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Sweet Life!

DESSERT COMEDY THEATRE
Featuring Scott Davis

Saturday • November 5 • 6:30 PM

Waterbrook Bible Fellowship

507 Thomas Street • Wylie, TX 75098

TICKETS: \$10 each in advance; \$12 at the door

Space is limited, so purchase your tickets early!

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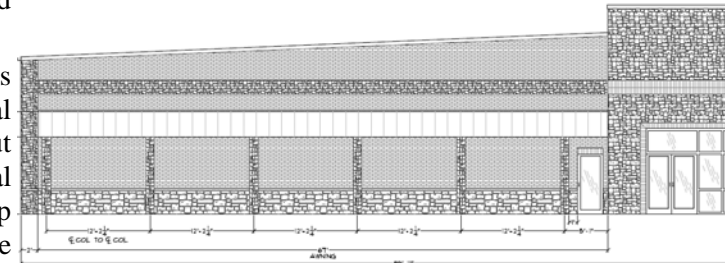
Work Begins on Outdoor Patio Cover

It's an exciting step toward building completion as work began on the outdoor patio the last week of October. Jennings Construction is in charge of the project that includes a 67 foot awning that covers the single door facing Thomas Street and extends to the end of the 100 Building.

The new awning has six columns made of the stone and brick that was moved to the tennis court behind the 507 building when the new building construction was completed. The roof line of the canopy is 9 feet in the front, rising to 12 feet high where it connects to the building. This will cover the entire concrete patio area on the west side of the building (about 12 feet out from the building). Construction is expected to be finished by mid-November.

The canopy was part of the original building design, but shelved during initial construction to keep the project within the financial parameters approved by the church family. Ongoing gifts to the Building Fund made the canopy addition possible last month. Though the \$13,000 cost is more than originally anticipated, there is enough money left in the Building Fund to cover the total cost.

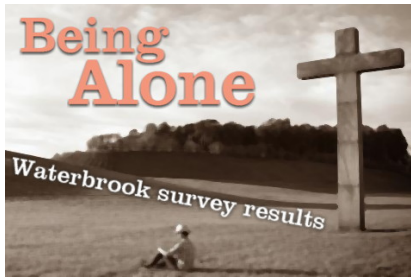
The new patio cover will provide protection from the rain for part of the walk between buildings. It also provides a place for people to talk outside when the lobby is full. A next step is to provide some benches or patio furniture for this covered area as additional funds are received.



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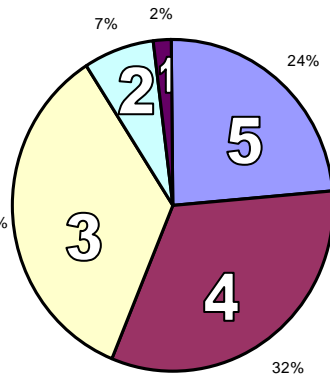
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A Note from the Pastor...

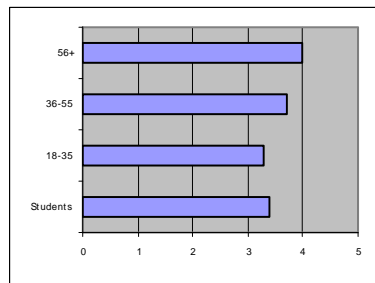


I concluded the recent sermon series, *Are You Alone?*, with a response card for those in attendance that morning to fill out and return. Our response rate was 62% from that morning. That gives us more than enough of what statisticians would consider a valid sample. Let me share what those responses revealed.

The primary questions was: “On a scale of 1-5, 1 being ‘I feel all alone’ and 5 being ‘I am deeply connected to others,’ how would you rate your current level of relationships.” The chart on the right shows the general responses. A majority of people (56%) replied they were at a good spot, a 4 or 5. Including those who selected 3, we could say 91% of our attenders are at least doing “OK” relationally. One thing to keep in mind is what I shared in that sermon, that relational connections and loneliness are subjective judgments. In other words, one person could have one good friend as they want to be to other people. Even if 91% of Waterbrookers are in an acceptable place relationally, there’s still nearly 10% of our church family who feel mostly or completely disconnected.



