



October 2008

## Sunday Night Live October 19, 2008



### A service of Healing

Our offering during this service will be unique. We are asking everyone to purchase latex rubber gloves or Nitrile exam gloves, Non-powdered, in sizes Medium and Large. Our offering is intended to support healing work and will be given to the Legacy Founder's Cottage to support the healing work they do with people living with HIV/AIDS.

Healing means so much more than recovery from physical pain or sickness. Sometime healing is spiritual, or emotional. At times, it can be repair of a broken relationship or new understanding of personal woundedness. During this intimate service, we will be exploring the variety of ways God desires to move us toward healing and wholeness. We will be looking at the scriptural practices of anointing with oil and the laying on of hands . Where do we get these and what is their significance in our community today? There be prayers for the sick, prayers for those in healing professions, and prayers for our community.

The church potluck will begin at 6:00 pm in the activity center. Please bring a dish to share. The Healing service will begin at 7:00 pm in the chapel. Please be praying in advance of this event that God will be present with us, that we may learn and grow together as a community, and that lives will be touched. You may want to invite a friend, especially those in healing occupations; nursing counseling, healthcare.

A Message from Pastor .....

### Healing Up

My hand is healing up quite nicely from the accident last month. It is a thing of the past until I look at it, then I am painfully reminded of its freshness. So it is with the process of healing. It is not a quick process nor does it completely leave us without reminders. That is the case whether we are healing physically, emotionally, or spiritually. As I contemplate further on my upcoming cancer surgery, I find myself dreading the, soon to come, huge scar down the middle of my torso. But I was reminded again this morning that scars can be symbols of life. They are badges of honor when they remind us of the triumph of life over death. They remind us that we are still alive.



When the risen Jesus showed His hands and feet to Thomas, He said, "Put your finger here, see My hands. Reach out your hand and put it into My side. Stop doubting and believe." Jesus showed His scars to Thomas so that Thomas would believe that He did indeed die, but more importantly that He was alive through the power of the resurrection. Jesus was not at all ashamed of the scars because they meant life, eternal life. So in my musings this morning over the scar on my palm and my upcoming scar on my abdomen, I have had to shift my thinking from dread to expectation of being healed up. My prayer is for healing, my hope is to have another scar to wear as a badge of life. Sometimes it is easy to be caught up in the immediacy of the emotional, physical or spiritual pain, and the fear of the ugliness of scarring, that we loose track of the ultimate goal of being healed, which is to be fully alive.

I want to live. I want to be fully alive. That is what I want for myself, and that is what I want for you. I want you to live. If you are in the middle of something incredibly hurtful, incredibly painful, my prayer for you is that you will not be overwhelmed by the pain and the dread of the scarring and remember that in Christ we have hope, for the same power that enabled Him to show Thomas His scars is the same power that resides in me and you who place our faith in Him.

October 5, 2008  
 Philippians 3:4-14  
 "The Joy of Knowing"  
 Dr. James P. Walker

October 12, 2008  
 Philippians 4:1-9  
 "Agreeing in the Lord"  
 Pastor Marianne Munde

October 19, 2008  
 I Thessalonians 1:1-10  
 "The Model Church"  
 Pastor Vivian Davis

October 26, 2008  
 I Thessalonians 2:1-8  
 "The Child-like Church"  
 Pastor Douglas Shaffer

### October "Dates and Information"

October 1	Policies and Procedures Meeting	October 12	Couples Planning Meeting
October 1	Choir Council Meeting	October 18	Friends Board Meeting
October 4	Facilities Meeting	October 19	Prayer Committee Meeting
October 4	Outreach Committee Meeting	October 20	Finance Committee Meeting
October 5	Pasta with the Pastors	October 15	Church Council Meeting
October 11	Worship Committee Meeting	October 16	Communications Meeting
October 12	Education Committee Meeting	October 22	Personnel Meeting
October 12	Nominating Committee Meeting	October 24, 25	Deacon's Retreat
October 12	Women's Ministries Meeting	October 26	Deacon Ordination

Note: Meetings are subject to change. Please check with your committee chair if there is a question.



