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Fall Kickoff

Join Us August 29 For Our Programming Roll-Out

ChristChurch will roll out its fall programming and activities on Sunday, August 29, from 9-10 a.m. in the Gathering Space.

"Church members of all ages are invited to join us for Fall Kickoff Day, a celebration and reminder that ChristChurch continues to be a vibrant community, with something to offer everyone," said Pam Stoops, chairperson of the Education Committee, which is sponsoring the event.

The theme for Fall Kickoff Day will revolve around the three G's of ChristChurch's vision: Gathering joyfully, Growing spiritually, and Giving passionately. Booths set up in the Gathering Space will have information and sign-up sheets for classes, fellowship events, mission opportunities, and our fall stewardship program. A light breakfast will be served.

"Planning is in full swing for this event," said Pam, "with the Vision Transformation Team assisting the Education Committee in regards to logistics, planning, and implementation. This will truly be a group effort, and we hope everyone will come by, have some breakfast, and learn about the opportunities for gathering, growth, and giving at ChristChurch."



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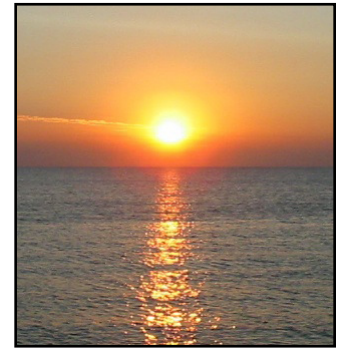
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Newsletter Deadline
August 16

Vision Statement:
*Trusting in God's guidance,
ChristChurch Presbyterian
invites all to join us as we
Gather joyfully,
Grow spiritually and
Give passionately
in service to Christ,
each other and our
community.*

A NEW DAWN

Rebirth and Reconciliation



My Dad used to say "It's not what you see, it's how you look at it." When I look at where we are in ChristChurch, I can't get that phrase out of my head.

Rather than play Pollyanna, let me say right now that I fully recognize these are difficult times. We have said good-bye to two beloved pastors who have meant so much to all of us. We have also lost our dear friend and Clerk of Session, Sidney Holderness. We are heading into a period of flux and change, conditions with which none of us are comfortable. It's easy to start comparing our conditions to Job and wondering which side was better off.

Before we throw ourselves headlong into the pit, let me please suggest a historical perspective. Julia and I joined Bellaire Presbyterian in February of 1990, just months after we moved here. We came because of a dynamic minister whose sermons were more challenging than any we'd ever heard. Less than two years later, the minister was gone, the church was embroiled in controversy and we were in despair!

Despite our despair, it was the dawn of new life in the church. Several months later, we had a talented interim minister who began a period of reconciliation and rebirth. He raised our spirits and taught us to make peace and recognize the best in each other.

Despite our current problems, I see parallels. We have begun a visioning process that is helping us focus on how to best live out God's will for our congregation. Even before we have an interim minister, we are organizing our summer programs around the theme "Summer of Love". These efforts are much more promising than what Julia and I were looking at in the early 1990s. See, it's not what you see, it's how you look at it.

By Elder Fred Cook

Mission to Haiti



On August 20, Woody Speer, Liz Gentry and Karen Perseley of our congregation will join nine other members (including Ashley Broadhurst) as part of a missionary team to install a clean water system in Limbe, Haiti at the Jela School and orphanage. During a July Moment for Mission there was a plea for funding for an additional 600 gallon raw water tank as well as for

educational material. The installed tank cost will run \$750 and the educational supplies \$200. So, I am asking those who feel called to donate to the Haiti mission fund with a target of \$1,000 to defray the costs of these materials. Any contributions in excess of those needed for the tank and supplies will be applied to the \$115 per month sustainability payments we will be sending

our Haitian partners. I would like to see us respond as a church to provide funding for the tank and supplies. If you can help, please make your check payable to: CCP with a notation for Haiti Water. Thank you in advance for helping Clean Water Flow! - Remi van Compernelle

To the Church Triumphant

"Death is swallowed up in victory ... Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Cor.15:54-57

A. Sidney Holderness, Jr.

As most of you know by now, our beloved member A. Sidney Holderness passed away on July 11, 2010. Sid was a faithful servant of our Lord as he also worked tirelessly for both ChristChurch and the Presbytery of New Covenant.

