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PASTOR'S

By Rev. Kory Knott

Discovering God's Masterpiece

Several years ago while at a Preaching Conference in California, I had the opportunity to attend a class taught by Dr. Robert Schuller. During his presentation, Dr.



Schuller told a story about the great sculptor Michelangelo. Did you know that during his lifetime Michelangelo attempted 44 statues but finished only 14? Now you are probably familiar with some of the ones he completed – *David* in Florence Square, the *Pieta*, and *Moses*. The 30 he failed to finish are quite interesting too. They are housed in a museum in Italy. Most are huge chunks of marble from which he sculpted only an arm, or an elbow or a wrist. Others show a leg, a thigh, a knee, a foot and some toes. In all of these, the rest of the body is locked inside the stone. It will never come out.

I hope this won't be the case for you and/or your family in the coming year. It would be a great tragedy if the gifts that God has given each of us were to remain locked inside...never to come out. Let us not fail to realize the wonderful possibilities that exist within each one of us. No matter who you are or where you have come from, God has placed within you a tremendous work of art...just waiting to come out!

Within the possibilities of this New Year, and by the grace of God, let me encourage

PERSPECTIVE

each one of us to discover the masterpiece that lies within – to maximize the gifts we have been given and to live the life God has called us to live.

May God's treasures be discovered in each of us in the coming year.

Happy New Year,
Kory

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THE LIFE AND LETTERS OF THE APOSTLE PAUL



A NEW SERMON SERIES
BEGINNING JANUARY 18, 2009

Welcome New Members

CONGREGATIONAL

CARE

Dear friends,

I am so happy to be writing you with some great news in my life – and I hope in yours, too. Our pastor, Kory Knott, and the Staff-Parish Relations committee have entrusted me with a new position and responsibilities. I am now honored to serve God at Argyle UMC as Congregational Care Coordinator. This comes as a result of our exponential growth in new visitors (we have about 190 listed in our database) and in membership (499 new members since 2003). Here are some of my new responsibilities.



- Making sure our visitors are made to feel comfortable from the moment they step through our doors, and that they receive all the information they want about our church and its programs through the porch visitor ministry;
- Making sure our members are truly connected with our other ministry programs such as available spiritual growth classes and missions and volunteer opportunities that will fully utilize their gifts, talents and skills, and to also address any needs not yet met;
- Making sure member needs are addressed during illnesses, hospitalizations, etc.;
- Working closely with our other program ministers (worship, adult spiritual formation, youth, children) for the benefit of the total congregational needs;
- Making sure our homebound members and friends receive our love and care;
- Maintain all visitor and member records;
- Prepare conference reports for the pastor.

I thank you for the many years of love and support I have received from each one of you throughout the years of volunteering and working on staff. Please be sure to stop by the office and welcome our new Office Administrator, our 8-year member Tammie Nuoci. Her office and organizational skills are phenomenal and I know you will find her to be very friendly and knowledgeable.

Would you please continue to keep me in your prayers? If you need to reach me, please contact me on my cell number which is listed below.

Blessings and thank you again for your support,

Pat Wellborn

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Sermons are available
at www.argyleumc.org



Welcome Sarah Stobaugh who joined AUMC on Sunday, December 28th.

Christa Crowe also joined AUMC on Sunday, December 28th. (Photo not available.)



NAME BADGES. Please be sure to order your new church name badge by completing the order form which is available in the church foyer. You can deliver it to the church office or put it in the collection plate. We will NOT be taking our old name badges with us to the new church building. Clip badges are also available for those who can not wear magnetized badges.

Welcome New Staff

We are very excited to welcome new staff members here at Argyle UMC. Tammie Nuoci is our new Office Administrator and Kim Hand will assist Liz Edwards in Children's Ministries.

If Tammie or Kim can be of assistance to you, please let them know!



This year's Children's Ministry Auction was a HUGE SUCCESS! The Auction Committee wants to thank everyone who donated items, their time, and participated in the silent and live auction. Everyone was so generous and we feel truly blessed to have such a wonderful congregation supporting our children.

We also want to thank the following vendors who supported the Auction this year. Please show them our appreciation by frequenting their businesses.

Applebee's – Denton	Jerzey Girl
Apricot Lane Boutique	Lantana Golf Club
Argyle Art Barn	Lone Star Park
Argyle Dental Connection Dr. Lanning	Mastergrill Brazilian Steakhouse
Argyle Fire Department	McAlister Deli
Billy Bob's	Medieval Times
Birds of a Feather	Mesquite Rodeo
Brunswick Zone – Denton	NRH2O
Chick-fil-A - Flower Mound	National Cowgirl Museum in Ft. Worth
Clark Air Conditioning & Heating	Preflight Home Inspections
Curves	S & J Pharmacy
Dallas Arboretum	Sassy Scissors - Keira Franklin
Dallas Cowboys	Speed Zone
Dallas Stars	Syracuse's Italian Sausage
Denim Depot	Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame
DFW Adventure Park	Texas Rangers
Dickeys Barbeque	The Classic Café in Roanoke
Dr. Mark Studer, DDS	The Ice at Stonebriar Centre
Exposure Rock Climbing	The Knuckleheads
Foot Solutions	The Little Gym of Denton
Ft. Worth Museum of Science & History	The Retreat Golf Course, Cleburne, Texas
Ft. Worth Zoo	The Sixth Floor Museum @ Dealy Plaza
Heroes	Tony's Wine Warehouse & Restaurant
Highland Village Taekwondo America	Wazoo's
Interskate Roller Rink	Wildhorse Golf Club of Robson Ranch

