

THE WINDSOR WIRE

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Evangelism Training Saturday, January 21st, 8am - Noon

Jerusalem Marketplace

Meeting

Jan 22nd

5pm

It is already time to start planning and preparing for Jerusalem Marketplace! Come help us bring Easter Alive in our outdoor experience.

Slips are circulating in the bulletin with the various jobs and people we are looking for to bring everything to life.

There are many reasons we do not share our faith with strangers and even our friends and family. Usually, fear keeps us silent. Sometimes, sharing our faith just feels too complicated or difficult. We're thankful for our



your answer. Manuel Brambila will be leading us in a Crash Course on Evangelism. We will start the morning with a continental breakfast at 7:30 a.m. and begin the training at 8:00 a.m. Please fill out the tear

Salvation and the change it has made in our life, but how can you share it with confidence and make sense? On January 21st, we have

off portion of the bulletin and place it in the offering plate so we can have an accurate count for breakfast and booklets.



More Than a Gift, More Than a Book

It is never easy when someone passes away. They enter into the Lord's presence, but those of us left behind need time to adjust and heal. Sometimes, we find comfort in a common mission or project.

When John Kilzer passed away, he and his family's wishes were that instead of flowers, donations be made to purchase new Bibles for the church. On January 8th we were able to dedicate over 150 new Bibles in John's memory. Each of John's children and grandchildren were presented with a copy to remember the service and dedication of their father/grandfather.

The inscription inside read:

"This is given in memory of your Poppie who loved God's Word and you."

The giving continued. There were still donated funds left over after the Bibles were purchased. The family asked that the excess go into the Church's Benevolence fund. The Benevolence fund looks after members in need, a ministry close to John's heart.

It wasn't something John boasted about. In fact, many didn't find out until John's funeral about the ways he would quietly help those in need around the holidays and throughout the year. Pastor Chris had told many stories of John's passion and care for fellow members. He not only looked after his deacon families, but he was also there for anyone who needed extra help.

The new Bibles, embossed with a picture of the church, can be found in our pews, ready to serve all who need them.

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PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

DEBBIE WOOTEN, ADMINISTRATOR

We closed out December with our Christmas program and our older students presentation of "Twas the Night Before Christmas". As usual we had an amazing turnout. Special Thanks to everyone who joined us for this event. It's always fun to see the students perform at this special time of the year! This was of course followed by the usual two week Christmas break. I am in hopes that everyone had a wonderful time with friends and family over the holidays.

Things are already back in full swing at the Primary School. Students returned to school on Tuesday the 3rd full of excitement and anticipation, or was that the parents? Regardless, the first week of classes brought **NATIONAL BIRD DAY** on the 5th, and a school wide favorite, Smores Day on the 6th. In the weeks to come we will celebrate Secret Pal Day on the 11th, when each student will be asked to write a note or draw a picture for one of their classmates! We will have Mitten and Scarf Day on the 13th. The 16th we will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The 17th is Ben Franklin's Birthday. The 18th we will have fun with Winnie the Pooh

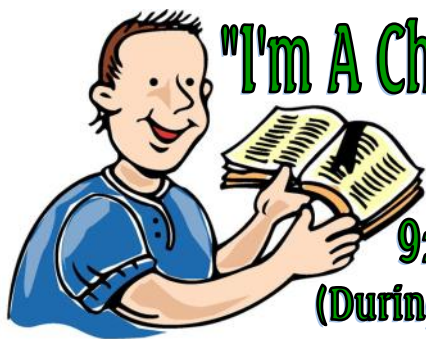
Day, each student will be asked to bring their favorite Pooh to class! The 19th we will all enjoy a tasty treat with National Popcorn Day! The 20th is Penguin Awareness Day. The 23rd is another yummy day...National Pie Day. On the 24th we will promote kindness with Compliment Day, and then on the 25th we will have fun with Opposite Day! The 27th will be an indulgent one, with Chocolate Cake Day, with all this eating, so much for those New Year's resolutions! We will close out the month with one that's always interesting, Backwards Day! As you can see, never a dull moment at Windsor Park Primary School!

A new year means time for planning of the next school year! I ask for your prayers and support during this planning process. Now is the time to let us know of any suggestions or changes that you would like to see take place in our program. The School Board is hard at work and our goal is to make this the best program in the area. Any ideas or suggestions you have to help us meet that goal are always greatly appreciated! Let's make it a great year!

