



Common Ground

“Pointing People to Jesus through Reaching, Teaching, Celebrating, and Serving.”

“God’s Open Door”
White Rock Community Church
Celebrates 17 Years of Ministry
Sunday, June 15, 2008

White Rock Community Church will be celebrating its 17th Anniversary on June 15th. We will also celebrate the completion of our E100 Scripture reading program. Our anniversary theme, **“God’s Open Door”** is taken from our last E100 reading in the third chapter of the book of the Revelation verse eight: “I know your deeds, see, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut.”

In this Scripture the Lord Jesus is commending the church in Philadelphia for their patient endurance and commitment to Him. In response to their faithfulness, the Lord has promised an open door that no one can shut. During our anniversary worship service we will be offering to the Lord our thanksgiving, remembering the years of endurance and commitment of our people to the White Rock mission to point People to Jesus. We will be looking into our future with confidence that Lord will indeed be opening doors for us.

Our celebration continues after worship with a cookout including hamburgers, hot dogs, Potato salad, baked beans and corn on the cob. We ask the all members contribute to the lunch by bringing their favorite dessert!! Following lunch, we will hear a presentation on the results of our “3 Days in the Belly of the Whale.”

This year we will have the 2nd annual “Amazing Race” on the grounds. Patterned after the television show, this race is filled with scriptures and challenges and tons of fun. So come prepared for food and fellowship, inspiration and fun.



Friday night, May 30TH, **PRAYER VIGIL** for all church members.

We will spending time in prayer from 6-10 p.m. Feel free to come to the chapel during this time period to offer up prayers for God’s guidance and blessing in our listening process. There will be pastors available leading prayers and being willing to pray with you. Prayer helps will also be available. Stay a short time or a long time, but come pray with us.

A Message from Pastor Douglas.....



Over Memorial Weekend, I was in Phoenix attending the 20th national conference of The Evangelical Network (known as T-E-N). I had been invited to present a seminar titled “How to begin an HIV/AIDS ministry in your Church.” The reputation of the work that White Rock Friends has done for 16 years has reached far beyond our local community. I was invited to share ideas and give inspiration, throughout the weekend; however, I received more inspiration than I could have ever anticipated. The conference theme was “Commemorate & Celebrate” and there were informative panel discussions regarding the history Christianity in the GLBT community over the last couple of decades, there were people preaching about where we are today, and most importantly, where we, as a movement are headed. I was inspired over and over again by a diversity of voices, gay and straight, and the unique ministries God has called individuals to fulfill.

June 1, 2008
 2 Timothy 2:1-15
 “Paul to the Leaders:
 Good Soldiers of Christ”

 Dr. James P. Walker

June 8, 2008
 1 John 3:11-14
 “The Apostles’ Teaching:
 Love One Another”

 Dr. James P. Walker

June 15, 2008
 Revelation 3:7-13
 “The Revelation:
 Messages to the
 Churches”

 Dr. James P. Walker

June 22, 2008
 Romans 6:1-11
 “Get a New Attitude”

 Dr. James P. Walker

June 29, 2008
 Romans 6:12-23
 “Free At Last”

 Dr. James P. Walker

I could not help think about God’s work at White Rock Community Church over the last seventeen years. As we celebrate our own anniversary this month, it is a time for us to reflect on our rich heritage, celebrate our dynamic present, and do all we can to align the heart of our community of faith with God’s will for our future. I think of those people who came before us, whose vision and faithfulness began this amazing place. I rejoice for the current family striving together to honor God. Most of all, I think of all those who have yet to experience God’s healing love when they encounter it in this community. June 15th is our anniversary date, and this year, we conclude our journey through the E100 scripture readings. What an amazing way to prepare ourselves for the future! I think of Luke 12:48 “...And from everyone who has been given much shall much be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more.” Journeying with all of you could not make me more excited about what God has in store for us in our future.

Blessings to You All,
 douglas



THE WOMEN'S
 CHORUS OF DALLAS

Please invite a friend
 to come and hear our
**Special Musical Guests in
 Sunday Morning Worship
 on June 8th!**

June Dates and Information

- June 1 Pasta with the Pastors
- June 1 Personnel Committee Meeting
- June 4 Choir Council Meeting
- June 4 Policies & Procedures Committee Meeting
- June 7 Facilities Meeting
- June 7 Worship Committee Meeting
- June 7 Outreach Committee Meeting
- June 8 Nominating Committee Meeting
- June 8 Women’s Ministries Meeting
- June 8 Couples Planning Meeting
- June 15 Anniversary Celebration
- June 15 Prayer Committee Meeting
- June 15 Education Committee Meeting
- June 16 Finance Committee Meeting
- June 18 Church Council Meeting
- June 19 Communications Meeting
- June 21 Friends Board Meeting
- June 25 Deacon’s Meeting
- June 25 Personnel Meeting
- June 29 Quarterly Congregational Meeting

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

THE WIDOW'S OFFERING

Learning that how we give is just as important as how much we give

In the 12th chapter of Mark we read the following passage about giving.

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

From this passage, there are two wonderful lessons learned.

