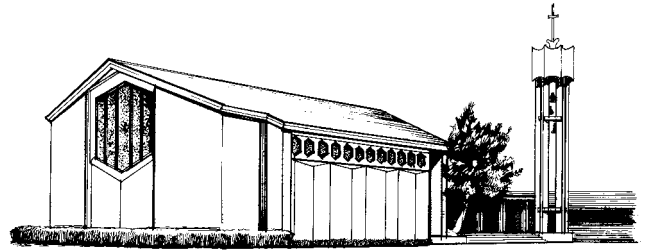


# Behold!



Spring Valley United Methodist Church / Dallas, Texas

January 30, 2008

## 2008 Guatemala Mission Trip Meeting February 3



Dated photo of Mayan Ruins

Jesus said to his followers, "Go everywhere in the world and tell the Good News to everyone". And you too have the opportunity to make the Great Commission your commission by joining the 2008 Guatemala Mission trip. The first organizational meeting will be **Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>** in Asbury Hall immediately after church. The dates for the trip are **July 19<sup>th</sup> to July 27<sup>th</sup>**. We again travel to Cunen where we will do construction on the clinic and support the medical team. There is plenty for all to do. We invite all to challenge your "comfort zone". If you plan to attend please notify Elizabeth/Robert Gross at [robt144@swbell.net](mailto:robt144@swbell.net) or 214-341-1822 as a light lunch will be served.



## First Friday Film

## AMAZING GRACE

Friday, February 1

6:00 pm Dinner

7:00 pm Film/Discussion

Call the Church office for  
Reservations

## 5-Week Lenten Study *Longing for Enough in a Culture of More*



Led by Rev. Paul Escamilla

Beginning each Wednesday,  
February 13 through March 12.  
In Wesley Hall

Light supper at 5:30 pm  
Book discussion at 6:30 pm

A sign-up table for the Lenten Study and an opportunity to purchase the book for \$12 will be in the connecting hallway each Sunday.

## Worship Opportunities

### Sunday, February 3

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Traditional Services:

8:30 and 11:00 am in the sanctuary

Scripture: Matthew 17:1-9

Rev. Dr. Paul Escamilla

Common Ground Contemporary Service:

11:00 am in Wesley Hall

Scripture: Matthew 17:1-9

Rev. Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler



**Nueva Vida Services - Spanish**

Prayer Meeting – Wednesday 7:30 PM

Worship – Sunday 5:00 PM

Rev. Carlos Nascimento

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## Church Attendance

### January 27

WORSHIP SERVICES:		SUNDAY SCHOOL:	
8:30 Traditional Service	108	Children	53
11:00 Traditional Service	207	Youth	30
11:00 Contemporary Service	114	Adult	216
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>299</b>



### Year to date

First time visitors	18	New Memebers	4
Repeat visitors	124		
New Evangelism contacts	32		

## Christian Parenting Sunday School Class

Being Good Stewards of Financial Resources  
Every Sunday, January 20 – February 24

Priceless financial planning guidance and insight will be offered by Ken Link, CFA, CFP at 9:45 a.m. in Room 216 in the East Wing. Participants will learn how to set their own priorities and develop a plan to achieve them, to establish their own philosophy of building and managing wealth and risk management. All are welcome! Contact [Cynthia@pharrpr.com](mailto:Cynthia@pharrpr.com) for information.

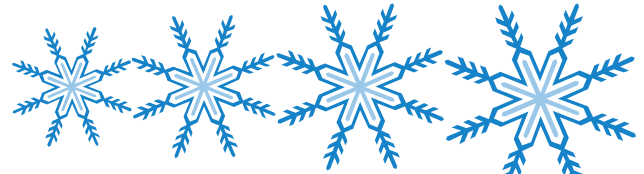


## Cindy Nitschke will speak about Troubled Teens

Teen age years can be challenging for the family unit. Parents may want to “pull the covers over their head” or otherwise not face the reality that their adolescent is struggling. Some teens and parents benefit with professional help.

Stephen Ministry is hosting a presentation by Cindy Nitschke, a social worker, and former member of Spring Valley. She will speak about troubled teens and resources available for help. All interested persons are invited to attend.

