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New Year's Visitor

DECEMBER 13, 2011

Dear friends,

What is your resolve for the New Year?

Be it resolved that we will make the most of the opportunity God gives us in this New Year to be Church.

We rebuilt after Ike. We united to become a new church. Now what will we do with the opportunity God has given us? Be it resolved that we will make the most of the opportunity given to us by God.

God gave Noah the opportunity to build an ark and save humankind. Noah built a boat.

Jesus gave the disciples the opportunity to be fishers of men. They left their nets and followed. Jesus gave many sick, blind and lame the opportunity to be healed. They came to him in faith and received the miracle they needed. They acted upon the opportunity given.

What will we do with the opportunity given? Mark your calendar for Thursday, January 26 at 6 p.m. Members, friends – especially all committee members and leaders – this is our time to vision and dream. It's an "all church" meal and time of envisioning God's call for the future ministry of Cedar Bayou Grace. Rev. Jim Hollis and Rev. Jim Burt come from Georgia to lead this inspirational and energetic time. We'll conclude at 8:30 p.m. Please, plan to attend and pass the word that ALL are encouraged to attend this important meeting. Child-care is provided.

We have this new church. Given this opportunity let us resolve to plan wisely the course ahead. What is the will of God for us is now?

Colossians 4: 5 - Conduct yourselves wisely towards outsiders, making the most of the opportunity (to reveal the mystery of Christ to them).

Galatians 6:10 - So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

What do these verses sound like to you? They remind me of our mission statement, "Increase Christ's footprint beyond our doors through bold witness nurturing all in fruitful and faithful discipleship." Our gathering January 26 gives us the opportunity to take our mission statement further by envisioning how. How, with God's help, will we be Church?

God bless you.
Pastor Carol Turner

A Time to ...
Make the Most of Opportunity
Thursday, January 26, 2012
Meal at 6; Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Busch Center of CBGUMC



Announcements



Walk to Emmaus

The Walk to Emmaus is an opportunity to learn what God's grace means for your life. Your clergy and dozens of members have attended an Emmaus retreat. We are part of the Houston Bay Area Community. People from our church who have attended a Walk pay the registration for you to attend. Call the church 281-427-4754 to find out more. Retreat dates for 2012 include:

| Walk Number | Type | Dates | Status |
|-------------|---------|------------------------|--------------------|
| 60 | Men's | Mar. 22 - 25, 2012 | Openings Available |
| 61 | Women's | Mar. 29 - Apr. 1, 2012 | Openings Available |
| 62 | Women's | Aug. 2 - 5, 2012 | Openings Available |
| 63 | Men's | Oct. 4 - 7, 2012 | Openings Available |
| 64 | Women's | Oct 11 - 14, 2012 | Openings Available |

For more information about the Emmaus program sponsored by The Upper Room Ministries visit www.upperroom.org/emmaus. For more information about the local Walks visit the area website at www.hbaec.org.



The Church looked lovely for Christmas and we want to thank those who helped make it so beautiful. Starr Fontenot lead a team that decorated the sanctuary and Busch Center. She was ably assisted by Carolyn Anderson, Buddy & Claudine Bender, Larry & Cindy Brill, Jepp & Lynette Busch, Eva Jo Epperson, Jennifer Gore, Susan Hales, Jean McCain, Lavon Moore, Tina & Walt Stills, Ronnie, Jolene, Donna, Kelley, Andrew & Kelley Whitehead. The Chrismon Tree was lovingly decorated by a crew under the direction of Jan Harris and included Donna & Jesus Baldebras, Mary & Robert Guenther, Mike Harris, Sandra & Mike Miks, and Sam & Donna Thurgood. Thanks to all of them. They will need help taking the decorations down; if you can help please contact Starr or Jan or call Andrea at the church office.



