

Preschool News

Our Bible story for October was the Creation story and our memory verse was "...God saw everything was good". The trees in our church neighborhood are so colorful now. What a wonderful example of God's creation and the beautiful changes each season brings.

During November our preschoolers will be learning about God's many blessings and talking about thankfulness, especially in regard to families, friends, homes, and food. We will have Chapel Services to celebrate Thanksgiving, as well as, "feasts" (home-made butter, cornbread, popcorn) to learn about the food that God provides.

Children's Therapy Group will be offering Speech & Hearing Screenings to our Pre-K children and then return in the spring to screen our younger preschoolers. Docents from the John Wornall House will visit, dressed in period costumes, to teach about colonial life.

There will be no school on November 27th, 28th, & 29th due to the Thanksgiving holiday. We wish each of you a happy, blessed Thanksgiving with your family and friends! *Kathy and Kim*



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Serving our Community



Sunday, November 10th
Look for the Ward Parkway
Presbyterian Angel Tree in the narthex.
Plan to provide a gift for one or more children
this Christmas! Please wrap and return gifts
with their names on the gifts
Sunday, December 8th.

Angel Tree is a ministry that reaches out to the children of inmates and their families with the love of Christ. This gives us an opportunity to share Christ's love by helping to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the families of prisoners.

[Angel Tree Christmas](#) works by connecting parents in prison with their children through the delivery of Christmas gifts. Every Christmas, thousands of churches help brighten the lives of countless children by purchasing, wrapping and delivering gifts on behalf of their incarcerated parent—not only delivering a message of love from parent to child, but also the true meaning of Christmas—the good news of Jesus Christ.



Ward Press

Glorify God & Grow Disciples & Go Serve

November 2013

Sunday Worship, 10:30am
Christian Education,
9:30am

Office Hours M-Thurs 9am-1pm
Friday 8-12pm
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Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. 1 Chronicles 16:8-10

Dear WPPC friends and family,

What are you thankful for? Have you taken time to count your blessings lately? Remembering and giving thanks for the many ways God has blessed us is an important spiritual practice. In the 1954 movie, "White Christmas," these Irving Berlin lyrics give wise counsel: "When I'm worried and I can't sleep, I count my blessings instead of sheep..."

An essential part of counting blessings is noticing blessings. Sometimes our minds are so occupied with the worries of the day that we miss the opportunity to thank God for the kindness of the stranger, the beautiful bird on our windowsill or something we read or hear that speaks directly to our hearts. Blessings are everywhere. Our God is so generous!

I have a challenge for you. This November, begin a gratitude journal. Get a pad of paper or a notebook, and scribble down the ways God blesses you each day. Some of these may be blessings from the past, but don't let your mind dwell on the past. Ponder the blessings of today. For the month of November, see how many blessings you can record. By the time Thanksgiving Day arrives, you could have quite a list!

Among my blessings, I count each of you. You are a devoted, gifted and generous congregation. I am grateful for the privilege to learn and grow together with you.

Yours in Christ's love,
Connie

Dates to Remember

Annual Congregational Meeting
Commitment Sunday
Poinsettia Orders Due
Youth@wppc

Sunday, November 3
Sunday November 10
Friday, November 15
Sunday, November 10&24

Morning Devotional

Two little lines I heard one day,
Travelling along life's busy way;
Bringing conviction to my heart,
And from my mind would not depart;
Only one life and it will soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.

Only one life, yes only one,
Soon will its fleeting hours be done;
Then, in that day my Lord to meet,
And stand before His judgment seat;
Only one life and it will soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.

Give me, Father, a purpose deep,
In joy, or sorrow Thy word to keep;
Faithful and true what e'er the strife,
Pleasing Thee in my daily life;
Only one life and it will soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.

Author unknown

Happy Birthday!



November 2-Ethel Hahn

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November 5-Connie Happell

November 10-Charlie Crossette

November 11-Bev Reeves Dudley

November 22-Danny Edwards

November 25-Steve Nelson

November 26-Jace Smith

Sunday Morning Parking Request

If you are able, please park in either the north or south parking lot on Sunday mornings. This way, we can leave street parking on Mercier available to those for whom the walk to our sanctuary is a challenge. Thank you for honoring our brothers and sisters in Christ in this way.

Adult Bible Study

ARE YOU LISTENING TO GOD (Part 2)

One of the best ways of reading the Bible is to be together in the community of a group. If you have not participated in such a group, I would offer some points on what you can expect in a group that is studying GOD's Word:

4) Expect that trust will deepen over time. As you meet with your group, your trust and discussions deepen as well. Don't expect to jump into the deep-end at the first meeting. But don't be content with simply answering basic questions or staying at surface-level sharing. Take a risk and share a little more each time you're together.

