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Parish Punch News

Dear Friends:

On Sunday October 14th will be the beginning of a four-week financial giving/stewardship emphasis with the theme, "Abundant Joy, Overflowing Generosity."

This theme is taken from Paul's letter to the Corinthians, recorded in 2 Corinthians 8:1-7.

During the four weeks, we will celebrate and recognize our faithful practices of giving, prayer, worship and service as we witness to the abundant joy and overflowing generosity we gain through God and his son Jesus the Christ.

Come and celebrate the beginning of his season of giving and thanksgiving with a special BBQ on October 14th in the evening in our Fellowship Hall. The dinner begins at 6:30 PM.

Bring your favorite side dishes – salads, vegetables, desserts. Barbecue and Beans will be provided. AND our own Tom Demer will be the special musical entertainment for the evening. There is Abundant Joy and Overflowing Generosity here at St. Philip. Let's celebrate and continue the legacy that began over 56 years ago.

Peace be with you, Greg

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: The Family of Sallye Wied who passed away Wednesday, September 19th. A memorial service will be October 6th, 1:00 p.m. at St. Philip Presbyterian Church...Nan Edwards, sister of Carol Byrne...The Family of Lori Roh, niece of Hal Shane, who passed away September 20th in Omaha, NE...Carabel Chankaya is a patient at North Hills Hospital...We welcome new member Vivian Adzaku, wife of Rev. Kofi Adzaku...We celebrate the birth of Briley, daughter of Rhiana Ellis and granddaughter of Mike and Ellen Ellis, born Wednesday, September 19th...CONTINUE IN PRAYER FOR: Ed Anderson...Betty Little...Morris Beauford... Betty Murray...Jerry Wilhoyte...Jennifer Hunter...Richard Neal...Dick Rager... Gary Goss...Johnny Wallace...Fiske and Gerry Hanley...Jim Toler...Phil Fairhead...Mary Peters...Sharon Curry...Mathida Guidosh...Kay Bookout...Norman Brownlee...Ed Wellman...Greg Ohlsen...Norma Graves... Mary Jo Wood...Charlie Wied... Gerry Cozby ...John Juengerman...Mary Lou Singer...Russ MacGregor... Lidia McFarland...Ellis Rogers...Mertie Martin...Carolyn Jester...Lu and Sarah Brewer...Bridgette Foy... Elma Lee Mulkey...Brenda and Roy Petersen...Ben Cross...David Moore...Danell Walker...Colby Steddum... Sally Starr...Jim Halderman... June Holman....REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE IN THE MILITARY: Zach Saunders, Tom and Lynette Mercer's son...John Calhoun Miller, Mac and Ruth Calhoun's grandson and Elaine Stokes' nephew...Matt Kiser and David Kiser, sons of Helene Kiser...Josh Peck, son of Sherri Siler... Brandon and Ryan Burt, grandsons of Cindy Burt...Jennifer Reynolds, daughter of Margaret Reynolds...Matt and Cosmo Romo, great-nephews of Liz Hailey...Andrew Norman, grandson of Stella and Bob Urban...Sarah Willett, granddaughter in law of Bob and Stella Urban...Ben Temple, grandson of Tal and Jaylon Buie...Korey Ray, brother of Lindsey Zimmer.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THE FOLLOWING RECIPIENTS OF SPPC FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN SEPTEMBER: Lisa...MiKilla...Kaylie...Tracie...Shawn..Amy...Sandra...Frank...Jeri...Olivia...Linda...Tera...Burke...

BE IN PRAYER FOR OUR FRIENDS FROM COOK CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER: ANA, 5 months, Heart surgery; ANGEL, 1 year, Pray he would survive more than one year with Ellis-van Creveld Syndrome; CALEB, Newborn, Premature birth; CAMDEN, 2 years, Surgery for brain tumor; CHRISTIAN, 3 weeks, Healing for heart; ELI, 1 month, Ability to eat; ELIZABETH, 12 years, Inflamed pancreas; ETHAN, Newborn, Bereaved family and friends; GABRIAL, 4 weeks, Determine plan of action; HAEVEN, 5 weeks, Premature birth; HALEY, 1 month, Lungs, muscles and nerves; HAMZA, 2 years, Good health; HARLOW, Newborn, Respiratory problems; JAILYNN, 3 years, Successful transplant; LOUIS, 7 years, Brain function; LUCAS, Newborn, Bereaved family and friends; MARIAH, Newborn, Heart surgery; MIA, 4 months, Heal her injuries; NATHAN, 9 years, Stomach and intestinal problems; RAIDEN, 12 days, Heart; RITO, 5 years, Appendix surgery; RYLIE, 2 weeks, Premature birth; SANTIAGO, 1 month, Heart surgery; SOPHIA, 7 months, Premature birth; TANNER, 14 years, Traumatic brain injury.



