



THE TOWER

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YOUTH MISSION TRIP REPORT: SPRING BREAK

The Youth Ministry had a great time serving this year over Spring Break. The

Junior High Ministry – consisting of 6th-8th graders – traveled 10 hours to Gulfport, MS to provide relief from Hurricane Katrina. They worked diligently on several renovation and beautification projects including: home repair, painting and landscaping for parks and recreation areas.

More than 80 parents and youth learned more about the great opportunity to serve others over spring break!

More than 60 of our Sr. High Youth traveled to Juarez, Mexico to build two homes for two beautiful families in need. These two families (one family has 5 kids, the other 7) were living in small homes made out of cardboard, iron and plastic parts – and at the end of the week each of them had a nice, clean and new place to call home.

The youth ministry would like to thank the many parents who helped prepare for the trip with supplies and meals and also the parents/adults who took time out of their busy schedules to join us on the missions!! You all were amazing!

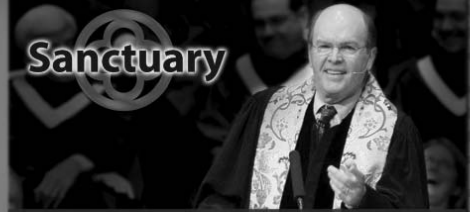
See page 4 for more pictures from the spring break mission trips.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

Feed the mind and the soul with classes at The Academy.

214.523.2231 or www.hpumc.org

Five Ways to Worship...



Rev. Mark Craig
8:30, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. May 4: Dig a Little Deeper



Rev. Jeff Hall
8:30 and 11:00 a.m. May 4: Atonement - Victor Victorious



Rev. Walt Marcum
Great Hall, 11:00 a.m. I Corinthians: It is Better for A Man Not To Touch a Woman



Rev. Paul Rasmussen
May 4: Victor Victorious


...One Church

SUNDAY PERSONAL PRAYER TIME

COX PARLOR
12:05 P.M.
INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

THURSDAY SERVICES

COX CHAPEL
7:00 P.M. TAIZÉ
WORSHIP SERVICE
Offered the first Thursday of each month.



Come Pray With Us May 1...

Prayer and Reflection, 7:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m., Cox Chapel.
Our chapel will be open all day for independent prayer and reflection.

Prayer and Praise Service, 12:00 p.m., Cox Chapel and Parlor.
Prayer service in Cox Chapel; we will join together in a "concert of prayer" in observance of the National Day of Prayer. Light lunch available in Cox Parlor after the service.

Park Cities Community Prayer Service, 7:00 p.m., Park Cities Baptist Church.

Send Us Your Prayer Request...
Submit your prayer request to the Prayer Tower by mail (attn: Mary Bishop), at www.hpumc.org, bishopm@hpumc.org, 214.599.9485 or drop it in one of the prayer request boxes at the church.

COMMENTS
FROM
CORNERSTONE

BY
REV. PAUL
RASMUSSEN



As a football fan, I always enjoy this time of the year as NFL teams prepare to draft the players from college that will determine their future. I remember reading once about a player for the New York Giants named Jim Burt. Burt was an All-American at the University of Miami, but when draft day came, no team wanted him. He had to talk the Giants into signing him for a tryout.

At training camp, Burt heard a rumor that when a rookie was cut by the team, an equipment manager would knock on the door of his room and tell him to go see the coach. "You know what Jim did?" Bill Parcells, the Giants' coach, recalls. "Jim slept on the floor under his bed. He figured that if somebody came to his room but couldn't find him, he wouldn't get cut." Parcells found out about Burt's strange but determined strategy when he asked him why he looked like he wasn't getting any sleep. Burt told the coach he had been sleeping on the floor the last five nights. Burt made the team. Now that is determination!

Is that not like Zacchaeus in the Bible – the tax collector who climbed a Sycamore tree? A chief tax-collector does not climb trees unless he is desperate & determined. Small of stature and lacking in moral fortitude, there was no other way he could behold Jesus as He was passing by. And he was determined that if he had any hope at all for a better life, he was not going to miss the opportunity. In Jesus, there is always hope. If only we would be as determined to let him know how much we need Him. See you on Sunday.

TAIZÉ: WORSHIP, COMMUNITY AND SONG

by Chelsea Stern, Music Ministry Intern

The Taizé Community had its beginnings in 1940 when, at the age of 25, Brother Roger came to France and bought a small house that served as a place for sheltering refugees fleeing from the oppressors of WWII. Over the next few years the community grew to include other brothers who, on Easter Day 1949, committed themselves together for their whole life in celibacy and to a life together in great simplicity. Today, the Taizé Community is made up of more than one hundred brothers, Catholics and Protestants, coming from around 30 nations. The members of the community write, "By its very existence, the community is a 'parable of community' that wants its life to be a sign of reconciliation between divided Christians and between separated peoples."

