

**Community of Christ**  
**North Houston Happenings**

**November 1, 2005**

**LOTS GOING ON AT NORTH HOUSTON!!!**

**Read below for more info.**



**'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 lunchtime 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.

**UPDATED TIMES** The times for the class are: 9 AM – 5 PM on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> and 11AM on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> with preaching by President of Seventy John Wight at the Fairbanks Congregation. Potluck lunch to follow after service on Sunday.

**UPDATED INFO** Joanne will be ordering books on November 1st so if you plan on attending, you should RSVP immediately to assure that you will receive the class materials.

I have been told by a member that formerly attending the Stone Church that John Wight is a terrific presenter and was asked to participate often in their outreach.

Per our pastor - John Reimer- this class should be of great benefit to our congregation especially since we as a congregation have embarked on a path to actively pursue outreach as a congregational goal. Each Sunday we have been offering a prayer dedicated to outreach so that we may prayerfully discern what our congregational outreach will be.

What a great opportunity we have been presented by being selected to host this Mission Center seminar and to host John Wight - President of the Seventies.

Would it not be great if we could have a huge turnout for this event!!!!

The Hispanic Mission will serve lunch - This will be a fundraiser for them and I believe that a love offering will be collected for the lunch. Margie has asked that we bring a dessert to share.

Hope to see everyone there - but first remember to RSVP.



**North Houston Christmas Party!**

Congregational Christmas Party at the church for the evening of **Saturday, Dec. 17th**. Mark your calendars!!!!

We will decorate the Christmas tree and bring gifts and non-perishable food for a family but other activities have not been planned as yet. We would love to include your suggestions for some fun and fellowship. Friends & Family invited!



**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.



### November Birthdays

- Sparky Hibbard 11/1
- Steve Portz 11/4
- Meagan Venable 11/6
- Brooklyn Dietz 11/18
- Jared Venable 11/25
- David Siddall 11/29

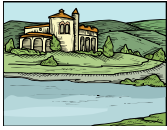


### November Service Schedule



### 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/>>

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The theme for this Sunday is “Be Wise, Be Ready”

We think we are  
In -  
So why worry?  
Entertain the thought.

### Are You Ready?

When talking about our military, we speak of the state of readiness. Christians also must remain in a state of readiness. We must be ready for Christ's return and to stand before Him in judgment.

A few days before being crucified, Jesus taught His disciples about being ready. Jesus' teachings in Matthew 24:36-25:46 were specifically spoken concerning the end (24:6, 13, 14) from which we learn:

No one knows the day or hour (Matt. 24:36-44). Jesus illustrates this fact with Noah. Up to the day of the flood, people continued eating, drinking, and marrying. They did not know the day or hour of the flood just as we do not know the day or hour that Christ will be revealed. Nor do we know that day or hour that we will pass from this life. So Jesus said: "Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not expect Him" (Matt. 24:44).

There are faithful servants and evil servants (Matt. 24:45-51). God is man's Creator. Therefore each man is God's servant. But there are two types of servants - faithful and evil. The Lord looks down upon His servants and finds the faithful servant doing His will while the evil servant is disobedient to His will. The faithful servants are ready for their Master's return while the evil servant is not ready. The faithful servant will be rewarded at his Master's coming but the evil servant will be punished.

A faithful servant is wise and therefore ready (Matt. 25:1-13). Jesus told His disciples a parable about the kingdom of heaven. He said that the kingdom of heaven was likened to ten virgins. Five of the virgins were foolish and five of the virgins were wise. The five wise virgins were ready for the bridegroom and entered into the wedding. But the five foolish virgins were not ready for the bridegroom and did not enter the wedding. Then Jesus said: "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor hour in which the Son of Man is coming" (Matt. 25:13).

A wise and faithful servant is working to the best of his ability (Matt. 25:14-30). After the parable of the ten virgins, Jesus told His disciples another parable. He said that the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling into a far country who called his servants and gave them talents (i.e., money). One received five talents, one received two talents, and the last received one talent. After a long time, the Lord came back and settled accounts with his servants. The servants with five and two talents doubled their lord's money, but the last

servant did nothing with his lord's talent. The profitable servants were rewarded and the unprofitable servant was cast into outer darkness where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth.

A wise and faithful servant is ready for judgment (Matt. 25:31-46).

Jesus ends His discourse emphasizing the judgments of which He has already taught. The unprofitable servants will go into everlasting punishment, but the profitable servants will go into eternal life.

Let's ask ourselves these questions: Am I a faithful servant or an evil servant? Am I wise and therefore ready for Christ's return? Am I working to the very best of my ability? Am I ready for judgment?

-- By Allan McNabb