



# The Shepherd's Watch

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## Be Transformed!

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your minds**, so that you may discern what is the will of God."

—Romans 12:1-2 NIV, (emphasis mine)

Those of you who have been participating in the current manuscript study of the Gospel of Mark now know that any section headings in your Bibles are later additions by editors of particular translations and may vary from Bible to Bible. In my New Interpreter's Study Bible the heading before the above passage is "The New Life in Christ." In the Serendipity Bible for Groups it is called "Living Sacrifices" and William Barclay's translation calls it "True Worship and the Essential Change."

These verses come at a transition point in Romans. Paul has spent the early chapters talking about theology but now he begins to explain how to live out that theology in the ethics of your everyday actions. The imagery of the words used calls to mind the practice of animal sacrifices. Paul says God doesn't want dead animals; instead He wants us as

living sacrifices. That is true worship.

The way our lives become acceptable living sacrifices to God is by being transformed so that we may discern the will of God. In accepting God's great gift to us in Christ we are transformed into new beings. We then must continue to be transformed by the continual renewing of our minds. In gratitude, we honor, thank and worship God by discerning His will and living lives that reflect His will.

One of the major ways we are able to discern His will is through the study of His word as passed on to us in the Bible and it is most beneficial when we do this in the company of fellow Christian believers. And so, (you knew it was coming) I get to my "plug" for Adult Ministries here at SHPC. About thirty leaders are currently busy working on planning adult classes for summer and fall. The cornerstone of our Bible study programs continues to be the Disciple Bible Study Series. Our newest addition is our Journey Groups small group studies. Elsewhere in this newsletter you'll find articles, advertisements, and testimonials about various other opportunities for learning and growing. The details of some plans are still tentative now but the various leaders are sharing whatever information they can. As always, look to worship service

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### Sermons for May

May 4	Mark 13
A Future and a Hope	
May 11	Mark 14
A Dinner to Remember	
May 18	Mark 15
An End With a Beginning	
May 25	Bob Covington preaching

worship  
grow  
connect  
serve

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bulletins and the website for updates.

There is one new possible development I'd like to share. Rev. Larry Coulter has so enjoyed leading the manuscript study of Mark this spring that he is probably going to lead a manuscript study of Romans in the fall. There may be both a morning and evening class and they will probably both be on Wednesdays. I will be working with him to fill in when he is not available to lead.

Now, because I don't think we can ever get enough of these wonderful verses from Paul's Letter to the Romans, I'm going to end by sharing with you William Barclay's translation of the same verses from above. My blessings to you all. Please come join us and "be transformed!"



Romans 12:1-2 as translated by William Barclay, *"Brothers, I call upon you, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies to him, a living, consecrated sacrifice, well-pleasing to God - for that is the only kind of worship which is truly spiritual. And do not shape your lives to meet the fleeting fashions of this world; but be transformed from it, by the renewal of your mind, until the very essence of your being is altered, so that, in your own life, you may prove that the will of God is good and well-pleasing and perfect."*

So much to do, so little time before I go...

## Vision 2012 Priority 5: Prayer

In the last week of Jesus's life he ramped up his teaching ministry. His words were, in essence, last minute instructions to his followers. As his week progressed he continually returned to the theme of prayer. When a fig tree that Jesus walked passed had no fruit, he used the opportunity to talk about prayer. When he went into the temple and turned over the tables of the money changers it was about creating space for prayer. In the following days the gospel account tell of many prayers both public and private ending with the dramatic scene of prayer in the garden of Gesthemene. Prayer dominated Jesus' life and ministry.

Throughout our lives as Christians Jesus calls us into a ever deepening life of prayer. As Jesus modeled, this vital connection with the living God is a source of power as we

worship, grow, connect and serve in the world. For some of us prayer comes naturally. It flows easily from a continuing awareness of God in everyday life. For some of us it is work, a vital work, but work none the less. We have to wrestle our thoughts from the immediate necessities and distractions of life—the job, the dishes, bills, sports, the newspaper—in order for God to get a moment of our time. Regardless of the effort required for prayer, we know that it is still critical in a thoughtful life with Christ.

Prayer not only determines the healthy life of an individual Christian, it also determines the healthy life of a Christian community. For this reason our fifth priority in our five-year Ministry Vision is to develop an active prayer ministry at Shepherd of the Hills. This includes a renewal of our prayer chain, developing prayer teams for Sunday morning worship, providing prayer training and a new focus on prayer in our worship services and small groups. Lisa Laird, one of our new elders,

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## Wear RED Mother's Day!

This year, May 11<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day – but it's also Pentecost!

When the day of Pentecost came, they [the disciples] were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to

speaking in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. – Acts 2:1-4

Because of the flames, red is the color the church uses to symbolize Pentecost. **Help us celebrate together by wearing something red – red hats, anyone? – on May 11<sup>th</sup> in honor of this special day.** Let's turn the sanctuary RED!



Pentecost

## "Some Day" is coming this Fall!

"An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." Where have I read this or heard this and what does it mean today? Our language is full of idioms that we use in our daily communication—idioms we know or believe may have come from the Bible or some other source. Have you ever wondered where that came from or who said that?

Have you said that "some day" you really want to read the Bible and understand what it says to you? You start with all those good intentions and then get bogged down in Genesis or maybe Leviticus and give it up for another time. You think, "This is too much to do right now and I will try again when I have more time."

The good news is that "some day" could be this fall. In the company of seekers just like you, you can study the Bible in bite sized, digestible portions. The Disciple course "Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study" is being offered this fall here at SHPC. You will go from Genesis to Revelation in 34 two-hour weekly meetings. You will be assigned readings in the Bible that will take 30 to 40 minutes daily, and at the weekly meetings you will discuss what you have read and how it may apply to our lives in today's church and society. The transformation of our lives as disciples (not just information) is the thrust of this study. The class size is usually 10 to 14 people. Who knows? You may make life time friends within this group as you pursue God's words and will for your life.

Please go to the church website [www.shpc.org](http://www.shpc.org) for information on how to sign up online or contact Sherry Smith at 892-3580 / [sherry@shpc.org](mailto:sherry@shpc.org) or Bob Beardslee at 282-1426 for more information.



## Why Journey Groups?

Here is what two members say...

"I have been attending a Journey Group which is a small group Bible Study. We have been studying the book of Mark which has been very interesting. The group is intergenerational which I have really enjoyed. We have four "young" people and five "older" people and this has been a real treat. We have gotten such diverse ideas and opinions, yet we have found that we also share common values and feelings about many of the major questions confronting all of us. The study was to end around Easter, but we found that we enjoyed each other and the study so much that we elected to continue for awhile longer. The new friends have truly been a blessing." — Stella Warner

"Being relatively new to the church, our Journey Group has helped us to get to know some people on a deeper level. It is a low key group where everyone has felt comfortable sharing more about themselves, asking questions, and giving their opinions. We have also prayed for each other in specific ways on a weekly basis which has helped us to grow closer to one another. I look forward to our Sunday evening meetings and discussions each week." — Shannon Shumaker

Journey groups are small groups, 8-12 people, that meet at people's homes or at church. They are currently studying the book of Mark. The purpose of Journey Groups is to provide a place where people can Grow closer to God and

Connect with one another in relaxed, open atmosphere. To find out more about Journey Groups and/or how you can get involved call or email Dale and Shannon Shumaker 358-4044 or [shannonshumaker@austin.rr.com](mailto:shannonshumaker@austin.rr.com).



