

# PARK HILLS CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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

Have you noticed the number of visitors in church each Sunday?

We have been doing several things to bring this about. For the past 9 months, there has been a nice ad for Park Hills in the Ft. Bliss Monitor newspaper. Many have responded to this ad.

Several have come as they have seen our web page at [www.parkhillchurch.org](http://www.parkhillchurch.org). Greg Davis keeps this updated and is going to contact an expert to make it look more professional.

As visitors arrive at church, they receive a packet with various items of information about the church. As Allen and I quickly fill our schedules each week and our visitors are very busy, making an in home visit is almost impossible to schedule.

We think we have come up with a solution but we need your help.

We want to have a get-together for all new folks in the church about every other month. We will begin meeting in our home on a Sunday night where we can meet each other, meet leaders in the church, and get acquainted with those new to Park Hills.

To bring this about we need to establish "The Cream Team;" people who will make very nice desserts (home-made), a beautiful fruit and cheese tray (for those who cannot eat sugar), and a tasty punch.

The number on "The Cream Team" and the number of visitors will determine how often you will be investing in the lives of new people.

If you would like to coordinate this ministry or be part of the team, give us a call at the church office.

If God is sending people to join us in our journey of faith, we need to let them know there is room for them.

See you Sunday.

Wally

## Up Coming Events

Pregnancy Help Center is sponsoring a "Celebrate Life" Walk-a-thon as a fund-raiser on Saturday October 6<sup>th</sup> 2007. If you would like to participate by walking or by sponsoring a "walker", please see or call Barbara Baldwin (562-7069) as soon as possible.

October 14<sup>th</sup> is Pastor Appreciation Day. We will be having a reception for Wally and Allen following the service. Plan now to join us in this event.

October 28<sup>th</sup> will be our annual Fall Harvest party. Join us after the service for food, fun and fellowship. We will start collecting candy on October 7<sup>th</sup>.



## Did You Know?

- **There was a reception on September 16<sup>th</sup> to honor Val and Irene Sorensen for 60 years of marriage?** Congratulations!
- **The Labor Day Weekend church retreat went well?** 30 people attended and the response was very positive. The studies seem to have been especially appreciated. The next retreat will be Feb/Mar 2008.
- **Jay Gilliland is home recovering from a heart attack?** Keep him in your prayers.
- **All regular church activities are now in full swing?**
- **Susan Legg (Passage Ministries) has moved to Little Rock, Arkansas?** She is now working with Little Rock Compassion House.
- **We are represented well on college campuses in Texas?** Kelani Keoho is attending Southwest Assembly of God University, Enrique Rodriguez is attending Dallas Baptist University and Aulton Davis is at St. Mary's. Please keep them in your prayers.
- **A Sunday school class designed to improve marriage is starting October 7<sup>th</sup>?** Join us in this six-session study as Andy Stanley explains that you must learn to transform your expectations and look to God if you are to experience marriage as it was designed. See Allen if you're interested.
- **The church was broken into last month?** Wally's laptop was stolen, four doors and locks were destroyed and about \$100.00 from Celebrate Recovery was taken. Thanks to Andy who built steel bars to help prevent future break-ins.
- **The Tuesday morning Bible study has resumed at 10 am in the church library?** It's a great time for all.
- **The sign has been repaired?** It's great to be visible to the public again.
- **Missionaries in August were plentiful?** The Fiess', Pearsons, Heather Parker, Claire Meckler, and Paul Ilyin from Every Home for Christ. We were blessed to see what God is doing in many Muslim countries.

## Up Coming Sermons

Remaining focused on God in spite of....

- 09-23-07 ...circumstances
- 09-30-07 ...your past
- 10-07-07 ...solitude
- 10-14-07 ...family
- 10-21-07 ...finances
- 10-28-07 ...health
- 11-04-07 ....fear
- 11-11-07 ...persecution

## Allen's Thoughts . . .

This past week marked the six-year anniversary of the September 11 attack on the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center. Across the United States there were many memorial services held honoring those who lost their lives on that fateful day, especially the 353 heroes of the New York City Police, Fire and Emergency Departments.

These memorials were not just opportunities to remember those brave men and women, not just opportunities to comfort those left behind, but were also chances to give thanks. These services gave the survivors from the towers, as well as those not even personally touched by the bombings, the ability to express their gratitude to those heroes and their families for the sacrifices made.

In John the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter verses 11 through 15 we read in Jesus' own words:

*I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.*

*I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father, and I lay down my life for the sheep.*

Over 2000 years ago Jesus also sacrificed His life, willingly facing death on a cross. That death, while not personally necessary, is all that allows me to face life and eternity with hope.

How I express my thanks says a lot about how strongly I believe in the existence of Heaven and just as importantly, Hell. If I am truly thankful I should take every opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus with those in danger of spending eternity in Hell.

Of all the lessons learned that terrible day, the most striking is that death is both universal and inevitable. No one can escape it, but we must all be prepared for what follows: eternal life in either Heaven or Hell.

Seeking the Harvest with You  
Allen

## Trip to Israel

Are you interested in a trip to Israel? Moody Bible Institute is sponsoring a tour from May 25-June 8, 2008 with an optional 4 day extension to Jordan.

The cost for the Israel tour is \$3,875 and the extension is \$1,290.

You will stay in A-one hotels, have excellent Bible teaching, amazing times of worships, and you will be where Jesus walked and died.

See [www.israel.moodyministries.net](http://www.israel.moodyministries.net) for more information.

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