

# Behold!



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## We Are the Church—proverbial wisdom

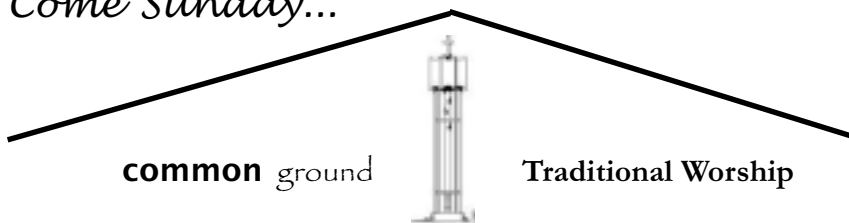
The Bible, as a source for guiding us in how to live well, is unparalleled, its only downside being its absence of glamour. Nothing is more off-putting to our sensibilities than having someone tell us either what we should already know, or what we do know but don't want to believe. Wisdom, as defined in the book of Proverbs, is largely characterized by the willingness to pay attention to someone pointing out the obvious. Foolishness, by contrast, is choosing to dismiss that offer of guidance as misplaced or uninformed.

On Sunday we'll be digging through the Proverbs looking for guidance about generosity. In the meantime, I've come across a batch of "proverbs" of another sort. It seems that a first-grade teacher collected old, well known proverbs and gave them—at least the first half of them—to her students. They were then asked to complete the saying. These are the results:

- As You Shall Make Your Bed So Shall You ... Mess It Up.
- Better Be Safe Than ... Punch A 5th Grader.
- Strike While The... Bug Is Close.
- It's Always Darkest Before... Daylight Savings Time.

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*Come Sunday...*



common ground

Traditional Worship

### October 9 - 21th Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 11  
*The Wisdom of Sharing*  
 Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler

**October 16**  
 2 Corinthians 8:8-15  
*A question of fair balance*  
 Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler

Proverbs 11  
*Words from the Wise*  
 Dr. Paul L. Escamilla

**October 16**  
 2 Corinthians 8  
*The difference between having to and having to*  
 Dr. Paul L. Escamilla

\* please check **NOTEworthy** news column for music offerings

*...continued from previous column*

- Never Under Estimate The Power Of... Termites.
- You Can Lead A Horse To Water But.. How?
- Don't Bite The Hand That... Looks Dirty.
- No News Is... Impossible.
- A Miss Is As Good As A... Mister.
- You Can't Teach An Old Dog New... Math.
- If You Lie Down With The Dogs, You'll...  
Stink In The Morning.
- Love All, Trust.. Me
- The Pen Is Mightier Than The... Pigs.
- An Idle Mind Is... The Best Way To Relax.
- Where There's Smoke, There's... Pollution.
- Happy The Bride Who... Gets All The Presents!
- A Penny Saved Is... Not Much.
- Two's Company, Three's... The Musketeers.
- Don't Put Off Tomorrow What... You Put On To  
Go To Bed.
- Laugh And The Whole World Laughs With You,  
Cry And... You Have To Blow Your Nose.
- Children Should Be Seen And Not... Spanked  
Or Grounded.
- If At First You Don't Succeed... Get New Batteries.
- You Get Out Of Something What You... See  
Pictured On The Box.

Barbara Brown Taylor once made the observation that we don't have forever to figure out what it means to be human. In that regard, the best proverbs help us down that road by reminding us of at least some of the terms on which life comes to us, and some of the ways we had best meet it. As for the practice of generosity, the Haitians have a proverb which, in good proverbial fashion, points out the obvious. Bondye konn bay, men li pa konn separe. In literal translation, God gives but doesn't share. The giving is all God; the sharing, however . . . is left to us.

Grace and peace.

**Paul Escamilla**

\*Special music by the Praise Band

## What's up for YOUTH...

Hello everyone! Congratulations to Chris Peart who won "Launch 'um" at UMYF this week. We will be finishing our series on Pop Culture this week. Our final session is on TRADITION. Don't miss out! Small groups are HERE! All groups meet on Wednesdays 7-8:30. All groups start on the 5th EXCEPT the 7th and 8th grade girls who begin next week (October 12th). Check out the rest of this month's activities...