**W**hat does Foundations mean to us? Well, we started attending SHPC way back in the fall of 2000 and we loved the Sunday morning services—Larry's sermons were a big part of that—and we still love them. Even though we loved the sermon, we just came and went on Sundays and weren't involved in any other way in the life of the church—we just didn't know anyone else really.

**T**hen Larry had a bunch of "young couples" over to his home for a meet and greet and the Gillis' encouraged us all to start up and be involved with a Sunday school class. We decided to participate and it has been the best decision regarding our church life we could have made. We volunteer to be in the schedule of rotating leaders; this makes us "dig deeper" into the scriptures Larry is covering each week—something we admittedly don't do enough of without that motivation. In addition, the fellowship is worth more than can be explained in words. Some of our very best friends we met through the group. We laugh together, we cry

together, we pray for each other, and we get together for fun outside of class just because we like the other people in the group!

**S**o now what happens on Sundays? Well, we attend the 11 am service and we don't usually make it out of the church parking lot till 12:20 p.m. at least because we are socializing and enjoying fellowship with our friends—most of whom are fellow Foundations classmates. Even then, often we head out to lunch—with who?—with our Foundations friends for food, fun, and more fellowship.

**W**e love meeting new people so we'd like for you to come check out the group. We meet most Wednesdays (check the newsletter and bulletin) at 6 p.m. for dinner (bring your own) and then from 6:30-7:30 p.m. for the Bible study. We discuss the previous Sunday's sermon so you can start coming anytime you can work it into your schedule. If you want to meet the group in a social setting first, e-mail us as we periodically invite folks to social events—including dinners at Larry's. Questions? Feel free to call us at 512-535-6311 or e-mail us at [ben@paintballfun.com](mailto:ben@paintballfun.com).

Hope to meet you soon!  
Tammy & Ben Boehman

Started in December 2003, the Foundations Class provides a format for church members to Grow and Connect within SHPC. Young families gather to study the Bible, pray, build Christian relationships, and serve the church and community. As a result, each class member strengthens their individual Christian faith, their marriage and relationship to one's spouse, and their family and parenting capabilities. The class is open to all and targets young families.

## Adult Ministry

The next Beth Moore series entitled *Stepping Up: A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent* is a 7-week study scheduled to begin on **September 10, 2008**. This is her newest study and, as usual, looks extremely intriguing and thought provoking! We will take an in-depth look at 15 psalms (120-134) and have the unique opportunity for personal

reflection and worship while exploring the background of each psalm and psalmist, the majority of which were written by David. Themes such as unity, joy and gratitude, redemption, repentance, the power of blessings, facing ridicule, and more are explored in detail. Modern-day believers can learn much from these treasured

Psalms in their journey toward greater intimacy with God.

Pre-registration is strongly encouraged so that enough study books can be ordered and available the first night of class. The cost of the books is \$13.00. If you have any questions or want to register, contact Roz Seiler at the following: (h) 301-1197 (c) 965-8294 (e)

[rozsa@austin.rr.com](mailto:rozsa@austin.rr.com)

# Crown Financial Ministries

Have you ever noticed how many of Larry's sermons discuss money? It is not a coincidence! Jesus talked about it often as well. Did you know that money is one of the most frequent topics that our church leaders counsel married couples about? It causes friction in almost every marriage and personal relationship. We all worry about how we should spend it and save it. How much and when should we give. Which groups should we give to? Is it wrong to want or expect more of it? These are all very common and valid questions, and the Bible answers every one of them...and more.

I would like to share a

symptoms of the real problems. He constantly warned us to guard our hearts against greed, covetousness, ego, and pride, because these are the tools that Satan uses to control and manipulate this world. "He said to them, 'Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions'" (Luke 12:15).

## "Finances - our spiritual barometer

A definition of "faith," according to Hebrews 11, is trusting God totally. It means trusting God for things you cannot see or manipulate into happening. Most of us truly de-

cumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us."

## "Conclusion

The greatest need in our generation is for God's Word to be taught clearly and undiluted. The next greatest need is for Christians to demonstrate that it works. "

The above conclusion gives us a wonderful way to view the many stresses of money. If we can study and begin to understand God's word with relation to our finances, then we as Christians can start to demonstrate that it is a magnificent plan that leads us to financial freedom.



On April 20th, we honored our volunteer leaders in worship. We are thankful for each and every servant below for the mentoring and leadership they have provided our SHPC family! Leaders working within Adult Ministry include:

Tony & Gabrielle Adams  
Don & Jodie Barrett  
Bob Beardslee  
Judy Behr  
Madeline Brock  
Clift Bowman  
Liz Boyce & Eric Shultz  
Norma Burchard  
Carol Cunningham  
Glenn & Britta Dukes

## Adult Ministry

portion of an article I read recently by Crown Financial Ministries. It is taken from their website ([crown.org](http://crown.org)) and it is entitled "Finances and Your Relationship with God."

## "Christ taught about finances

It surprises many Christians to learn that approximately two-thirds of the parables that Christ used in teaching deal specifically with finances. Christ never said money or material things were problems. He said that they were

sire to be able to exercise this faith, but the world around us tells us to do just the opposite. If you don't have the money for what you "need," borrow to get it. If it's too expensive for your income, so what? You deserve it; besides, you have to stretch yourself if you want to be successful in this world.

"God's Word tells us to learn to be content and dedicate ourselves to serving God. In Hebrews 12:1 we are told, "Let us also lay aside every en-

**I hope that many of you will take the opportunity to enroll in Crown Financial Ministries this fall. We will be offering a class that will meet on Thursday nights.** Information on sign-ups will be coming soon. Questions? Contact Chris Gordon by e-mail at [cgordon1@austin.rr.com](mailto:cgordon1@austin.rr.com) or by phone at 292-4956.



Jodie Dunbar-Ray  
Sally Jo Elliott  
Leslie Fields  
Deb Fowler  
John & Lynette Gillis  
Chris & Chris Gordon  
Laura Gore  
Allen Gunter  
Greg Heidel  
Susan Klusmann  
Kathy Lewis  
Faries McDaniel  
Martha Meador  
Ron Miller  
Grady & Thelma Morris  
Margaret Nakamura  
Dave & Marjorie Parmer  
Ken & Roz Seiler  
Kim Sellers

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## Mothers of Young Children (MYC) Devotional Group

Thursday mornings  
starting July 3rd from  
9:30-11:30 am

No matter how calmly  
you try to referee,  
parenting will eventually  
produce bizarre  
behavior, and I'm not  
talking about the kids.  
Their behavior is always  
normal. —Bill Cosby

everyone!" —Tammy  
Boehman

"The books we read are  
a great starting point,  
but it's the fun, support  
& friendship that I really  
appreciate. And it's not  
just friendship, it's a  
"Sisters-in-Christ" kind of  
love & encouragement  
that means so much to  
me."

—Annette Chambers



or  
plan to  
make some  
new ones. Childcare  
cost is \$2 per child per

## MORE THANKS

Dale & Shannon Shu-  
maker  
John & Elizabeth Shu-  
maker  
John Smolucha  
Kimbol Soques  
Susan Sprouse  
Joyce Stewart  
Maria Tissing  
Joe & Stacy Tracy  
Roger & Marilyn  
Wade,  
Tommy & Stella  
Warner

## Adult Ministry

Do you ever feel like  
there's bizarre behavior  
in your house? If so, join  
the club . . . the MYC  
club. You'll find that  
your life is not as crazy  
as you think, and that  
there are other moms  
out there who know  
what you're going  
through. Here are some  
thoughts from some  
current members:

"MYC welcomed me in  
when Amaya was only 3  
weeks old and it's been a  
great place to discuss  
how to be a "Positive  
Mom" from the get go,  
learn from other more  
seasoned mothers, and  
offer and receive  
support for the many  
"issues" in life that will  
always be there. Thanks

This summer, MYC will  
be meeting to read and  
discuss *The Parent You  
Want to Be* by Drs. Les  
and Leslie Parrott. This  
book offers a plan for  
cultivating the traits you  
most want your child to  
have. We will discover  
the most important  
question you'll ever ask  
as a parent, the three-  
step method to avoid  
being the parent you  
don't want to be, and the  
secret to making your  
"intentional traits" stick  
on even your worst days.