OUR CHURCH

MISSISSIPPI UM KATRINA RECOVERY. Earlier this year, ten adults from AUMC spent a week in the Biloxi/Gulfport, Mississippi area to help rebuild and clean up homes in the Katrina recovery effort.



The impact on the Mississippi coastal areas, as well as some areas north of the coast, was devastating. In the lower six counties alone, nearly 60,000 homes were destroyed, leaving tens of thousands homeless. At this time—despite the tremendous efforts of volunteers from around the country—many continue to live in temporary housing, hoping to one day return to homes. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) needs our help to heal hearts and homes.

Would you please consider planning your next year's vacation around these dates? Please contact Russell Kelly at 940-241-2486 or rskelly2008@gmail.com.

Project: Camp Love—Arrive Sunday, April 19, 2009; Depart Saturday, April 25, 2009; Volunteers Required: 30

Project: Camp Hope—Arrive Sunday, October 4, 2009; Depart Saturday, October 10, 2009; Volunteers Required: 36



The 2008 UM Katrina Recovery Team is shown above. They are Amy Bell, Janet Bell, Davie Lloyd, Mike Norwood, Matt Friess. (Front row) David Young, Kip McAlister, Russell Kelly and Stacey Kelly. Pastor Knott is taking the picture.



Habitat for Humanity's House Build. Habitat for Humanity needs your help at two locations - Sanger and Denton. All Saturdays in January. For more information, contact bookkeeper@hfhdc.com so they can connect you with the volunteer coordinator.

The Positive Place For Kids



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

ILLUSIONS, MAGIC & COMEDY COMING TO UNT
APRIL 3, 2009

The Kiwanis Club of Robson Ranch is presenting "CARSON ENTERTAINMENT" direct from Las Vegas. Garry Carson and his wife Kelsey Kara will perform their amazing show of magic and more to raise funds for the BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF DENTON COUNTY. The Carson Show was voted twice the No. 1 family entertainment show to be seen at the MGM Grand Hotel. The sponsorship monies raised will go to the Boys and Girls Clubs and the ticket sales will go to other Kiwanis Charities. The tickets for this show will be sold at AUMC by church members Ron and Maureen Lehrer next Sunday, January 18. The ticket price is \$10.00.

Anyone interested in being a sponsor may contact Maureen Lehrer at 940-262-0801 or at the ticket sales table. The show will be at the UNT Auditorium, 7:00 P.M. Friday, April 3, 2009; get your tickets early, they will go quickly. The Kiwanis and the Boys and Girls Clubs thank you.

See you there!

AT WORK



GUATEMALA MISSION. Dana Bolin is leading a mission trip to Antigua, Guatemala that will be open to all ages. The purpose of the mission is to be immersed in a different culture and language and to do volunteer work.

Possible projects to participate in include an after school day care for the children of the poor working families or an orphanage. However, construction including painting and medical services are always needed.

The trip is from March 8—21 and/or March 16—20, as early as possible. Please contact Dana Bolin.

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY ACTION. CCA is a full-service non-profit organization that serves the Lewisville area. They help those in need through job training, food bank, housing, clothing and spiritual needs. They have a new website – www.ccahelps.org - that is very informative. It includes links for assistance, how to make financial, food, vehicle and furniture donations, volunteer opportunities and job openings. They also have a ReSale shop that supports its programs and services.

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Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

- Revelation 3:20

If you have not yet had the opportunity to choose a special gift for our church through our Opening the Doors campaign, please be sure to contact the church office. Cards are also available in the church foyer. These special gifts can also be made as honorariums or memorials.

OUR CHARITIES. Argyle UMC is honored to support these organizations throughout the year.

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| Habitat for Humanity | Meals on Wheels |
| Angel Tree | School Packs for Kids |
| Mission Discovery | Project Transformation |
| Argyle Food Bank | Women for Women |
| Intl. | |
| Boy Scouts of America | SpiritHorse |
| AIDS Services of North Texas | |
| Denton County Children's Advocacy Center | |
| UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) | |
| Town of Argyle Adopt-a-Spot | |



By Rev. Joe Stobaugh
Associate Pastor, Minister of Music, Worship and the Arts



Grace and peace to you in this New Year!

I hope January finds you well. 2009 is going to be a great year! All of our choirs have special events coming up, the Soul Café is going strong, we continue to glorify God and become sanctified ourselves in our Sunday worship experiences and we will be launching a new choir in the fall! I can't wait!

