



Common Ground February 2008

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



Education Essentials

The E100 Bible studies, in support of the Scripture reading program begin this month!

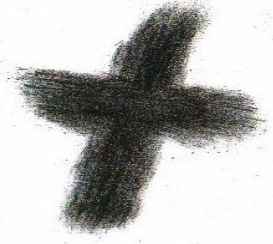
If you have not already signed up for a particular group feel free

to drop in and get involved. Many of groups that have already been meeting are transitioning to study the E100 texts, and there are some new opportunities as well.

- ◆ Wednesday Studies with Pastor Walker at 10:00 am and 7:30 pm
- ◆ Lourdes' and Jerry's studies Sunday morning at 9:00 am (childcare provided)
- ◆ The brown bag lunch study—bring your lunch every other week, meets immediately after morning worship with Pastor Vivian February 10th and 24th (childcare provided)
- ◆ Pastor Marianne and Sharon's Friday Night Home Study, (2006 Dripping Springs, Forney, TX 75126) 7:00 pm February 8th & 22th
- ◆ Pastor Douglas and Daniel's Friday Night Home Study, (8616 Charing Cross Lane, Dallas, TX 75238) 7:00 pm February 1st & 15th

The staff and education committee are committed to providing a time for everyone and childcare for the Sunday studies so everyone has an opportunity to join in this powerful experience in God's Word. If you have specific questions about a study, please contact Linda at Admin@whiterockchurch.org and she can forward your question to the appropriate study facilitator.

Ash Wednesday
Service with the
disposition of ashes
February 6
6:30 pm



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It's more than it ever was before!

Have you been to our website lately? Laura Doscher and the communications committee have been working to make the website your number one resource for information about the church. You can still listen in on sermons, and find information about our church's ministries and great information on homosexuality and scriptures...but you can now see the church calendar that lists all the special events and committee meetings often months in advance!

Along with the cost saving distribution of the Common Ground by E-mail, you will also find much of the Common Ground content integrated on the Website. There are also many resources to support the Essential 100 Scripture reading program, from information on Bible study, to Pastor's weekly E100 message, and the specific calendar of readings along with some study questions to prompt your reflection on the readings.

So make sure to add www.whiterockchurch.org to you favorites list, and click on it often for information and inspiration!

A Message from Pastor.....

Romans 8:28

I received a Blackberry response to an e-mail that I sent to one of our members this week. The response was simply, "Romans 8:28". Talk about a picture being worth a 1000 words. That simple elegant response was worth at least that many words to me. My e-mail was in regards to the ongoing unfolding of our relocation process. Our fellow member's response summed it all up for me.



From the very beginning of the relocation process we have continually prayed and proclaimed our confidence and trust in the Lord for His will for us. Along the way we have been given cause to applaud and thank the Steering Committee and the Relocation Committee for their excellent work in guiding us and serving us. Along with their dedication and fine work, we have experienced along the way a continual positive spiritually mature response from our congregation including last Sunday's congregational meeting. All that has happened to this point has just reinforced my belief in the truth of Romans 8:28:

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

So whether we relocate or stay in our present facility the Lord has already worked out this whole process for the good because he has grown us spiritually and communally. For that I praise Him and I praise you His people for truly being disciples of Christ. Amen!

February 3, 2008
Genesis 3:1-7
"In the Beginning:
The Fall"

Pastor Douglas Shaffer

February 10, 2008
Genesis 33:1-11
"The Patriarchs:
Jacob and Esau"

Dr. James P. Walker

February 17, 2008
Genesis 41:14-32
"The Story of Joseph:
Prison and a Promotion"

Dr. James P. Walker

February 24, 2008
Exodus 14:9-16, 21-22
"Moses and the Exodus:
Crossing the Red Sea"

Dr. James P. Walker

February Dates and Information

- Feb. 3 Pasta with the Pastors
- Feb. 3 Education Committee Meeting
- Feb. 11 Nominating Committee Meeting
- Feb. 10 Women's Ministries Meeting
- Feb. 17 Prayer Committee Meeting
- Feb. 17 SNL Drama Presentation
- Feb. 20 Church Council Meeting
- Feb. 21 Communications Meeting
- Feb. 18 Finance Meeting
- Feb. 27 Deacon's Meeting



Prayer Ministry
Please remember our
Committee groups for
February's prayer focus:
Relocation, finance and
church council

February Birthdays

- Feb. 1 Alicia B
- Feb. 2 Pam H
- Feb. 4 Deanna L
- Feb. 5 Scottie B
- Feb. 6 Mary L
- Feb. 7 Matthew S
- Feb. 10 David G
- Feb. 11 Gabe S
- Feb. 21 Jill U
- Feb. 21 Douglas S
- Feb. 21 Diana D
- Feb. 22 Fred T
- Feb. 23 Tye W
- Feb. 24 Vince G
- Feb. 25 Daniel R



*"I will sing to the
LORD, I will sing;
I will make music to
the LORD..."*



Judges 5:3, NIV

Now Is The Time!

If we believe that God places within our church community the people we need to fulfill the missions of our ministries; that would mean there are several Sopranos and Altos sitting in the pews, who should be sitting in the choir loft! Whatever you're hesitations or objections, they've all been voiced before;

"I haven't sang in choir since school"

"I can't read music"

"I'm fine in the shower, but I'm not good enough"

"I just don't have the time"

The reality is, the time commitment is from 7:30 to 9:00 pm for Wednesday rehearsals and arriving at 10:00 am on Sundays to prepare for morning worship. There are people in our choir of all levels of music reading ability (some none at all), and Antoine elevates the musicianship of everyone as they come together and prepare to lead our congregation in worship and inspire our members through song. Many of our faithful members experience the same midweek drag that often happens; but Wednesday rehearsals become a time that lifts the spirit and the support of the choir family is a definite blessing.

Choir can be a wonderful shared activity for partners as well---giving couples a unique opportunity to be involved in ministry together! So if we believe that God provides the people we need, then some of you who just read this, have been thinking about joining choir already. Now is the time! It won't hurt you to come next Wednesday and give it a try...(Tenors and Basses, there is always a chair for more of you too!)

White Rock Friends News

The Friends Ministry has experienced a successful year in 2007. This success came as a result of the strong commitment to volunteering by many members of our congregation. We are also grateful to our community partners who believe in the work we are doing and are generous with their financial support. DIFFA Dallas and the Black Tie Dinner are two organizations that provide major funding, and present unique opportunities for volunteering. These organizations hold a variety of events throughout the year that fuel their fund-raising efforts, and they depend on our support throughout the year to make their events successful.

One such event is coming on February 23. The DIFFA Dallas Annual jacket collection will be held at the Wyndom Anatole Hotel. We will need over 20 volunteers to assist with the Designer Denim Jacket Auction, serving as registration and informational hosts, and assisting to provide dinner for the models and volunteers. Each person's gift of time has direct impact of the funding we receive, and involves our people in one of the biggest social events of the year! Ask any of the people who volunteered at the Jacket collection last year---it is a blast!

So if you've been wondering how you can support White Rock Friends with your involvement, whether it's volunteering on a Tuesday or Saturday or would like join the group volunteering with DIFFA on February 23, please contact Ken at volunteers_wrf.yahoo.com to let him know of your interest or availability of to get more details.

The WRF clothing closet is looking for warm clothing for our clients! Even though we are no longer accepting donations for rummage sales, our need for clothing is constant. We have a pressing need for men's clothing; your gently used sweaters, coats and jeans especially. So please do your spring cleaning a little early this year.