We'll meet every Thurs-  
day morning through Au-  
gust 21. The group is  
open to members, non-  
members, and moms of  
all ages—so come along  
and bring your friends,

week, with a maximum  
cost of \$5 per week.  
There are scholarships  
available, so please do  
not let the childcare cost  
keep you from joining us!

If you are interested,  
please email me, Susan  
Sprouse, at [susan.sprouse@hotmail.com](mailto:susan.sprouse@hotmail.com), or  
call 328-2869. Please let  
me know by June 1st if  
you'd like to join so I can  
have time to order our  
books. (Of course, all  
late comers are  
welcome—you'll just  
have to find your own  
copy of the book.) Please  
also let me know the  
names of the kids you'll  
be bringing and their  
ages, so our childcare  
workers can be  
prepared. I look forward  
to hearing from you!



Mark your calen-  
dars!!! The  
**Cursillo Spring  
Ultreya is Satur-  
day May 17, 4pm  
to dusk**, at Clift  
Bowman's T-N  
Ranch in Dripping  
Springs which he  
has so generously  
donated for the  
day. It is a beau-  
tiful setting on  
South Onion  
Creek. All family  
members of at-  
tendees of prior  
Cursillos, includ-  
ing children, are  
invited to attend.  
Come join us for  
food, fun and  
fellowship. More  
details will fol-  
low.



National Day of Prayer  
May 1, 2008  
[www.ndptf.org](http://www.ndptf.org)



World Day of Prayer  
May 11, 2008  
[www.wdpusa.org](http://www.wdpusa.org)

SHPC Day of Prayer: May 4, 2008

## LIBRARY EXCITEMENT!

The church library will be making a major change in the coming months as the entire collection is converted to an automated catalog and check-out system. The software we've selected has some very attractive features: a library map that lights up on the screen to show the exact location of the book a borrower is trying to find, a special catalog designed to appeal to younger borrowers, and a quick and easy way to check out books with a scanner. In the future, another module can be added to allow church members to search the catalog on their home computers. Another very attractive feature of the software is that it is available

to "small libraries with limited resources" at a fifty percent discount!

In the coming months, we'll be creating the database by tapping into the Library of Congress to download records at no cost, adding barcode labels to all the materials, and creating records for everyone who wants to use the library. Newer technology allows for a fast process that used to take months and money.

We welcome support through two ways; first, we need volunteers to help us barcode and build the database (no experience necessary.) Even if a volunteer can only donate a few hours, it will be a great help. Ten-key pad skills are great, but not required.

## Adult Ministry

Second, we are funding the project as much as possible by selling donated books on the Internet; so far, with only three donors, we've made about \$100! Anyone who is ready to reduce their collection of books is encouraged to contact Margaret Nakamura. (One member of the library committee knew it was time to weed when a shelf loaded with books fell off the wall!)

We're looking forward to moving our library into the twenty-first century with technology to make using the library easier and more efficient. —Margaret Nakamura

### ***New Books on Personal Spirituality***

Donations continue to enrich our church library collection:

255 NOR *The Cloister Walk* — "Why would a married woman with a thoroughly [Presbyterian] background and often more doubt than faith be drawn to the ancient practice of monasticism?" Kathleen Norris answers these questions in her usual engaging style.

263.3 *Sabbath Keeping : Finding Freedom in the Rhythms of Rest* "offers a practical and hopeful guidebook for all of us to slow down and enjoy our relationship with the God of the universe.

248.4 BAR *Searching for Home: Spirituality for Restless Souls* -"Barnes begins with the disconcerting news that paradise is lost and we can't go home again...[but] we are never lost to God"

248.4 BLA *Experiencing God; How to Live the Full Adventure of Knowing and Doing the Will of God*—"shows you how to deepen your own personal relationship with God and discover your special place in His kingdom."

305.5 FRA *Hermits: the Insights of Solitude*—Peter France, himself a hermit, explores the history of hermits and looks at the insights they gained in their solitude.

### **Library News**



291 AND *The Feminine Face of God: the Unfolding of the Sacred in Women*—"This is a book that invites women to define for themselves what is sacred, to find an indwelling source of spiritual sustenance in themselves."

253 HAL Charles Halley, author of *The Heart of the Matter; Changing the World God's Way*, "has the unusual ability to speak softly but boldly, simply but insightfully."

243 JOH *Body, Mind, Spirit* is a 30-day program to find healing within you.

610 REM *Kitchen Table Wisdom* explores the insights a doctor has found in her medical practice—one chapter at a time.

248.2 WIN *Girl Meets God*—The author was a devout orthodox Jew who found herself being chased by Jesus and converted to Christianity. This church book group Selection was the basis of one of their liveliest discussions!

Look for these in the library display-and help yourself! Instructions for borrowing materials are next to the card catalog.

## We Welcome *The Reverend Britta Dukes*

contributed by Faries McDaniel

On Sunday, April 13, 2008, Britta was ordained and installed as a Presbyterian minister of the Word and Sacraments. She became the third ordained minister on the staff of our church. A commission appointed by Mission Presbytery provided much of the leadership for this inspiring and exciting event. Other friends of Britta's participated as well, sharing music and reading Scripture.

The Rev. Kathy Anderson, Associate Pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church (Austin), preached the sermon for this special worship service. Our own Larry Coulter provided the prayer of ordination while many ministers and elders laid on hands for this special service of ordination.



From left to right: Sabelyn Pussman, Dana Boes, David Pussman, Britta Dukes, Julia Farrell

Following the service, delicious refreshments were available while the people of this church—along with Britta's family and friends—enjoyed a time of fellowship and visiting. For those of you who were not able to be present, remember to extend congratulations to Britta!

### **Presbyterian Investor Circle**

by Ron Miller

You may know that SHPC's mortgage for our current facility (excluding the portables) is with the Presbyterian Church (U. S. A.) Investment and Loan Program (PILP). Funds for the refurbishment of the church were obtained through PILP on July 24, 2003 when our existing loan was refinanced at a more reasonable interest rate. The lower interest rate reduced our monthly mortgage payment thereby permitting us to increase other programs for our congregation.

The mortgage contains a provision for further decreasing the effective interest rate when investments in PILP notes by our members on behalf of SHPC exceed various thresholds. As of this time, sufficient investments have been made to reduce the interest rate by 1.0% (the maximum under the program). Fourteen of our folks have invested along with the Synod of the Sun and SHPC in this program on behalf of SHPC. Additionally, a friend of our church has made a considerable investment in the name of our church. This brought the total investment to \$347,792.57. The rebate of interest this year was \$2,737.79.

Ownership of the investments made on behalf of SHPC remains with the investor. These are not gifts to the church, and the investments return a fair interest rate when compared to local market certificates of deposit. As an example, at the time this article was written, the fixed rate on a 24 month PILP term note was 3.0%, and adjustable rate term 24 month notes were earning 3.20%.

