

# The Shepherd's Watch



## Look around for God's hands at work in the world!

Like Ovillo, our UpStreet kids have been using these goggles to look around with “initiative”—to see what needs to be done and then doing it. This month, find out how some SHPC folk have been taking initiative in service abroad and at home. Then see where you can lend a hand—God's hand—in service.

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# Born to Be Givers

**W**e were born to be givers. Do you believe this? Well, I wholeheartedly do. Ask yourself this one question. **Do I feel good when I give someone I don't even know something out of the goodness of my heart when they don't even expect it?**

**I**f you can't answer this question, try this. Next time you're at a restaurant, before you leave, walk up to one of the bus boys or girls (they rarely if ever get tips), hand them a small tip and say, "God bless you." Watch the look on their face and then feel the immediate gratification that God sends your way through the feeling you get in your heart. It's an awesome feeling. This is the feeling that tells me that we were born to be givers.

**T**he Bible tells us that we are stewards for God and all that we have comes from God and that we are to use all we have been blessed with to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. Are you doing this? For those of us who were raised in a Christian home and taught that we need to give back to God a portion of what already belongs to him, giving back to God comes somewhat naturally for us. For others, however, this might not seem to be so easy.

**O**ne of the many aspects of Shepherd of the Hills that I love is the fact that our membership is so diverse. We have some members who have always been church-goers, others who were occasional church-goers and those who had never gone to church before they started coming to SHPC. Because of this diversity, I have to keep reminding myself that stewardship is something that has to be taught and once learned, must be practiced on a consistent basis.

**T**he joy I receive from God as being your stewardship chairman is witnessing the personal growth and excitement of our members as they grow in their stewardship and truly find, as I have, that the more you give to God the more God gives back to you and realize that we were born to be givers. To see God work in this way is amazing to me.

**I** believe God has great things in store for each of us! He is using you and me to make a real difference and that's exciting! **When we give to the best of our ability, and are truly eager to give, we can make an impact in this world.** Take a minute to reflect on all you have been a part of this last year or that which you will be a part of this next year that has affected or will affect people not only here in our community, but across the world. Now, take a minute and think about all the exciting opportunities that we have before us in this church that God wants us to act on.

**A**t the end of this month we will start our stewardship program for 2008. I encourage each of you to begin praying and in your prayers, ask God how he wants you to grow this next year in

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Oct 7	Matthew 5:9
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your stewardship for Him. Imagine, if you will, what God has in store for us at Shepherd of the Hills as we move forward always remembering that we were born to be givers.

In Christ,  
Don Nowakowski,  
Stewardship  
Chairman

### A Note from The Editor:

This month our emphasis is on the “F” in LIFE: at SHPC we Fulfill Christ's Great Commission & call to serve.

As we prepare for our stewardship season, take a look at these stories from people involved in and touched by SHPC's work in mission. These are only the tip of the iceberg—at SHPC we wholeheartedly embrace Christ's call to us. For details on these and other mission areas, check out [www.shpc.org/mission](http://www.shpc.org/mission).



Guatemala is the most beautiful country I have ever been to. Though Guatemala City was dirty, poor, and unkept, the lush jungle surrounding it and the colorful plant life always had me looking at something new in awe.

Unlike Reynosa, Mexico, where the poverty is somewhat hidden behind the main parts of the cities, in Guatemala the poverty is apparent from the moment you step out of the airport. People dressed in colorful outfits are waiting outside, begging to take your luggage to your car or simply begging. A single Quetzal [*Ed. about 13¢US*] can make an old man's face light up in thanks and happiness.

“Nothing you do for children is ever wasted. They seem not to notice us, hovering, averting our eyes, and they seldom offer thanks, but what we do for them is never wasted.”

—Garrison Keillor

We went to Guatemala to build a study room for the children in a small Mayan village. I have never gotten so emotionally upset as I did when I saw 40 kids waiting for us to pull up at the church, all bursting with excitement and anticipation. Many of the children did not go to school everyday and few would ever leave the tiny, impoverished village.

There was one child in particular who caught

my attention—his name is Ovillio. He was always asking questions, trying to learn English from me and wanting to help with any part of the building process I knew he would never be able to be as great as he could because he is Mayan, and that knowledge ripped me to pieces.

The hardest thing to deal with while I was in Guatemala was the apparent discrimination from Guatemalans against Mayans. Though the Mayans are the natives to the land, they are forced into shacks and are practically forgotten by the government and Guatemalans. The worst part, was that a few of the Mayan children showed a real talent for learning and were very smart, but they will never get to become leaders in their communities, or a lawyer, or doctor, or anything other than a laborer or farmer.

The work we accomplished in Guatemala benefited an entire village. Mothers and fathers thanked us profusely and the children could not stop smiling and laughing. Every one in our group left the country with a sad but accomplished sort of feeling. I will never be the same and cannot wait to go back such a glorious country and see the amazing people again!

—Madison Roland





would eventually pay back the scholarship. Here’s my “God works in mysterious ways” part; in May I received a monetary gift and didn’t need to use the scholarship money!

**M**y journey to Guatemala began long before the plane ever took off the ground in July. Dave Parmer asked me last March if I would be interested in going on a mission trip to Guatemala. I told him I was interested, but that I wasn’t sure I could afford the trip. His immediate response was that there is a scholarship that could help with my expenses. (I didn’t know that and I’m willing to bet that a lot of people don’t know that either!) So I accepted with the idea that I

**W**e prepared our lesson plans (for Bible study and water sanitation lessons) over several months with the help of Dave and Christi Clouse and we were ready to go in July. There were many moments that moved me, but the biggest impact on me was Sunday when we spent the evening with Pastor Mariano, his wife, Juliana, and their daughter, Leticia, in their humble 3-room house. There they fed nine of us for dinner which included meat, rice, vegetable and a

beverage. Then he provided transportation for us to return to our hotel that night after church service. It was all done with love in their hearts and smiles on their faces. What breaks my heart is knowing that most Guatemalans and most people in developing countries live in extreme poverty. We didn’t see the worst of it, but I know it is prevalent. It’s hard not to get discouraged, but Mariano’s congregation and The Bible Institute now have pure water. One year ago that wasn’t the case. Every drop—of water, of work, of love—counts.

—Jody Barrett

## Mystery Baskets & WRCC

**H**ave you noticed a basket at the right of the sanctuary doors? Wondered why it was there, or read the sign and *still* wondered what it was for?