5) Expect to learn something new. Unless a small group is grounded in scripture foundation, it's no different than a club or social group. As you study God's Word and apply it, you'll learn more about God and one another. Studying Scripture in a small group shows us truth, exposes our rebellion, corrects our mistakes, and trains us to live God's way. Through the Word we are put together and shaped for the tasks God has for us". (2 Timothy 3:16).

6) Expect to have an opportunity to use your spiritual gifts. As you get to know others better, you'll begin to understand their needs, and this gives you an opportunity to use your spiritual gifts to serve them. For instance, you might provide refreshments or record prayer requests. Or you might help a group member with a do-it-yourself project, or simply listen to someone going through a crisis.

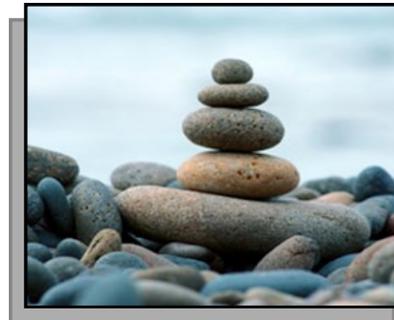
If you are interested in joining one of Ward Parkways existing groups or have a desire to form/ lead a new group in the study of God's WORD, please let Mike Montgomery know at 913-341-5694 or email at p51monty@everestkc.net. (Materials from Mark Ingmire-Christianity Today).

See you in next month's Ward Press for more tips on listening to GOD thru the Bible.

Mike Montgomery
Proverbs 3: 5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Cornerstone Adult Bible Study



Cornerstone Adult Bible Study (Eph 2:20) Sundays at 9:25am in Room 2.

"...you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone." Ephesians 2:19-20

We have a new name for our study! All who want to grow in their faith are welcome. The Cornerstone Bible Study Group is studying a DVD Series by Jim Cymbala entitled "**WHEN GOD'S PEOPLE PRAY**". In this study, Jim Cymbala shows us truths about prayer that GOD has used to turn Cymbala's church from a tiny, struggling inner-city congregation into a vital, thriving community of believers who pray with passion, focus, and faith. Featuring teachings by Jim Cymbala and video interviews of ordinary people who have received extraordinary answers to their prayers, these six sessions will help you pray with new confidence. **All are welcome** to join the Cornerstone Group as we continue to build our faith by study, discussion, and prayer in a community of believers. Any questions? Contact Mike Montgomery at 913-341-5694 or email to p51monty@everestkc.net

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Youth@wppc

Youth@wppc will meet Sunday, November 10th and 24th from 6:00-7:30pm. On the 24th our strong energetic children and youth will spread the joy of the holiday season by hanging the greens in preparation for Advent.

September Session Meeting

We continue to use our devotional time discussing "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations" which focused in September on Passionate Worship.

After the August minutes were approved, Treasurer Mike Lochmann reviewed the financial report as of August. He also asked councils to evaluate the 2013 budget and identify needs for the 2014 budget.

Harriett Plowman, the chairperson of the Preschool board, reported on behalf of the preschool. The Tuesday morning parent group led by Susan Stewart and Pastor Connie is forming again, Preschool Parent Coffees have been well attended, the Preschool Spaghetti Dinner will be September 19th at 6:00 pm. (All are invited!) Thanks to the Preschool for painting Fellowship Hall and the walls in the second floor hallway, and replacing towel dispensers in the bathrooms. Lighting fixtures in the education wing are being checked and repaired.

The Capital Campaign – Twenty six families have donated \$21,635 to the Education Wing HVAC!

There was discussion about encouraging people with mobility issues to park on Mercier and use the handicapped accessible door and ramp on the west side of the building.

A group of young adults will gather for dinner on a Sunday night with the hope of establishing monthly gatherings on Sunday evenings.

Proposed updated by-laws were distributed to the Session for study. We will review the document at the October meeting and it will be presented to the congregation to be voted on at the November 3 Congregational meeting.

Committee reports included nominations (Steve Nelson) which is meeting weekly and making good progress to identify a new class of elders, deacons and trustees, and to fill any vacancies.

Fellowship and Hospitality (Lynne Crossette) reported on the June hot dog catering the September BBQ luncheon both of which were enjoyed by those who attended. (We do like those opportunities to sit down at a meal together!! Thank you Lynne and committee.)

Elder Guthrie reported that there will be usher and greeter training in the near future. A choir cantata is scheduled for Friday, December 20th.