St. Philip Presbyterian Women

October 2	(Tuesday)	9:30 a.m.	PW Board	Room A
October 4	(Thursday)	1:30 p.m.	PW Bible Leaders	Parlor
October 9	(Tuesday)	9:30 a.m.	Grace Circle	Room A
October 9	(Tuesday)	10:00 a.m.	Sheila Bradley Circle	Parlor
October 9	(Tuesday)	7:30 p.m.	Mary Dietz Circle	Parlor

(Meet at Chan's Mongolian Grill on Boulevard 26 near Kroger for dinner at 6:15 p.m.)

October 15 (Monday) 5:30 p.m. Life Circle Wendy Parmelee's House October 23 9:30 a.m. (Tuesday) Lovies Fellowship Hall

Note: Please continue to bring non-perishable food items (canned goods and dry goods) throughout the year and place them in the NEED bin on the Oak Terrace. Thank you.



Dead Sea Scrolls Tour on October 16

The Presbyterian Women will be touring the Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibit at the Southwestern Seminary on Tuesday,

October 16th. Price per person is \$15.

Elizabeth Dick's husband, Ron Serino, who is working toward his doctorate in Old Testament, has agreed to go with us as a guide. This is a once-in-alifetime exhibit.

We will carpool and <u>leave the church at 9:30</u> for a tour at 10:30.

Contact Mitzi or Edith Vaughn for reservations and to pay your \$15.

We need a head count ASAP. Scholarships



Life Circle

Please note that the October meeting is on the second Monday of the month due to the Columbus Day holiday. The meeting will be held at

Wendy Parmelee's house at 801 Mayfair Hills Court in Bedford.

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Come to the church office to fill out your order for the Holidays!! Make checks payable to St. Philip Preschool Order by October 18th!!

Orders delivered on November 6th at 2:00pm!!



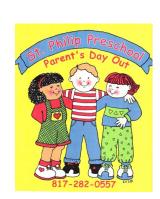
THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU ST PHILIP FAMILY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! FROM St. Philip Preschool and Parent's Day Out

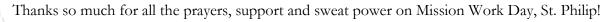
You have been so kind & generous to our school by donating supplies!!!! You are the best!!!! If you are so inclined, the following items are the ones we could use:

- Lysol Disinfectant Spray
- Latex Free Gloves
- 5 oz. Paper Cups

These items would be greatly appreciated! If you purchase any of these items for the preschool, please bring them to the donation box in the church office.

Thanks! Cindy







We made 200 sandwiches for the Presbyterian Night Shelter, began our Mentoring Program with Hurst Junior High, sent out dozens of cards and ten care packages full of Jesus' love and grace, and spruced up all around God's House here at the corner of Pipeline and Precinct. Check out Pastor Greg's new office and – most importantly – our VISITOR'S Parking Signs. Your help MINDED made it happen!!!

Mission Outreach and Buildings and Grounds

reekly calendar of Events

8:30 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary	
9:30 a.m.	Bell Choir	Choir Room	
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School		
11:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary	
2:00 p.m.	Evangelism Unbinding	Library	
3:30 p.m.	Unbinding Your Soul	Room A	
4:00 p.m.	Youth Chime Choir	Choir Room	
4:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Honor Court	Sanctuary/FH	
5:30 p.m.	Youth Movie Night	Acts of Faith	
MONDAY OCTORER 1			

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1			
Deacon Meeting	Parlor		
Boy Scouts Crew	Youth Hall		
Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall		
Chorale Rehearsal	Choir Room		
	Deacon Meeting Boy Scouts Crew Boy Scouts		

