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Disciple I has much to offer

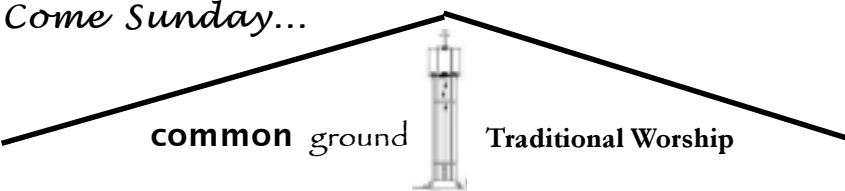
I am teaching Disciple I this year. Many of you have heard of the Disciple Bible Studies. Disciple I is an overview course of the whole Bible in nine months. I consider it my own personal seminary course in the Bible. I took it when Dave was one year old (16 years ago) and ever since I've felt like I had a foundation upon which to fit further Bible study into. Whether it's hearing a sermon, teaching a Sunday School class, taking on a leadership role, reading the Bible on my own, or knowing where to turn in my own personal life, I learned the importance of God's word and the basic tenets of our faith. I taught it once before about 8 or 9 years ago and it was a delight to learn again.

Yes, it is a commitment, but a rewarding one. I'll give you four reasons to take it:

1. It's fun to hang out with friends and talk about "real" things and get close to a few folks in the church.
2. Many of us are asked to lead or teach in the church. This is a great preparation into leading as a Christian—to explore the basic tenets of the Bible.
3. Some of us have never really read the Bible on our own, only heard it at church. This is a great way to read it for yourself and draw close to God personally.
- 3) Some of us are at a time of relooking at our lives—whether from changes in family, job, or health.

Bible study can give us a spiritual guide to help in that journey. *(next column)*

Come Sunday...



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, August 6

Genesis 21

Faces of Grace: Hagar and Ishmael
"Universal Grace"

Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler

Genesis 21

Faces of Grace: Hagar and Ishmael
"God hears their cry."

Dr. Paul L. Escamilla

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 13

Faces of Grace: Book of Job

Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler

Faces of Grace: Book of Job
Heath Williams

It's hard to meet weekly and it's hard to say I'll study God's word in between, but it can be a satisfying tool to draw closer to God and to others in the church. All that said, come join me. This class will be on Sunday afternoons. The time is up in the air. Children's choir is 3:30--to 5:45. Youth choir is 4:30. UMYF is 5:30. I was trying to have the study while our children were here at church. I'm open to requests about the actual time (it takes about 2 hours). *Elizabeth Escamilla*

For other class listings, see inside.

Spring Valley luncheon is August 13

How can you empower the church beyond your lifetime to fulfill its purpose to make disciples for Jesus Christ?

As caring Christians who support the church that has been our spiritual home, there are ways in which we can provide for its ministries not only now, but in the future, helping to make those hopes and dreams come true.

Remembering Spring Valley Church in your will can have the two-fold benefit of serving as an expression of faith while helping a congregation close to your heart for many years into the future. A simple notation can mean so much to so many.

A complimentary luncheon, sponsored by the Spring Valley United Methodist Church Foundation, will be given at noon on Sunday, August 13. Please plan to attend and learn more about how by your gifts you can be a blessing to the church you love even beyond your lifetime.

"What shall I return to the Lord for all of God's bounty to me?"

Call Jim Bryan, Foundation President, for more information on ways to support the work of the Spring Valley United Methodist Church Foundation.

10th anniversary celebration with SVUMC for Rusty King and John Tarver.

Make plans to be a part of the church-wide event marking ten years of fellowship we have shared with John & Rusty. Sunday, August 20, we will convene in Wesley Hall after the 11am services for food, fun and a few surprises. Please join us in thanking our "main music men" for the spiritual enrichment they have brought to our lives.

The Preschool needs YOU!!!

Are you energetic, caring, have a college degree, and want to make a difference? The preschool needs some substitute teachers that can fill in for teachers that are out sick or on vacation. The pay is good and the job is very rewarding. Training and First Aide/CPR certification will be provided. The school also needs a full time (Monday- Friday, 8:45-12:15) teacher for the two year olds. A college degree is required. Contact Holly Lewis, the school's new director, at 972-233-2317, if you are interested.



Friends, fun and fellowship – attention all young professionals

FRIENDS is the young professionals fellowship of Spring Valley United Methodist Church...not simply a Sunday School class. We meet in Room 206. **August 12** - Free concert by Dallas Wind Symphony, Addison Circle's Esplanade Park, picnic and coolers!

We'll also do a hands-on mission project, TBD. Join us for a fun and fellowship-filled summer! Call Betsy and David Willis, willisbf@yahoo.com, or Cynthia Pharr Lee at 214-529-5555.

