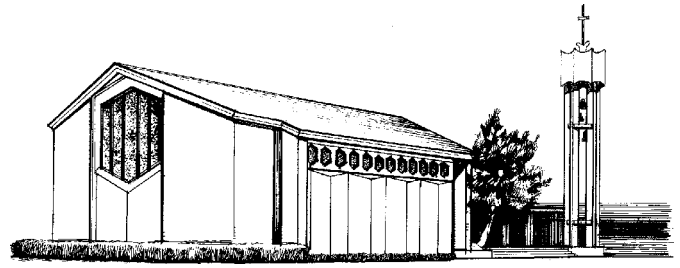


Behold!



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VBS says Thank you!

A great big "Much Obligated" goes out to all the Rand Hands and Wranglers that made SVUMC's Vacation Bible School at the Circle G Ranch a success! We had 127 Ranch House Buckaroos enrolled this year and all had a great time with storytellin', campfire singalongs, recreation roundup, and the craft corral. Our Sixth graders did a great job all week with interviews and picture-taking for the end of the week power point presentation and newsletter! Way to Go!!

The following is a list of all of the volunteers it took to make VBS successful this year. I cannot thank you enough for your dedication and support of our children and the children's ministry at Spring Valley.

Lisa Phillips, VBS Director 2005

Adults

Jan Andersen
 Carol Barge
 Stephanie Chapman
 Sundra Culver
 Jill Curbo
 Beverly Curtiss
 Amy Dawson
 Jackie Elliott
 Paul Escamilla
 Angela Fryar
 Susan Hanchey
 Katy Hines
 Sheri Hodde
 Tony Holiday
 Jan Hudgins
 Paula Huffaker
 Becky Hydrick
 Rusty King
 Laura LaFrano
 Pam Metzger

Debbie McEnaney
 Dorothy Milner
 Lisa Newton
 Denyse Ngandi Manzenza
 Jacqui Otal
 Jo Alice Patton
 Nancy Purcell
 Tracy Rahm
 Doris Simonsen
 Gloria Smith
 Dana Taylor
 Gina Tucker
 Kathy Watson
 Nancy M. Watson
 Linda West
 Lou Wilkin
 Danielle Williams
 Elaine Winters

Youth

Paul Armstrong
 Charlotte Carroll
 Travis Carroll
 Nikki Chapman
 Jason Cook
 Melissa DeFoe
 Cassie Dickerson
 Brittany Fryar
 Audrey Greaves
 Olivia Guerra
 George Harries
 Sam Hodde
 Kathryn Holburn
 Kristin Holburn
 Caleb Hudgins
 Ann Michele
 King
 Emily King
 Chase LaFrano

Avery Lewis
 Nick Lewis
 Chris McEnaney
 Amanda Nicholas
 Sarah Nicholas
 Jeni Otal
 Courtney Parmalee
 Emily Rahm
 Michael Simonsen
 Christopher Stephens
 Tyler Stevenson
 Heather Sumner
 Caitlyn Tucker
 Clay Tucker
 Caroline Watson
 Sarah Watson
 Colleen Yancy

Take a few extra minutes...

to pick up your nametag. Nametags will be available on Sunday morning, in the north loggia. Once you have received your nametag, please take it home with you, and use it each Sunday morning that you are in worship.

Adventures of the open door...

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

Matthew 7:7



Third graders and their shepherd, Nancy Purcell, learn the motions for a song. On Friday, the children sang the songs they learned during the week as part of the closing celebration.



Second graders work on their prayer boxes in crafts. The prayer boxes, with western flair, are a place to keep written prayers to remember to pray every day.



Fifth graders play the sponge toss game - a good way to cool off - during recreation time with Elizabeth Wood.

What's up for YOUTH...

The summer is winding down, but here in the youth department, things are moving fast. Things to look forward to in August...



~**UMYF:**

7 - 7pm-Karaoke Night

14 - from 4-8pm - District Youth event in Frisco. Bring \$5 for entry and extra \$\$\$ for food.