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2

9:30 a.m.	PW Board	Room A
6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts	Youth Hall

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3

8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Parlor 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Choir Room

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4

1:30 p.m. PW Bible Leaders

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

8:45 a.m. TOPS Fellowship Hall 10:00 a.m. Unbinding Your Soul Parlor



The **FOOTPRINTS** Service for the month of October will be Sunday, October 28th 6:45 p.m. Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

8:30 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Bell Choir	Choir Room
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	
11:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Adult Education	Room A
12:30 p.m.	Mission Outreach	Parlor
2:00 p.m.	Nurture Committee	Parlor
4:00 p.m.	Chime Choir	Choir Room
5:00 p.m.	Finance Committee	Room A
5:30 p.m.	Youth Outdoor Night	Youth Hall
6:30 p.m.	Worship Committee	Parlor



Parish Health Ministry

Next Blood Pressure and Health consultation date is

October 14 12:00 p.m.

Bonnie Skodak and Donna Koenig nurse@stphil.org

We can be contacted through the church office.

Financial Report

	August	Year to date
Income	38,026.95	359,423.15
Expenses	50,930.04	<u>396,384.35</u>
_	(12,903.09)	(36,961.20)

Thanks to everyone for their contributions. If you are not current on your pledge, please attempt to catch up on your pledge as soon as possible.

SEPTEMBER 16 SUNDAY AT ST. PHILIP: 8:30 SERVICE: 68 11:00 SERVICE: 173; TOTAL: 241 SEPTEMBER 23 SUNDAY AT ST. PHILIP: 8:30 SERVICE: 65 11:00 SERVICE: 163; TOTAL: 228

Parlor

FIRST-TIME VISITORS: KATE HARRINGTON; JANE MUNYANEZO; BESSEM WILLIS; BRYON BARTOL; LAURA PANEATZ

<u>RETURNING VISITORS</u>: ROBERT McGEE; CHARLES CLAYTON; ERIC, TARA AND LUCY LINK; PAT SIMMONS; AMIE AND ELVIN SIMMONS; SHARON MCCORMACK; STEVE PASSONS; ABBY AND AUSTIN FELL; CELIA ROBINSON; PATY HARDY; DONOVAN, EMILY, EDEN AND DANIKA LAMBER

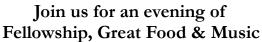
OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: NONE

ST. PHILIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 745 W PIPELINE ROAD Hurst, Texas 76053-4999 **SEPTEMBER 26, 2012**



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)





Annual St. Philip Barbecue Potluck Dinner

Sunday, October 14th at 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Barbecue & Beans will be provided.

Please bring your
favorite side dishes - salads, vegetables, desserts

Music Entertainment by Tom Demer







The Children's Church program needs you!

We need more <u>teachers</u> and <u>teacher substitutes</u>. We need more <u>shepherds</u> and <u>shepherd substitutes</u>.

Each team of one teacher and one shepherd works one assigned Sunday per month.

Teacher and shepherd substitutes are called when needed.

Children's Church is for children ages 4-7 who leave the sanctuary with their teaching team after Time for Children during the 11:00 service. For their safety, St. Philip Policy requires that two adults always be with them. (If we cannot find enough adults to staff the program, we may not be able to continue it.)

Can you volunteer? **Make Katie's day!**katieb@stphil.org

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LIBRARY NEWS - Event

CHILDREN
JOIN THE LIBRARY FOR
A SPECIAL 5th SUNDAY PROGRAM

September 30th Grades K – 5th 9:45–10:45 a.m.

Come join us in the Library to hear the gentle story, *Don't Laugh at Me*. Has anyone ever laughed at you or made you feel bad? Have you ever laughed at someone else and made them feel bad? God asks us to treat each other with love, to treat each other the way we would like to be treated. We are *all* different, but God loves us *all* the same.

Following the story and discussion we will be making clay hearts and decorating them as wall hangings to remind us that Love is patient and Love is kind. See you there!

Scripture: Matthew 7:12 So in everything do to others as you would have them do unto you.

SONGS * STORY * DISCUSSION * CRAFTING Come check us out!