Church Leadership

Leader orientation dates

New Committee chairs and vice-chairs should plan to attend one of these orientation meetings: January 4 or January 5 at 6:30 p.m., or January 5 at 1:00 p.m. Each will last less than one hour and childcare is provided.

Women's 2nd Saturday Bible Study

Come and join us on Saturday, January 14 at 10:00 in the parlor when Jan Harris will lead us in a study of Joshua & the gods of Baal. Grab your bible, invite a friend and enjoy study and fellowship with your sisters in faith. Child care is available. Please sign up at the table across from the Guest Center.



PLAN TO WORSHIP



Worship Plans

January 1 at 10 a.m. – A Prayer Service for the New Year with Communion. Sermon text: Luke 11:5-13
 January 8 – The Sermon entitled, "A MARKED MAN! What Does It Mean to Be Baptized?" leads us into a service of the Renewal of Baptismal Vows. The sermon is based on John 1:4-11
 January 15 – Worship with Dr. Roy James preaching. Dr. James preaches with imagination and power. He serves as our district superintendent and also comes that day to rededicate our sign on Highway 146 and The Alexander Chapel.
 January 22 – Sermon: What Does Grace Mean? A Celebration of John Wesley and His Teachings
 January 26 – Thursday - All Church Dinner and Dreams meeting
 January 28-29 – Getting into the Part (of a Christian) - drama weekend and worship
 January 29 - We welcome Mr. Wesley to worship as our preacher that day.

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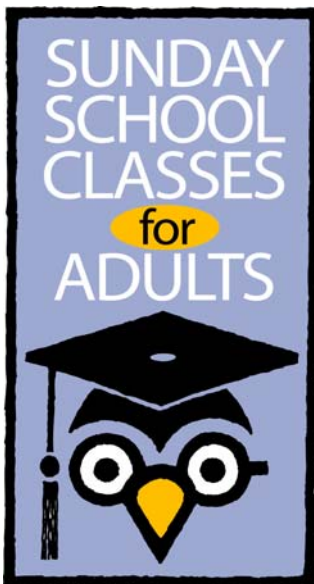
Beth Moore Studies to begin in the New Year

The Monday evening Beth Moore Bible Study will begin an 11 week study of the Book of Revelation “**Here and Now....There and Then**” on Monday, January 16 at 6:30 in the parlor. Beth Moore presents many points of view, allowing women to decide for themselves when the interpretation varies among scholars. The cost of student books is \$9 and may be paid for at the first session. To sign up please contact Ava Shirley by Jan. 7 at 832-556-0667 or at avashirley@yahoo.com

The next study for the Tuesday afternoon Beth Moore Bible Study will be an 8 week study of **James: Mercy Triumphs** starting Tuesday, January 9 at 4:30 to 6:00 in the Busch Center. James, Jesus' own brother, started out as a skeptic. See how one glimpse of the resurrected Savior turned an unbeliever into a disciple. And in the process, learn how you can put your own faith into action. The cost of student books will be \$15.00 and can be paid for at the first session. To sign up please contact Jenice Coffey by Jan. 3 at 281-798-5343 or at jenicecoffey@gmail.com.

Child care can be provided for either of these studies. If you need child care, contact Andrea Metzger at 281-427-4754 or at ametzger@cedarbayougrace.org.

Adult Sunday School Classes – You Are Invited!



