



Common Ground May

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

May 17th Missions Workday at the **Legacy Founders Cottage**...meet here at the church at 9:00 am

The Legacy Founders Cottage is a residential home selected by our Missions committee to be one of the organizations we support with our resources: money, time, skills and love! Founded in 1996 by the Legacy Counseling Center, its mission is “to provide comfort and care to individuals critically ill



We have identified 5 major projects we want to complete on May 17, we need all levels of skill from dry-wallers to door hangers, support people to sweepers! We are organizing teams to tackle different projects, and the sign-up sheet is in the parlor or e-mail the project coordinator at harryhunter@tx.rr.com.

For Repairs:

- White Paint for trim
- Brushed paint trays
- Blue Painter’s tape
- Weather stripping
- Dead bolt locks for exterior doors
- Interior door locks
- Energy efficient light bulbs

For Home décor:

- (new or gently used)
- Floor lamps or table lamps
- Artwork for bedrooms
- Curtains, drapes and rods (solid colors)
- Flowers, trellis, brick pavers for walkways
- Garden art
- Garden furniture; chairs, small tables, umbrella or picnic table

For needed improvements:

- Security System
 - Motion sensitive exterior lights
 - Garden solar or torch type lights
 - Shelving for storage in garage (specific type and size needed)
 - Bathtub
- Gift cards to Lowe’s, Home Depot or Wal-Mart are also the perfect contribution that can be used to cover any need! You can give these to Pastor Douglas or



3 Days in the Belly of the Whale May 30-June 1, 2008

“But the Lord provided a great fish to swallow Jonah and Jonah was inside the fish three days and three nights.” Jonah 1:17

While in the belly of the whale, Jonah prayed to the Lord. In his prayer he praised the Lord for bringing him up from the pit, he realized anew the call he had on his life and he offered a song of thanksgiving and a promise to serve the Lord. A lot went on inside that fish during those three days.

The congregation of White Rock Community Church will be having our own belly of the whale experience at the end of May. It will be a time of prayer, a time of listening for and realizing anew for the call of God on us. It will be a time of celebration and rededication as we seek to dream and set goals for our ministries.

A Message from Pastor.....

The Prayer of Doing

There is always something to do, or shall I say that needs doing. It seems like the coming of spring brings not only all the beautiful fresh greens and blossoms but it brings yard work, garden planting, weeding, etc. some of these things we enjoy, but others are not so much fun. Whether they are fun or not fun, things need doing. Whether we dread them or not some things need to be done.

Next week I have to go to MD Anderson for testing and cancer treatment options. I am a bit tired already as I anticipate the trip. But I need to do something because there is at least one “weed” growing in the “flower garden” of my body that needs removing. Whether it is the removing of weeds or the removal of cancerous growths, sometimes something un-fun needs to be done. So we need to find the energy to do these things.



The great encouragement for me is that, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!” When I begin to feel a bit tired or frustrated by my current health related disruption in my life, I pray this “Prayer of Doing”, and I feel a resurgent sense of purpose and energy. So if you are facing a daunting task or just trying to gather up energy to pluck some weeds from your flower garden pray the “Prayer of Doing.” Trust me it works!

May 4, 2008
John 20:19-31
“The Cross of Christ:
The Resurrection”

Dr. James P. Walker

May 11, 2008
Acts 2:1-21
“The Church is Born:
The Day of Pentecost”

Dr. James P. Walker

May 18, 2008
Acts 16:16-34
“The Travels of Paul:
Missionary Journeys”

Dr. James P. Walker

May 25, 2008
Galatians 5:16-26
“Paul to the Churches:
The Fruit of the Spirit”

Dr. James P. Walker

May Dates and Information

May 3 Facilities Meeting
May 3 Worship Committee Meeting
May 3 Outreach Committee Meeting
May 4 Pasta with the Pastors
May 7 Choir Council Meeting
May 7 Policies & Procedures Committee Meeting
May 11 Nominating Committee Meeting
May 11 Women’s Ministries Meeting
May 11 Couples Planning Meeting
May 17 Friends Board Meeting
May 18 Prayer Committee Meeting
May 18 Education Committee Meeting
May 18 Sunday Night Live
May 19 Finance Committee Meeting
May 21 Church Council Meeting
May 22 Communications Meeting
May 28 Deacon’s Meeting
May 28 Personnel Meeting



Please note:

**The Women’s
Ministry Retreat,
scheduled for May
17th & 18th has been
Postponed.**

May 1	Asia J
May 1	Jason B
May 3	Tom W
May 9	Lori M
May 11	Arthur M
May 14	Pattia B
May 14	Kathi M
May 14	Sid H
May 15	Larry H
May 17	Reneé G
May 19	Vernon B
May 24	Larry D
May 25	Marianne M
May 25	Don J
May 25	Sharon W
May 25	Stacy O
May 26	Michael F
May 27	Bill P
May 28	Melissa H
May 29	Joan N
May 29	Brandi B
May 30	Mel J

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Friday night, May 30TH, we will be spending time in prayer from 6-10 pm. 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.

Saturday, May 31st, our Church Council members, deacons, and staff will be meeting from 10-12 in a time of reflection on what the Lord has done through our ministry over the past six years and then time will be spent in developing goals for our future in the areas of our mission to Reach, Teach, Celebrate, and Serve. If you are a member of our leadership team, please plan on being with us for this very important time. Lunch will be provided on site.

Sunday, June 1st, we will celebrate together in worship, sharing some of the goals we are going to ask our congregation to consider setting for our future. There will also be a time of corporate rededication to our mission to: Point People to Jesus through Reaching, Teaching, Celebrating, and Serving. Please plan on taking part in some or all of these activities. It is important that we have as much involvement as possible.