**T**he basket is there to gather donations of not only food, but also items that food stamps do not cover—toiletries; bath, dish and laundry soap; paper supplies such as toilet paper; and diapers. Whatever goes into the basket we give to the West Rural Community Center for the benefit of their customers.

**T**he West Rual Community Center is located at 8656 Hwy 71 West, next to the precinct 3 office building. The WRCC is one of seven county emergency assistance centers.

**S**HPC has long been involved with the WRCC: delivering day-old bread twice a week (the Bread Project), annually providing funds from the Mission Committee, serving on the advisory board (thanks, Wayne Crawley!), and serving as staff members (Fran Miller). The center provides help for low-income individuals—help with food, utility bills, medications, used clothes, and housing expenses. Many of the clients recieve food stamps.

**T**he center also tries to help clients find work. If your workplace needs additional workers, please let Fran know.

**T**he phone number for the WRCC is 854-2130. Thanks for your continued support!



Velma, from Guatemala

## Refugee Resettlement

Can you believe it?

**O**ur partnership with Refugee Services of Texas has been going on for eight months! What an exciting time it's been!

**F**irst, I want to thank all of the volunteers who have helped in various capacities during this past eight months. You have been movers, shoppers, drivers, helpers, teachers, investigators, donors, givers, but most importantly you are disciples of your great faith. You are appreciated.

**M**any folks have been wondering how our first group, the Tit family, has been adjusting to life here in the U.S. Some of you may have spoken with them when they've attended worship, but for the rest of you—well, they're settling in.

**I**n fact, they're in their third month of striving to be self-supporting—as big an adjustment, perhaps, as their first one. Recently Hla Kyie has been attempting to translate his previous experience in landscaping and yardwork into some interim work around Austin. He's done work for the Beards, the Gunters, and the Holts, but he continues to be on the lookout for additional opportunities.

**A**re you looking for opportunities? For a different way to make a real difference? Well, **we're looking for a few more folks who can assist weekly, monthly, or occasionally in a variety of activities.** We are presently working with refugees from Africa, Burma



and, most recently, Iran. Contact Cathy Beard at 263-9910 / [beardfamily@austin.rr.com](mailto:beardfamily@austin.rr.com) or Sarah Stranahan at 264-2319 / [ssstranahan@austin.rr.com](mailto:ssstranahan@austin.rr.com) for questions and information. To sign up for our Refugee Relocation email updates, contact Cathy.

Blessings,  
Cathy Beard



Left to right is first the Tit family: Htoo Taw, Twoo Boo, Hla Kyie and Sa Dah. On the right is Nu Phu Poo and son Isaac. All are from the Tham Hin Refugee Camp in the mountains of Thailand.

### **A letter from Linda Mhango, Rev. Chimwemwe's wife:**

Dear my friends,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus. I am actually writing from Mzimba, where we have temporarily transferred our property into the simple house which we built with Chimwemwe as our home. This is due to my husband's departure to South Africa, which has made the church to find someone who can continue with the youth work and hence live in the house [where] we were. Our new home is just close to the small house with a grass thatched roof which my husband built in preparation for our marriage. Culturally and traditionally, he could not have been allowed to marry if he had no house because it is a symbol of maturity and

security for the wife. It is very close to his fathers house and also the grave yard of his mother.

Well, just wanted to say that I got the checks for my school and some basic needs and I want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart. It is a time that my husband and I need your maximum support and believe you me, one day you will rejoice for having done something which will benefit the whole nation of Malawi and even beyond, not to say much about the entire holy universal church.

I promise to keep you updated about [our] progress. My thanks to all the women and the entire church for their love and support. May God continue to shine His face upon you always.

Linda

## Oh, Mr. Moderator: Greg Heidel & Cursillo

by Kimbol Soques, editor

Part of a world-wide initiative, Presbyterian Cursillo is a spiritual retreat designed to renew the faith of Presbyterians through a small Christian community formed during a three-day weekend. It's designed for people who seek growth in their faith and greater commitment to their Christian community.

In a first for SHPC, Greg Heidel has been chosen as moderator, or key leader, for the 25<sup>th</sup> Austin Presbyterian Cursillo, coming up this February. I wanted to spread the word about this honor (yay, Greg!), and to share with you all a little bit about Cursillo – so to that end, Greg and I recently caught up via email.

**Why did you decide to attend Cursillo that first time? (Greg and I both went to APC #20, in September 2005.)**

Actually there were a number of reasons. First, I was searching for answers in my life. I think that I felt God calling but I wasn't sure how or if I wanted to answer. I heard Ken Seiler

talk about Cursillo at worship one Sunday. Then I heard that Larry was going to be at that Cursillo as well. So I felt like this might provide some answers to my questions.

**How did you become the moderator for APC #25?**

Short answer, I was called by God. The actual process is that apparently I was nominated. Cursillo has a council that meets periodically and among there many duties, one is to select a moderator for each Cursillo. They spend a significant time in prayer and consider all nominations carefully. In the end, somehow they asked me to be moderator. After careful prayer and consideration, I accepted!!

**When you look ahead to your new role, what are you most excited about?**

Wow, there is so much to be excited about. Cursillo has been the inspiration for so many changes in my life. I sincerely look forward to working with all the incredible people that I have met through this ministry but what I really most look forward to is seeing God's

incredible love and grace be manifested during the weekend.

**What are you most concerned about?**

Being unworthy to fill this role, that I won't do a good job, that no one will show up, you name it. Actually my biggest concern is there is almost always more people apply to serve on staff then can be accommodated. I don't want to have to tell anyone, "Sorry, not this time."

**How can we help you as you prepare for February?**

First, please pray for me. Pray that God will grant me wisdom, strength, perseverance and through it all that I place my faith and my trust in Him. Second, please prayerfully consider attending in February. Hugs are also great too!

Please *do* consider attending Cursillo in February 2008. And please rejoice with SHPC's most recent attendees as they return from APC #24, which concluded September 30<sup>th</sup>: **Christie Clouse, Deb Fowler, Kim Grubb, Aimee Killeen, Kim Perry-Klotz, and Jeff Whitmire.**

### Foundations is Back!

Just like fall TV shows, your favorite young families group, Foundations, is back on the air! Come check out our new day and time, every Wednesday evening from 6-7:30 in Portable B. Bring dinner along and spend the first 30 minutes in fellowship with other class members. Then spend an ac-

tion-packed hour discussing the previous Sunday's sermon (did Larry *really* say that??), and prepare for what is sure to be a nail-biting sermon the following Sunday. This a family-friendly class, so bring the kids along as childcare will be provided.

