

SEPTEMBER 28,
2009

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

SOUTHWEST CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

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.



Beginning this Sunday, October 4th - Roots!

We are excited to announce a new opportunity for our young children. Starting this **Sunday, October 4** we will begin "Roots" - a worship training program for 3 year-olds through second graders. These children will be dismissed before the sermon to have their own service of singing, praying, and learning Bible stories in the upstairs atrium in the education wing of the main building. Our volunteer teachers will escort them from the service in the fellowship hall. We ask that parents/guardians promptly retrieve their children after the service. On the fourth Sunday of the month, children will remain with the rest of the church to participate in the table fellowship. Please be in prayer for our teachers and children that all will be blessed in this new endeavor.

INVITATION

MEN'S PRAYER LUNCHEON

Sunday, October 4, 2009

12:00 Noon – Fellowship Hall

Dear Brother:

A month ago it was announced we would be spending time in John's gospel, specifically the Paraclete passages. Please see the announcement below.

The gospel of John is unique among the gospels. What an understatement! Over the next number of months we are going to look at several passages that are filled with promises, mystery and which have spawned large volumes of discussion. The purpose of the focused study is to bring all into a greater understanding of God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit (the Spirit of Truth). In doing so, it is my hope we all will be enriched and experience a stronger, more robust prayer life. Please come join us.

"I shall ask the father and he shall give you another Paraclete to be with you forever, the Spirit of truth whom the world can never accept since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him because he is with you, he is in you. I shall not leave you as orphans, I shall come to you." John 14: 16-18 What does Jesus mean when he states, "I will come to you"?

In Jesus Christ,

Dick Darroh

Comment...from Steve Sandifer

Last week eight of us enjoyed the Abilene Christian University Summit, the new version of Lectureship. I was very impressed, challenged, and validated by what I heard. We witnessed other congregations rethinking what it means to be the church of Jesus. We were challenged to reach out to our neighbors who may not look or sound like ourselves. Over and over I heard talk of expanding the Lord's Table and laments over the lack of emphasis that is given to the supper in some congregations. Repeatedly I wanted to say, "Come spend a week with us at Southwest Central, for we are striving to embody the kingdom." I heard of churches wrestling with the women's question. I heard of conflicts between the young and the older, the contemporary and the traditional, and I smiled to think of the tremendous love that we experience in the midst of the diversity that we enjoy.

Prayer Team Meeting

The Prayer Team will be meeting directly after services on Sunday, October, 4 in the Conference room.

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Dear SWC friends-

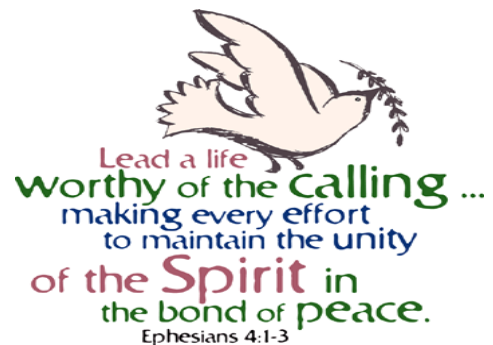
Thank you for your cards of encouragement, food, prayers, visits-these have given me strength, hope and the will to get better, with the Lord's help.

Love,

Dot Beckett

God is at work in Southwest Central! Are you looking for him? Can you stop for a few minutes and see how God's hand has been directing our ways?

I also enjoyed the annual business meeting on Sunday. The budget beginning next Sunday moves from \$8600 per week to \$8700 per week. I applaud the finance team for their efforts in balancing our budget. We must learn to live within our means, and the finance team and our ministries are taking that seriously. The church is a family, and happy families have their finances under control. Thank you, Finance Team, for bringing our spending in line with our giving. And thank you, church, for being so generous with money and talent so that our corporate ministry is possible. To God be the glory.



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."

Foster's Home For Children Houston Golf Tournament

The mission of Foster's Home for Children is to 'Heal the Wounds of Troubled Youth and Families". Please help them raise the funds to make this mission come true on **Monday, October 19, 2009**. The tournament will begin at 1:00 p.m. at the Timber Creek Golf Club in Friendswood.

For more information: www.fostershome.org

And now these three remain:
FAITH,.....
& HOPE
Love.
 But the greatest
 of these is love.
 1 Corinthians 13:13

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, practical skills to name losses, and how to move forward in re-imagining your life.

Plenary Workshop for everyone is **Saturday, October 10, 9:00 a.m. -1:00 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...

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

SEASONS

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

September 28Zephaniah Haggi

September 29Zechariah 1-6

September 30Zechariah 7-10

October 1Zechariah 11-14

October 2 Malachi 1-4

October 3 Matthew 1-4

October 4 Matthew 5-6

October 5 Matthew 7-9

October 6 Matthew 10-12

October 7 Matthew 13,14

Family Matters

Frances Bivins took a family trip to Garner State Park... Casey and Barbara Cross, son and daughter-in-law of **Neil and Konny Cross**, welcome a new baby boy to their home..

Address Update

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Remember in Prayer...

Michael Greenwood, receiving treatment for cancer... **Evelyn Guinn**, is home recovering from surgery... **Lee Hayden**, friend of **Dee Pipes**, for cancer... for **Cary Leonard** diagnosed with congestive heart failure... **Beth White**, receiving cancer treatments... **Donna Young**; for stomach trouble...



Continue to Remember:

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

Just for the Record September 27, 2009

Class	77
AM Assembly	not available
Budget Gifts	\$6,843.08
Designated Gifts	\$1,250.00
Year-to-Date	
Planned Giving	\$462,200.00
Actual Giving	\$442,003.03
Giving Under Budget	<20,196.97>
Other Gifts	\$44,141.01
Special Contribution	0

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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