Renovation Committee

## Renovation Update

Over the past month, three images have been seared into my mind:

- Pastor Douglas shaking an etch-a-sketch
- Pastor Jim setting a fire during his sermon
- Pastor Douglas hopping around like a lunatic as he imitated the Chinese Olympic ping pong team

(If you have absolutely no idea what I am talking about – then you need to show up on Sunday mornings – you won’t regret it – we are having some incredible times in the Lord.)

To the outsider, this may seem more like what you would expect in a mental hospital rather than a Church. To those of us who are believers...these are powerful messages:

- Be transformed
- Be focused on the things of true worth
- Be ready

These three messages get directly to the heart of what this Renovation effort is all about:

We need to shake the etch-a-sketch of our minds and clear the preconceived images of what this facility is and how we use it. We need to transform our thinking – moving from what is here today to what needs to be here in the future to be able to support our mission

We need to stop worrying about the trivial things and focus on those things that are of eternal worth.

What are those things that we need to do that will help bring people to Christ? What are those things that will help nurture new Christians and grow those people who are already believers?

We need to be ready. Things are going to happen quickly. We will need to be flexible. We won’t all have the opportunity to approve every decision. We need to be open as the Lord guides those people that the Church has appointed to shepherd this project.

In Christ,  
Paul

### Monthly status update

Accomplishments	Next Steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Completed basement abatement</li> <li>◆ Established new storage areas for drama and worship / flowers</li> <li>◆ Completed all Fire Marshall related projects (under budget)</li> <li>◆ Completed acoustical assessment of sanctuary</li> <li>◆ Completed GC walkthrough</li> <li>◆ Completed Architect walkthrough</li> <li>◆ Completed survey data cleansing and segmentation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Finalize phasing</li> <li>◆ Determine appropriate reallocation of funds to immediate projects</li> <li>◆ Complete comprehensive assessment of HVAC</li> <li>◆ Get quote on cubicle refurbishing</li> <li>◆ Complete acoustical design</li> <li>◆ Finalize survey presentation</li> <li>◆ Present update to Congregation (including reallocation, funding reallocation, and concept narrowing)</li> </ul>

## I've got good news and I've got bad news....

Ever heard that comment before? I certainly have. And, that is my treasurer's report to you this month.

First, the good news!!

After the first eight months of this year, our expenses are under budget by just over \$XX. With the exception of three line items, every expense category is under our budgeted projections. And those three areas that are over budget are all very small amounts—literally just a few hundreds of dollars. We all owe a great deal of honor and thanks to our staff and volunteer leaders for their strong stewardship efforts.

But, the bad news...

As of the end of August, our income from tithes and offerings is below budget by more than \$XX. Now looking at these two amounts, you're probably thinking what is the problem? If we have reduced expenses, doesn't that offset our deficit in revenue? The answer is yes, today. But the potential bad news is our projections for the remainder of the year don't look so rosy, as our income has been declining over the past several months. And, if this trend continues, we could find our financial position at year end less than desirable. The projections indicate that we could incur a deficit of more than \$XX for the year. Now don't panic. We currently have over \$XX in reserves to cover this potential deficit. But that is not how we want to spend our reserves or how we want our financial plan to end the year.

We all recognize that the current economic conditions in our country are volatile. Many of us are concerned about our individual financial future. However, God has promised us great rewards for our commitment to Him. This is a time for all of us to renew our spiritual and financial commitment to Him and our church for the blessings He will pour out on all of us.

It has been my overwhelming pleasure with great humbleness to serve as your treasurer over the past two years. We have made great strides in improving our overall financial position and making many needed and important improvements to our campus while openly communicating our finances with each of you. I have great confidence that Rick Marshall, our new treasurer, will continue to provide you with up to date information about our finances.

As I have stated to all of you during my term—and I continue to promise the same—if you have any questions about our finances or if you would like to learn more about the blessings you'll receive by happily giving to our church, just let me know. I'll be happy to talk with you and pray with you about your financial commitment to our wonderful church.

