

Community of Christ

North Houston Happenings

January 5, 2006

LOTS GOING ON AT NORTH HOUSTON!!!

Read below for more info.



Meet & Greet Training - A 30 Minute Training Session for Greeters (Welcoming Ministry) will take place at the church on Sunday, Jan. 8th, at 10:00 am.



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.](#)



January Birthdays

- George Crawford Jan. 8
- Sarah Brosemer Jan. 10
- Leroy Romo Jan. 20
- Tonia Crawford Jan. 27
- Kelsi Turner Jan. 28



January & February Service Schedule

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| ▪ Jan 1. | Presider – Mike Turner | Speaker – Dorothy Hibbard |
| ▪ Jan 8. | Presider – Bob Turner | Speaker – Janine Turner |
| ▪ Jan 15. | Presider – Dorothy Hibbard | CELEBRATION |
| ▪ Jan 22 | Presider – Joanne Chapman | |
| ▪ Jan 29 | Presider – David Siddall | Study our Roots |
| ▪ Feb 5 | Presider – David Siddall | Study our Roots |
| ▪ Feb 12 | Presider – David Siddall | Study our Roots |
| ▪ Feb 19 | Presider – Jimmie Radliff | Speaker – Rhonda Radliff |
| ▪ Feb 26 | Presider – Janine Turner | Speaker – Bob Turner |



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/>>

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 The theme for this Sunday is "Baptized in the Spirit"

In the Spirit always
 Not just when it feels like it

BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

by Harold Cohen, S.J.

Prior to His ascension Jesus told His apostles, "Before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." He added, "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses" (Acts 1:5-8). The Apostles prayed for the coming of the Holy Spirit with Mary, the mother of Jesus, and a group of about one hundred and twenty. On Pentecost they were "baptized with the Holy Spirit" and were transformed into new creatures, bold witnesses for Christ.

Pentecost comes to each of us in the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. In Baptism we receive the Holy Spirit and become God's children and members of the body of Christ. In

Confirmation we receive a new fullness of the Spirit and are empowered to serve the Church and bear witness to Jesus.

Often we do not allow the Spirit we have received to be as active in us as He wants to be. To use an analogy, He is like chocolate syrup poured into a glass of milk--it goes to the bottom of the glass until stirred up. But when it is stirred up, it permeates the milk and transforms it into something new. We can learn how to "stir up" the Spirit--and how to receive more of Him--from Jesus in the Gospels:

"If anyone thirst, let him come to Me, let him drink who believes in Me. As the scripture has said, -Out of His heart shall flow rivers of living water.? Now He said this about the Spirit which those who believed in Him were to receive" (John 7:37-39). "If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!" (Luke 11:13) The Lord teaches us that first we must thirst for God; we must desire more and more of His Spirit. Then we must believe that Jesus is faithful to His promises and will indeed give us His Holy Spirit. Finally, we must ask God for the Holy Spirit. We must pray with perseverance, asking, seeking, knocking, believing that "everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened" (Luke 11:10). We can follow the example of the early Church by praying for the Spirit in union with Mary and the apostles as they did at the first Pentecost (see Acts 1:12-14).

What can we expect when we are "baptized with the Holy Spirit" ? We can expect an immediate or gradual experience of deeper union with God, our loving Father and with Jesus, our Lord and Friend; a fresh appreciation of Scripture; a greater love for others and a desire for Christian fellowship; the fuller presence in our lives of the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience and more (see Galatians 5:22-23); the receptions of one or more of the Charismatic gifts of the Spirit such as discernment, service, prophecy, praying in tongues, healing (see 1 Corinthians 12-14). This gift of a new fullness of the Holy Spirit is, I believe, the grace of our age. "Ask and it will be given to you!"

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