

# Behold!



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## Thank you, Tony, for 30 years and counting...!

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee, the staff, and the congregation want to thank Tony Holiday for 30 years of devoted service as of July 1! What a record! We have seen many people on staff come and go, but Tony has been "the constant" for the past three decades.



Through the years, Tony's hair has become a bit grayer, but his energy has never faltered. He has learned everyone's name, as well as their children's names, and every other detail of the church and its facilities. Tony is the person that everyone turns to for assistance. His usual cries for help include: Why is this sparking? Is the air on? Is the heat on? Why doesn't the VCR work? Do you have an extension cord? And regardless of the problem, Tony takes care of it.

It's a rare luxury today for people to remain loyal to one job for a long period of time. Spring Valley has been blessed with a person who has taken his position seriously for 30 years and shows no signs of stopping. Please take a moment to express your thanks, love, and gratitude to Tony for his love and devotion to everyone at Spring Valley.

## Vacation Bible School visits the Circle G Ranch

Come and join the fun at the Circle G Ranch where God is at the center and the love never ends. Be a part of the adventure at the Circle G Ranch Vacation Bible School here at Spring Valley, starting July 18 to July 22, from 9am until High Noon.

Come and ask, seek, and knock on the door to a deeper relationship with God. Each adventure is filled with a powerful Bible story, fun crafts, games, music, and much more!

Children at the Circle G Ranch will:

- ~Know God's door is always open
- ~Discover an open Bible is an open door to God
- ~Encounter the love of Jesus
- ~Share God's open door with others

Lasso some fun with your friends at the Circle G Ranch! Register online at [www.svumc.org](http://www.svumc.org). Call Jan Hudgins, 972.233.7671, x 20, for more information.



## Concert

Friday, July 8 - 7:30pm, Asbury Hall  
Enrique Vívar,  
acclaimed violinist, will be  
performing Bach, Handel,  
Beethoven, and Mozart

Mision Nueva Vida is hosting this free  
concert. Participating with Enrique  
Vívar will be Carlos Nascimento's son,  
Thiago Nascimento,  
from Meadows School at SMU.  
Bring your family for an enjoyable  
evening.

## Have you signed up yet?

Senior Pastor, Dr. Paul Escamilla would like to get to know you, your dreams, and hopes for the church through "cottage-style" meetings. Each meeting will include 12+ people and will be held in host homes. Also, two morning meetings are scheduled for 7am at La Madeline's on Beltline Road just east of the tollway. Please call Paula Huffaker in the church office, 972-233-7671, x14, or by email to sign up: [phuffaker@svumc.org](mailto:phuffaker@svumc.org). Dates are:  
Afternoons: July 7, 12, 26  
Evenings: July 7, 19, 25, 28

## Hey, pardners, got any western gear?

We need decorations for VBS! If you have cowboy items such as boots, bandanas, saddles, hats, etc., anything to help decorate the church, we would love to borrow them! Call Doris Simonsen, 972-239-5629, and let her know what you can loan the church to be used for the Circle G Ranch. Your items need to be labeled to they can be returned to you. Thank you for your help.

## Bridgeport camp had lots to offer

Where can you go to meet new friends from all over North Texas, climb a hill six times a day, share a cabin and a bathroom with eight other kids and a counselor, and worship God? Bridgeport Camp of course! Last week six boys from Spring Valley joined 193 other campers at Bridgeport for

Children's Church Camp. It was a great week of fun, fellowship and learning about God's creation and love for everyone. Daily activities at camp included Bible study twice a day, interest groups, swimming and recreation and shopping at the canteen. Interest groups are special activities that campers sign up to participate in such as crafts, dance, worship and music, photography, and a scavenger hunt. Evening activities included worship each night, a night swim party, a luau, a talent show, and Closing Camp Celebration. The big event of the week was the Great Adventure Games with a huge water slide, an obstacle course, pool relays, tie dying pillowcases as a camp memento, and a shaving cream frenzy.

Children's Church Camp at Bridgeport is a ministry of the North Texas Conference and is held each summer for children who have completed third grade through completed fifth. If you didn't get to go this year... we are going again next year! Spring Valley campers this year were: Joshua Simonsen, Evan Curtis, Matt and Jeff McEnaney, Chris Lewis, and Michael Metzger.



Evan, Michael, Chris



Evan, Chris, Matt, Michael



Jeff, Chris, Joshua, Michael

## Upcoming Music

### July 3

8:30 Men's Choir, *My Country 'Tis of Thee*

11:00 Chancel Choir, *God Bless America*

### Hymns

Opening #103, *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Closing #437, *This is My Song*

## The Music Man tickets on sale now

SVUMC's summer musical is slated for August 4-6. Tickets are \$18, \$15 and \$10. All tickets are reserved until July 15, when \$10 tickets will be general admission. You may still join the musical chorus. Rehearsals will be held on Wednesday nights in June from 6:30-7:30. We will stage construction days the last week of June. If you can help, call Rusty, 972-233-7671.



## Message from the Trustees

The Trustees have started looking into the purchase of an external defibrillator and training to use this equipment. Does anyone have access to acquire this equipment and training at a discount from retail pricing? Please contact either Judy Kesler at 972-991-8133 ([dkesler@viscern.com](mailto:dkesler@viscern.com)), or Steve Taylor at 972-234-9867, or ([stevetaylor@na.cokecce.com](mailto:stevetaylor@na.cokecce.com)).

