



Saints Alive

August 2008

Pastor's Message

from Carol White

Take Heart, Have Faith is one of the themes for this month and it reminds me of the sign I saw on the Methodist church a few months ago that made such an impression on me—"Clean House and Trust God." I haven't improved much on my house cleaning habits, but my trust in God continues to grow, simply because I do "Take Heart and Have Faith." One of the things that strengthen my faith is my reunion and camping experiences. This year was no different.

I taught the kindergarten class at reunion as I have done for the past 5 years and I had nine (9) students. That was the largest class I've had since I began. All the children's classes were large this year and again the youth population of Reunion #2 was almost equal to that of the adult population. The wonderful directors at our reunion (Richard and Kathleen Cole--yeah) along with their co-directors (Jonathan and Lisa Coit--yeah!) divided all the campers randomly into 4 groups of Hope, Joy, Love, and Peace teams. All week we played and worked together, earning points for all our examples of community building performance. This included the fun and games we played together, but also examples of extra ordinary service witnessed and reported by others. So we spent all week looking for good things to report and we sure did find them! Even though winners of events got some extra points, everyone got points for just showing up. The youth added to the quality of the worship through their singing and puppet ministry. Speakers, teachers, and choirs blessed us with a rich ministry and offered inspiration. Sharing in intergenerational activities, congregational singing, prayers and testimony helped us draw closer to each other as a community. Richard set a financial goal for supporting reunion expenses and we met that goal. Our theme was "A Community of Peace" and indeed it was.

That week was immediately followed by my wonderful experiences as a cabin counselor to 5 junior camper girls. This was a first for me in many ways, I have never been a youth camp counselor for girls, I have never had a sister, daughter, or granddaughter, so the "girl" experience was really new to me. WOW, it was great! I am sure that I had the perfect cabin. No one cried, no one was afraid, there was no bickering, they all went to sleep the minute lights were out, they got up every morning on call, asked permission for everything, and participated cheerfully in all the camp activities. Of course there were a million questions, a little clowning around, and after we won cabin inspection on Tuesday, there were always towels and clothes on the floor, but so what, as I said earlier, I have house cleaning issues anyway. Our theme for the week was "River of Life" and these young girls helped me jump into the river of life and I learned to see God in new ways.

There are several new additions to the grounds at Camp Sionito: a new meditation chapel and 11-circuit labyrinth down by the river, a remodeled children's worship center complete with wonderful new mural, a beautiful colorful mural on the front of the clipper room in the dining hall. All these new additions offer us opportunities to meet God once more in this sacred place, called Sionito, and to be awed at the contributions of so many people that help us to have great camping experiences.

I am thankful for all the members of our congregation that support our camping programs; your gifts have and will affect the lives of many people. What great reasons to *Take Heart and Have Faith*.

August Greeters

3rd —Jan & Arlie Brucks
10th —Doris Jackel
17th —Jim Burdick
24th —Patty Walker
31th —Jeeta Caraballo

Sionito Work Party Dates

Sept. 20 Oct. 18
Nov. 15 & 16 Dec. 6 & 7
Jan 10 Feb 14 & 15
Contact Mike Thrutchley
Home 817.457.4688
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One of the air conditioning units for the Fellowship Hall had to be replaced in June when it suddenly quit cooling. Jim Walker, our Facilities Manager, contracted with Air Conditioning Technical Services (the same company that did the recent work in the Sanctuary) and had everything up and running within a week. (Your tithes and offerings at work.)

August Birthdays

7—Ronald Jackel
8—Gerardo Marquez
Donna Drissel
13-Shirley Schertz
Sergio Farrell
23-Miranda Cole
27-Charles Loveless
28-Kelly Patten

Financial Peace University

Shenandoah is hosting Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University (FPU) and you and your family and friends are invited to register and attend the 13 week-course that starts Wednesday, September 3. FPU is a tool that supports churches by equipping them with a biblically-based accountability class that will train their congregation and community to manage their resources. The average family pays off \$5,300 and saves \$2,700 during the 13-week period.

light meal will be served at 6:00 pm each Wed. and at 6:30 pm the class will be taught by Dave Ramsey via DVD, followed by a small group discussion. Each session will last about 2 hours (6:30 – 8:30 pm). Child care will be provided for your children by registered child care workers while you attend the sessions. Materials for this program normally cost \$199; but church sponsored courses are \$93 (per household). If you miss a session, you can borrow the DVD and take a make-up!