The meeting will be **Tuesday, February 5, 6:30pm** in Asbury Hall. For more information, call Rev. Anna Hosemann-Butler, 972-233-7671 or Myrna Ridings, 972-231-4435.



## February Calendar . . .

- 6 Ash Wednesday
- 10 Network Food Drop off
- 10 Scouting Dedication
- 11 UMW Meeting
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- 19 Parkland Outreach
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## Prime Timers to the Kimbell Art Museum

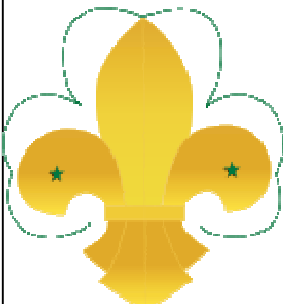
Prime Timers will be touring the “Early Christian Art” exhibit at the Kimball Art Museum. Reservations are being made NOW for the charter bus to Fort Worth on **Tuesday, February 26**. The cost is \$10 and does not include lunch. We will gather at 9 am for a 9:30 am departure and return to SVUMC by 4 pm.

Sign-up sheets are at the volunteer desk or call Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler, ext. 19.

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE FOR THIS TRIP**



## HONORING ALL SCOUTS

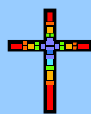


SVUMC will honor all Scouting ministries during the announcement/gathering times in worship on **Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**. If you have been or are presently involved with Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts, please feel free to wear your uniform that day. For more information, contact Anna Hosemann-Butler, ext. 19.

## FEBRUARY UMW Meeting

The UMW meeting will be held on **Monday, February 11** at 11:30 am in Asbury Hall. This is one meeting you will NOT want to miss! Our speakers will be Cindy Palmer, Director of Development for Angel Flight, and Bruce Arfsten, a volunteer pilot for Angel Flight. This wonderful charitable organization flies medical patients and also rescue and relocation missions. Lunch will be served followed by a business meeting and the program. Invite a friend to hear about a true mission of mercy.

**Cindy is the daughter of our own Jackie Palmer!**



## Week of Sunday, February 3

### MUSICAL OFFERINGS

8:30/11:00 Carillon Ringers  
Youth Singers Ensemble  
*Day by Day*  
Soloist, Mary Dockery

### HYMNS

No. 247 *O Morning Star*  
No. 731 *Glorious Things of Thee  
are Spoken*

### MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

No. 2202 *Come Away With Me*  
No. 623 *Hear, O My Lord*  
No. 623 *Open My Eyes*

### REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

#### Sunday, February 3

7:45 Carillon Ringers  
10:00 Praise Band  
10:00 SVUMC Orchestra  
10:30 Chancel Choir  
1:30-4:00 Youth Singers  
Carillon Ringers **Cancelled**

#### Monday, February 4

6:00 Risen

#### Wednesday, February 4

6:30 SVUMC Service with Taize  
in Wesley Hall  
8:00 Chancel Choir

### Mardi Gras Madness Chair Gave Meaningful Leadership

2008 Mardi Gras Madness was one for the books. Our leader was Gene Hoffman. Gene Hoffman did an outstanding job of:

- shaking up the old ways of doing things
- helping us decide to try Saturday instead of Sunday
- solved the problem of getting everything into the same room by thinking of getting everything "into the box" rather than thinking outside of the box
- reconfigured the room to make even more space for the parade
- chose entertainment to take up a small footprint on the stage giving more room
- involving the broad spectrum of people to help going beyond the parents, reaching other members of the congregation which has generated the knock-down-the-doors response we had last Saturday!
- put in hours upon hours into the project to see it to completion and help it achieve its goals and objectives
- Helped the congregation see the vision of ministry through youth to the hurts of the world showing that this event is concerned not just with making money but with:
  - providing a living example of Jesus' love for humanity
  - providing a lively celebration that is a part of the fabric of Spring Valley
  - inspiring people beyond youth parents to help (even visitors)

Traveled to Sulphur Springs with Ben Dickerson last week to help the auctioneer get to know the items and our congregation

## Youth Ringers Perform at Youth Bell Festival February 2

On Saturday, February 2, the Youth Ringers will be attending Youth Bell Festival at Northaven UMC. At 3:45, there is a concert of the festival pieces. During that concert, our Youth Ringers will play a selection as a solo choir. They are playing "Phantom of the Opera". We encourage you to attend and hear this enjoyable concert and specifically to support your Youth Ringers as they play a solo selection.

