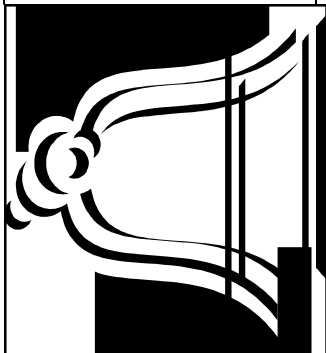
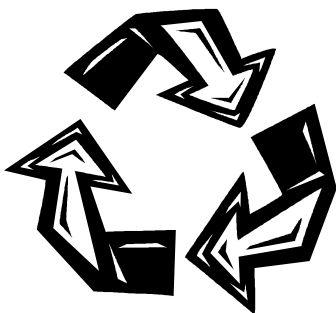


The Campanile



Recycle Paper Contest in Progress



Help recycle your paper at our yellow and green bins located in the back parking lot close to the basketball goal. Our goal is to win \$1,000. Although we have until Aug. 31, don't let up. Make every page count! You may bring the following kinds of papers.

Newspaper

Magazines

Shopping Catalogs

Office and School Papers

Mail

Please do not bring:

Plastic Metal Glass Styrofoam Boxes

Pass on the Praise Continues



Pass on the praise to someone at St. Philip's modeling a Christ-like quality of serving. It can be a person or a group serving others. Cards are located in the foyer and the church office. Here's a few that have been turned in!

Ray Comer and Jim Andrews for many years of taking care of our church grounds at St. Philip's.

Billie Kaufman, Jeweldene Gunn, Lois Kincaid, Bernice Galloway for the tremendous help they are as volunteers in the church office. Thanks Gals!

Barbara Kile for the beautiful banners she has designed for our church.

Dotty Herfurth present leader of the Prayer Ministry and previous leaders, **Cheryl Little and Barbara Upshaw** for their intense caring of all the prayer requests turned in.

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Sunday Schedule

- 8:45 am Praise & Celebration Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- Nursery Opens at 8.30 am located in the Preschool Bldg.



Words From the Pastor

“Welcoming the Stranger”

It seems I have welcoming on my mind lately. There is a good reason for that. The first phase of our transformation process is to become a more welcoming congregation. As we have gathered information to apply for our “year one welcoming certificate,” we have discovered we are doing quite well in that area.

And that fills me with joy, not so much because of the certificate, but because life is hard, and when visitors come through those doors, they seek comfort in knowing that there is rest here. Rest from the battles of the world. Freedom from office politics. Freedom from angry neighbors. Rest from temptation. Rest from the battlefields. One reason people enter a church building is because they are seeking sanctuary from the outside world. It makes sense that we call our worship space a sanctuary.

Hebrews 13:2 tells us “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.” Just this week, I realized the truth in that when one of the “strangers” we welcomed shared her blessings and thanksgiving to the Lord Jesus Christ with our church. It seemed to me she gave so much more than she received. But then, who can put a value on “sanctuary” – who can really know how much that means to a person at any given time in life?

You, St. Philipians exemplify Christ-like love to our guests. It will be nice to receive the “welcoming certificate,” but it is nicer still to be in ministry with folks who understand what it means to offer “sanctuary” to those who enter our doors. Keep up the good work!

Lisa Callaway

Trustee’s Report-May, 2007

We are nearing summer—the time when roses bloom, grass grows and air conditioners die. Your Trustees are working hard to make sure that only two of these situations take place. Here is a status report based on the information shared at the May 7 Trustee’s Meeting.


- We have approved a proposal for walkway repairs. Maneuvering on our campus sidewalks will be much less hazardous in the near future.
- We narrowed down the number of a/c and heating proposals we are considering. There are a few issues still being discussed, but we should be able to proceed with new sanctuary roof, a/c and heating. In a related note, the air conditioner in Rooms 101/102 and 109/110 has been fixed.
- The fountain outside the restrooms on the Education Building has been removed. Repairs and replacement for the old leaky fountain that was there were going to be \$800-1000, so, for right now, there are no plans for a new fountain.
- The sanctuary organ that had a meltdown two weeks ago has been repaired at a cost of \$850. The repairman indicated that additional repairs are necessary and should be done very soon at an additional cost of \$4,500.
- Trustees are checking into additional signage around our campus to enable visitors to more easily navigate our property.

