



THE CAMPANILE

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:45 a.m.

Contemporary
Worship Service

9:45 a.m.

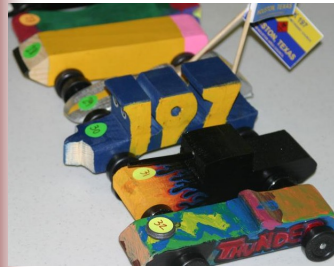
Sunday School for All

10:45 a.m.

Youth "S.P.Y.R.I.T."
Program

11:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship



A Day at the Races

St. Philip's Cub Scout Pack 197 had their Pinewood Derby on Saturday, January 14. Sixty-six cars were raced with forty-one cars being made by Scouts and twenty-five cars being made by parents and siblings. The cars were judged on speed, creativity, and style. Cars were built to resemble actual race cars, movie themes, cartoon characters, and favorite foods. With their popcorn sale fundraiser the pack was able to purchase a new track timer that provided better



visual feedback and works with modern computers. Thanks to all who helped with this exciting event.

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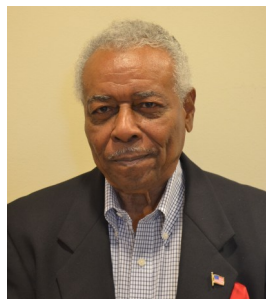
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Welcome to Our Family!

On Sunday, January 29, St. Philip's United Methodist Church welcomed two new members into our family. We are so pleased that Charlene Price and Hurley Criner joined our congregation. Be sure to introduce yourself to them and help them as they settle in.

Charlene Price

Hurley Criner



Consecration
Sunday
Fellowship
Lunch
Jan. 29

During stewardship month we have prayerfully looked at what it means to be a member of the church and to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. On January 29, as we celebrate our giving to Christ and His Body, we will share food and fellowship, as well, with a luncheon. Following one worship service at 10:30 a.m., come to the Fellowship Hall to our church-wide Consecration Sunday fellowship dinner. Please call the church office to RSVP.



The Pastor's Perspective

This Sunday, January 29, we will gather for worship to celebrate the amazing work God is doing among us. It is a fifth Sunday, so we will all worship together at 10:30 a.m. It is also Covenant Sunday, and we will bring our "covenant cards" to the altar as a sign that we trust God to provide for our needs and the needs of our community. If you have been in church the past few Sundays, hopefully you heard me and others speak of our giving as an investment in the kingdom-building process. You heard beautiful testimonies from members whose lives were enriched by the ministry of St. Philip's UMC. We have learned that Christian stewardship is built on the scriptural truth that everything belongs to God, and we are entrusted with the management of God's good gifts and are to use those for God's purpose. We further learned that when we offer all we have to God, God can work miracles through our offering. We learned it takes a while for God to work in us until we become cheerful givers. And lastly, we learned that the tithe is the Biblical standard for giving. When we give 10%, God will enable us to do more with the 90% we keep than with the 100%. And then we heard this hard truth (and this really resonates with me): when we withhold the tithe, we rob God of what belongs to God.

Sunday is an opportunity for all of us to take a step closer the life God calls us to. Prayerfully reflect on all we have learned about stewardship as you fill out your covenant card. This covenant with God is never meant to take away, but rather to enrich your life. Begin now working toward a tithe of your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness and expect the miracle God will work in your life. Watch as the floodgates open and blessings are poured out on our church and through our church into our community. As we bring our covenant cards to the altar on Sunday, let it be with joy and expectation.

CURRENT SERMON SERIES: BUILDING A CHRISTIAN LIFE

January 30

Moving In to Move Out

Acts 22:6-16



Chancel Choir Recruiting

The Chancel Choir is recruiting new members. If you are interested in singing in a SUPERIOR choir you can speak to either Barbara Jennings, director, or one of the choir members.

The Chancel Choir rehearses every Thursday from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. and sings at the 11:00 a.m. church service every Sunday.

The choir also presents a special Christmas and Lent/Easter cantata and sings for special events at the church.

The choir will be presenting a concert in May of 2012.

Be a part of God's work - JOIN THE CHOIR!

As many of you know, the IRS is no longer mailing out Form 1040 and Instruction books. The IRS is encouraging ALL tax returns be electronically filed. Tax forms and instructions for most people can be obtained several ways: most libraries, the IRS building on Gessner near Highway 59, or on the IRS website (www.irs.gov/formspubs/index.html). If you do not want to do it yourself and do not have nor want to have a CPA do your return, there are a number of free services, including AARP's Tax-Aide sites (most libraries), community centers (Bayland Park being the closest), and some United Way Agencies. Call around to find out locations and days the service is offered. This free service is limited in scope, so income from rental depreciation, stock day-trading, military, etc. may not be included. The free service offered at several of the for-pay facilities (such as H&R Block) is limited to only the 1040-EZ (one page).