21 - group discussion night

~Our last Swimming-n-Scripture for the summer will be held on Aug.10. A BIG thank-you goes out to the Reeses for having us over EVERY WEEK this summer.

~The BIG Boat Trip is August 26-28. Sign up in the Youth Department. Don't forget - you aren't signed up until we have your \$20!!! DEADLINE: Parent's meeting on August 21. We are going to have a blast as we swim, plan, and worship together at the Shepherd's Pasture.

~PARENTS: We have a meeting on Aug.21. Your youth will either be at a youth singers swim party, or we will have supervised hangout time in the Youth room. So feel free to bring them with you. Youth Singers - Mark your calendars for a kickoff swim party on August 21 from 3:30-5:30. Transportation to UMYF will be provided!

MTLBYAKY, Jared and Megan

At ASP this summer

First the work...



Caitlin Tucker, Chase LaFrano, and Emily King

...then the play!



Melissa DeFoe, Steve DeFoe, Amanda Nicholas, Ashley Wilson, Caitlin Tucker, Ann Michelle King, and Jenifer Otal

The Music Man is coming Aug. 4, 5, and 6!

Jennifer Leedy, as Marian Paroo, sings with Blake Denzer, who is Professor Harold Hill.



Beautiful costumes are a part of this production, as well as accompaniment by a full orchestra. Mark McElroy is the drama director, Ann Michele King is the choreographer, and Rusty King is the producer and music director.

Guatemala mission team says "thank you"

To All Drivers and Alternates: Thank you for volunteering to drive Guatemala Mission Team members to/from DFW airport. You are an integral part of this important mission process. Attention drivers: Please contact your assigned people to set up a pick-up time and make sure you know how to get to their home. The missionaries have to be at the airport no later than 5:15am on the morning of departure, August 13. The team will be returning to DFW on August 21 at 5:25pm. Thanks again for your help and support.

Extending God's Path

Budgeted year to date	\$ 592,880
Total received to date	569,898
Received July 31	13,307
Attendance for July 31	422

Give God what's right, not what's left

Blood drive is October 16

The Mission Core Process Group has scheduled the next Spring Valley blood drive for October 16. Healthy persons are allowed to donate every 56 days, so please plan to “save” your donation after August 21 for our blood drive on October 16.

For more information, call blood drive chairperson, Pat Hill, 972-669-3915 or visit the web: www.carterbloodcare.org

NET Food Drive August 14

How is it that when many of us are thinking about “cutting down” and dieting in order to lose weight that some of our neighbors are actually hungry? It’s hard to believe that right here in the Richardson/North Dallas area, refrigerators and cupboards can be empty.

Thank goodness that years ago, dedicated Richardson volunteers formed NETWORK Of Community Ministries. Our own Rev. Don Barnes was one of those persons, and he is still volunteering!

August 14 is the day Spring Valley collects non-perishable food to help our local neighbors. Won’t you bring a sack full of something nourishing to leave in the barrels found in the halls. Monetary gifts can be left in the church office or in the collection plate during worship.

For more information about NET, call Rev. Don Barnes, 972-818-2523, or visit the NET web site: www.thenetowrk.org.

Dimes-a-Day is August 21

Our offering is divided among several mission programs supported by Spring Valley. For 6 years, we have supported the work of Jerri and Bill Savuto in Kenya. They are currently raising mission awareness by traveling in the United States speaking in United Methodist churches. On August 4, Bill Savuto will travel back to the hospital in Maua, Kenya, as the leader of a mission work trip. Jerri wrote in a recent letter:

“I pray for God’s happiness in our world rather than what we speak of as ‘happiness.’ I know I’m happiest when I’m serving others – the least, the lost, and the last. I certainly know many people who don’t seem to have any reason to be happy, who are happier than you and I could ever imagine. God’s economy is so different than ours. The void we are trying to fill with ‘stuff’ leaves us more empty, complaining and confused. In fact, what makes for real joy is just about opposite what we believe, advertise, and live.”