October golf benefit coming up

The Billye Mayer Golf Classic will be held at Sherrill Park Golf Course in Richardson on October 6. This major fund raiser for NETwork of Community Ministries allows church members to form teams to play and compete in the church challenge division.

Have fun supporting a great cause. Sign up information available on www.thenetwork.org.



Start the new UMW year with a bang!

The regular monthly meetings of the daytime UMW will begin on Monday, August 14. Mark your calendar now and don't miss this first get-together!

We will meet for lunch at 11:30 in Asbury Hall, followed by our business meeting and a wonderful program by Mitzi Werther, director of America's Program at Richland College. Come and bring a friend to join in the preparation of our fall activities. The Parkland Outreach Baby Shower will be held at the September meeting instead of the August meeting. You can start shopping for packs of newborn baby socks and newborn "onesies" body suits. More information will be given at the August meeting. Watch for more information on what to bring. See you there!



Join us for Sunday school

An updated list of all Sunday school classes is available at the Visitors desk.

Aldersgate Class

Aug. 6 & 13 - TBA

Beacon Class

Aug. 6 - "Making the Dream Come True through the Practice of Fruitful WORKS"

Aug. 13 - "Making the Dream Come True through the Power of the WORD."

Aug. 20 - "Making the Dream Come True through Participation in WORSHIP."

Aug. 27 - "Making the Dream Come True through Penetration of the WORLD."

Christian Parenting - Room 210

We are studying how to parent a willful child.

Fellowship Bible Class

We are reading *The Passionate Church*, by Mike Breen & Walt Kallestad. Call Lou & Bill Wilkin, 972-392-1486, maestrak1234@yahoo.com.

Seekers Class

August 6 - Dr. Joan LaBarr, director of communications for the North Texas Conference.

August 13 - Rev. Linda McLemore, pastor of Art Spirit, UMC downtown Dallas

August 20 - Hiams, on The difference the Reformation made in Christianity

August 27 - Don Coke, on the Christian Year

S.P.O.T. - Spiritual Parents of Teens,

We are reading *Parenting Teens with Love and Logic*.

Quest Class - Room 204

We are studying the Parables of Jesus and how they relate to us. Please join us.

Calling all Prime-Timers!

Ben's Stew Party

Best stew in the West!

August 17 at 11am
Asbury Hall



Donations accepted

Noteworthy news...

Upcoming Music

August 6

8:30 Men's Choir, *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

11:00 Chancel Choir, *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

August 13

8:30 & 11:00 Women's Ensemble, *There's Within My Heart a Melody*

11:00 Chancel Choir, *I Was Glad*

August 20

11:00, Chancel Choir *My Eternal King*

Choir Registration Starts August 13

You have a place in one or more of our musical groups. If you are between 3 and 93, we've got an opportunity for you! We are very excited about this year and new music ministries that will begin this fall! Children's music ministry is taking on a new name – **Music Maker Ministry!** Read below for more information from Jeanne. Youth and adults have singing, ringing and instrument playing opportunities. Won't you plan to join us this fall!

Music Makers ministry news

Q: What is Orff?

A: Orff-Kodaly is an instrument-based learning system including xylophone-types of instruments and unpitched rhythm instruments. Charles Hudgins completed a two-week training this summer in order to teach Orff here at Spring Valley. He is excited and ready to share our brand new instruments with the children! In this class, the children will be able to learn accompaniments for anthems they will sing and even compose their own songs!

Q: Did you say age 3?

A: Yep! Any child who is 3 years old may join the Cherub Choir from 3-3:30 on Sunday afternoons. As soon as your child is 3, she or he may join in the fun! So, if Susie turns 3 in October, she may come then, and if George turns 3 in March, he may come then!

Questions? E-mail or call Jeanne Larson!

Young Adult Choir is named, going on tour

The vote is in. FLAME is the new name chosen by the members of the new young adult choir and stands for "Followers Living a Musical Experience." The choir began rehearsing last Easter. They are accompanied by Paula Huffaker on piano, Mike Sheehan on drums, and Robert Smalling on bass guitar. The sound engineer is Wes Weisheit. We request your prayers as 19 people will be traveling to Georgetown and Austin for a choir tour this weekend. We ask specifically for you to lift up the group for traveling mercies, to be a blessing in the places they will sing and for the Holy Spirit to guide them as they grow in fellowship. There will be 6 sponsors – Cara & Gary Sheroke, Paula Huffaker, Bill Escarre, Mike Sheehan and Rusty King. The 13 members able to make the trip are: Kati Beheler, Katie Case, Stephanie Chapman, Ann Michele King, Emily King, Jeanne Larson, Karen Slagle, Robert Smalling, Wes Weisheit (tech), Danielle Williams, Josh Wilson and Colleen Yancy. Members not able to make the trip are Blake Denzer, Heath Williams, Kelly Moon and Melissa Veach.



