



# THE TOWER

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## EXCITEMENT BUILDS AT CARPENTERS FOR CHRIST



H.J. Heinz has its "57 Varieties," and Highland Park United Methodist Church will soon begin construction of its 57<sup>th</sup> home in partnership with Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity. After a three-month recess, to allow most of the summer heat to become a memory, volunteers are anxious to "get with the pro-

gram" this fall, which features a two-home series that will be completed before Thanksgiving.

The first of these homes will begin on Saturday, August 23 at



4708 Joseph E. Wiley Street. Carpenters for Christ is privileged to build one of the first single-family homes, on a brand-new street, in a re-developing area of SE Dallas. For decades the Frazier Courts community was a near-ghetto, dominated by a time-worn public housing project. This

is no longer the case, as the original housing blocs have all been razed and very attractive multi-family units are now in place, changing the streetscape and the prospects for its people forever.

We are seeking volunteers to come out and have fun with us for just a single day this fall. Some great reasons to volunteer now are:

- No experience is necessary
- Close location and easy on the petrol bill
- Lots of work to be done in only 6 build sessions
- Being part of a historic re-development
- Free snacks, drinks and lunches
- Giving a hand up and not a hand out to deserving folks

Be sure to get all the facts at [www.hpumc-cfc.org](http://www.hpumc-cfc.org), and to sign up or to learn more contact Jane Parker at [jhp01@aol.com](mailto:jhp01@aol.com) and 214.522.0204 or Joe B. Fortson at [fortsonj@hpumc.org](mailto:fortsonj@hpumc.org) and 214.523.2297.

Sunday, August 24

## Five Ways to Worship...

### Sanctuary



**Dr. R. Gerald Turner**  
President, Southern Methodist University  
8:30, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

### Cox Chapel



**Rev. Jeff Hall**  
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

### kerygma a teaching service



**Rev. Walt Marcum**  
Great Hall, 11:00 a.m.

### CORNERSTONE



**Rev. Paul Rasmussen**  
Contemporary Service  
Wesley Hall, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

### CORNERSTONE'S EARLY MORNING GOSPEL HOUR



**Rev. Paul Rasmussen**  
Wesley Hall, 8:30 a.m.

...within One Church

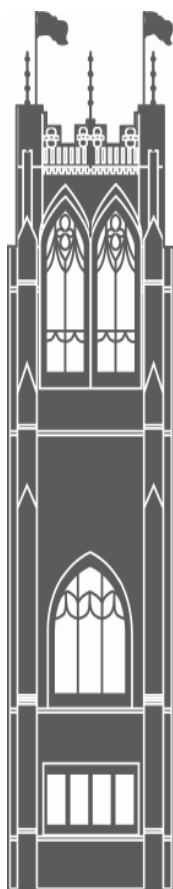
## TOWER ARTS CONSERVATORY

The Music Ministry staff is excited to announce a new addition to the HPUMC Tower Arts Conservatory. Rachel Yarborough, a recent graduate of SMU, is the new full-time private piano teacher. While a student at Virginia Wesleyan College where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Piano Performance, Yarborough was also a part-time instructor at Virginia Beach Music Academy. She came to Dallas in 2006 to pursue her Master of Music in Piano Performance and Pedagogy at Southern Methodist University and taught in the Piano Preparatory Department.

The HPUMC Tower Arts Conservatory offers instruction for a range of interest levels and ages. Those interested in voice lessons should contact Terrie Preskitt, Debra Scroggins or Caitlin Wells (see ad at right for contact information). Organ lessons are taught by Bradley Welch or Chris Brunt, and piano proficiency is required. Lessons are taught on a one-on-one basis, and registration can be taken anytime throughout the year, based on instructor availability. Each lesson is held on weekly basis, and is either 30, 45 or 60 minutes depending on the teacher's preference. Lessons are held at Highland Park United Methodist Church in various practice rooms.

The Conservatory sponsors a wealth of performing opportunities which are available to our students. Some are just for the students, some are open to the public, and some take place in church. The Conservatory encourages all students to take advantage and hone their talents before supportive audiences.

Music offers us a lens through which to learn about our community, our world, and especially ourselves. The value of the study of music fosters learning, exploring, understanding and creativity. For more information on private lessons, please contact any of the teachers directly, or visit [www.hpumc.org/pages/music](http://www.hpumc.org/pages/music).



