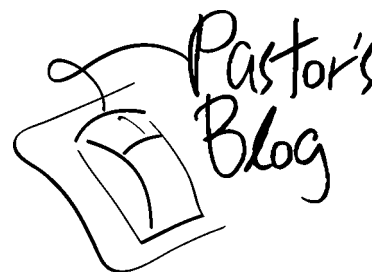




**John 12:26 - If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.**



A novel way of enforcing the seat belt law was noted in the little town of Prosper, Texas. Police have been handing out \$10 gift cards to drivers they see wearing seat belts and staying within the speed limit.

"We wanted to give back to the community to reinforce those safe driving habits," said Prosper assistant police chief Gary McHone. The police officers were instructed to **serve** the motorist the gift cards as they entered parking lots or other areas; along with the cards came accolades and praises to the good driving behavior. "The old adage of '**protecting and serving**'-- it's a highly used phrase, but this is an opportunity for us to put a different twist to the '**servicing**' part of it," McHone said. A different twist to the "**servicing**" part - God tells us as servants of Christ that we must follow Him.

As we kick off this new year, let's put a different twist on "serving" Christ! Let us serve Him with humility, graciousness, and gratitude. Let us follow Christ so that Our Father may be honored and we may be blessed by the protection that only He can offer!

What will you do this year to put a different twist on your service to the Lord?

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Happy New Year ♡ Happy New Year ♡ Happy New Year



**Why not make one of your New Year's Resolutions to be a part of Sunday School? What a better way to start a Sunday and your week than to be a part of Sunday School? There is a class for everyone!**

CE Committee

January 2012						
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# MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- Mon, Jan 2                      Men's Prayer Group (6:00 am)  
Prayer Circle (9:30 am)
- Tues, Jan 3                     Building & Property Committee Meeting (5:30 pm)
- Wed, Jan 4                     **UNDECORATE THE CHURCH (6:00 pm)**
- Thurs, Jan 5                    PW Bible Study, Lesson 4, Led by Schanon T. (10 am)
- Mon, Jan 9                     Men's Prayer Group (6:00 am)  
Prayer Circle (9:30 am)  
Session Meeting (6:30 pm)
- Tues, Jan 10                    Communications Committee Meeting (5:30 pm)
- Wed, Jan 11                    Family Life Committee Meeting (6:00 pm)
- Thurs, Jan 12                   Worship Committee Meeting (9:30 am)  
Christian Education Committee Meeting (5:45 pm)
- Sun, Jan 15                    **CAMP AGAPE' FUNDRAISER LUNCH**
- Mon, Jan 16                    Men's Prayer Group (6:00 am)  
Prayer Circle (9:30 am)
- Thurs, Jan 19                   Missions Committee Meeting (5:30 pm)
- Sat, Jan 21                    Men's Breakfast at First Church, LC (8:00 am)
- Mon, Jan 23                    Men's Prayer Group (6:00 am)  
Prayer Circle (9:30 am)
- Tues, Jan 24                    Evangelism Committee Meeting (5:30 pm)
- Mon, Jan 30                    Men's Prayer Group (6:00 am)  
Prayer Circle (9:30 am)

BAND PRACTICE - Every Wednesday (7:00 pm)  
STATIC - Every Sunday (4:00-5:30 pm)



Come help undecorate the church from our wonderful Advent & Christmas season. We will meet on Wednesday, January 4, at 6:00 p.m. to store away the decorations for another year. Come lend a helping hand!

# THANK YOU!!!

In July, the Session asked for your help in paying for the unexpected and unbudgeted replacement of the two original air conditioning coils costing \$2,944. We are excited to announce the full amount has now been received! THANK YOU VERY MUCH to all who donated to the Coil It Down Campaign!



Over the last several years, youth of Westminster have been blessed to be able to attend the Presbyterian

sponsored summer camp called Camp Agape'. Westminster has a scholarship fund available for eligible youth to be able to receive a partial scholarship to attend. Thanks also to your donations helping to replenish the scholarship fund, this fund has allowed the church to pay half of the attendees' fees greatly helping the youth families.