Investment in this program is a win/win situation in that it permits PILP to make low interest loans for new church development or refurbishment. These congregations repay the loans with interest which, in turn, provides you the investor a fair return on your investment. The remainder covers the operating cost of the program plus provides capital for future loans. Investors earn a fair return on their investment plus the satisfaction of knowing their funds are helping build Christ's church.

You too can join the Presbyterian Investor Circle. The month of June

has been designated as a special time when we will be providing additional information to facilitate interest in this important program. As we do this, we look forward to the time when we will be exploring interim construction financing for our first building on our new site. PC (U. S. A.) PILP may very well be our best bet for the best possible interest rate for such a loan.

Investment packets are available in the narthex or you may elect to request an Offering Circular directly from PC (U. S. A.). If so, e-mail Ben Blake at [ben.blake@pcusa.org](mailto:ben.blake@pcusa.org) or call (800) 903-7457, ext. 5865. You may also download the circular at [www.pcusa.org/pilp](http://www.pcusa.org/pilp)



# Children's Ministry News



Thanks  
for a great year

We are thankful for each and every servant below for the mentoring and leadership they have provided our SHPC family!

Our ministries wouldn't be the success they are without all of our amazing volunteers! We are grateful for all you do!

## The Ark & Up-Street

Kristin Aardema  
Valerie Aman  
Kim Arthur  
Matt Arthur  
Mary Aversa  
Jim Ayers  
Karen Ayers  
Billy Baschnagel  
Cindy Baschnagel  
Daisy Bates  
Tamara Landry Bell  
Denise Berry  
Rebecca Berryman  
Rhonda Biles  
Ben Boehman  
Greg Bourgeois  
Katy Bourgeois  
Eric Boyce  
Liz Boyce  
Abby Brady  
Mark Bridges  
Suzie Bridges  
Dan Brinks

## WHAT IN THE WORLD IS A FAMILY TIMES VIRTUE PACK?

Most parents want to raise children with good character and values. Many struggle to find the time and the means to get the job done. Where do you start? What do you say? How much time will it take?

FamilyTimes Virtue Packs are designed to help equip parents with easy to use tools to make the most of everyday moments together. This tool is based on the biblical model that teaches that the home should be the primary place where a child learns about God.

Here's what the Bible says to parents about teaching virtues to their children:

*"Impress them upon 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 6:7

FamilyTimes Virtue Packs provide activities to be used once a week during each of these four family times—MealTime, DriveTime, BedTime, and MorningTime. All of this is designed to give parents simple ways to

help their kids grow in faith and character.

This monthly resource focuses on the virtue being studied during the month in both UpStreet and KidStuf.

**Want to give Family Times Virtue Packs a try? We are now taking orders for a July-December subscription (6 months for \$50). Sample packs are available if you prefer to try one before ordering a subscription. Contact Britta Dukes at 892-3580, ext. 107 or [britta@shpc.org](mailto:britta@shpc.org) to order your copies today! Deadline for this subscription is May 30.**

## DEFINITION OF THE MONTH:

**The Ark:** This is our Sunday morning environment for preschoolers. In The Ark, we want our young ones to know that God made them, God loves them, and Jesus wants to be their friend forever. This is our opportunity to give every pre-

school child a first impression of God as a loving Creator.



## More Ark & Up-Street

Elizabeth Buffler  
Martyn Buffler  
Amie Chalberg  
Annette Chambers  
Bill Chambers  
Rachel Cloyd  
Lisa Crawford  
Steve Crawford  
Georgia Crawley  
Wayne Crawley  
Jenny Dietz  
Glenn Dukes  
Lesley Fields  
Luis Franco  
Michele Franklin  
Marcey French  
Andrea Gerlach  
Steve Gerlach  
Brenda Gonzales  
Liana Green  
Pam Gunter  
Amanda Hyde  
Warren Hyde  
Anne Kirsch  
Polly Kruczkowski  
Tracy Kuper  
Pattie Lawrence  
Kathy Lewis  
Tracy Lord  
Ann McDaniel  
Tita Maxwell  
Fran Miller  
Sandi Moehlman  
Laura Morales  
Richard Morales  
Muffie Peterson  
Eric Prosser  
Jenny Prosser  
Tracy Reeves  
Stacey Reynolds  
Kristy Ruiz  
Debbie Saul  
Kevin Saul

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## PATIENCE

WAITING UNTIL LATER FOR WHAT YOU WANT NOW

Judy Schroeder  
 Mark Schroeder  
 Sam Segura  
 Kimbol Soques  
 Marty Soques  
 Holly Spink  
 Troy Spink  
 Paul Stein  
 Ruth Stein  
 Marisa Stromberg  
 Rita Teague  
 Alex Valdes  
 Bruce Warren  
 Evelina Warren  
 Christine West  
 Jeff Whitmire  
 Dana Wilkes  
 Jackie Wilkins  
 Lynn Wright

**KidStuf Family Productions**

Al Addison: Sound Tech  
 Jim Ayers: Sound Tech  
 Denise Berry: Actor  
 Mike Brady: Actor  
 Suzie Bridges: Actor  
 Bill Brock: Comic Host  
 Larry Coulter: Good Book Look  
 Lisa Crawford: Actor  
 Steve Crawford: Actor  
 Wayne Crawley: Actor  
 Jenny Dietz: Hospitality  
 Lesley Fields: Tech  
 Bill Goodman: Host

**"Do I have what it takes to be a good parent?"**

This seems to be the question on the minds of many parents these days, but not everyone finds it easy to ask for help.

**That's why Les and Leslie Parrott have created this video-driven study called *Parenting: The Early Years*.** In this six session series, the focus is on more than any given technique or how to get kids to eat their broccoli and clean their room. It takes a Biblical approach into the traits parents want their children to have and what traits they want their children to see modeled in them.

This study looks at what it's like for married, single and blended families. Twenty families opened their homes and let cameras capture real-life parenting moments—both the joys and the challenges. Some of these are funny moments

and some are completely honest moments that every parent can relate to. We'll use these scenarios as a springboard for our own discussion and sharing together.

So, if you're a parent of elementary age children, expecting parents or even grandparents who are finding yourselves raising grandkids, this class is for you!

We'll be meeting **every Wednesday evening from 6 -7:30 p.m., from July 23 through August 27.** Workbooks Are \$8. Register at the Children's Ministry table in the narthex or e-mail Britta Dukes at [britta@shpc.org](mailto:britta@shpc.org).

Clem Hoffman: Chef  
 Warren Hyde: Tech  
 Rob Johnson: Director  
 Aimee Killeen: Music  
 Mike Killeen: Tech  
 Andie Kruczkowski: Hospitality  
 Polly Kruczkowski: Hospitality  
 Mary Helen MacAllister-Hospitality  
 Sid MacAllister: Hospitality  
 Don Nowakowski: Host  
 Chris Parsons: Actor  
 Diane Ramirez: Dance  
 Elizabeth Ramirez: Dance  
 Alexandra Ramirez: Dance  
 Cody Sandahl: Actor  
 Debbie Saul: Music  
 Alan Teeple: Comic Host  
 Jeff Whitmire: Actor

**Student Ministries**

Chris Gordon  
 Jim Immit  
 Lisa Zoshar  
 Lindsey Fetty  
 Bill Brock  
 Susan White  
 Max Roland  
 Sue Lagerquist  
 Wes Armstrong  
 Becca May  
 Tammy Boehman

**Preschool News**  
 We have openings for the 2008-2009 school year in our 3-year-old classes! The SHPC Preschool meets MWF from 9-1 during the AISD school year.  
 Also, we are looking to hire a **lead teacher for one of the 3-year old classes.** We offer paid training and our staff hours are MWF from 8:30-1:30. Salary depends on experience.  
 If you are interested in either (or both!) of these opportunities, call the preschool office at 892-7528.  
 —Pattie Lawrence, Preschool Director

**... And hurry up about it already!**



No, really, our next production is **May 21st from 6:30-7:15 p.m.,** when our KidStuf friends will try to figure out **PATIENCE.** Don't miss out on the fun and feel free to **bring a friend or two!**

Pizza dinner is available beforehand from 5:15-6:15 p.m. For more information, please contact Britta Dukes at 892-3580, ext. 107 or [britta@shpc.org](mailto:britta@shpc.org)

# SAM News (senior adult ministry)

## Senior Adult Retreat

submitted by Faries McDaniel



The Senior Adults of SHPC enjoyed a most pleasant and effective Retreat at Camp Buckner, April 8-10. All of the members of our SAM Council were actively involved in planning this Retreat and in leadership roles during the event—except that Bob and Bobbye Barker were unable to attend because of the illness of Bobbye's sister. Both of you were missed at Camp Buckner!

