

WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGE COMING SOON!

WESTLAKE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Summer Schedule: May 30 – August 22

9:30 a.m. – Contemporary (Sanctuary)
10:30 a.m. – Fellowship Time (Parlor)
11:00 a.m. – Traditional (Sanctuary)

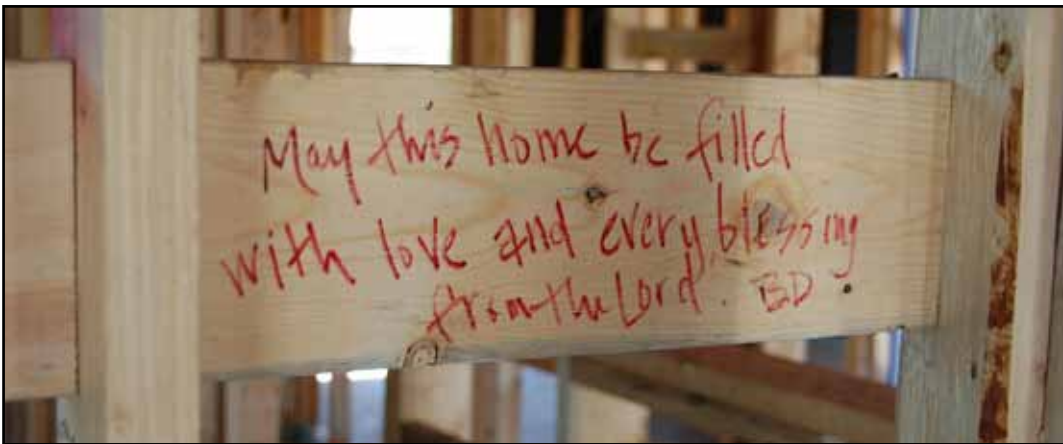
Fall Schedule: Begins August 29

8:15 a.m. – Traditional (Chapel)
9:30 a.m. – Contemporary (Sanctuary)
10:30 a.m. – Fellowship Time (Parlor)
11:00 a.m. – Traditional (Sanctuary)

Sunday School offered at both 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
beginning May 30



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HABITAT DEDICATION DATE – JUNE 5!

Soon, we will see a dream become a family's reality. On June 5, we will join Habitat for Humanity to dedicate the completed house built with and for the Garcia family. Join us for the celebratory event at the house location (7313 Thannas Way, Austin, TX 78744) at 3 p.m. on to celebrate the dedication with the community.



To invite

People into

God's Larger

Story as we

follow Christ

together

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COME ONE, COME ALL!

What: Distinguished Speaker Series (note the date change, please)

When: Monday, May 10, 2010 in WHPC's Fellowship Hall (dinner: 6-6:45 p.m., presentation: 6:45-8 p.m.)

Who: Dr. Karl Slaikeu

Title: "Waging Peace in a War Zone: Lessons from Kandahar Province, Afghanistan"

Join us May 10, 2010 for a fascinating and enlightening presentation by WHPC member and psychologist, Dr. Karl Slaikeu, who recently returned from a year working with the U.S. Army in Afghanistan. Karl will report on his work interviewing villagers and consulting with Coalition Forces about ways to achieve sustainable stability in Kandahar

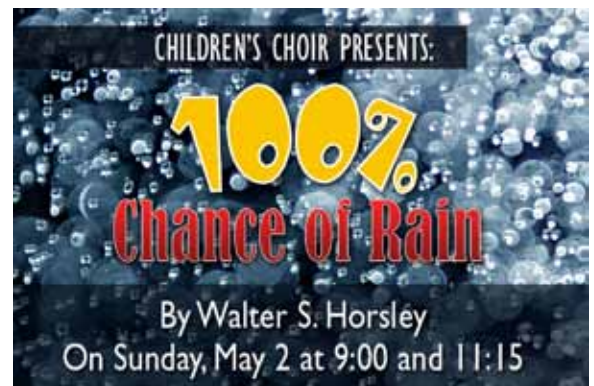
Province, birthplace of the Taliban. Come hear what this past year has been like for Karl as he was involved in the military's Human Terrain System and what lessons were learned along the way. In a nutshell, the HTS embeds social scientists with combat brigades to help tacticians in the field understand local cultures. You won't want to miss this presentation.

Dinner is from 6-6:45 p.m. (\$8). Karl will begin at 6:45 p.m. Please sign-up for dinner and/or the presentation on the church website (under news and events) or on sign-up sheets in the parlor and various Sunday school rooms. You may also call the church office (327.1116) to register. For questions, please contact Barb Martinson (327.4043 or bmartinson@austin.rr.com) or Anita Glickert (328.1138 or aglickert@yahoo.com).



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Children's Choirs will present the musical, 100% Chance of Rain, by Walter S. Horsley, on Sunday, May 2, at the 9 and 11:15 a.m. worship services. You won't want to miss this musical message in which the children share the story of Noah and his faithfulness to the Lord.



FIFTH GRADE GRADUATION MAY 23

Calling all fifth graders, you are invited to attend Sunday School May 23. We want to connect with you and celebrate your moving to Middle School. We will have cake and awards presented the last 15 minutes of Kingdom Court. The graduation will be the 23rd but you will still have two weeks of Children's Sunday School meeting on May 30 and June 6. That same afternoon the 5th grade girls will have a swimming party after church. The 5th grade boys will have a party on June 6. Contact your Sunday School teacher for the party details including location, time and what to bring.

CONGRATULATIONS, SUSAN!!