**October** - SMALL GROUPS - On Wednesdays, 7-8:30pm, various locations

- 9 - Youth ringers and singers and "Risen" in 8:30 worship.
- UMYF - Faith Growth night - Tradition (Pop Culture Series)

16 - UMYF - Let's talk about ... Stewardship!

22 - YAM JAM - in Golden, TX. ALL DAY EVENT. Bring \$10 for lunch.

23 - UMYF - Say what? - Communication

30 - UMYF - All Hallows Eve Celebration - until 8:00pm

### November

5-6 - FALL RETREAT @ Pine Cove Retreat Center

6 - NO YOUTH EVENING ACTIVITIES

Reminders....

Snack Supper has resumed! Sunday nights at 5:30. Cost is \$3.

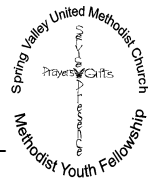
9 - Dana Hartgraves and Gail Stevenson

16 - Kathy Cook and Marci Armstrong

UMYF is on Sunday nights from 6:00 (5:30 w/ supper) until 7:30. If there is a change, it will be noted.

Youth Music times are: 3:30 Ringers, 4:30 Singers.

We have a lot going on here at SVUMC. If you have any questions, call us or send us an email. MTLBYAKY, Jared and Megan



## Small Groups for Youth, Fall 2005, Wednesday Nights, 7-8:30pm

### Girls: 7th & 8th Grade

Leader: Gina Tucker

Watson's: 6827 Meadowcreek (972-239-9165)

### 9th & 10th Grade

Leaders: Kathy Cook & Gail Stevenson

Neuner's: 7409 Maplecrest (972-233-1419)

### Guys: 7th & 8th Grade

Leader: Jared Williams

Youth Office (972-233-7671)

### 9th and 10th Grade

Leader: Cy Watson  
Lantz's: 7037 Alpha (972-702-0616)

### Guys and Girls Mixed

#### 11th and 12th Grade

Leader: Beth Ann Defoe

DeFoe's 7819 Pencross Ln. (972-392-1482)

## Youth Ministers Jared, Megan Williams to speak at UMW



Our new youth ministers, Jared and Megan Williams, will be our speakers on Monday, Oct.10, to get acquainted and tell us about their plans for the youth ministry of Spring Valley. There will be a question and answer session. Lunch is at 11:30, and the program is at 12:15.

We will be completing our plans for the 32nd Annual Harvest Bazaar on Nov. 9-10. Everyone's help is needed to make this bazaar as successful as last year. We hope to see everyone there to meet Jared and Megan and to plan for the bazaar.

## The Big Boat Trip people!



This is the group of youth who attended the Big Boat Trip. The trip was a huge success. We had a blast and planned events for the upcoming year.

### Extending God's Path

YTD Budget:	\$744,563
Total received to date	747,702
Received Oct. 2	22,186

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

## NOTEworthy news...

### Worship & Music Offerings

#### Upcoming music:

##### Sunday, October 9

- 8:30 Youth Singers      *Come With Rejoicing*  
8:30 Youth Ringers      *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*  
8:30 & 11:00 Risen (Youth Praise Band) *Sing to the Lord,*  
*God's in the House, and The Lord's Prayer*  
11:00 Carol Choir, Cherub Choir & Joyful Singers  
11:00 Children's Bell Choirs

##### Sunday, October 16

- 8:30 and 11:00 Max Taylor, *Panis Angelicus, O Lord Most Holy*  
8:30 and 11:00 Blake Denzer, *I Could Only Imagine*  
11:00 Chancel Choir *Shepherd Me, Lord*

## Youth Singers musical audition results are in

On Sunday, Oct. 2, members of Youth Singers auditioned for singing and speaking roles in "Celebrate Life." Soloists are Josh Wilson, Chris Peart, Nikki Chapman, Emily King and Madeline Steiner. Chase LaFrano will be Matthew. Tyler Stevenson will play Jesus. The three Kings will be Josh Wilson, Chris Peart & Blake Hartgraves. Other members with speaking roles are: Emily Rahm, Charlotte Carroll, Chris McEnaney, Clay Tucker, Carson Tucker, Caleb Hudgins, Jeni Otal, Nikki Chapman, Paul Chepregi, Sarah Chepregi, Janice Sechy, Sierra Wilmot, Cassie Dickerson, Jason Cook, Kristin Holburn, and Travis Carroll.