Join us again this year on **Sunday, January 15** as the youth will have a Camp Agape' Fundraising Luncheon immediately following the worship service. Donations received for the lunch will go into the Scholarship Fund for Camp Agape'. This year's menu will be: Leslie's Hearty Toucan (Taco) Soup, Chips, Spinach Salad with Mandarin Oranges and Brownies.



## Christmas Caroling

On Sunday, December 18, Christmas joy was brought to others as 18 people sang Christmas carols to some of our church members. We also sang to the residents at Holly Hill Nursing Home. You could see the joy in faces as they listened and sang along to the Christmas songs. We met back up at the church for hot chocolate (thanks Pam A) and some goodies!

# PW Christmas Party



The Annual Christmas Party was held on December 7. We thank Diane Denison for hosting our party! We had a great time and lots of good food! There were 20 women that attended and once again had very creative \$1.00 gifts!

Leslie provided our interesting devotional entitled "Sweet Christmas" by Julia Bettencourt. The candies which remind us of a Sweet Christmas are:

- Snickers® - The virgin Mary becomes pregnant before her marriage to Joseph and they travel to Bethlehem. (Matthew 1:18 & Luke 2: 4, 5) {Many people probably "snickered" at Mary as a unmarried pregnant woman.}
- Sugar Babies® - A reminder of the Sweet Baby Jesus (Luke 2:7)
- Candy Cane - A reminder of the Shepherds (Luke 2: 8, 9)
- Almond Joy® - A reminder of the Angel's Announcement (Luke 2:10-12)
- Dove® Candy - A reminder of Peace (Luke 2: 12, 14)
- Smarties® - A reminder of the Wise Men (Matthew 2: 9, 10)
- Starburst® - A reminder of the Star (Matthew 2:11)
- Candy Coins - A reminder of the Gifts from the Wise Men (Matthew 2:11)
- Riesen® - A reminder that Jesus is the Reason for the Season! (John 3:16)

Each woman received a copy of the devotional along with the represented candy.

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

1. Westminster donated 200 boxes of cornbread mixes for the Care Help Christmas food boxes. Thank you!
2. Home Communion for November was taken to Marietta and Dorothy.
3. All committees should submit their 2012 Goals to the Clerk in early January.
4. The Fourth Quarter Benevolence of \$250 was donated to Care Help Christmas for the Elderly.
5. Jim passed along a compliment given by one of the editors from the Southwest Daily Newspaper when we submitted the Toys for Tots youth picture for the newspaper. Quote: "You guys are an inspiration!"
6. The beautiful two foot metal nativity figures on the back table in the sanctuary were purchased with memorial monies received in memory of Ken Brown.
7. Total Pledges received to date are \$64,170.
8. The 2012 new committee chairpersons are: Pam Abshire - Family Life, Brian McGuire - Worship and Amanda Thorne - Communications.
9. The Annual Congregational Meeting is set for February 12, 2012.
10. Alesia Compton and Nancy Swoope are rotating off the Session. They were thanked for their good work, insights provided, and leadership of their committees. Jim Thorne is also rotating off but will remain with the Session as the Clerk of the Session.

# STATIC

## Standing Together And Trusting In Christ

STATIC charge!

STATIC has had a wonderful time of preparing for Our Lord and Savior! We started off with a great mission opportunity by taking some of the funds from the aluminum can recycle project and spending the money on the Toys for Tots program. It was a race through Walmart as the Middle Schoolers battled the High Schoolers on the number of toys and the originality of toys that could be purchased on \$60 per team. The youth came back with lots of toys that should delight the boys and girls who will receive this Christmas - a true Christmas joy time and occasion. We decided to celebrate with some Orange Leaf yogurt following the Toys for Tots blitz.



Toys for Tots

The following week, of course, was the youth and children's play, of which STATIC did indeed stand together as they "Followed the Star" in a cute and insightful Christmas Play. Thank you STATIC youth and kids and parents for your time, effort, and support during this annual Westminster tradition!