Centenary College Choir here in concert Saturday, November 11, housing needed

The world renowned choir from Centenary College will be here at 7:00 in our sanctuary for a stunning concert. They share a delightful experience in both sight and sound. Their concert is varied in style and content including sacred and secular selections. They will need housing for 65 after the concert. If you can help, call Rusty at 972-233-7671, ext. 24.

Chancel Choir needs you!!

If you are an adult who likes to sing, the Chancel Choir needs you! Come put your little toe in the water on Wednesdays in August starting the 2nd to see if you would enjoy praising God, making music, and participating in fellowship. We have a nursery worker already in place! Rehearsals are from 7:30-9pm. Then you can jump into the water on Friday, Aug. 18, at 6pm, at our annual covered dish swimming party! Make plans to join us now!

Seasonal Singers join us in October

For our Christmas Cantata, John Rutter's *Magnificat*, Chancel Choir will join with Youth Singers and Orchestra on December 10 & 17. Seasonal Singers are invited. This includes adults who can't commit to Chancel Choir at the present time but love to sing! The first Wednesday rehearsal will be October 18 from 7:30—8:10.

Youth Singers Back-to-School swim party

On Sunday, August 13, all youth wanting to participate in Youth Singers are invited to join us from 3-5:30 for our annual swim party. Mark the date. We will be at the McEnaney's home. The first rehearsal is September 10. Auditions for this year's musical, *Exodus from Egypt County*, are Sunday, October 1, from 1:30-5:30.

Creative Arts Festival – Saturday, September 16 9am-3pm, Displays of art and Various Concerts

7:00 Coffeehouse – Tribute Concert

Our first annual Creative Arts Festival is set for Saturday, September 16. Various music groups will begin performing at 9am and will continue until 3pm while you appreciate the art on display. Then come back at 7pm for the third coffeehouse here at Spring Valley. It will feature tributes to two groups – the Eagles and Chicago. Make plans now to enjoy the whole day!

Time for some calendar fun!

August 6 – UMYF @ church from 6 – 7:30. **NOTICE** that this is a change from what has been put out previously.

August 9 – Swim ‘N Scripture @ **the Wilmot’s** from 7 – 9pm (this is the last Swim ‘N Scripture). They live at 13666 Peyton Dr. Dallas, Tx 75240.

August 13 – UMYF @ church from 6 – 7:30.

August 18 – 20 – BIG BOAT RIDE!! Contact Kelly if you have any questions and want to sign up for this AWESOME retreat!

Well, summer is almost over! I know we shouldn’t talk about starting school yet, but it is almost here. It’s time to start thinking about it and preparing for the start of another school year with academics, athletics and music. With all of this coming up, remember the community you have at Spring Valley. We are all here to keep everyone going! I’ll use a group favorite as a reminder...”I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Have a good week! Love, **Kelly**

Remembering summer, 2006...

Paul Chepregi, Travis Carroll, Tyler Stevenson, Josh Wilson, and some kids at a daycare center in Corpus Christi on Choir Tour.



Claire Neuner, Erin Nicholas, Julie McKinney, Tyler Stevenson, Cody Warren, and Blake Hartgraves at "Spring into Summer, Spring into Youth"



Brandon Burrows, Dave Escamilla, Tyler Stevenson, Blake Hartgraves, Sarah Watson, and Cassie Dickerson underneath!

No fishing license needed for NET

Food Collection August 13

There are many references in the Bible to fishing nets. Nets were “cast out” with the hope of a bounteous catch as they were pulled back to the boat. A full net meant food for many, and less would go hungry.

The same is true of NETwork of Community Ministries, our hometown non-profit agency responding to the needs of our neighbors.

Each second Sunday we have the opportunity to “go fishing” and bring in full “nets” (in this case grocery bags) of non-perishable food. And just as in the loaves and fishes biblical story, our contribution, and gifts from other churches, corporations, service groups, and individuals, can provide food for the thousands who look to NET for help.

Monetary gifts are also welcome and can be put in the offering plate or left in the business office designated for NET. Do not leave money in the barrels with the food.

For information about NET, call Georgia Goodrum, 972-235-9855 or visit the web site: www.thenetwork.org.

Want the latest news on the Guatemala mission team?

Just go to the Spring Valley website – www.svumc.org – click on the moving sign at the top, and you can view the reports coming daily from our mission team.

Remember our Harvest Bazaar

Ladies, we need your specialties – summer canned goods: jams, jellies, berries, peaches, figs, pickles, beets, etc. Thanks for your talents and time!

We meet Monday mornings from 9:30am-2:30pm in the Craft Room. Come as your time allows. It is a fun, warm way to visit and share as you work and help our church in the process. We welcome your ideas for crafts! If you cannot attend, but would like to work on a project at home, we can provide a pattern, materials, and instructions you need for what you would like to work on.