Windsor Park Kids News



CHILDREN'S MINISTER, CRYSTAL GARRETT



"I'm A Christian Now"
Jan 29th
9:30am-10:30am
(During Sunday School)

Valentines' Party
Feb 11th, 10a-12p



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



John & Martha Coxen



Jennifer Morgan,
Katelyn & Karleigh
(Baptized)



Mario Garcia



Bethani Herring,
Charles & Abigail

RESOLUTIONS

Did you make any resolutions for the New Year? We are all used to hearing about making New Year resolutions, but what exactly does it mean to be resolute about something? Webster's dictionary says it is to be "firmly determined in purpose." Are there purposes you are completely committed to pursue in 2012? Ask yourself, "What am I determined to work towards this year? What are the desires and dreams in my heart? To what purposes and plans am I fully devoted? In what will I invest my life this year (if by God's grace I have another year to live)? What is my priority? What is God's will for my life this year?"

I suspect the specific answers to these questions will be different for each one of us because God has a relationship with each of us that is special and individual. His calling on each of our lives is consistent with how He made us unique – our personalities, talents, gifts of the Spirit, abilities, types of intelligence, experiences, interests, and skills. He uses what He has given us to minister to others in His name and be His witnesses in every part of the world.

Maybe you haven't given any thought to making resolutions and wouldn't know where to begin. Maybe Paul and Peter can give us some ideas. The apostle Paul, for instance, said that after reviewing his past worldly and religious pursuits and personal accomplishments he had decided to count all those as losses to furthering the cause of Christ; and to give up all things for the

STEVEN ARMSTRONG, ASSISTANT TO THE PASTOR

privilege of knowing Jesus personally as his Lord. This knowing was through experiences of trusting Christ for his needs and drawing on His power and provision for life's challenges and sufferings. His ultimate goal was to attain such fellowship with Christ that he would sacrifice to the extent of sharing in the kinds of sufferings He went through even unto death; and also in the kind of complete victory He knew in His resurrection from the dead. (See Philippians 3) "*Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers...one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenlyward in Christ Jesus*" (3:12-14). How many of your plans are meant to please God and fulfill the purpose for which God has called you?

That is pretty big and broad in scope. How does one actually get there in practical terms? That's where Peter can help us – in giving us the steps of progression on this path of living to please God instead of ourselves. He says God has already given us all we need to live godly lives but we must commit ourselves to

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YOUTH NEWS

JAY DAVIS, STUDENT MINISTER

Join us every week!

Sundays

9:45am—Sunday School

5:00pm—Youth Bible Study

Wednesdays

6:30pm—Bible Study



Lili-Erika Wiegand is a Licensed Professional Counselor Intern who is supervised by Scott Floyd, Ph.D., LPC-S, LMFT. She graduated from Dallas Baptist University with a Master of Arts in Counseling and from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary with a Master of Arts in Missiology. She is also a doctoral counseling student at B.H. Carroll Theological Institute in Arlington. She is certified in the Critical Incident Stress Management.

Counseling services include:

Child, Adolescent, Individual,
Couple and Family

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

Ongoing Events



Cancer is a life-changing experience. The good news is that you're not alone in your struggle. On **Tuesday, February 7th, 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 **January 17th (2pm), January 24th (7pm), February 7th (2pm), February 14th (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.

**Know
WHY
You Believe**

Join us on January 29th at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall today as we continue the Bible study on "Know Why You Believe".



The next Men's Breakfast is **February 4th 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. Include the basics: Who to contact; What goes on; Where does it take place; When does it take place; and How people join.

RESOLUTIONS

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experiencing His deliverance in every single area of our lives – thoughts, attitudes, and words and deeds. We do this by becoming resolute in our commitments to Jesus as Lord of our lives. *“For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins.”* (2 Peter 1:3-9)

After placing our faith in Christ, the next step is commitment to **goodness** – to repenting of all sinful aspects/habits of our old lives, staying clean and pure without and within;

the **next** step, Peter writes, is commitment to gaining increasing personal **knowledge** of God and His Word through experiencing/obeying Him;

next is commitment to **self-control** or self-discipline to doing the things needed to maintain spiritual growth and avoid being side-tracked by the things of this world such as the pursuits of popularity, pleasure, money, possessions, power, and prestige/recognition;

next is commitment to **perseverance** - patiently enduring whatever difficulties and suffering that may be a part of doing what is right and good in following the Lord’s leading in your life;

next is commitment to **godliness** - to reflect the divine nature, wisdom and character of God (fruit of the Spirit) in all situations with all people;

next is commitment to **brotherly kindness** – to love, accept, fellowship with, and humbly serve the needs of fellow believers;

finally is a commitment to **love** as God loves (agape love) – unconditionally, without favoritism, to want the best for all people and, as we have opportunity, do good to all people regardless of how they may be acting (See Matthew 5:43-48; Galatians 6:9-10)

Peter writes that all believers are to display all of these attributes in increasing measure. I guess that means we all still have work to do and a need to be resolute about it.