## Prayers of concern, encouragement, hope and love



### Our Church Family

Dave Booth Margory Eckert  
John Lonneke Rich Milner  
Lois Murphy Olga Smith  
Randy Smith Danielle Williams  
Billie Wolf

- Our care receivers of the Stephen Ministers
- Members of our congregation serving in the armed forces
- Homebound members
- College kids

### Our Extended Church Family

- David Armstrong's dad, Paul
- Don Benton
- Gerry Broom's mother, Beulah Gordon
- Pat Chadsey's daughter-in-law, Beth Chadsey
- John Clark's mom, Mary
- Betty and Carl Fitzgerald's son-in-law, Bill Broders
- Terri Hawkins' friend, Shannon Moore and Anna Leach
- Pat Hill's father, Herman Hill
- Roger Horn's friend Cindy Hensel
- Jan Hudgins' grandmother, Beth Mayberry
- Mark Jacobson's mother Dixie
- Martha and Mark Jacobson's son, Ian
- Debbie McEnaney's uncle, Len Miller
- Gail and Layton Pettigrew's great grandson, Julian Sumner

### Our Extended Church Family, cont'd

- Pam Reese's dad, Don Webb
- Debbie Riggsby's mother, Velma Decker
- Harold and Jan Robertson's friends, Dorothy and Jim Laird
- Chuck Robinson
- Sharon Robinson's friends, Pauline Nusser and Nancy Thompson
- Ann Sanders sister, Carolyn Allen
- Joanna Shampine's daughter-in-law, Kristen Jacobson
- Jerry Turecky's cousin, Doug Hall
- Kathy Watson's sister, Maribeth Bates, Madalyn White Family and Kyle Ogle
- Pat Williams' father, Robert Grosh
- Bill and Jeri Savuto and Wes Magruder, Missionaries in Africa
- Visitors to Spring Valley finding their way back

**Joys and Concerns:** Call Alice Cromwell, 972-239-7332,  
or e-mail her at [dallasal@swbell.net](mailto:dallasal@swbell.net).



# Mardi Gras Madness

Benefitting SVUMC Youth Missions Trips



Mixing the traditional Mardi Gras Parade, chicken fricassee dinner, live and silent auction into a new concept venue, proved a resounding success.

This year's MGM Committee's moved the event from Sunday to Saturday; centered all activities, including the silent auction, in Wesley Hall and increased seating by using rectangular tables.

**Gene Hoffmann**, Event Chairman announced a new record for donations and auction proceeds may have been achieved. With 240 people in attendance, net proceeds are expected to exceed an estimated \$27,000.

Key players in the success were **Judy Kesler**, Chair of the Silent Auction Tables, who set a new standard for displaying and selling all but a few items; **Ben Dickerson**, Chair of the Live Auction, acquired donations, found us a pro auctioneer and introduced an all new approach to low key, but a highly successful drawing for a Plasma HDTV set; **Doris Simonsen**, Chair of Reservations and Entertainment, "booked the house" and was MC for the entertainment; **Terry Chepregi**, Chair of Check-out, set-up a creative and efficient system that allowed bidders to see if they had any winning items, thus speeding-up the process; **Kathy Cook**, Chair of Food, planned the a "top shelf" hot meal and organized the staff to prepare for 220 patrons in 30 minutes – fantastic team work; **Carol Nicholas**, the church's business manager, as Chair of Decorations, organized the seating and decorations, while keeping the finances straight; and **Laura LaFrano**, devoted tireless evenings entering data and preparing reports of the auction items, not to mention keeping everyone up-to-date on what was next and where we were going.