Many thanks to Sally Jo Elliott for over-all leadership of this special event!

We are most grateful to Pastor Larry for his superb leadership on "Our Legacy of Faith" with a special focus on the Apostle Paul's words: *"Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."*

There was just one disappointment with this Retreat: There were only 32 of us who participated. We regret how many of our Senior Adults did not receive the benefit and enjoyment that came from this inspiring and enjoyable event.

One year from now we would like to double our attendance at the next Retreat. What an excellent opportunity this will be to get better acquainted with one another, to have fun together and to grow in grace and truth through another excellent Retreat. We challenge you to let go of your personal hesitations and make plans to be a part of the 2009 Event. Council members will be contacting you as soon as the date has been set for 2009. Or, you can contact one of us on your own and let us know that you would like to participate in 2009.

Members of the Council are: Bob & Bobbye Barker, Jim Black, Harriet Cavness, Carol Cunningham, Sally Jo Elliott; Faries McDaniel, Ron & Trinkia Miller, Ruth Weese.



**'Groan'-Ups Games will be staged on Tuesday May 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. in Room 7. Come and join us to trust your luck as a winner on the 13<sup>th</sup> and to have a lot of laughs one way or another. Good fun! Refreshments are provided. RSVP to Jim Black at 892-2982 or [james7388@sbcglobal.net](mailto:james7388@sbcglobal.net) or just come on.**

## May Soup to Nuts Luncheon

The world around us is filled with the awesome creation of God. Creativity is part of the uniqueness of humanity which was endowed by our creator. Have you ever thought

about how to nurture your creativity? Come to the luncheon on May 20<sup>th</sup> and be inspired by a longtime National Geographic photojournalist. We hope you will find inspiration from this presentation that will help you see with new eyes.

Make your reservations for lunch by calling Carol Cunningham at 441-0854 or sending an email to [carol@shpc.org](mailto:carol@shpc.org). Be on the lookout for more information in the Sunday bulletins, online and in future emails.

**Date: Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 11:00 a.m.—1 p.m.**

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# more SAM News (senior adult ministry)

Mary-Martha Circle will meet Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 a.m. in Room 7. Our lesson is Number 16, "A Wife of Noble Character" from our study *Proverbs and Parables* and will be presented by Nita Snyder.

*All women are welcome!*

Following our meeting, we will enjoy a covered dish luncheon. The circle will then adjourn until September.

For more information, please call the moderator, Norma Burchard, at 394-0131.

The Golden Years Lunch Bunch will gather at 11:30 on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at the Texas Land and Cattle Steak House, 5510 S. IH 35 (Stassney & 35). For reservations, please call Sharon & Fred Rothert at 449-8970 by May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Fellowship Bridge Group will play the second Friday in May—the 9<sup>th</sup>—at 7 p.m. in Room 7. Barbara Challis will be our hostess. Please call Martha Meador (only) at 288-3341 by Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> if you would like to play.

Our April winner was Mary Dee Hamman.

Be transformed by becoming a part of the Christian fellowship of Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church. This luncheon is a prelude to the wondrous opportunities which will present themselves through cultural enrichment trips and speaker luncheons which are coming up in June, July and August. Also, don't forget we have a wonderful opportunity to connect with others at our awesome "Groan"-Ups Game day the second Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. It is the fellowship that binds us together in the body of Christ.

## Other Opportunities to Connect:

<b>Mary Martha Circle</b>	May 1st
Thursday 10 am–11:30 am	Portable B
<b>Golden Years Lunch Bunch</b>	May 10th
Saturday 11:30 am	
<b>SAM Council</b>	May 12th
Monday 10 am	Library SHPC

## RETIRED CHRISTIAN MEN'S ASSOCIATION

The Retired Christian Men's Association meets each second and fourth Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. in portable B. The association is established so that the retired men of our church may meet in fellowship to pray, hear a planned short devotional and discuss current events as they affect our church and the Christian community. This group is not limited to SHPC members only. You are invited to attend and bring along a friend.

For additional information please contact Ron Miller, 512-892-1862, or at [ronald.miller1333@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ronald.miller1333@sbcglobal.net). We plan to meet continuously through the summer. Where two or more are gathered in His name He is there.



## Thank you, IHN Volunteers!

*You have followed God's command and shown compassion for our brothers and sisters in their time of crisis. Several of you put in double or triple time! May God's blessings be returned to you. You all are an awesome group of volunteers!*

Thank you! Don Greathouse, Kevin Greathouse, Maria Tissing, the Guerney Family, Marsha Holt, Jane & Bill Hall, Jane Thompson, Caren Zysk, Denise & Brian Berry, Tommye Sprotte, Wayne Crawley, Griff

Griffith, The Sunday Night Group, Catherine Hilton, Sheryl Morgan, Deb Ballew, Harriet Cavness, Kim Sellers, Mara Karley, Monday Night Disciple 1 Class, Tary & Nita Snyder, Gene Wright, Ken Seiler, Tiffany Kepture,

Mondnea Dailey, Fran Miller, and volunteers from our supporting churches Faith Presbyterian Church and Abiding Love Lutheran Church

If we've missed your name or misspelled it, please let one of us know and we do apologize. Kim Grubb [k4grubbs@yahoo.com](mailto:k4grubbs@yahoo.com) /565-9485, and Sue Frye [sue.frye@frostbank.com](mailto:sue.frye@frostbank.com)/699-7315

# GUATEMALA MISSION since 1997

## **Katy's Story**

By Katy Floyd, participant on a 2007 Guatemalan mission trip

**A**s a fourteen-year-old girl, having the opportunity to go to Guatemala was an amazing, God-given blessing. The experience opened my eyes so that I could see God in a new light, a light free of the troubles and worries of my everyday life. It gave me a chance to encounter my God who is pure, beautiful, and full of hope and promise.

**O**ur group went to Guatemala with the intention of teaching Guatemalan pastors and school teachers about healthcare in the context of water sanitation. Each and every day, we had a lesson plan, whether it was a biblical skit, a craft, or a story to teach to the pastors and teachers. It was certainly awesome to see their reactions to some of the activities, but most of all, to see them truly learn and breathe in the information that they were being taught.