The Foundations Class provides a format for young families to gather to study the

Bible, pray, build Christian relationships, and serve the church and community. As a result, each class member strengthens their individual faith, their marriage and relationship to their spouse, and their family and parenting capabilities. The class is open to all. Want more info? Contact John Gillis at 453-7866.

**Foundations**

# Not Just on Sundays

# Adult Ministry

This is my favorite time of the year. After all the rush and confusion of getting classes started in September, I now get a chance to take a breath and enjoy visiting the various classes and paying attention to relationships. I'm especially excited about our new Disciple 1 every-other-week class. I know there will be great discussions because there are women who range from brand-new mothers to experienced grandmothers and who come originally from at least eight different denominations. I'm so excited about what they will learn from each other as they read through the Old Testament together this year.

We have been in the midst of rolling out **17 different adult classes this fall** (not even counting the regular SAM activities, Cursillo retreat and related events, or the upcoming study trip to Italy). To my knowledge, that is the most ever offered at one time! We have classes for a variety of ages and stages and they are offered at a variety of times. If you ever hear anyone comment that our Adult Ministry is "lacking" because we only have one adult Sunday school class, please explain that Sunday morning we need our space for children and youth. We also need our adults to be working with children and youth rather than taking classes at that time. But adult ministry at SHPC is alive and well during the week!

This month the SHPC Book Club and SHPC Library will also be hosting a book swap event. (See article with details in this newsletter.) Our SHPC Library is an excellent resource for Christian growth and it's YOUR library so please feel free to use it. If you can't find something on a particular subject, please ask me for assistance by phone or email. One area in particular that is being added to is Christian fiction. For example, we have just added *Redeeming Love*, a retelling of the story of Hosea but set during the California gold rush. This particular book was suggested during a sermon recently. If you have suggestions of Christian fiction books you have enjoyed, please let me know.

If you are not already enjoying one of our classes this fall, please keep an eye on newsletters, bulletins, and website postings to discover where you might like to get involved. There are new Christian friends just waiting to welcome you!

Blessings,



## What's better than half-price books? FREE BOOKS!

Special "Book-or-Treat" Book Swap Event sponsored by the SHPC Library & SHPC Book Club

Join us on October 20<sup>th</sup>, from 9 to 11 a.m., to choose your FREE books.

Just put some books you are ready to part with in your trunk, come park in the SHPC parking lot, line up by the other cars and open your trunk, stroll around and choose some "new

to you" books from the other trunks. How easy is that?!

Then join us for refreshments in the narthex.

It's a chance for fellowship and for all SHPC book lovers to get to know each other and save a lot of money. How great is that?

If you have leftover books you don't want, they can be donated to the church library and will be taken to the Half Price Bookstore. Any funds

received will go towards buying books for the church library.

Please contact Laurel Calhoun, 892-5530, [salcahoun@sbcglobal.net](mailto:salcahoun@sbcglobal.net), if you are interested

in this event so we can get an idea of how many to plan on for parking and refreshments.



# Senior Adult Ministry

## Memory Keepers Seminar

submitted by Carol Cunningham

On the morning of Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, we are delighted to have Steve Catoe, Program Director for the Alzheimer's division from The Park at Beckett Meadows, bring us **some of the latest information on the subject of Alzheimer's disease and dementia**. He will bring to us information on some of the latest research and treatments available, and speak about things we can do to possibly prevent the onset of these tragic disorders. He will touch on what it is like for family members living with the memory loss of a loved one, and share suggestions for what we can do as a community to help those who have the syndrome and those who care for them.

The 'GROAN'-UPS GAMES DAY is creeping up on 'chicken feet' Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. till noon in room 7. Come join us for lots of laughter and games! Refreshments are provided. RSVP Jim Black at 892-2982.

It is promising to note that much is being discovered that can change the outlook for those facing the loss of memories. The possibility exists to halt the progression of the disease, and there is even hope for a cure. What we do proactively can make a significant difference in the quality of life for those facing the diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease.

Plan to attend this informative event from 10 a.m. until noon. We ask that you reserve your space for the session by calling Carol Cunningham at 441-8563 or sending an email to [carol@shpc.org](mailto:carol@shpc.org). We need to be able to plan for an appropriate meeting space and handouts. Details about the location will be provided in forthcoming announcements.

Mary-Martha Circle will meet next on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. in Portable B. Our lesson is number 10, "Unfailing Love," from our study *Proverbs and Parables* and will be presented by Lydia Ellison. **All women are welcome!** For more information, please call the moderator, Norma Burchard, at 394-0131.

## Fellowship and Fun in the Beautiful Hill Country—

## 2008 SENIOR ADULT RETREAT

submitted by Ron Miller

The 2008 Senior Adult Retreat will be held at Camp Buckner in the Texas Hill Country on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. The projected cost for the two night/three day event will be very similar to last years cost at Mo Ranch. More specifically we plan to offer this at \$120.00 per person for double occupancy or \$170.00 for single occupancy. This price includes room, meals, and activities.

Camp Buckner is located just north of Marble Falls on FM 2342, adjacent to Inks Lake, which is much closer to us than the Mo Ranch location. We have reserved 20 rooms in the Lodge. Each room contains one queen size and one twin bed and a full bath. The large Craft/Doss Meeting facility is within easy walking distance of the lodge. The terrain is relatively flat with a pretty stream running just past the cafeteria where there is also an outdoor meeting area.

Mark your calendars now and avoid the rush. Information regarding reservations will be made available in next month's newsletter.

The Golden Years Lunch Bunch will return to one of our favorite sites in October; the Red Lobster on South Lamar. Please plan to be there on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30. Hostess this month will be Harriet Cavness and she wants to see *everybody* there. So, call her at 261-3456 or see her at church and let her know. Or, email at [hcavness@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hcavness@sbcglobal.net) for a reservation.

### Excerpt from *The Complete Eldercare Planner* by Joy Loverde

Take note, baby boomers: It's up to you to watch how your parents act, and then communicate with them in a non-threatening manner if you believe they need help for their physical or mental limitations.

Ability, not age, is the best way to judge whether your mother or father needs daily assistance. Watch for these warning signs:

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## Senior Adult Ministry

Fellowship Bridge Group will play the second Friday in October –the 12<sup>th</sup>– at 7 p.m. in Room 7. Hosting in October will be Bob & Raynell Barry. Call Virginia McNutt at 288-7187 or Martha Meador at 288-3341 by Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> if you would like to play. The September winner was Lydia Ellison.