Behind this front line of activity, many people need to be thanked for their all out efforts. **Mark & Dana Wood** need to be singled out for launching a solicitation effort that turned the tide of the donations. **Mark Solomon** earned special recognition as well. In addition to marshalling the Parade, he quietly oversaw the whole event like it was his own. He added his experience, support and presence all along the way. He was one of our unsung heroes.

With these special few, along with the youth, who served the dinner and the many other listed below, we stepped up to a new plateau. We think everyone who played a roll is listed, but we apologize in advance if we overlooked anyone.

Britt Adams – Live Audio Visual  
Donna Alexander – Music Adm. Asst.  
**Labib Basta** - Live Audio Visual  
Sheri Bastie – Auction Source Software  
Win Bell - Auction Source Software  
Harriett Carroll – Food preparation  
Barry Carroll - Entertainment  
Myra Canterbury – Data Entry  
Sarah Chepregi – Check-out  
Jill Chris - Silent Auction set-up, decorations  
Alice Cromwell – Youth Singers' Treasurer, decorations  
Nanci DeCourcy – News articles  
Bethann Defoe – Chair, Youth Servers  
Rita Dickerson – Designed and printed tickets  
Cassie Dickerson – Live Auction artwork  
Stephanie Enlow - Silent Auction set-up  
Elizabeth Escamilla – Silent Auction set-up  
Amy Gutmann – Data entry, food preparation  
Emily Hennington – Check-out  
Mark Hennington – Check-out  
Belinda Hennington - Food preparation  
Pam Hiam – Website Producer  
Judi Hitch - Silent Auction set-up, welcome greeting and blessing  
Bob Hitch - Silent Auction set-up  
David Hodde – Post event clean up, decorations, data entry, Youth Singers' President  
Sheri Hodde – Live Auction Catalog Cover, Check-out, data entry

Sam Hodde – Check-out, decorations  
Tony Holiday – Facilities Manager  
Karen Holburn – Decoration, youth servers  
Linda Holstien – Silent auction mailings  
Jean Holt - Silent Auction set-up  
Duncan Holt - Silent Auction set-up  
Jan Hudgins – Children's Director, button maker  
Paula Huffaker, Membership Secretary  
Jo Hunter - Food preparation  
Becky Hydrick – Check-out  
Pat Johnston - Food preparation, decorations  
Bob Kennedy - Silent Auction set-up  
Dale Kesler – Silent Auction set-up  
Rusty King - Associate Event Chair, Minister of Music  
Dede Leask - Food preparation  
Herb Lee – Live Auction spotter  
Jerry Malone – Check-in director  
Patti Malone – Photographer and reporter  
Roger Martens – Live Auction spotter  
Terry McDowell - Promenade Printing  
Kurt McEnaney – Check -out, Silent Auction set-up  
Debbie McEnaney – Check -out, food preparation, Silent Auction set-up  
Jane McKinney – Check-out, Food preparation  
Rex McKinney - Decorations  
**Kelly McCombs** – Associate Event Chair  
Youth Director, button maker

Amanda Nicholas - Decorations  
Sarah Nicholas - Decorations  
**Kelly McCombs** – Associate Event Chair  
Youth Director, button maker  
Amanda Nicholas - Decorations  
Sarah Nicholas - Decorations  
Nori Neuner - Food preparation  
Northwood Hills Woman's Club – Silver frames  
Paco Otal - Food preparation  
Jeni Otal - Food preparation  
Romero Porras – TV Security, food preparation  
Tom Purcell – Live Auction catalog  
Ross Sanders – Silent Auction set-up  
Ann Sanders – Silent Auction set-up  
Paul Simonsen - Entertainment  
Lynn Solomon - Food preparation  
Gail Stevenson – Food preparation  
Mimi Trinkner – Check-out  
Deb Tucker – Check-out, Silent Auction set-up  
Will Tucker - Silent Auction set-up  
Caitlin Tucker – Check-out  
Gina Tucker - Food preparation  
Cy Watson – Youth Officers' President  
Kathy Watson – Print design and production, Food preparation, decorations  
Nancy Watson - Silent Auction set-up  
The Phil West Trio – Parade, entertainment  
Phil West - Entertainment  
Dana Wood - Decorations