Here are some upcoming highlights in the spring of 2009:

- Chancel Choir, Handbells, KM2, Zone 56 all resume rehearsals in January
- Soul Café: A Choral Evensong, January 25th
- Celia Whitler in concert, February 15th
- A spring chancel choir retreat
- Ash Wednesday worship experience
- Palm Sunday worship experience
- Holy Thursday worship experience
- Good Friday worship experience
- Easter worship experience
- Soul Café: Worship Across the Pond, April 26th
- Zone 56 Spring Choir Tour

All of this before summer! I thank God so very often for the opportunity to be in ministry with you here at Argyle UMC. We have a great future ahead of us.

J.S. Bach was known to sign many of his letters and compositions with the follow phrase: Soli Deo gloria (which translates to "all for the glory of God"). Let us all attempt to live our lives Soli Deo gloria in 2009. I strongly encourage you to come join a choir, help out the children, or get involved in the music ministries at Argyle UMC this year. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. Have a wonderful 2009.

SDG,
Rev. Joe Stobaugh
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Soul Café Featuring a Choral Evensong

January 25, 2009
5:30 pm

The Chancel Choir, under the direction of Rev. Joe Stobaugh, will lead us in this time of prayer. One of the most important practices of the church is prayer. Over thousands of years the Jewish, Christian, and Muslim faiths have developed set times for prayer everyday.

This month's Soul Café features a Choral Evensong, which is, in essence, a time of sung evening prayer. This particular tradition of utilizing a choir for this time of prayer comes out of the Anglican church, which was the church that the Methodist movement was birthed from.

Please join us in the fellowship hall at 5:30 pm for refreshments, a brief discussion of the worship experience and fellowship. The worship experience will begin at 6:00 pm.

The Soul Café is a place for you to experience God through participating in diverse styles of worship while connecting with God and your neighbors!



Starts January 11, 2009

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OF THE APOSTLE PAUL**
JANUARY 18, 2009

Prayer Partners

Prayer is a powerful gift from God. We have been given the blessing of being able to communicate with our Creator-whenever, wherever, and however we choose. Remembering to pray for others is an important lesson to learn and a healthy habit to cultivate for all ages. Teaching your child to pray daily for others is a vital part of their faith development. Likewise, knowing that someone is praying for you is very powerful and comforting.



That is why AUMC is beginning a Prayer Partner ministry this year. We have done this in the past, and were asked by youth who had prayer partners as children to offer this ministry again. I was moved and humbled by their stories of continuing connections over the years to their prayer partners. As adults we have an incredible opportunity to make a difference in a young person's life through a relationship based on mutual prayer.

Beginning **January 11th**, adults, children and youth will have the opportunity to sign up to be matched with a prayer partner. Our goal is to match every child and youth who wants a prayer partner with an adult in our congregation. This is a wonderful opportunity for church members to get to know other people in different age groups and become a Faith-Grandparent, Faith-Niece, etc. What a blessing to both prayer partners to know someone cares for you and is praying for you daily.

Prayer partners agree to pray for each other daily and may exchange notes, cards, pictures, etc., but no gifts. Being a prayer partner should not be a financial burden, but an opportunity for different generations to experience the joy of daily praying for others and being prayed for by someone in their extended church family. We will collect forms until **January 25th** and will have a **reception Sunday, February 1st at 12:30 pm** where prayer partners will learn who their partner is and have an opportunity to meet and visit with each other.

I hope you and your family participate in this wonderful intergenerational ministry. Being a part of a Faith-Family is a meaningful way to share God's love with all of God's children, no matter their age.

Blessings,
Liz

Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.

Matthew 18:19-20

YOUTH

MINISTRY

By Nathan Bryant
Minister to Students



Happy New Year! I hope that each of you had a refreshing and enjoyable Christmas season. I also pray that you enter this new year with the expectation that God is ready to do something special in and with your life. So many times, I believe we fall into the trap of the routine that is our American life. Work, family, sports, even church falls into this routine and makes our lives, for the most part, extremely bland and unremarkable.

My prayer for each of you is that you wouldn't accept this statement, but rather that you would have the faith and expectation that God has something special planned for you in 2009. I hope that you will approach Him in prayer with this same expectancy and ask Him to show you places you can be involved in what He's doing.

It's in this vein that I now present for you my 2009 New Year's resolution for the student ministry at Argyle UMC.

Consider for a moment these passages:

1 Samuel 22:1-2

David departed from there and escaped to the cave of Adullam. And when his brothers and all his father's house heard it, they went down there to him. And everyone who was in distress, and everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was bitter in soul, gathered to him. And he became captain over them. And there were with him about four hundred men.

Isaiah 61:1-3

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me, for the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted and to proclaim that captives will be released and prisoners will be freed. He has sent me to tell those who mourn that the time of the Lord's favor has come, and with it, the day of God's anger against their enemies. To all who mourn in Israel, he will give a crown of beauty for ashes, a joyous blessing instead of mourning, fes-

tive praise instead of despair. In their righteousness, they will be like great oaks that the Lord has planted for his own glory.