**A**side from helping to plan these lessons, I was assigned to the job of directing a video about water sanitation. This proved to be a very interesting task! Possibly the most fun and enjoyable part of the job was interacting with the Guatemalan "actors," which consisted of a family of a mother, her seventeen-year-old brother, and her three, five, and seven-year-old daughters. As I made a great effort to maneuver around

with the camera, I was surrounded by the laughter and smiles of these absolutely beautiful people. At the end of a long day of filming, I distinctly remember when, for the last scene, we needed a large bottle of water to use as a prop for "Usa esta agua," a song that the family would sing to describe when pure water is needed for everyday life. As we told the family that we needed this, they replied, saying that they knew where the barrel of water was to be found. At this, we followed them through the institute where we were working, up a flight of dark concrete stairs, and onto the roof of the building. Just when I thought that we had reached the spot of the bottle of pure water, the family pointed to a very rickety, old wooden ladder that led to the very top of the building, to the next level of the roof. "Oh no," I thought, "I will never make it up that thing with this camera equipment." But, of course, we accomplished the task of scaling the ladder, with the three gorgeous little girls and all, and made it to the top of the roof. As it turned out, the "barrel" of water that they had led us to was the water tank of the institute's purification system! Yet despite the funny misunderstanding, when I took the time to look up, my breath was completely taken away. I looked over the fields of crops, and could see for miles and miles of the rolling, green, luscious hills. I could see the

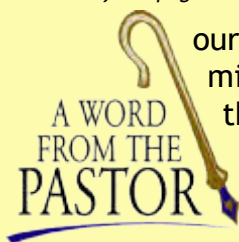
Name	Date	Location	Cost
Living Waters	July 2-9	Guatemala	\$800
Presby Partners	July 5-12	Maya Quiche	\$1,200

small house where my new friends, the family of actors, lived, just behind the institute. The sun peeked through the clouds and lit up the brilliant blue sky. This was surreal. This was God. This was one of the few times in my life where I forgot everything, and all I could see was the beauty of the world, and God working in it. And while I looked at the screen of the video camera, at the beautiful family in their radiant colors, singing our song, I couldn't help but smile.

**G**oing on this mission trip truly changed my life. Not only did I have the amazing privilege of experiencing the wonderful culture and dazzling beauty of Guatemala, but my relationship with God grew tremendously. The colors of the incredible dresses, sounds of the busy market streets, and faces of the stunning people will remain in my heart forever, but above all, that overwhelming feeling of love and magnificence of God will be with me for eternity.



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is heading up our new prayer ministry and in the fall we will put many of the plans in place. In the meantime, what should you do? Well, pray! Pray for our church, for our staff and leaders and members. Pray ultimately that we might be known as a “praying church.”

### Sabbatical

In May I leave on my sabbatical. I am so excited about getting away with my family and playing together. I am also excited about the things I will be studying as I wed together my former horticulture life and my life of theology and biblical studies. I hope you will be praying for our family and this time of refreshment and renewal. Here is a brief outline of some of our trips:

**June: Ft. Meyers, Florida**  
ECHO—an educational organization for third world agriculture  
[www.echonet.org](http://www.echonet.org)

**July: England, South Africa, Malawi**  
We will be visiting our sister church in Manyamula, walking the Cotswolds in England and playing with the penguins in South Africa.

**August: California**  
for the Presbyterian Global Fellowship

Between trips I will be working in my garden.

Thanks for this opportunity!

### Preaching this Summer

Bob Covington will be here the last of May and June. Bob is an old friend from Houston. He is newly retired from the First



Presbyterian Church Kingwood. He is a great communicator and you will be blessed by his love for the scriptures and his gracious walk with Christ.

In July, Mike and Britta will trade preaching tasks and will be walking us through the book of Philippians in a series called iLife.

In August we will have a variety of preachers including one of our own—Greg Heidel.

I hope you will make worship a priority—you will be blessed by the different voices as they open up God’s Word to us.

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- Michelle Craft & David Paniagua
  - 1 May Bill & Dorothy Stokes, Tim & Azam Waugh, Darren & Cassandra Stalbaum
  - 3 May Ron & Annie Ward
  - 4 May Will & Aimee Petty, Tom Nuckols & Sherine Thomas, Rachel & Jeff Cloyd
  - 5 May Kim & Larry Coulter
  - 6 May Sam & Erica Taylor
  - 8 May Eric Schultz & Liz Boyce, Clara & Bruce Oliver
  - 11 May Blair & Anne Streit
  - 12 May Ralph & Sarah Peters
  - 14 May Karen & Tim Wheeler
  - 15 May Marvin & Susan Sprouse
  - 16 May Tommie & Daisy Bates, Kelly & Brian Melnyk
  - 17 May Mark & Lauren Tarrant, David & Lisa Laird, Alfred & Rita Teague
  - 18 May Chris & Cheryl Olson, Tracy & Steve Reeves
  - 20 May Rob & Karen Johnson, Greg & Katy Bourgeois, Linda & Glen Vorwerk

- 21 May Laren & Debbie Schiller, Dale & Shannon Shumaker
- 22 May Allan & Margaret Fetty, Todd & Jeanne Thompson
- 23 May Lori & Pete Seiferth
- 24 May David Palmer & Linda Hargrove
- 25 May Jim & Karen Ayers, Sarah & Sean Gollhier, Bo & Dana Wilkes, Barry & Dayna Wallace
- 27 May Nick & Jessica Goulding
- 30 May Deborah & Wes Ballew



6 May Mal & Blanche Hunter

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- Grace Fowler
  - 1 May Maria Sato, Justin Wallace, Tison Palrang
  - 2 May Ken Johnson, Karen Harrington, Renee Philips, Glenn Dukes, Dayna Wallace, Carol Lee, Harrison King

- 3 May Clift Bowman, Diane Ramirez, Nick Goulding, Andrew Petty, Blake Ayers
- 4 May Mike Forsythe, Sarah Stranahan, Karen Ayers, Suzannah Land, Courtney Wilkins, Joey Killeen
- 5 May Hal Elliott, Tim Scott, Sheryl Morgan, Lisa Laird, Elizabeth Collins
- 6 May Barbara Ables, Debbie Chase, Mark Smith, Camille Philips
- 7 May Sharon Rothert, Jarrett Petty, Claire Gerlach, Abigail Bourgeois, Rachel Baschnagel
- 8 May Louis Mize, DonAnne Williford, Ray Litteaur, Devin Chalberg
- 9 May Connie Trevillion, Larry Coulter, Adam Prosser
- 10 May Marilyn Skannal, Sean Ayers
- 11 May David Howard, James Lee, Leslie Todd, Anna Floyd, Ethan Padovani
- 12 May Corinne Davis, Muffie Peterson
- 13 May Will Thomas
- 14 May Steve Donnell
- 15 May Kyle Folkers
- 16 May Ruth Weese, Marvin Sprouse, Wes Thomas

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## Got Debt? Try Milk!

**G**ot some debt you'd like to get rid of? Maybe some credit card debt that just doesn't seem to go away? Maybe it's even getting a little bigger and bigger each month?

**W**ell, I tell you what you do. First, get yourself some ice cold milk. Not cool, not just kind of cold, ice cold. Pour exactly 8.413 ounces into a glass. No more, no less. You can add a little chocolate or strawberry syrup if you like, but no more than .892 teaspoons.

**N**ow sit back and relax, slowly sipping that milk, savoring the wonderful flavor as it cools its way down your throat.

**W**hat's that you say? How is drinking milk, syrup or no syrup, going to help you get out of debt? Well, maybe it will help you relax a little bit and get realistic about how you're finally going to deal with your debt. Particularly if you find yourself thinking about trying one of those debt reduction programs being so heavily advertised these days.

**Y**ou know the ones I mean. Maybe it's a program that claims to have access to "secret programs that the credit card companies don't want you to know about" to reduce what you owe. Or maybe it's one that claims you have the power to "settle your debt for a fraction of what you owe—eliminating 40, 50, as much as 60%." Whoa! You got da power! You da man!! How cool is that?!

