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Open House in October

Begin to think of friends, inactive members, relatives, co-workers that you can invite to church.

Every Sunday in October St. Philip's will have guests that are involved in different ministries from our surrounding community.

Coming up on October 5, the FIRST SUNDAY our guest is Rev. Pheobe Wabara and special music is by local refugee children from Burundi.

SUNDAY

SCHEDULE

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 4 pm Youth Fellowship
- Everyone is Welcome!

Charge Conference

Sunday, Oct. 12 at Noon in Sanctuary

Make plans to stay after church and listen to what has happened in 2008 and future plans for 2009.

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR



On the Sunday after the storm, I told those who were at church that when I planned the sermon series "Back to the Basics," the past week is not what I had in mind. Even so, blessings have been abundant. God has let me experience some biblical truths in a very significant way. Last week I said we need to experience the "grace of silence." For many of us that is a gift that has been given to us through the loss of power. I, for one have a new appreciation for what it means to be "powerless." I have greater understanding and compassion for those who live all of their days in a "powerless" state. I also



have a greater understanding of what it means to be an "Acts " community. Neighbors have been helping neighbors. In fact, neighbors have been talking with neighbors for the first time in years. Some have met their neighbors for the first time.

And our church has had the opportunity to experience what it means to be the church. Last Sunday night, we had our guest missionaries from Liberia. We didn't know if the missionaries would be able to make it, or if any of our congregation would be able to come. I told those at church Sunday to invite their neighbors. We had about forty people join us-many from the neighborhood who are not members of our church. Our youth have decided to support these missionaries by collecting books for the school in Liberia.

On Monday, Deanna White and Monna Rector came with the youth of our church and cleaned up most of the lawns. Francelle Ward came the next day and worked all day. Louis Ward and Charlie Miller cleaned up the walkway roof debris. The scouts came on Wednesday and cleaned up the rest of the parking lot and cut up some fallen trees. The church has been open for church members and community residents to cook, get cool, watch television and charge cell phone batteries.

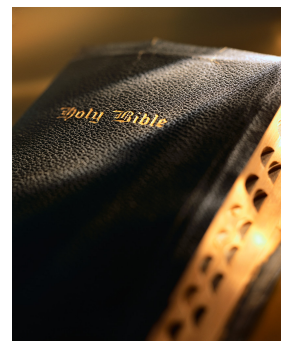
On Sunday, September 21, the sermon is/was (depending on when you get this newsletter) based on Acts 2-you know the part that says all brought what they had and no one was in need. As I said, this series was planned before the storm. God does indeed work in mysterious and wonderful ways. At St. Philip's, God is working through our people in incredible ways. You can be very proud of your church. Let's not forget the lessons God has taught us through Hurricane Ike. Hope to see you soon.

Lisa Callaway

An Adult Bible Study on Monday Morning Bible Study Resumes, Oct. 6 at 9:00 am

The Fall program for Monday Morning Bible Study is "The Parables of Christ". Please join with Dr. Bert Hall as he helps navigate the meanings found in Christ's parables. Dr. Hall, a retired professor of Biblical studies, brings to life the time of Jesus with the prevalent political, social and religious issues. He presents the scriptures in a clear and direct way that allows the reader to better grasp the specifics found in them.

Please join us on Monday, Oct. 6 at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend or two with you.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Your prayers are requested for the following:

- Doris Naney
- Barbara Good (Terry's Mother)
- Families affected by Hurricane "Ike"

Sympathy is expressed to Jarrett Wilson in the loss of father.

If you have a prayer request, please call Bernice Galloway at 713-729-2096

OFFERINGS AN INVITATION

Offerings Given:

Sunday, Sept. 14, 2008

\$5,148.53

Thank you for your Faithfulness in giving.

Please join us in welcoming

Pastor Lawrence L. Young

As District Superintendent

Of the Central South District

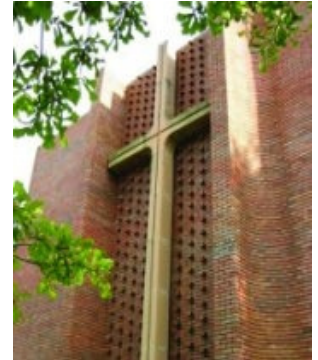
On Sunday, Sept. 28

at 6:00 pm

At Trinity UMC

2600 Holman St.

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SEPT. & OCT. CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER (Continued)

- 21 Fall Blues Jr. Hi. Kick-Off (Noon)
- 23 UMW Circle Mtgs. at 9:30 am (FH)
- 23 UMW Night Circle at 7 pm
- 24 JAM Time for Kids at 6pm (105)
- 24 Ad Council Mtg. at 7 pm (FH)

OCTOBER *Open House Month*

- 1 JAM Time for Kids at 6pm
- 5 Day of Fun for Youth at Noon (FH)
- 6 Mon. Morn' Bible Study at 9am (FH)

OCTOBER (Continued)

- 6 Trustees Mtg. at 7 pm (103)
- 7 UMW Holiday Workshop at 9:30 am (FH)
- 8 JAM Time for Kids at 6 pm (105)
- 8 Fiber Artist Mtg. at 7 pm (101)
- 10 Bus Trip to Geo. Bush Library
- 11 Extra Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 9 am
- 12 Charge Conference at Noon
- 13 Finance Cmte. Mtg. at 7 pm (103)
- 14 UMW Gen. Mtg. at 9:30 am (FH)

**UNITED
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October 20 Meeting

At 6:30 pm in FH

Guest Speaker

Mike Robertson

He will be speaking on what we might expect of the 2009 stock market.

PRECINCT 3 BUS TRIP FRIDAY, OCT. 10



Join the Sunday School Fellowship Class and take a bus trip to visit the George Bush Library on the West Campus of Texas A&M University. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 9:30 am.

The cost is \$7 and lunch is on your own at the Hilton Hotel in College Station. This trip is for our Seniors age 50+.

For more information please contact Peggy McGowan 713-774-7351 or Sallie Waheed at 713-771-3315.

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YOUTH HAPPENINGS

“Christianity for Dummies”

Having completed our study of “The Bible for Dummies,” our youth are no longer lost in the ways of the bible. There is always more of that wonderful book to study, but they have passed their intro course, and are ready to tackle bigger and deeper things.

Sunday School

To help us explore the other aspects of our faith, we are not taking on “Christianity for Dummies.” It is designed to help us learn what we believe, and why. This is a great way to start exploring many of our questions of faith.

Break Free!

For the next several weeks, our youth are going to practice putting their faith in action. This will include prayer walks, service projects, accountability groups and a variety of creative ways to live out our faith. What is the good of all this knowledge and a strong relationship with Christ if we do not go out to the world and share it?

Special Events

As always, we have some special things coming up-like birthdays, study nights, and our Day of Fun. Come by the youth room and pick up a calendar of events.

Any questions, or want to get involved, please contact Ben in the church office.