

# PARK HILLS CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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

*Rob Baldwin showed the following article to me. It is great and I thought you would enjoy it:*

### DID GOD CREATE EVIL?

The college professor challenged the class with this question.

"Did God make everything there is?"

The student bravely answered, "yes."

"Everything, young man?"

"Yes he did sir" the young man replied

The professor responded, "If God made everything, then God made evil, and if we can only create from within ourselves, then God is evil."

The student didn't have a response and the professor was happy to have once again proved the Christian faith to be a myth.

Then another man raised his hand and asked, "May I ask you something, sir?"

"Yes you may," responded the professor. The young man stood up and said, "Sir, is there such a thing as cold?"

"Of course there is, what kind of question is that? Haven't you ever been cold?"

The young man replied, "Actually, sir, cold does not exist. What we consider to be cold is really only the absence of heat. Absolute zero is where there is absolutely no heat, but cold doesn't really exist. We have only created the term to describe how we feel when heat is not there."

The young man continued, "Sir, is there such a thing as dark?"

Once again, the professor responded, "Of course there is."

And once again, the student replied, "Actually, sir, darkness does not exist. Darkness is only a term man developed to describe what happens when there is no light present."

Finally the young man asked, "Sir, is there such a thing as evil?"

The professor responded, "Of course. We have rapes and murder and violence everywhere in the world, those things are evil."

The student replied, "Actually, sir, evil does not exist. Evil is simply the absence of God. God did not create evil. It isn't like truth, or love which exist like heat and light. Evil is simply the state where God is not present, like cold without heat or darkness without light."

The professor sat down.

See you Sunday,  
Wally

## Did You Know?

◆ The ceiling air conditioning registers were installed for refrigerated A/C when the extension was done to the church and we do not have refrigerated air. New vents have gone in and we hope the church will be cooler with more air circulation.

◆ Thanks to Rhea Bullock for spraying weeds at the church.

◆ Rob Baldwin made a great looking welcome center. We need people to man it on Sunday mornings. Any volunteers?

◆ We need people to help with phoning and greeting for the church pictorial directory. Photos will be taken September 19-20, 3-9:30 PM. Get your clothes ready. Every family will receive a free 8x10, no purchase necessary.

◆ Work Day is coming. Roof repair, weeding, plumbing, general clean up, rock work from flood, etc. Help out when it is announced.

◆ William Figueria and John Nelson spent a couple of days after the flood in El Paso, removing rocks from the church parking lot so we would have parking on Sunday? Thanks guys for your thoughtfulness.

◆ June Roberts is home from her hip surgery.

◆ Park Hills is now being advertised in the *Fort Bliss Monitor* newspaper. Thanks to those who are making this possible.

◆ A new air conditioner has been donated.

The one we have been using on low will have a larger airflow. What a great gift!

◆ *Celebrate Recovery* will be expanding. We learned new things at the *Summit* in California. We will reach more people and do a better job. Berta Rogers, Sue Eyster, Clark and Cindy Peters and Faye and Wally Chapman attended.

◆ Congratulations to Diane and Paul Fleenor on the birth of their daughter Louise Kay.

◆ Bobbie Jean Fiscus went to be with the Lord after a long illness. Keep Bob in your prayers as he adjusts after long-term home care.

◆ Heather Parker is on her way to Moscow, Russia, for a one-year missionary trip with *Campus Crusade for Christ*. She will be working at the university there. Keep her in your prayers.

◆ Rachel Eyster is back from her summer missionary trip to New Guinea. Talk to Rachel about her experience.

◆ The El Paso floods did their damage at Park Hills. A retention dam was breached, dirt, landscaping, and the parking lot washed out. We had roof leaks and water came in under the wall in the Cry Room. Nothing major to the building.

◆ The weekly Monday night women's Bible Study will begin a study of II Corinthians on September 18, 7:00 PM at the church. Please see Barbara Baldwin for more information.

**Allen's Thoughts . . .**

Press Release



**TOP CHRISTIAN MUSIC ARTIST COMES TO EL PASO**

Michael W. Smith, the biggest name in Contemporary Christian music history, will make his first El Paso appearance at the Plaza Theater on Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, as part of his nationwide 31-city "An Evening With Michael W. Smith" solo show tour.

The singer, songwriter, guitarist, and keyboardist has sold more than 13 million records and has had 29 number one hit songs in his 22-year career. By 2005, "Smitty" had 14 gold records and five platinum records to go along with his 40 Dove Awards, 3 Grammys and an American Music Award. In 2003, Michael W. Smith won the Male Vocalist of the Year Award at the GMA Music Awards.

Smith's career began in 1981 as a songwriter when he put together hits for artists like Sandi Patty, Kathy Tioccoli, Bill Gaither and Amy Grant. He would eventually become Amy Grant's opening act, and then recorded his first Grammy-nominated solo album "The Michael W. Smith Project." In 1983 he recorded his first big hit "Friends" which is the song most associated with him.

Smith's most memorable hits include

*Place in the World, I Will Be Here For You, This Is Your Time, Friends, For You, Somebody Loves Me, Love Me God, I Will Lead You Home, Above All, Secret Ambition, and Bridge Over Troubled Water.*

Tickets go on sale at 10:00 AM on Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. Tickets are \$41, \$31 or \$22 (plus associated fees) and are available at any Ticketmaster location by phone and online at Ticketmaster.com. The Plaza Ticketmaster box office number is 231-1112.

*Seating is limited, so contact Wally soon if you are interested in attending as a group.*

Seeking the Harvest with You,

Allen

**Church Directory Update Continues...**

Because the membership of Park Hills Church is very fluid (we have always had a large number of military and student members) it is a constant chore to keep our membership directory updated. This has been especially true since we lost Marcia who did such a good job with this. During the next few weeks we are attempting to establish a membership database which will aid us not only with the directory but also with other things. We will be attempting to contact everyone to get updated information, but you can assist us greatly if you will fill out one of the "Directory Information" forms we have prepared for this purpose. You can find them on the table in the foyer. Once completed you can either leave them in the tray on the table or give them to Jay Gilliland. We appreciate your help.

**Women's Fellowship**

All women of the church are invited to participate in the Women's Fellowship, which meets the first Monday of each month, September (week after Labor Day) through May, at 7:00 PM at the church. Our purpose is to help the church, encourage one another, grow spiritually, and reach out to others.

Meetings include a short Bible study (this year we will be viewing *That the World May Know* with historian Ray Vander Laan - *Faith Lessons on the Life and Ministry of the Messiah*), prayer, a business meeting and refreshments.

We help the church by preparing communion, helping at fellowship dinners, providing funeral meals, giving bridal and first-time baby showers, decorating the church for Christmas, and heading various projects and events: the women's ministry of Church on the Street, Operation Christmas Child, Christmas food baskets, a church talent show, a rummage sale to benefit ministries, and a Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit Crisis Pregnancy Services and Love of Life Pregnancy Center.

It's a great way to be involved, make new friends, and serve! For more information please call:

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