**B**efore you get all excited and call one of those companies, though, take another long swig of that milk, clear your mind and read my lips. There *ain't no secret programs!* And while

it's possible to get credit card companies to forgive some of your old debt, there are some serious side affects which don't get seem to get mentioned in the ads.

**H**ave you noticed that many of these ads want you to have "at least \$10,000 in credit card debt" to qualify for their program? That's because they want you to have enough debt to get the attention of the credit card companies. And guess what the first thing is that they will have you do? Stop *all* payments on that debt for several months! This is to get the credit card companies concerned that they won't collect any part of what they are owed. (Have fun watching your debt jump way up during those months!)

**O**nce they think they've got your creditors softened up, the debt reduction company approaches them with a deal. You agree to pay \$X of what you owe in exchange for the creditors writing off the balance. There's some back and forth, and finally an agreement is reached. A bunch of your debt is forgiven (never mind what you had to pay the company doing all of these good things for you), and you're in fat city. You think.

**B**ut guess what the creditors do then? First, they report the amount forgiven to the credit bureaus. Good-bye credit score! Forget about buying a house or car for a few years. Who's going to give credit to someone who's already stiffed at least one creditor? (Actually, someone might...but you won't like the interest rate you'll get!)

### ***You've Got Too Much Credit Card Debt If...***

(A couple of these is all it takes!)

You only make minimum payments.

You're trying to pay it off, but keep on using your credit cards anyway.

You're sometimes late paying other bills.

You're near or over your limit.

You don't know how much debt you really have.

You don't have any savings.

You take cash advances on your cards.

You bounce checks or get hit with overdraft fees.

You lie about your spending and/or debt.

Then the creditors will report the amount forgiven to the IRS. That's right...under current tax law, it's considered taxable income. So you'll have to pay income taxes on it. Yes, the taxes will be less than the amount of debt you would otherwise have had to pay, but it does reduce the "savings" you thought you were getting.

And all of *that* is assuming that the company is A legit. Some of them aren't. You end up with more debt than ever, and an even bigger hole in your pocket from the fees you paid.

N ow, I'm not trying to say you should never use one of these companies. But if you do, be sure you understand all of the consequences and take extreme care in choosing the company to work with. One more thing. You also have to decide whether or not walking away from debt is consistent with your Christian beliefs. But that, of course, is between you and God.

S o what's the bottom line? As much as you S might love for your debt to just disappear, there's no magic wand to wave and make it go away. Despite what the ads might have you believe. But there *is* a way to get rid of your debt. It's tried and true and works every time. It *improves* your credit score rather than hurting it, and there are no messy tax consequences. So pour yourself another glass of milk, sit back and relax while I tell you about it.

T he first thing you need to do is to stop using T your credit cards. After all, you can't get out of debt if you keep adding to it. So put your cards in a plastic container, fill it with water, close it up and stick it in your freezer. That way you won't be tempted to use them for any impulse or day-to-day purchases. But if a true emergency comes along, you can still get to them. (And no, a Starbucks craving is *not* a true emergency!)

N ow start reducing your spending and using N the savings to pay down your debt. Wait, what's that you say? You're already having trou-

ble making ends meet? There's absolutely no way you can reduce your spending any further?

I'll bet you're wrong. In fact, I'm willing to put I my money where my mouth is. (Yuck! Soggy money!!) Try this. Make a note of everything you spend for a month. I'm betting that you will find at least one area where you're spending more than you thought you were. There will also be a surprising amount of spending you won't be able to account for—the money will be gone, but you'll have no idea where it went.

A nd that will begin to tell you where you can A find the money to pay off your credit cards. If you try this and find I'm wrong, let me know and I will give \$100 to the Endowment Fund. But if I'm right, quit stalling and get serious about paying off your credit card debt. Like it says in Proverbs 22:7, "The borrower is servant to the lender." Quit being a servant!

F or more details on reducing and quickly pay- F ing down debt, check out my past articles on Getting Out of Debt on the SHPC website: [shpc.org/finance/budget\\_guy/bg\\_archive.php](http://shpc.org/finance/budget_guy/bg_archive.php)

W hat have you got to lose? Do you think your W debt's going to go away by itself? That your next raise or bonus is going to make everything okay? Quit kidding yourself—it's killing your future!

S o get busy and get it done. You can do it! And S any time you find yourself feeling like giving up, just pour yourself another glass of ice cold milk, sit back, close your eyes and drink to whatever success you've had so far. And don't forget, you're not paying interest on that milk!

I'm here to help you improve your financial life. It's free and confidential. Just call the Budget Guy, Allen Gunter, at 301-1246, or send an email to [BudgetGuy@shpc.org](mailto:BudgetGuy@shpc.org).

For a wonderful look at what the Bible says about money, check out the Crown Financial Ministries Small Study Groups. Contact Chris Gordon (484-1905; [cgordon1@austin.rr.com](mailto:cgordon1@austin.rr.com)) or Roger Wade (301-4921; [rcwactuary@austin.rr.com](mailto:rcwactuary@austin.rr.com)) for more information.

**Be there! Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> 6 p.m.!** Please join us for dinner on Sunday, May 4 at 6 p.m. as we recognize our SHPC high school graduates of '08. In addition to the graduates' families, **it is important for our church family to be there as well to celebrate this important milestone.** Dinner will be catered by the Olive Garden. Sign up at the table in the narthex, or by email at [shpcstudentministry@mac.com](mailto:shpcstudentministry@mac.com). Dinner is \$7.00, kids 10 and under are \$3.50.





# "M" Is For The Million Things She Gave Me

submitted by Allen Gunter, Endowment Committee

Mother's Day is just around the corner, and if you're looking for a special way to celebrate your mother, **how about a gift in her honor to the Caring Forever Endowment Fund?** Gifts to the Fund are invested, and only the earnings are spent. So your gift stays in the Fund forever, generating other dollars that are spent...to expand and enrich the mission and ministry of our church. And that means that the gift you make today will continue to honor your mother and help others years from now!!

Or you can make a gift in honor or memory of someone else...a spouse, a deceased love one, a dear friend, or perhaps simply in celebration of God's love and the gift of his Son, Jesus Christ. Just complete the form below and we will send a special note to the appropriate person to let them know of

your thoughtfulness and love. We even have a special Mother's Day card for your mother.

On Mother's Day, Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup>, the recipient(s) of the Caring Forever 2008 Award will be announced. Because of your past generosity in supporting the Endowment Fund, the annual award has grown to \$3,000. Please continue your support by contributing to Caring Forever 2008. Just be sure your check includes the note "Endowment Fund". If you'd like a contribution envelope, there are some in the narthex.

A generous man will prosper;  
he who refreshes others will  
himself be refreshed.  
—Proverbs 11:25

Have questions? Just ask an Endowment Committee member (Gaston Broyles, Beaman Floyd, Deb Fowler or Allen Gunter). Help us perpetuate the legacy God has given us through his Son, Jesus Christ.