Think about our savior, Jesus Christ, a man who hung out with prostitutes, tax collectors, lepers and fishermen. Not typically surrounded by the pretty, the popular, or the wealthy, our savior came to rescue, to encourage, to teach, to feed, to heal and ultimately, to save.

My new year's resolution for our student ministry is that we become more like David and Isaiah and Jesus. I pray that we will become a group of students and leaders that not only attracts folks who are depressed, confused, angry and unpopular, but also seeks those students out and invites them into relationship with us and with Jesus.

News and Notes

UPWARD 2009 has been postponed from February to September 5-7. We'll leave Saturday morning and head out to Pine Cove, where we'll stay until Monday morning. Sign-ups for this event will begin before school ends in June.

Instead of one big weekend for all students this semester, we will take three smaller retreats with two grades at a time. We'd like to take the 7th and 8th graders overnight on Friday, February 27. The 9th/10th grade retreat is scheduled for early April, and the 11th/12th grade lake weekend is planned for May.

ULTIMATE LOCK-IN 2009 is set for the last day of this semester, Wednesday, June 3, 2009. We will host the night in our new church building, and yes, this will be the biggest and best lock-in to date.

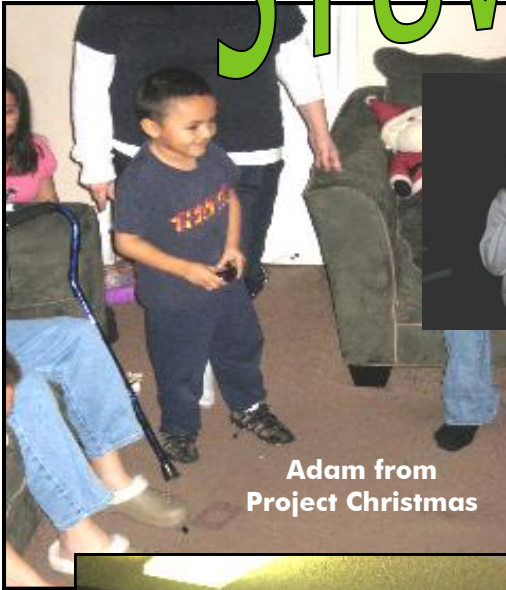
Alright, that's all for this month. There is still space to sign-up for the mission trips this summer. For more information on all youth goings on, be sure to check our website: www.argleyouth.com. Until next time, let's remain...

In Him,

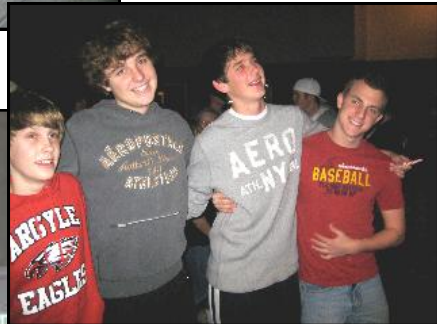
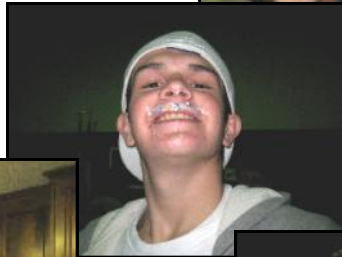
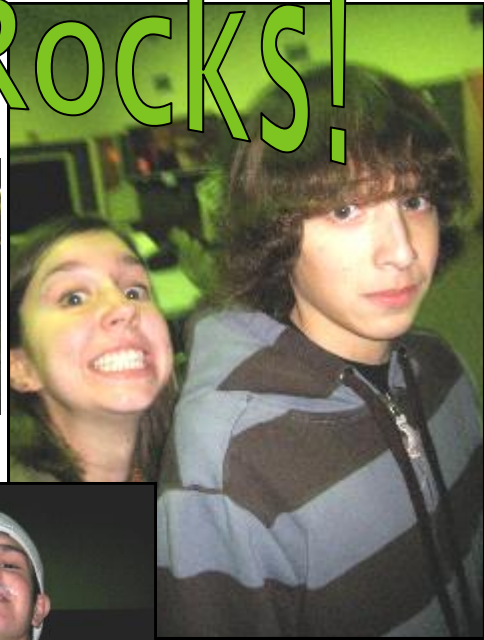
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STUWO Rocks!



Adam from
Project Christmas



CHILDREN'S

MINISTRY



STEP INTO GOD'S KINGDOM

Our mission: To share and teach the love of Christ to children and their families.

By Liz Edwards
Dir. of Children's Ministries
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Epiphany
January 4, 2009



We begin the new year on January 4th by celebrating Epiphany, when the Wise Men came to worship Jesus. This year we are using the book and movie *The Other Wise Man*, based on a story by Henry Van Dyke. This is a beautiful story reminding us

that when we serve others, we are also serving Christ.



