

The Visitor

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Mission Statement:

Increase Christ's footprint beyond our doors through bold witness, nurturing all in fruitful and faithful discipleship.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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THE VOW – I will faithfully participate in the ministries of Cedar Bayou Grace United Methodist Church with my prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

Fall Stewardship Emphasis, September 18 – October 23, 2011

Dear friends,

OK, so how's your PPGSW? Those letters stand for a vow we take when we join a United Methodist Congregation. We pledge to support the congregation with our Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service and Witness. I read an article saying that these are not "cafeteria style." Don't be tempted to pick and choose among them. And know that keeping them all together means more than just being "a good church member." Together keeping these five promises makes for a well rounded disciple of Jesus Christ. Like eating a balanced diet, together these create a healthy Christian individual and church community.

But there is more. Each one represents something God does in us and among us. When we pray, God connects to us. When we are present with God's people, God is present with us. When we give to God; we acknowledge how much God has gifted us. When we serve God, God works through us to change the world. When we witness to our faith, God's Spirit finds the words and speaks to the hearer's heart. When we are faithful in PPGSW, God works fully in our lives, our church and our world.

The letters PPGSW remind us of how powerfully God is at work. Each Sunday in worship over the next few weeks, we will hear a testimony from one of you about one aspect of this pledge. Also, at Sunday School we will have a devotional on the topic by a church member. Each video testimony and written devotional will be available on our website www.cedarbayougrace.org so that you won't miss any and so that you can share with a friend.

The culmination of our fall PPGSW emphasis will be Celebration Sunday, October 23. The Covenant Players will lead worship to help us think more deeply about God's great gifts to us. We will make our PPSGW pledge for 2012 and we will enjoy BBQ lunch together. Please, plan to attend.

See you in worship.
Blessings,
Pastor Carol Turner

Announcements

Enjoy the convenience of electronic giving!



Electronic Fund Giving

Cedar Bayou Grace United Methodist Church is pleased to announce that we now offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular offering. Electronic giving is convenient for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

To set up an electronic giving schedule you can either complete a paper authorization form or visit the church website at www.cedarbayougrace.org and look for the donation link.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Look for the authorization form in the weekly bulletin or at the church office. Thank you!



Church Conference

Mark your calendar for our Annual Church Conference which will be held on Sunday, October 9 at noon in the sanctuary. At this conference we will be electing officers for 2012 and voting on the salaries of our pastors. The conference will be followed by a soup and sandwich meal. We will be needing people to help with the set up, to serve and to help clean up after the luncheon and for people willing to provide food either by making a pot of soup, or a tray of sandwiches or a dessert. Sign up at the table across from the



Pictorial Directory

Our new church directories are here. If you had your picture taken for the directory you may pick your directory up at the table across from the guest center on Sundays or in the church office during office hours (Monday through Thursday -8:30 to 4:30.)

Christmas Shoeboxes



Seafarer Christmas Boxes

In order to help those who will be at sea during the Christmas holidays, we will again be collecting money and items to put together Seafarer boxes. Since 1973 Texans have shown their hospitality to the over 11,000 seafarers that come to the Houston port during the Christmas season each year. Again this year we are asking you to help us fulfill the challenge of welcoming the stranger among us. The following items may be placed on the table across from the guest center starting Sunday, October 2. Please be sure they are small enough to place in a shoe box:

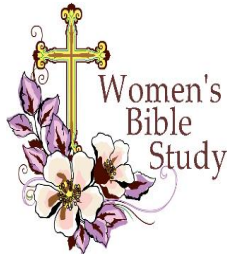
Band-aids, combs, dental floss, deodorant, disposable razors, flashlight, Kleenex and Q-tips, lotion and lip balm, nail clippers, needles and thread, shaving cream, soap and sham-

poo, toothbrush & toothpaste, address book, calendar, disposable camera, gums and hard candy, key chains, paper & envelopes, pencils & pens, playing cards, puzzles & games, postcards, stamps, socks, Texas souvenirs, t-shirts, baseball caps. Adult shoe boxes with lids may also be brought and put under the table. This is a way to share the Christmas spirit and joy with others.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2nd Saturday Women's Bible Study

All women are invited to come and study about How God Uses the Smallest and the Youngest – the Story of David and Goliath with Sandra Miks on Saturday, October 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Grab your bible, invite a friend and enjoy sharing with your Christian sisters. Sign up at the table across from the Guest Center. Child care is available. Please contact Andrea Metzger at 281-427-4754 or at ametger@cedarbayougrace.org.



