

WELS South Central District - Special Ministries Report
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Stop by the Special Ministries table for **FREE ‘Valley grapefruit’**, sample resources, and informational brochures!

The members of the South Central District Special Ministries committee are available to assist you in working to make sure that, regardless of obstacles that hinder participation, all can benefit from the ministry of the Word in your church.

District Coordinator Pastor Steven Wagenknecht [520-450-0442] and Staff Minister David Kasischke [210-394-2232] are assisted by the following district contacts or specialists in the various areas of Special Ministries. You can contact them directly for assistance in beginning or improving your special ministries.

- *Deaf & HH*– Rebecca Fielding (College Station 716-899-8696) <rlfielding@yahoo.com>
- *IDDM* – Brenda Wagenknecht (Weslaco 520-233-0554) <ewagen@hotmail.com>
- *Called Worker Care* – Pastor Steven Wagenknecht (Weslaco 520-450-0442) <ewagen@hotmail.com>
- *Prison Ministry; Mental Health; Military Services; Health and Wellness; and Visually Impaired* – to be filled. If you have experience or just a heart for one of these ministries, we are looking for volunteers to be district contacts.

The Elite 8 – Areas of Special Ministries

Military Services
Visually Impaired
Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Health and Wellness
Prison Ministry
Mental Health
Called Worker Care Committee

Working on the love? Jesus said that love is an identifying trait of His people (John 13:35). A new Special Ministries Bible class promotes discussion about congregations growing in their display of compassion. You can find this “Compassion Ministry module” on the WELS Congregational Services website at <https://welscongregationalservices.net/c001/>

The Danger is Real! We devote a great portion of church resources to the spiritual training of children. Parents entrust their children to our schools expecting that we also care about their *physical* safety. In response to so many cases of sexual assault, every church and Christian school can offer “Standing Up for Children” training to employees and volunteers who work with children. Request the training by emailing freedom@wels.net

Parents vs. Pornography: find helpful information on talking to your children about this critical subject at conquerorsthroughchrist.net/resources/ebooks. The website includes a free Christ-centered Bible class with a teacher’s guide.

How shall they hear the gospel? This practical question about the means of grace applies to those who cannot sit in your church’s pews. Please supply contact information for your members who are in the military or incarcerated! Do it in less than 1 minute at wels.net/refer

Confirming and Communing Someone with Developmental Disabilities: a new resource is available on the subject of preparing someone with developmental disabilities for communion. Obtain a copy from the writer, Pastor Joel Gaertner (chairman of the Commission on Special Ministries and National Director of Jesus Cares Ministries), by emailing jpgaertner@tlha.org

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