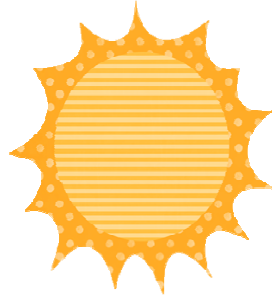


AUGUST 17,  
2009



# Teen BBQ and Special Summer Collection

Our Annual Youth BBQ and Special Collection is this **Sunday, August 23rd**. In addition to eating and sharing around tables, we will be having a special collection to help support the work and ministry within the church and among our community. Our goal is \$15,000 dollars. The BBQ has been a long-standing, fun tradition at SWC. **Please join us!**



## *Building Fund: a generous surprise*

Most of the repairs for the damage done by Ike will be paid for by insurance but we will have to pay for some additional expenses out of our regular budget or the estate funds. We plan to replenish those funds with a special collection. This is a different collection from the offering at the barbecue.

**Surprise!** One of our members has generously offered to match contributions to the building fund up to **\$15,000**. (We donate a dollar; he matches it with a dollar.) If you would like to donate to this collection, mark a check or cash envelope "building fund," and drop it in the collection plate. We will continue this collection, with occasional reminders, until the end of the year. **Praise God! We start out half-way to our goal!**

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## By Eva Thibaudreau

A single father of two disabled boys, ages five and eight. Evicted from the house they were renting. Dad is the full-time caregiver to the children, one of whom has a collapsed lung, and they try to scrape by on disability payments. They are on the streets of Houston tonight.

Yesterday, a call from a married couple with four children, all under the age of six years. Dad has been relentlessly interviewing for jobs. He is a certified forklift operator and machinist, but a DUI felony keeps him from being the final candidate anywhere. Last night the family of six slept in a locked car that long ago quit running, a moot point since they have no gas with which to fill it anyway.

Later in the day, a call came in from a 54-year-old woman with chronic asthma who quit her job several months ago to take care of her mother, who passed away three weeks ago. She cannot find new employment. She knows it is her age, or her health, or her outdated skill set. Her landlord put a lock on her apartment for lack of payment. Her belongings are all inside. She spent last night sleeping intermittently on the doorstep of her former home, praying for a solution.

Earlier in the week, a phone call from a community church that has opened its doors to homeless families, "We have carloads of families arriving everyday. All the shelters are full and the children are sleeping in these cars, in the heat! We desperately need 100 cots or mats or something. We've cleared the sanctuary and the community center but there is nothing for the children to lie on. What can we do?!"

I call the emergency shelters in the area and hear the same story: "We are operating at an overflow of 80 people a night on exercise mats on the floor. We've never had to cap overflow, but we just can't handle anymore people." "The phone never stops ringing and we are at capacity. There isn't another corner to use!" "We are full." "We are full." "We have no room." Everyone is somber this summer, clients and providers. The streets are full of families. Of women and children. Of grandmothers and daddies. They are finding refuge in broken down cars, beneath carports and on garage floors. Meanwhile, the temperatures set daily records and there is no rain in sight.

It is time to come together and create a solution. The people without housing are no longer "the other." They are you and me and my mother and our children and your grandmother. They haven't done anything more or less wrong than you or I have. They were just a little bit closer to the edge than us. I see that edge everyday, through my eyes and others' and know it isn't that far away. Today is the day to act. Today is the day to do more than pray and plan. Today is the day to ask your church to sponsor a family. Today is the day to give someone a job. Today is the day to get your friends together and split rent for a family. Today is the day to contact an agency and ask what is needed. Today is the day to roll up your sleeves and make sure that no child, no grandmother, no mother or father sleeps without security tonight.

### 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](mailto:theronbrown222@yahoo.com).

Dave Ramsey's



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. Join us at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 12, at the home of Michael and Laure Tucker.

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.

**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.**



**Saturday August 22**

As we try to get our building back into shape to resume classes, we need help the Saturday. Work will begin at 8:30 and continue until you leave. A complete list of items is being compiled, but they include painting, trimming trees, and moving furniture to set up more classrooms. There is something for everyone to do, and much of it will be inside an air conditioned building.



**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.

**CAFÉ GRACE**

Join us on **Wednesday, August 19**, for the Café Grace Summer Series. We'll hear from **Danny Mercer of Friendswood 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.

**Sunny Glen Children's Home**

On **September 15**, the truck from Sunny Glenn will be here to pick up donations. They are requesting donations of paper towels, toilet paper, and trash bags (13 gallon). Monetary contributions will also be welcomed.

Donations may be dropped off at the church office.

**Mark Your  
Calendar...**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 20**

Family Night Out-Astros Game

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 21**

Bridge Night

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 22**

Work Day

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 23**

Teen BBQ and Offering  
242 Small Group (at Sargent's home)

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

The Annual Meeting of the Southwest Central Church of Christ Corporation

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

August 17 .....	Jeremiah 31,32
August 18 .....	Jeremiah 33-35
August 19 .....	Jeremiah 36-38
August 20 .....	Jeremiah 39-41
August 21 .....	Jeremiah 42-44
August 22 .....	Jeremiah 45-48
August 23 .....	Jeremiah 49, 50
August 24 .....	Jeremiah 51, 52
August 25 .....	Lamentations 1,2
August 26 .....	Lamentations 3-5
August 27 .....	Ezekiel 1-4

## Family Matters

**Billye Simms** welcomes her grandchildren Samantha, Michael, and Jacob-Samantha's son from Vermont who Billye has not met but will enjoy a week visit ...

**Novelene Booker** spent the weekend with her son Edward who is visiting from Orlando, Florida... **K Pipes** is driving to Clifton to spend a week with her parents... **Bobbie Huebner** will be entertaining two of her granddaughters, Bryn and Molly Calvert, this week... **Tiffany Barnes** had her parents with her, saying goodbye as she leaves for studies in Argentina...

## Welcome New Member

Renae Johnson  
5507 Indigo  
Houston, Texas 77096  
(832) 890-5793

## Remember in Prayer...



**Dot Beckett**, rehabing at home... **Richard Bustamante**, awaiting test result... **Reginald Gibbs**, home recovering... **Evelyn Guinn**, is home recovering from surgery... **Ginger Hanning**, recovering from surgery... **Larry McAfee**, recovering at home... **Beth White**, receiving cancer treatments... **Donna Young**, recovering from a recent fall...

### Continue to Remember:

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

### Just for the Record August 16, 2009

Class .....	73
AM Assembly .....	114
Budget Gifts .....	not available
Designated Gifts .....	not available
Year-to-Date	
Planned Giving.....	not available
Actual Giving.....	not available
Giving Under Budget.....	not available
Other Gifts.....	not available

### 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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