Still not convinced you want to attend? Then plan to view a FREE 30-minute PREVIEW of the program in the Fellowship Hall on August 17 at 12:30 pm following the morning Worship Service. To register, call Carol or Jim Burdick at 695-6861. Registration must be completed no later than Sunday, August 25 so that all necessary materials can be ordered.

What are the subjects covered in each lesson?

1. **Super Saving**

In this lesson, Dave explains the Seven Baby Steps that will guide you throughout FPU. You will also learn the three key reasons why you should save money—and why you must start now!

2. **Relating With Money**

This lesson will teach spouses how to communicate and work together toward success. Also, singles will learn the importance of teamwork and parents will find out how to teach their kids about money.

3. **Cash Flow Planning**

Unlock the secret of developing a monthly spending plan that really works.

4. **Dumping Debt**

It's time to debunk the myths that most people believe about debt! In this lesson, Dave Ramsey reveals the truth about the credit lies and gives you a plan for walking out of debt with confidence.

5. **Credit Sharks in Suits**

What is a credit score, anyway? Join Dave as he unpacks your credit rating and shows you how to handle collectors when they call.

6. **Buyer Beware**

Dave Ramsey draws on decades of experience to reveal the power and influence that marketing has on your everyday buying decisions. Let the buyer beware!

7. **Clause and Effect**

In this lesson, Dave walks you through the world of insurance, carefully explaining what you need—and what you need to avoid.

8. **That's Not Good Enough!**

Discover the seldom-used secrets of buying only big, big bargains—every time! Before you know it, you'll be saying "That's not good enough!"

9. **Of Mice and Mutual Funds**

Dave breaks through the jargon surrounding long-term investing and empowers you to make your own decisions about your investments!

10. **From Fruition to Tuition**

Dave walks you through the maze of retirement options and helps you figure out the right path for you. You will also learn how to plan for college so your kids can graduate debt free!

11. **Working in Your Strengths**

This lesson will show you how to avoid dead-end or mind-numbing jobs and provide tips for job hunting, writing a résumé, and acing an interview. Plus, you'll learn tips for finding extra jobs if you need cash to attack your debt snowball.

12. **Real Estate & Mortgages**

Dave draws on over 20 years of real estate experience to teach you how to win when buying or selling your home. Plus, he'll dissect all of the common mortgage options available today, showing you what to choose—and what to avoid.

13. **The Great Misunderstanding**

Warning! This lesson will challenge the way you think about money. Dave will show you how generous giving can completely revolutionize your attitude and improve your finances, business and relationships.

The Eleven-Circuit Labyrinth at Sionito was dedicated the morning of Monday, June 23, 2008 at 1st Reunion. The prayer of dedication was offered by guest minister Rick Maupin. A dedication service also occurred on Monday, July 7, 2008 @ 7:15 a.m. at 2nd Reunion.



Award Ceremony & Celebration

At the Donor/Volunteer Reception and 60th Anniversary Celebration held Sunday, June 22, 2008 at 1st Reunion, the Lifetime Service Award was presented to Claude Barker, Jr. and the family of Adolph and Harriett Stricker. The award ceremony was repeated on Sunday, July 6, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. at 2nd Reunion.



Two babies were blessed at the morning service on June 29, 2008. Here's information on the babies:

Wyatt-James Solomon Cardwell
Born May 18, 2008
Killeen, TX
Mother – Stacy Cardwell
Blessed: on June 29, 2008
By: Elders Carol White/Carol Burdick

Lane Magnus Torkelson
Born February 10, 2008
San Antonio, TX
Mother/Father – Marsha and Brad Torkelson
Blessed: on June 29, 2008
By: Elder Carol Burdick/High Priest Jim Burdick



Help Needed!!

By now you have heard about Shenandoah hosting Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University for 13 weeks beginning September 3, 2008. We are going to provide childcare so those with young children can participate in this very worthwhile program.

Patty Walker has been tasked with scheduling folks to take turns in caring for our young children while the adults and teenagers participate in the program. If you are available to do this, contact Patty Walker. Also, Jeeta has a sign-up for volunteers to bring food for the meal that will be served before each of the lessons. If you can't help with the children, here's another chance!

Almost 8 years old??

A pre-baptismal class for all young people who have expressed a desire to be baptized will begin on Sunday, Sept. 7 and conclude on Nov. 2. The class will be taught during the regular Sunday School hour by Carol Burdick. Please notify Carol or Kelly Patten if you know of someone who is interested in taking the course.