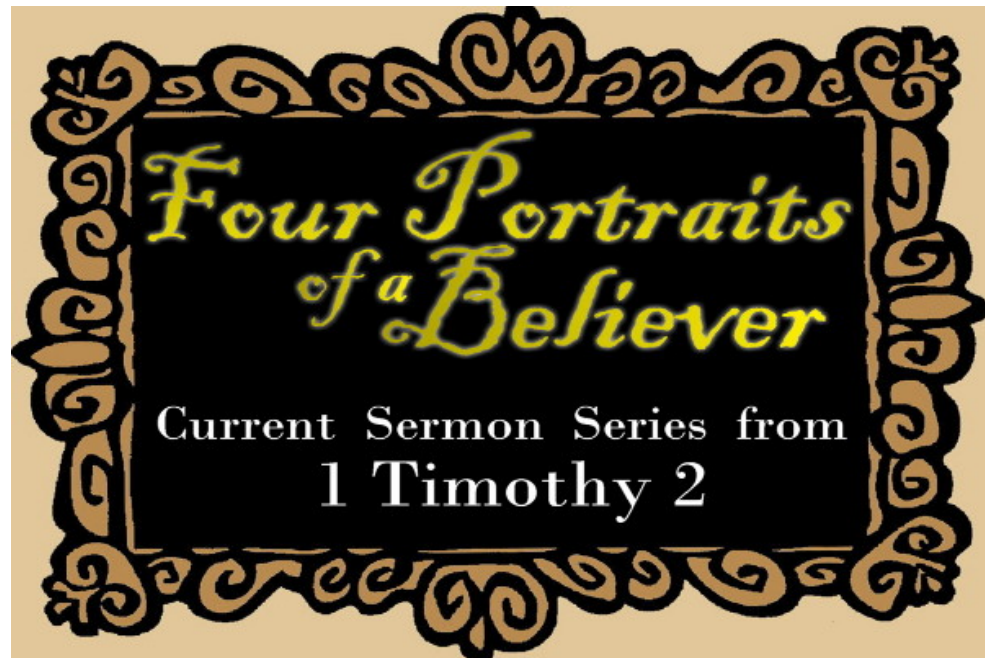
The responses were only slightly different between genders. Men responded with a lower number at level 5 relationships, but matched women on all other rating levels. Age was the biggest gap, with those 56 and older averaging at a 4. The average dropped for 36-55 year olds, and lower still for students through 35 years old.



So, what do we do with this information? It’s good to know a majority of our folks are building good relationships; but we can’t ignore our need to keep growing in this area. We also must be concerned for those who are disconnected, because they’re most likely to stop coming and believe no one cares. (We DO care!) As we grow, it’s important we stay intentional on building relationships to one another. It’s important we care for and shepherd *one another*. It’s important you take steps to connect to others.

In this newsletter you’ll see some options for ways to connect at Waterbrook. I encourage you to take those steps and make friends, join other men or women at a group, join a Sunday morning class or a home team. Participate in an outreach event. Volunteer to serve. Part of connecting to God happens as we connect to one another!

- Pastor Jeff Denton



Reaping What They Sew!

Several ladies gathered at the Waterbrook 507 building on a Saturday in October for a day of sewing Christmas gifts. But they weren’t gifts to place under their own trees. These ladies were making lap quilts to give to nursing home residents this holiday season. Here’s a look at some of the crazy quilters at work...





News for the WOW: Women of Waterbrook

Fall Women's Bible Studies

The Amazing Collection: The Bible Book by Book is a creative study for women. This study series will cover the main points in the second set of 22 books of the Bible beginning with Isaiah and ending with Acts. There will be several groups meeting during the day and evening hours throughout the week. Whether you know a lot about the Bible, have a little knowledge of the Bible, or have never opened a Bible, this sequential study will enable you to get the big picture of God and His Word. This study is not only of God's Word, it is a collection of real women and their practical testimonies of how God has reached down into the deepest part of their lives and ministered to others through life experiences. An alternate study for those who enjoy book studies is meeting every other Tuesday night. They are going through the book *I Quit* by Geri and Peter Scazzero. Allow God to use one of studies to reach into your life and minister to your needs. **We will order workbooks 7 and 8 mid to late November to use after the Christmas break. Please give the \$22.00 to your facilitator so you will have your books for the second half of this study.**

Contact Vickie Heath (972-496-9487) vickieheath@verizon.net for more information and to get "plugged in" to one of these *amazing groups*. Following are the times for these studies:

- Tuesday** (9:30-11:30 AM) Contact is Kathy Cheek
- Tuesday PM** (7:00-8:30 PM) Contact is Terry Jung
- Tuesday PM Book Study** (7:30-8:30 PM) Contact is Judy Ervien
- Thursday AM** (9:30-11:30 AM) Contact is Vickie Heath
- Every other Thursday** (7:30-9:30 PM) Contact is Michele McCune



Connect with other Women of Waterbrook

We invite you to connect with the other W.O.W. women via Facebook. Search for our group "Women of Waterbrook". Here's the link to our group > <https://www.facebook.com/groups/214372485374/>

Join us at the **Waterbrook Membership Class**



The Waterbrook Membership Class is a great place to learn more about our church background, staff, what we believe and our philosophy of ministry. The Membership Class is taught in Pastor Jeff's office in the 507 Ministry Center during the 9:30 session. The next two-week session is scheduled for November 13 & 20. Help us prepare enough materials by signing up for the next class online at Waterbrook.com or by indicating interest on the Sunday Info Card.



Hey Guys, how many friends do you have? Early American writer and philosopher, Elbert Hubbard, said, "My father always used to say that when you die, if you've got five real friends, you've had a great life." But, what do male friendships look like? Hunting together...watching the game...talking about your feelings...a bromance? Join us Wednesday, November 9th at 7:00 pm to begin the journey. We'll see the story of one man who's tried to live it out, and found his life transformed. We're testing the waters for a new monthly meeting for all men. Help us figure this out!