GIVING	PRAYER REQUESTS
<p>January 2012 so far</p> <p>\$18,291.90</p> <p>You can donate through our website. Look for the word DONATE at www.spumc.com</p> <p><i>Thank you for your generosity in giving.</i></p>	<p>Please remember these persons on our prayer list in your regular prayers.</p> <p>For Healing: Cynthia Gregory, Lorraine Miller, Dorothy Komar, Bill Behrends, Ron Bolin, Taylor Wright, Tom Price, Eddie Valverde, Zeldia Comer, Mary Bujnowski, Lorna Arismendi, Sue Watts, Charles Marshall, Teresa Martinez, Emma Nunez, Sarah Meshberger, Tom Cunningham, Carole Fowler</p> <p>For Comfort: Jacque Lavallee, the family of Joy Owens</p> <p>For Protection: Members of our Armed Services: Austin Meyer, Andy & Danielle Greenhill, Ann Behrends, Kirby White, Jennifer Barentine, Thomas Tomaini</p> <p>For Our Homebound Members: Jim & Gloria Andrews, Cliff Ater, Ada Clede, Jerry Corken, Nita Dawson, Harvey Franz, Jim Hamilton, Earl & Dixie Kirk, Martha Matthis, Lea Oliver, Vivian Oliver, Mary Osborne, Tom & Edythe Price, Lee & Ann Shrock, Boots Thompson, Billie Watson, Ruth Whileyman</p> <p><i>Have a prayer request? The Prayer Ministry Team wants to pray for your needs. Please call Prayer Ministry Chairperson Marcie Gruetzmacher at (713)664-1437 or call the church office with your request at 713-666-2175.</i></p>

Activities Calendar

January

- 29 One worship service, 10:30 am (Sanctuary)
Church-wide Luncheon to follow in the FH
District Local Church Leadership Event,
2—6:30 pm at First UMC-Westchase
FPU class starts, 4-6 pm

February

- 5 Scout Sunday; Pancake Breakfast
Education committee meeting, noon (108)
Kids Sing, 12:15-1:15 (choir room)



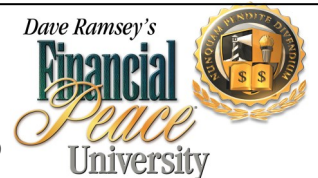
Jacque LaVallee would like to extend her heartfelt gratitude to all for their prayers, concerns, cards, and other gestures of support. Many thanks go out to the UMW, her Sunday School class, and other church members for being God's hands and feet and showing the love of Christ in a difficult time!

Financial Peace University

This life-changing program teaches you to achieve your financial goals by eliminating debt, saving for the future, and giving like never before. You will be challenged and motivated to make a plan for your money and change your family tree forever.

Financial Peace University (FPU) consists of a 13-week video curriculum taught by financial expert Dave Ramsey that incorporates small-group discussions to encourage accountability and discipleship. *Financial Peace University* is highly entertaining for everyone, with a unique combination of humor, informative financial advice and biblical messages. More than one million families have already had their lives changed by attending FPU.

The next class starts January 29 and goes through April 22 and also meets from 4-6 pm. Contact Deanna or the church office for more information.



CALLING ALL KIDS!!!



"Kids Sing" will begin Sunday, February 5, 2012. Kids from Kindergarten through Middle School are welcome to join. We rehearse in the choir room on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month from 12:15—1:15 pm. If you have any questions concerning "Kids Sing," feel free to call Barbara Jennings at 281-437-3552 or at the church, 713-666-2175.

Touching Lives...Making Disciples for Christ

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District Local Church Leadership Event

January 29, 2012
2-6:30 pm
First UMC-Westchase
Campus
10570 Westpark Dr.
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2:00 pm Check-in
2:30 pm Worship
3:45 pm Workshops
6:00 pm Commissioning

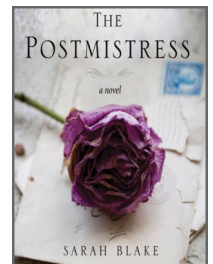
Saturday Book Club Meeting – February 18

“The Postmistress”

by Sarah Blake

Everyone is welcome to join us
for a discussion of the book.

Meeting time: 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. in room 103.



ALTAR FLOWER OPPORTUNITIES

Here are some dates that are available on
the altar flower arrangement calendar.
Contact the church office to reserve one.

February 5
February 19
February 26
March 4



Coming
February 19 . . .

A Boot-Scootin'
Chili-Eatin'
Good Time!

Watch for details!

CAMPANILE DEADLINE

If you have announcements or articles for the next Campanile, the deadline for submissions is Friday, Feb. 3rd.