Response to our new parking lot has been very favorable. One important note: do not drive or park in the area with diagonal stripes by the Fellowship classroom (101). Some of the asphalt repair gets very thin there and can easily be damaged by cars. Don’t park there *even to unload your car!*

The good news is that your Trustees are trying very hard to address property issues on our campus and at the parsonage. You can help by pointing out problems and providing positive feedback. For your convenience, a list of Board of Trustee members will appear in the next Campanile.

Tom Wilkinson, Trustees Chairperson

Gifts, Attendance, and Prayer Requests

<p>Your Prayers Are Requested For:</p> <p>Sara Jones Fay Eng Pam Burrell Alice Rash Paula Wallace Katie Little Dael Campbell Amy Fowler</p> <p><i>- If you have a prayer request please call Doty Herfurth 713-771-5021</i></p>		<p>Your Generous Gifts:</p> <p><u>Sunday, May 6</u> Total Offering \$ 9,671.05</p> <p><u>Sunday, May 13</u> Total Offering \$ 11,479.00</p> <p><u>Church Pantry Needs:</u> May 27 bring Macaroni & Cheese, Canned Fruit, and Tuna.</p> <p><i>Thank you for your continued faithfulness in giving.</i></p>	<p>Your Faithfulness in Attendance</p> <p><u>Sunday, May 6</u></p> <p>8:45 am Service 56 11:00 am Service 114 Sunday School 92</p> <p><u>Sunday, May 13</u></p> <p>8:45 am Service 69 11:00 am Service 106 Sunday School 92</p>
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May Calendar

- 19 Book Club Mtg. at 9:30 am in Room 103
- 20 Voice Recital of Ally Jurden at 3 pm in Sanctuary
- 21 UM Men Dinner Mtg. at 6:30 pm in FH
- 22 UMW Circle Mtgs. (various homes)
- 23 Day School Picnic
- 27 Pentecost Sunday
- 28 Education Team Mtg. at 7 pm in Room 103
- 29 Texas Annual Conference/Woodlands UMC begins
- 30 Memorial Day/Church Office closed

Thank You Notes

To all my St. Philip's family and church of 46 years:
 Saying goodbye is too hard, so I'll say "til we meet again."
 Thank you for your love, support, cherished friendships and memories. God bless each one of you and keep you in His care always. I love you all and will miss you so very much. Carolyn Hopperstad (*Moving with her daughter to Waxahachie, TX*)

Dear St. Philippians,
 We appreciate all of your calls, cards and prayers . Your support has made the difficult passing of Vic much easier for us. Thank you. Becky Edmonson, Debbie & Jesse Robinson, Danielle Picard.

Memorials

The following memorials are given in loving memory of

- Vic Edmonson** By: Don & Martha Alexander, Ray & Marilyn Lacour, Leonard & Kathryn Olin, Supper Club, J. Pearson, Thomas Testa, Allen & Betty Grant, Lyn Blevins, Melissa Bray, Joyce Lee, Carol Newman,
- David Arnold** By: Allen & Betty Grant, Don & Martha Alexander, Bill & Jean Behrends
- Kay Hoffman** By: Bill & Jean Behrends, Allen & Betty Grant
- Janet Wendel** By : Leonard & Kathryn Olin, Jon-Ann Andrews
- Cindy Barrett** By: Don & Martha Alexander



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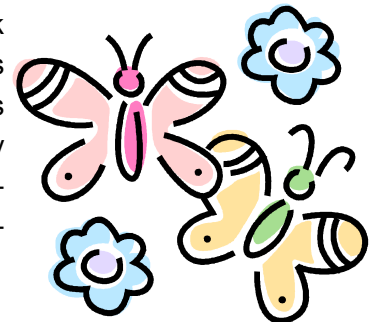
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Day School News

WE HAVE A BUTTERFLY GARADEN! The Day School would like to thank our Mothers Day Out teacher, Patty Sommer and her family for their generous donation of our Butterfly Outdoor Garden located at the base of the white cross on the front lawn near the Day School playground. Ms. Patty and her family planted the garden just before Spring Break and it is on the second batch of caterpillars. The children look daily at the progress of the caterpillars and wait anxiously for the butterflies! Please come by and check it out!



MOMS & MUFFINS DAY, May 10. The Preschool & Pre K classes hosted their 3rd annual Moms & Muffins Brunch honoring their mothers on Thursday morning. The moms and children enjoyed banana, cinnamon and blueberry muffins, coffee, juice and fruit while the moms received their Mother's Day gifts from the children.