# Mardi Gras Madness



Courtney Robertson



Sarah Chepregi, Sarah Nicholas, Sierra Wilmot, Elizabeth Metzger, Charlotte Carroll, Christopher Stephens and Cassie Dickerson



Martha and Mark Jacobson, and Earl Barnett



Amanda Hydrick, Sarah Watson, Dillon Tucker and Justin Cook



Gene Hoffman and Jordan Heil



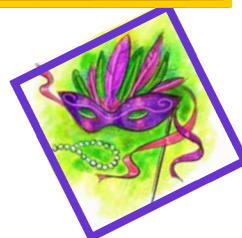
Sarah Nicholas, Charlotte Carroll, and Caitlin Tucker



Debbie and Matthew McEnanaey



Nick West and Livie Gault



Auctioneer Don Sapulsa



Duncan Holt and Kathy Watson



## Life's Satisfactions: How Do We Feel About Our Lives?

This is the sixth of eight articles summarizing the results of surveying SVUMC members and friends by the Compass Committee. In total 331 people responded to the survey. The Percept Group analyzed the data and supplemented it with U.S. Census Bureau data and their own religious research in our region.

Last week's article summarized the types of church programs that people in our community and our congregation prefer. Now we turn our attention to how our congregation feels about a broad range of life issues. Studying these results allows us to understand what areas of life are most satisfying to the members of our congregation and what areas are causing the most discontent.

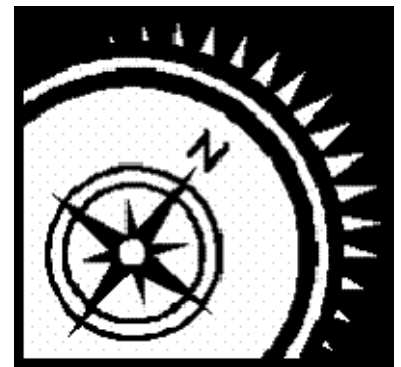
Life Issues are grouped below into those that with which our congregation is: 1) Most Dissatisfied and 2) Most Satisfied. Numbers are provided so you can see how many indicated they were either Unsatisfied (includes "Dissatisfied," "Very Dissatisfied" and "Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied") or Satisfied (includes "Very Satisfied" and "Satisfied") as well as how many responded to each issue.

Consider prayerfully which of the life areas above represent personal and spiritual growth opportunities for the people of Spring Valley United Methodist Church. How can we best go about the work of supporting each other in these areas of growth?

Next week's article "Health and Wholeness: Where are people distressed?" will summarize areas of life where members of our surrounding community are experiencing concern and distress.

### Greatest Dissatisfaction Among Members

Life Issue	% Unsatisfied	% Responding
Personal Bible Study and Prayer	52%	91%
If Divorced, Former Spouse Relationship	56%	16%
Relationship with Stepchildren	41%	19%
Sharing My Faith with Others	50%	92%
Spiritual Development of My Family	41%	88%
My Actual Ministry Involvement in Church	44%	89%
My Personal Financial Situation	36%	88%
Personal Spiritual Growth	34%	95%
My Health	31%	95%
My Job/Career	36%	66%



### Greatest Satisfaction Among Members

Life Issue	% Satisfied	% Responding
Marriage Relationship with My Spouse	85%	70%
Relationship with My Children	88%	74%
My Education	86%	93%
General Satisfaction with this Church	84%	94%
My Family Life	82%	94%
My Children's Educational Environment	83%	58%
Relationship with My Extended Family	77%	95%
Relationship with God	78%	96%
Quality of Life in My Community	78%	94%
Personal Relationships with People in Church	74%	93%



**LABORS FOR NEIGHBORS**

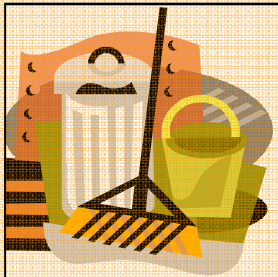


**Join the SVUMC Team**

Labor for Neighbors is taking another group to replace a damaged roof from Hurricane Rita on a house in the Port Arthur area. They have ask if Spring Valley could send 4-5 folks to accompany a group from the North Texas Conference. They will be working with UMCOR. The cost is \$95 per person and they will leave from Highland Park UMC by bus around 5 P.M. on Friday, February 22 and return by supper time on Sunday, February 24. Please contact Ted Butler for sign up or if you need additional



More details soon!



