



THE WESTBURY WORD

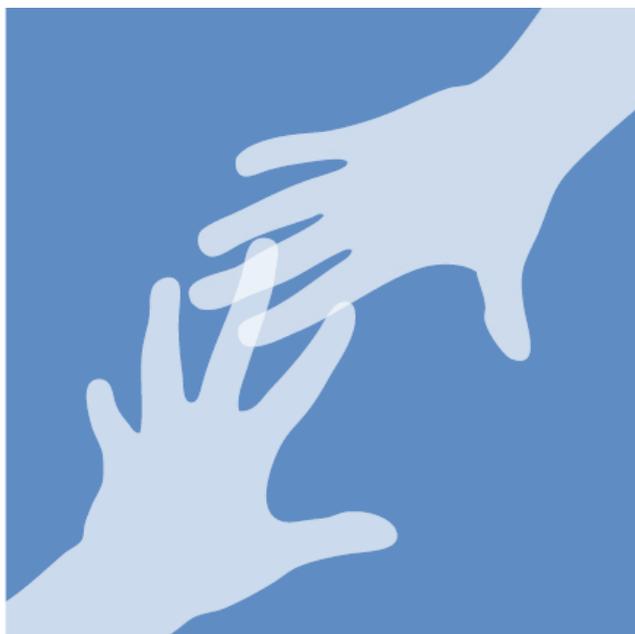
A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION FOR WESTBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

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FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14



Join us in showing God's love in practical ways in the Westbury and Houston areas.

Please plan to participate!

Look for more information in Bible Study notes and announcements.

No Bible Study Classes

No Worship Service

Childcare available!



FALL CARNIVAL

Wednesday, October 31, 6 to 8 pm

ACTIVITY BOOTHS: (Free)

Bounce Houses, Cake Walk,
Basketball Hoop Shoot,
Face Painting, and more!

FOOD COURT: (25¢ Per Food Ticket)

Hot Dogs, Soft Drinks, Nachos,
Chicken Tenders, French Fries,
and more.





Therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your spiritual worship.

ROMANS 12:1

DEACON FELLOWSHIP

Seeking First the Kingdom of God

- October 7 – Max Tidmore
- October 14 – Paul Moore
- October 21 – Ray Johnson
- October 28 – Ellis Bardin

NEXT MEETING

Sunday, October 21, 2 pm, Parlor B

For deacon information, select “What’s Going On” then “Deacon Ministry Schedule” at wbchouston.org.

SERMON SERIES FOR OCTOBER

- October 7 – I’mPerfect
- October 14 – FAITH IN ACTION
- October 21 – Live Bold: A Study of the Book of James
- October 28 – Live Bold: A Study of the Book of James



Flowers for Worship

If you would like to provide flowers for a worship service in celebration, memory, recognition of a person or event in your life—or just because!—remember to sign up on the chart or contact the church office (713.723.6428).

OCTOBER 7, 21, 28
DECEMBER 9, 30

Welcome to Our Church Family!



CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

By Letter (9/9/18)

Virginia (Fay) Petty
David Petty

(22 new members since October 1, 2017)



Festival of Tables Women’s Banquet

Thursday, October 4, 6:30pm

Family Life Center, Speaker: Darla Baerg

Tickets: \$15

Darla Baerg is a master communicator and storyteller. She shares her real life experiences (many of which are hilarious!), scripture and her love for the Lord into powerful messages for women. People are drawn to Darla’s joyfulness, transparency and ability to honestly share God’s word.



Tickets are available on Sundays in the narthex following worship and on Wednesdays through Heart to Hand.



We apologize for the miscommunication. In the September issue there was a name misprint for a member who passed away.

DeNise ReNae Welch,
July 30, 2018

Bonus: Did you notice that September 12 happened twice.... A week apart? Oops!

LESSONS FROM DON

When I was a sophomore in high school our church got a new pastor. I didn't know much about him except the fact that he was moving to San Antonio from Florida, graduated from Baylor University, and was married with two young boys. Having grown up in a large church I wasn't too concerned about not really knowing my pastor, that's just how things seem to be in our church world.

When I first met Don Guthrie he wasn't at all what I was expecting. He was about my height and soft-spoken. He had a very gentle spirit with a deep love for Jesus. He had a way of preaching that captivates even the attention of a 16-year-old boy every Sunday morning. I felt he would be a good pastor for our church, and that my parents would really like him. It wasn't until my senior year in high school that Don, in my mind, went from being the pastor at my church to being my pastor. There wasn't a specific moment that re-defined our relationship, it was a series of moments over the course of those two years. It was the fact that when I was face-to-face with him, even with hundreds of other people around, I felt like the most important person in the world. Looking back over the more than 20 years, Don not only became my pastor, but he became my friend, my partner in ministry and my mentor.