Sid returned not only to Houston 15 years ago, but also to Bellaire Presbyterian Church, where he had been confirmed and involved in the youth group, led by Elizabeth Robinson along with Ferne Scholl as a member. Upon his return, Sid threw himself almost immediately into church service. During the last 15 years Sid has served as clerk of Session (as long as memory serves, some would say), as well as on Session and numerous committees, constantly striving to exceed his duty as he saw it. When Bellaire began its investigation and eventual merger into ChristChurch, he threw himself into the vast work of analyzing and participating in the required steps to implement the merger. To quote Woody Speer, Sid did the jobs nobody else wanted to do and he loved doing them. Often behind the scenes, he took care of the details that would have otherwise dropped through the cracks, all the while guarding the well being of Christ's Church.

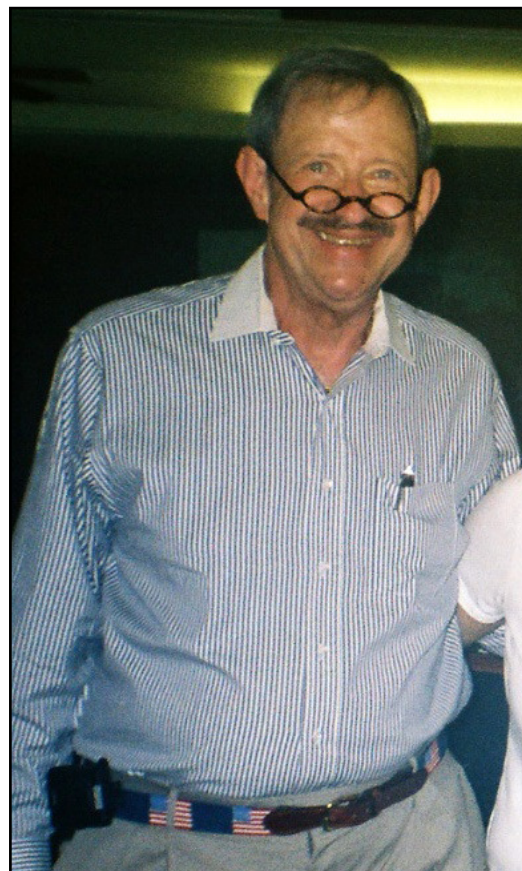
In addition to direct service to the Church, Sid helped numerous members of our congregation with their legal and personal needs. He always opened his house to

us, including entertaining us with his TGIF's the first Friday in November. Sid served on the Finance Committee and Administrative Division Steering Committee at Presbytery, as well as at least three Administrative Commissions, elected to work with specific churches.

Sid is survived by two very dear daughters, Claire and Julia, who live in New York and Massachusetts, respectively. A very proud father and grandfather, he was thrilled to get to know his son-in-law, Daryoush, and his grandson (Julia's son), Soroush, in his last years.

Not surprising to us, Sid was an accomplished attorney, having served as a partner at Milbank, Tweed in New York and at Andrews Kurth here in Houston. He was a proud graduate of Yale College and Yale Law School. He authored legal publications, was involved in numerous bar committees, and recently served as an adjunct professor at South Texas School of Law.

Sid was a conscientious and committed father, friend, elder and servant. He will be sorely missed.



Sid Holderness at the July 4th celebration



Harriet Bowen Ward

Long time Bellaire Presbyterian Church member Harriet Ward (94) passed away Sunday, July 4. Harriet was a librarian at the Bellaire Library for 22 years before retiring in 1986. She is survived by a sister, Helen Higdon, and two daughters, Barbara Crabtree and Jane Shaw; two granddaughters, Kristen Anderson and Melissa Brown; three great grandchildren, Kenzie and Dawson Anderson and Calvin Brown. Our prayers go out to the Ward family.

