

OUTREACH TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

Please join the WHPC congregation and friends from over 40 countries as we care for the international students at the University of Texas. There are many ways to get involved in this mission opportunity. These events are great for families, individuals, care groups, service hours, and Sunday school groups!

*FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

Welcome to Texas BBQ, UT Baptist Student Union, 5:00 to 8:00 PM
Table hosts, servers, greeters, and ushers needed!

*SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

International Student Picnic, Zilker Park, 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM
Servers, greeters, and game facilitators needed!

*FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

International Student Western Dance, UT Student Union Ballroom,
7:00 to 9:00 PM
Greeters, dancers, and refreshment hosts needed!

Carpools/vans from a central location can be arranged for each event. Please contact **Melanie Hirschfeld** at 402-1015/mmhirschfeld@sbcglobal.net OR **Nancy Kocurek** at 374-9701/nancykk@grandecom.net to sign up for these events.

FOOD, FELLOWSHIP and FOLLOWUP

Join us for a light lunch on August 24th at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall to hear more about our WHPC teams who visited ZAMBIA and GUATEMALA this summer. Everyone is welcome. For more information contact **Carol Friesen**, carolf@whpc.org.

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

PRAYERS AND CARDS

Brooks Ragsdale
Jim Crouch

BIRTHS

Maxwell Ashcraft, son of Heather and Doug Ashcraft and grandson of John and Catherine Doty.

THIS WEEK AT WHPC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

8:15/9:30/11:00 AM.Worship Services (Sanctuary)
9:30/11:00 AM.Children's Kingdom Court

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

5:30 PMPersonnel Committee Meeting (Library)
6:30 PMJob Search Support Group (206)
7:00 PMRecovery Café (202)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

7:00 AM.Senior Men's Bible Study (Chapel)
9:30 AM. "The Gathering" Alzheimer's Ministry (Fellowship Hall)
12:00 PM. Finance Committee (Conference Room)
12:00 PM. Headliners' Bible Study (Off-site)
2:00 PM Blood Drive (Gym)
6:00 PM Deacons Meeting (FH/Conf.Room)
7:00 PM Boy Scouts (Ross Hall/Gym)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

6:30 PM Summer J.A.M. (Youth Area/Gym)
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Kick-Off (Choir Room)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

10:00 AM. New Connections:Early Alzheimer's(Fellowship Hall)
7:30 PM Pastor Nominating Committee (Conference Room)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

No Scheduled Activities

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

9:00 AM. Worship Team (Sanctuary)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUST 10TH, 2008

PASTOR'S WELCOME

Welcome to worship! Thank you for being with us this morning. We know you had many options today, and we are grateful you have chosen to share your presence with us, and in so doing, participate in the communion of saints.

As you get settled in the sanctuary, take a moment to look around at the beautiful symbols of our faith: the stain-glass cross, the baptismal font, the Lord's Table and the modest pulpit. Throughout church history, Christians have relied upon these tangible symbols to help us remember that the Kingdom of God is with us!

Peace of Christ to you.
Peter Haas, Associate Pastor

WHPC BIBLE READING PLAN

Thank you for joining us in the daily reading of God's Word. You can elect to receive the BRP as a weekly email. Go to www.whpc.org to register.

August 10th – "What Is The Kingdom of Heaven?" - Matthew 13:44-46

Have you ever wondered what the "Kingdom of God" actually is? Is it a place? Is it heaven? A power? A state of mind? Is it already here? Or is it still on its way? This morning, we will explore such questions. The sermon today will seek to show how Jesus' teaching about the "Kingdom of God" relates to our inner-lives. Reading the "Kingdom" parables from such an "inner" perspective is an ancient tradition. It can also be a very transformative practice, one that leads to new insights about oneself and what God is doing to bring the "Kingdom of God" more fully in us.

As you read and reflect upon the daily readings for this week, I highly commend to you John A. Sanford's book *The Kingdom of God Within: The Inner Meaning of Jesus' Sayings*. I believe this is an important perspective to help balance "external" ideas about God and the Kingdom. For many, God is only "up there," and the Kingdom is just "outside." Yet the heart of the Gospel is that "God is with us" (Matthew 1:23), and desires us to "come to our senses" and return home (Luke 15:17). Our home is the inner relationship now available with God through Christ by the Spirit. WOW!

