

JUNE 15,  
2009

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# SOUTHWEST CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Cafe Grace Summer Series

Join us on Wednesday, June 17 for the Café Grace Summer Series. We'll hear from Chris Workman of the Pearland church. He will talk about the faith of Daniel. We will also enjoy a time of singing and fellowship. The church is open at 6:30 p.m., and the service begins at 7:00 p.m. Teen and children's classes will meet in their regular locations. Childcare is available.



The youth of SWC have a busy summer! This week our middle school youth are at ACU Leadership camps. The High School youth will attend camp in July.

During the weeks not spent at camp, the youth are meeting to study the Word, participate in service projects and spend time in learning and fellowship.

Several trips are planned to the Summer Youth Series which is put on by churches throughout the Houston area. Additionally, the youth attend Wednesday evening classes during Café Grace. The annual trip to Splash Town is always popular! This year it is scheduled for August.

Please be in prayer for our young people as they participate in our summer program. Questions about any of these events can be directed to Steve Sargent.

# ***Updates***

## ***Steve Sandifer, Minister of Pastoral Care***

I found Sunday very encouraging. Caleb did an excellent job of challenging us with his lesson, and it was affirming to pray for and celebrate with so many who have had the cancer experience. I know we have a number of former cancer patients who did not come to the front, but it was great to celebrate Ginger's 20 years of freedom from inflammatory breast cancer. That's a miracle.

Another celebration in the office is over the employment of Robyn Albright to be our new church receptionist/secretary. We will introduce Robyn to you more in coming weeks. She will be learning from Beth as schedules permit over the next two weeks and then will become the voice of the front office. The position of secretary/receptionist is undergoing some significant changes; the two most noticeable will be that the position is now part time, 30 hours per week, 9-3 Monday – Friday, and that Robyn not being a member of the congregation will not know a lot of things that we pick up simply from attending during the assemblies. Be in prayer for the transition.

Now for a building update. Due to improper handling and storage, our pews are no longer serviceable, and it is not cost effective to restore them. If the elders decide to put pews back into

the auditorium, insurance will purchase new pews. The time required for their construction and installation is 3-4 months from the time they are ordered. Lawyers from the insurance company, dry out firm, and storage firm are trying to work out liabilities, so we are in a holding pattern until they reach a settlement. Some of the foyer furniture was also damaged, and we are securing repair and/or replacement quotes for those items.

The City of Houston building inspector has red tagged some of our electrical wiring because the current building codes are much more strenuous than when the building was last modified. Our contractor has contacted the insurance company for approval for these code upgrades.

Assuming everything from everyone is settled and approved this week (don't hold your breath), we could be in our classrooms in July and the Auditorium in November. Aren't we glad that the church is not the building! Our church is in fine shape and our ministries are prospering.

On personal note, our son Kenneth will receive his Army commission at Ft. Benning, GA, on June 25. Jo and I will spend that week loving on Kenneth, Breta, Kiera, and Kielan.

### ***July is BIM Month***

Braes Interfaith Ministries needs toiletries! July is the month SWC has a special collection to meet the needs of people in Southwest Houston. This summer the need is for toiletries of all types. Toothbrushes in individual packages, bath soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, shaving cream—any of the toiletries you may use daily are needed by BIM. You may bring any items you wish to donate to the Fellowship Hall. There will be a table set up along the North Wall. We will be collecting toiletries for the entire month of July.

***As God has loved us, we will meet people on common ground and journey together to the higher ground of life in Christ Jesus our Lord.***

## ***Special Service on July 5***

On July 5 we will have our next table service along with a 4th of July meal. We will also honor Beth and Jeremy Brown who are moving to Lubbock in early July. Beth has been our church secretary on two occasions: July, 2001-November, 2003 and July 2006- June, 2009. Contributions toward a gift for the Browns can be given to Steve Sandifer or Steve Sargent. Plan on joining us and staying for lunch and the presentation. Watch for more information next week.