- Difficulty doing basic tasks, such as walking, dressing, eating and cooking;
- Changes in health such as weight loss, incontinence, changes in appetite and black and blue marks that could be signs of a recent fall;
- Increasing isolation. Has your mother or father lost interest in friendships, activities or hobbies? Does he or she live alone and keep the curtains drawn day and night?
- Poor hygiene.
- Failure to fulfill responsibilities—such as unopened mail, unpaid bills and bank account overdrafts.
- Changes in attitude.

"Anything out of the ordinary should be a red flag," Loverde says. "When we are with

them, we can't act as though we have no responsibility. We can't afford not to be paying attention. If we do, we're the ones who get caught off guard. This is not a generation of people who are used to asking for help."

There are a variety of programs and mechanical devices to help your parent. Churches, hospitals, senior citizens organizations and agencies on aging are some resources to contact for eldercare services.

### Some Closing Quotes—

#### Genesis 43:27

He asked them how they were, and then he said, "How is your aged father you told me about? Is he still living?" (New International Version)

#### Deuteronomy 34:7

Although Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died, his eye was not dim, nor his vigor abated. (New American Standard Bible)

### NEW ARRIVALS AT THE LIBRARY!

*Rumors of Another World: What on Earth Are We Missing?* 248.4 YAN

"Philip Yancey invites you to join him on a journey of discovery and consider 'rumors of another world' that could point the way to a new life of beauty, purpose, and freedom."

*Come and See: a Photojournalist's Journey into the World of Mother Teresa* 271.97 SCH

Mother Teresa refused to allow her work to be photographed. Then Linda Schaefer put her cameras down and went to work in a Calcutta orphanage. "This led to a growing relationship between the two women that culminated in Linda being given permission to photograph what she felt would show the world the real environment in which Mother Teresa and her nuns worked."

*The Narnian* 823 JAC

"It is hard to imagine a more insightful and evenhanded treatment of the life and work of C.S. Lewis than *The Narnian* by Alan Jacobs."

— Frederick Buechner

## Library News



*John Donne* 821.3 DON

This provides selections from the poems, sermons, devotions, and prayers of the man best known for his "No Man Is An Island" sermon. The intellectuals among us will appreciate the scholarly discussions that begin the book. The rest of us can skip to Donne's lyrical prayers and meditations in the second half.

*Raising Your Children with No Regrets: 7 Principles of an Intentional Mother* 649.1 HIC

"Intentional mothers know who they want their children to be as people and set out on a course to make it happen."

Look for these books in the church library display. Self-checkout instructions are by the card catalog.



**Muffie & Rorie Peterson  
Joshua**

# Welcome, New SHPC Members!

**Rebecca Berryman** is pleased to be joining the SHPC community. She writes, "It feels like home—I am welcomed here."

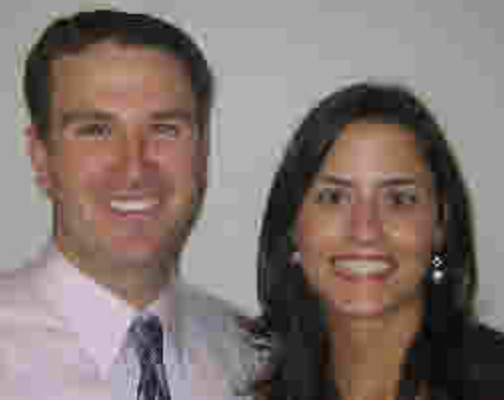


**Chester Wuest** writes, "When I was 20, I attended a Billy Graham meeting & was rebaptized as a consenting adult. Comments **Mary Lynn Sheirer**, "The energy of Shepherd of the Hills drew me in. I pray I have the energy to keep up!"



**Modena Dailey** has three sons as well as two granddaughters, and three grandsons ranging from 21 to 3 years old! She has retired from her work at the state with the mentally challenged.

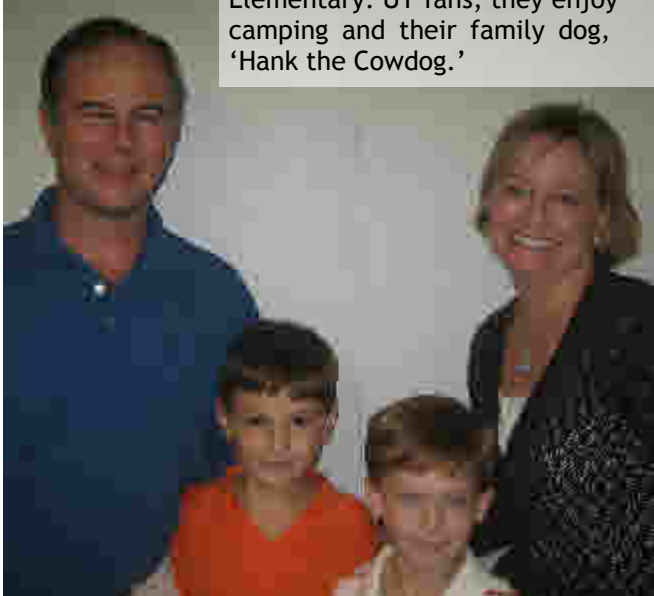
**Seth Koschak and Aimee Kirkconnell**



**Allen & Cindy David** have both lived in Austin for over 20 years. Their sons—**Travis**, 5th grade, and **Tyler**, 2nd grade—attend Kiker Elementary. UT fans, they enjoy camping and their family dog, 'Hank the Cowdog.'



**Greg & Dee Merrill** are both retired, she from the airline industry and he from network engineering. Their latest project has been to take up woodworking—together!



# Children's Ministry News



## Congratulations!

### Congratulations to our third graders!

Our third graders each received a gift of a Bible on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Please congratulate them when you see them next:

Kendall Adams	Sam Cole
Lauren Aman	Ariana Forsythe
Michael Aman	Kendall Gonzales
Blake Ayers	Amy Gross
Garrett Baschnagel	Caroline Kirsch
Nicole Bortfeld	Hannah Parsons
Abby Bourgeois	Evan Seidel
Olivia Brady	Allie Spink
Devin Chalberg	Sierra Webb

### Upstreet Families! What's a Virtue Pack?

Many of you have probably heard by now the term "Family Virtue Pack" floating around but aren't sure exactly what it is. Or maybe you've ordered the packs but get them home and aren't sure what to do with all the stuff that's in there. Either way... we can help!

The Family Virtue Packs are designed to connect the learning experience at church to home, as well as help you as a family grow together in your faith, make the virtues we are learning relevant, and equip you to make the most of your moments with your kids. With busy, hectic schedules that can be a valuable thing for sure!