Ruth – A Story of Loyal Living
January 11 - February 1

Scripture References:
The Book of Ruth

Memory Verse:

Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Ruth 1:16b

Concepts:

God's presence is shown through our loyal living and is a means for blessing others. The children see how Ruth & Naomi were faithful throughout their struggles. Seemingly small acts of kindness can be made bigger than they can imagine through God.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ROTATION

	K & 1st	2 nd	3rd	4th
Jan 4	Storytelling 108	Storytelling 108	Movie 106	Movie 106
Jan 11	Movie 106	Cooking 109	Drama 108	Computer 105
Jan 18	Cooking	Movie	Computer	Drama
Jan 25	Drama	Computer	Movie	Cooking 109

Rotation Teachers:

Computer: Steve Betzhold, Mike Block; Shepherds: Dona Perkins, Jo Ellen Bergstrom, & Kathy Wright.

Other Sunday School Teachers:

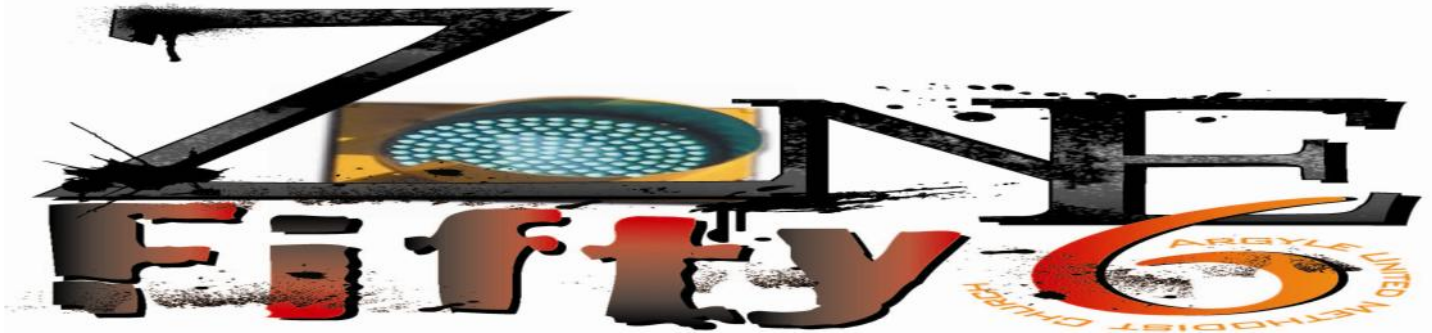
Older Two's & Three's: Kelly Perritt; Pre-K teacher: Amanda Stewart; Zone 56 teachers: Tom & Pam Keenan, Steve & Julie Sheridan, Don Fryer, Jeff Bergstrom.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

Date	8:45 Service CC	11:15 Service CC
Jan. 4	COMMUNION	
Jan. 11	Tim & Nikki Winn 940-648-1873	Jeff & Holly Williams 817-562-3175
Jan. 18	Carl & Connie Johnson 940-464-4534	Latham & Kristin Jones 940-565-0801
Jan. 25	Elaine White 940-728-2278	Carey & Beth Ward 940-725-0291

CHILDREN'S

MINISTRY



This ministry for 5th & 6th graders includes Sunday school and weekday praise, missions, Bible study, snack supper, & fun. We meet Sunday mornings at 10 am in portable 202 and Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8pm in the parsonage next door. If you have a 5th or 6th grader be sure they come get in the ZONE!

To continue our 2008 success we need parent volunteers!

Please contact Liz Edwards to sign up as a Zone 56 helper. 940-464-1333 or liz@argyleumc.org

Zone 56 WINTER/SPRING 2009 SCHEDULE				
Date	Event	LEAD	Helpers	Snack Supper
Jan. 7	Games	Julie Sheridan	Tina Gladys	Tina Gladys
Jan. 14	Bible Study	Kelli Stoops		
Jan. 21	Bible Study	Kelli Stoops		
Jan. 28	Missions	Amy Young		

ACOLYTES

3rd – 6th Grade Students & Parents,

The word *acolyte* is taken from the Greek word *akolouthos* meaning companion, attendant, or helper. AUMC acolytes participate in the 8:45 and 11:15 worship services. An acolyte performs several duties during the worship service including lighting and extinguishing the candles and helping with the offering.

The duties of the acolyte are symbolic and are a very important part of the worship service. Light is known as a symbol of Jesus and that He is here with us. The lighting of the altar candles is a symbol that Jesus is part of our worship service. At the end of the service before they extinguish the altar candles they relight the candle lighter and take it out of the worship service. This symbolizes that as we return to our everyday routine that Jesus is with us.

If you are currently in Grades 3rd – 6th, we want you to be an Acolyte!

Training will be held Sunday, January 18th from 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. at the Church. At least one parent is required to attend the training with the child.

Please help us continue this wonderful tradition. Contact Kim Hand at 940-464-1333 or Kim@argyleumc.org to reserve your seat at the training and be put on the acolyte schedule.

Blessings,

Liz Edwards &
Kim Hand



Happy Birthday!