**Mark your Calendars  
for  
The Trustees Annual  
Spring Church Clean-up  
Saturday, March 8th**

**Preschool Taking  
Registration for  
2007**

SVUMC Preschool is currently taking registration for fall 2008. This program provides a strong preschool education and care in a nurturing Christian environment, dedicated to guiding each child to become the unique person God created him or her to be. Call Holly or Harriet at 972-233-2317.



The Preschool is also looking for qualified substitute teachers to be called upon as needed.

**UMW Annual Clothing Sale**

It's time to do some Spring Cleaning for the Annual UMW Used Clothing Sale! Bring your used clothing, small household items, linens, etc., beginning March 9.

This year we will NOT be accepting electronic equipment.

Your donations are appreciated!

Sale begins  
**March 14 & 15**



**Youth Singers Special Rehearsal  
This Sunday, February 3**

On this Sunday, February 3, Youth Singers will have an extended rehearsal from 1:30 until 4:00. We will cover many aspects of "Godspell" including dance, drama, singing, instrumental rehearsal and more. This is prior to the Super Bowl Party at the LaFrano's.

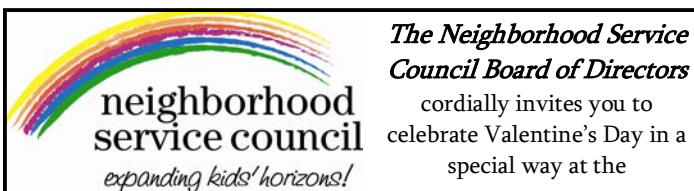
**CiCi's Pizza Will Donate Percentage  
to Youth Singers Choir Tour**

As they did last year, CiCi's is donating a percentage of the sales this Sunday to our Youth Singers Choir Tour. We encourage you to help us in this endeavor. Youth Singers have a rehearsal this Sunday at 1:30 so we encourage all our members to eat at CiCi's and then return to the church.

**Invitation to all classes  
to join Aldersgate on  
February 3rd**

Rachael Barnett, Mission Support Liaison for the General Board of Global Ministries will be in Aldersgate on February 3. She is based in New York and will be in the area to speak at the NTC Mission Forum on Saturday. She will be speaking to us on exploring how supporting a missionary through a new or existing Covenant Relationship can make a significant impact on your congregation and around the world.

Rachael would like as large an audience as possible. She has said, "I am interested in knowing my audience!" If you or your class can join Aldersgate on February 3, please contact the church office so that we can have some idea of numbers.



**The Neighborhood Service  
Council Board of Directors**

cordially invites you to  
celebrate Valentine's Day in a  
special way at the

**NSC 2007 Annual Meeting & Luncheon**

Show your love for your community  
**February 14, 2008**

11:30 - 1:00 Meeting & Luncheon  
Spring Valley United Methodist Church  
7700 Spring Valley Road - Dallas, Texas

Please RSVP  
972-239-3501, 972-233-7671, #25  
or [nsci@nscikids.org](mailto:nsci@nscikids.org)



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## Join Us for Sunday School



### Aldersgate Class

**February 3** - Rachael Barnett, Mission  
Support Liaison for the General Board  
of Global Ministries

**February 10** - Will Tucker  
Class Meeting, Committee Reports

**February 17** - Rev. Paul Escamilla  
National Study on Youth and Religion

### Beacon Class

**February 3 and 10**  
Anna Hosemann-Butler  
Book of Hebrews

### Bible Lectionary Readings

Exodus 24:12-18  
Psalm 99  
2 Peter 1:16-21  
Matthew 17:1-9

### SPOT Class

**February 3 and 10**  
Terri Chepregi  
Stories of the Prophets

### Staff email addresses

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