# TowerArts Conservatory

Private Instruction in Piano, Voice and Organ

**Piano**  
*45-minute & 60-minute lessons are available.*

Rachel Yarborough, *teacher*  
817-896-5934  
[anote2you@gmail.com](mailto:anote2you@gmail.com)  
[www.rachelspianostudio.com](http://www.rachelspianostudio.com)

**Voice**  
*Voice lessons are available for students in the eighth grade through adults. 30-minute & 60-minute lessons are available.*

Terrie Preskitt-Brown, *teacher*  
214-523-2205  
[preskittt@hpumc.org](mailto:preskittt@hpumc.org)

Debra Scroggins, *teacher*  
972-479-0212  
[Debra@DebraScroggins.com](mailto:Debra@DebraScroggins.com)

Caitlin Wells, *teacher*  
214-523-2275  
[wells@hpumc.org](mailto:wells@hpumc.org)

**Organ**  
*Piano proficiency is required for all students wanting to take organ lessons.*

Chris Brunt, *teacher*

Bradley Welch, *teacher*

Call for Interview Audition  
214-523-2250

All Lessons are held at  
Highland Park United Methodist Church  
3300 Mockingbird Lane  
Dallas, Texas 75205



## Sing and Soar with NewSong on Sunday Mornings

September 7, 2008 – April 26, 2009

**Rehearsals** begin September 7.  
**NewSong Kickoff Party**  
at Biggers from 12:00–1:30 p.m.  
Pizza, Bounce Houses, and Musical Fun  
for your family!

**Rehearsal Schedule:**

**WeeSong Choir**  
for 4/5 year olds – 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.  
on Sundays – room 142

**GladSong Choir**  
for Kinder/Primer – 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.  
on Sundays – room 262

**SpiritSong Choir**  
for 1st & 2nd Grades – 10:30 – noon  
on Sundays – room 236

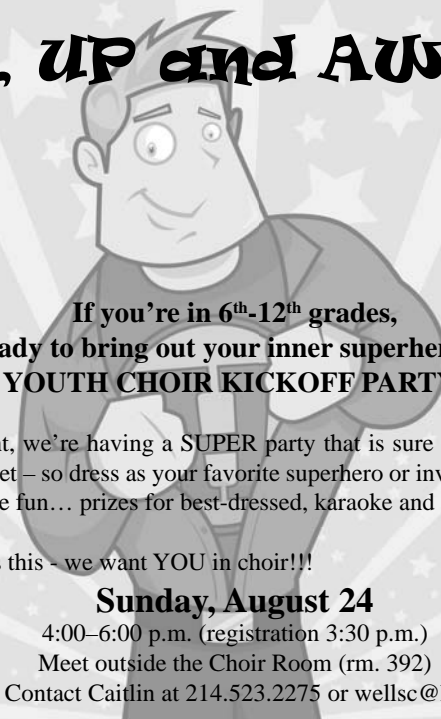
**JoyfulNoise Choir**  
for 3rd – 5th Grades – 10:30 – noon  
on Sundays – room 236

On September 7th we'll start with our regular rehearsals, then bring your child(ren) across Hillcrest to Biggers Rec Center from noon – 1:30 for Pizza, Bounce Houses and more Musical Fun for the Family!

More information on our website – [www.hpumc.org/newsong](http://www.hpumc.org/newsong) or contact Terrie Preskitt-Brown at 214-523-2205.

**It's a great time to sing at HPUMC!**

# UP, UP and AWAY!



**If you're in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades,  
get ready to bring out your inner superhero at the  
YOUTH CHOIR KICKOFF PARTY!**

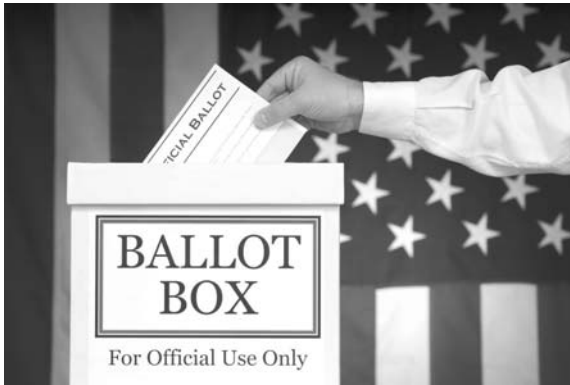
That's right, we're having a SUPER party that is sure to lead to our best year yet – so dress as your favorite superhero or invent your own and join the fun... prizes for best-dressed, karaoke and games.

Don't miss this - we want YOU in choir!!!

**Sunday, August 24**  
4:00–6:00 p.m. (registration 3:30 p.m.)  
Meet outside the Choir Room (rm. 392)

Questions: Contact Caitlin at 214.523.2275 or [wells@hpumc.org](mailto:wells@hpumc.org).

Need to know more about worship and events at HPUMC? Visit [www.hpumc.org](http://www.hpumc.org).



## WHY SHOULD CHRISTIANS VOTE?

Each election year, Christians are offered the opportunity to make their voices heard. When a Christian votes, he or she is given the opportunity to set the moral tone for the future of local, state and national leadership. It is critical that Christians fulfill their biblical obligation and take advantage of their right to vote. A great member of the British Parliament, Edmund Burke, said something 250 years ago that still resonates today: "All that is necessary for evil to prevail in the world is that good men do nothing." Please be sure that you are registered to vote. Voter registration cards are available at the information desk just outside the main Sanctuary.