Transition News

Pastoral Care Coordinators

While our church is without a pastor, please contact one of the following people who have kindly volunteered to coordinate pastoral care with caregivers and ministers.

The church office staff is also available to help. Please contact Sondra Tucker at the church office 713-667-6574 or on her cell phone 281-610-4422.

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713-552-9066 (Home)
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On Call Schedule

Aug. 1 - 7 Liz Gentry
Aug. 8 - 14 Barbara Buckley
Aug. 15 - 21 Sue Cox
Aug. 22 - 28 Bob Reed
Aug. 29 - Sept. 4 Barbara Yantis



Transition Team

During the interim period, the following folks will provide leadership regarding the daily decision-making at ChristChurch. Don't hesitate to contact any of them if you have questions or concerns.

Woody Speer	Sue Cox	Craig Wooten	Ed Janes
John Becker	Pam Stoops	Roger Tucker	Aileen Fleming
Amy Gremillion	Remi van Compernelle	Homer Borgstedte	Rev. Lynn Hargrove

August Birthdays

1	Lucy Etse	15	Rosaline Masango	28	Keith Hopkinson
2	Betty Lamb	15	Ronyo Obou	28	Eileen Simons
4	Annie Laurie Richardson	16	Karen Cook	29	Joan Borgstedte
5	John Hellings	16	Bill Gribble	30	Terry Whaley
7	Dick Akkerman	16	Mike McMahan	31	David Nicholson
8	Liz Gentry	20	Jane Dodge		
9	Brad Boyce	20	Koby Scher		
9	Frances Freeman	23	Pat Decker		
9	Patricia Harris	25	Karen Anderson		
9	William Seward	26	Anne Janes		
11	Alex Schroller	27	Susan Materie		
14	Melanie Becker	27	Beatrice Mayadas		
14	Garrett Horst	27	Clel Ruppert		



Music Notes

Voices



What makes a person join a choir? I mean, really. Wednesday night, Sunday morning, Wednesday night, Sunday morning. For the rest of your life, of course, because everyone knows that once the choir sinks their claws into you and if you ever sing with them just once, that they will suck you in and you will never be able to escape.

You'll have to ask the choir members what they think, of course. I can only speak for myself. But I have to say, that my experiences making music in the widely varied settings that I have been fortunate enough to be a part of, have been among

the most richly rewarding experiences of my life.

I believe that there is something supernatural in the sharing of music-making. The memory of it is sustaining, both in the musical memory and the personal memories of the friends that were there. There is a holy link carried on the mists of remembered song that unite the souls of those who sing together.

I'm waxing philosophic as I write, because tonight our choir's light shines a little more dimly. We lost a voice in the song tonight. Our friend Sid is now singing in heaven's choir, back there in the bass section. I be-

lieve that Sid sang in the Yale Glee, an ensemble that I was privileged to hear sing a year ago at a choral convention. Superb musicians.

Sid was an immensely talented man, a teacher, a philosopher, a caring person who loved our church and who loved our choir. And we loved him. And we'll keep on singing, for him and the others who have gone before us. And when our time comes, perhaps a choir will sing us across that divide.

Sondra Tucker

A poem by Jane Griner, music by Dan Gawthrop:

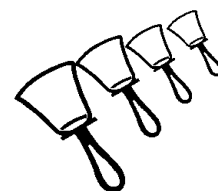
In my heart's sequestered chambers lies truth
stripped of poets' gloss.
Words alone are vain and vacant and my heart is
mute.
In response to aching silence, memory summons
half-heard voices
And my soul finds primal eloquence and wraps me
in song.
If you would comfort me, sing me a lullaby.
If you would win my heart, sing me a love song.
If you would mourn me and bring me to God, sing
me a requiem.
Sing me to heaven.
Touch in me all love and passion, pain and pleasure.
Touch in me grief and comfort, love and passion,
pain and pleasure
Sing me a lullaby, a love song, a requiem
Love me, comfort me, bring me to God
Sing me a love song,
Sing me to Heaven.