The Taizé Community in France hosts thousands of pilgrims, many of them young people, every year for a time of worship, meditation and a unique opportunity to form a community of Christ that is diverse in nationality, culture, age, race, language and religious background. The worship and music of the Taizé Community is now a part of many churches in the United States as well as in many churches and communities in other countries.

HPUMC provides the opportunity for you to worship on the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in Cox Chapel with the music and liturgy from the Taizé Community. One person writes, "My first experience with Taizé was at HPUMC this past September. It was such an unexpected, yet profound, spiritual blessing. The service transports me to a hallowed place through the perfect combination of sacred music, contemplative surroundings and the most intimate conversations with the Creator. I've never felt so swaddled within a room full of others, and yet so alone with God. I am alone and at one simultaneously as I hear each note, each voice in prayerful and pure worship. It truly creates a sacred destination to visit, to be restored, and to be inspired."

Come and worship in the beautiful Cox Chapel; to find peace from the Prince of Peace, to be encouraged through music and prayer, candlelight and silence, and to be filled with joy as we join in community to worship God.

For further information about the Taize Community and Taize worship services at HPUMC: www.Taize.com or www.hpumc.org/pages/music_Taize_service.

HPUMC SINGLES MINISTRY

CATS

Sunday ♦ June 1 ♦ 8:00 p.m.

Meet at Fair Park Music Hall • Seats: \$41 or \$28

Deadline to pay – May 15

Longest running show in Broadway's history. Winner of 7 Tony awards including Best Musical. Features Andrew Lloyd Webber's timeless melodies. Group rates are based on 20 people – spread the word and pay today!

For more information: www.hpumc.org/pages/singles

HPUMC College Ministry

Juarez Mission Trip

May 22-26
(Memorial Day Weekend)

\$475

Register online at
www.hpumc.org/pages/college

Questions?
Call 214.523.2153

GRIEF UNDERSTANDING FOR WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

In a nurturing forum of conversation, an ongoing group is offered for those of any age whose husband or wife has died. Topics include sadness, anger, loneliness, adjustment and other emotional and personal issues of life without a spouse. Members of the group have all had the same experience and understand the aftermath of death and grief.

The group meets on the first and third Wednesdays each month at 5:00 p.m. in room 369, and is facilitated by Julie Yarbrough, wife of the late Dr. Leighton Farrell. The May meetings will be on the 7th and 21st. Questions: 214.523.2241.

HPUMC UMW welcomes

Mary Brinegar

President & CEO

The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Society
speaking on

The Dallas Arboretum: Where Nature Can Nurture You

Monday, May 5

9:30 a.m. UMW Board Meeting

Room 385

10:30 a.m. Program

Great Hall

Luncheon immediately after program

Call 214.523.2267 for lunch reservations (\$8) and
214.523.2201 for KidCare reservations no later than May 1.

OLDER ADULT MINISTRIES

First Tuesdays Out: May 6 Waco Bound! Traveling south once again, we will visit the Homestead Crafts Village outside Waco. A communal farm featuring an historic gristmill and craftsmen doing blacksmithing, making furniture, woodwork and pottery, this community features skills of self sufficiency to support a simple way of life. There is a 1½ hour guided tour of the community and crafts area, so there is walking. However, our meal will happen midway through the tour. Our set meal there will be \$11 (they even bake their own bread), so include that with your trip payment. If time permits, we'll make a stop at one of Texas' great discount shopping venues, the Outlet Malls at Hillsboro. Departs at 9:30 a.m. and returns by 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 plus lunch. **Register at 214.523.2249 for the Day Trip by May 1.**

The Forum for Older Adults: May 13 - "Planning Your Estate, Creating Your Legacy." Join us as Attorney Jack Kinnebrew will help you with will and estate planning tips, important information about what to do and what to be sure not to do. And for those considering the benefits and legacy building of charitable giving, we have asked Rev. Mark Craig to share his vision for lasting church programs that can be funded by gifts through wills. So learn some estate planning tips and see if charitable giving through your will might be for you. Since HPUMC's Permanent Endowment Committee hopes you might someday consider a charitable gift by will, this lunch is free. Room 120 at noon. Lunch is free but you must **make reservations through Richard at 214.523.2249 by Friday, May 9.**

Authors LIVE! Charles Osgood will review his book, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the White House*, on Friday, May 23 at 10:00 a.m. in Wesley Hall. Free! No reservations! Coming exactly when America most needs a good laugh, this book promises to make the seemingly endless race to the presidency a little more bearable, if not downright enjoyable.