Emmaus Gathering

The Emmaus Community of Cedar Bayou Grace UMC is planning a regional Emmaus Gathering on Friday, September 23rd at 6:30pm in the Busch Center and wish to invite everyone to attend. This s gathering is for those who have attended an Emmaus Walk and for those who might be interested in learning more about the Emmaus Walk. There will be food, faith sharing, music, communion and God so please plan on joining us.



What's in Your Bag?

Want to know how to declutter and organize your life? Come to the workshop sponsored by Stephen Ministry for members of the church and their friends and family on Saturday, October 15 in the Busch Center from 8:30 to 10:30. Breakfast will be served at 8:00 and there is no fee for the workshop. A second workshop will be held on November 5 on "Staying Centered, Balanced and Empowered." Sign up for the workshop at the table across from the guest center. **Child care can be provided if requested by Monday, October 10.** Contact Andrea Metzger at 281-427-4754 or at ametger@cedarbayougrace.org. For other questions regarding the workshops call Connie Jennings at 281-932-0944.

Zumba

Zumba classes have come to CBGUMC. Classes will be held Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:45 P.M. in the gym. Cost is \$2. Everyone ages 12 and up is invited to join in the classes.



Women of Faith "Over the Top"

Join an arena full of women of all ages singing and praising God at the Women of Faith Conference: Over the Top - "Enjoy the God who loves you more than you ever dreamed

possible!" to be held October 21st —22nd in San Antonio. Tickets are \$89 and are available on Sundays at the table across from the Guest Center. Women's Ministries has a block of rooms reserved at the La Quinta Conference Center near the event. Questions? Call Beth Brady at 713-249-0922. All women are welcome so invite your friends and relatives.

Attendance

September 4 8:15 - 81
10:45 - 203

September 11 8:15 - 82
10:45 - 278

September 18 8:15 — 80
10:45 — 247



Giving for Sept. 4 - Sept. 11

Budget	\$37,422.19
Other	\$9,759.53

Youth News



New Sunday Youth Schedule

4:00 - 4:30 pm	Celebration Ringers - Youth Handbells
4:00 - 5:00 pm	Celebr8! - Youth Praise Band
4:30 - 5:00 pm	Celebration Orchestra - Youth & Adult Orchestra
5:00 - 6:00 pm	Celebration Singers - Youth Choir
6:00 - 6:30 pm	Snack Supper
6:30 - 8:00 pm	UMYF

Join us on Sundays for fun & fellowship!



Upcoming Dates for Youth

Save the date for the following youth activities!

- **Wednesday, September 28** - See you at the Pole Worship at First Baptist Church at 6:00 P.M.
- **Saturday, October 1** - Change the World Mission Outing; 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
- **Wednesday, October 12** - Field of Faith at Stallworth Stadium; 6:00 - 9:00 P.M.
- **Sunday, October 16** - South District UMYF at Deer Park UMC; 6:00 - 9:30 P.M.
- **Sunday, October 23** - Volleyball Tournament at St. Mark's UMC; 6:00 - 9:30 P.M.

For more information on these or any youth activities please contact any of the following:

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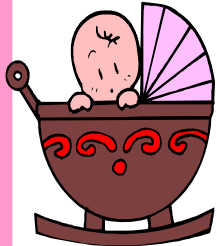
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Cedar Bayou Grace Kids



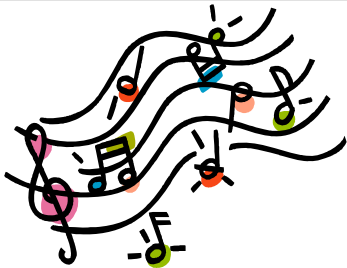
Trunk or Treat

Join us Monday, October 31 for Trunk or Treat! We will be signing people up to decorate a room for our trick-or-treaters. For more information please contact Tina Bravo at tbravo@cedarbayougrace.org or 281-427-4754.



