

NEWSLETTER

WORDS FROM JASON

Three weeks ago I challenged all of us to begin thinking beyond ourselves as we enter into the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. We are so incredibly blessed as Americans, but we would be committing an incredible sin if we were to take all of that blessing and do nothing with it. My sermon on that Sunday was based on Jesus' conversation with the wealthy young ruler who came to Jesus seeking the kingdom of God. Jesus, as you remember, told the man to go and sell all he had and give it to the poor. The man went away sad, of course, because he could not bear the thought of parting with his possessions. That story is one that stays with me and challenges me and sometimes even haunts me. I enjoy so many of the good things of this world: Melissa and Allison and I are blessed with a beautiful home, two incomes, two cars, and plenty of clothes. We have never missed a meal at the Hamilton household. We, like you, do not live extravagantly and certainly do not think of ourselves as rich, but in the eyes of at least 20% of the world, we are.

The Gospel reminds us over and over again that we are blessed so that we

might be a blessing to others. Jesus tells us that if we love him, that we are to feed his sheep, and that we will be recognized at Heaven's gates by the love we have shown to "the least of these". Our ministry to the sick, dying, starving, and oppressed of this world is not just charity, it is Kingdom work. It is something to feel good about because it is the very work of God. What a privilege it is to have the opportunity to work for something greater than ourselves!

As part of the Silver Creek UMC family, you can look forward to at least two ways to bless others this holiday season. First, in the month of November, I ask that you consider giving to *Feed My Starving Children*, a Christian nonprofit organization started in 1987. The money you give to this cause will go to providing a mixture of rice, soy nuggets, vegetables, and vitamins to starving children around the world. *Feed My Hungry Children* is partnered with the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), as well as other major global distribution nonprofits in order to reach children in remote parts of the world. It only costs \$.15 to feed one child for one day, and as little as \$30 will provide 200 meals. \$2300 will feed the people in a small village for an entire month.

To participate in our efforts to alleviate world hunger, make a check out to Silver Creek United Methodist Church and put "Feed My Starving Children" in the memo line.

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 Your other opportunity will come later in the month when our Angel tree goes up in the foyer. This year's angel tree will be covered in bookmarks. Each bookmark represents a resident of Casa Hogar, one of Larry Cotten's favorite orphanages in Mexico. The bookmarks will sell for \$10 each and all proceeds will go to the children of Casa Hogar, providing them with simple toys and clothes for Christmas.

Thank you in advance for taking on the cause of Christ this Christmas! May God continue to bless you that you might continue to be a blessing to others!

See you Sunday,
 Jason

Prayer Concerns

Linda Neff
 Karen Wortinger
 Daams Family
 Darrell Bell
 Jimmy Lynn
 Seth Darnell

To contribute to this feature of your newsletter, please call concerns to the church office at 817-444-1382.

Christmas Cards

If you would like to participate in the Christmas card exchange with Silver Creek church friends, please prepare your cards and place them in the basket in the foyer, starting Sunday, December 3rd thru Thursday, December 14th. The cards will be delivered at church on Sunday, December 17th.

Questions: Call Lana 817-448-8636
 Paula 817-444-1404

	Attendance		Offerings		
	Worship		S. S.	Budget	Other
	9:00	11:00			
Oct. 1	50	84	32	\$ 3399.60	855.00 Special 195.00 Daams
Oct. 8	34	75	27	\$ 1651.50	428.97 Lord's Acre 12.00 UMM
Oct. 15	41	70	32	\$ 2148.40	140.00 Special
Oct. 22	26	108		\$ 1939.35	
Revival: Oct. 22 - 64			Oct. 23 - 35	Oct. 24 - 39	
Oct. 29	33	108	33	\$ 2435.40	

CHILDREN'S THANKSGIVING

All children are invited to come for Thanksgiving fun and a snack supper. We will cook and make crafts for Thanksgiving baskets which will be given away to people in the church and community.

Friday, November 17, 2006
4:00 p.m. until the baskets are made!

If you would like to work a cooking or craft center with the children, please call Laurie Smith at 817-448-9328.

We would like donations of the following items for the Thanksgiving baskets:

Small to medium size baskets

Fall stickers (small)

Apples

Miniature pumpkins

Small gourds

Ribbon (fall colors – orange, yellow, green, bronze)

Personal items (lotion, stationary, postage stamps, tissues)

Please place your donated items in the "Children's Thanksgiving" basket in the foyer by November 12. Thank you!!!

Thank You

Thank you for your calls, cards and prayers during my recovery from surgery.

Sue McClendon

Submit your newsletter articles by the fourth Sunday each month to Cheryl Sims. You can also send it by email to casims@hotmail.com or by FAX to 817-448-8240.

Youth

The youth had an exciting October, preparing the pirate ship for the Fall Festival, camping out at Lake Whitney, Paintball - 17 of us!, and of course, assisting at fall festival. November should be exciting as well. Sunday November 5th will be a movie night, on the 12th, we'll have games and welcome the new Youth Director! and all attend the Synergy service at it's new time. Other upcoming activities for November and December will be a trip to Fossil Rim, a chuckwagon food drive roundup, a fund raiser, and a progressive mystery dinner. Don't forget that youth Sunday school is at 10:00 am, and the youth time is typically at 4:30.

Christmas Play

The Children's Christmas Play will be December 17th at 6:00, followed by cookies with a special guest. Please contact Laurie Smith at 817-448-9328 if your child would like to be in the play (all ages welcome). Let me know your child's name, age, whether they would prefer a speaking or non-speaking role, and the best time for practice (Friday evening, Saturday morning, or Sunday afternoon). Thank you!

Dinner Party

A progressive dinner is scheduled for Sat., Jan 13. The dinner is for all adults at Silver Creek UMC. Our lives seem to be busier during the month of December, so we hope more people are able to attend a January dinner. Look for more information in the December newsletter.

Weekly Schedule:

Sundays:

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Traditional Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.
Youth: 4:30 p.m.
Synergy Worship: 6:00 p.m. (starting Nov. 12)

Wednesdays:

MidStream Family Night 5:30—7:30 p.m.
Synergy rehearsal 7:30 p.m.

Thursdays

Playday 10:00—11:30 a.m. (alternate weeks)
Choir practice 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Saturdays:

Food Pantry Open 8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon
Church work/cleanup day, sponsored by United Methodist Men - 8:00 a.m.
All church members invited.
(fourth Saturday of each month)

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