#### So, how does it work?

Each month's pack provides activities to be used once a week during each of these four family

times—MealTime, DriveTime, BedTime, and MorningTime.

#### MealTime—When You Sit at Home

MealTime is a multi-paneled card containing cool ideas and conversation starters for weekly family discussions at the dinner table. Parents choose one mealtime a week to spend time talking about the virtue as a family. MealTime is a great opportunity for parents to have a focused discussion with your child about how the virtue applies to their life. A five-minute conversation just one time a week can establish the virtue for a family.

*"As a parent remember to be a good facilitator, not lecturer. Your job as teacher is to lead your family in a discussion, accept their input and show them you value their opinion."*

#### DriveTime—When You Walk Along the Road

DriveTime is a CD for families to listen to as they travel along the road together. In addition to the Virtue Song featured on the CD, families will find a fun and energetic program called KidJam that we hope you'll enjoy together as a family. Taking a few moments in the car can help parents be a friend to their child as they work side-by-side to interpret life. (This CD also contains Parenting Matters—a special section just for moms and dads that will give you some practical advice about parenting.)

*"DriveTime is a great opportunity to let kids set the agenda and ask the questions. As you travel event to event, help your child interpret life as a friend. Make sure to keep this time non-threatening."*

#### BedTime—When You Lie Down

Written in up-to-date/relevant language, these four Bible story cards are provided to help parents spend some quality time with their child at bedtime. This is your chance to have an intimate conversation. Spending a few minutes with your child at BedTime

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## RESPECT

RESPONDING WITH WORDS AND ACTIONS THAT SHOW OTHERS THEY ARE IMPORTANT.

will not only draw families closer together, but will build the parents role as a counselor in their child's life.

*"The best counselor knows how to listen. When you're in their bedroom, you are in their private world. Learn how to ask the right questions and then listen to what your children say."*

### MorningTime—When You Get Up

Four encouragement cards are included for you to write your own specific words of affirmation to your child throughout the month to help instill purpose in your child's life. These personalized notes can be put in lunches or book bags to encourage a child once a week. A short note won't even take a minute to write, but a parent telling a child how they feel about them is something they will remember forever.

*"Remember that encouraging words add emotional fuel to a child's life. Like a coach on the side-lines, you provide inspiration and boost their spirit as no one else can."*

Wow—that's a lot and it is all in one handy pack each month!

What an awesome opportunity to grow your relationship with your children and their relationship with God, family, the world!

Please contact Britta Dukes or Kim Arthur if you would like more information or if you are interested in ordering the Family Virtue packs.

*"These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."* —Deuteronomy 6:6-7

### Real Kid Testimonials!

The CDs are fun to listen to and the stories make me excited. The stories are cool because they are about God and I love God. He makes food and drink and He makes things we need for our bodies.

—Camille

They are fun and exciting. It teaches me about friendship and the other virtues. It shows

how people could be mad at one another, and then find a compromise.

—Claire

My favorite part of the packets is KidJam, a part of the DriveTime CD. It's really funny! My favorite character is Spence. I think he's the funniest of them all!

Another thing I like on the DriveTime CD is the song. I love singing along. KidJam also helps me memorize the virtues, and sometimes I listen to Parenting Matters with my mom.

My family doesn't do the other stuff, but I wish we would. I occasionally read the BedTime cards by myself, and they have really good stories. There are some cool things on the back of the cards, including Kids Corner and a Memory Verse.

I hope you will decide to get a Family Times pack because, as you can see, it's a lot of fun!

—Bobbie

### Preschool News

September was an exciting month at Shepherd of the Hills Preschool. We have some outstanding new teachers, and we are also pleased to officially welcome our new director Patti Lawrence. The year has gotten off to a very smooth start, and the children and staff are enjoying getting to know one another. The children learned about Sensational Me and Families and Friends. In chapel, we discussed "I can do anything with God's help."

Many of the rooms got a facelift this August with some new paint. They look beautiful,

and we want to include a sincere **thank you to the following people** who worked so hard: Kim Arthur, Benjamin and Jacob; Patti and Sam Lawrence, and Faith; Suzie Bridges; Tish Pietsch; Clara Oliver, Paige and Maggie; Meni Hansen, and Emilia. We appreciate their time and effort!

This month, we're learning about the Five Senses, the Circus, Community Helpers, and Halloween. The children will be visiting Beckett meadows, and we'll have a visit from a fire truck. It is going to be a fun-filled year, and I look forward to giving you more updates in the months ahead.

—Suzanne Gross

## Ahhh...That New Car Smell!

Got the new car urge? It's hard not to—ads are everywhere touting the new models and all of their wonderful new features. And then there are the apparently great clearance deals you can get on this year's models. So if you've got the bug, here are some car-buying and leasing tips from the Budget Guy.

### **Know Thy Limits**

You gotta think about more than just the monthly payment. Instead, you need to balance four financing factors: (1) How much in total you want to pay for that car or truck, (2) how much of that you can pay today, (3) how long you want to take to pay the rest, and (4) how much per month you want to pay.

Unfortunately, these four factors don't always play nicely with each other. So...

### **Finance First, Buy Later**

Look at it this way—who knows more about structuring car deals...the dealer who makes them daily or the car buyer who only makes one every few years? When you both buy and finance through the dealer, there are just too many moving parts—some of which you won't see until the very end when you're tired and just want to get in your new car and go home!

Even those dealer financing specials with really low interest rates or no interest until 2057 aren't giving much away—they're making it back by not discounting the price of the car as much, by sticking in add-ons, etc.

So before you ever step onto that car lot, check out the financing at your credit union and a couple of banks. You don't need to know exactly what you're going to buy to decide what total price, down payment, length of loan and monthly payment best fit your finances.

And in the interest of keeping it simple...

### **Don't Mix Old and New**

Whatever you do with your old truck, don't get it mixed up in the purchase of the new one. (I once thought I was smart enough to ignore that

rule...) You'll get the most money for your old car by selling it privately. Otherwise, just shop it around to several used car dealers.

With your old car out of the picture and your financing issues worked out, you're ready to hit the dealers. You've taken everything off the table except for one—the total cost. And that makes negotiations a lot simpler because...