David Gibbons  
Church Treasurer

### Prayer Ministry

Please remember our Committee groups for October's prayer focus:



- ◆ Worship
- ◆ Prayer
- ◆ Couples
- ◆ Special Services


















The Prayer Committee has created a colorful bookmark for the month of October that includes a prayer for all of these committees and ministries. If you didn't receive a bookmark in morning worship, you can pick one up in the parlor.

“ Pointing People to  
Jesus through...

REACHING TEACHING  
CELEBRATING SERVING

Please join us to celebrate of the ordination of our new deacons in morning worship on October 26.

If God may be leading you to minister to our infants and children on Sunday mornings, please see Education Chair—Kirsten Fleenor or Pastor Douglas for details.

					
	Oct. 2	Harry H			
	Oct. 3	Elena P			
	Oct. 4	Buck B			
	Oct. 4	Deno B			
	Oct. 4	Kenny N			
	Oct. 5	Lori J			
	Oct. 8	Sis P			
	Oct. 9	Bernie S			
	Oct. 10	Michael H			
	Oct. 12	Ed B			
	Oct. 14	Christy K			
	Oct. 15	Don B			
	Oct. 16	Vivian D			
	Oct. 16	Cherie J			
	Oct. 18	Nikki R			
	Oct. 20	Troy G			
	Oct. 20	Daniel J			
	Oct. 22	Helen J			
	Oct. 26	Scott B			
	Oct. 26	Pastor Walker			
	Oct. 31	Mark W			
					
					
					
					
					
					



BLACK TIE DINNER, INC.

Ticket sales have begun! Please see the sign-up sheet in the parlor for advance ticket sales.

As beneficiaries, we will need to sell a minimum of 4 tables for the event on November 22, 2008. Tickets are \$300.00 to this premier event of the year.

We will also be selling raffle tickets for a 2008 BMW 128i convertible. Raffle tickets are \$100.00 and can be obtained from Pastor Douglas or any Friends board member.

We will also need TONS OF VOLUNTEER HOURS! - both throughout the months ahead, and the week-end of the Dinner in November. If you can be "on-call" to assist with stuffing envelopes for a mailing, or would like more information about the variety of volunteer opportunities available, please e-mail or call Pastor Douglas ([douglas@whiterockchurch.org](mailto:douglas@whiterockchurch.org) or 214-320-0043 ext 29) for further details.

*Please remember, every ticket sold to the event or the raffle, every hour of volunteer time have a direct impact on the amount of funding White Rock Friends will receive after the event. So please start saving your money and making your time available to participate in this exciting event.*





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Church Office Hours  
10 AM to 4 PM  
Monday through Thursday

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214-320-0043

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Worship and Study Schedule  
Sunday Bible Studies 9:00 AM  
Sunday Worship 10:45 AM  
Children's Worship 10:45 AM  
Wednesday Bible Studies  
10:00 AM  
7:30 PM

Friday Night Home Bible Study  
2nd & 4th Fridays at 7:00 PM

Sunday Night Live!  
All church Potluck and innovative  
Worship Program; 3rd Sundays at  
6:00 PM

Pasta with the Pastors  
1st Sundays after church  
Choir Rehearsal  
Wednesdays 7:30 PM

*For more details on any of the events listed  
please call the church office.*



White Rock Friends

214-324-1193  
General Store Open  
1st, 2nd, 3rd Tuesdays & Saturdays  
10 AM to 2 PM  
Lunch Served  
1st, 2nd, 3rd Saturdays  
10 AM to 2 PM  
Clothes Closet  
1st & 3rd Saturdays  
11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

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Senior Pastor	Dr. James P. Walker
Associate Pastor WRF Administrator	Douglas Shaffer
Assistant Pastor	Marianne Munde
Assistant Pastor	Vivian Davis
Pastor Emeritus	Dean Bishop
Administrator	Shawn Casaba
Executive Assistant	Linda Watson
Choir Director	Ken Dover
Pianist	Antoine Spencer
Organist	Charles Bridges
Sound Technician	Lori Martin
Webmaster	Laura Doscher