



# St. John's News

## St. John's United Methodist Church

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## Reaching Up and Reaching Out with Passion From Within

### Consecration Sunday Is Coming

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's finance committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

*New Consecration Sunday* is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and governing board members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Governing Board Chairperson,  
Gene Lawhon

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### **St. John's Needs Quite a Few Good Greeters:**

As the beginning of St. John's **Operation Andrew**, we are starting a **Greeter Ministry** to increase the level of hospitality at our church.

Bennie Chambers has eagerly accepted the leadership role in this important ministry addition. Bennie has led a greeter ministry in another United Methodist church and is excited to apply her passion for this ministry to St. John's. She is planning to have Greeters on duty every week beginning on Sunday, November 6.

If you would like to be a part of the initial welcoming presence at St. John's by serving as a Greeter, please contact Bennie at 863-8693 or the church office at 863-5886.



### **St. John's needs someone looking for an Opportunity to Serve:**

The Opportunity is the **Meals On Wheels Coordinator**  
If you are interested please call  
Pastor Ron at 863-5886

## **ATTENTION!**

**ATTENTION ST. JOHN'S CHURCH MEMBERS  
CHURCH MEMBER DONATIONS ARE NEEDED!  
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HAS APPROVED THE  
REPLACEMENT OF THE UNEVEN WALKWAY OUT-  
SIDE THE FELLOWSHIP HALL / EDUCATION  
WING.**

**YOUR DONATIONS ARE NEEDED TO UNDERTAKE  
THIS PROJECT.**

**PLEASE DO YOUR PART TO HELP FIX THIS PO-  
TENTIAL SAFETY HAZARD BY DONATING WHAT-  
EVER YOU CAN.**

**\$11,750.00 IS NEEDED FOR THE PROJECT. AS OF 10/17  
WE HAVE POSTED \$4650.00  
LEAVING A BALANCE OF \$6,684.00**

**Make checks payable to: St. John's UMC**

**Write "Walkway" on the memo line.**

**Place donations in the offering plate or send  
them to the church office to the attention of  
Christine Studebaker.**

**Your trustees sincerely appreciate your consid-  
eration and support for this vital project.**

**St. John's UMC Board of Trustees**

**Safe Sanctuary  
Policy & Procedure  
Training**

Wednesday, October 19, 4:00  
in Church Library.

Training and Paperwork take  
about 1 hour to complete.

For more information, call  
Elizabeth Edmiston,  
512-563-8840.

Welcome to our Newest Members  <b>Adolph &amp; Barbara Supak</b>	Welcome to our Newest Member  <b>Dorris Holden</b>
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### CHURCH FINANCES SUMMARY

09/30/11


	<u>JUNE</u>			<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>		
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Receipts	\$ 43,599	51,821	(8,222)	\$ 443,827	466,384	(22,557)
Expenses	\$ 50,117	51,526	(1,409)	\$ 447,887	463,736	(15, 849)
Net Income	\$ (6,518)	295	(6,813)	\$ (4,060)	2,648	(6,708)

Receipts for September were under the budget target by (\$8,222). Expenses were under budget by (\$1,409). This resulted with the actual month ending at (\$6,518) shortfall. Year-to-date actual for 2011 brings us to a (\$4,060).  
 To inform you on how this year compares to 2010, we reported a shortage of (\$45,942) year to date. Reminder that last years shortage was primarily due to Harvest Fest funds being reflected in the Operating Budget.

Respectfully submitted October 12, 2011.

*Lou Anne Case*  
Finance Chair, 2011

*Christine Studebaker*  
Financial Secretary



## Remember to Order Your Memorial Poinsettias

It is a tradition at St. John's. The Sanctuary is decorated with beautiful poinsettias for Christmas.

