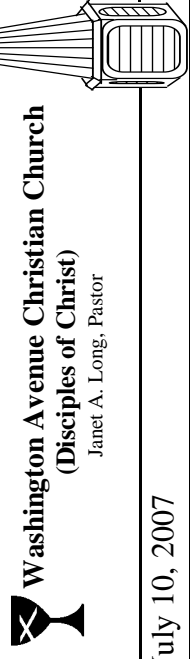


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Janet's Jottings

Dear Friends,

One of the highlights of the summer season here at Washington Avenue Christian Church is Church School. I enjoy sitting in on the sessions whenever possible and have come to believe that the study material, titled, "The Thoughtful Christian," is aptly named.

This past Sunday, the topic of discussion was, "When and Why the Bible Was Written." Interesting insights were shared by Steve Bond. Lively discussion peppered the hour. We ran out of time before we ran out of questions and conversation.

An important question was raised at the end of the session and I promised to follow up with an answer. I thought others might want to hear a response to the question, "Do we know who actually wrote the Gospels?" Following are some thoughts about that.

Matthew: Written in Greek, probably in the early 80s, its author was most likely an anonymous Jewish Christian, probably a scribe, and the disciple Matthew's name was later attached to it to lend authority. The writer had access to the Gospel of Mark and to a source known as "Q", as well as to some other material.

Mark: This was the earliest Gospel and dates from the late 60s. Tradition links this gospel to Peter's companion in Rome, but that connection has never been confirmed. "The authorship of Mark remains an enigma, perhaps by the author's design." (Black)

Luke: Attributed to the physician Luke, this gospel has a second volume, *The Acts of the Apostles*. Written in the last third of the first century, the author shows familiarity with both the Gospel of Mark and "Q".

John: The latest of the four Gospels, tradition links this writing to John, the son of Zebedee, one of Jesus' disciples. The Gospel itself is silent on the matter of authorship.

Two follow-up questions: Do you favor one Gospel over the others, based on writing style, depiction of Jesus or emphasis? What recent inspiration have you received from that Gospel?

Love,

Scholars consulted: Dennis C. Duling, C. Clifton Black, David L. Tiede, and David K. Rensberger.

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July 15, 2007

8:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Common Grounds, followed by
9:30 a.m. Church School
10:45 a.m. Traditional Morning Worship Service
12:00 noon Coffee hour hosted by Property
3:00 p.m. All-Church Visioning Retreat and Picnic,
followed by Elders' meeting, Elywood Park

OPENER: Pete Majewski **CLOSER:** Don Hange, Sr.

GREETERS: Rick & Jean Kennedy

ACOLYTES: Dan McGann and Romeo Walker

WORSHIP LEADER: Carolyn Long

PREACHER: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Long

TELLERS: Mark Mathes and Larry McIntyre

ELDER (8:30): Steve Bond

PIANIST (8:30): Lauri Warfield

HOME COMMUNION:

Becky Thompson

Sue Stephenson

Mark Mathes

Gerald Western

DIACONATE: Team III

8:30 - 10:45: Linda Adkins and Jason Higgins

10:45 - 12:00: Jenny Bliss, Cheryl Grapes, Gary Knapp,

Carol Mosher, Lynn Obechi, Bob Rieth, Sandy Rieth,

Janet Stevens-Brown, Wayne Walker, and Joan

Wilhelm

Youth News

Upcoming Opportunities Include:

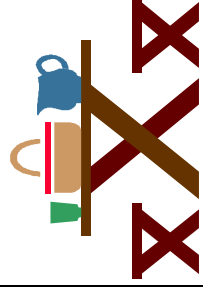
Local: Sign up now to help with Vacation Bible School on Tuesday, July 17. Contact Debbie Walker or the church office (323-4213) to volunteer for an assignment.

Regional: A reunion of Hiram Conference youth will be held at Cedar Point on Wednesday, July 25. Claire Huller would be a good contact for more information.

General: The upcoming Fort Worth General Assembly will provide a host of options for youth participants, including mission opportunities, workshops and after-sessions. The youth will lead a Sunday morning worship service at the convention center.

Visioning Retreat & Picnic This Sunday
All Are Welcome!

The second phase of the all-church Visioning Retreat (a follow-up to the one held May 6) will be held on Sunday, July 15, beginning at 3 p.m. at Elywood Park (on the Washington Avenue side of the ford). **Everyone is invited** to attend and then to stay for supper following. Please bring meat (or your preferred substitute) to grill, a dish to share and table service.



Note to Elders: A brief Elders' meeting will follow the Visioning Retreat and Picnic.

