

SOUTHWEST CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Building Decision

Almost a year ago Hurricane Ike wreaked havoc on our church building. The repair and the insurance processes have been slower than expected. Most of the repairs to the education wings are nearing completion and congregational work days are scheduled to prepare for the patiently awaited move back into our classrooms.

During Sunday's Shepherd's Moment, David Pipes speaking for the elders reminded the congregation of our vision statement before announcing the decision to level the floor and purchase new seats. He said that the elders and ministers, "have been wrestling with how best to restore our meeting place. There has been much prayer and much discussion. We invited your input and weighed your suggestions. It has not been an easy decision. We do not see this as a choice between "old ways" and "new ways", nor are we trying to identify the "right way" versus the "wrong way". The most important thing for us is to find what looks most like our vision and our mission -- to meet people on common ground."

"The overall cost will be significantly less than we originally estimated. The exact figure will be determined in part by the outcome of negotiations with the insurance company and the dry-out contractors. We will move forward using money from our capital improvement fund and the estate fund with the expectation of reimbursing part of those funds once a settlement is reached."

"We understand you may have some specific questions for the shepherds and we invite you to share them with us. As we move forward from here, may God remind us that Christ himself is the chief cornerstone of who we are and what we do."

Steve Sargent and Luiz Suarez return from Crosstraining in New Mexico



May Your Kingdom Come

JESUS' TEACHING ON PRAYER cuts across everything we have learned from our sinful and fallen nature. He insists that God be given the first place in everything.

In praying, Jesus calls us to:

- yearn for God's name to be kept holy and high;
- yearn for God's kingdom to be advanced;
- yearn for God's will to be accomplished through our lives;
- trust God as the supplier of our needs;
- ask God's forgiveness for our debt;
- extend our forgiveness to our debtors;
- emulate God's nature in the way we deal with others;
- ask God to lead us as we face our everyday challenges;
- seek God's deliverance from the power of the unseen evil one.

We will only experience the power and the joy of this prayer when we realize that the One who-taught us to pray like this was on His way to a cross.

The horror of His cross has a way of putting our "personal issues" into perspective.

The passion of His commitment to doing the Father's will has a way of exposing the content of our hearts.

The grandness of His vision to building the Kingdom of heaven reveals the transitory nature of our desires.

Transform us, oh God, until we learn to pray for the glory of Your Kingdom.

-Mike McAlister



On Sunday, August 23rd, the youth of SWC will be hosting our annual **Youth BBQ and Summer Special Collection**. Please make plans to join us for this special event, as we gather around the table to raise funds and our spirits.

Budget Requests

The Budget and Finance Team has initiated requests for the next year's budget from all team ministries. We plan to present the budget on **September 27**. All teams please submit your requests to the Budget team by **August 23**. If you have any questions please contact theronbrown222@yahoo.com.

Cafe Grace Summer Series

Join us on **Wednesday, August 12**, for the Café Grace Summer Series. We'll hear from **Bob Ethington of Kingwood 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.



WORK DAY at the CHURCH

Dave Ramsey's

Financial Peace UNIVERSITY

Saturdays August 15 and 22
As we try to get our building back into shape to resume classes, we need help the next two Saturdays. Work will begin at 8:30 and continue until you leave. A complete list of items is being compiled, but they include moving furniture, cleaning bulletin boards, and repairing the fence. There is something for everyone to do, and much of it will be inside an air conditioned building.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15
SEASONS will meet at 8:30 a.m.
Work Day

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16
Elders Meeting

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20
Family Night Out-Astros Game

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22
Work Day

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23
Teen BBQ and Offering
242 Small Group (at Sargent's home)

You are cordially invited to preview the **Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University** Class offered this fall by Laure and Michael Tucker with assistance from Luci and Michael Bell. Please stay tuned for more details.

We will share our views on Financial Peace and what it means to us. If you are curious about "Financial Peace," this is the time for you to investigate!

Please RSVP to (713) 806-9584.

Houston Astros Baseball

Parents and their teens are invited to our Family Night Out on **Thursday, August 20**. We have generously been given tickets to the **Houston Astros**, and we'll head to the game together. The game starts at 7:00 p.m. We'll meet at the church building at 6:00 p.m. Please let Steve Sargent know ASAP if you and your family plan to attend.

Pybus Girls Blog

Follow Sara and Claire Pybus in Africa at:

<http://pybusgirlsinafrica.blogspot.com/>

August 10	Jeremiah 10-12
August 11	Jeremiah 13-15
August 12	Jeremiah 16-18
August 13	Jeremiah 19-22
August 14	Jeremiah 23-25:16
August 15	Jeremiah 25:17-27
August 16	Jeremiah 28-30
August 17	Jeremiah 31,32
August 18	Jeremiah 33-35
August 19	Jeremiah 36-38
August 20	Jeremiah 39-41

Family Matters

The **Guerra** family have returned from their annual trip to West Virginia and Ohio seeing family... **Barbara Rice** is in Denver... **Joyce Van Houten** has returned safely from 2 weeks in Mt. Vernon and Anacortes, Washington... **Ginger Hanning** has just returned from a vacation and has now visited all 50 states... **Rose Cogswell**, has gone to South Carolina to have a reunion with her sisters...



Welcome Jude Garrett Thompson! Born on July 28th to proud parents Jenny and Chris Thompson.

Remember in Prayer...



Dot Beckett, rehabing at home... **Richard Bustamante**, hospitalized with severe urinary tract infection... **Reginald Gibbs**, home recovering... **Evelyn Guinn**, is home recovering from surgery... **Ginger Hanning**, outpatient surgery on Thursday... **Larry McAfee**, hospitalized... **Donna Young**, recovering from a recent fall...

Continue to Remember:

Nithin Amrith... Mary Drehsel...
Christin Fletcher... Jonathan Winkles...
Winnie Short... Beth White...
SWC friends & family in the US military...
SWC families who are grieving.

Just for the Record August 9, 2009

Class	68
AM Assembly	96
Budget Gifts	6,354.37
Designated Gifts	50.00
Year-to-Date	
Planned Giving.....	387,000.00
Actual Giving.....	382,168.07
Giving Under Budget.....	<4,831.93>
Other Gifts.....	32,551.01

Elders

Dick Darroh	David Pipes
Michael Tucker	Larry Watson

Staff

Mike McAlister	Interim Pulpit Minister
Steve Sargent	Youth & Family Minister
Steve Sandifer	Pastoral Minister
Robyn Albright	Secretary
Antonio Zapata	Maintenance
David Louis	Keymaster

Assembly Times

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

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