Is your New Year Resolution that you want to grow closer to God? One way might be to join a Sunday School class. From 9:30 to 10:30 on Sunday mornings we have a variety of classes to fit all sorts of needs. For our young adults we have **Fastbreak** which meets in the office by the café. Persons with young children are invited to attend **Exploring Faith** which is currently studying *The Journey* by Adam Hamilton. Our oldest members have 3 classes to choose from: **Men's Fellowship**, **Ladies Bible Class** and the **Friendship Class** (for both men and women); all study the bible using the *Methodist International Adult Bible Curriculum*. Other classes include a class for women called **Peace and Love** which is currently studying *Through the Bible in One Year* by Dr. Alan B. Stringfellow; the **Joy** class which studies a variety of curriculum. Two classes are currently studying a book of the bible; **Adult Bible Study** is studying Proverbs and the **Searchers** class is studying Hebrews. Two classes are beginning James Moore books. **Insight for Living** will study *There's a Hole in your Soul That Only God Can Fill* and **New Beginnings** will be studying *I Hear Voices and That is a Good Thing* which will look at different biblical persons and how they speak to us today. All of these classes offer you a place to grow in faith and enjoy fellowship with others in the church community and they welcome you. If you have an idea for a new class or questions about our current classes please contact Andrea Metzger at 281-427-4754 or at ametzger@cedarbayougrace.org.

Dream On for Teen Girls



On Saturday, March 31 Revolve for teen girls will be sponsoring a conference called *Dream On* in Austin. Awesome music, straight-talking messages, and a ton of fun combine for an event just for teen girls. The Women's Ministry of CBGUMC is sponsoring a trip for our teens grades 7 to 12 to attend this conference. We will be leaving on Friday the 30th and returning on Saturday the 31st – transportation and hotel accommodations will be handled by Women's Ministry. Cost is approximately \$90 but scholarships are available so don't let the cost keep you from attending. To sign up or for more information please contact Gina Harris at 713-515-1183 Or at ginabelle1103@yahoo.com.

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A Special Day for Women of All Ages

Women's Ministry is sponsoring a fun day for women of all ages on Saturday, February 11 from 10:00 to 2:00 in the café and gym. There will be plenty of treats and surprises so invite your friends and come and enjoy a day just for women. Child care and lunch will be provided.

Faith
Fun
Fashion

A Christmas donation in the name of the Tuesday Morning Prayer Group, Grace's Kitchen and all members of CBGUMC was made by Laura Fae Templin.



What will we do with the opportunity given?

Thursday, January 26

6:00 P.M.

Members, friends – especially all committee members and leaders – this is our time to vision and dream. It's an "all church" meal and time of envisioning God's call for the future ministry of Cedar Bayou Grace. Dinner will be served. Cost is \$10 for adults. Pizza will be provided for the children for \$5 per child. If you would like to attend please, complete and return this form to the church office or in the offering plate no later than Monday, January 21.

Name _____ Phone _____

_____ I will attend and will eat dinner.

_____ I will need childcare.

_____ I will attend but am not eating dinner.



MUSIC NOTES



THE MAN FROM ALDERSGATE IS COMING! The man from Aldersgate, AKA B.J. Johnston, will be with us on January 28 and 29. B.J., who lives in Arkansas, travels all over the United States presenting a one-man play adapted directly from the journals of John Wesley. He also teaches classes and conducts seminars which focus on character development and writing script.

B.J. will present the first act of "The Man From Aldersgate" during a dinner theater on Saturday, January 28. He will present act two during worship on Sunday morning, January 29. Sunday afternoon he will offer two drama workshops; one for the youth and the other for children and adults.

Bayou Brigade has begun working on their musical, "Wise Guys", which will be presented on Sunday morning, February 19. "Wise Guys" tells the story of Bobby, who allows his friends to talk him into skipping school. Using the book of Proverbs as a foundation, this musical explores the consequences of the choices that we make. Bobby's parents help him to understand the benefits of choosing the "straight path" instead of the "crooked path". The army of marching ants adds a bit of humor to a very serious theme. Please keep our children and their leaders in your prayers as they prepare to lead you in creative worship.

See you in the loft,
Paula

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Year End Giving

Although our gifts have met the basic needs of the year, our congregation counts on year end giving to set us on firm financial footing for the coming year. Will you honor your commitment to our ministries? Will you make a second mile gift this year? Please, give generously so that our ministries may flourish.

