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Three more young residents of the Nelson Children's Center in Denton have chosen to be baptized! Through its spiritual care program, under the direction of Deaconess Ruth Drum, the Nelson Center offers its children the opportunity to grow spiritually through Bible study and worship services. The most recent baptism was held at the center with Pastor Russell Treken of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Denton. Each LSS children's center has a spiritual care program. To learn more, contact Rev. Mel Swoyer at (800) 938-5777, or visit the Nelson Center online at www.LSSS.org.

As part of its spiritual care program, Wedgewood South Assisted Living in Lubbock holds worship service every Friday in its beautiful chapel. Area pastors take turns leading the services. At Wedgewood South, seniors who need help with daily activities like getting dressed, taking medication or visiting the doctor are provided the assistance they need. Among the conveniences at Wedgewood South are laundry services and housekeeping. For a personal tour, contact Christina Stephens at (806) 798-1011. You can also visit Wedgewood South online at www.LSSS.org/seniors.htm.

All children deserve and benefit from enduring, positive relationships with caring adults. The same is true for the more than 20,000 Texas children in foster care. In Amarillo, Dallas/Fort Worth and El Paso, the LSS foster care program serves more than 265 foster children. (LSS serves 1,300 children statewide each day.) The need for more loving foster and adoptive families remains critical. Please prayerfully consider becoming a foster parent. In Amarillo and Lubbock, call (806) 351-0168; in Dallas/Fort Worth, (800) 622-6697; in El Paso, (915) 598-5410.

Working with the U.S. Office of Refugee Resettlement, LSS provides short-term foster care to undocumented, unaccompanied children whose legal status has yet to be determined. During a recent visit with LSS staff and children in the El Paso program, representatives of The Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children said the LSS program could serve as a good bench mark when they visit other programs. The lead attorney for the organization said the LSS staff truly cared about helping children. For more information about the Transitional Foster Care Program, call Jerry Saenz at (915) 771-0281 or email jsaenz@LSSS.org.