August 10	Luke 17:21
August 11	Luke 15:11-32
August 12	Psalm 19
August 13	Ephesians 3:19
August 14	Psalm 16:11
August 15	Matthew 14:1-21
August 16	Matthew 14:22-36

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WHPC LIBRARY HOURS
(SUMMER SCHEDULE)
Wednesday 1:30 to 3:30
Sunday 9:00 to 1:00

SERMON NOTES OUTLINE

August 10th – “What Is The Kingdom of Heaven?” - Matthew 13:44-46

I. Cosmologies of the Kingdom of Heaven.

A. The Ancient : “Up there.”

B. The Scientific: “Not there.”

C. The Quantum: “Interrelating, here, there, everywhere.”

II. Theologies of the Kingdom of Heaven.

A. A theocracy: Jerusalem & the Jewish Temple.

B. A viceroy : Rome & the Vicar of Christ.

C. A time-frame: “Already, Not Yet.”

D. A journey of discovery: “Christ in me:” Galatians 2:20.

III. And what does any of that have to do with me?

A. You are not alone or distant from God: Romans 8:37 – 39.

B. You are not locked into the pain of your past: 2 Corinthians 5:17 – 21.

HIGHLIGHTS

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS - Extended Deadline August 17

The Nominating Committee is seeking your recommendations for members to serve as Elders and Deacons beginning in February of 2009. Recommendations will be accepted until August 17th, and then the Committee will begin its work to nominate a slate of officers. The congregation will then vote on the nominees at a congregational meeting. If you would like to recommend someone (or yourself), pick up a recommendation form at Information Central in the Parlor, the Church office, the upstairs classroom entryway, the downstairs entryway, or the Narthex. Or, visit www.whpc.org. and click the “About Us” tab and then select “Officers”.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES VOLUNTEERS FOR FALL

Volunteers during the Worship services for birth through 2nd grade will be volunteering for only one Sunday a month plus one 5th Sunday. This will be a 13 week commitment. Volunteers working with the 4’s and Kindergarten age children at 10:15 and the coaches for Kingdom Court are asked to serve on a team and commit to every other Sunday, September through May. Visit the volunteer board downstairs to sign up or visit the WHPC website at www.whpc.org. To explore a volunteer position contact Children’s Director **Cindy Gangstad** at 327-1116, ext 125

CHANCEL CHOIR KICK-OFF

The Chancel Choir will be back in worship on Sunday, August 17th. We’ll have our Kick-Off rehearsal on Wednesday, August 13th in the choir room at 7:00PM with refreshments, fellowship and singing. We want to increase the number of singers in the choir - so if you have ever wondered about joining the choir, now is the perfect “beginning” time to do it. Remember that the choir is open to anyone who wants to sing – no experience or audition is necessary - just come and enjoy the music and fellowship! We would love to include YOU! Questions – contact **Emily Craven** at 327-1116 x118 or emilyc@whpc.org

NEW 8:45 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE FEEDBACK & INFORMATION SHARING FORUM

The Worship Division and Pastoral staff personally invite you to a time of sharing information about the Session’s decision to create a new 8:45 am worship service. The forum will be held next Sunday, August 17th at 9:05 am in the Fellowship Hall. During this gathering, we will share the process behind the Session’s decision, hear from our pastoral leadership what the intended next steps are, and invite feedback from you regarding your thoughts and feelings. We believe this forum is a way for us to nurture relationships with one another, even in the midst of difficult, yet exciting changes. We look forward to this valuable time of sharing together. Questions? Contact **Joe, Carol or Peter** at 327-1116.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES AT WHPC

TEACHER AND COACHES TRAINING LUNCH FOR CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

On Sunday, August 24th, teachers for the 4’s and Kindergarten classes and coaches for Kingdom Court are invited to the Fellowship Hall for lunch and training. RSVP to **Cindy Gangstad** at cindyg@whpc.org. We will have special activities for your children. Please let us know how many people from your family will be attending and the names and ages of your children. Training for once a month volunteers will occur one on one on your first assigned date. Training for Midweek Moment volunteers will be on September 3rd.