Memorials for Newsletter

In Memory of Beverly Moseley
Jane Goodner
A.G. Clark
Kathryn Stevenson

In Memory of Margaret Mills – Van Fund
Sharon Patterson
Town Square Townhouse Corp.
Roy & Bobbie Jane Wimmer
Ruth Nitschmann

In Memory of Eva Catheriner
Gordon Wilson

In Memory of Ramecia Hair (Daughter of Evangeline Williams)
Roy & Bobbie Jane Wimmer – Grace's Kitchen
Ruth Nitschmann

In Memory of Ruby Anderson (Mother of Johnny Anderson)
Pee Wee & Benny May Thomas

In Memory of Leila Freeman
Harold & Jennifer Gore – Alexander Chapel

In Memory of Hayes Dorris – Grace's Kitchen
Roy & Bobbie Jane Wimmer

In Honor of Galloping Galley & Grace's Kitchen
Ruth Nitschmann

In Honor of Brok Boyd
Lee & Peggy Robertson



Thank You!!

As of December 12, our Penny Drive has raised \$4,091.61. Because of your generosity we exceeded our goal of \$3,000 and were able to help 38 children this Christmas. We were able to provide toys, shoes, jeans and coats for each child. Thank you for helping us help children this Christmas.



**Giving for
November 13 to December 4**

Budget \$60,085.39
Penny Drive \$2,355





Strength & Encouragement

Rita Agee (Kate Hunt's Grandmother)
 Johnny and Debbie Anderson*
 Maria Anaya (Friend of Coggins)
 Frances Ashley (Harold & Wilderine Smith's Aunt)
 Carline Bailey-Jones*
 Alexandra Baker*
 Bonnie Baker*
 Paul Barrow*
 Jo Beaty*
 Kelly Beauchamp (Friend of Benny May & Pee-Wee Thomas)
 Jerry Birkey (Jill Huckaby's Uncle)
 Royce Blanton (Debbie McKnight's Uncle)
 Cindy Boyd (Donna Balderas)
 Shannon Brackett (Connie Hyltin)
 Tom and Paula Brasfield (Arthur Family)
 Alice Brooks*
 Mike Brown (Friend of Stefani & Steve Gantt)
 Eldora "Buffy" Buffum
 Terry Bukowski*
 Jean Burgess (Stella Thomas)
 Lindsey Carpenter (Mindi Garzoria)
 David Clifford (Carol Turner's Cousin)
 C.B. Creel (Buddy & Claudine Bender's Brother-In-Law)
 Linda Dellaria*
 Diana, Cathryn & JT Durham (Terri VanderPol)
 Carol Emanis (Mary Jane Parker's Sister)
 Jimmy Epperson*
 Laura Estes (Helen Gerlich's Daughter)
 Starr Fontenot*
 James Fulton*
 Jessica Amezcua Gallegos (Mindi Garzoria)
 Rick Gallegos (Friend of Lori Lucius)
 Will Garcia (Nathalea Barton)
 Sylvia Gibson (Kristi Warren)
 Judy Gillen (Friend of Diane Gillet)
 Betty Goodman (Sister of Harlin & Dot Schaffer)
 Jennifer Gore*
 Hans Family
 Jeanette Hardin*
 Jan Havis*