You may purchase a poinsettia to honor someone you love, or in memory of someone. Just fill in the form below and either mail it to the church or place it in the offering plate in an envelope marked "Christmas Poinsettias". The cost is \$10.00 each. Deadline to order is November 20. A complete list of donors will be included in the December 19 bulletin, and the poinsettias may be taken home after the worship service on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ # of Poinsettias \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

United Methodist Youth  
 Sunday & Wednesday  
 Evenings  
 The EDGE

ST. JOHN'S UMC  
 YOUTH  
 LEADERSHIP  
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**News From**

**THE EDGE**

**Sam Berg is representing St. John's on the CTCYM Advisory Board!** He is part of the board that decides the theme of the trip, and many other details. We are very proud to have him involved in this way! Way to go Sam!

**Man/Woman Night is coming up!** Due to unforeseen complications, we had to push it back a week. It will be **THIS SATURDAY**, October 22<sup>nd</sup> into the 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will start at 7pm at the church and play some broom-ball all together, then split off to our respective houses for the night. **The 23<sup>rd</sup> is our sub fundraiser**, so we will make sure the Youth who attend are there in the morning. If you don't attend the Man/Woman Night, please be there to help us make sandwiches at 8:45.

**This week is the Youth Missions Meal!** This meal was generously donated by the Wesley Value Meal Committee for us. Youth, please be at the church as soon as you can after school. Service starts at 5:15. We'll be serving and cleaning up, then have Youth afterwards.

**We are planning a Spring Break mission trip!** This is a multi-church effort and we're excited to partner with other Youth Groups in Georgetown. We will leave shortly after school on Friday of Spring Break and be back the following Tuesday. We are going to the Orange/Beaumont area. **If you're interested in going let Chris know ASAP so we can get rough estimates put together.** We will also need some adults to help lead groups. The cost is \$165 but, like the summer trip, we have fundraising going on to offset the cost. **This trip is for all Youth.**

**Get Chris your events schedules!** Chris is looking forward to another exciting year of sports, concerts, and other events. Let him know when you've got something going on, and get him your sports (or other) schedules. He'll do his best to be there!

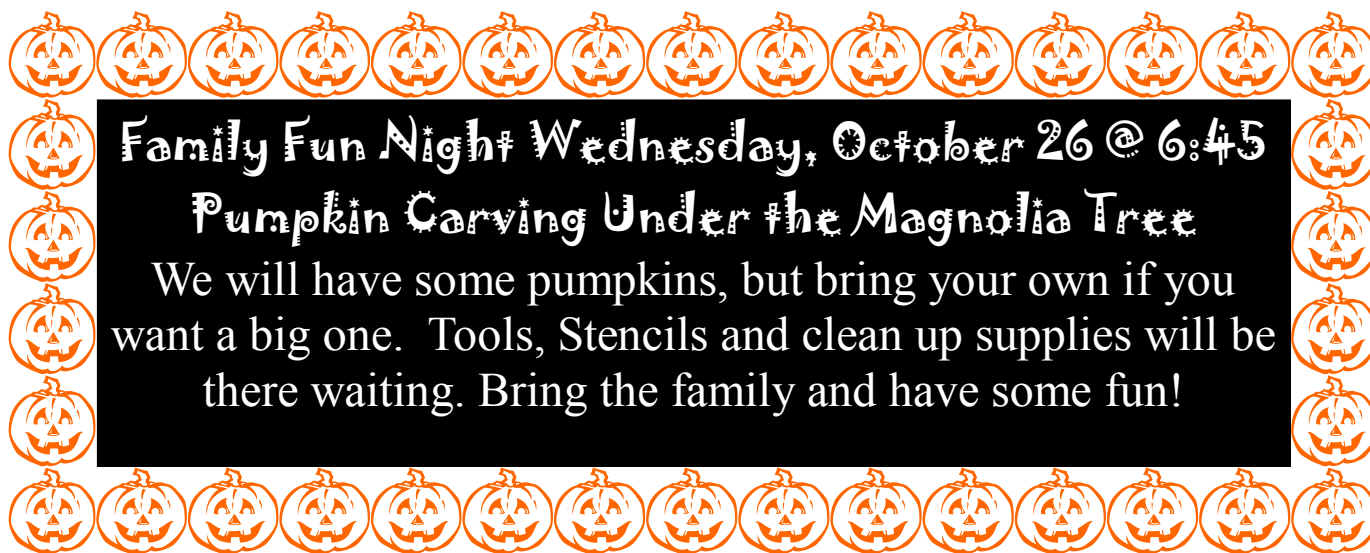
**Do you feel called to minister to Youth?** The Youth Group has seen an explosion of growth and keeps on growing! We're looking for some people called to minister to the Youth to help us out. **It doesn't matter if you're 21 or 101**, if you feel God tugging at your heart, speak with Chris and we would be happy to involve you in our ministry! No amount of involvement is too little. He can be reached at [chris@stjohnsumc.cc](mailto:chris@stjohnsumc.cc) or (512) 863-5886.