Perhaps one of the greatest things we can learn to do in our relationships with other people is to learn to be fully present in the moments we have with people like Don has done for me. In a world that is so technologically-driven, it is difficult for us for us to do. We've become like Pavlov's dogs — we hear our tech devices make a sound and we are immediately drawn to their screen. I might even be bold enough to say that has contributed to the Biblical illiteracy of current generations...but that's another article for another newsletter.

All of these things make me wonder, what would happen if we were more intentional about living our lives

in a way that is dictated more by the Holy Spirit than by the dinging of a cell phone...or a laptop...or a smart-watch? Consider this, when you are with your family and your cell phone rings, do you pull your attention away from your family to see who is calling? Or maybe, just maybe, while you're sitting in church, are you ever tempted to check text messages or social media? And when you're invited to turn to a specific passage of Scripture, do you open your phone or your Bible? Do you even have your Bible with you? Now I'm not trying to point out the speck in your eye before acknowledging the plank in my own. I'm as guilty of this as anyone. But thank God for newsletter articles that allow me to regurgitate all that God has been convicting me of lately. After all, for every sermon you hear me preach once, I've preached to myself 10 times.

This month we will transition out of our sermon series *I'mperfect*, and into a new series called Live Bold. In our discussions, we want to explore how Scripture has called us to live as the rescued and redeemed sons and daughters of God. As we explore what Scripture says, we also want to be aware of very practical ways in which this plays out in our everyday lives. When these two perspectives collide we will find that we are called to be fully present in the moments that God invites us into each day. Another way of seeing this is that we are invited to engage more fully in our relationship with God, with one another, and with the world around us.

This month I will take a Sunday to travel to San Antonio to celebrate my pastor, Don Guthrie, as he prepares to retire. I will gather with thousands of others who Don has been fully present with over the course of his ministry. It will be a beautiful experience, not because of Don, but because of the God who created him and used him to shape the lives of so many. And it will be a reminder that God has done the same for all of us.

Grace & Peace,
Brandon

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 6:30 pm Open Gym: Men's Basketball	2 10:30 am Prime Timer Bible Study 12:00 pm Prime Timer Council Mtg 6:30 pm Zumba, FLC-Parlor D	3 9:30 am Heart to Hand, C-109 5:00 pm Wednesday Night Supper 6:00 pm Children's Choirs, Children's Bldg 6:15 pm Overflow: Adult Bible Study 6:30 pm Wednesday Night Live (Youth) 6:30 pm Open Gym: Co-ed Volleyball 7:00 pm Children's TeamKIDs & Bible Drill 7:05 pm Christmas Singers Rehearsal 7:55 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	4 6:30 pm Festival of Tables 	5 <div style="background-color: black; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">THE YOUTH FALL RETREAT</div> <div style="background-color: black; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">FALL RETREAT FOR THE WELL</div>	6
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As part of our updated database, ShelbyNext members will have access to an online directory of our congregation. This is for our church members only and only basic contact information will be visible. This will also allow you to see members of a group with which you are associated, such as your Bible Study class or council/committee.

If you want to opt out of the online directory, please contact the church office or email jennifermccleskey@wbchouston.org.

If you opt out, your information will no longer be visible, nor will you be able to see other's contact information.



Confused about Medicare?

Workshop

**Saturday, October 27,
10 am, FLC—Gameroom**



Medicare workshop led by Toni King.

Reserve a spot by calling the recreation office: 713.723.6428. ext. 313



FALL RETREAT for THE WELL (Young Adults)

Friday, October 5 to 7

Stoney Creek Ranch | Cost: \$115

Register by: Wednesday, October 3

For more information or to sign up, contact: Patrick Ryan or Robbin Holicek
patrickryan@wbchouston.org / robbinholicek@wbchouston.org



Re:Claim YOUTH FALL RETREAT

Friday, October 5 to 7

Matthew Mitchell, Speaker | Stoney Creek Ranch

Cost: \$115 | Register by: Wednesday, October 3

For more information or to register, please contact the Branch Youth Ministry at 713.723.6428 ext. 330/332 or by e-mail: patrickryan@wbchouston.org robbinholicek@wbchouston.org



FROM BRAES INTERFAITH MINISTRIES

To the Westbury Family,

Thank you so much for your recent contributions to our Braes Annual Drive for Personal Care Needs. When budgets are tight for our clients, these items can become luxuries. This is especially true for our homeless clients. Your ongoing support for this ministry is truly a blessing from God.