Arthur & Maree Heaton (Donna Balderas' Parents)
 Brandi Hendon (Connie Hyltin)
 Jay Herndon (Friend of Lori Lucius)
 Audrey Hill (Peggy Ramsey)
 Tina Holland (Nita Davis' Cousin)
 Joan Hunter (Susie Hunter)
 Mrs. Jay Kainer (Bonnie & Lynn Walker)
 Jane Knight*
 Gwen LaPlante (Lynette Busch)
 Ophelia Landry (Wilderine Smith's Mother)
 Larry & Ann Lawrence*
 Cathy Layton (Dr. Connie Hyltin)
 Alicia Mace (Nita Davis)
 Grandmother Magrew (Chelbi Elkins)
 Isabelle Mast (Paula Harrison's Mother)
 Truett Matthews*
 Carolyn McBride*
 Robin McDaniel (Kristy Skidmore)
 Bill McKnight*
 Sandra Medling (Sandra Miks)
 Johnnie Miller*
 Donn Morris (Sam Jane Murray)
 Boots Nelson*
 Mary Noah (Hallman Family)
 Shelby Olive*
 Johnny Parker (Mary Jane Parker's Husband)
 Lane Pearce (Cindy Lipps)
 Jeannie Plemons
 Dianna Ralph (Sondra Powell's Daughter-In-Law)
 Ronda Reed (Dr. Connie Hyltin)
 John Rickman (Diane Gillet)
 Ann Riese*
 Harold Riese *(Diane Gillet)
 Nikki Rincon (Friend of Donna Balderas)
 Freddie Rios (Karen Rios)
 Lee Robertson*
 Jim Ross (Janine Schrock)
 Bradley Saenz (Susan Tolleson)
 John Sandhop*
 Patsy Sappington*

Mary Ann Savell*
 Robert Schrock*
 Linda Smith (Nita Davis)
 Angela Spence (Donna Balderas)
 Gayle Standard*
 Carolyn Summers (Nita Davis)
 Teas Family (Jeanette Hardin)
 Laura Faye Templin*
 Jean Tippitt (Randy Davis' Mother-in-law)
 Wylie Tompkins*
 Joe Vacarrd (Friend of the Cobbs)
 Lois VanderPol (Dale VanderPol's Mother)
 Geneva Watson (Crystal Arthur)
 Wayne Webb (Parrish Lewis)
 Mary Doris White (Karen Rios)

Special Prayers for Children

Lila Aiken - Staph in blood (Kristi Warren)
 Alex Balderas (Donna & Jesus Balderas)
 Rhett Bush - Leukemia
 Austin Carpenter - Born premature
 Cameron Cote
 Nathan English*
 Rhett Fregia - Leukemia
 Abigail Huckaby*
 Jonah Krukewitt (Susan Whiteneck's Grandson)
 Jacob Myers
 Angelic Ramjattan (Sonny Beaty)
 James Redmile (Debbie Busch)
 Addison Smith - Premature baby
 Caleb Welborn (Yolland Cousin) - bone marrow transplant
 Joshua Woodson (Gina Gonzalez)

*Please remember to put your name at the bottom of the prayer request cards.

*Denotes Members

Assisted Living

Allenbrook

Bill Burgess (Homer & Stella Thomas)

Baytown Rehabilitation

Roseanne Dacy (Tammy Fayle's Sister)
Bobbie Mann*
Rankin Smith*

Cedar Bayou Rehab

M.D. Pumphrey*
Don Settle*

Clarewood House

James & Rowena Parker *

Forum at Park Lane (Dallas)

Maxine Susong (Suzannah Moorman)

Hearthstone (Houston)

Bob Kirk (Carolyn James' Brother)

Green Acres - 2000 Beaumont

Murl Cannon (Curtis Smith's Aunt)
Tamara Reddell (Jolene & Ronnie
Whitehead's Daughter)

Brenham, Texas

Jack Havis*

Remington Park

Dorothy Boucher (Helen Gerlich's Mother)
Bob & Carolyn Cote (Janine Schrock's Parents)
Erlene Bramlett*
Martin Griffith*
Dorothy Leonard*
Richard Merling (Rick Merling's Father)

Swan Manor

Esther Horton*
Caroline Troy*

St. James House

Gerry Ashwood*
Harold Barber*
William Wayne Herndon* - Rm. 409
Clara Hollis (Daniel Heyen's Grandmother)
Jean Roberson (Lee Robertson's Mom)