September/October

30	5:30 PM	Movie Night	Acts of Faith	JrH, SrH, & Rosemary Zimmer
7	5:30 PM	Outdoor Night	SPPC Grounds	JrH, SrH, & Ann Treleven
13	10:00 AM	Saints & Sinners Set Up	Youth Hall	JrH, SrH, & Will & Marla Aldridge
	6:00 PM	Saints & Sinners Ball	Youth Hall	JrH, SrH, & Sponsors
14	6:30 PM	Church BBQ	Fellowship Hall	EVERYONE!!!
21	5:30 PM	Dinner & Games	Youth Hall	JrH, SrH, & Will Whitehead
28	5:30 PM	Dinner & Crafts	Youth Hall	JrH, SrH, & Bonnie Hardy
	6:45 PM	Footprints Worship	Fellowship Hall	EVERYONE!!!
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Are you ready for some games?!?! SPY will be playing games on October 21st at 5:30 in the Youth Hall. Watch your email for more information!





On Sunday, October 14th, SPY will attend the All-Church BBQ at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

It's going to be a tasty time!



On Sunday, October 7, SPY will be spending some time outdoors! We'll get together for dinner at 5:30 and then head outside to play some games! See you there!



Saints and Sinners is *baaaaack*! All of the fun will happen on **October 13**th. We'll be setting up at 10 and the party will be from 6:00 to 9:00 PM.

Watch your email for more details. See you there!

On Sunday, **September 30**th, SPY will have a movie night. Please watch the Punch and your email for more details.





On Sunday, October 28th, SPY will be getting together to do some Fall Craft projects. Please mark your calendar and join us for a crafty good time!



Christian School
NEWS

istian School In the month of October, the St. Philip Sunday School children will be studying:

Preschool: Joseph (Genesis 45:1 - 47:12; 50:14-21) and **David and Goliath** (1 Samuel 16:11–17:51)

Elementary School: Boy Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:41-52)



Fall Festival will be on October 6th. We will gather at 2:30 PM at the Church Play Yard for some games, face painting and fun. Then we'll caravan to Halls Pumpkin Farm for hayrides, pumpkin picking, and a corn maze. Watch the Parish Punch for more details!

St. Philip's Children's Ministry program needs teachers! The **Elementary Sunday School** program needs teachers! The **Pre-School Sunday School** program needs teachers and shepherds! If you are interested in helping out or would like some more information about teaching, please contact Katie in the Church Office

Elementary Sunday School

In **October**, we need teachers for:

◆Discovery (creating a Catechism "Quilt")

In **November**, we need teachers for:

- ♦Drama & Storytelling
- ♦Games & Puzzles
- In **December**, we need teachers for:
 - **♦**Cooking
 - ♦Games & Puzzles



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS September 16, 2012

The following recommendations were approved:

Having Minutes for Mission on September 30 and all Sundays in October promoting the Stewardship Campaign. The theme will be "Abundant Joy – Overflowing Generosity", and will begin on October 14, 2012. The "estimate of giving card" will be dedicated on November 4, 2012. The campaign will also include letters to the congregations and sermons surrounding the theme, which is based on 2 Corinthians 8:1-7.

Childhood Education Committee having a fundraiser for the Fall Festival. St. Philip t-shirts will be sold. Having a single service of morning worship at 10:00 am on both December 23 and 30, 2012.

The eVoting Policy (voting by electronic mail) was approved, and will be placed in the St. Philip Policies and Procedures book.

PDO/Preschool holding the following fundraisers: Red Wheel Cookies and Pies in the fall, Scholastic Book Fair in February, and a Silent Auction in the spring.

Having a Minute for Mission on October 14, 2012 to promote Mid Cities Care Corps' Festival of Friends event, and allowing them to sell tickets for the event on October 14 and 21, 2012.

The Boy Scouts Troup 324 using the Sanctuary on Sunday, September 30, 2012, from 4:00 to 7:00 pm for their Court of Honor ceremony, and on October 7, 2012 sometime in the late afternoon or early evening for their Eagle Court of Honor.