### **It's The Total That Counts**

Negotiate only one number, the total, bottom line "drive-out" cost. That cost should include tax, title, license, and any other little goodies the dealer wants to slip in like dealer prep, advertising costs, roadside assistance. All you care about is the bottom line cost to take that truck home with you. How that total gets allocated to various items in the dealer's paperwork doesn't really matter. And if you think you've agreed on that number but the paperwork comes back with something different, get up and walk out. ("That extra \$75? Oh, sorry, I just found out from my sales manager that the shop had already applied fabric protector to the seats.") Consumer Reports ([consumerreports.com](http://consumerreports.com)) and Edmunds ([edmunds.com](http://edmunds.com)) have excellent information to help you decide on a fair drive-out price.

That drive-out price must fit with your financing, of course. And speaking of financing, keep in mind that...

### **Short Is Sweet**

The shorter the loan, the better: 42 months is great, but no more than 48 months. Yes, I know, there are a lot of car loans being written for 60 months and longer—I've seen as long as eight years! Anything longer than four years, though, and you're just setting yourself up to be sucked into a never-ending money trap.

The problem with longer loans is that you will owe more than the car is worth for most, maybe all, of the term of the loan. Known as being "upside down," it puts you in a real bind if you should need to replace your vehicle before the loan is paid off.

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Sure, you can roll the payoff into the loan for the new car. What a deal that is—you just increased the amount of time and interest required to pay off a car you no longer have, and you're even more upside down in your new one! You've also probably got a longer note with a higher payment. Where does all that leave you if you need to replace this car?

So go for a shorter loan, even if that means buying a less expensive vehicle. And while you're working on your financing, make sure you...

### ***Get Credit Where Credit is Due***

Check out your credit reports (free once a year) and scores (small fee; varies by credit bureau) at [annualcreditreport.com](http://annualcreditreport.com). You might be surprised by what you find. Most credit reports have errors, many of which are serious enough to affect the interest rate you'll get. Clean those up and it could lower your rate. If the reports are accurate and your credit score is still low, there are ways to increase your score in a fairly short period of time. (See "Getting Credit Where Credit is Due" and "It Was a Dark and Stormy Night" in the Budget Guy archives on the SHPC website.)

If you're thinking of leasing, then in addition to checking your credit status, you should...

### ***Look Before You Lease***

Does leasing seem like an easier way to go? It certainly looks pretty simple—you go in, they tell you how much it will cost each month, and at the end of the lease you just give the car back and walk away. (Except that you'll need to lease or buy something else or you really will be walking away.) With leasing, you can even get a nicer vehicle for the same monthly payment than you would have if you were buying. What could be better!

A poke in the eye with a sharp stick, perhaps? When you lease, you're back in the game of negotiating both the price of the vehicle and the financing. So you're back to all the moving parts. But there's more to it than that.

When you lease, you're basically paying for the expected depreciation of the vehicle during the term of the lease (on average, about 45% of purchase price in the first three years). So your cost to lease depends on the "residual value" of the vehicle—the estimated value at the end of

the lease. A higher residual value means a lower leasing cost. On the other hand, you might want to be able to buy the car at the end of the lease. At that point, you'd want a lower residual value.

Then there are things like the money factor, gap insurance, mileage allowance, balloon payments, etc. A lease may seem simple, but it's really a complicated deal with complicated contracts and unfamiliar terms. It can be difficult and expensive to get out of if your circumstances change during the course of the lease, and at the end, you will probably have to pay \$1,000 or so in wear and tear charges unless you've been absolutely fastidious in taking care of the vehicle. Then there's the need to find another set of wheels, whether you're ready for that cost or not.

So does leasing ever make sense? Sure—if you stick with the same car you would have bought so that your monthly payment is reduced (most people upgrade to get a fancier car for the same payment), and if you save the monthly difference between the payment to buy and the payment to lease, and if you invest that savings and are able to earn more than the money charges in the lease, and if you're able to do all of that consistently lease after lease.

In other words, it's highly unlikely that leasing will be a better deal financially. However, if you are someone who babies their vehicles and either just has to have a new car every two or three years, or always needs a car that's under warranty, leasing may make sense. Just be aware that you will be paying for those things.

If you must lease, look for a subsidized lease with an artificially low interest rate and/or artificially high residual value. These are offered through dealers and are used by the manufacturers to get you into one of their vehicles. (After all, you'll need another one when the lease expires...)

But before you commit to leasing, think about how nice it would be not to have any car payment at all. Yes...,

### ***Paying Cash is Heavenly***

It takes some time and effort, but it's possible to work yourself out of ever hav-

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# Puberty

PLEASE  
GOD  
NOT  
AGAIN



They always start off small, bubbly and cute ....then puberty happens and something awful.... something awful ....and wonderful happens.... they begin to be men and women, no longer children, not yet adult.

## Growing Up Christian in a Sexy World, for Parents & Mid High Students

Puberty is just plain weird!

Do you remember going through puberty? I know I have tried hard to block those painful years from my memory! The sad truth is that most families never really sit down with their kids and talk about how

incredible this time in their life can be. We want to change that. **Coming in October, our Mid-High ministry** will be going through puberty on **Wednesday nights from 6:30 till 8:00 p.m.** We will be covering all of the body changes that we all go through from a fun and biblical perspective. **This is a Parent+Student event—we need you both.** This is a great

chance for you and your student to talk about some awkward stuff that might not come up in the course of a normal day at home.

Growing Up Christian in a Sexy World	
Growing Up Christian Kickoff	10/3
Who am I	10/10
Body Changes	10/17
BOY + GIRL =???????	10/24

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Please register quickly for *Growing Up Christian in a Sexy World* on our Web site [www.shpc.org](http://www.shpc.org). Can I invite other families to *Growing Up Christian*? Yes, but please have them register via [www.shpc.org](http://www.shpc.org).