## ***Keenager Outing to Lake Jackson***

On Thursday, July 2, we will visit **Lake Jackson**, leaving at 9:00 a.m. First stop will be Sea Center Texas, operated by your Texas Parks and Wildlife. At the center we will be self guided for the first part of our visit, seeing their various aquariums and displays inside along with a wetlands area and boardwalk outside. You will see various fish from our area of the Gulf. The 600 foot boardwalk through the wetlands gives close-up views of green tree frogs, humming birds, dragonflies, turtles, and an immense array of birds. At 11:00 we have a tour scheduled of the fish hatchery where 15 million red drum and spotted sea trout begin their lives before being release into the Gulf.

Just a mile away we will lunch at Luby's or Ryan's – you get to vote on it. Then we will visit the Brazosport Museum of Natural Science before returning home around 3:30.

A sign-up sheet is outside of the kitchen. Anyone who wishes to go may sign up. The only cost of this tour is your lunch.

## ***Mark Your Calendar...***

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17**

Café Grace Summer Series

**FRIDAY, JUNE 19**

Bridge Night, 7:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 20**

SEASONS, 8:30 a.m.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 21**

Elder's meeting, 4:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24**

Café Grace Summer Series

**MONDAY, JUNE 29**

Summer Youth Series

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 1**

Café Grace Summer Series

**FRIDAY, JULY 3**

Bridge Night, 7:00 p.m.

**SUNDAY, JULY 5**

Table Service

Elder's Meeting, 4:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 8**

Café Grace Summer Series

**SUNDAY, JULY 12**

Care Groups Meet

## ***Braes Re-Sale and Consignment Sale***

***Saturday, June 27***

***9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.***

***50% Off***

***Clothes, Shoes, Purses***

***And other Select Items***

Braes Re-Sale is located at the SE corner of Post Oak and W. Bellfort, in the strip next to Washington Mutual.

## ***DAILY BIBLE READINGS***

June 17..... Job 38-42

June 18..... Psalms 1-9

June 19..... Psalms 10-17

June 20..... Psalms 18-22

June 21..... Psalms 23-31

June 22..... Psalms 32-37

June 23..... Psalms 38-44

June 24..... Psalms 45-51

June 25..... Psalms 52-59

June 26..... Psalms 60-67

June 27..... Psalms 68-71

## *In Sympathy...*

SWC Extends sympathy to Larry Watson and Jerry Watson on the death of Rachel Nelson, their paternal grandmother. She was 98 and living with an aunt in Sacramento, California, at the time of her death on April 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. She was cremated in California and her ashes were sent to Levelland, Texas, where family and friends gathered this past Saturday morning, June 13<sup>th</sup> for graveside services.

## *You're Invited...*

Everyone is invited to witness the marriage of Joseph Devon Niles and Monica Marie Dangerfield at the Westbury Baptist Church on Friday, July 24, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. There will be a private reception to follow for the family and wedding party.

## *Remember in Prayer...*



**James Fleming**, uncle of Whitney Fleming, has fluid in his lungs and no diagnosis as to why... **Martha Haun**, diagnosed with uterine cancer, will meet with physicians this week... **Shirley Smith**, guest of SWC visiting MD Anderson for treatments for lung cancer... **Beth White**, diagnosed with breast cancer.

### **Continue to Remember:**

Mary Drehsel... Ken Evans...  
Christin Fletcher... Raydoe Goree...  
Lawrence McAfee III... June Rutledge Tharp...  
Joyce Toellner...  
Laura Warfel... SWC friends & family in the US military... SWC families who are grieving.

### Just for the Record June 14, 2009

Class .....	66
AM Assembly .....	not available
Budget Gifts .....	\$9,216.70
Designated Gifts .....	\$50.00
<b>Year-to-Date</b>	
Planned Giving.....	\$318,200.00
Actual Giving.....	\$322,635.06
Giving Over Budget.....	\$4,435.06
Other Gifts.....	\$353,586.07

### Elders

Dick Darroh	David Pipes
Michael Tucker	Larry Watson

### Staff

Mike McAlister	<i>Interim Pulpit Minister</i>
Steve Sargent	<i>Youth &amp; Family Minister</i>
Steve Sandifer	<i>Pastoral Minister</i>
Beth Brown	<i>Secretary</i>
Antonio Zapata	<i>Maintenance</i>
David Louis	<i>Keymaster</i>

### Assembly Times

Bible Class.....	9:00 a.m.
Worship Assembly.....	10:15 a.m.
Evening Assembly.....	6:00 p.m.

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