That's all from the EDGE this week. Stay tuned!



**ST. JOHN'S PUMPKIN FEST**  
**SATURDAY,**  
**OCTOBER 29, 3-5 P.M.**  
**PRIZES, GAMES, PICTURES,**  
**COSTUME CONTEST, FOOD**  
**AND FUN FOR EVERYONE!**

Join us at the EDGE, on Elm Street. Just look for the sign across from the church. It's more fun than you can shake a scaredy-cat at!

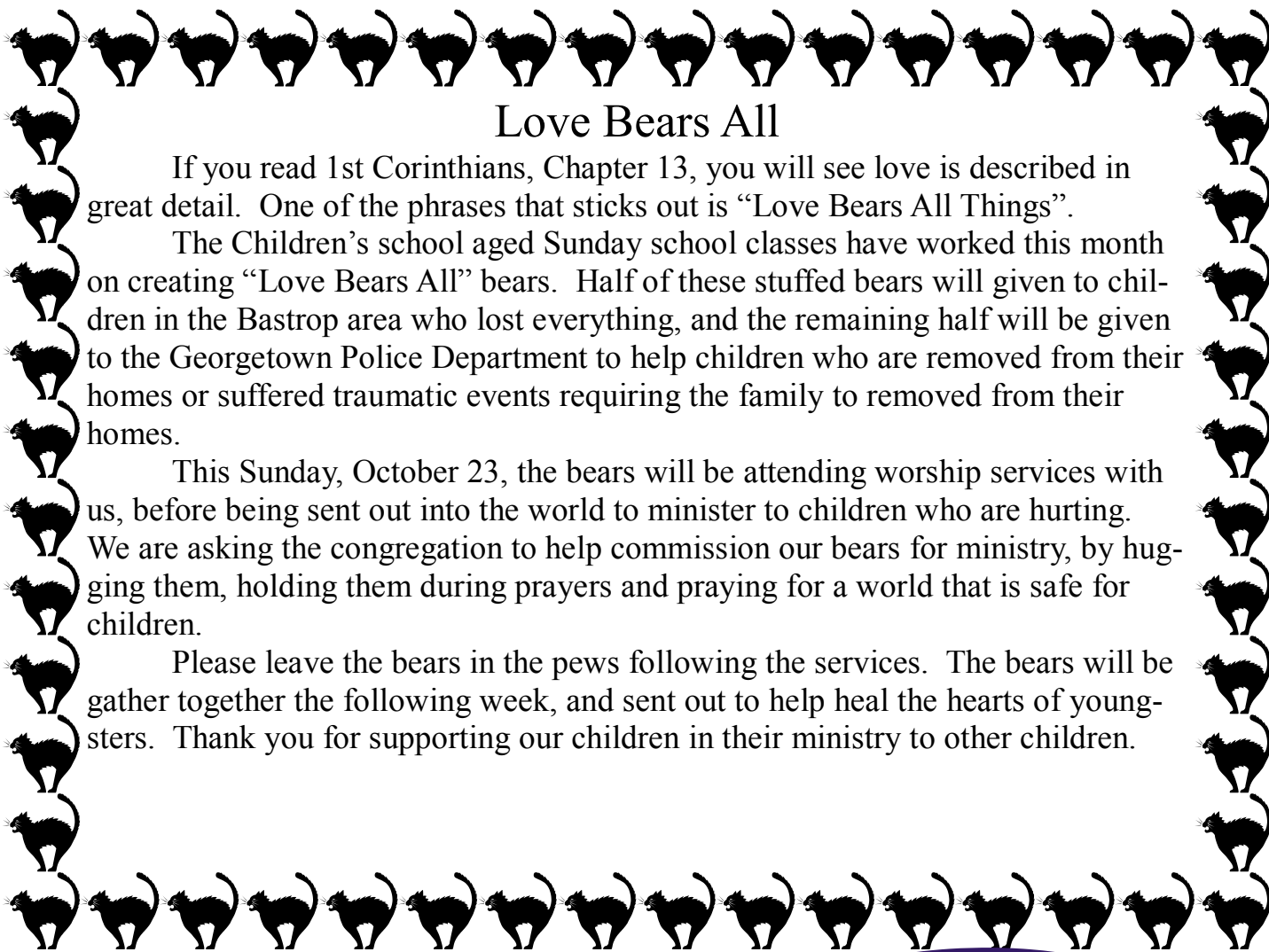


**Family Fun Night Wednesday, October 26 @ 6:45**  
**Pumpkin Carving Under the Magnolia Tree**  
We will have some pumpkins, but bring your own if you want a big one. Tools, Stencils and clean up supplies will be there waiting. Bring the family and have some fun!

For more information about Children & Family Ministry Programs, contact Mrs. Elizabeth by email at [stjohnsumcelizabeth@yahoo.com](mailto:stjohnsumcelizabeth@yahoo.com), on cell phone at 563-8840 or at her office (512)863-5886, ext. 33.

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## Children & Family Ministries



### Love Bears All

If you read 1st Corinthians, Chapter 13, you will see love is described in great detail. One of the phrases that sticks out is “Love Bears All Things”.

The Children’s school aged Sunday school classes have worked this month on creating “Love Bears All” bears. Half of these stuffed bears will be given to children in the Bastrop area who lost everything, and the remaining half will be given to the Georgetown Police Department to help children who are removed from their homes or suffered traumatic events requiring the family to be removed from their homes.

This Sunday, October 23, the bears will be attending worship services with us, before being sent out into the world to minister to children who are hurting. We are asking the congregation to help commission our bears for ministry, by hugging them, holding them during prayers and praying for a world that is safe for children.

Please leave the bears in the pews following the services. The bears will be gathered together the following week, and sent out to help heal the hearts of youngsters. Thank you for supporting our children in their ministry to other children.

### Did you see our Banners?

The Confirmation Class of 2012 have completed their banners and they are now hanging in the Family Life Center. Take a moment to get to know the next generation of St. John’s members by looking at the banners to see how they describe themselves.

### **Servant Skills!**

Christian Community Badges  
Presented during 11:00 Traditional Service.

Servant Skills meets  
October 23 during 11:00 service,  
following Children’s Time.

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# Worship and Prayer Concerns