There is a need for people with a sewing machine and those who hand sew. If this is your talent, call us if you can help. Thank you so much!

Betty Hopper



Spotlight on Gifts

What: Celebration of gifts among us!
Where: Spring Valley UMC
Dates: September 16 & 17
Saturday: 9am–3pm
Daytime music offerings
Artful displays
7pm–9:15pm
Saturday Evening Concert
Sunday 8am– Noon, Sunday displays
Visual, literary, & ministry gifts



Talent is God's gift to us,

... How we develop it is our gift to God.

... How we share it is God's gift to others.

Are there any glass blowers among you? Basket-weavers? Dressmakers? Floral or Jewelry designers? Poets? Painters? Magicians? Calligraphers? Stained Glass Artists? Photographers? Writers? Do you make balloon animals? What gift/ talent has God given you? How have you developed your gift? Are you willing to share?

Coming soon.... *Spotlight on Gifts*

We hope you participate by sharing your gifts and talents on September 16 & 17 and by attending and enjoying the gifts of others. Please contact Martha Jacobson, 972-406-9863 for more information.

A Thompson Fund initiative...

Spring Valley will seek a new Evangelism Coordinator over the next few months, as the result of a generous bequest by Dick and Zoe Thompson.

We are seeking a bright, warm, energetic, Spirit-filled leader to guide us in this area of ministry. For information, please contact Rev. Anna Hosemann-Butler, 972-233-7671, x19 or abutler@svumc.org.

Grow...Learn...Change...

There will be a Grief Recovery Group at Lovers Lane United Methodist Church. This six-weeks group will focus on better understanding and coping with grief. There is no charge for the group, but the participants will be asked to pay for their book (\$15). The group starts on July 31 and continue for six weeks. The time of the group is 6-8pm.

For more information call Carmen Scroggin, 214-706-9545, or email, cscroggin@llumc.org.
Carmen Scroggin, M.A., LPC

Neighborhood Home Bible Study

We are studying *Psalms*. We have a 12-week study book selected costing \$7. Call Elizabeth Escamilla to get a copy. The Bible Study is open to everyone. We start at 7pm and finish at 8:30pm at the Wilkin home, 972-392-1486.

Fall adult Bible study groups to begin

Registration begins during August, both on-line and here at the church for several classes at Spring Valley. Plan to attend one of the studies as we journey together in the Christian walk of faith.

For details, or if you are interested in facilitating a class, call Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler, ext. 19.

A wide variety of Adult Bible Study classes will be offered at SVUMC beginning this Fall. Registration for the classes will be held through the month of August, with most classes beginning the first week in September. These are the options:

Disciple I, facilitated by Elizabeth Escamilla, on Sunday afternoons,

Disciple I, facilitated by George Reese on Thursday evenings,

Disciple II, facilitated by Connie Ybarra on Monday evenings,

Disciple III, facilitated by John Dvorak, on Thursday mornings,

Disciple IV facilitator TBD, Thursday mornings, *Christianity and World Religions*, facilitated by Dr.

Anna Hosemann-Butler, Wednesday mornings, *The History of United Methodism*, facilitated by Jeanne Larson,

Disciple I, a nine-week overview of the New Testament, facilitated by Dr. Don Barnes, which runs from mid-October - mid-December,

For details, call Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler at the church. Mark your fall schedule to attend one of these exciting ventures in Christian education and formation.

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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.

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Charlotte McConnell
Susan Kasten
Dale Kesler

SVUMC Church Family

Connor Sterling Gray Betty Carter
Vicki Roberts Betty Lou Noble
Eva Dawkins Luiz Santos
Jasper Wright Randy Smith
Fern Denton Bill Darnall
Frank Rahm Homebound members
Wray Lawley
Carmen Copeland
Edna & Kessler Dorman
Ann Michele King
Bronson Balzac
Georgia Goodrum
David Armstrong
Bob & Charlotte Muskopf
Steve Harper
James Rea
Ed Pierce

Extended Church Family

Virginia Kassel's daughter, Kathy Kassel Whipple
Betsy & David Willis' friend, Andy Winstel
Yvonne Hughes' aunt, Doris Phillips
Kathy Watson's great aunt, Irene Weast
Jo Hunter's grandson, Ian Hunter
Sue Cummings' friend, Jenny Hearn
Denyse Ngandi's family in the Congo
Jan Hudgins' grandmother, Beth Mayberry
Steve Cronenberg's father, Jim Cronenberg
Tom Covey and family
Our Guatemala mission group
SVUMC missionaries, the Savutos
Slany United Methodist Church
All persons serving in the military
Those with ongoing concerns

Sympathy to:

David and Marci
Armstrong in the
death of his uncle