Thank you all!

Kristy Davidson
Braes Interfaith Ministries Board

YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Co-Ed Leagues for Grades 1-6

Registration: October 1 – 31; Cost: \$45

Player Evaluation Days:

November 1, 2018 7 – 9 pm

November 2, 2018 7 – 9 pm

November 3, 2018 8 – 12 pm

Other Dates to Know:

Nov. 12—Practice Begins; **Dec. 8**—Games Begin

Feb. 8—Banquet

More information at wbchouston.org/basketball



ONE80

One80, formerly known as *Good News Club*, at McNamara E. S. is

an afterschool club with Bible based activities for students. In past years, the younger group (K-2nd) and the older group (3rd–5th) were well attended with at least 25 students in each age group. This means each group will need multiple teachers, helpers, and adults to love on the students.

This club will meet on Mondays from 2:45 to 4 pm.

Interested in participating?

Contact Jennifer McCleskey or Ron Routzon.
jennifermccleskey@wbchouston.org
rrroutzon@yahoo.com



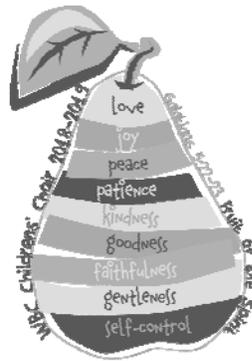
Operation Christmas Child Boxes Due Sunday, November 11

Each year, WBC has collected shoe boxes filled with gifts for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child to deliver to children in need around the world. Each box is an opportunity for a boy or girl to experience the love of God in a tangible way and hear the Gospel. Many who receive a shoebox also enroll in Samaritan's Purse discipleship program, The Greatest Journey.

Item ideas: *dolls, stuffed animal, clothing, comb, toys, small musical instruments, hairbrush, toothbrush, washcloth, bar soap, adhesive bandages, blanket, friendship bracelets, tote bag/purse, sunglasses, craft materials, personal note, playdoh, stickers, building blocks, finger puppets, plastic dinosaurs.*

Due to customs regulations, please do not include:
Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items; seeds; food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items or glass containers; aerosol cans.

For more complete information, visit:
Samaritanspurse.org/occ



A Note from the Children's Choir Coordinator

We are having a great year in children's choirs – a great group of children (thank you, parents, for making sure they get there) and a great group of workers and helpers, from the very first night. And we are always ready to have more children join our group! I hope you got the chance to see/hear the children lead us in worship during September.

The first three "Fruit of the Spirit" listed in Galatians 5:22-23 are love, joy, and peace. God created us to have a relationship with Him. We cannot see Him as we see each other, but we know He loves us more than we can possibly imagine. When we accept that love into our hearts, God gives us joy and peace that we cannot find anywhere else. Do you know why? It's because God's love, joy, and peace do not depend on circumstances that can change in a moment or whether everything is great in our lives – or not.

During October, the children will learn the hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" as we express our joy and adoration to God for His blessings. The elementary children will lead in worship again on October 28, as they share that hymn and sing a paraphrase of Psalm 100 called "I Will Enter."

And go ahead and save the date for the Children's Christmas Drama – on Sunday evening December 2 at 5:30 (children will have to be there earlier) – It will have an Advent theme and will be followed by "Jingle and Mingle."

Tronie Gunn

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THE CHURCH ENGAGED

Apart from ministry-specific volunteers,
who helps guide WBC to fulfill its mission
to ENGAGE more fully in its relationship
with God, one another, and its community?

21 different volunteers
across **4 Committees.**

12 different volunteers
across **2 Councils.**

15 different volunteers
across **2 Teams.**

So far this year, we had nearly
700 individuals attend;
almost **10 percent**
who serve a leadership role —
leaving plenty of room
for additional leadership.

Is there a place for you to serve?
Absolutely. Let's work together
to discover the best fit.

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE*

9:15 am Bible Study

10:45 am Worship

* No Bible Study/Worship on Oct. 14

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE*

5:00 pm Wed. Night Supper

6:15 pm Overflow: Adult Bible
Study

* Schedule change on October 31

See complete schedule inside.

SUBMIT
YOUR
ARTICLES
for **NOVEMBER**