October 17, 2011

Activities for October 16- through October 22	This Week in Worship...	Liturgists & Ushers
<p><b>Sun Oct 16, 2011</b>            8:30am - 9:30am Worship   Traditional - Sanctuary            9:45am - 10:45am Sunday School - Campus            9:45am - 10:45am Worship   Traditional - Sanctuary            11am - 12pm Metamorphoō   Praise &amp; Worship - FLC            11am - 12pm Worship   Traditional - Sanctuary            3pm - 4pm Heritage Committee Meeting - Ruth Carlson's Home            5:30pm - 7:30pm UMYF - EDGE            6:30pm - 7:30pm New Creation   Praise &amp; Worship - FLC</p> <p><b>Mon Oct 17, 2011</b>            1pm - 4pm Quilters - Fellowship Hall and FH 103            7pm - 8pm Finance Committee - Library            7pm - 9pm Stephen Ministers - Horizon House</p> <p><b>Tue Oct 18, 2011</b>            10am - 11am Strong Bones - FH 102            2pm - 4pm Bergquist Carlson Circle - Fellowship Hall            6pm - 7:30pm Girl Scouts - Horizon House            6pm - 8pm Journeymen - Horizon House-Classroom</p> <p><b>Wed Oct 19, 2011</b>            5pm - 8pm Confirmation Pickle Night - Fellowship Hall            5:15pm - 7pm Wesley Value Meal - Family Life Center            6pm - 7:15pm Confirmation - ED Wing Blue            6pm - 6:45pm Wesley Singers/Rainbow Chorus - ED Wing Y            6:15pm - 6:45pm Cherub Choir - Ed Wing Green            6:15pm - 7:15pm Pastor's Book Study - Ed Wing 103            6:15pm - 7:15pm St. John's Ringers - Fellowship Hall 102            6:30pm - 7pm Men's Choir - Sanctuary            6:30pm - 8pm Youth Bible Study - EDGE            7:15pm - 8pm Advent Music Rehearsal - Sanctuary            7:30pm - 8:30pm Praise Ringers - Fellowship Hall 102            8pm - 8:45pm Chancel Choir - Sanctuary</p> <p><b>Thu Oct 20, 2011</b>            9am - 11am Weight Watchers - Fellowship Hall            10am - 11am Strong Bones - FH 102            11am - 12pm Thursday Bible Fellowship - Fellowship Hall 102            3pm - 4pm Glory Gals Reunion - Horizon House            5:30pm - 7:30pm Weight Watchers - Fellowship            6:30pm - 7:15pm Praise Singers - Family Life Center            7pm - 9pm Thursday Bible Fellowship - Horizon House            7:30pm - 9pm Everyday People Rehearsal - FLC</p> <p><b>Fri Oct 21, 2011</b>            10am - 11am Fishermen - Library            1:30pm - 2:30pm Emmaus Reunion Group - Library</p> <p><b>Sat Oct 22, 2011</b>            7:30am - 8:30am Reunion Group - Restaurant            8am - 4pm KAIROS - Fellowship Hall            10am - 1pm Youth Band Practice - Family Life Center</p>	<p><b>Worship Services</b>  <b>October 23, 2011</b>            8:30, 9:45, 11:00  <b>"Remember the Covenant"</b>  <b>Rev. Ron Bellomy</b>  <i>Luke 1:67-75</i>  <b>Metamorphoō</b>            11:00  <b>No Metamorphoō</b>  <b>October 23, 2011</b>  <b>Family Life Center</b>  <b>All are welcome</b></p> <p><b>New Creation</b>            6:30 P.M.  <b>"Prepare the Way"</b>  <b>Rev. Ron Bellomy</b>  <i>Luke 31:76-80</i>  <b>Family Life Center</b>  <b>All are Welcome</b></p>	<p><b>October 23, 2011</b>  <b>Liturgists:</b>            (8:30) Gay Lynn Snapp            (9:45)            (11:00) Reb Bacchus  <b>Ushers:</b>            (8:30) Gene &amp; Tina Lawhon            (9:45) Garry &amp; Judy Brown            (11:00) Jason &amp; Donna McCain</p> <p><b>October 30, 2011</b>  <b>Liturgists:</b>            (8:30) John Aleman            (9:45) Greg Bryant            (11:00) Norma James  <b>Ushers:</b>            (8:30) Marvin &amp; Ann Lackey            (9:45) Mike &amp; Linda Mefford            (11:00) John Hale &amp; John Tanner</p>
<p><b>PRAYER CONCERNS FOR OUR CURRENT USA ARMED SERVICE MEMBERS</b>            A1C Cassandra Aleman USAF; PFC Mark Bellomy USMC (<i>deployed</i>);            1st Lt. Daniel Riley USAF (<i>deployed</i>); PFC Ashley Bellomy USMC;            BUCN Matthew Hancock US Navy; Lt. Ross Jackson US Navy Pilot;            PFC Jonathan Martin USA (<i>deployed</i>); Sgt. Allen Parsons, US Army            (<i>deployed</i>)</p>	<p><b>Prayer Concerns</b></p> <p>Bob Alspaugh            Nancy Bacchus            Diamond Birchfield            Joshua Birchfield            Robert Blanton            Joyce Bloomquist            Brenda Boyette            Jeanie Cook            Curtis Combs            Randy Cruz            Aldair Levia-Cruz            Craig Davis            Evelyn Davis            Bert DeBord            Brett Darning            Randy Dickey            Doris Drummond            Jerry Dugger            David Flowers            Ann Haggman            Jackie Heard            Bill Henderson            Chris Hernandez            Louise Hilliard            Kay Hudson            Silas Jackson            Trey Jackson            Cynthia Jarvis            Jean Jessup            Ann Jones            Ken &amp; Sue Jones            Janet Jones            Rich Kiper            Kelly Kluberg</p>	<p><b>Stephen Ministry</b>  <b>Let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance.</b>  <i>Proverbs 1:5</i></p> <p>Allene Landry            Susan Laymen            Carroll Leger            Carol Ann Lyde            Tim Magness            Corey Marrs            Pat Marrs            Fred &amp; Janis Martin            Mary Martin            Abe Martinez            Ryan Martinez            Lauren Matera            Rich Matera            Janeil Matzdorf            Gerri McConnell            Deloris McDougal            Isaac Moffitt            Randy Morrow            Rev. Steve Moss Family            Steve Newton            Jane Norman            Celeste Hudson-Quartell            Robert Quartell            Scarlett Riley            Paula Sanders            Ian Schrader            Gaye Lynn Snapp            Hunter Solis            Mary Tapper            Jeral &amp; Sue Voyles            Rusdy Shannon            Laura Waggoner            Bobby Ward            Steve &amp; Trevor Ward            Sally Watkins            Lisa Welch            Arleen Wesson            Gary Whitbeck            Jana Witherspoon            Quake Williams Family            Brian Young &amp; Family</p>