## THANK YOU!

*One boy at Community Partners of Dallas excitedly hugged his new backpack and said, "Now I will be just like the other kids!"*

*The 2008 Back to School Supply Drive was a HUGE success! Thanks to everyone who gave of themselves and their resources to make this an amazing school year for hundreds of children all over Dallas. Because of your generosity these children will go to school with the tools they need to succeed and their parents can rest easy knowing their children were provided for.*

## YOUTH FALL KICK-OFF

Bummed summer is coming to an end? Rather than moping about school starting, come jump start your semester with the youth fall kick-off Sunday August 24 at 9:30 a.m. Kick-off will be a morning full of great worship with your youth staff. You don't want to miss the first Sunday of this new year as we will discuss the exciting events of the 2008-2009 year. You bring yourself; we'll provide the worship and food! The junior high will meet in room 391 and the senior high in room 386. We can't wait to see you!

Also, mark your calendars for fall retreats to Sky Ranch. Junior high retreat will be September 6-7 and senior high will be September 20-21. This will be a great opportunity to have fun and get to know the people you see on Sunday morning outside of a church setting. It will be a weekend you won't forget!!! To sign up for either, please email [sidot@hpumc.org](mailto:sidot@hpumc.org). For more information on the retreat site check the Sky Ranch web site [www.skyranch.org](http://www.skyranch.org).

## CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

### In Sympathy for the Families of:

*Names of HPUMC members are listed in bold.*

Col. Jack F. Riggins 7/24/2008. Survived by wife Mary Sue Riggins; sister **Claudine Morgan**.

**Kemp P. Johnson** 8/2/2008. Survived by wife **Kathryn Johnson**.

Ronnie O. Herold 8/3/2008. Survived by daughter Donna Cloud; sisters **Bunny Clifford & Joey Lowery**; brother J.W. Larkin.

**Mary Alice Quattlebaum Nix** 8/6/2008. Survived by son and wife William & Puddin Nix, Jr.; sister **Patti Perry**.

Kathleen Smith Riggs 8/9/2008. Survived by husband Gene Riggs; granddaughter **Hayley Harvey**; granddaughter and husband **Summer & Jeff Olmstead**; great-grandchildren **Allie & Charlie Olmstead, Hayden & Payne Harvey**.

### Celebrating the Birth of:

*For births or baptism listings, contact Mary Bishop, [bishopm@hpumc.org](mailto:bishopm@hpumc.org).*

Elliot Wilson Evans was born on July 24, 2008. He is the son of Emily and Clay Evans. His grandparents are Janet and Clay Evans.

Carson Evans Cuzalina was born on July 21, 2008. He is the son of Deborah and Chris Cuzalina and joins Ryan.

Bella Astaire McCormick was born on July 16, 2008. She is the daughter of Somer and Cameron McCormick.

Mary Elise Estess was born on April 4, 2008. She is the daughter of Angella and Blake Estess and joins Katherine, Charles and Graham.

## HPUMC SINGLES MINISTRY

### Dinner & Movie

Friday • August 22 • 6:15 pm

Meet for dinner at Cafe Express at Mockingbird Station. We'll eat, chat and decide which movie to attend. Afterwards, it's off to the Angelika!

### Meet & Greet

Sunday • Sept. 14 • Noon • Fellowship Hall

Mark your calendar for our semi-annual Meet & Greet. Enjoy great hors d'oeuvres as you mix and mingle with some of our singles, learn about the exciting upcoming events and programs for singles of all ages and stages, and find out which Sunday School Class is a fit for you!

For more info: [www.hpumc.org/pages/singles](http://www.hpumc.org/pages/singles)