Coffee Hour Hosts Still Needed
July 29 and August 5 and 12 remain open in our schedule of summer coffee hours. Call Carol McIntyre (365-4349) to sign up to host one of these noon socials.

Annual Reports Due This Sunday
Our thanks to early birds Don Hange, Jr., Don Hange, Sr. and Teri Hayes for turning in their annual reports before the deadline! All 2006-2007 Committee Chairs are reminded that annual program area reports are to be turned in to the church office by this Sunday, July 15.

Family Fun Night—Fun for EVERYONE!
Be with us 5:30-7 p.m. on Sunday, July 29 for our "Fifth Sunday Church Family Fun Night." Games and food (pizza and ice cream floats) will be provided by the Christian Education Committee. All WACC members are friends are welcome!

July 15 Lectionary Corner
Amos 7:7-17
Colossians 1:1-14
Psalm 82
Luke 10:25-37*
**Sermon focus*

Summer Church School Topics
This Sunday, July 15, Jane Hutson will present a session on, "Forgiveness." On July 22, Ashley Walker will speak about her recent Alternative Spring Break work camp in the Gulf region. The summer Church School class meets at 9:30 a.m. in the youth rooms.

2007-2008 Leadership Elected
Our thanks to the following who will serve in leadership positions during 2007-2008:

Board Officers

<i>Chair</i>	Gerald Western
<i>Vice Chair</i>	Lauri Warfield
<i>Clerk</i>	Jane Hutson
<i>Treasurer</i>	Dan Walker
<i>Assistant Treasurer</i>	Dan Clark
<i>Financial Secretary</i>	Bev Lehman

Committee Chairs

Christian Education - Chris Baumgartner / Joy Bond
Church Life & Growth - David Eby / Nicole Eby
Hospitality - Carol McIntyre (*Coffee Hours*)
 Sheila Smith (*Meals*)
Memorial - Teri Hayes
Outreach - Mark Mathes / Keith Western
Property - Don Hange, Sr. / Chris Thomas
Stewardship - Chuck Baumgartner / Cheryl McKenna
Worship - Mary Lou Petersen / Sandy Rieth

Elders

Mark Mathes	Becky Thompson
Ken Mundorf	Lauri Warfield

Diaconate

David Eby	Bob Rieth
Nicole Eby	Karen Schneider
Liz Everhard	Jeni Sweeten
Teri Hayes	Brenda Turner
Pam Henry	Todd Turner
Jason Higgins	Dan Walker
Gary Knapp	Nancy Walker
Bob Maxwell	Wayne Walker

VBS Day Camp is This Tuesday!
WACC's one-day Vacation Bible School will take place this Tuesday, July 17. Children age 3-grade 6 will be treated to an afternoon of water park-themed fun with crafts, stories, music, and more. At 6 p.m., their parents and other family members are invited to attend a pizza party dinner and program as the VBS children share songs and lessons from the afternoon. Registration forms are available through Debbie Walker or the church office. A donation of \$1 per child will help cover some of the costs of this fun-filled program. Registration deadline is this Sunday, July 15. Completed registration forms may be given to Debbie or directed to the church office. Registration may also be done over the phone by calling 323-4213.



NEWS OF OUR FAMILY

Congratulations!
Andy & Melissa Knight are celebrating their 4th wedding anniversary (7/12). Melissa is the daughter of Laurie Borthwick Figueroa and granddaughter of Diane & Jim.

Thank You!
What a great surprise it was to be greeted with so many good wishes for my birthday! Thanks to all my church family, friends and relatives for such an unforgettable day.
- Wilma Yanick

Book Club to Meet July 25
The Book Club will meet on Wednesday, July 25 at 7 p.m. in the Elders' conference room. Those attending should be prepared to discuss Thomas L. Friedman's, *The World is Flat*.
New members are always welcome.

Prayer Focus
Please pray for those affected by too much or too little rain.

Sympathy
Our thoughts and prayers surround... the Majewski family in the recent death of Pete's brother-in-law, Tom O'Connor, of New York.
...the Wallace family in the loss of Pauline's brother-in-law, Don Rook, of Alabama.
May God's peace be known.

Hospitalized
At *Regency Hospital Cleveland West*:
George ("Bob") McNulty

CALENDAR

Sun., 7/15: - See back page for the day's schedule.
 Tue., 7/17: - Vacation Bible School day camp, 1:30-7 p.m. (family pizza dinner starts at 6 p.m.).
 - Tuesday Night LaPorte Group (AA) gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m.
 Sat., 7/21: - Salvation Army Hot Meal served by Team 3 (Barbara Terrell, captain).