That evening the youth had their annual Christmas party. We had white elephant gift exchange and Cane's yummy chicken fingers. We played some great games and had a good Grinchy lesson. "I nominate the Grinch!"



Upcoming events are on next year's grill. STATIC will ring in the new year with a parent meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. The following week, January 15<sup>th</sup>, will be the Camp Agape' Fundraiser Lunch. Donations will be used for the Camp Agape' Scholarships!

We look forward to a fruitful, God led, Spirit-filled year. May God continue to bless STATIC and its ministry!

### **STATIC Events:**

- Jan. 1: No STATIC on New Year's Day*
- Jan. 8: Parent / Youth Meeting (3:00 pm); STATIC (4:00 pm)*
- Jan. 15: Camp Agape' Fundraiser Lunch*
- Jan. 22: STATIC (4:00 pm)*
- Jan. 29: STATIC (4:00 pm)*

# PRAYER LIST



Mat Abshire  
Bracken Family  
Willie Mae Butler  
Charlene Carson  
Judy Gaudet  
Ron Kemerly  
Sherry Mansell  
Tiffany Maynard  
Audrey Moore  
Dorothy Peak  
Marti Rogers  
Marietta Wagner

Paula & Percy Aucoin  
Margaretha Broodkoorn  
Ava Cannon  
Kristie Dobson  
Betty Greenwood  
Lou Kumler  
Tommye Mansell  
Beth McGuire  
Geneva Moss  
Bethany Price  
Zachery Sonnier  
Michael Trahan

Bobbie Fahrman  
Nell Hinton  
Paige Mansell  
Buck and Nita Maynard  
Harold McGuire  
Ronald Murray  
Lisa Roark  
Doris Stine  
Kay's sister Martha

Victims of Natural Disasters

The nation, our economy, world conflicts and the Christian community

Our church, session, committees, church school teachers, and pastors

*Names will be kept on the Prayer List for four weeks unless otherwise requested. To add or remove a name, please submit a Prayer Request Card or contact Nancy Swoope or the church office.*



The following is a summation of the report given to the Session by Leslie and Erich covering activities from November 15 – December 12, 2011:

- A. Provide the Sunday Morning Message – Leslie and Erich provided the message on November 20 and December 4. November 27 they were on vacation and December 11 was the children's Christmas Play.
- B. Visits – Visits were made to Marietta W. and Betty G. There were also three confidential visits with three different people.
- C. Hospital Visits – Visits were made to Dorothy P.
- D. Provide Special Studies as Directed by the Session – Leslie and Erich each teach Sunday School classes.
- E. Attend Session and Committee Meetings – Erich and Leslie attended the Session meeting. No other meetings were scheduled.
- F. Additional Activities – Congregational Meeting, Men's Prayer Group Meetings, Band Practices, STATIC events, PW Christmas Party, Christmas Decorations, Cub Scouts, and the Community Thanksgiving service.

# **VOLUNTEERS for**



	<u>Extended Session</u>	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Cong Care</u>
Jan 1	Shana Maxfield	Lise Brown	Teeny	Sherry Mansell
Jan 8	Charlene Carson	Alesia Compton		
Jan 15	Pam Abshire	Judy Gaudet		
Jan 22	Kaye Thorne	Kassandra Vincent		
Jan 29	Schanon Turner	Kiah Mansell		

## Greeters

Jan 1 & 8	Irene McGuire & Cathy Meyers
Jan 15 & 22	Linda McCown & Judy Gaudet
Jan 29	Sherry Mansell & Sarita Fahrman

## Flowers

Jan 8	Alesia Compton
Jan 15	Diane Denison
Jan 22	Kassandra Vincent
Jan 29	Judy Gaudet

## Communion Elements

Jan 1 Marti Rogers

## Communion Chief

Nancy Swoope

**Computer Power Point during January - Connie Ellender**

**Sound System during January - Jim Thorne**