## Fall fellowship slated for October

Each Wednesday a home cooked dinner will be served at 5:30 for a time of church family fellowship. The cost is \$5/person; \$12/family. Our meal for Oct. 12 is chicken breast with Southwestern sauce, carrots, salad and dessert. After dinner, Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler will lead a study on "God's Politics," an examination of the relationship between faith and justice, based on the book by Jim Wallis. Classes will follow the fellowship meals at 6:30. All are invited to attend. Please call the office to make reservations for dinner.

## Bazaar time is almost here!

It is the time of year that everyone begins to prepare for our upcoming annual Bazaar. Everyone will be coming to buy all those special goodies that the ladies prepare. We need your favorite desserts, pies, cakes, breads, candies, pickles, preserves, jellies, and jams. Call or email Betty Hopper at 972-386-4670, or ladyhop7@sbcglobal.net, and let her know what you would like to contribute. Thank you!



## Audiovisual help needed

The Common Ground PowerPoint team is looking for new volunteers to help with the audiovisual component of the contemporary service. Anyone with some degree of computer literacy is invited to be a part of this exciting worship planning team. Hands-on training will be provided. For information or to volunteer, contact Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler at the church.



## 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

**Oct. 9** - Paul Christley, a presentation on this year's Bolivia Mission trip.

**Oct. 16** - Robert Gross, a presentation on this year's Guatemala Mission trip.

### Beacon Class

**Oct. 9** - Jesus, Part II

**Oct. 16** - The Holy Spirit

**Oct. 23** - The Holy Catholic Church

**Oct. 30** - Communion of Saints

**Nov. 6** - Forgiveness of Sins

**Nov. 13** - Life Everlasting

**Nov. 20** - Our Response to the Creed

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

### From Terry Crist, NETWORK of Community Ministries

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Billye Meyer Golf Tournament,  
*Church Challenge Division*

**Why:** To Benefit the NETWORK of Community Ministries

**When:** Friday, October 21, 2005

**Where:** Sherrill Park Golf Course, Richardson

**How:** Either as an individual, or on a church-sponsored team

**Details:** [www.THENETWORK.org](http://www.THENETWORK.org)

**Email:** [BILLYEMEYER@THENETWORK.org](mailto:BILLYEMEYER@THENETWORK.org)

## NET food collection is October 9

NETWORK of Community Ministries has responded to the extra needs as people have moved into the Richardson School District. NETwork has furnished school supplies for most of the hundreds of kids enrolling from Hurricane areas. Their ongoing programs all remain busy and need support as well. None is more important than food.

Won't you bring some extra non-perishable food on October 9 for NET? Think about some nourishing food that children would especially like. Small containers are better as they can be distributed to more families. Call Georgia Goodrum, 972-235-9855 or visit their WEB site: [www.thenetwork.org](http://www.thenetwork.org)

## Katrina and Rita, the wicked step-sisters

Like the fairy tale, these hurricane "sisters" have caused much heartache! Enter Cinderella's fairy godmother to the rescue. That would be all of you who have answered the call in any way. Agency and church responses to the disaster depend completely on your generosity and loving spirit! It just cannot happen without you. So continue your role in waving a magic wand to help mend, and rebuild lives as best we can.

The Mission Core is coordinating donations so that there is appropriate distribution to the needy families. Please continue to pray for the displaced families and for the many thousands of people who have responded to this emergency by offering their time and talent.

## Clothing, Furniture and Household Donations

As families are moved from emergency shelters into housing, many need items for daily living. The church CAN'T store these items until they're needed, but we would like to know now WHAT you can donate. A database has been created and when your items are needed, you will be contacted and arrangements made for transport directly to the newly created home. Contact Neil Williams at 972-238-5608 or via e-mail: [nbwms2@comcast.net](mailto:nbwms2@comcast.net) to list how you can help.