Placing a Memorial Resolution honoring Ruling Elder Jim McGuigan in the Session minutes book. Ratifying the e-mail vote approving a Minute for Mission on September 9, 2012 to recruit volunteers to assist with Children's Church, and an e-vote approving the Presbyterian Women coordinating a "Pounding" for the Garis family.

Allowing the Deacons who have been ordained as Deacons or Ruling Elders to assist with serving Communion to home-bound and nursing home members according to Book of Order G-2.0202.

Allowing Greg to serve Communion with an ordained Ruling Elder to members who, because of special circumstances, would benefit from this sacrament for pastoral care purposes.

Recognizing active members who have been members of St. Philip over 50 years on Sunday, November 4, 2012, (the closest Sunday to All Saints Day) during the 11:00 am worship service.

Accepting the first reading of the revised St. Philip Personnel Policy and Procedures.

Putting out a donation bucket at congregational dinners, just as we did for the donut fellowship, with the funds going to the operating budget.

Accepting with regret, Michael Washburn's resignation from Session because a new job will require him to move, and directing the Nominating Committee to find someone to fill his unexpired term.



Friday September 28, 2012
9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
Save the date for the 3rd Annual Northeast Senior Jamboree
Hosted by The Hurst Senior Activities Center
700 Heritage Circle Hurst, Texas 76053



Mid Cities Care Corps Director, Duane Buuck is coordinating the Event Direction Attendants.

<u>Duane is in need of 6 to 8 volunteers.</u> This is a great opportunity for many St. Philip members and friends to be a part of this exciting event.

You can call Duane at 817-282-0531.

The fun includes, Ken Nelson Entertainment, Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders, Bedford Ramblers Jam Session, Running with Scissors Information Booth, Patti Tours Information and much more....

Falls Prevention Program A Matter of Balance Managing Concerns about Falls

A Matter of Balance is an award winning program that consists of eight two-hour sessions designed to help adults ages 60+ reduce their fear of falling through group discussion, problem-solving strategies and increasing physical activity levels.

Classes are on Tuesday and Thursday, October 9-November 1 1:30-3:30 p.m.

At the Texas Health HEB Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Center 251 Westpark Way Euless, Texas 76040

What will I learn in the classes?

- Reduce fall hazards in your home
- Increase your strength and balance
- Improve your overall health through increased

To register or for more information, please call: 1-877-THR-Well (1-877-847-9355)

> Decrease your risk and fear of falling sign up today!





October 1	Dave Fulenwider
October 1	Will Whitehead
October 2	Vernon Boyd
October 3	Shirley Barney
October 3	Ashton Haney
October 4	Francisco Andrade
October 7	Amanda Berney
October 8	Biddy Nelms Bothwell
October 8	Vickie Buckalew
October 9	Lee Larkin
October 10	Pam Cochrane
October 10	Liz Spybuck
October 12	Nella Bedford
October 13	Tyler Lowe
October 14	Martha Jane Staples
October 15	Jennifer Robertson
October 16	Laura Garcia
October 17	Mozelle Durke
October 18	Paul Adrian
October 19	Stephanie Jones
October 20	Jeffery Young
October 22	Rudy Sanchez
October 24	Joshua Corey Trammell
October 25	Cindy Baren
October 25	Bill Murray
October 26	Ron Freeman
October 26	Tal Buie
October 26	Cecile Lemmon
October 26	Quinn Dixon
October 27	Lilly Belknap
October 28	Kathryn Berney
October 28	Bill Evans
October 29	Nancy Jones
October 31	Don Williams



The Peacemaking offering will be received Oct. 7
which is also World Communion Sunday.

This offering is an opportunity for St. Philip to participate in promoting the Peace of Christ through Presbyterian programs at the local, presbytery, synod and national - PC(USA) level. Look for information in your bulletins for examples of how the offering is used. 25 % of our donations stay at St. Philip for our peacemaking ministry. If you wish more details go to:

http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/specialofferings/peacemaking-offering/

Envelopes will be provided. Please write "peacemaking" on the memo line of your check.

May you be blessed as you give.

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Mission/Outreach Committee

CAN YOU HELP KAY LYNN'S PANTRY?