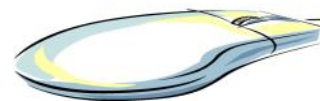
It is almost time for our annual Souper Chili Bowl Spectacular! Get your favorite recipe and get ready to compete for 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place in the Chili Cook-Off or 1st place in Non-Chili. Plan to come on **Sunday night February 5th**, bring your appetite, cornbread, Frito's, cheese, onions, nacho cheese, chips, and desserts. We will watch the game on a big screen TV and enjoy the Chili and Non-Chili as we Fellowship together and cheer on your favorite team. (Cook-off winners will be announced at half time.)

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.

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.

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Pastor

Rev. Steven Armstrong

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- 1/3 Kimberlin Kubo
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- 1/8 Dorothy Semler
- 1/8 Carolyn Tudor
- 1/9 Hilda Contreras
- 1/9 Shane Ragland
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- 1/12 Floyd Rodgers
- 1/13 Ray Fitzpatrick

- 1/13 Jennifer Hankins
- 1/13 Morgan Southern
- 1/15 Christy Coleman
- 1/15 Soma Kovoor
- 1/17 Belinda Vickers
- 1/21 Martha Coxen
- 1/23 Anthony Hankins
- 1/24 Vicki Bierhalter
- 1/25 Dwight Philpott
- 1/26 Beth Holliday
- 1/28 Audrey Gayda
- 1/29 Ernestine Hargis
- 1/29 Margaret Luck
- 1/29 John Mennerick
- 1/31 Jimmy Case
- 2/5 Vickie Webb
- 2/5 Mona Davis
- 2/5 Katie Dryer
- 2/8 Jasmine Chupp
- 2/10 Bette Greer
- 2/11 Caleb Hevron
- 2/11 Jane Kincaid
- 2/12 Jacob Lane
- 2/15 Deloris Cooper
- 2/15 Kishme Davis
- 2/16 Brenda Baumert
- 2/16 Bryan Vickers
- 2/18 Gary Fadeley
- 2/18 Missy Nash
- 2/19 Garrett Owens
- 2/21 Constance Harper
- 2/21 Sam Kirby
- 2/21 Lilia Wiegand
- 2/22 Shelia Ragland
- 2/23 Robin Wolfe
- 2/26 Herman Chupp
- 2/27 Jack Wyatt
- 2/28 Tom Fryman

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Senior Adult Fun!

LIFE BEFORE THE COMPUTER

Memory was something that you lost with age.

An application was for employment.

A program was something you watched on TV.

A cursor used profanity.

A keyboard was a piano.

A web was a spider's home.

A virus was the flu.

A CD was a bank account.

A hard drive was a long trip on the road.

A mouse pad was where a mouse lived.

(From Mountain View Baptist Church)

Fourth Tuesday Senior Special:

Food, fellowship, sharing, and caring.

Tuesday January 24th 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!



Join an r12 Group today!

No, we're not re-insulating the church. This r12 refers to our 6-week Bible Study of Romans 12, which **starts the week of January 22nd**. Sign-up sheets are on a table in the foyer. There are many groups meeting at various times:

- **Monday 6:30pm**—At Ray & Lauralee Linholm's home, 305 Jordan Drive, DeSoto
- **Monday 7:00pm**—At Beverly Estes' home with Fay Short, 1102 Johns Drive, DeSoto
- **Monday 7:00pm**—Spanish Class at Hilda Contreras' home with Hilda and Obdulia Simcox, 925 Live Oak Court, DeSoto
- **Monday 6:30pm**—At Kamm's home with Pastor Chris, 106 Nob Hill Lane, Ovilla
- **Tuesday 6:30pm**—At Susie Chupp's home with Gereta McGraw 1101 Gannon Lane, DeSoto
- **Tuesday 6:30pm or 7pm**—At Derrick Williams' home, 512 Davis Drive, DeSoto
- **Tuesday 7:00pm**—At Gary & Frances Reed's home, 132 N. Potter Lane, Cedar Hill
- **Wednesday 10am**—At the church with Kathy Seidlitz
- **Wednesday 7pm**—At the church with Rodney Singleton
- **Thursday 7pm**—At Opal Grady's home with Rev. Gentry, 400 Eagle Drive, Desoto