

**October  
2008**

# In Stream

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## Pastor's Page

On the outskirts of the city of Jerusalem there was a pool called Beth-zatha that was believed to have healing properties. It was the Mineral Wells of Jesus' day. People came from all over the country who were sick or injured or deformed so they could bathe in this water that they believed would heal them. Around the pool were five covered porches where people would rest and wait their turn to enter the pool. One day Jesus entered the gate leading into the pool and amidst all the people going into and out of the pool Jesus notices a man sitting alone under one of the porches. The story says that the man was sick. It goes on to say that he had been sick for 38 years and had spent that entire time waiting by the side of the pool for a chance to be healed.

38 years.

And every time he would try to enter the healing water someone would knock him out of the way.

This is an incredible story.

38 years.

What's the longest you've ever waited for something you wanted?

I've waited for what seems like an eternity to see the doctor when I had a soar throat. Or to buy my groceries at Wal-Mart on a Saturday night. But 38 years?

In the story, when Jesus sees the man he walks up to him and asks what is quite possibly the most obvious question of Jesus' ministry: "Do you want to be made well?" When the man looks at Jesus and says, "yes", Jesus looks at him and says, "Stand up. Take your mat, and walk."

For 38 years this man has been waiting his turn, and in one moment in time Jesus speaks the words, "stand up, take your mat and walk", and he is healed.

You see hope, for those who possess it, does powerful things. Hope is a belief that tomorrow is going to be better. Hope is a belief that there is a place where there is no suffering. Hope is a belief in a place where justice really is done. Hope is a belief in a place where happiness really is a way of life. Hope is a belief in that place that is just around the bend.

Silver Creek UMC is a place that offers hope. It is a place where we come not out of religious or family obligation, but out of a sense that church is a place where we encounter the Holy God that brings us life. In the midst of hurricane devastation, family crisis, economic crisis, marriage crisis, or whatever else you may be facing - let us march forward, heads held high, eyes focused on the vision before us. Because above all, we are a people of hope. So come worship with us this Sunday. Bring your fears about the future, lay them at the altar, and leave as a person of hope.

# Prayer List, Attendance, Giving, Memorials

## PRAYER LIST

### *JOYS*

- The Glory of Christ

### *CONCERNS*

- Brett Porter
- J.O. Brixey, Lynne Machado's dad
- Lynne Machado & her sisters
- Hurricane Victims
- The Gallegos's Family: newborn premie has staff infection & 5yr old w/ a brain tumor
- The Hearne Family
- The Thomas Family
- LaVerne Fraizer
- Max Clark
- Don Wright
- Judy Adams
- Future of youth group & volunteers
- Lynne Hardin
- Melissa & Rachel, safe delivery

### *ON GOING CONCERNS*

- Military
- Wendy Sardella, Cancer
- Margaret Gwin
- Lexie Hatchett
- Clifton Johnston
- Jennifer & Doug Bomer
- Dee & Dorothy Ridgway
- Tom Wilson
- Tonya Flint, Sue Wilson's daughter
- The Machado Family
- David Stark
- Sam Monroe
- Margaret Wright

### *Our Giving*

	<u>General</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Special</u>
September 7	\$2,513.76	\$ 521.33	\$ 261.00
September 14	\$2,000.81	\$3,663.00	\$ 102.50
September 21	\$2,900.65	\$ 178.00	\$1,102.00
September 28			

### *Attendance Report*

	<u>Synergy</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Traditional Worship</u>
September 7 27	33		81
September 14 28		25	87
September 21 39	33		84
September 28			

## Children's Page

### Volunteers for the month of October

Date	4-6 SS Helper	9 CC Leader	9 CC Helper	11 CC Leader	11 CC Helper
Oct 5		Nancy Davis		Karen Samford	Dena Hall
Oct 12	Leanne Mathis	Karen Samford	Chris Campbell		Leanne Mathis
Oct 19	Lana Chance	Nancy Davis	Chris Campbell	Karen Samford	Maggie Stednitz
Oct 26		Chris Campbell		Becca Harrison	Lana Chance

## Upcoming events

The Ladies Evening Retreat has been scheduled for Friday, October 17th. The time will be from 6:30-9:30pm. Dinner will be provided. Please contact Nancy Davis, 817-444-7446, if you have any questions. Registration forms are available in the Sunday bulletins or in the church office.



Ladies: Would you like to provide a meal for our pastor's family after the arrival of their blessed baby girl. Please contact Nancy Davis, 817-444-7446, who is coordinating this outreach.

Plans are in motion for a Progressive Dinner on December 6th. Look for details to come, so you won't miss out on the fun!



FireProof Your Relationships!  
House Churches begin September 29!  
What a great way to strengthen your relationships as you form community with others at SCUMC! To sign up, or for more information, contact Janice Monaghan at [mono2@citbroadband.com](mailto:mono2@citbroadband.com), or call the church office.