Add to your prayer list

**Joys** - Ryan & Julie Teague, big brother Keith, and big sister Lindsey welcomed Harper Elizabeth September 7<sup>th</sup>— Kent & Marisa welcomed Kyle Anderson Stromberg on August 28<sup>th</sup>— Linda Rauch & Rick Hewitt thank everyone for prayers for their son, Capt. David B. Craig, returning September 21<sup>st</sup> from Iraq

**Sorrows** - Mary Helen Moore, wife of Ray, passed away Labor Day weekend

**Please pray for** — Derek Fisher’s mother, Thelma Fisher, recovering from a severely broken ankle—Sarah Fisher, Derek’s sister-in-law, recovering from surgery for a benign brain tumor—Sheryl McNelley, niece of Tom & Michael McNelley, in ICU with complications from an unknown cause— Sam Newton, comatose in a hospital in Germany, and his family, friends of Sally Jo Elliott— Keri Reeves, niece of Deb Fowler, just arrived at a camp in Kuwait and to be stationed in Iraq for a 15-month tour of duty—Esso Essary, recovering at home following a transient ischemic attack (TIA)—Gary Mann, recuperating from a recent heart procedure—Allison and Mackenzie Jenkins, widow and daughter of Eric Jenkins—Rosemarie Barnett’s brother John Ippolito and his family—Pauline Beezley’s daughter’s friend Carolyn, surgery for brain cancer—strength for Darryl (co-worker of Deb Fowler) & Chris Gribble upon the loss of their daughter, Danielle Hensley, 17, shot and killed in the Jonestown murders—Joy Essary, recovering from a broken rib and strained back muscles suffered in a fall—Buddy Lopez, recalled to active duty with his unit of the US Naval Reserve to support Operation Iraqi Freedom beginning October 1 for a period of approximately one year—friends of Junie Ledbetter, the family of Garrett McLead of Rockport, TX; Garrett was killed in a helicopter crash in Iraq on August 22<sup>nd</sup>—Mary Mayer, friend of Bill & Jane Hall, recently diagnosed with an aggressive form of lung cancer—Anna Lincoln, sister of Kim Arthur—Tom O’Meara and the staff and students at the University of Livingstonia—Pastor Clement Munthali and the congregation of Manyamula Presbyterian Church—Pastor

*Please pray for members of the Armed Forces, loved ones, and all world leaders involved in war zone crises including:*

Dennis Low... Jason Addison, son of Al & Jai Leigh Addison... Alan Robinson, former student of Carol Ideker... Brian Tiede, friend of Sherine Thomas & Tom Nuckols... Jeff Johnson, friend of Angela & Jeff Peterson... Brett Hines, nephew of Georgia Crawley... Nathan Miller, son of Fran & Ted Miller... Clinton Purcell, Doug Budd’s co-worker’s son... Brian Lugo, grandson of Joy & Esso Essary and son of Jennifer Sims... Sheila & Reese Killpack, friends of Farrah Stowe... James Ewing, friend of Junie & Gaston Broyles... Buddy Lopez... Keri Reeves, niece of Deb Fowler...

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To be more precise, do we have your *current* email address?

A recent all-church email message gathered a lot of “bounce” reports, so it’s time for mailing list housekeeping! If you’ve changed email addresses, please let us know your new one at [church@shpc.org](mailto:church@shpc.org). Thank you!



A belated but VERY big  
**thank you**  
to Sally Jo Elliott and  
Elisa Donnell, who cleaned  
the kitchen prior to  
VBS this past June.



*Thanks*

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| 3 Oct  | Gordon & Marsha Holt  |  | 1 Oct  | Jackson Fowler<br>John Moehlman,<br>Karmen Miller,<br>Robin Ward,<br>Mason Hyde           |  | 18 Oct   | Margaret Nakamura, Sarah Scott,<br>Aimee Killeen, Tracy Kuper,<br>Alissa Hutton, Brian Gollieher |
| 5 Oct  | Billy & Cindy Baschnagel,<br>Kevin & Debbie Saul                          |  | 2 Oct  | Monica Williams,<br>Jessica Mathaes,<br>Callie Low  |   | 19 Oct   | Andrew Brock, Allison Oliver   |
| 8 Oct  | Tony & Gabrielle Adams  |  | 3 Oct  | Jim Immitt, Deb Fowler  |   | 20 Oct   | Bob Barker, Dan Lawler, Robert<br>Hicks, Kim Arthur, Tyler<br>Chambers, Aidan Rooke              |
| 10 Oct | John & Sandy Kaiser, Steve &<br>Sharon Peurrung, George & Lisa<br>Simpson |  | 4 Oct  | Marvine Sass, Andie Kruczkowski,<br>Luke Streit   |   | 21 Oct   | Jeff Alexander, Kate Buffler,<br>Alexandra Buffler, Rachel Bode                                  |
| 12 Oct | Mike & Abby Brady, Brenda &<br>Albert Gonzales                            |  | 5 Oct  | Faries McDaniel, Jeff Whitmire,<br>Kendall Ort, Desiree Waugh                             |   | 22 Oct   | Johann Louw, Kevin Saul, Carly<br>Simpson  |
| 14 Oct | Louis & Gretchen Owensby  |  | 6 Oct  | Terre Thomas, Tom VanOsselaer,<br>Dan Brinks, Morgan Gray, Andrew<br>Lewis, Ramsey Hutton |   | 23 Oct   | Martha Meador, Dan Mudgett,<br>Kayleigh Shumaker, Jacob Bullock                                  |
| 19 Oct | Paul & Ruth Stein   |  | 7 Oct  | Richard Chase, Kelly Melnyk,<br>Emma Kolesnik   |   | 24 Oct   | Bill Richardson  |
| 20 Oct | David & Vanessa Erps  |  | 8 Oct  | Cindy Breed, Laura Morales, Judy<br>Schroeder, Heidi Genster, Sho<br>Sato                 |   | 25 Oct   | David Wheeler, Karen Johnson,<br>James Moore, Christi Dickinson,<br>Gabriel Moore, Jacob Biles   |
| 21 Oct | Larance & Barbara Coleman, Joel<br>& Sarah Silva                          |  | 9 Oct  | Richard Snell, Jason Singhurst,<br>Sierra Webb, Kendall Adams                             |   | 26 Oct   | Dinah Strayhorn, Barbara<br>Christenson, Marty Starkjohann,<br>Joanna Peters, Caleb Dukes        |
| 22 Oct | Bob & Carolyn Beardslee   |  | 11 Oct   | Gaston Broyles, Rick Lewis, Gabe<br>Aardema   |   | 27 Oct   | Jessica Wade, Ethan Cole,<br>Miranda Beard, Zachary Johnson                                      |
| 23 Oct | Michael & Jean Thomas   | 12 Oct   | Euna Faye Pryor, Sharon Conner,<br>Jai Leigh Addison, Alice<br>Lineberry, Vanessa Erps, Amy<br>Gross | 28 Oct  | Chris Gordon  |  |  |
|        |   |  | 13 Oct   | Dallas Scott  | 29 Oct  | Howard Bonebrake, Ralph Peters,<br>Tim Coolman, Jessica Litteaur,<br>Liana Green, Katie Johnson, Ben<br>Bell, Paul Sharpe, Andrew Erps,<br>Julia Cloyd |  |
|        |   |  | 14 Oct   | Stefan Haag, Ryan Wilkins   | 30 Oct  | Marti Dryk, Greg Guernsey, Dustin<br>McManus, Olivia Paniagua  |  |
|        |   |  | 15 Oct   | Jane Hall   | 31 Oct  | Bob Barry, Tary Snyder, Roz<br>Seiler, Don Nowakowski, Amie<br>Chalberg, Cindy Meyer, Kyle<br>Chambless  |  |
|        |   |  | 16 Oct   | Jean Thomas, Modena Dailey, Rob<br>Johnson  |   |  |  |
|        |   |  | 17 Oct   | Alexis Valdes   |   |  |  |



