. Scriptures are clear that we are to restore all that can be restored to the victims of our offences. (If we have stolen something, it is not enough to ask forgiveness and repent of stealing, we must also restore the things that have been stolen plus more.) "*When a man or woman wrongs another in any way and so is unfaithful to the LORD, [because all sin is ultimately against God] that person is guilty and must confess the sin he*

has committed. He must make full restitution for his wrong, add one fifth to it, and give it all to the person he has wronged." (Numbers 5:5-7) Years ago, when we bought our first house, I talked the seller down an extra \$500. Years later, I realized I had taken advantage of the situation and so found the man and gave him back \$600. It was a great relief for me!

Our Redeemer came to set us free from all the guilt and shame of our old sinful past. "*Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of Life set me free from the law of sin and death.*" (Romans 8:1-2) Are you experiencing freedom from guilt – a clear conscience?

ESL is Back in Session!

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.

Uplifting with Your Overload

Turn your old books, magazines, videos, CDs and cassettes into life giving water for Ethiopia! Heart For Ethiopia is rounding up used books, CDs etc. to sell through their eBay store. All of the money goes to dig wells and provide for needy children in Ethiopia. All the work and outreach is done through the Addis Kidan Baptist Churches and God is really moving!

The Lindholms are always collecting the items. If you cannot find them, you can leave your donations under the table in the foyer next to the portico. If you were financially blessed and want to find a good home for your older money, cash donations are also accepted. All donations to **Heart for Ethiopia** are tax-deductible, life-changing and much appreciated.

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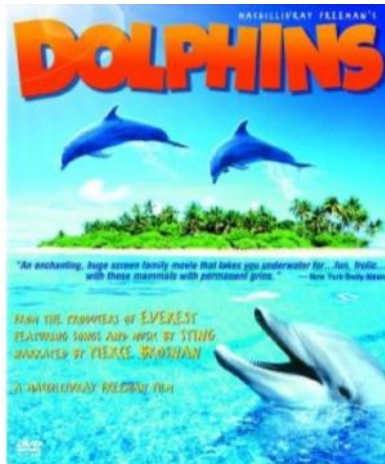
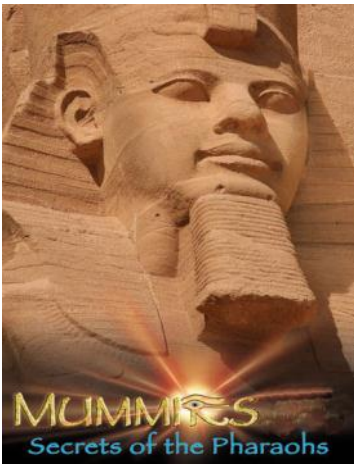
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- 9/10 Lauralee Lindholm
- 9/11 Kristi Ballard
- 9/11 Andrew Oldfield
- 9/14 Caroline Webb
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- 9/22 Carolyn Alston
- 9/22 Sue Hardin
- 9/22 Kaitlyn Holliday
- 9/22 Alan Tarrant
- 9/23 Kamarey Cooper
- 9/23 Abigail Herring



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- 10/15 Paul Dryer
- 10/16 Gregg Semler

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Senior Adult Fun!



On **Thursday, September 15th** our seniors are meeting at the church at **11am** for lunch and then a trip to the Imax. Come join the fun and excitement as we get to explore fascinating worlds.

Also...

Fourth Tuesday Senior Special: Food, fellowship, sharing, and caring. **Tuesday September 27th 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

Pastor Chris often says that Ray Lindholm is older than dirt. But it isn't true. He is old enough to be in the senior spotlight though. He grew up in California and was the middle one in a family of 7 boys. His favorite childhood year was spent back on the family farm in Missouri when he was four while his parents went to Detroit to work in an airplane factory during World War II.

All of his older brothers went to school every day and he got plenty of special attention from Uncle George. He followed him around all day learning about hog fences and electricity (a shocking experience), milking a cow (and getting a squirt in the mouth while at it), raising a baby sheep, eating squirrel, and watching little piglets get their milk teeth clipped. Baths were in a big iron kettle – the same one that soap was made in and the wash was washed in. On the way to church he fell in the creek and his clothes froze before he could get there. The pot-bellied stove burned him on one side while he was still frozen on the other.

Little did he know that his experiences would stand him in good stead when he went to Africa 20 years later. He was equipped to slaughter a hog at a missionary camp because he remembered watching it done as a kid. It was just as if he had a video in his head. Never underestimate what a 4 year old can learn!