Homebound

Bill and Velma Barker
Connie Barrientes*
Floyd & Louise Bishop*
Tricsilee Burns*
Jack Covington*
Aline Crawford*
Elmer Douty*
J.C. Doyle*
Anna Duke*
Bonita Elliott*
Nell Froehner*
Mary Gallegos*
Lola Hooper*
Allen & Jan Hoover*
Elizabeth Muennink*
Edna Mulkey*

Cancer

Jim Asher (Friend of Lawrence's)
Holli Baker*
Evelyn Blalock
Jack Bonczynski (Karen Fayle)
Marvin Boozer (Karen Rios)
Gus Bradley (Friend of Bo Epperson Family)
Carlisle Campbell (Friend of Dusenbury's)
Betty Carpenter (Jean McCain)
Cecilia Chavez (Kate Hunt)
Robert Clifford (Carol Turner's Father)
Nell Cook (Nita Davis)
Mike Courville (Lori Tadlock's Uncle)
Bettie Edwards (Cindy Fulton's Mother)
Bill Fontenot*
Leslie Green*

Eddie Going (Schaeffer's)
Lee Hartless (Jimmy Epperson's Cousin)
Keith Holt*
Mark Jacobs
John James*
Sarah Floyd James (Gene Boyd)
Julietta Johnson (Kay Donner)
Scotty Johnson (Sandra Bell)
Curt Knight*
Ann Lawrence*
Loraine Martinez (Priscilla Sambilay)
Duane Massey (Patsy Tetting)
Anna Beth Ochoa (Friend of Peggy Robertson)
Jimmy Oliver (Gene & Carole Boyd)
Dona Pagel (Nita Davis)
Debbie Payne (Debbie McKnight)

Edith Pitti (Kristen Gunderson's Aunt)
Bob Plemons*
Kenneth Phillips (Ken & Lavon Moore)
Dr. Alton Prihoda (Debbie Busch)
Tom Roeschen (Friend of Bo Epperson Family)
Rev. Leonard Rodde (Friend of Thomas')
Ginger Russell (Susie Hunter)
Loretta Shaw (Debbie Busch's Sister)
Jean Smith (Karen Rios)
Eva Smith (Friends of Busch's)
Amanda Thomas (Gayle Standard)
Pat Thomas (Jean McCain)
Terry Wahl (Kathy Littlefield)
Jimbo Ward
Ed Wauskiwicz (Tammy Oaks' Father)
John Wheeler (Sandra Miks)
Scott Wilkins (Cousin of Harold Gore)

Hospital

San Jacinto
Polly Gunlock*

San Jacinto - Alexander Drive
Glen Durham*

Military



1st Lt. John Busch, US Army (son of
Debbie & Al Busch)
David Epperson - 82 Airborne - Bagdad
Capt., Carl Nathan Howard, USAF Andrea
Metzger's Son-in-Law)
Lance Cpl. Logan Huffman, USMC, in
Afghanistan (Nephew of Bill Fon-
tenot)
Brett Green, USAF, (Son of Darryl &
Leslie Green)
Charles Husak III, US Navy, (Teen Still's
nephew)
Lance Cpl. Corey Jacobson, in Afghani-
stan (Friend of Jennifer & Harold
Gore)
2nd Lt. Garrett Johnson - Deployed to Irag
Wayne Keeler U.S. Army (Kingman's
Nephew)
Michael Knight, US Army, in Afghanistan
Nathan Lyles - in Afghanistan
CO2 Charles McCawley, USMC, de-
ployed to Afghanistan (Carole Boyd)



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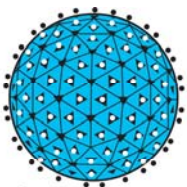
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Faith and Fun

New Year's Eve It's a New Year's Eve party and watch night service all rolled into one.

December 31

5:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Busch Center

Bring a game and finger foods to share. Worship will be first if you can only stay for worship.

New Year's Day Worship

One Service at 10:00 A.M.

No Sunday School



New Year's Day
WORSHIP SERVICE