## Other ways to help

- ~**UMCOR** - Financial gifts to Advance Special #982523
- ~**Neighborhood Service Council, Inc.** - Financial gifts for additional enrollment, soccer program, additional volunteers needed
- ~**Richardson NETWork of Community Ministries** - Financial gifts, school supplies
- ~**The Visiting Nurse Association's Meals on Wheels** - Financial gifts, additional volunteer drivers to handle extra meals
- ~**Spring Valley's blood drive on October 16** - Extra blood needed for ill and to compensate for units lost in flood

## Blood Drive is October 16

This mission ministry is a LIFE SAVER! While the church is mostly in the business of saving lives, spiritually, we cannot forget our physical needs. More than ever, we NEED you. We want to recruit 10 FIRST TIME donors. If you haven't donated to Spring Valley's program, now is the time for you to be in



## Mission, continued...

the "TOP 10!" Sign-up continues in the hall and in Common Ground. The mobile unit will be at Spring Valley from 9am-2 pm on Oct. 16. Volunteers are also needed for registration and in the canteen. For information, call Pat Hill, 972-669-3915 or visit [www.carterbloodcare.org](http://www.carterbloodcare.org)

## Austin St. Centre is October 16

Just as most social service agencies are being stretched to the limit, Austin St. is literally bulging with 100+ extra homeless persons!

Extra effort is being focused on assistance in placing homeless families into more permanent housing. *One small way we can help is to bring non-perishable food.* This will allow families to have staple food as they begin a more independent life.

Executive Director, Rev. "Bubba," welcomes our support. Sign up at the table in the hall next Sunday to participate and see this ministry in action. Our church will furnish their breakfast on Oct. 16. Call Dana or Steve Taylor, 972-234-9867, if you'd like information about our ministry with Austin St.

## Spring Valley brings lunch for Habitat

Come this Sat., Oct. 8, to the future home of Ruthie and Aundrae Blackmon to help with the build and represent Spring Valley UMC. The Prodigals' and Friends' Sunday School classes are bringing lunch and would appreciate your presence and support. As construction continues on the Blackmon's home, we will be working on paint prep, exterior trim painting, and installation of Hardy board siding. If you can swing a hammer, hold a piece of siding in place, handle a paintbrush, fill nail holes or caulk a seam, your help is needed. The Blackmon's address is 1822 Reinthal Court in the Pleasant Grove/Balch Springs area of Dallas. For directions, call Rhonda Huser, 972-788-1288, or Bill Boyer, 972-661-2570.

## Arrington family mission report

Money collected from individuals and Sunday school classes currently total \$4,114.47.

The money purchased linens for 19 beds and gift cards for 27 individuals to buy clothing, funds spent total \$3,837.46.

\*This report does not include the many furniture and household items donated by this generous congregation.

## Children's Sabbath observed on Oct. 9

On Sunday, Oct. 9 during the Traditional worship services, we will observe Children's Sabbath. The national observance of Children's Sabbath unites thousands of religious congregations of many faiths in speaking out and acting faithfully for justice for children and youth and their families. As part of our observance at Spring Valley, we invite you to bring "child-friendly" items for our 2nd Sunday collection for Network of Community Ministries. Suggestions for items include: peanut butter, cereals, fruit snacks, diapers, baby food, canned vegetables, spaghetti, and school supplies.



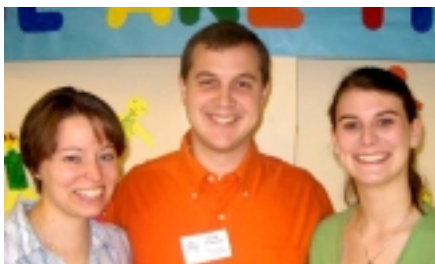
## Historian Committee

Our church will celebrate its 50 year anniversary in 2007. We already have "The Spirit of Spring Valley," given by Bobby Detwiler, that gives us a history of the church up to 1986; but we need volunteers to fill us in on what happened after 1986. We also need someone to go through old pictorial directories and pictures to document special events in the life of the church.

Our goal is to prepare a book and compact disk that tells the story of Spring Valley United Methodist Church from its beginning to present. In addition, we will prepare a PowerPoint presentation of pictures to show during the anniversary festivities. If you are interested, please contact Paula Huffaker at the church office 972-233-7671, or by e-mail at phuffaker@svumc.org.

## Welcome, new members!

We welcome new Affiliate Members, Jeanne Larson, Children's Music Assistant, and Jared and Megan Williams, Youth Ministers at Spring Valley. All are staff members and currently enrolled as seminarians in the Perkins School of Theology at SMU. They have chosen to claim Spring Valley UMC not only as a place of work in ministry, but as their church home during their tenure in Dallas. We praise God for the gift of their presence.



