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Vacation Bible School June 19-23 at 6 pm-9 pm in Fellowship Hall

All children entering Kindergarten through Grade 5 are invited to take an adventurous trip to Mexico, Kenya, Brazil, China and Poland, countries where Jesus Makes The Difference.

A light dinner will be served at 6 – 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

There is a small fee of \$5 for each child attending. Register by visiting the church office or call 713/666-2175. Deadline to register is Friday, June 16th.

Bring a friend or two to visit these 5 countries for a trip of a lifetime!

KEEP THOSE PAPERS COMING!

Even though we have not heard from Abitibi Recycle Paper Company about our status in the Paper Contest we encourage you to keep bringing your papers. This is literally FREE money so continue to save and bring your papers. Thank you for supporting this ongoing money-raising project.



Join Us for

Sunday Worship Regular Schedule

8:45 AM

Praise & Celebration Service

9:45 AM

Sunday School For All Ages

11:00 AM

Traditional Worship

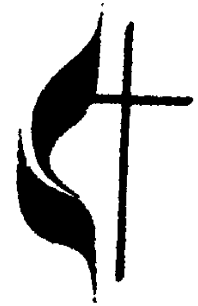


Words from the Pastor

A TIME FOR PLANTING

When my children were young, we planted some flower bulbs. I told them we would watch every day, and one day we would see flowers peeking out of the ground. Day after day they came in disappointed that nothing had happened. After a while, I began to wonder what was happening. When I looked closely, it appeared the ground had been disturbed. I asked the kids if they had been digging there. They confessed they had been digging the bulbs up each day to check them. We had a long discussion about our work and God's work.

Far too often, we approach ministry in this same way. We want to see the results of our labor instantly and are unwilling to plant and nurture seeds, while patiently waiting for God to bring forth growth. Worse yet, we often fail to even plant seeds because we fear they won't grow, or we don't have the personnel to do the planting or harvesting, or we don't have the resources to purchase the seeds. Without much effort at all, we can talk ourselves out of doing anything.



I am convinced God has given us all we need to plant ministry seeds in this community. I am convinced God has big plans for this church and this community. Don't know where to start planting? Let me make a few suggestions.

- This fall, we will launch a sports ministry at St. Philip's called Upward Soccer. We need people to pray for the ministry, to lead game day devotions, to coach, to referee and to serve refreshments on game days.
- I have heard people express needs for recovery groups, for youth activity nights, for a single's ministry.

If you have skills or interests in any of these areas, God may be calling you to plant some seeds. Let's plant the seeds and give God a chance to do big things in our community. Give me a call and let's talk.

Lisa Callaway



UPWARD SOCCER

Register June 17 From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cost is \$55 per child prior to July 10

Children K – 6th grade

The purpose of Upward Unlimited is to recognize the winner in every child by offering a non-competitive, non-threatening environment where every participant gets equal playing time in each game. Every child will receive a game jersey, a practice t-shirt, socks, and an award following each game to recognize a positive contribution he or she made that day. All children who participate will also receive a special award at the end of the season during an awards ceremony. Upward Unlimited is committed to doing whatever it takes to recognize that "Every Child Is A Winner."

CALENDAR EVENTS

MAY

- 28 Texas Annual Conf. at FUMC, Downtown thru 6/1
 30 Memorial Day/Church Office closed

JUNE

- 4 Pentecost Sunday
 5 Trustees Mtg. at 7 pm in Room 103
 12 Finance Cmte. Mtg. at 7 pm in Room 103
 12 Worship Team Mtg. at 7 pm in Room 103
 13 UMW Holiday Bazaar Workshop at 9:30 am (FH)
 13 Evangelism Team Mtg. at 7 pm in Room 101

PRAYER REQUESTS

Sunday, May 21 2006

REQUESTED BY

PRAY FOR

Prayer Ministry Cody Amorosa, Scott Thompson,
 Pam Burrell, Peggy McGowan,
 Ed and Leigh Williams,
 Virginia Frazier, Marge Eckholm,
 Jennifer Roosenberg

We express our sympathy to the Curry family in the loss of Elmer Eugene Curry. Funeral service was held on Tuesday, May 20, at 1:30 pm at George Lewis Funeral Home. Graveside at Forest Park Lawndale.

If you have any prayer requests, please email Cheryl Little at CL129@aol.com or call 713/728-8947.

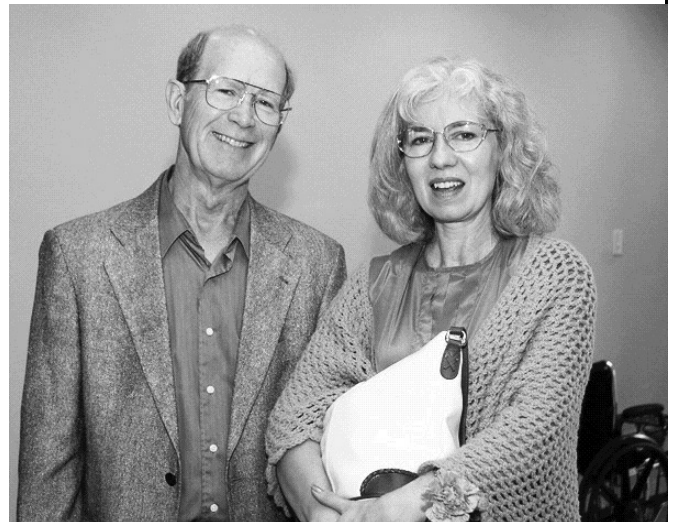
YOUR GENEROUS OFFERINGS AND ATTENDANCE

	May 14	May 21
Offering	\$ 9,025.50	\$ 6,425.66

Attendance	May 14	May 21
Sunday School	97	112
8:45 am Service	74	56
11:00 am Service	112	138

Invite a friend, relative to worship with you!

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS



Edward and Janet Knight

Meet Edward "Ed" and Janet Knight. They joined our church family on Sunday, May 14th. We are blessed to have them as members of our church family. They live at 7114 Leader, Houston, TX 77074 and their telephone 713/774-6763. We are SPUMC proud!

GOOD NEWS FROM BOOK CLUB

If you like leisurely reading, you are invited to join the Saturday Morning Book Club on Saturday, June 17 at 9:30 am in Room 103. There



will be a discussion on the book Black Like Me by John Griffin. Bring a friend!



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DISCOVERY CLUB DAY SCHOOL

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Monica Ferriera – Day School Director

Dee Ramirez – Church Secretary

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**Next Publication Date is June 6 and the deadline
for articles is anytime before noon May 26.**

Extremely GREAT Church Make-over!

This year's church make-over was a great success. The work was hard and the day was wet and warm, but seventy-five people came and made St. Philip's look cleaner and brighter. Church members and ESL students scrubbed, painted, cleaned out rooms, re-wired fixtures, raked, hoed, and trimmed together.

Several people asked why we did not go out into the community for GDS this year. Why? Because... St. Philip's facility was and is in bad need of repair. As an outreach center for the community, we need to be in good shape to continue to care for the many people who come through our doors each day. St. Philip's serves approximately 200 ESL students a year, Houston Area Parkinson's Group, the Day School, Cub Scouts, the Maplewood Civic Club, and many homeless and help-less people.

The church make-over day helped make this church a more welcoming place. May we continue to endeavor to make this church home a place where others can come to experience the hospitality of Christ's love through us.