January 1

Janice Edlen, Jayson Haynes, Jones Jeffcoat, Leah Jeffcoat, E.J. Jones, Jana McAlister, Clark Overlander, Winston Shoemaker, Thomas Teniente

January 4

Trey Anderson

January 5

Robin Britton, Cortlyn Conn, Dillon DiVecchia, David Young

January 6

Gentry Cole, Brian Hall, Mason White

January 7

Amber Hardy, Cole Jones

January 8

Chris Onstot

January 11

Kip McAlister, Sara Mosier, Stuart White, Kathy Zumann

January 12

Madison Hardy, Karen Ricker

January 14

Kory Knott, Susan Marshall, Kevin Meador

January 15

Jennifer Costner, Shari Skaggs

January 16

Suzann Woodard

January 17

Lacey Herring

January 18

Scott Gee, Peggy Kiger, Vickie Van Drunen

January 19

Brandon Allison, Carl Johnson, Lauren Lauder

January 21

Sue Dourgarian, Larry Miller,

January 22

Cason Johnson, Marisa Lockwood,

January 24

Roger Johnston, Matt Marsden

January 25

Bob Howell

January 26

David Allison, Zachary Gant, Julie Lyle, Amy McCloud, Mary Reynolds

January 27

Aaron Cullen, Kim Staley

January 28

Eric Goldston, Steve Merka

January 29

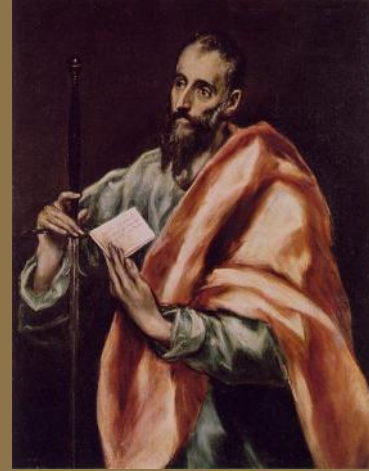
Adele Foster, Carson York

January 30

Jennifer DiVecchia, Dan Onstot, Avery Schneider, Molly Sheridan

January 31

THE LIFE AND LETTERS OF THE APOSTLE PAUL



**A NEW SERMON SERIES
BEGINNING JANUARY 18, 2009**

Happy Anniversary!

January 1

Don & Jeannine Pooley

January 2

Jay & Bonny Haynes

January 10

Rex & Vickie McMurry

January 11

Linda & Robert DeLong

January 15

David & Tammra Allison

January 21

Jack & Lo Rene Akins

January 23

Bruce & Kim Mitchell

January 25

Tim & Kelli Stoops

January 27

George & Pat Wellborn

January 28

Peter & Marisa Lockwood

January 29

Roger & Elaine Shady

CHILDREN'S PRESCHOOL

MINISTRY

ADULT & FAMILY

MINISTRIES

Our mission: To ensure that each child feels the love of God through us each and every day.

By Kelli Stoops, Director
Kingdom Kids Preschool



I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and a very blessed Christmas and Happy New Year! The break was wonderful for my family and all the teachers have said it was a nice break for them also. Now we are all anxious and excited to be back at Kingdom Kids and ready to start a fun spring

semester.

The Christmas program was held December 11th to a packed house. The children were terrific and gave all those in attendance a great performance and a wonderful memory. Thanks to Santa (Burl Hagler), for coming out and giving all the kids a chance to sit on his lap and put in their Christmas wishes. Thanks to all the parents, relatives, and friends who came out and supported our program. Thanks to all the parents who also brought goodies for the class Christmas parties.

Kingdom Kids resumes January 6th. January will be a fun month as we learn about winter and snowmen (although we may never get the chance to make a real one this year!). We will also have a "Pancake and Pajama Day" and even study dinosaurs all during the first month of this great new year.

Thank you again for being the special parents that you are and for sharing your little ones with us. We're all having a great time at Kingdom Kids! Please let me know if you have questions or concerns by email or phone, anytime!

In His Name,
Kelli Stoops
940.464.1333, kelli@argyleumc.org

By Todd Mead
Pastor of Spiritual Formation

2 Corinthians 5:17 makes it clear that God is about change. The apostle Paul writes these words. *Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone and the new has come.* The New Year is a great time to reflect on some old self that needs to move on and some new self that we would like to experience more.



Most people seem hesitant to make New Year resolution because of many failed attempts in previous years. So call it what you want, but it is a great time to reflect a little about things in your life that need to change. Change is a big and healthy part of life, but can be very difficult. We tend to be creatures of habit even if the habits don't produce the desired results.

Let me encourage you to spend a little time and think about some things God might have you do differently in 2009. I would also encourage you to think about four areas of your life in this process and I believe they are all connected.

- Spiritual
- Intellectual
- Emotional
- Physical

These areas work like wheels on a vehicle. If one gets out of whack, it messes up your alignment and you start to have some maintenance issues.

God is always calling us to a deeper walk with him, the Spiritual. He has given us beautiful minds that need to be challenged and active, the Intellectual. Emotional health helps us function in relationships with others and ourselves in a world that often beats us up. Just about everything works better when our bodies feel good, the physical.

So, do you need a tune-up? Spend some time with God and see what he might reveal to you. He is gracious and patient. He is not going to try and change too much to quickly. He is always calling us to be open to what he is doing in our lives.