Congratulations to Susan Bright, Director of Westlake Hills Presbyterian Preschool (WHPP), for being selected Administrator of the Year by the Austin Association for the Education of Young Children (AAEYC). Susan was honored on April 14 at the AAEYC Awards Ceremony, and by a special celebration in her honor provided by the teachers, children and parents of WHPP earlier that day.

The Administrator of the Year Award is given for excellence in Early Childhood Program Leadership. Susan's commitment to excellence at WHPP, her love of children and her tireless commitment to the families of WHPP were evident to those who selected her for the award.

Susan became Director of WHPP in 2005. Prior to coming to WHPP, she was the Director of Preschool / Assistant Director K-8th at Grace Covenant School, and has been a preschool teacher and curriculum developer since 1982. She has extensive training and experience in Early Childhood Education and as a member of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, she epitomizes their mission to improve the well-being of all young children, with particular focus on the quality of educational and developmental services for all children from birth through age eight.

In addition to her work with WHPP, Susan contributes to the global community by supporting World Vision, Mbala, Africa, and is an Africa Mission Project Leader with Kanyama Community Schools and AIDS Education in Zambia. Her local community involvement includes being a Stephen Minister and a part of the Conflict Resolution Team at Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church.

Edye Giordano, a parent at WHPP, says this about Susan:

"I have never known a person more committed to the health, safety, spirituality and happiness of our precious young children, as well as their parents. Her commitment to her calling is such that she is always there into the night, long after all of the children and teachers have gone. She is selfless in her dedication to God, our school, our kids and the charities that she supports."

The families of Westlake Hills Presbyterian Preschool are truly blessed to have Susan in their lives and are glad that the AAEYC has officially confirmed what they've known all along: Susan Bright is the best!



WESTLAKE HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LIBRARY

Staff Picks for Great Reading

Visit the WHPC Library to find these!

Peter Barnes, Senior Pastor

Counterfeit Gods by Tim Keller

Incarnate Leadership by Bill Robinson

Kathryn Weldin, Director of Women's Ministry

Worship, Community and the Triune God of Grace
by James B. Torrance

The Fire That Ignites by Tony Evans

I Told the Mountain to Move by Patricia Raybon

Mark Charbonneau, Director of Local & Regional Ministries

Ragamuffin Gospel by Brennan Manning

The Art of the Commonplace: The Agrarian Essays
of Wendell Berry by Wendell Berry

The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho

Peggy Greenawalt, WHPC Librarian

The Red Tent by Anita Diamant

Have a Little Faith by Mitch Albom

There Is a Wideness by Mark McAllister

Colleen Bull, WHPC Library Assistant

Redeeming Love by Francine Rivers

The Amethyst Heart by Penelope J. Stokes

Cynthia Mohle, Senior Pastor's Administrative Assistant

Same Kind of Different As Me by Ron Hall and
Denver Moore

Leigh Congdon, Interim Assoc. Dir. Middle School Ministries

The Hiding Place by Corrie Ten Boom

Melissa Carter, Associate Director of High School Ministries

The Crown of Eden by Thomas Williams

Larry Martin, Information Technology

A Thunderous Voice by Chris Martin

PAINTED CHURCH EXCURSION

Twenty-two women from Westbank Women's Bible Study recently took a road trip to visit the remarkable Painted Churches of Schulenburg. With the church shuttle bus filled to capacity and a couple extra cars which followed, we visited churches in Ammannsville, Dubina, High Hill, and Praha.

These painted churches were founded and built by Czech, German and Moravian immigrant settlers who came to Texas in the mid-1800s, looking for economic opportunity and religious freedom. These settlers worked very hard to establish themselves and to develop communities similar to the hometowns and churches they left behind.

From the outside, the churches appear to look like many simple American churches of the time. But once inside, you find an eye-popping profusion of color. From bright lapis blues to cotton-candy pinks, nearly every surface is covered with beautiful paintings, murals, wooden columns resembling marble, carved statues, stations of the cross, and stained glass windows. Even the cemeteries, with their century-old tombstones, were interesting to wander through and imagine what life must have been like back then.

Along the way, we marveled at the colorful countryside, all ablaze with the many wildflowers and the neon-green of the trees in bloom. Buffet lunch was at the Oakridge Smokehouse in Schulenburg.

This was such a wonderful way to enjoy our beautiful spring here in Central Texas.



KAZAKH INTERNS RETURN TO WHPC

Be prepared once again to offer Christian hospitality to two young women students who will arrive June 20 and live with church families for three weeks. There's a song with the words, "they will know we are Christians by our love" and this will be YOUR opportunity to make that a reality.

Marina and Tanya are excited to learn about America and Texas, and want specifically to make friends with their host families. Having the opportunity to live, work and play with us helps them to establish lifelong friendships. Marina says, "I would like my host family to familiarize me with American social customs." And Tanya, who has been in the U. S. before, wants to continue learning about different cultures.

For their business experience, they will intern in the offices of Chasse Consulting International. This work experience is being offered by Beverly Chasse, one of our members. The students will learn firsthand about how a woman-owned and managed business can become an internationally known endeavor as they work side by side with regular staff members.

Host families will provide an inside look at how American families live, work and spend their time. It is a wonderful way for at least two of our church families to share their faith and love. Each family will have a VIP in its midst for three weeks. Previous hosts will tell you that having one of these Kazakh students in their home is an exciting adventure for the entire family.

It is very important that many of our members volunteer and get to know these young ladies by driving them to work or home each day or you might consider inviting the students for a dinner, swim, picnic, or other social activity. This is a one-time opportunity to get to know a person from another culture and let them learn about ours.

Discuss your ideas for being involved by calling Holly Salmon at 327.7927, htsalmon@msn.com or call Joan Buzzard at 261.5786 with questions.