



Family Matters

October 11, 2009

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Schedule of Services
Sunday
Bible Study 9:00 A.M.
Worship Assembly 10:00 A.M.
Evening Assembly 5:00 P.M.
Life Groups meet in various locations
Wednesday Bible classes 7:00 P.M.
Bible Classes for all ages

Contact Elder for October
Bailey Howell – 323-3302

Assignments

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Elder to Serve: Terry Kiser

Communion preparation: Jenkins and Weaver families

Worship assembly:

Head of Table	Derrick Savage
Serving	Mike Phillips
Serving	Daniel Russell
Serving	Greg Braswell
Serving	Earl Sanders
First Prayer	Bascom Allen
Closing Prayer	Bob Weining
Song Leader	Wesley Thompson
Media Room	J.W. Bruce

Nursery: 10:00 A.M. Ethel Whisler and Amanda Baine
 5:00 P.M. Attended with love

Shepherds' Prayer: Terry Kiser and Bailey Howell

October 4, 2009

Bible Class	189
Worship Assembly	277
Evening worship	34
Life Groups (8 groups met)	106
Prior Wednesday, Sep. 30	223

Upcoming Birthdays

<i>Mary Allsup</i>	<i>Oct 9</i>
<i>Valerie Phillips</i>	<i>Oct 10</i>
<i>Natasha Thompson</i>	<i>Oct 11</i>
<i>Abigail Brazzeal</i>	<i>Oct 12</i>
<i>Jean Davis</i>	<i>Oct 12</i>
<i>Tara Pruitt</i>	<i>Oct 12</i>
<i>Ethel Whisler</i>	<i>Oct 16</i>
<i>Billy Caldwell</i>	<i>Oct 17</i>
<i>Jim Giesemann</i>	<i>Oct 17</i>
<i>Brent Polley</i>	<i>Oct 17</i>

Upcoming Anniversaries

<i>Tommy and Laura Lea Cobb</i>	<i>28 years on Oct. 10</i>
<i>Hiram and Edith Estes</i>	<i>62 years on Oct. 17</i>
<i>Brad and Audrey Brazzeal</i>	<i>13 years on Oct. 18</i>
<i>John and Mary Fields</i>	<i>8 years on Oct. 27</i>

SHEPHERD'S PEN: Discover The Journey

Friday-Sunday, October 9-11—Everyone is invited to our Youth Rally!! Adult classes provided. Our registration is the largest ever, at 20 congregations and 200 participants! Josh Bates, one of our UCSC students, will speak at the devotional on Friday night, Joe Brumfield is our special invited speaker for Saturday, and Perry and Andy will teach our Sunday morning Bible class and preach, respectively. At 9 am, we will have a combined college and teen class in the auditorium. We will have two services Sunday morning, at 8 am and 10 am (our normally-scheduled worship time). We still have need for housing for Saturday night (Ruth Giesemann) and food (Valerie Phillips): sign up in the foyer.

"I run in the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free."
Psalm 119:32

Friday

7:00pm

Registration

9:00pm

Devotional: "Their Journey, Our Journey"
 We should view our life as a spiritual journey.

Saturday

8:00am

Registration and breakfast at church building

8:30-10:30am

Singing, Keynote, and Discussion Classes on "Answering God's Call" When God called Moses, Moses initially made excuses, not wanting to answer the call. When God calls us, we should follow him boldly and not look for excuses not to serve.

10:30-3:00pm

Lunch on Own, Ballgame between MSU and Houston at Scott Field

3:00-5:00pm

Singing, Keynote and Discussion Classes on "Standing Up to Pharaoh" We meet resistance when we answer God's call. Moses had to face his past and stand up to Pharaoh. We may have to face attacks from family or friends, and we may face numerous temptations from our past lifestyle as well.

5:00-7:00pm

Supper at UCSC and Free Time

7:00-7:30pm

UCSC Presentation

7:30-8:45pm

Singing and Keynote Presentation on "Being Led and Fed by God" God led the Israelites through the desert, and He provided for all their needs. Likewise, we must allow God to lead us, trust that He knows what is best for us, and understand that He will take care of us.

8:45-9:15pm

Picture Show from Discover 09

Sunday

8:00am

Sermon: "Crossing Over Jordan" We remember what God has done for us and are certain that He will lead us to victory.

9:00am

Class: "The Mountain and the Valley"
 While Moses had an intense spiritual experience with God at the top of the mountain, the people at the bottom of the mountain turned away from Him. The mountains and valleys of our spiritual lives are daily struggles for us all. We strive to stay on the mountains and avoid the valleys.