What is God calling you to this New Year? Write it down, share it with someone that loves you and will encourage you. Sharing it and inviting others along for the journey helps make the changes a reality.

2009 is going to be a great year. I am glad we get to experience it together.

Peace, Todd
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ADULT & FAMILY

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

Contact Todd Mead at 940-464-1333 or todd@argyleumc.org regarding any of these classes.

Footprints—Our study for January and February will be based on a book by Tim LaHaye called *Spirit Controlled Temperaments*. This study will help identify our God-given temperament, will enlighten us as to how that temperament drives our strengths and weaknesses, will assist us in using the Holy Spirit to reign in those aspects of our temperament that plague us, and how to capitalize on the areas in which we are strong. Our class is geared to couples with young children, 0-5. Meets in parsonage loft next door to the church.

Families of Faith—Studies relating to families with school aged children. Meets in portable room 204.

Genesis—We're studying *God's Call to Christian Community* through February. Meets in portable room 203.

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors—Visitors welcome. Meets in portable room 200.

Loving God—Meets in pastor's office.

WEEKDAY CLASSES

An Invitation to the New Testament. If you're interested in joining this class in January, please contact Jim Kayler.

Women Balanced on Faith. At the home of Cyné Hindman in Argyle. Contact Cyné or Melissa Miller.

Conversations. For young couples and singles. Conversations center on what God is doing in our lives. Led by Todd and Natalie Mead at their home in Argyle. Meets the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 7:00 pm. Contact Todd Mead.

Christianity's Family Tree. We will start a new study in Jan., *Christianity and World Religions*, about Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Judaism and Christianity. We meet Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm at the home of Buster and Terry Rosser in Robson Ranch.

SMALL GROUPS

MEN'S LESSONS-N-LUNCH. Meets Wednesdays at 12:00 pm in portable room 201. Various subjects. Contact Larry Chiles.

MEN'S GROUP. The Men's Group meets every 3rd Sunday at the Snooty Pig Café in Argyle promptly at 8:00 am. We will be doing some BBQ cooking for some events to help support various ministries and programs in the community.

MINISTRIES

For information, contact Chris Rosprim or Al Dourgarian.

MEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY. Meets Thursdays from 6:30—7:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will start a new Bible study on Thursday, Jan. 8th. Contact Dana Bolin.

FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP. Faith and Friendship, adult study group, invites you to join them for The Odyssey of St. Paul, a 5 week video series which takes us on Paul's travels through Israel, Turkey, Greece and Italy. A 30 minute video is presented by Dr. Paul L. Maier, Professor of Ancient History at Western Michigan University. The video locations are different archaeological sites that Paul visited and from which he taught. Discussion will follow each video presentation. The eight sessions explore:

- 1) Young Saul;
- 2) The New Saul;
- 3) The First Mission Journey;
- 4) Quarrels and the Second Mission Journey;
- 5) The Second Mission Journey and Greece;
- 6) The Third Mission Journey;
- 7) Arrest and Imprisonment;
- 8) The Voyage to Rome.

Everyone is invited to this video series which will be held Mondays at the parsonage from 6:30 – 8:00 pm starting Jan. 12th. If you have any questions, please call facilitator Pat Wellborn at 940.765.9095 or pat@argyleumc.org.


GOD'S HARVESTERS. Bringing together like-minded Christian men to share their passion for the great outdoors and their love of God through stories, experiences and lessons. We'll meet Jan. 8th and 22nd at 6:30 pm in portable room 204. Contact Brandon Hindman or Chad Miller.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

WEIGHT WATCHERS. Weigh in starts at 11:45 am in the sanctuary; the meeting is from 12:15—12:45 pm.

EXERCISE AT THE CHURCH. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:20—9:30 am. Contact Lynda Mathis.

AUMC CIRCUIT RIDERS. Bicycling ministry. Local and regional rides and rallies. Contact Charlie Foster.

 Horse riding ministry. Local and regional rides. Contact George Campbell.



Thursday, JANUARY 1
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, JANUARY 2
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, JANUARY 3
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, JANUARY 4
8:45 am WORSHIP
10:00 am WORSHIP
10:00 am Sunday School
11:15 am WORSHIP

Monday, JANUARY 5
8:30 am Exercise at the Church
6:30 pm Faith & Friendship

Tuesday, JANUARY 6
9:00 am Kingdom Kids Preschool
1:00 pm Staff Meeting
4:00 pm Pack 192, Den 3
6:30 pm Scout Committee Meeting
7:00 pm Upperclassmen Bible Study

Wednesday, JANUARY 7
8:30 am Exercise at the Church
9:00 am Kingdom Kids Preschool
12:00 pm Men's Lessons-n-Lunch
2:45 pm Private Art Class
6:30 pm Zone 56
7:30 pm Adult Choir
7:30 pm STUWO
9:00 pm evensong Band Rehearsal

Thursday, JANUARY 8
6:30 am Thursday Morning Men's Group
9:00 am Kingdom Kids Preschool