First, the value of the widow's offering was not determined by the amount of the offering. The text says that the wealthy gave large amounts, but the widow's offering was of much higher value because she gave all that she had. It was a very costly sacrifice for her. Note that Jesus did not say she put in more than *any* of the others, he said she put in more than *all* the others. We cannot all give as much as others may, but it is important to remember that each sacrifice we make in our giving is of great value to God.

Second, the text says Jesus "watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury." Jesus observed the people as they gave their offerings, and he watches us today as we give. If we give with a stingy heart toward God, our offering loses its value. Further the text tells that the rich "threw in" their offerings, further indicating that they gave carelessly with no thought. The widow carefully "put in" her offering. Jesus is more interested and impressed by how we give than what we give. Giving is meant to be a joyful expression of thanks from our heart, as we read in the ninth chapter of II Corinthians, "Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

When we truly recognize all that Jesus has done for us, our offerings will flow freely from a heart of gratitude.

If you would like to know more about how you can help support White Rock Community Church and its ministries or if you have questions about how our funds are used to achieve our mission of pointing people to Jesus, please let me know. I'd be happy to visit with you.

David Gibbons
Church Treasurer

Education Committee

The Education Committee decided to increase the number of Children's classes due to the increased number of children. The breakdown is as follows:

- 0-2 Toddlers/Nursery
- 3-4 Pre Kindergarten
- Kindergarten-Second Grade
- Third Grade—Fifth Grade
- Sixth Grade and up

The increased number of classes means we will need an increased number of teachers, especially for the elementary grades. Please prayerfully consider being part of our children's lives and guiding them in the way of the LORD.

This change will take place the Sunday after Labor Day. We will have a celebration and certificates as the children pass to the next level.

On Sunday June 8 in morning worship, our current elementary children will present their memorized Beatitudes. Please join with us for this very special occasion and presentation.

Our emergency Food closet is running low on canned meats, (tuna, chicken, etc.) soups, and ready to eat foods like stews or pastas. Peanut butter, jelly, and canned vegetables are always needed as well. Donations may be left in the kitchen down the hall from the parlor.

Prayer Ministry

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



- ◆ Education
- ◆ Nominations
- ◆ Personnel
- ◆ Missions

The prayer committee has created a colorful bookmark for the month of June that includes a prayer for all of these committees and ministries. Our hope is that you use it as a place keeper for your daily E100 readings and take a minute each day to join your heart in prayer with our whole faith community. Copies are available in the parlor.



June 1	Rodney S	June 14	Chris M
June 2	Jan B	June 16	Marvin G
June 2	Gregg G	June 16	Terry C
June 3	Katie W	June 20	Keith B
June 6	Rachel M	June 22	David B
June 7	Donnie June 8	June 23	Micheal H
	Kersten F	June 23	Ann P
June 8	Lewis F	June 29	Diana M
June 11	Jackie R	June 29	Pam H
June 12	Denita M	June 30	Tom S
June 13	Doug L		



BLACK TIE DINNER, INC.

Black Tie Dinner, Inc chooses White Rock Friends as a beneficiary for 2008!!!

Once again, our Friends ministry has been chosen to partner with the annual BTM event and to be a final beneficiary of their fund raising efforts.

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 weekend 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 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.

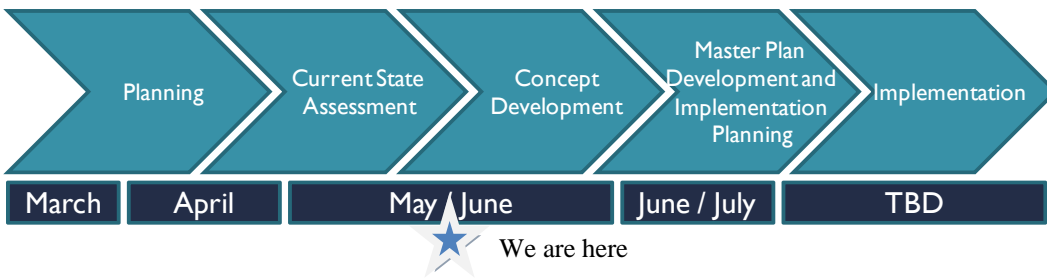
Renovation update

Philippians 4:6&7, Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Things continue to move along with the renovation planning. We've completed assessments of the facilities and have a good understanding of what repairs and maintenance need to be done. Now we can get estimates to develop a maintenance and repair budget. Then we'll be able to identify other projects that might be incorporated into the master plan.

Please continue to pray for the Lord's guidance in this process.

Master plan development update



Accomplishments	Next Steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Completed current state assessment of facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Conduct survey of the Congregation regarding renovation issues ◆ “Dream Retreat” ◆ Develop space usage requirements and complete space planning

“Quick wins” update

Accomplishments	Next Steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Cleared out majority of the West Wing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Complete work required for fire department inspection ◆ Receive office AC quotes and replace unit and ducts



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Church Office Hours
10 AM to 4 PM
Monday through Thursday

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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

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 3 Tuesdays & Saturdays
10 AM to 2 PM
Lunch Served
1st 3 Saturdays
10 AM to 2 PM
Clothes Closet
1st & 3rd Saturdays
11:00 AM to 2:00 PM



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Interim Choir Director	Ken Dover
Sound Technician	Lori Martin
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