Osgood offers a rib-tickling compendium of anecdotes from the last 70 years of presidential campaigns, including fragments of speeches, interviews, press conferences, as well as articles written by and about the candidates. Join Mr. Osgood as he relates presidential anecdotes, recites poetry, and accompanies the audience on a Steinway Grand. He'll play your favorite patriotic songs in honor of Memorial Day. This program is co-sponsored by the Friends of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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In Sympathy for the Families of:

Names of HPUMC members are listed in bold.

Dorothy Ritchey 1/26/2008. Survived by husband Lloyd F. Ritchey, Sr.; sons Lloyd F. Ritchey, Jr., Michael & **Stephen Ritchey**.

Ruth Birchall Morgan 4/14/2008. Survived by son **Dr. Mark Morgan**; daughter and husband Ruth & Dr. Robert Cantrell; granddaughter **Melissa Morgan**.

James Fred Hyde, Jr. 4/15/2008. Survived by wife **Dana M. Hyde**; son **James Fred Hyde III**; daughter and husband **Dana L. & Terry Fry**; grandson Tristan Fry.

Mark Basham 4/16/2008. Survived by wife Linda Basham; daughter and husband **Emily & Winn Jackson**; granddaughter **Katherine "Greer" Jackson**.

Patricia Newman Hurst 4/17/2008. Survived by son and wife **Robert & Betsy Hurst**; step-granddaughters **Emily, Molly & Sarah Fisher**; brother and wife **Campbell & Janice Newman**.

Celebrating the Birth of:

*For births or baptism listings, contact Mary Bishop,
bishopm@hpumc.org.*

Gale Thorpe Weidner IV "Cort" was born on February 16, 2008. He is the son of Ashlee and Trey Weidner.

Jacob Burns McKinney "B.J." was born on February 17, 2008. He is the son of Barb and Burns McKinney and joins Maggie.

Hobbs Wrightson Thayer was born on March 10, 2008. He is the son of Denise and Jonathan Thayer and joins Hannah and Audrey.

Kallie Moss Bittner was born on April 3, 2008. She is the daughter of Nancy and John Bittner and joins Evan.

Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism:

April 13, 2008:

Harrison James Cullum, son of Rochelle and Stuart Cullum, brother of Jackson. His grandparents are Lucky and Robert Cullum and his great-grandmother is Mrs. Robert Cullum. Harrison's aunts and uncles are Chandler Cullum, Brooksie and Stewart Lang and Lindsey and Ryan Brown.

Michael William Allison, son of Allison and Phillip Allison, brother of Elaine.

Claire Jane Campbell, daughter of Katie and Mark Campbell, sister of Carter.

Ella Claire Maberry, daughter of Emily and Morgan Maberry, sister of Owen.

Lauren Elizabeth, Lindsey Reamon and Laine Annette Bailey, daughters of Traci and Randy Bailey.

Hudson Thomas Halsey, son of Kristin and Nathan Halsey, brother of Jensen.

Julia Grace Hibbard, daughter of Amanda and Jesse Hibbard.

Vaughn Allen Thatcher, son of Stephanie and Steve Thatcher. His grandmother is Joanne Hubbard.

DON'T FORGET!!!!

VIP is continually collecting old cell phones to be donated to domestic violence agencies in the area. Bring them to the collection box at the information desk located inside the north entrance to the sanctuary.

WillieBuild 2008



www.williebuild.com

Second Annual WillieBuild in memory of Willie Tichenor

go to www.williebuild.com for information and to volunteer to work or provide food

2008 SPECIAL PROJECT: **A Day to Remember Lucas** in memory of Lucas Cole. May 17



RENOWNED METHODIST MINISTER ADAM HAMILTON TO SPEAK AT HPUMC

Cornerstone Speakers Initiative welcomes Rev. Adam Hamilton to HPUMC on Wednesday, April 30, at 7:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Rev. Hamilton will be focusing on the major contemporary issues presented in his new book, *Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White: Thoughts on Religion, Morality, and Politics*.

This very special evening will include an hour of engaging talk, a lively Q&A session, and an opportunity to meet Rev. Hamilton in person at a book signing immediately following the presentation. Book purchases are available at the Wesley Hall Welcome Center during the event. The public is cordially invited and admission is free. Seating is open and unreserved. Doors open 45 minutes prior to the program. KidCare reservations are required, and must be confirmed at 214.523.2201 no later than three business days prior to the event. For more information call 214.523.2270 or visit CornerstoneWorship.org. Join the Speakers Initiative mailing list by sending an e-mail to csi@hpumc.org.