Nursery Workers

We are currently looking for nursery workers to work weekday evenings and/or Sundays. If you are 18 and over and would like to work with our children, please pick up an application from the church office or in the nursery.



MUSIC NOTES

The Chancel Choir has begun working on their Christmas musical, "I Hear The Prophet Callin'". This work uses mountain music to tell the Christmas story. The music is not difficult, and is especially fitting for both trained and untrained voices. It is a total contrast to last Easter's major work, "The Seven Last Words".

We would like to invite all adults, ages 18 and over, to be a part of this musical. We will present it on Sunday, December 4, during the morning worship services. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at 6:45pm, in room 106. Childcare is provided.

All of our choirs and ensembles still have room for more members. Please call me at the church for more information.

See you in the loft,
Paula

Chapel & Sign Donations

If there are any corrections that need to be made, please contact Carol Leskovjan at 281-427-4754.

Memorials for Chapel Restoration (*denotes plaque)

- *Harvey Jessie Gesford (former member of Methodist Church-East Texas)
Given by Darwin & Peggy Gesford (Darwin's father)
- *Mrs. Elizabeth Jones & Miss Annie Schilling
Given by Gerry Ashwood
- *Truman & Bernice Mae Hardison
Given by Aline Erwin
- *Gerald C. Thaxton
Given by Lowry & Bettye Davis
- *Ray C. Galloway
Given by Chuck & Linda Dellaria
- *M/M Albert K. Miks
Given by Mike & Sandra Miks
- *Georgia M. Cordray
Given by Dennis & Pam Cordray
- *Frank & Ruth Wooster Kelly
Given by Bonita Elliott
- Annette Scott
Given by Donald & Carolyn Baker
- Kay Frazier
Given by Rev. James Frazier
- Bettie Barrow
Given by Ladies Bible Class
Given by Laura Faye Templin
Given by Mrs. Charles Brown
Given by Charles & Gayle Standard
Given by Lee & Peggy Robertson
Given by Bonita Elliott
Given by Lea Shehee

Honorarium for Chapel Restoration (*denotes plaque)

- *Masyn Terry
Given by family
- *The marriage of Tracy & Robert Wells
Given by Leaila & Holley Wells
- *Kevin & Dana Schweers
Given by Chuck & Linda Dellaria
- *Boncyle Patterson
Chuck & Linda Dellaria
- Comfirmants, Past Present & Future
Given by Joe & Jeanette Hardin
- Tuesday Morning Prayer Ministry
Given by Joe & Jeanette Hardin
- *Our Wonderful Family & Church Friends
Given by Lee & Peggy Robertson

Gifts for Chapel Restoration

- Michael & Pam Ansley
- Steele & Crystal Arthur
- Don & Carolyn Baker
- Wayne & Sarah Baldwin
- David & Gina Bloom
- Margie Brisendine
- Ruth Brooks
- Mrs. Jimmie Brown
- Gary Bruns
- Al & Debbie Busch

Chapel Gifts Cont.

