

NOVEMBER 23  
2009



Happy Thanksgiving!

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

# SOUTHWEST CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

## INVITATION

MEN'S PRAYER LUNCHEON

Sunday, December 6, 2009

12:00 Noon – Fellowship Hall

Dear Brother:

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, now the Advocate and the Holy Spirit). In doing so, it is my hope we all will be enriched and experience a stronger, more robust prayer and kingdom life. Please come join us.

The third Paraclete passage promises a Spirit that will "testify". Similarly, the disciples are to testify because they have been with Jesus from the beginning. What are the disciples to testify about? Should testimony be integral to believers and churches today? Please read the passage in preparation of our devotion and prayer time following the fellowship meal.

"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the father, the Spirit of Truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning." John 15: 26 - 27

In Jesus Christ,  
Dick Darroh

## Prayer Team Meeting

The Prayer Team will meet on **Sunday, December 6** at noon in the conference room. Please bring a sack lunch.

# ***Church Spotlight-Michael and Laure Tucker***

The Tucker Family is composed of Michael, Laure, Sylvia (a senior business major at ACU) and Cami (a sophomore Economics major at Texas A&M).

Michael has a sister, Shannon Edmondson, who is 10 years younger and lives with her family on a ranch near San Antonio. His parents Jerry and Charlotte are retired and live in Wimberley.. Michael grew up in Dallas and later in Houston. He became a Christian in high school, when he was invited to Oak Ridge North Church of Christ by his good friend Jane (Wilkison) Mayeux. His family later became members there as well. He attended Central Church of Christ while he studied engineering at Rice. At Rice, he was buddies with Larry Watson and others who had a Bible study in Larry's dorm room.

Laure grew up in Lincoln, Nebraska, where her mother Reatha Guyer still lives. Her brothers Scott Guyer and Greg Guyer live in Anchorage, Alaska and Lincoln, respectively. All attended the Lincoln Church of Christ where her father Paul Guyer was an elder.

After graduating from ACU, Laure went to Bogotá, Colombia as a missionary apprentice for two years, then moved to Houston.



Michael and Laure met at Central Church of Christ and came to Southwest Central with the merger of the two congregations. They married here in 1984. Shortly afterward Michael's work took them to Ulsan, Korea, then to the Corpus Christi area. They returned to Houston and SWC in 1992. They moved to Bellaire from the Katy area in 1999 to move the girls

closer to youth activities here. Michael joined the elders in 2000.

In answer to the question "What does the church mean to you?" Laure said "I think of the church as a family growing up together in Christ. Opportunities for group prayer and Bible study have always been sources of great encouragement for me."

Michael said, "I see our church as a Pan-Ethnic School of Jesus. That is just a funny way of saying the Great Commission -- read it again soon! Here we

come together in spite of all the things that can divide people. We gather around His table, and we learn of Him."

*By Jenny Fagg*



***The office will be closed Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27.***

**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.**

## Please Note

There will not be Café Grace or Children's Classes on  
**Wednesday, November 25**

### Ladies Bible Class

There will be no Ladies Bible Class on **December 3** but all the women of SWC are invited to a Christmas Luncheon at the home of Judy McConathy. It will held on **Thursday, December 17th** at 10:00 a.m.

Bible Class will resume on January 14.

## ESL and Friendspeak

ESL and Friendspeak are in immediate need of volunteers. If none are found, we will no longer be able to continue this ministry.



## Christmas Cantata

Come join us on Wednesday, **December 16** for our 2nd annual Christmas Cantata, performed by the children and teens of SWC. Similar to last year, we will invite our neighbors to join us in this special event. We do ask that folks from this congregation bring finger foods to share - deviled eggs, sandwiches, fun Christmas treats, veggies, fruit, etc. More information to come.

## Mark Your Calendar...

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25  
No Café Grace or Children's Classes

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26  
Office Closed.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27  
Office Closed.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2  
Café Grace

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3  
No Ladies Bible class

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4  
Bridge Night

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6  
Men's Prayer Lunch  
Prayer Team Meeting  
Elder's Meeting

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9  
Café Grace

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

November 23 .....Romans 103  
November 24 ..... Romans 4-7  
November 25 ..... Romans 8-10  
November 26 ..... Romans 11-14  
November 27 .....Romans 15,16  
November 28 .....1 Corinthians 1-4  
November 29 .....1 Corinthians 5-8  
November 30 .....1 Corinthians 9-11  
December 1 .....1 Corinthians 12-14  
December 2 .....1 Corinthians 15,16  
December 3 .....2 Corinthians 1-4  
December 4 .....2 Corinthians 5-8  
December 5 .....2 Corinthians 9-13

## Family Matters

**Donna Young** won a prize for having the high score at Bridge on Friday night... **Whitney Rassbach, Neil and Michelle Ardenqt** were in town for the weekend and joined in table fellowship...

### Thank You

On behalf of Braes Interfaith Ministries I would like to thank you for your participation in the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service held at Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church. The message and the music were tremendously inspirational. As a result of this very special event Braes Interfaith Ministries received \$3,333.10 in contributions for which we are most grateful and which will allow us to better serve those people in the Southwest area of Houston who need our assistance.

Sincerely,  
Eloy Montez

## Remember in Prayer...



**Dot Beckett**, has moved to the Atrium for long term acute care... **Donald Elliott**, recovering at West Oaks hospital from a fall... **Michael Greenwood**, receiving treatment for cancer... **Evelyn Guinn**, is beginning chemotherapy... **Lee Hayden**, recovering from surgery... **Wendy Rassbach**, recovering from surgery... **Beth White**, receiving cancer treatment...

### Continue to Remember:

Colby Kross... Mary Drehsel...  
Ginger Hanning... Lee Hayden...  
Wonnie Short... Nathan Womack...  
Richard Womack... SWC friends & family in the US military... SWC families who are grieving.

### Just for the Record November 22, 2009

Class .....	77
AM Assembly .....	n/a
Budget Gifts .....	\$6,055.00
Designated Gifts .....	\$650.00
<b>Year-to-Date</b>	
Planned Giving .....	\$69,600.00
Actual Giving .....	\$61,446.13
Giving Under Budget .....	<\$8,153.17>
Other Gifts .....	\$6,065.00
Special Contribution .....	0

### 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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