Kay Lynn's Pantry is a ministry of St. Philip whereby our neighbors who are on Food Stamps can come in to receive taxable toiletries, paper products and cleaning products that Food Stamps cannot buy. The pantry has experienced a recent large increase in clients, which is stretching our resources beyond its limits. We have already decreased the frequency our clients may visit the pantry, from once a month to once every two months. There are other steps that can help.

Donate your paper grocery sacks, so we don't have to purchase them. (No plastic, please.)

Donate items for distribution such as toilet paper, shampoo, deodorant, etc. For a complete list of items, contact Ann Treleven at anniemctree@sbcglobal.net

Donate money we will use to purchase products.

Become a buyer to fill in when the regulars aren't available. We'll supply the tax-exempt certificate, and you'll get reimbursed.

Thank you for caring!

GLORY TO GOD

THE [new] PRESBYTERIAN HYMNBOOK

Let's replace our battered hymnbooks with the handsome new revised edition.

Hymnbook Potluck 6:00-8:00 p.m., Sunday, November 11, 2012

Save the date! Michael Waschevski will be our guest that evening to introduce us to the new hymnbooks. Michael is Minister of Music at First Presbyterian Church in Fort Worth. He served on the committee that planned and edited the books, and he loves to show them off and explain them.

Bring the family. Bring your friends. Bring your enthusiasm and your curiosity. Bring food--homemade or storebought--and we'll celebrate.

If we get with the program, those new books will be in the pews before we know it! (Watch for reminders so you won't miss this.)

Each copy will be priced at \$20.00 for over 800 hymns. Let's pay less!

Early orders are \$18.00.

Prepaid early orders are only \$15.00. What a bargain!

(Think about putting all those fives in the piggy bank. What a haul.)

- Come to the Hymbook Potluck (or to the collection plate or the office) to order <u>one or more books</u> as gifts from you or your family.
- Pay \$15 each when you order, if you can. (Label checks "For Hymnbooks.")
- Each new book will get a <u>bookplate</u> recognizing the giver and the giver's memorial:
- 1. in honor of _____
- 2. in memory of _____
- 3. to the Glory of God.

(See the bookplates on the inside front covers of the old hymnals in your pew.)

Let's do it!



Adult Education POT-LUCK BREAKFAST:

Living With the Dead Sea Scrolls

Sunday Oct. 21 9:45 – 10:45 Discussion led by Rev. Ron Serino (aka "Mr. Elizabeth Dick")

Bring your favorite breakfast dish!

Children and Youth Sunday School classes will be meeting as planned.



Children's Music.....

During Sunday school each week (9:45 to 10:45), children will experience singing and playing rhythm instruments as they learn new and traditional church songs and hymns. They will sing in worship three or four times during the school year using the music they have been studying, and they will learn how to contribute to the worship service.

Youth Hand Chime Choir.....

This instrumental group is made up of youth from 7th grade to 12th. (Chimes are played like hand bells but are a metal bar with a mallet attached to it, and they have a more mellow tone than bells.) This choir meets on Sundays from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. They contribute to worship by playing six times during the school year.





Adult Hand Bell Choir.....

The Adult Hand Bell choir plays three octaves of bells seasonally and rehearses Sundays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. They are presently preparing for the Christmas season and will play five or six times in worship and in concert before December 25th. After a short break, they will resume rehearsals in late February and practice Lenten and Easter music in preparation for playing in worship.



The Chancel Choir.....

The Chancel Choir includes adults and youth from ninth grade through twelfth grade. They sing traditional and contemporary anthems in the 11:00 worship service and rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Except for the month of July, they rehearse year round and have two concerts, one at Christmas and one in the spring.

They will be singing at the Meyerson Symphony Hall in 2013.

Cornerstone & Philippian singers.....

The Cornerstone quintet sings gospel music once a month in worship. They are an audition group only. If you would like more information about the group, see Jennifer Stark or call the Church office at 817-282-9181. The Philippians sing contemporary Christian music with eight singers and sing once a month in worship. They too, are an audition only group.





Praise Ensemble.....

The Praise ensemble is a very fine group with stringed instruments, keyboard and percussion that plays all the music in the worship service on the fifth Sunday of the month. If you are interested in playing with this group, see Tom Demer or call the Church office at 817-282-9181 and talk to Pam Cochrane.

