

JUNE 22,
2009

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SOUTHWEST CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

SWC Welcomes Robyn Albright

Robyn Albright is joining the church staff as the new church secretary. Robyn has been a long time resident of Houston. After attending Jersey Village High School, she attended Stephen F. Austin State University where she studied Literature.



Robyn is an advocate for families dealing with special needs children, primarily Autism Spectrum Disorder. She devotes a great deal of time to working in the community to find services and direction for children recently diagnosed with autism. In that capacity, she is the leader of the Houston Autism Meetup Group and she is also a Rescue Angel for Generation Rescue.

In her spare time, Robyn enjoys spending time with her son, listening to live music, reading and nutrition.

Robyn has begun training with Beth and will be our point person beginning July 1. We have made the secretarial position a 30 hour per week ministry, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Monday – Friday in an attempt to trim our expenses to match our income. Please plan your church office business to fit these hours.

Cafe Grace Summer Series

Join us on Wednesday, June 17 for the Café Grace Summer Series. We'll hear from Ken Boggs of the Burke Road church. He will talk about the faith of Abraham. 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.

Then He Opened Their Minds

Mike McAlister, Interim Pulpit Minister

It happens too often. Driving through a “familiar” part of town, I notice for the first time a tree, a building, or a park and I inquired of my passenger, “How long has that been there?”

“Couple of years,” is the reply. Sometimes my passenger is stunned by the dullness of my observation of what now seems so apparent.

I drive down familiar streets with my mind pre-programmed to only notice the corner where I will turn or the store where I can find the items on my list. The unfinished business at my office or at home wrestles for my attention. Nature and the community around me have such a treasure to offer me, but I drive by unaware - focused only on my task, my appointment, or my concerns.

It happens in my relationship with God, too. I open the scriptures to a “familiar” text, searching for a “point” I am trying to confirm, and find myself jolted by something that God had put there thousands of years ago. *(And sometimes I in-*

quire, “How long has that been there?”) And in those moments I am stunned by the dullness of my perception of Who God is, how great His ways are, and how much treasure He has provided for my life journey.

“Then He opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.”

However, we, *the slow of heart*, make up quite a fellowship. Our fellowship includes the apostles and saints through the ages who have needed to be jolted out of our pre-conceptions by the presence, the word, and the power of the living God. It is to the likes of people like US that He comes to reveal Himself and His ways. Without these Spirit-led moments of revelation by Jesus, we would continue to pass by His treasures - unnoticed and unchanged.

Ask Him to open your mind today. There is quite a world to behold!

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.



Sign Up Sheets

There are several sign up sheets located on the bulletin board outside the kitchen, including trips to the Houston Museum of Natural Science, the annual prayer workshop in Calhoun, LA, and ACU Summit (formerly lectureship). Sign up for these now, so that you can secure a seat! See Steve Sandifer if you have questions.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Mark Your Calendar...

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

Café Grace Summer Series

MONDAY, JUNE 29

Summer Youth Series

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

Café Grace Summer Series

THURSDAY, JULY 2

Keenager trip to Lake Jackson

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

Café Grace Summer Series

FRIDAY, JULY 17

Bridge Night, 7:00 p.m.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

June 28..... Psalms 72-77

June 29..... Psalms 78-81

June 30..... Psalms 82-89

July 1..... Psalms 90-97

July 2..... Psalms 98-104

Family Matters

Martha **Haun** thanks the congregation for their prayers... Ed and Brenda **Pennington** were glad to have their daughter Christy visiting last Sunday... Alex **Yocum** and Kevin **Lucas** have gone into business together forming A.K. Protection... We are glad to have the kids back from ACU camp.

In Sympathy...

SWC extends sympathy to the Pybus family on the death of David's grandmother, Emma Nettie Warden Pybus. Mrs. Pybus passed away last week, and funeral services were held on Saturday, June 20.

Remember in Prayer...

Trudy Bustamante, bone density problems... **Kendall Cummings**, father of K Pipes, fell but was uninjured.



Continue to Remember:

Mary Drehsel... James Fleming...
Christin Fletcher... Raydoe Goree...
Martha Haun... Lawrence McAfee III...
Shirley Smith... June Rutledge Tharp...
Joyce Toellner... Beth White...
SWC friends & family in the US military...
SWC families who are grieving.

Just for the Record June 22, 2009

Class	71
AM Assembly	128
Budget Gifts	\$8,768.08
Designated Gifts	0.00

Year-to-Date

Planned Giving.....	\$326,800.00
Actual Giving.....	\$331,403.14
Giving Over Budget.....	\$30,951.01
Other Gifts.....	\$362,354.15

Elders

Dick Darroh	David Pipes
Michael Tucker	Larry Watson

Staff

Mike McAlister	<i>Interim Pulpit Minister</i>
Steve Sargent	<i>Youth & 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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