

# Community of Christ

## North Houston Happenings

October 13, 2005

The theme for this Sunday is "God Has Chosen You"

Your choice  
Offers me opportunities to  
Understand Your will.

"God has chosen you." That means that He chose "me". Think about what that means. Many times we do not personalize what this means. We think of other people or groups as being chosen; but this also means ME!!!

In order to "choose me" He must know me. Consider just that thought and what it means.

Consider how many people attend our congregation. How many of these people do you know? Consider how many people our in your family - extended and close? How many of these people do you know? Consider how many people live in Houston? How many of these people do you know? Consider how many people live in the United States, the Western Hemisphere, or the world. How many of these people do you know? Yet God knows each one of us by name. WOW! I cannot remember my close friend's name half of the time!

What does "chosen" mean? If you look up the word in the dictionary, being chosen is defined as being the object of choice or of divine favor: an elect person. Selected from or preferred above others: *the chosen few*- Having been selected by God; elect.

What a great honor it is to be "chosen"!! I am special. I am looked on with favor. I am preferred. I am choice. Wow!! Sounds great doesn't it.

However, after I got over the "big head" of being "chosen", I started to think about what this really meant. Being "chosen" is a great thing, but being "chosen" also carries responsibility. Why am I being selected and set apart? How am I to behave and conduct myself to maintain a "chosen" status? Does chosen mean that I am "in like flint" and will always be in favor?

How many times have I thought - I am not going to do that - No one else is. It is not my job or my deal so I do not have to worry about it. Who me? You have got to be kidding. - I do so much and everyone else just rides one my coat tails. Why don't "they" start doing something?

Not nice thoughts are they. Not thoughts of a "chosen" person. They appear to be more of a judgment of others than a focus on what I must do. How many times have I judged instead of focusing on what I need to be doing in my life? I was not placed here to judge, but to live a life pleasing to Him. In the end, my judgments will count for nothing and His judgment will be final and binding. God will make the selection.

He chose me. The honor of choice bestowed upon me compels me to look at myself and my life and evaluate it. It compels me to look at my relationships and my goals and evaluate them. It also compels me to look at my purpose and determine what it is and look to see how it intermeshes with His purpose. He chose me even when I know that at times I am unlovable and unworthy. So now does this mean that I too must also love those that are unlovable and unworthy in my eyes? That is a tough one if we were to be truthful.

It seems to me, that in being chosen, I have been gifted and tasked. Gifted by his love and salvation and tasked to be more like Him.

He chose you too. What do you think about that?

## LOTS GOING ON AT NORTH HOUSTON!!!

Read below for more info.



### 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



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual HOT Golf Classic

Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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



### Pasadena Turns 50!!!

Pasadena will be hosting it's 50th Anniversary Celebration October 22-23. The schedule is as follows:

#### Saturday

4:30 pm - Gather at the Church

5:00 pm - Dinner

6:30 pm - Sharing about the past

8:00 pm - Service of Reminiscing

#### Sunday

10:00 am - Worship Service (President Dave Schaal sharing the message)

12 Noon - light lunch (to eat there or on the road)



### 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.

The times for the class are: 7 PM -9 PM on Friday the 12th and 9 AM - 5 PM on Saturday the 13th at the Fairbanks Congregation. Lunch will be provided for a good will offering by the Bauman Road Congregation on Saturday.



**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



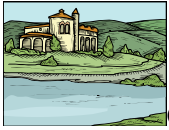
### October Service Schedule

October 16	Presider—Jimmie Radliff	Speaker—Dorothy Hibbard
October 23	Presider—Bob Turner	Speaker—David Siddall
October 30	Presider—Mike Turner	Speaker—Carol Nelson



### 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) <<http://www.coastalbendmc.org>>