REGULAR CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME

At 7pm on Wednesday, August 11, the Chancel Choir will be getting back into the rhythm of regular rehearsals. The choir is open to all youth and adults – no audition required.

HANDBELL NEWS:

You know it looks like fun, right? You've even said so, we bet. Well, it IS fun, and we've got room for a few dedicated souls. You need to know how to read basic notes and rhythms. We'll teach you the rest. Rehearsals will resume on August 25.



Are there youth out there interested in forming a short-term bell choir? Rehearsals could be arranged at a mutually convenient time. In fact, the whole enterprise could be custom-fit to the needs of the participant.

Contact Sondra Tucker with your questions and suggestions.

KIDS CHOIR

The Young Singers', for elementary-age children, will be starting up after Labor Day. Stay tuned for updates about the fall season.

Adult Ministry

2010 Session

ChristChurch Presbyterian

Class of 2010

Jay Bole, Judy Bucher, Liz Gentry, Karen Persely, Pam Stoops, Remi Van Campenolle

Class of 2011

John Becker, Amy Gremillion, Priscilla Kennedy, Woody Speer, Roger Tucker, Craig Wooten

Class of 2012

Homer Borgstedte, Sue Cox, Brad Eaves, Aileen Fleming, Rebecca McMahan

Clerk of Session

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Moderator

Lynn Hargroves

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Friday Night Bridge

The church bridge group will meet on Friday, August 20 in the home of Jo Chelf at 7:00pm. Contact Sue for info at 713-774-6915.

Congregational Meeting

Join us Sunday, August 15 following worship for a congregational meeting to select members of the Nominating Committee.

Better Bunch

Mark your calendars with these dates for the Better Bunch bus trips for the remainder of 2010 - September 9, October 20, November 3, and December 15. Details for the trips are being planned and will be announced and posted in the Gathering Space. Join us and bring a friend.

Music Ministry Opportunities

Please see page 5 Music Notes for music ministry opportunities including adult and kids choir as well as hand bell rehearsals.

Other Activities

The Ladies' Book Club, Men's Breakfast, TGIF and Parent's Night Out will resume in September. Please go to www.ccpres.org for the most current information regarding these activities.



August Worship Calendar



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- 1 Rev. Carol Burgeson
Member at Large -
Presbytery of the New Covenant,
Cypress, TX
- 8-29 Rev. Diane Prevary
Stated Clerk -
Presbytery of the New Covenant,
Willis, TX

Lay Leader Schedule

- 1 Rebecca McMahan
8 Amy Gremillion
15 Laura Shely
22 Janice Schessler
29 Wendell Hearne

Meet the Rev. Diane Prevary and Jim Bushong



The Reverend Diane Prevary will be our guest minister on the second through fifth Sundays in August. She is the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of New Covenant and a Parish Associate at First Presbyterian Church in Huntsville. Joining the Rev. Prevary during worship will be her husband, Jim Bushong, a U.S. Army retired colonel. Jim will conduct our Time with Children message on the

Sundays that Diane preaches.

The Bushong/Prevary team has been helping ChristChurch for more than two years in our visioning process, and they continue to support us during this time of transition. If you don't already know them, please introduce yourself to Diane and Jim.





Get Ready for the Garage Sale on October 2 Start Cleaning out Your Closets and Garages!

Remember, one man's trash is another man's treasure. With that in mind, ChristChurch will host a Garage Sale the first Saturday in October.

This is a mammoth undertaking,

and each Thursday from 9:00 am to noon we will be sorting, pricing, and boxing garage sale donations in Room 4 of the West Wing.

Items may be dropped off on Thursdays to room four, or at anytime to

the church office.

Any and all help will be appreciated.

For more information, please contact Sue Cox or Barbara Buckley.

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