

# PARK HILLS CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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## A Word Or Two (or three) From Wally

Insanity has been defined as doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result. It's wishful thinking or hoping without any reason to hope. Either we change our actions or we will get the same results.

It's the same with sharing our beliefs with others or talking to someone about faith in Jesus. \

If you are the average believer, several things happen when someone says, "Go and witness to someone." Your hands get clammy, your brain goes into a clogged traffic jam and panic sets in. We don't want to offend anyone and drive them away, so many times we say nothing and go "whew" when we are out of their presence. Afterwards we may feel guilty we said nothing and beat ourselves up, or we think of all the good things we could have said. When under stress we do not function well.

How would you like to be a positive witness to friends and family, knowing when to speak and when not, feeling relaxed and at ease? In January and February, we are going to break the insanity and do something different.

"Just Walk Across the Room" is a way of knowing what to say and when to say it. As a believer, the Holy Spirit dwells within you. He knows who is ready to hear, what you are to say, and how you are to fit in. We will learn some simple steps pointing people to faith. We will learn how to do our part in them coming to have faith in Christ. There will be small groups like the "40 days of purpose." Would you host a group? Make sure you are part of one!

We are going to kick off this on Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. **Church will begin at 10A.M. that morning!!!!!!** If you normally dress up for church, that Sunday I ask you to come in the clothes you go shopping in. NO QUESTIONS NOW, PLEASE. Hopefully we'll have a catered lunch after the service.

DON'T BE INSANE, BECOME PART OF THE NORMAL CHRISTIAN LIFE.

See you Sunday,  
Wally



## Did You Know?

> You can write to George Morris in Iraq at:

PV@ George Morris  
C co., 2/12 Cav., 2-1 1D  
1<sup>st</sup> Cav. Div.  
Unit 43314  
APO AE 09344

> We will be going Christmas Caroling to our shut-ins on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December at 6:00pm? Sign up at the welcome center in the front lobby if you are planning on attending.

> Wally visited with Noel and Jeanie Barrack while he was in Dallas? They send their regards to all at Park Hills.

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> We are looking for testimonials of how God has used Christmas to change your lives? These will be part of our Christmas Eve Service, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

> Sunday Morning Service will begin at 10:00am on the 6<sup>th</sup> of January for one service only? See Wally's article for more information.

> Arcelia Deering passed away this month? She had been suffering from Alzheimer's and had not been in church for many years.

> Rick Wilson has moved to Los Vegas, NV? He and Loretta are taking care of his mother there.

> Faye Chapman, Mike Rodriguez and Allen Miller each gave testimonies this past month as part of the sermon? Thank you for sharing the workings of the Lord in your lives.

> The new sign, adds in both the El Paso Times and the Ft. Bliss Monitor, and our web site have brought us visitors? Thanks to all who have made it possible.

> Greg Davis keeps up the Web Site, [www.parkhillchurch.org](http://www.parkhillchurch.org). A copy of this newsletter is there as well.

> You don't want to miss church January 6<sup>th</sup>. You've never done anything like this before.

> We will hold our Church Retreat the last weekend of February in Ruidoso, NM? The cost will be \$95.00 per person with kids 5 and under free. Snow and a heated indoor pool? Water-volleyball anyone?

> The Chapman's New Years Eve Open House will be held on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December this year? Drop in from 8:00pm to Midnight.

> A "For men only" group will begin in January? Sign up with Wally.

## Holy-Days Calendar

December 4<sup>th</sup> Women's Fellowship Christmas  
6:00pm @ 2814 Pierce...\$5.00 Gift and a Dish to share

December 10<sup>th</sup> Christmas Fellowship Dinner  
Meat is provided bring side dishes to share

December 10<sup>th</sup> Food Basket Information Due  
Forms are provided to recommend needy families  
Canned Goods may be dropped off in the front lobby

December 15<sup>th</sup> Christmas Caroling  
Sign up in the Lobby to sing or call the office for a visit.

December 16<sup>th</sup> Delivery of Food Baskets  
See Eleanor Phillips to volunteer to help with deliveries

December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Services  
10:58am and 6:00pm at Park Hills. Join us for both

December 31<sup>st</sup> Chapman's Open House  
8:00pm to Midnight. Drop in and visit

## Allen's Thoughts . . .

Josh McDowell said it this way. *"If God became man then we would expect Him to have an unusual entrance into this life."*

The birth of a baby is nothing unusual. But the Bible says when Jesus was born He was born of a virgin.

In His book, The Case for Christmas, Lee Strobel says, *"Though 79 percent of Americans believe the virgin birth, it was a stumbling block for philosopher William Lane Craig when he was young. 'I thought it was absurd,' he said. 'For the virgin birth to be true, a Y-chromosome had to be created out of nothing in Mary's ovum, because Mary didn't possess the genetic material to produce a male child.'*

*Still he became a Christian. 'You don't need to have all your questions answered to come to faith,' he told me. 'You just have to say, 'The wait of the evidence seems to show this is true, so even though I don't have answers to all my questions, I'm going to believe and hope for answers in the long run.'"*

*Craig, who became an expert on scientific evidence for a Creator, later resolved the issue. 'If I really do believe in a God who created the universe,' Craig said, smiling, 'then for Him to create a Y-chromosome would be child's play!'"*

Now there has never been another birth like that. Jesus is the only baby ever born that had an earthly mother but no earthly father. He had a heavenly Father but no heavenly mother.

He's the only baby ever born who was older than his mother and the same age as his father. When Jesus was born the Bible says that God was born. The creator became a child.

God's plan for redeeming man had begun.

Seeking the Harvest with You  
Allen

## Daria Longs to know God...

*by Heather Parker missionary to Russia*

Christ was at work in Daria's life long before I met her. I found Daria sitting on a staircase inside Moscow State University. We talked through the gospel.

Through the course of our conversation it became clear that Daria understood that Jesus died for her sins and that it was through faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus that she was forgiven all her sins.

Daria told me that she placed her faith in Jesus Christ after reading a famous Russian novel titled "Master and Margarita." She did not know what that decision meant till after we discussed the gospel.

This past month Daria and I met each Saturday to study the Bible. God has used me to teach her that He is everywhere, that His love is perfect and that she can be sure that she will spend eternity with Him.

She is so hungry and eager to learn. For instance, I challenged her to read through the Gospel of John in a month. She came back the next week and had read through it twice.

It is such a privilege to teach her the word of God. One day Daria said to me, "Heather, the day we met I thought I was looking for love and friendship. You showed me that what I was longing for was God."

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### **PHCC Mission Board**

To read more exciting stories from Heather, as well as our other missionaries, be sure to visit our missions' board located next to the cry-room.

We receive newsletters from most of our missionaries each month so be sure to check back often to see the lives the Lord has touched through those we have sent to do His will.

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