

Community of Christ

North Houston Happenings

September 29, 2005

The theme for this Sunday is "Press On"

Onward
Now and tomorrow

Press on – What a timely topic. In light of the natural events we have experienced in the last month, what a better concept to consider as we "press on" in our lives.

Pressing on; - what does this mean to you? Is it moving forward? Is it keeping the faith? Is it keeping the hope? Never giving up? Is it an overwhelming concept at times?

As humans we encounter events on an almost daily basis that could derail us and keep us from pressing on. What keeps us pressing on? Is it our faith in God? Is it our faith in our parents? - In our spouses? - In our friends? - In our church? – In ourselves? – Our stubbornness? - Our pride? – Our sense of adventure? – Our compassion for others? – Our need to rise up to the next challenge? – Our fear of failure? - Our hope in a new beginning or resolution? What is it for you?

In the scriptures, we are given examples of Jesus "pressing on"

- Feeding the multitude
- Curing the sick, the blind, the lepers, the cripples
- Confronting the Pharisees
- Providing an example to His disciples
- Understanding the less fortunate, the woman at the well

What kept him "pressing on"? Did He ever grow weary and tired?

Even Jesus would need to spend time in prayer and contemplation to rejuvenate Himself so He could "press on"

What do you do to rejuvenate yourself so that you can keep "pressing on"?

Focused on the Goal

12I'm not saying that I have this all together, that I have it made. But I am well on my way, reaching out for Christ, who has so wondrously reached out for me. 13Friends, don't get me wrong: By no means do I count myself an expert in all of this, but I've got my eye on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward--to Jesus. 14I'm off and running, and I'm not turning back.

15So let's keep focused on that goal, those of us who want everything God has for us. If any of you have something else in mind, something less than total commitment, God will clear your blurred vision--you'll see it yet! - Philippians 3: 12-15 – The Message

LOTS GOING ON AT NORTH HOUSTON!!!

Read below for more info.



Interfaith Ministry of Houston

Join the Pasadena Congregation for a faith tour! Saturday October 8th from 10am to 3pm. Through the Interfaith Ministry of Houston the group will be touring a Buddhist Temple, Hare Krishna house of Worship, and then end at an Islamic Mosque. While with the Buddhist, we will have pastries and tea. While with the Hare Krishna we will have a vegetarian lunch. There is a \$5.00 charge at the Buddhist Temple, and no charge for the lunch. Please contact Jonathan Coit at 'havepeacenow@yahoo.com' if you would like to attend.

TEXAS MEN'S RETREAT



October 14-16, 2005

Guest Ministry: Otis Harding

Livingston Mission

Theme: God Has Chosen You

Contact David Siddall at 281.353.1433



3rd Annual HOT Golf Classic

Saturday, October 22nd, 2005 at Clear Creek Golf Club 3902 Fellows Rd., Houston, TX 77047-6702

Who to Contact For More Information About: HOT – Carole Caesar (713)812-1741, The Tournament – Diane Wilson (281)337-7411, Clear Creek Golf Course – Pro Shop (713) 738-8000



World Religions Event

Will be held at the Pasadena Congregation on October 28 - 30. More information to follow.



'Vibrant Witness: Who me?' Workshop

President of Seventy John Wight will be in our Mission Center November 12 - 13 to facilitate a Workshop titled 'Vibrant Witness: Who Me?' The Fairbanks Congregation in Houston has graciously agreed to host this event. John Wight, President of the Seventy and assigned to our Mission Center, will present a workshop on a "Vibrant Witness" at Fairbanks. There will be a small supply fee – approximately \$15 - \$20 payable on the day of the workshop. The Bauman Road Congregation will be serving a meal at lunch time as a fundraiser. Please plan on staying and sharing a meal with John and support the Bauman Road Congregation. We will need an approximate count of attendees so that there will be sufficient supplies.



Psalty's Funtastic Praise Party

Is still scheduled to take place on January 14 if all goes as planned. We still need children!!! Plus some adults to help chaperone, build sets, and etc. We need one person from our congregation (one person from each congregation in the Mission Center) who would be willing to go over the music and the words with the youth at their congregation in-between meetings and rehearsals. Sherry will be hosting meetings one time a month or every 6 weeks to rehearse as a group and of course this would be more often the closer the program gets. Please contact Sherry Caesar at 281-345-8344 or 281-300-1225 if you have any questions. This should be a fun and great youth event that you will want to make sure that your youth participates in. *Parent volunteers are always appreciated.*



[Items needed for costumes and sets are attached.](#)



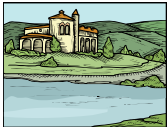
October Birthdays

- John Brosemer 10/1
- William Hall 10/7



DON'T FORGET

- Please review the prayer list in the Sunday bulletin. If you have added someone to the list please update someone on the Church Leadership Team with any new information and current status of the prayer concern. Please contact Church Leadership Team if you wish to add/remove someone from the list. Pray that we will recognize what we can and should give and be able to give freely with love and joy.



CALENDAR & MISSION CENTER NEWS

- The Coastal Bend Mission Center is proud to announce that the Coastal Bend web site is up and running! You can visit the site at www.coastalbendmc.org <<http://www.coastalbendmc.org>>