10:00am

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Pure Pleasure

“Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. Yet He has now reconciled you...” Colossians 1:21, 22. We are a hardhearted lot are we not? In Ephesians 4:17-19 the apostle Paul presents the condition of our hearts outside of Christ and the diagnosis isn't good. Listen to the spiritual stethoscope applied to our hearts:

- Hopelessly Confused
- Minds of Darkness
- Have no Sense of Shame
- Live for Lustful Pleasure
- Practice Every Kind of Impurity

Morticians render a brighter diagnosis. Yet, it is God's pleasure to reconcile us to him through his Son (Colossians 1:19, 20). Our hearts have an irregular beat. Our lives are headed towards disaster. Yet the giver of life gives up his life on our behalf. By his death we are saved. God is the one who brings about reconciliation.

- ◆ We suppressed the truth and He gives the truth.
- ◆ We reject His love and He desires to give His love.
- ◆ We prepared to walk in darkness; He preferred for us to be in light.
- ◆ We chose to serve Satan; He desires for us to serve His Son.
- ◆ We were enamored by the things of the world; He desires to give us the things of heaven.
- ◆ Our sins separated us from God; His sacrifice reunites us to God.
- ◆ We created hostility between ourselves and God; He offers peace through His Son.
- ◆ We deserved His wrath and receive His grace.

In every reference to reconciliation between God and man in the New Testament, it is God who takes the initiative. Reconciliation to God is an explicitly one-sided process! Salvation is God's joyous work...it is His pure pleasure.

Serving Him,

Andy Miller

Baptism. We greatly rejoice that **Ashley Pope** was baptized into Christ on Friday afternoon. Ashley is the daughter of Blasius and Kiesha Awonsang.

Sympathy. We express Christian sympathy to the Wood family upon the loss of Joe's uncle, **Bennett Wood**, who passed away Saturday morning, October 3, in Little Rock. His funeral was Tuesday, Oct. 6. We also express Christian sympathy to the family of former member **Nellie Dees** who died Sunday afternoon. Burial will be at National Cemetery, where Sterling was buried, at 10:00 A.M., Friday, Oct. 9. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hilltop Haven, P. O. Box 39, Gunter, TX 75058. This is the nursing home that is part of a Church of Christ building that the children found for her after Sterling's death. She really liked it there. To send cards, her family's address is available in the church office. Please remember these families in prayer.

Prayer request. Leslie Wood requests prayer for her co-worker **Monty Hatcher**, of Columbus who had surgery for cancer Monday, Oct. 5. They removed a mass the size of a basketball along with part of her colon. This was 90% of the mass and with 6 months of chemo she has a 75% chance of remission. She has a long road ahead of her.

Happy 90th Birthday. Former member **Faye Liming** (Frank Whisler's aunt), celebrates her 90th birthday on October 13th. Family members are giving her a 'card shower' and request that all who remember her please send her a birthday card. Faye Liming's mailing address is available in the church office.

World Bible School. A box of lessons arrived Monday from Zimbabwe. Teachers, please see Frank Whisler to receive your lessons.

Ladies Bible Class. Our fall class for ladies of all ages (college age, too) is each Tuesday morning at 10:00 A.M. This past week 20 ladies attended. Our lessons come from a book entitled, "Shine like Stars" by Sara Leighton. It is a study of the book of Philippians. A nursery is provided for preschool children.

Ladies Day. Join other ladies for a day of fun and fellowship on Thursday, October 22 for a trip to Tupelo and "Celebration Village." This event benefits *Sanctuary Village Hospice House*, the residence of our sister Molly Miller before her death. See Pat Phillips or Mary Lou Howell for more information and sign up on the bulletin board.

Monday Night Supper. Cooks are now needed for next Monday, October 12 and October 19. Please see Perry if you can serve our UCSC in this way.

PLN Coin Banks. Jim and Doris Miller will distribute coin banks again next Sunday, October 18. Please see them for more information.

Youth Bulletin. Last Wednesday there was a KICS Short Day activity at McKee park. We had a great group of kids come and play football, kickball, ultimate frisbee, and even hide-and go seek. The weather was perfect and the girls came oh so close to beating the boys in kickball. Friday we had the joy of witnessing Ashley Pope's baptism into Christ. I know that God will do great things through her. Wesley Thompson



Discover The Journey Schedule

Friday, October 9th

7pm	Registration begins
7-9:00 pm	Games In and Outside UCSC
9:00-10:00 pm	Singing and Devotional on "Their Journey, Our Journey"
10:00 pm	Depart for homes

Saturday, October 10th

8:00-8:30 am	Breakfast and Saturday Registration
8:30-10:30 am	Singing, Keynote, and Discussion Classes on "Answering God's Call"
10:30-3:00pm	Lunch on Own, Ballgame between MSU and Houston at Scott Field
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9 am	Class on "Mountains and Valleys"
10 am	Depart/Additional Worship Assembly