It's time for our next MAKE A FRIEND LUNCH at Waterbrook! Here's how it works... You show up for church on Sunday, November 13th and indicate on the card that you want to participate in the "Make a Friend Lunch." During the 10:55 service, those cards will be paired together and posted. After church you find the individuals (or families) with whom you've been matched. You then decide where you want to go...and go have lunch! You might meet someone you've never met before or get paired with an old friend. It's all part of the fun. Everyone pays for their own lunch. There's no additional commitment or activity - it's just lunch. So, plan to participate on November 13th!

Life Under the Sun

Current study in the *Thru the Word* class

A study of Ecclesiastes
taught by Charles Savelle & Josh Bramer

Sunday mornings at 10:55 - 507 Building



Pizza Party Lunch

The next Wave Messy Lunch is Sunday, Nov. 6th after church at Jurden's. Bring \$3 for food and bring a friend! Dress for fun! Pick up is at 2:15 pm.

Beach House Party

Play & Eat at the Beach House (507 Wave Room) on Wed, Nov. 16th. No cost. A great time to bring friends 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Board games, video games & eating!

Sunday Morning Wave

The Jr. High students meet each week at 10:55 am in the Wave Room. Through the use of discussions, Bible searches, dramas, games and video links the WAVE students discuss relevant topics. This current lessons include "Dangerous People," (studying Daniel, Esther & Peter). The rest of November will include "Better Together," Nov. 13, The First Church (Acts 2:42-47), Nov. 20, You're One of Many Pieces (Romans 12:3-5) and Nov. 27, A New Command (John 13:34-35).



RUSH Change for Sunday Morning Class! (High School Students) meets each Sunday at 10:55 am for Bible Study in the 507 Ministry Center. Time change becomes effective Sunday, November 6th!

Wednesday Night Meetings

At the Waterbrook 100 Building for games & Bible study from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. This is a great night to invite your friends!

The City of Wylie has issued this **CRIME ALERT:**

Several cars have been broken into over the last several days. Lock doors and remove valuables. Criminals are looking for vehicles that have visible property located inside the vehicle. Many of the cars broken into had valuables in plain sight and were unlocked. To limit the possibility of becoming a victim remove all valuables from the vehicle and lock your doors. Please report any suspicious activity.



If you're new to Waterbrook, we invite you to this free lunch where you can get to know our pastors and learn the story of our church. Save a spot via the Sunday Info Card or online at Waterbrook.org

The Holiday Season...

Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, Nov. 20th
5:30 pm

Waterbrook will again be participating in this community service in which we celebrate our thankfulness to God through praise, the Word, and prayer together with other believers. This year's event will be held at First Baptist Church in Wylie. We'll be celebrating the ministry of the Community Christian Care Center.

Festival of Lights Christmas Parade
Saturday, Dec. 3rd
5:30 pm

After two first-prize winning float entries back-to-back, we're focusing on the Nativity this year. You can help cover the cost for this year's parade entry by sponsoring costumes and supplies. Information about how you can help will be available in the lobby in November.

Churchwide Christmas Party for Adults
Saturday, Dec. 3rd
7:00 pm

Pam Durrant tells us everyone is invited to this holiday party after the Christmas parade. It'll be held at the Waterbrook 100 Building. RSVP to her at 972-495-8984.

Boo on Ballard MOVED
Monday, Oct. 31 6-8 pm
Bad weather moved this event to Halloween night. Help Waterbrook pass out candy to thousands of people who show up on Ballard Street for this annual event.

Christmas Worship Choir

If you love to sing and worship, Pastor Don would love to have you help lead worship on Dec. 18th. Looking for 25-30 singers to join the band in lifting the name of Jesus with passion!

The songs for that day include:
- Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child
- Joy to the World
- In Christ Alone, Amazing Grace, Agnus Dei, O Come Let Us Adore Him
THREE REHEARSALS - a Sunday, Monday & Tuesday. Asking everyone to make at least 2 of the 3. Rehearsals are on
Monday, Nov. 7 @ 7:00 pm
Tuesday, Nov. 15 @ 7:00 pm
Sunday, Dec. 11 @ 1:30 pm
Rehearsals last approx. 1.5 hours.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?
Contact Pastor Don (by email) to let him know you'll be participating, and pick up a CD and print copy of the music at the information desk in the lobby. Start learning your music before the first rehearsal!

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH Caring for the Karin Tribe

The Waterbrook Christmas Project this year is to supply needed goods to the Karin tribe refugees in Dallas. Kathleen Krach, one of our missionaries, does a tremendous job of working with these families.

We are asking that you consider purchasing any one or any combination of the following items
- New Blankets (no used comforters or used blankets)
- Floor Lamps
- "No show" socks

You may put a ribbon & card on your gift, but please don't wrap them. You may begin bringing the Karin tribe gifts on **the first week of December** and place them under the Christmas tree in the lobby.