

JULY 27,
2009

Guest Speaker this Sunday Night
Jay Williams, Sunny Glen
Children's Home

We will be joined by Jay Williams of the Sunny Glen Children's Home this Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m.

If you would like more information, please go to the website
www.sunnyglenshome.org.



INVITATION
MEN'S PRAYER LUNCHEON
Sunday, August 2, 2009

Dear Brother:

Seems like it has been six months since our last luncheon, but in reality it was just 60 days. This Sunday our meditation and prayers will focus on what it means to be Christian. The topic sounds simple enough, however it may be deeper and perhaps should reach deeper into our lives than we think. Please read the verses below and come prepared to pray. Until then please remember our sick, our congregation, our military men/women and our national leaders in your prayers. I look forward to your presence making our fellowship more complete!

"If we say we share in God's life while we are living in darkness, we are lying because we are not living the truth; if we say 'we have no sin', we are deceiving ourselves and truth has no place in us; if we say 'we have never sinned' we make him a liar, and his word has no place in us." (excerpts from 1 John 1).

In Jesus Christ,
Dick Darroh

A COMMUNITY... CREATED... CALLED... LED... RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

SOUTHWEST CENTRAL
CHURCH OF CHRIST

Charming...

(This little reflection was written by Laure more than two years ago, and long before Hurricane Ike struck us. It is worthwhile and timely today. I have abbreviated it for space. MCT)

If this word begins a description of a house you are interested in, then you should prepare yourself for something compact, previously owned, a little quaint, a bit out-of date. For those who can see it, a place with potential. While its architecture points to a significant past, it can be updated to be functional for the present and open its arms to the future.

Our Care Group ate (of course) -- and later sang Christmas carols -- at one of the most charming small homes in Houston. It is a garden in the midst of the city that has somewhat dulled around it. A lot of joy was shared there. And some very good tamales!

One of my friends recounts the visit to her very charming home and garden, by a grandchild from a family of four, who normally lives in a much larger home with many more "amenities." After a very pleasant visit, which included time with cousins and other relatives, and possibly sleeping on the hide-a-bed or floor, he said, "they sure can squeeze a lot of fun into those little houses."

Not everyone will follow up an ad for a "charming" home, because they don't appreciate the dimensions, or the time it would take to help it reach its potential.

I have heard our members say that they think our church is so loving, and implying that anyone who came inside could see that. I have been somewhat skeptical. But I am not so sure that they are wrong...

Avanti Italia

For those who heard Jim Woodroof's talk about the Avanti Italia mission program Sunday evening and wish more information, the web address is www.avantiitalia.org.

If you wish to make a donation, this can be sent to:

College Church of Christ
712 E. Race Avenue
Searcy, AK 72143
Phone: (505) 2687156

Stateside donations should be clearly marked for Avanti Italia since this church receives donations for many causes.

Something brings people to us, and it is not a pristine, state-of-the-art facility that does so. It may

require squinting... to see the potential of such a place, with its old and new mix, and its cross-section of well-established as well as barely-informed believers, coming together for worship and fellowship...

An older facility that still has plenty of potential for "fun," or more to the believer's point, love. Our old church can "squeeze" quite a lot of that in, and it has taken me a long time to really see it.

It can be functional in the present, and reach its arms out to the future, if we help it by some renovation. In our charming older homes, renovation is nearly always ongoing. There are things that have lost their use and need to be replaced. Electrical and plumbing updates, colors to be changed, and improved flooring for a better appearance...

Still, the real test is the love that can be "squeezed into" the church. This last Sunday, again I rejoiced, realizing that in a church that can sometimes be "charming," there are great possibilities.

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

1 John 4:11-13

-Laure Tucker

As God has loved us, we will meet people on common ground and journey together to the higher ground

Everyone is invited to a wedding shower and brunch for Natalie Fonville and Zalman Vaksman on Saturday, August 1 beginning at 10 a.m. at the home of Michael and Laure Tucker.



The couple is registered at Target or a gift of money may be brought to the shower. For more information call Laure 713-806-9584 or Bobbie Huebner



Terra Cotta Warriors

Join the Keenagers on a trip to the Museum of Natural Science to see the Terra Cotta Warriors on August 6 at 9:15 a.m.

The admission price is \$18.00 plus your lunch. The sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board outside the kitchen.

Cafe Grace Summer Series

Join us on **Wednesday, July 29**, for the Café Grace Summer Series. We'll hear from **Carol Blane of St. George and St. Patrick Church**. 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.

BIM Resale 50% off Sale

The Braes Interfaith Ministries Resale shop will be having a 50% off sale on August 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The sale will include clothing, shoes, purses, and many other items.

Mark Your Calendar...

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

Café Grace Summer Series with Carol Blane from St. George and St. Patrick Church.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

Jay Williams from Sunny Glenn Children's Home will be speaking in the evening.

Prayer Team will meet at 12:00 p.m.

Elder's Meeting 4:00 p.m.

Men's Prayer Lunch 12:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

Keenagers trip to the Museum of Natural Science/Terra Cotta Warriors

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

Bridge Night

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

Care Groups meet. Locations to be announced.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

SEASONS will meet at 8:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

Teen BBQ

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

July 27	Isaiah 26-28
July 28	Isaiah 29-31
July 29	Isaiah 32-35
July 30	Isaiah 36-38
July 31	Isaiah 39-42
August 1	Isaiah 43-47
August 2	Isaiah 48-51
August 3	Isaiah 52-56

Family Matters

Steve **Sargent** and Luiz **Suarez** are spending a week at Crosstraining, and ACU camp in New Mexico please keep them in your prayers... Our sympathies to Kayci **Fry** who lost her aunt Marsha Fry... Congratulations to Joseph and Monica **Niles** on their recent nuptials... Brent **Spivy** has returned from a relaxing week visiting his brother in Denver, Colorado... Ginger **Hanning** spent the weekend visiting her sister and brother-in-law in North Carolina...

Remember in Prayer...

Dot Beckett, rehabing at home... **Gene Dailey**, recovering from surgery... **Winnie Short**, kidney cancer...



Continue to Remember:

Mary Dreshel... Christin Fletcher...L. Keith McAfee... Silma Soleyn... June Rutledge Tharp... Jonathan Winkles... Deborah Winters... SWC friends & family in the US military... SWC families who are grieving.

Just for the Record July 26, 2009

Class	72
AM Assembly	115
Budget Gifts	5369.71
Designated Gifts	325.00
Year-to-Date	
Planned Giving.....	369,800.00
Actual Giving.....	367,500.49
Giving Under Budget.....	2,299.51
Other Gifts.....	32,301.01

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>
Robyn Albright	<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.



The **people** walking
in darkness have
seen a great **light**

Isaiah 9:2

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