- Johnnie & Dot Busch
- Crystal Butler
- Judy Carter
- Dan & Peggy Cervenka
- Tommy & Becky Clayton
- Steve & Donna Coggins
- Betty Coleman
- Bonnie Cook
- Fern Cooper
- Roy & Linda Couch
- J. H. Covington
- *Chuck & Linda Dellaria
- Ted & Kay Donner
- Lynn & Charlene Enderli
- Jimmy & Eva Joe Epperson
- Mark & Albino Gaiennie
- Jerry & Dana Gainer
- Judy Goerner
- Harold & Jennifer Gore
- Darryl & Leslie Green
- Richard & Rhonda Green
- Robert & Mary Guenther
- Ruth Henderson
- Ken & Carrie Horton
- Robert & Susie Hunter
- Carolyn & John James
- Evelyn Jennings
- Curt & Jane Knight
- David & Linda Knutson
- Dan & Cathy Koons
- Jim & Dani Lamb
- Leighton & Kathy Littlefield
- Wayne & Virginia Miller
- Sharon Moyer
- Boyce Nelson
- Mr. & Mrs. Albert Nelson
- Mary Noah
- Connie Owens
- Adele Pumphrey
- Ambrose & Karen Rios
- John & Marilyn Sandhop
- Ed & Carla Schaefer
- Harlin & Dot Schaeffer
- Robert & Janine Schrock
- Lea Shehee
- Kirk & Amy Shugart
- Walter & Tina Still
- Helen Strack
- Laura Faye Templin
- Wylie & Betty Tompkins
- *Rev. Carol & David Turner
- Dale & Terri Vander Pol
- Michael & Julie Voytek
- Lynn & Bonnie Walker
- Roy & Bobbie Jane Wimmer
- Arnold Wolf
- Frederick & Sara Wolfcan
- Braden & Gayle Woodall

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- *Ruth Aileen Binford (former member CBUMC)
Given by Peggy & Darwin Gesford (Peggy's mother)
- *Ben & Dollie May Wilburn
Given by Benny May & John Thomas
- *Ray C. Galloway
Given by Chuck & Linda Dellaria
- *Lois Fulton
Given by James Fulton, Virginia Burnside & Michael Fulton
- Lindsey Wilcox
Given by Joe & Jeanette Hardin
- Bernice Mae Hardison
Given by Joe & Jeanette Hardin
- Geneva Neumyer
Given by Joe & Jeanette Hardin
- Dorothea Hurst
Given by John "Pee Wee" & Benny May Thomas
Given by Bill & Wanda Watts
- Bonnie Hendrix
Given by Dean & Vicki Settle
- Gloria Kelley
Given by Don & Carolyn Baker
- Bettie Barrow
Given by John & Benny May Thomas
Given by Ronnie & Betty Callaway

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- *Kevin & Dana Schweers
Given by Chuck & Linda Dellaria
- *Boncycle Patterson
Given by Chuck & Linda Dellaria
- *Amy Peebles Mayo & Rob Peebles
Given by Rick & Sharon Peebles
- Day School for Little People's 40th Anniversary
Given by Joe & Jeanette Hardin

Gifts for Sign Project (*denotes plaque)

- Terry & Sandra Adcock
- Ruth Brooks
- Gary Bruns
- Al & Debbie Busch
- Jepp & Lynnette Busch
- Dan & Peggy Cervenka
- Tommy & Becky Clayton
- J. H. Covington
- *Chuck & Linda Dellaria
- Ted & Kay Donner

Gifts for Sign Project Con't.

- Tammy Fayle
- Jerry & Dana Gainer
- Judy Goerner
- Richard & Ronda Green
- Evelyn Jennings
- Curt & Jane Knight
- David & Linda Knutson
- Dan & Cathy Koons
- Jim & Dani Lamb
- Leighton & Kathy Littlefield
- Carolyn McBride
- Leon & Lorna McCraw
- Wayne & Virginia Miller
- Peggy Pittman
- Ambrose & Karen Rios
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- Bill & Lori Woods
- Dan Woolford

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Please sign up now to serve our community in “Change the World-Day of Caring” to be held on Saturday, October 1. The day of mission service will start at 8:00 a.m. at St. Mark’s with a devotion and a delicious breakfast prepared by San Marcos UMC. Then members of area Methodist churches will spread out in the Baytown area to perform minor repairs for needy individuals and organizations. For those people who are unable to perform outside physical work, two service projects will be available at St. Mark’s. Families with children are invited to come as a family to make appreciation baskets for first responders and then to deliver the baskets. In the front hallway are sign up sheets with each job listed and the type of work to be done. Please sign up for a job as a team leader or as a team volunteer. For additional information please contact Rev. Luis Ramirez at 281-427-4754 ext. 115 or at lramirez@cedarbayougrace.org