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.

If you would like to participate in worship by reading scripture or offering prayer during community prayer time, contact Pastor Douglas or Linda in the office.

“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 and we will be looking into our future with confidence that Lord will indeed be opening doors for us.

Worship will be followed by a congregational chicken lunch with all the wonderful side dishes that our people can provide. There will be other activities during our afternoon together including a presentation of the results of our “3 Days in the Belly of the Whale”, a fun Amazing Race, and a make your own ice cream sundae bar. Please plan on celebrating with us on June 15th.



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 BTB 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

Prayer Ministry

Please remember our Committee groups for May’s prayer focus:



- ◆ Special Services
- ◆ Renovation Committee
- ◆ Outreach
- ◆ Music

The prayer committee has created a colorful bookmark for the month of May 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

Sunday Night Live
May 18th - 6:00 pm

Representatives of our ministries will be sharing with us goals and opportunities in
Reaching ~ Teaching ~ Celebrating ~ Serving.
Come join us for a meal and fellowship.



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!

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.



Renovation Committee Update

A dream deferred?

The first Common Ground article regarding the, then, relocation effort focused on the story of Jesus walking on water in Matthew 14 and posed the question, “did you ever consider that Jesus knew he was sending the Disciples out into a storm?” They were buffeted by waves and tossed around on the sea, but God used that experience to reveal the Lordship of Christ to them.

As we went through the process of planning for the relocation, we came upon some storms. We had been dreaming of how our anticipated relocation would allow us to further the ministries that support our obedience to following the Great Commission of our Lord to spread the Good News. As a body of believers, we invested an enormous amount of time, energy, hope and expectations in our relocation effort.

Even though we were disappointed when the relocation didn’t happen, praise God, we know the dream is not deferred. Our Lord has plans for us. We may not understand them but we know that God knows what is best and that his plans are greater than we can even fathom. The God we serve is a God of power...a God of hope...a God of the future...and a God who above all wants us, as his children, to trust him and follow his will because he knows what is best for us and will bless us for being obedient to his will. It’s a promise from God: “I know the plans I have for you. Plans to prosper you and not harm you, Plans to give you hope and a future.” (Jeremiah 29:11)

Great spiritual growth occurred as we went through that process and those storms; we grew closer as a church family; and above all we stayed focused on God’s will instead of the disappointment.

We now have a new and exciting opportunity to renovate and revitalize where we are. We have a dedicated group of people who are focused on aligning those activities with the mission WRCC has covenanted with God to support the Great Commission we have been given.

The original guiding principles still apply:

- Every decision made and every action taken must bring glory to God and must support the Great Commission given to us by Jesus.
 - Every activity will support the four pillars of WRCC’s mission:
 - Reaching
 - Teaching
 - Celebrating
 - Serving
- We must remain united as a Body of Christ and we will do so by focusing every discussion and decision on the Lord and holding each other responsible to only do those things that bring glory to God and support the Great Commission.

Over the next few weeks, we will be putting together a master plan for renovation of the current Garland Road campus. This will include both the “must do” repair and maintenance activities and activities that will enhance the campus and allow us to better support our mission of “reaching, teaching, celebrating and serving”. The Activities will be prioritized according to their level of support of the mission pillars. While, strategic, long term planning will be the focus and the master plan will take a while to develop, key maintenance / repair and “low hanging fruit” projects will be completed along the way.

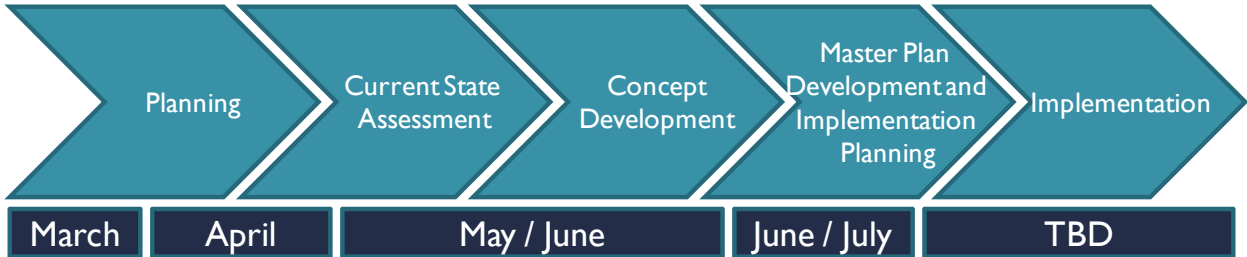


Renovation Committee Update

Each month in the “Common Ground” there will be an update on the master plan development progress. There will also be an update regarding the “quick win” projects completed.

Master plan development update

Below is the approach and timing for development of the master plan.



We are here

Implementation of the renovation activities will be phased so we won't have a good idea about what that schedule looks like until we are farther along in the planning process.

Accomplishments	Next Step
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Established master plan development approach ◆ Defined working team structure ◆ Established initial communication vehicles ◆ Compiled list of needed maintenance and repair activities ◆ Developed a “renovation survey” to solicit input from the Congregation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Survey ◆ Facility assessment ◆ Requirements development

“Quick wins” update

Accomplishments	Next Steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Repaired roof above small kitchen in the office / chapel area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Repair ceiling (once verified there are no roof leaks) in the small kitchen

What to expect next

You'll soon see a survey coming out to gather your thoughts and input, email updates, a renovation website, and many other communications. You may also see volunteer opportunities to help with some of the “quick win” projects as we progress.

This is an exciting time for WRCC, and we are all so enthusiastic about the work before us. Please keep the Renovation Committee, the Staff, the Church Council, the Church Committees, all of the volunteers, and the entire Church body in your prayers.



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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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