We need Youth Sunday School teachers! Something fun and exciting – Let's form a pool to add variety to the classes for our Youth. If you want to co-teach or substitute, your help would also be appreciated!

Stewardship: An Old Path Made New

Don't forget the Temple School class that will be taught by Ron Saur. It will be the weekend of September 19 & 20 at Shenandoah Congregation. To make reservations, call or e-mail Patty Walker (210) 695-4593. A book will be ordered for you and you can pay for it at the time of the course. The cost is \$15.00. Breakfast refreshments and lunch on Saturday will be provided. This course is designed to aid understanding of what the Community of Christ has to say about the inequities in the world and to provide guidance for each disciple's response. These topics will be explored: the rich heritage of the Community of Christ to seek out what it means to be God's steward, the promise of God's abundance and understanding of freely receiving, and our call to become generous disciples embracing the six principles of a disciples' generous response.



Listen to the School Bells

San Antonio's long hot summer is drawing to a close and parents and their children are busily planning for the start of the new school year. From pre-kindergarten to seniors in college, we salute all who will be diligently working and participating in classes and extra-curricular activities in the upcoming term.

Among the youngest students are Audrey and Addison Cole who will be attending pre-kindergarten classes at the San Antonio Country Day School. Dominic (Niko) Farrell will be a kindergarten student at Blattmann Elementary School.

Other fall placements are Lauren Loveless, a 1st grader at Encino Park Elementary; Cassandra Cole, a 2nd grade student at Encino Park and Leilani Loveless who will enter the 4th grade at Encino Park.

John David Patten enters the 4th grade at Leon Valley Elementary, while Miranda Cole will be in the 5th grade at Encino Park.

Three Osterhaus children are just moving to San Antonio and are expecting to be in the Randolph schools: Lucy in the 6th grade, Niko in the 7th and Sam will be a 9th grader. The Osterhaus families, with both parents in the Air Force, are in the process of finalizing a new house purchase after an assignment in Germany.

Ron Trent Jackel will be an 8th grader at Hobby Middle School

Ashley Rodrigues will be a junior in Advanced Studies at Robert E. Lee High School.

Thomas Walker enters as a junior at the Science and Engineering Academy at John Jay High School. Tom continues in ROTC and is the commander of the color guard unit.

Samantha Callier is a junior at Smithson Valley High School where she plays the flute in the orchestra and her sister, Sydney, also a flautist, will enter the 8th grade at the Spring Branch Middle School.

Amalia Bowden will be a 5th grader at Coke Stevenson Middle School and will be studying the clarinet. Her brother, Bartise Bowden will be in the 8th grade at Coke Stevenson and he plans to play football, basketball and golf. He plays the saxophone in the orchestra.

Heidi Workmon goes into the 7th grade at Driscoll Middle School where she plays soccer and will sing in the choir. Her sister, Amanda Workmon, enters the 9th grade at Madison High School where she also will play soccer.

Keilani Marquez is to be a 7th grade student at Coke Stevenson Middle School;. She intends to play volleyball, basketball, tennis, and, sing in the school choir.

Makani Marquez will be a 10th grader at the Science and Engineering Academy at John Jay, where his father, Gerardo Marquez, returns as the high school principal. Makani will be playing football, and basketball.

Katie Rose Spiekerman continues in the Health Careers High School as a junior. She will play the bass in the school orchestra and is active in the Latin Club. Ask her about her trip to Italy early in the summer.

Jon Higginson will be a senior at Judson High School. His sister, Sara, will be a senior at Our Lady of the Lake University.

Note: If we omitted someone or made an error in spelling or otherwise, please let us know. We were running past deadline and couldn't reach everyone for information/confirmations.

How Time Flies

by Lafe Williams

As we zip along through life, we often look back in awe and wonder at the way things were in the not so distant past. ALL of these snapshots were made at various events in 1998 and 1999 at the Shenandoah Community of Christ Church.

Recently, in beginning a transfer of some of the responsibilities in the Congregational historian's duties, a large number of photographs spanning several years of church life, were delivered to me. After looking them over I thought it could be fun to see a few of them. How many can you identify in 2008?

At a party in Oct
1998 ----->



Graduation Recognition May 31, 1999
Jon, Christy, Pastor Marilyn, Sara, and Rachel (Fill in the last names)