As we make our way to the chancel rail on August 21 for the third Sunday Dimes-a-Day offering, please pray for Bill Savuto and his fellow Christians for safe travel and a successful mission trip in Kenya. This is your Dimes-a-Day at work!

Hispanic Ministry planning garage sale on August 13

The Hispanic Ministry needs items for their garage sale on August 13. Please bring your donations to the church, or call Carlos Nascimento at 972-239-9440. Thank you.



Join us for Sunday school

An updated list of all Sunday school classes is now available at the Visitors desk. Some current offerings include:

Aldersgate Class - Room 206-08

Aug. 7 - We will have a classroom brunch to honor the SVUMC Guatemala Mission Team. The team will be commissioned at the 11am worship service.
Aug. 14 - Jim Veach will cover the topic of Jacob - liar, thief, God’s chosen one.

Christian Parenting - Room 210

We are studying Dawn Billings' book, *Greatness and Children*.

Come As You Are Class

Aug.7 - Gregory of Nyssa

Aug.14 - John Chrysostom

Aug.21 - Charles Spurgeon

Aug.28 - Watchman Nee

All lessons are located in the *Devotional Classics* book.

Friends Class

All young adults, 20s-40s, married and single, are invited to join us for the video series, *That the World May Know*, by Ray Vander Laan. This is a history of the Old Testament and its applicability to the New Testament and our lives today.

Parents of Teenagers - Room 192

We are studying a book called *Making Love Last a Lifetime*, by Adam Hamilton, which began on June 19. We will go to lunch following church, so we hope you can join us.

Prime Timers want you!

August 24 - Ben Dickerson will cook his famous chicken stew for lunch and then hear a speaker talk about the Hopkins County Stew Cook-off and Fair.

September 17 - Road trip to the Hopkins County Fair in Sulphur Springs. We will need to leave early to be there in time to sample the stew entries. Time of departure will be announced at a later date. Transportation will be available, but we will need a count, so sign up at the volunteer’s desk. Contact Ben or Sundra Culver for information.



UMW meeting is Aug. 8

The UMW morning group will meet on August 8, with guest speaker, Brad Stater.



Joys and concerns

Call Alice Cromwell, 972-239-7332, or email her at dallasal@swbell.net for any prayer concerns. These concerns will stay on the list for two weeks unless otherwise requested.

SVUMC Church Family

Frances Dale
Anna Butler
Jo Ellis
Peggy Rainey
Charlyne Gary
Susan Kasten
Mable Bradley
Audrey Rozelle
Jan Apthorp
Kenny Schneckner
Ann Michele King
Prissy Shafer
Mildred Eubanks
Catharine and Ted Gebhardt
Homebound members

Extended Church Family

David Willis' grandmother
Jan Hudgins' cousin
Jo Hunter's daughter's father-in-law,
Larry Shedenhelm
Charles Hudgins' mother
Frank and Barbara Zoeller's son, Mark
Sue Cummings' friend, Jenny
Shirley Hughes' friends, Nathan McCormack,
and his mother, Sarah Nuche
David Armstrong's father, Paul
Hilda Beverly's daughter-in-law, Marsha Beverly
Frank Andersen's mother
Betty Hopper's son and daughter-in-law,
Gary and Jacqui Hopper
Jo Alice Patton's friend, Sandi Frank
Rebecca Turner's friend, Jennifer
Janis & Jack Davis's daughter, Jennifer
Guy & Betty Garrett's daughter, Allison Howes
Jessie & Monica Porter's daughter, Tania

Nadine Haef's husband, Dan
All persons serving in the military
SVUMC missionaries, the Savutos
Slany United Methodist Church
Those with ongoing concerns

Congratulations to:

Melanie Veach and Evan Wise who were
married at Spring Valley on July 16
Cynthia and Herb Lee on the birth of a
grandson, Charlie James Pharr, on July 19
Margaret Gilmore, on the birth of a grandchild

Sympathy to:

Patti Malone in the death of her
friend, Jan Lanier
Mike Davis and family in the death of
his mother, Marge
Family and friends of Nancy Troth who died
on July 27