

SEPTEMBER 21,
2009

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

SOUTHWEST CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST



We made an IMPACT!

The beautiful show of unity and practical praise that you exhibited enabled us to provide 350 lunches to the Impact Community. We appreciate your willingness to serve each time there is a need. Thank you.

-Charles and Roiana Powell

Father, Open Our Eyes!

WHAT DO YOU “SEE” AROUND YOU TODAY? It takes little awareness to point out the sad things in our world. It takes little research to discover the hurting things, the missing things, or the frightening things. It requires no genius to show us how “bad off” things seem to be.

What we need today are people of faith who will risk helping us “see” GOD at work in the midst of the evil that any worldly-minded person can see. What do you “see” today?

In 2 Kings, chapter 6, we find that the army of Aram had surrounded the city where the prophet Elisha lived. His servant saw the army and cried, “*Oh, my lord, what shall we do?*” (Just the kind of guy you want around in a crisis! He may have been the patriarch of that enormous, world-wide tribe known as the Hand-Wringing-Woe-Sayers. Many of us are apparently descendants.)

Elisha answers his servant: “*Don’t be afraid. Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.*” And then Elisha asked GOD to open the eyes of his servant.

(It is so hard to see the things of GOD until we ask Him to open our vision to more than our worldly-minded limitations. The only kind of “realist” that is helpful in the Kingdom of GOD is the one who is also a realist about the power and potential of GOD in any situation.) When GOD opened the servant’s eyes, he saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. That day was a victory of faith in GOD – not of fear-based “realism.”

1 John 4:4 tells us that we are over-comers of the evil forces because “*greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.*” Jesus has promised His eternal presence with us through His Spirit. He proclaims that His Kingdom will stand and that the gates of hell will NOT prevail against it. He promised His victory – even as He warned of our times of trial and as He marched toward His cross.

People of faith must learn to agree with Jesus and to ask for our eyes to be opened that we might “see” the victory of GOD . . . even when the enemy has surrounded us.

Father, open our eyes!

-Mike McAlister

Braes Interfaith Ministries

You are invited to join BIM on **October 1, 2009** at Corpus Christi Catholic Church for a 25th Anniversary Celebration of the ministry’s founding.

Tickets are \$25.00 and available at BIM.

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I would like to thank those who have sent cards, offered prayers, and sent food during my recent surgery. I am still healing which will be a slow process. Keep me in your prayers.

-Ginger Hanning

Lifeline Chaplaincy

Lifeline Chaplaincy is celebrating 25 years of Ministry on Tuesday, October 6, 2009 at its Annual Galaxy Gala Benefit Dinner. It will be held at the Westin Galleria.

For tickets and table sponsorships: Call by October 1st 713-524-1055 or 1-888-767-6363.

Individual tickets are \$100.00.

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.

Ladies' Bible Class

The Ladies' Bible Class is studying the book of Hebrews and is led by Andrea Engle and Laure Tucker assisted by readers Dawn Henson and Roiana Powell.

Class begins at 10 a.m. on **Thursday** and will be followed by a trip to Luby's for lunch.

Our key verse to learn 'by heart' this fall is Hebrews 10:22 : "Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water."

Annual Meeting of the Southwest Central Church of Christ Corporation

Please join us on **Sunday evening, September 27, at 6:00 p.m.**
The budget will be presented.



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Picking Up The Pieces

Lifeline Chaplaincy and Memorial Church of Christ present "Re-creating Your Life After Loss"- a seminar in Dealing with Loss and Recovery by Charles M. Rix.

The seminar provides insights from the Bible and practical skills to name losses and how to move forward in re-imagining your life.

Plenary Workshop for Everyone is Saturday, October 10 9 a.m. –1 p.m. at Lifeline Chaplaincy, 1415 Southmore.

Registration is available by phone (713) 524-1055 or by email at lifeline@lifelinechaplaincy.org.

Deadline is Tuesday, October 6.

Mark Your Calendar...

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Outback Group meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Meyerland location

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

BIM Gala

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

Bridge Night

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

Prayer Team Meeting 12:00 p.m.

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

Elder's Meeting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

Lifeline Chaplaincy Annual Galaxy Gala
Benefit Dinner

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

Admin Team Meeting

CARE Groups

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

Bridge Night

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

September 22Hosea 13,14

September 23Amos 1-5

September 24Amos 6-9

September 25 Jonah 1-4, Micah 1,2

September 26 Micah 3-7

September 27 Nahum Habakkuk

September 28Zephaniah Haggi

September 29Zechariah 1-6

September 30Zechariah 7-10

October 1Zechariah 11-14

Family Matters

David and K Pipes enjoyed a week in Ouray, CO watching the aspens turn gold... The Thompsons will be spending October in Dallas for Chris' medical school rotation...



Remember in Prayer...



Michael Greenwood, receiving treatment for cancer... **Evelyn Guinn**, is home recovering from surgery... **Cary Leonard** diagnosed with congestive heart failure... **Beth White**, receiving cancer treatments...

Continue to Remember:

Mary Drehsel... Ginger Hanning... SWC friends & family in the US military... SWC families who are grieving.

Just for the Record September 20, 2009

Class	59
AM Assembly	133
Budget Gifts	\$6,222.33
Designated Gifts	\$120.00
Year-to-Date	
Planned Giving	\$453,600.00
Actual Giving	\$435,159.95
Giving Under Budget	<\$18,440.05>
Other Gifts	\$42,891.01
Special Contribution	\$50.00

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.

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