23 Oct Bryan & Renee Philips



August 29, 2007

Hi Larry, Belva and SHPC friends,

We just received the Aug/Sept newsletter, so I thought while I was thinking about it that I would send you a quick "hi" and a few pictures you might find interesting. We've found a great little church here in Kuala Lumpur, St. Andrews Presbyterian, and have meet some great people who have welcomed us right in. The pastor that has been here is from South Africa, but next week a new pastor from New Zealand takes over. I'm guessing, but I think the makeup of the congregation is around 70% locals and 30% expatriates. There is something very special about worshipping with believers from all over the world: I think of it as a mini-glimpse into what it will be like when Christ returns. It's especially poignant in the middle of an officially Muslim country.

Brian has been really busy with work, and I'm doing the "expat wife" thing - having tea with friends, playing mahjong, and shopping! Soon we'll start taking some trips and doing some sightseeing around the country.

Thinking of you. God bless,  
Kelly and Brian Melnyk

# October

## 30 Sunday September IHN BEGINS

- 9:30 a.m. The Ark, UpStreet, Faithwalk
- 11 a.m. Adult Sunday School, library :: The Ark :: Children's Choir
- 6:30 p.m. Everlast Evening Fellowship

## 1 Monday

- 10 a.m. *Heaven*, portable B
- 7 p.m. Disciple 1, library :: Disciple 2, portable B

## 2 Tuesday

- 6:15 a.m. Men's Life, sanctuary
- 7 p.m. Crown Financial Ministry, portable A

## 3 Wednesday

- 9:30 a.m. *Invitation to Romans*, portable B
- 6:30 p.m. Evermore Evening Fellowship  
Growing Up Christian in a Sexy World, sanctuary  
Women's Evening Bible Study, library  
Foundations, portable B.

## 4 Thursday

- 9:30 a.m. Mothers of Young Children (MYC) Devotional, room 7
- 10 a.m. Mary-Martha Circle, portable B
- 7 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal :: Disciple 3, library

## 7 Sunday IHN ENDS

- 9:30 a.m. The Ark, UpStreet, NO Faithwalk
- 11 a.m. Adult Sunday School, library :: The Ark :: Children's Choir
- 6:30 p.m. Everlast Evening Fellowship

## 8 Monday

- 10 a.m. *Heaven*, portable B
- 12 SAM Council
- 7 p.m. Disciple 1, library :: Disciple 2, portable B

## 9 Tuesday

- 6:15 a.m. Men's Life, sanctuary
- 10 a.m. "Groan"-Ups Game Day, room 7
- 7 p.m. Crown Financial Ministry, portable A

## 10 Wednesday

- 9:30 a.m. *Invitation to Romans*, portable B
- 6:30 p.m. Evermore Evening Fellowship  
Growing Up Christian in a Sexy World, sanctuary  
Women's Evening Bible Study, library  
Foundations, port B.

## 11 Thursday

- 9:30 a.m. MYC Devotional, room 7 :: Disciple 1, library
- 7 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal :: Disciple 3, library  
Book Group, room 7

## 12 Friday

- 7 p.m. Fellowship Bridge Group, room 7

## 13 Saturday

- 11:30 a.m. Golden Years Lunch Bunch

## 14 Sunday

- 9:30 a.m. The Ark, UpStreet, Faithwalk
- 11 a.m. Adult Sunday School, library :: The Ark :: Children's Choir
- 6:30 p.m. Everlast Evening Fellowship

## 15 Monday

- 10 a.m. *Heaven*, portable B
- 7 p.m. Disciple 1, library :: Disciple 2, portable B

## 16 Tuesday

- 6:15 a.m. Men's Life, sanctuary
- 10 a.m. Memory Keepers Seminar, sanctuary
- 7 p.m. Crown Financial Ministry, portable A

## 17 Wednesday

- 9:30 a.m. *Invitation to Romans*, portable B
- 6:30 p.m. Evermore Evening Fellowship  
Growing Up Christian in a Sexy World, sanctuary  
Women's Evening Bible Study, library  
Foundations, port B.

## 18 Thursday

- 9:30 a.m. MYC Devotional, room 7
- 7 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal :: Disciple 3, library

## 20 Saturday

- 9 a.m. "Book or Treat" Book Swap
- 6:30 p.m. Eight Great Dates

## 21 Sunday

- 9:30 a.m. The Ark, UpStreet, Faithwalk
  - 11 a.m. Adult Sunday School, library :: The Ark :: Children's Choir
  - 6:30 p.m. Everlast Evening Fellowship
- NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

## 22 Monday

- 10 a.m. *Heaven*, portable B
- 7 p.m. Disciple 1, library :: Disciple 2, portable B

## 23 Tuesday

- 6:15 a.m. Men's Life, sanctuary
- 7 p.m. Crown Financial Ministry, portable A

## 24 Wednesday

- 9:30 a.m. *Invitation to Romans*, portable B
- 6:30 p.m. Evermore Evening Fellowship  
Growing Up Christian in a Sexy World, sanctuary  
Women's Evening Bible Study, library  
Foundations, portable B.

## 25 Thursday

- 9:30 a.m. MYC Devotional, room 7 :: Disciple 1, library
- 7 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal :: Disciple 3, library

## 28 Sunday

- 9:30 a.m. The Ark, UpStreet, Faithwalk
- 11 a.m. Adult Sunday School, library :: The Ark :: Children's Choir
- 6:30 p.m. Everlast Evening Fellowship

## 29 Monday

- 10 a.m. *Heaven*, portable B
- 7 p.m. Disciple 1, library :: Disciple 2, portable B

## 30 Tuesday

- 6:15 a.m. Men's Life, sanctuary
- 7 p.m. Crown Financial Ministry, portable A

## 31 Wednesday

- 9:30 a.m. *Invitation to Romans*, portable B
- 6:30 p.m. Evermore Evening Fellowship  
Women's Evening Bible Study, library  
Foundations, port B.