**Wednesday  
Wesley  
Value Meal  
October 19, 2011**

**Menu**  
Lasagna  
Garlic Bread  
Dessert

**Regular Items**  
Baked Potato  
Salad  
Hotdogs

**Presented by**  
Youth Ministries

**Wesley Fest, sponsored by the Wesleyan Volunteers, will be held on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at the Wesleyan at Estrella Independent Living off Williams Drive. The Volunteers are in need of baked goods items, donated collectibles and volunteers to help on the day of the event. If you have any questions, please call me at the numbers below. I would like to thank everyone in advance that is able to help! Kim Bishop 863-9511**




BandGifts.com


**Thank you.**  
On behalf of Bob and our family, I want to tell you how much I appreciate all your prayers, cards, wonderful food, support, and attendance at his Memorial Service. I feel very blessed to be in St. John's family.  
Roz



St. John's Worship Committee  
will meet at  
6pm  
Monday, November 21, 2011  
to do the set up for the  
Hanging of the Greens  
The committee will meet  
to take down on  
Monday, January 2, 2012.



*For the Week  
Of  
October 17, 2011  
In  
Memory  
Of  
Bob Fisher  
By  
Pat Koym  
Norma James  
Woody & Marie Ervin*



**Worship  
Attendance**

October 16, 2011

<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>9:45 am</u>	<u>11:00am</u>	<u>Metamorphoō</u>	<u>New Creation</u>
52	40	130	18	36

WORSHIP TOTAL = 276  
SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE = 156