Welcome, Welcome, Welcome....

Have you heard someone singing and playing the guitar as you entered the front doors of the church? Well, come early at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings and sing along or listen to Paul Demer as he plays his guitar and sings in Fellowship Hall!* Paul will be singing "praise and worship" music and even some of his own compositions as you come in the door. Please join him. What better way is there to begin our worship service than to

sing God's praises!

*This is a new ministry that St. Philip and the Evangelism Committee along with the Worship Committee have begun to "welcome" all who want to sing God's praises in preparation for our worship service.

For information about any music program, contact Pam Cochrane at 817-282-9181 or pamc@stphil.org

Katíe's Comments

Isn't it amazing how at times everything seems to tie together so neatly? This past Sunday morning was one of those days for me. Our Elementary School children were studying the story of Peter in Sunday School. They were told how Peter denied Christ 3 times and that after the resurrection; Christ asked him 3 times if he loved Him.

Then during Greg's children's sermon, he talked to the children about the Prodigal son. The son asked his father for his inheritance while the father was still alive, spent all the money, and then went back home to be welcomed with open arms.

During Children's Church, we heard a story about 2 sisters who were privileged enough to have Jesus as a guest in their home. One of the sisters, Martha, was upset that the other sister, Mary, didn't help prepare a meal for Jesus, but instead sat at his feet to listen to his tales. Jesus told Martha that Mary had chosen the better part. Greg also preached on this story at the Footprints Service on Sunday.

You may be wondering why I'm talking about all of these stories tying together. Someone in each of these stories is the recipient of a form of grace. They have been offered an accepting love that they didn't always deserve but are still freely given. I feel that I am in the same position (in some ways) as Peter, the Prodigal Son, and Mary/Martha. St. Philip has offered be a gift of grace in this time of transition, a gift of time; time to talk with church members about ministries at the church, time to figure out what's next in God's plan for me, and time to grieve this loss.

I will never be able to fully put into words how much this time means to me. I look forward to the time that I have remaining here, the time that I have to spend with each of you, and the time that will come when we both get to move on to the next chapter of our lives.

God's grace is amazing.

Grace and Peace, Katie



Note of the Week.....

On Saturday, I went to the Harvest Festival at the First United Methodist Church down the road. My son and daughter-in-law were in charge of the event that raises money for missions each year. I was amazed at the giving that occurred particularly in this time of economic uncertainty! Many people donated many things and services as bidding items, and there was a live auction at the end of the event that included a Ranger suite and a vacation package! (I can't imagine who donated those items?) In all, my daughter-in-law said they were hoping to raise \$50,000, but instead, they raised close to \$70,000 (including the proceeds from a Sunday school garage sale). I was delighted for our church and glad that my family had been actively involved in mission and helping others.

I see that same care and helping hands here at St. Philip. The mission work Saturday, Kay Lynn's pantry, the clients that receive help paying their bills each month, the backpacks for school children, the youth mission trips in the summer, Meals on Wheels, Care Core and the Boy Scouts are only a few of the groups that St. Philip sponsors. For me, it is wonderful to be involved and working for two great mission churches! What a great blessing it is to give actively and/or monetarily to St. Philip and its great work! "Give and it will be given to you." Luke 6:38

Speaking of involvement, please read about all the music programs that are offered here at St. Philip. (You will find that information on another page of this PUNCH.) If you have an interest and want to participate in any of the ensembles, please contact me at the church office—817-282-9181 or e-mail me at pame@stphil.org. We joyfully sing and play as messengers of God and would like to invite you to join us!

This Sunday the Praise Band Ensemble is playing the music for the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services. If you have never heard them play and come this Sunday to worship, you are in for a treat. The Chancel Choir is singing "The Staff of Faith" by Craig Courtney with guest percussionist, Jim Juengerman and keyboardist, Jennifer Stark. Some of the lyrics are: My faith, it is an oaken staff, the traveler's well-loved aid; My faith, it is a weapon stout, the 'soldier's trusty blade. I'll travel on, and still be stirred by prayerful thought or holy Word; By all my peril undeterred, a soldier-pilgrim staid.

See you in church on Sunday.

Joyfully Singing in Christ, Pam Cochrane