# THE ACADEMY

## SEPTEMBER REGISTRATION 2008

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_ DISCIPLE I – Mondays, September 8, 2008- May 18, 2009
- \_\_\_ Invitation to Genesis-Mondays, Sept. 15-Nov. 24
- \_\_\_ Invitation to Psalms-Tuesdays, Sept. 16-Nov. 25
- \_\_\_ Invitation to the Old Testament-Sundays, Sept. 21-Nov. 16
- \_\_\_ Invitation to the New Testament-Sundays, Sept. 21-Nov. 16
- \_\_\_ NEW! Online Bible Study begins Tuesday, Sept. 16
- \_\_\_ Tuesday Knights (men’s group) - John
- \_\_\_ Trinity Bible Class for Women: The Authentic Christian-Wednesdays, Sept. 3-Nov. 19
- \_\_\_ Unroll the Scroll: Torah Study-Thursdays, September 4-September 2009
- \_\_\_ Women’s Bible Fellowship: So You Want To Be Like Christ? Mondays, Sept. 8-Nov. 3
- \_\_\_ Oil Painting (Tues, Sept. 9-Dec. 16 / Weds, Sept. 3-Dec. 17 /Thurs, Sept. 4-Dec. 18)
- \_\_\_ Spanish I-Tuesdays, Sept. 9-Oct. 28
- \_\_\_ Conversational Spanish-Tuesdays, Sept. 11-Oct. 30
- \_\_\_ Beginning French- Mondays, Sept. 8-Oct. 13
- \_\_\_ Intermediate French-Tuesdays, Sept. 9-Oct. 14
- \_\_\_ Let’s Play Bridge! – Mondays, Sept. 15-Oct. 20
- \_\_\_ Daniel: Lives of Integrity-Words of Prophecy (women’s group)-Mon.,Sept. 15-Dec. 1
- \_\_\_ Book of Ruth-Women for All Season (women’s group)-Tuesdays, Sept. 16-Oct. 21
- \_\_\_ Orthodox Iconography: Theology in Images- Thursdays, Sept. 18-Oct. 2
- \_\_\_ The Book of Romans: "Becoming New in Christ"- Mondays, Sept. 22-Dec. 1
- \_\_\_ Simple but NOT Easy: Finding Balance in Our Family Life-Tues., Sept. 23-Oct. 21
- \_\_\_ Marriage Check-Up: for couples married 8-20 years – Thursday, Sept. 25 only

*Bring this form to the church to register (room 354), grab a brochure in the racks around the church or register at 214.523.2231, 214.523.2296 or www.hpumc.org.*

# WHAT'S NEW WITH HPUMC AND VISION AFRICA



Through God's power, your church, its members and Vision Africa, God's love is being shared with the African people. In ten short years, there have been 111 churches planted, more than 100 medical missions, more than 100 crusades telling the gospel message, a radio station outreach to an estimated population of 20 million, and leadership training to thousands, to name just some of the highlights.

So what's new? Thanks to HPUMC and its members, 10 new churches have already been funded and are being planted in areas where the gospel is desperately needed. Each church is planted with a medical mission and a crusade. Also new, Phase One Part A, the start of a permanent medical mission center has been funded! Phase One Part A, "The Residence," will house medical doctors and nurses when they come to do mission work. From this Outreach Center they will go out to various locations to do mission work. Later Phase One Part B will begin to build the medical site facility with outpatient department, including laboratory, X-Ray, pharmacy, four consulting rooms and eight short-term stay beds with offices. Part C will add a mobile clinic and ambulance. Phase Two and Three will expand the facility. In March, the U.S. Radio partner, KSBJ (Houston), had a successful trip to Vision Africa radio, again lending their expertise and training. The result is a clearer signal 24 hours a day 7 days a week!

As Vision Africa ministries continue to expand, they have drawn the attention of U.S. Government agencies working with faith-based organizations to support U.S. foreign policy and development objectives. Recently, Vision Africa representatives traveled to Washington, D.C. to meet with several Washington officials. They discussed Vision Africa's potential to engage the faith-based community in conflict resolution, peace and reconciliation efforts in the troubled Niger Delta region of Nigeria with Deputy Assistant Secretary Todd Moss. They also met with President Bush's Malaria Initiative head Admiral Tim Ziemer and senior international policy advisors to the U.S. Secretary for Health and Human Services. This meeting helped confirm that Vision Africa's capacity to communicate through and organize faith-based and civil society organizations is a key tool in the U.S. Government's strategy to address the scourge of HIV/AIDS, malaria and other public health emergencies. In addition to the official government meetings, Vision Africa President Bishop Sunday Onuoha participated in worship services at the Trinity UMC in McLean, Virginia. Throughout the Washington, D.C. visit, it was clear that the Lord is calling Vision Africa to greater service for the glory of the Kingdom.

Please celebrate what God is doing through Vision Africa at their banquet Thursday, October 16 at HPUMC, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Dinner is complimentary with a reservation. The speakers will be Bishop Sunday Onuoha and Thomas M. Woods, former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State to Africa. Call the Vision Africa office number at 214.828.9232 or e-mail [admin@visionafrica.org](mailto:admin@visionafrica.org) to RSVP or for more information. To God be the Glory!

## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

We need your help to drive a golf cart on Sunday mornings! Our 8-passenger trams circulate the church lots assisting those with special needs to and from their cars. Volunteer drivers are needed for two-hour shifts on Sunday mornings. If you would like to serve in this way, please contact Connect & Serve at 214.523.2246 or [luederl@hpumc.org](mailto:luederl@hpumc.org).



**Violence Intervention & Prevention (VIP) Ministry**  
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All calls are confidential.

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