STUDENT MINISTRIES AT WHPC

CELEBRATION

Participant sign-ups have started for Celebration. Celebration is a weekend retreat in which students have an opportunity to explore their faith and experience the love of Christ. This event takes place at Camp Buckner and is the weekend of Aug 30th-Sept 1st. For more information please contact **Emily Rice**, Student Ministry Assistant Interim, at 327-6133 ext. 1 or email emilyr@whpc.org.

JAM

Middle Schools are invited to summer JAM every Wednesday from 6:30-8:00 pm. The PreJAM Party this week is Bowling!

SIGNULLS

Signulls is over for the Summer. We will resume Monday, September 8th.

ATTENTION INCOMING 9TH GRADE PARENTS: ONE WEEK LEFT TO REGISTER FOR CONFIRMATION. Confirmation is a great opportunity for our students to study and discuss the Christian faith, the Bible, and develop their own relationship with Jesus Christ. Confirmation dates are Sept 7th –Nov 30th. To sign up or for more information please contact Emily Rice, Student Ministry Assistant Interim, at the Student Ministry’s phone number 327-6133 option 1 or email emilyr@whpc.org.

ADULT MINISTRIES AT WHPC

PRIME TIMERS’ ANNUAL POT LUCK

All Prime Timers’ (those 60 years old and better) are invited to our annual pot luck luncheon in the Fellowship Hall at 12:15 PM on Sunday, August 17th. Please bring a dish to share. Church visitors are always welcome!! Members of the team that visited ZAMBIA will tell us about their last trip. Please RSVP so we can set up an appropriate number of tables and chairs. RSVP by contacting **Dee Fuger** (deef@whpc.org or 327-1116), by signing up in the parlor or on the church website (www.whpc.org under senior ministries). If you can help decorate or assist in any way, please contact **Anita Glickert** (aglickert@yahoo.com or 328-1138) or **Barb Martinson** (barbm@whpc.org or 327-1116).

REGISTER NOW FOR CURSILLO

Sign-ups for Austin Presbyterian Cursillo #26 have started. Cursillo is a weekend of fun and fellowship as you explore your faith and strengthen your relationship with Jesus Christ. APC#26 will begin at Camp Buckner in Marble Falls on Thursday, September 25th through Sunday, September 28th. Space is limited. For more information, contact **Jennifer Carr** at bjam1997@yahoo.com or **Susie Nordyke** at 335-6704.

MISSIONS & OUTREACH AT WHPC

MANOS DE CRISTO ANNOUNCES ITS 2008 BACK-TO-SCHOOL EVENT

Manos invites our congregation to share in the joy of serving children at our annual BACK-TO-SCHOOL EVENT, August 12th -16th. This program provides children with the clothes and supplies they need to start the school year off strong. This year, we hope to serve 1700 children with your help. The Manos BTS Committee has registered for needed clothing items. Go to www.target.com, search Target Lists and enter our ID (012399301236574) or search it by “Manos de Cristo.” This is a wonderful and convenient way to get involved. You can also sign up to volunteer with **Susie Foy**, sudie54@msn.com, or call Manos at 477-7454. *“I was naked and you clothed me... ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these... you did it to me.’” Matthew 25:36 & 40*

BLOOD DRIVE

The next WHPC Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, August 12th, from 2:00 to 6:30 PM in the gym. It takes a small amount of time to insure that our community has an adequate supply of blood. If you are willing and able to donate, please sign up in the parlor or contact **Searcy Willis** (261-9055) or **Paul Reinartz** (282-0339).

GOLF FANS

WHPC supports the Greater Austin Fellowship of Christian Athletes and has a fun way for our members to connect with this ministry. FCA hosts the 22nd Annual Tom Landry Memorial golf tournament on Monday October 13th at Onion Creek Country Club. You can be a volunteer for this event and wind up rubbing elbows with former Longhorn PGA Pro Tour player Bob Estes. Contact **Steve Vittorini** for more details: stevev@fcaustin.org or 826-5355.