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## Caring Forever 2008 Dedication Form

(Please Print)

This contribution is in  honor  memory of:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (This  is  is not my mother)

Please send an appropriate card to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

This contribution is being made by: \_\_\_\_\_

"M" is for the million things she gave me,  
"O" means only that she's growing old,  
"T" is for the tears she shed to save me,  
"H" is for her heart of purest gold;  
"E" is for her eyes, with love-light shining,  
"R" means right, and right she'll always be,  
Put them all together, they spell "MOTHER,"  
A word that means the world to me. —Howard Johnson



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- 17 May Tom Nuckols, Summer Whitten, Anthony Kirsch
- 18 May Helen Turrentine, Ruth Stein, Cathy Busse
- 19 May Linda Vorwerk, Jeff Elliott, Trevor VanOsselaer
- 20 May Lillian Moorman, Bear Wallace, Will Mattingly, Natalie Thompson, Nathan Thompson
- 21 May Ruth Olson, Mark Tarrant, Ben Boehman, Zach Reeves, Colson Farwell, Haydn Owensby
- 22 May Becca May, Alana Rooke, Caroline O'Leary
- 23 May Kim Klotz
- 24 May Raynell Barry, Mitchell Forsythe
- 25 May Brian Walsh, Alfred Teague, Jennifer Grance, Shawn McCoy
- 26 May Mal Hunter, Barbara Coleman
- 27 May Richard Nakamura, Marjorie Parmer, Chris Olson, Rhonda Biles
- 28 May Carolyn Deutsch
- 29 May Ann Hayes, Lynn Wright
- 30 May Junie Ledbetter, Matt Arthur, Brittany Baschnagel
- 31 May Luis Franco, Louis Owensby, Tory VanOsselaer



Add to your prayer list

**Joys** - John & Sandy Kaiser welcomed Kara Ellen Kaiser on April 18<sup>th</sup> by c-section at St. David's—Lindsey Starkjohann will graduate with honors, Dean's List, April 26<sup>th</sup>, from Concordia University with a BA in Elementary Education—Noah Killeen, first place and a savings bond in a patriotic essay competition—Dr. Lynnette Gillis, recent successful defense of her Ph.D dissertation—Paul Floyd, brother of Beaman, has returned from Afghanistan—Mark & Gita Mize welcomed John Pirro Mize on March 10<sup>th</sup>; John is the grandson of members Louis & Carol Mize—Sheila Killpack has returned safely from Iraq—Nathan Miller, son of Fran & Ted Miller, has returned safely from his 15-month tour in Afghanistan

**Sorrows** - Bobbye Barker's sister, Mary Faye Palmer, passed away April 18<sup>th</sup> of flu complications—Debra Klusmann (Mrs. Robert), sister-in-law of Dick Klusmann, passed away March 14<sup>th</sup>—Louise Waters, mother of Madeline Brock, passed away March 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Please pray for** — Caitlin Merrell, 12-yr-old niece of Greg & Dee Merrell, recently diagnosed with Crohn's disease—Meredith Ripple, supervisor of Barbara Guerrero, recovering from a recent near-head-on collision—Phyllis Dixon, mother of Karmen Miller,

hospitalized after suffering a fall—Trinka Miller, continued severe back pain—MSgt Charles Barclay II, friend of Doug Budd, and the 433rd Combat Engineering Squadron out of Lackland AFB—Sally Schilstra, changes of concern in her hip replacement—Marg Sue Owen, recovering from major surgery—Susan Klusmann, recovering from knee surgery—Sally Jo Elliott's father, Joseph Reno, hospitalized in Arizona but improving after suffering a fall—Tom Elliott, Hal's brother, diabetic complications—Gloria Drake's daughter, Liz, recuperating well following emergency gallbladder surgery—John Cason, friend of Tom & Jan Fiedler, waiting for a liver transplant—Carlen Floyd, recovering from shoulder surgery—Sally Schilstra's friend Valorie Eads and Valorie's sons Scott and Brent; Scott is already in Iraq and Brent will soon follow—Becca & Rick Smith, successful completion of Becca's pregnancy with twins; she is now on strict bed rest to avoid a recurrence of pre-term labor—Allen Riggs, brother of Jim Riggs, eye surgery—Carolyn Allen—Rosemarie Barnett's friend Joe Requejo Jr., suffering from kidney cancer—David Kluckhohn, recovering from heart surgery—Pastor Clement Munthali & the congregation of Manyamula Presbyterian Church—Pastor Chimwemwe Mhango and his family

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

Reese Killpack, friend of Farrah Stowe... James Ewing, friend of Junie & Gaston Broyles... 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... Clinton Purcell, Doug Budd's co-worker's son... Buddy Lopez... Keri Reeves, niece of Deb Fowler... Brian Szczepanek, nephew of Deb Ballew... Mark Karnauch, friend of Mario Andrade... Daisy Bates' nephew, Taiga Sevaaetasi... Dennis Low... Scott and Brent Eads, sons of Sally Schilstra's friend... Charles Barclay II, friend of Doug Budd, & the 433rd Combat Engineering Squadron...

# May

## 1 Thursday

- National Day of Prayer  
9:30 a.m. Mothers with Young Children (MYC) Devotional, rm 5  
10 a.m. Mary-Martha Circle, rm 7  
7 p.m. Disciple 3, library:: Book Group, room 7

## 4 Sunday

- SHPC Day of Prayer  
9:30 a.m. The Ark, UpStreet, NO Faithwalk  
11 a.m. The Ark  
6:30 p.m. **Graduation Dinner**  
Everlast Evening Fellowship

## 5 Monday

- 7 p.m. Disciple 1, library :: Disciple 2, portable B

## 6 Tuesday

- 10 a.m. Icing on the Cake, port. A

## 7 Wednesday

- 9:30 a.m. *Mark Manuscript Study*, portable B  
6:30 p.m. Evermore Evening Fellowship  
Foundations, port B.

## 8 Thursday

- 9:30 a.m. MYC Devotional, rm 7 :: Disciple 1, library  
10 a.m. Retired Men's Christian Association, port B  
7 p.m. Disciple 3, library :: Book Group, room 7

## 9 Friday

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

## 10 Saturday

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

## 11 Sunday Pentecost & Mother's Day

- Global Day of Prayer  
9:30 a.m. The Ark, UpStreet, Faithwalk  
11 a.m. The Ark  
6:30 p.m. Everlast Evening Fellowship

## 12 Monday

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

## 13 Tuesday

- 10 a.m. Icing on the Cake, port. A  
"Groan"-Ups Game Day, room 7

## 14 Wednesday

- 9:30 a.m. *Mark Manuscript Study*, portable B  
6:30 p.m. Evermore Evening Fellowship  
Foundations, port. B

## 17 Saturday

- 6:30 p.m. Eight Great Dates

## 18 Sunday

- Last day of school-year Sunday School – classes resume 6/1  
9:30 a.m. The Ark, UpStreet, Faithwalk  
11 a.m. The Ark  
6:30 p.m. Everlast Evening Fellowship  
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## 19 Monday

- 6 p.m. Summer Sunday School training, port. A  
7 p.m. Disciple 1, library :: Disciple 2, portable B

## 22 Tuesday

- 10 a.m. Icing on the Cake, port. A  
11:30 a.m. **Soup to Nuts**

## 21 Wednesday

- 9:30 a.m. *Mark Manuscript Study*, portable B  
6:30 p.m. **KidStuff!**  
Evermore Evening Fellowship  
Foundations, port B

## 22 Thursday

- 9:30 a.m. Disciple 1, library  
10 a.m. Retired Men's Christian Association, port B  
7 p.m. Disciple 3, library

## 25 Sunday

- 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. NO Sunday School  
6:30 p.m. Everlast Evening Fellowship

## 26 Monday

**Memorial Day**

## 27 Tuesday

- 10 a.m. Icing on the Cake, port. A

## 28 Wednesday

- 9:30 a.m. *Mark Manuscript Study*, portable B  
6:30 p.m. Evermore Evening Fellowship

## 31 Saturday

- 10 a.m. Bastrop BBQ Bonanza (Family Ministry Camp Day)

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