

Community of Christ
North Houston Happenings
January 12, 2006

LOTS GOING ON AT NORTH HOUSTON!!!

Read below for more info.



Adoption Celebration Service for Rhonda and Lili – Sunday, January 15, 2006. Please bring one real, live long stem flower for the worship service this Sunday (one for each member of your family). I am hoping for a wide variety of kind and color, so try not to bring the most common ones. Try to find one that will represent you!



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 "Known by the Spirit"

**Because of
 You - we know**

Known by the Spirit - At first glance I understood this to mean that we are known by the Spirit. That the Spirit knows each one of us personally and knows what is in our hearts and thoughts. After doing some preliminary research, this phrase began to take a new meaning and I considered that it could mean that all things we know, we know by the Spirit.

An interesting concept- All that we know, we know through the Spirit.

How can we know that there really is a God; that Jesus came to us to give us eternal salvation and redemption, that there is eternal life after death; that heaven exists? Lots of pretty heavy and abstract concepts exist in our Christian beliefs, many of which that are intangible yet we accept and embrace them. How can this be?

Many of us are beings that demand proof- solid evidence- Missourians that that say "Show Me". We want to know how, why, when, where. We want empirical proof, we want something tangible.

So if many of us need proof- and we say that we are believing and practicing Christians- where do we get the "proof" that we say we need?

Last week's article included an analogy of the Holy Spirit being like chocolate syrup in a glass of milk. The syrup sinks to the bottom and does not really become part of the milk. The act of stirring or shaking the glass causes the milk to join with the syrup making it one and changing the characteristics and properties of the milk. This analogy cannot be all bad - after all it does make reference to chocolate!!

Maybe it is through receiving the Spirit we know what we know. Maybe the Spirit is that inner voice that guides us and teaches us. Maybe the Spirit is what allows us to believe and have faith. Is receiving the Spirit enough or do we have to do something like in the syrup analogy. Maybe we need to shake ourselves up a little and allow the Spirit permeate our being and transform us.

The Spirit knows us and everything we know we know through the Spirit.

What do you think- what do you know- how do you know it- what do you believe- what do you have faith in-why? Do you know the Spirit? Does the Spirit know you?

Shake and stir. Be one with.

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. When he got there, he ran across Philip and said, "Come, follow me." ⁴⁴(Philip's hometown was Bethsaida, the same as Andrew and Peter.) ⁴⁵Philip went and found Nathanael and told him, "We've found the One Moses wrote of in the Law, the One preached by the prophets. It's Jesus, Joseph's son, the one from Nazareth!" ⁴⁶Nathanael said, "Nazareth? You've got to be kidding."

But Philip said, "Come, see for yourself." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw him coming he said, "There's a real Israelite, not a false bone in his body." ⁴⁸Nathanael said, "Where did you get that idea? You don't know me." Jesus answered, "One day, long before Philip called you here, I saw you under the fig tree."

⁴⁹Nathanael exclaimed, "Rabbi! You are the Son of God, the King of Israel!"

⁵⁰Jesus said, "You've become a believer simply because I say I saw you one day sitting under the fig tree? You haven't seen anything yet! ⁵¹Before this is over you're going to see heaven open and God's angels descending to the Son of Man and ascending again."

John 1:43-51 (The Message)