## Has your email address changed?

If so, please be sure to contact Paula Huffaker in the church office, 972-233-7671, x14, or by email, [Phuffaker@svumc.org](mailto:Phuffaker@svumc.org), to insure your receipt of the weekly *Behold* newsletter.

## Please note new summer Behold schedule

Beginning July 3, the Behold will be published every other week until the week of August 14. Please make sure your articles are submitted in a timely manner to [jpatton@svumc.org](mailto:jpatton@svumc.org). The deadlines for submitted articles are at noon on:

July 5, because of July 4 holiday

July 18                      August 1                      August 15

Thank you for your cooperation with the summer schedule. Have a great summer!

## Austin Street Centre breakfast is July 17

It's early Sunday morning on July 17 - we're talking VERY early. The aroma of coffee wafts through the hall as dedicated volunteers gather, some cheery, some just there. "There" is Spring Valley at 4:15am as final preparations are made for the trip downtown to serve breakfast to the 350+ men, women, and children who have spent the night at this homeless shelter. Extra sandwiches are prepared, as the "guest list" has increased to 7,000 over the number served at this time last year. Shelter, showers, medicines, and pastoral care round out the array of services available to the clients who come. Summer donations of baseball caps, sunscreen, walking tennis shoes, white socks, bars of soap, and over the counter medicines are appreciated.

Once every quarter, a group of very dedicated Spring Valley members gather to repeat this ministry to homeless persons at the Austin Street Centre. Call Dana and Steve Taylor, 972-234-9867 if you'd like to help. If you would like to know more about Austin Street Centre, go to their web page at <http://www.austinst.org>.

## Guatemala mission team needs suitcases

The 2005 Guatemala Mission Team still needs old suitcases to transport medications on their trip to Chichicastenango this August. We need large, non-returnable suitcases with sturdy clasps. Please call Robert Gross at 214-341-1822 or bring them to the Aldersgate classroom. Thanks for your support.

## What's up for YOUTH...

Hi everybody! We are so excited about being here at Spring Valley, and looking forward to getting to know you better in the coming years. If you need anything, don't hesitate to call us.

Youth, we hope to see you soon at one of our upcoming events.

**Every Wednesday** - Swimming N' Scripture 7-9pm at the Reese's house, 7418 Maplecrest

**July 3** - Watch for an email about UMYF time/events

**July 5** - ASP Meeting 7-9pm, MANDATORY if you missed the 1st one!

**July 7** - Mission N' More, 9am-3pm, meet at SV w/lunch & swimming gear

ATTENTION EVERYONE!! The Easter Seals trip to Colorado is coming fast. Your commitment and payment are due July 6. If you are planning on going, call, write, email, or talk to us ASAP! MTLBYAKY, Jared and Megan

## Prime Timers want you!

Thank you, Jud Shook, for a great program on genealogy at our June 22 meeting. Dr. Escamilla also came in on his first day at Spring Valley to speak with us. And true to the Methodist way, we ate together. We had 23 Prime Timers there for this gathering.

**August 24** - We will eat lunch and hear about the Hopkins County Stew Cook-off and Fair. We will eat stew cooked by Ben Dickerson, and salad. Y'all come!

**September 17** - Trip to Sulphur Springs for the Hopkins County Stew Cook-off and Fair. We will have a sign-up sheet for this trip soon. Save the date!



## 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

**July 3** - Robert Gross teaches on Paul, who did more to establish the church than anyone else.

**July 10** - Susan Kasten will speak "On Joy."

**July 17** - Susan Kasten will review the Lord's prayer in "Our Father Who."

### Christian Parenting - Room 210

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

### 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, beginning June 19.

We will go to lunch following church, so we hope you can join us.

### Seekers Class

**July 3** - Randy & Pam Hiam, "Music"

**July 10** - David Currin, *Confronting the Controversies*

**July 17** - Jan Apthorp, *Controversies-Death Penalty*

**July 24** - Don Coke, *Controversies - Homosexuality*

**July 31** - Anna Butler, *Controversies - Abortion*

### Quest Class

**June** - "Daniel and his Prophecies" - We invite all to come and hear our lessons.

## UMW meetings slated for August

The UMW will not meet in July. Our next meeting will be on August 8 with speaker Brad Stater from C.C. Young.



### Extending God's Path

Budgeted year to date \$ 500,947

Total received to date \$ 470,165

Received June 26 14,296

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

Attendance at worship services: 414

## Joys and concerns

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

### Hospital

Frances Dale

### SVUMC Church Family

Joe Lees

Cara Sheroke

Janis Dumas

Kurt McEnaney

David Currin

Ann Michele King

Prissy Shafer

Floy Naugle

Mildred Eubanks

Catharine and Ted Gebhardt

The Maddison family

Homebound members

### Extended Church Family

David Armstrong's father, Paul

Tabu Ngandi's family

John Tarver's mother, Sarah

Alex Mulvenna

Former member, Jan Bosque

Bethann DeFoe's mother, Betty Lee Brandt

Betty Hopper's son and daughter-in-law,

Gary and Jacqui Hopper

Tom & Donna Campbell's friend,

Gary Wilson, and his daughter, Ashley

Jo Alice Patton's friend, Sandi Frank

Pat Johnston's friend, David Gilbert

All persons serving in the military

SVUMC missionaries, the Savutos

Slany United Methodist Church

Those with ongoing concerns

### Deepest sympathy to:

Terry Hares and family in the death  
of his father, Jim Hares