Friday, JANUARY 9
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
8:30 am Exercise at the Church

Saturday, JANUARY 10
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, JANUARY 11
8:45 am WORSHIP
10:00 am WORSHIP
10:00 am Sunday School
11:15 am WORSHIP
5:30 pm evensong
6:00 pm Invitation to the New Testament

Monday, JANUARY 12
8:30 am Exercise at the Church
4:00 pm MLK
6:30 pm Faith & Friendship
7:00 pm Upperclassmen Bible Study

Tuesday, JANUARY 13
9:00 am Kingdom Kids Preschool
1:00 pm Staff Meeting
6:00 pm Argyle Ringers
6:30 pm Scout Committee Meeting

Wednesday, JANUARY 14
8:30 am Exercise at the Church
9:00 am Kingdom Kids Preschool
12:00 pm Men's Lessons-n-Lunch
2:45 pm Private Art Class
6:30 pm Zone 56
7:30 pm Adult Choir
7:30 pm STUWO
9:00 pm evensong Band Rehearsal

Thursday, JANUARY 15
6:30 am Thursday Morning Men's Group
9:00 am Kingdom Kids Preschool

Friday, JANUARY 16
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
8:30 am Exercise at the Church
6:00 pm Troop 192 Lock-in

Saturday, JANUARY 17
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, JANUARY 18
8:45 am WORSHIP
10:00 am WORSHIP
10:00 am Sunday School
11:15 am WORSHIP
12:30 pm AUMC 101
4:15 pm Acolyte Training
4:45 pm KM? Kids Music Ministry
5:30 pm evensong
6:00 pm Invitation to the New Testament

Monday, JANUARY 19
8:30 am Exercise at the Church
6:30 pm Faith & Friendship
6:30 pm Finance Meeting

Tuesday, JANUARY 20
9:00 am Kingdom Kids Preschool
1:00 pm Staff Meeting
4:00 pm Pack 192, Den 3
6:00 pm Argyle Ringers

Wednesday, JANUARY 21
8:30 am Exercise at the Church
9:00 am Kingdom Kids Preschool
12:00 pm Men's Lessons-n-Lunch
2:45 pm Private Art Class
6:30 pm Zone 56
7:30 pm Adult Choir
7:30 pm STUWO
9:00 pm evensong Band Rehearsal

Thursday, JANUARY 22
6:30 am Thursday Morning Men's Group
9:00 am Kingdom Kids Preschool
7:00 pm Upperclassmen Bible Study

Friday, JANUARY 23
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
8:30 am Exercise at the Church

Saturday, JANUARY 24
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, JANUARY 25
8:45 am WORSHIP
10:00 am WORSHIP
10:00 am Sunday School
11:15 am WORSHIP
4:45 pm KM? Kids Music Ministry
5:30 pm Soul Cafe
6:00 pm Invitation to the New Testament

Monday, JANUARY 26
8:30 am Exercise at the Church
4:00 pm MLK
6:30 pm Faith & Friendship

Tuesday, JANUARY 27
9:00 am Kingdom Kids Preschool
1:00 pm Staff Meeting
6:00 pm Argyle Ringers

Wednesday, JANUARY 28
8:30 am Exercise at the Church
9:00 am Kingdom Kids Preschool
12:00 pm Men's Lessons-n-Lunch
2:45 pm Private Art Class
6:30 pm Zone 56
7:30 pm Adult Choir
7:30 pm STUWO
9:00 pm evensong Band Rehearsal

Thursday, JANUARY 29
6:30 am Thursday Morning Men's Group
9:00 am Kingdom Kids Preschool
7:00 pm Upperclassmen Bible Study

Friday, JANUARY 30
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
8:30 am Exercise at the Church

Saturday, JANUARY 31
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED



FINANCE MATTERS.

2008 Operating Budget

Total giving through Dec. 31 towards Operating Budget

\$710,133.00

\$736,055.19



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays

8:45, 10:00, 11:15 am
5:30 pm

Wednesdays

STUWO
(Student Worship)
7:30 pm

ZONE 56

(5th & 6th Grade)
6:30 pm

Our Mission

Seeking and Feeding the Spiritually Hungry

Our Vision

SEEK: Introducing People to Jesus

GROW: Growing Spiritual Redwoods for Jesus

SERVE: Relieving Suffering as Jesus Did

Ministry Team

SENIOR PASTOR

Rev. Kory Knott

MUSIC MINISTRY

Rev. Joe Stobaugh, Assoc. Pastor
Music, Worship, Arts
Anastasia Markina, Pianist

YOUTH MINISTRY

Nathan Bryant
Karla Rogers, Associate

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Liz Edwards, Director
Kim Hand, Assistant

CHILDREN'S PRESCHOOL

Kelli Stoops, Director

ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Todd Mead

OFFICE MINISTRY

Tammie Nuoci, Office Administrator
Pat Wellborn, Congregational Care
Valerie Donahue, Finances

MEDIA MINISTRY

Matthew Kelling, Director
Carter Low
David Laschinger
Mike Livingston

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday
8:30 am—5:00 pm

