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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 8:45 AM
CONTEMPORARY
WORSHIP SERVICE
- 9:45 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL
FOR ALL AGES
- 11:00 AM
TRADITIONAL
WORSHIP SERVICE
- 4:30 PM
YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

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First Advent Sunday



Hanging of the Greens Service

**One Worship Service
Sunday, November 29
at 10:30 am and Lunch by youth
following service.
Suggested Donation \$5
Sunday School at 9:15 am**

Join the church family for the beginning of the Christmas season and come to know the reason for the season.

Sunday, November 15

Charge Conference At 4 pm in Sanctuary

Come and hear about St. Philip's and its ministries for 2009 and future plans for 2010.

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

Rev. Phoebe Wabara to teach in the Crossroads Class

I want to share with you an opportunity I am really excited about. Rev. Phoebe Wabara has volunteered to serve St. Philip's in a teaching capacity. She will be teaching the "Theology of Hope" in the Crossroads Sunday Class on Sundays, November 15 and 22 and I invite you to join us in Room 103. For those of you who have not had the privilege of meeting Phoebe, here is a brief introduction.



Phoebe is a 44-year ordained minister. Rev. Wabara grew up in a large and prominent family in Rwanda where her father is a retired national pastor and leader in the Presbyterian Church. She is married to Christian Wabara from Nigeria, a Texas State employee and is the parent of three young children, Lydia, Hope and Samuel.

Phoebe attended Baylor University's George W. Truett Theological Seminary and afterwards did doctoral level course work in the department of Religion at Baylor and taught as an adjunct professor at Houston Baptist University. Prior to Baylor, Phoebe completed two degrees in the studies of Economics from the National University of Rwanda after which she worked for African Evangelistic Enterprise. More recently, Phoebe completed three units of Clinical pastoral care serving as a Chaplain Resident with Memorial Hermann Hospital Systems.

Prior to coming to the United States, Phoebe was caught up in the genocide that took one of her siblings, and in the ensuing years, two more of Phoebe's siblings died of illness. Phoebe remains close to her parents and surviving brothers and sisters living in different parts of the world.

Once in America, Phoebe struggled with how to make sense of such tragedy as had overtaken her country and her family. "She was tempted to allow her new life to distract her into a welcome forgetfulness of former days and past sorrows. But somehow her reading of the Bible revealed a history of humankind diagnosed with a violent life, while the Gospel is an invitation against it" (Conyers).

At the beginning of the millennium, helped by her mentor professor (the late A. J. Conyers), her husband and few friends, she launched Christian-Cultural Awareness and Assistance League, a non-profit organization known as C-CAAL.

Currently, C-CAAL partners with Global Women, St. Stephen Presbyterian Church of Houston, Texas and Reach the Un-reached Ministry based in Kampala, Uganda, working in prisons, hospitals and top African leadership.

Lisa Callaway

Thanks to all who helped make our church work day a huge success. Our facilities and grounds look soooo..good!

BRING JOY TO A CHILD!



Sunday, Nov. 15

Christmas is a time for giving and charity. More than any other time of the year, the holiday season serves as a time when people are reminded to give to those less fortunate, especially children in need of good cheer. You can bring play into the life of a child by donating an unwrapped toy for boy or girl for age infant to 18 years old. Bring your toy(s) with you to either worship service. As there will be a special blessing prayed for the recipients and donors. Your donations will be taken to Wesley Community House where they will be distributed to needy families in the North side part of Houston.

GIVING

PRAYER REQUESTS

Giving on Sundays

Sunday, Nov. 1
\$ 7,921.00

Sunday, Nov. 8
\$ 5,320.00

Thank you for your generosity in giving.

Please remember persons on our prayer list in your regular prayers.

For Healing:

John & Cheryl De Rome, Addison Petru, Cindy Hartwell-Davis, Doug Welch, Vivian Oliver, and Joyce Wilson

For Peace:

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For Our Homebound Members

List available at Narthex



Have a prayer request? The Prayer Ministry Team wants to pray for your needs. Please call the church office with your request 713-666-2175.

November Calendar

- 14 VeggieTales Event at 9am FH**
- 15 Wesley Toy Drive Sunday & Seafarers Box Kick-Off
- 15 Charge Conference at 4pm**
- 16 UM Men Dinner Mtg. at 6:30 pm FH
- 20 Youth Movie Nite & Dinner 6pm (FH)
- 21 Extra Choir Rehearsal at 9-11am
- 21 Book Club Mtg. at 9:30 am (103)
- 29 Hanging of the Greens Service at 10:30am / SS at 9:15 am & Lunch Following worship**

Contribute to B.I.M

The holiday season is a difficult and hard time for families that are struggling to provide for their families. One of the most important basics for families is food. This is where B.I.M. comes in. Braes Interfaith Ministries provides food and clothing to families in need in our area. Please give to B.I.M. on the last Sunday of each month. Stop by Room 101 with your donation.



Thank You Note

Virginia Frazier and Jacque La Valle have contributed to the Scholarship Fund in appreciation to the many who so lovingly have provided transportation so they can continue attending worship services with their friends.
Virginia & Jacque

This Saturday!

VEGGIETALES EVENT FOR ALL KIDS



Presents "Saint Nicholas" At 9:30 am— 11:30am Fellowship Hall

Come and discover the power of a simple gift. Enjoy a big screen video, games, crafts, and snacks.

Poinsettias for Advent

Advent decorations are a beautiful enhancement to our worship experience during Christmas. This year we are taking orders for red poinsettias at \$10 each. They will be in place the Sunday before Christmas and may be taken home after the Christmas Eve services. Your acknowledgements will be in Sunday, Dec. 20 bulletin. Please use inserts in your bulletin or call the church office.



Important Meeting

To all of those who signed up to help, or are interested in helping out for An Evening in Old Bethlehem, there will be a short meeting following the late service on November 22nd for all those involved. The meeting should take no more than twenty minutes and it would be greatly appreciated if everyone could make it.

Joshua Richards



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STEWARDSHIP CORNER
(An Eight-Part Series, Part Two)

*Keep your lives free from the love of **money** and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." – Hebrews 13:5*

The American Dream: young and old alike have for generations on end have aspired to make theirs a reality. But does that dream contrast with God's vision? Or can God's vision replace that dream with something even more rewarding? We might then ask ourselves, "what biblical principles apply to our daily living?" The issue then becomes one of identity: Who are we in relation to the material possessions we control? There are two different answers--one from our culture and one from the Bible--that cannot be reconciled. Our culture says we are OWNERS, while the Bible (especially Jesus) says we are STEWARDS (cf. Matt. 25; Luke. 16). Here are the key differences:

OWNER: *My material resources belong exclusively to me.*

STEWARD: *My resources belong to God, who is the owner of all things (Ps. 24:1). He has temporarily entrusted these resources to me.*

The concept of private property is valid in both paradigms. Since God has entrusted these resources to me and not to you, you do not have the right to make me use them the way you choose.

OWNER: *I may use my resources however I wish.*

STEWARD: *I should use God's resources to advance his priorities.*

OWNER: *I am not accountable to anyone else for how I use my resources.*

STEWARD: *I will give an account to God for how I use his resources (not for salvation, but for reward).*

How do you view yourself--as an OWNER or a STEWARD? And how does this fit into God's vision?

God bless,
Marc and Mary
Stewardship Campaign Coordinators