Are you new to the church and want to get to know other ladies? Please join us at Ladies Circle October 19th @ 6pm. We will have dinner provided by our October hosts and a devotional to follow. The mission for October is Lake Lodge Nursing & Rehab. Please bring any of the following items:

- baby wipes
  - ankle socks
  - travel size hand lotion
  - small tissue pkgs
  - coloring books
  - word search books - large print
  - crossword puzzle books - large print
- Any questions, call Linda Schairbaum

Sunday October 12th is Mission Sunday and Potluck Luncheon.

Please bring a covered dish and/or a desert. Drinks and table settings will be provided. Please call Linda Schairbaum, if you have any questions concerning the luncheon.



## October Birthdays

Sue Constantine	1
James Smith	3
Mike Mathis	16
Glen Bradford	19
Ernest Machado	22
Lynn Machado	24
Laurie Smith	25
Matthew McClendon	25

## October Anniversaries

Bill & Jeanie Sharp	12
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*Just a reminder to all - the email used to send the newsletters out is not checked for correspondence. It is only used once a month to send out newsletters. If you need to contact the office via email please send it to [mica@silvercreekumc.org](mailto:mica@silvercreekumc.org)*

*Thank you to all who donated time, money and items for this year's Lord's Acre.*

*Sincerely,  
The Lord's Acre Committee*

## **Silver Creek United Methodist Church Phase One Construction Update September 25, 2008**

WOW! The sanctuary is going to look fantastic! Even with no lights and plastic covering everything the room looks so much larger and brighter. Best of all we are still on schedule to hold service in our new sanctuary on October 5, 2008.

Phase One is coming along great, we are on or ahead of schedule. All plumbing and electrical are in, insulation is in the walls and the sheet rock is up. We have slightly expanded the scope of Phase One to include more updates in the office area and existing hallways so that these areas will match the new construction. Basically, everything in the sanctuary, educational wing, office area and all hallways will match and coordinate with one another. Our builder has tentatively set mid November as the completion date for Phase One.

## **Church Family Directory Coming Soon**

Silver Creek United Methodist Church will be printing a new church directory, in spring 2009. We will be taking pictures for our new directory February 20 & 21st. Look for more details to come in the

*October is Pastor Appreciation Month!  
Don't forget to tell your pastors how much you appreciate them and what they mean to you.*

# October 2008

## *Silver Creek United Methodist Church*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Regular Sunday Activities:</b>  <i>Synergy Service 9 am</i>  <i>Sunday School 10 am</i>  <i>Traditional Service 11 am</i>  <i>Youth Group 4 pm</i></p>			<p>1 Mid-Stream Dinner  5:30 - 6:30 pm  Bible Study 6:30-7:30 pm  Choir Practice 7:30 pm</p>			<p>4 Food Pantry  10 am - 12 pm</p>
<p>5 <b>COMMUNION</b></p>			<p>8 Mid-Stream Dinner  5:30 - 6:30 pm  Bible Study 6:30-7:30 pm  Choir Practice 7:30 pm</p>			<p>11 Food Pantry  10 am - 12 pm</p>
<p>12 Mission Sunday &amp; Potluck Luncheon</p>	<p>13  <b>Columbus Day</b></p>		<p>15 Mid-Stream Dinner  5:30 - 6:30 pm  Bible Study 6:30-7:30 pm  Choir Practice 7:30 pm</p>		<p>17 Women's Evening Retreat</p>	<p>18 Food Pantry  10 am - 12 pm  Steele Family Reunion 10am - 2pm</p>
<p>19 Ladies Circle 5 pm</p>		<p>21 Lay Leadership Mtg. 6:30pm</p>	<p>22 Mid-Stream Dinner  5:30 - 6:30 pm  Bible Study 6:30-7:30 pm  Choir Practice 7:30 pm  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>			<p>25 Food Pantry  10 am - 12 pm  UMM Breakfast &amp; Workday 8 am</p>
			<p>29 Mid-Stream Dinner  5:30 - 6:30 pm  Bible Study 6:30-7:30 pm  Choir Practice 7:30 pm</p>		<p>31 Fall Festival  <b>Halloween</b></p>	

You can get the latest updates at [www.silvercreekumc.org](http://www.silvercreekumc.org) under Community Life, calendar.

**Deadline for November Newsletter in Wednesday October 22 - Noon.**

### **Our Staff:**

<b>Pastor</b> Rev. Jason Hamilton	jason@silvercreekumc.org
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<b>Pianist</b>	
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### **Board Members**

**Ed Schairbaum**, Chair Church Council  
**Steve Williams**, Lay Leader; Annual Conf.  
**James Smith**, Chair SPR  
**Dena Hall**, Chair Finance  
**Hugh McClendon**, Chair Trustees  
**Peggie Muir**, Church Treasurer  
**Charles Thompson**, President UMM  
**Sue McClendon**, President UMW  
**Cheryl Sims**, Co-Chair to C.O.M. (1)  
**Lana Chance**, Co-Chair to C.O.M. (2)  
**Leanne Mathis**, Lay Member (1) 2007  
**Byron Constintine**, Lay Member (2) 2007  
**Kristie Coleman**, Lay Member (3) 2007