## Celebration cookbook planned

One of the ways we're celebrating the 50th anniversary of Spring Valley United Methodist Church is to publish a cookbook! We want everyone to contribute a favorite recipe. Please type or print a favorite recipe(s) on a card or paper, sign your name, and turn it in as soon as possible. A basket has been placed in the office for the recipes, or you can mail them to the coordinators listed below. The deadline is January 30, 2006. Please hurry!

Prissy Shaffer	Barbara Zoeller	Betty Hopper
709 Hyde Park	7652 La Verdura	13416 Mill Grove
Richardson, Tx. 75080	Dallas, Tx. 75248	Dallas, Tx. 75240-5536

[svcookbook@sbcglobal.net](mailto:svcookbook@sbcglobal.net) [barbarazoe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:barbarazoe@sbcglobal.net) [ladyhop7@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ladyhop7@sbcglobal.net)

## 4th annual Aldersgate golf tournament

This golf tournament benefits Aldersgate charities and the Katrina relief funds. It's sponsored by SVUMC and will be on Thurs., Oct. 6, at Sherrill Park Golf Course at 1pm with a shot gun start.

Barbeque and beverages will be served after the tournament. We will enjoy a great day of golf and fellowship for a worthy cause. If you are unable to attend but would like to participate, please indicate your choice of either donating a prize, sponsoring a hole or monetary donation. Checks should be made payable to Aldersgate Golf Tournament and mailed to Spring Valley United Methodist Church, 7700 Spring Valley Road, Dallas, TX, 75254, Attention: Don Finnie. For more info, call Ben Dickerson, 972-437-0345, or email [BDickerson4@aol.com](mailto:BDickerson4@aol.com).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

Church Affiliaion: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Team Registration:** Please complete a form for each player and mail in as a team.

- Enclosed is my \$100 entry fee
- Unable to attend, but I can contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Unable to attend but can sponsor a hole for \$100
- Unable to attend but would like to donate a prize or giveaway.

## Prime Timers plan next trip



Come take a day trip to downtown Grapevine on Thursday, October 20.

We will leave from the back parking lot promptly at 9:30am, transportation will be provided. Grapevine has many interesting sights, shops, and even a railroad museum that we can visit. We have reservations for a buffet luncheon at 11:30. The all inclusive cost for lunch is \$8.88, payable when we leave Spring Valley (exact change, please). We will return by 3pm. There is a sign up sheet on the Volunteer Desk. For more information contact Mary Huffhines.

## 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

Lauren Rogers  
Dorthy Willhite

### SVUMC Church Family

Mary Jo Walker  
Frances Dale  
Lisa Phillips  
Charles Hudgins  
Maxine Bryson  
Helen McEnaney  
Randy Smith  
Eva Dawkins  
Betty Carter  
Joe Tureckey  
Bill Darnall  
Ann Michele King  
Homebound members

### Extended Church Family

Bruce Tucker's friend, Cameron Bodell  
Cynthia Pharr Lee's friend, Lt. Mario Smith  
Chris Newton's grandfather, Tony Harris  
Caleb Hudgins' great grandmother,  
    Beth Mayberry  
Harriet Carroll's father  
Randy & Margaret Smith's daughter, Camille  
Jim Yates  
Cindy Stamps' sister, Gloria Thompson  
Betty Hopper's son and daughter-in-law,  
    Gary and Jacqui Hopper  
Greg Haase  
Donna Campbell's friend, Ashley Wilson  
SVUMV friend, Greg Haase  
Barbara and Frank Zoeller's friend,  
    Meg Brophy  
Roger and Jo Martens' daughter, Molly

All persons serving in the military  
SVUMC missionaries, the Savutos  
Slany United Methodist Church  
All Katrina and Rita hurricane victims  
Those with ongoing concerns

**A big thank you for the gifts and  
the thank-you cards! *Tony Holiday***

### Deepest Sympathy to:

Steve Baxter and family in the death of his  
    brother, Scott Baxter  
Tony Holiday and family in the death of  
    his aunt, Jimmie Lee Banks  
Terry and Carol Baughn's friends in the  
    death of their infant grandson  
Isabel Docampoand Scott Somers in the  
    death of Isabel's 30 year-old nephew