



ST. PHILIP'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# THE CAMPANILE

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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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## Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University

### Live Like No One Else!

*Financial Peace University (FPU)* is Dave's life-changing program that teaches you to achieve your financial goals by eliminating debt, saving for the future, and giving like never before. More than 1 million families have attended FPU with amazing results. You will be challenged and motivated to make a plan for your money and change your family tree forever!

**Classes Start Soon!**

**Preview Dates: Sundays, Jan. 10 & 17 at 4pm (FH)**

**Classes Begin: Wednesday, Jan. 20 at 7pm (FH)**

**Classes End: April 14**

**For more information:**

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**ONE WORSHIP SERVICE**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 31 AT 10:30 AM  
SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:15 AM**

## WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Church Family,  
Happy New Year. Can you believe it? 2010? As I envision the year ahead, I see lives that will be transformed through a relationship with this church family. I see needs being met. I see spiritual growth among our members. I see us involved in risk-taking mission. I see an excitement about our ministry that is contagious. I believe this year will be one of the best in our history as a church family.



Many years we have eased into the new year, but not this year. In January, we begin the Dave Ramsey, "Financial Peace" course, which has helped many people reduce debt and enabled them to find the joy that comes in giving for others. "Manna Made Manifest" will be implemented this month. It is a ministry in which we all can participate by distributing "manna bags" to the homeless.

I believe God is doing a wonderful thing through this church, and we have an opportunity to let God use us in His work. This month is stewardship month. It is time to reflect on the goodness of God, on the great things God has done through this church in the past, and the great things God will do in the future. And on January 24, we have the opportunity to "buy in" to this work God is doing as we make our covenant of our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

2010 – what a year it will be! Can you see it? Will you help make it happen?  
Lisa Callaway

### JANUARY SERMON SERIES SIMPLICITY, GENEROSITY AND JOY

Jan. 10	"Prodigal No More"	Luke 15:11-16
Jan. 17	"Cultivating Contentment"	Philippians 4:10-14
Jan. 24	"Defined by Generosity"	I Timothy 6:11-19
Jan. 31	"Overcoming Fear"	I Thessalonians 5:16-18

## COMING UP!



### UPWARD SOCCER For K-4 through 6th Grade Boys/Girls

**Providing the  
Best Sports  
Experience  
for every child**

Winning is about so much more than the final score

Upward Soccer is a first-class sports experience that emphasizes healthy competition, sportsmanship, skills building and fun versus the "win-at-all-costs" mentality found in many children sports leagues. **Registration begins Saturday, Jan. 16. Form and registration fee \$70 may be dropped off at the church office. Deadline to register is March 13. Optional for shorts \$15. All games are played on St. Philip's Ball Field.**

**GIVING****Giving on Sunday**

**Sunday, Jan. 3, 2010**  
\$ 4,758.83

*Thank you for your  
generosity in giving.*

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please remember these persons on our prayer list in your regular prayers.  
**For Healing:** Debbie Robinson, Kenneth Rash, Doug Welch, Cindy Davis.

**For Guidance:** Family of Dina Owens

**For Protection in Afghanistan:** Ross Blankinship, in **U.S. Air Force**, Justin Wallace

**Sympathy is expressed to** Dick Mott and family in the loss of his wife, Janet. Memorial Service to be held Saturday, Jan. 9 at 2:30pm at SPUMC.

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.



## Jan. 2010 Calendar

- 9 SPUMC Leadership Training at 9am (101)
- 11 Finance Cmte. At 7 pm (103)
- 12 UMW Gen. Mtg. at 9:30 am (FH)
- 12 Worship Cmte. Mtg. at 7 pm (103)
- 16 Upward Registration Begins
- 17 Financial Peace Preview at 4pm (FH)
- 18 UM Men Dinner Mtg. at 6:30 pm (FH)
- 20 Financial Peace Class begins at 7 pm (FH)

### 24 Commitment Sunday

- 26 UM Women Circle Mtgs. At 9:30 am
- 25 UM Women Night Circle at 7:30 pm
- 27 Financial Peace Class at 7 pm (FH)
- 31 One Worship Service at 10:30 am
- Sunday School at 9:15 am

### 2010 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR IS OPEN

**Remember them with flowers. If you would like to place altar flowers for someone, please call the office For more details. 713-666-2175.**

## A Mission Project, Hearts for the Homeless

Here's an update: First of all, Trina and I would like to thank everyone who has opened their hearts for our Manna Made Manifest food/goods drive for the homeless. Presently we are organizing and categorizing all donations. Later this month we will be bagging these items and distributing them to you, the congregation. However, we are still short on a variety of items (see list below). We will continue to take donations weekly. If you have already given, thank you, and if you would, see if there is more you might be able to contribute. If you haven't found the time or can't seem to remember these kinds of things for church on Sunday (I feel your pain), throughout this month there is still an opportunity to lend a helping hand. Pray on it and God bless.

**List of items still needed:** Small boxes of raisins, granola bars, peanut butter crackers, cheddar cheese crackers, small bags of trail mix/chips, small bags of peanuts, canned tuna

**Traveling sizes for the following:** mouthwash, conditioner, shaving cream, tooth brushes, tooth paste, razors and coats, jackets, sweaters, blankets

Again, thanks for all you have given and plan to give.

Trina Williams

Marc DeRome

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**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**  
**(An Eight-Part Series, Part Seven)**

*In all things I gave you an example, that so laboring ye ought to help the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that he himself said, It is more blessed to give than to receive – Acts 20:35*

**Biblical Guidelines for Giving.** From the early days of the Old Testament, God's people observed the practice of giving some portion of the best of what they had to God. A gift offered to God was called the first fruits or the tithe, and it equaled one-tenth of one's flocks or crops or income. Abraham was the first to give a tithe or tenth. See: Genesis 14:20b, Genesis 28:18-22, Leviticus 27:30-33

**Giving a Tithe.** As Christians who live under the new covenant, we are not bound by the Law of Moses; we look to it as a guide. Yet most Christians agree that the tithe is a good guideline for our lives, and one that is pleasing to God. Though tithing can be a struggle, it is possible at virtually every income level. If you cannot tithe right away, take a step in that direction. Perhaps you can give 2 percent or 5 percent or 7 percent. God understands where you are, and God will help you make the adjustments necessary for you to become more and more generous.

**Giving Beyond the Tithe.** Tithing is a floor, not a ceiling. God calls us to grow beyond the tithe. We should strive to set aside an additional percentage of our income as offerings for other things that are important to us, such as mission projects, schools, church building funds, and other nonprofit organizations.

**What Our Giving Means to God...How Does Our Giving Affect God?**

From the earliest biblical times, the primary way people worshipped God was by building an altar and offering the fruit of one's labors upon it to God. They would burn the sacrifice of an animal or grain as a way of expressing their gratitude, devotion, and desire to honor God. The scent of the offering was said to be pleasing to God. It wasn't that God loved the smell of burnt meat and grain. Rather, God saw that people were giving a gift that expressed love, faith, and the desire to please and honor God; and this moved God's heart. When given in this spirit, our offerings bless the Lord.

What is God's response to our giving? See: Luke 6:38 and Matthew 25:14-30

God bless,  
Marc and Mary  
Stewardship Campaign Coordinators

**Don't Forget**  
**Commitment Sunday**  
**January 24**