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Pastor's Page

Eric and Becca Harrison have joined our staff! The Harrison's will be leading our youth ministry effective May 31, and we are very excited to have them on board. Trey Smith will be staying in his role as contemporary worship leader, but will no longer hold responsibilities pertaining to our youth ministry. Trey is stepping down from this role after serving for ten months. During that time, he has developed many meaningful relationships with our youth and their parents that will continue to be a blessing to all involved for years to come. Trey is making this transition so he can spend more time focusing on his classes at UTA and his music. We are very excited about what Trey has brought to our worship experience at Synergy. His musical abilities, as well as his organization and ability to lead worship have taken Synergy to a whole new level that has inspired a sense of true worship.

Eric and Becca Harrison are very excited to be stepping in to this position. When we learned that there was going to be a vacancy to fill, the Harrison's enthusiastically accepted this responsibility. They have been involved with the youth at nearly every level since becoming part of Silver Creek in 2007 and have a connection with the students of this church that will allow for a smooth transition and provide a level of consistency that will build on the foundation that has already been laid. Eric and Becca have several ideas on how to grow the ministry, engage the students in missions and outreach, and foster a deeper sense of community and connection with the church. They will need your help! This Sunday, Eric and Becca will be asking for volunteers to drive the van, provide food at youth gatherings, and chaperone events. Please prayerfully consider helping with this vital area of ministry within the church. Youth ministries that are effective and vibrant have strong support from the adults of the church. The youth need your support! Even if you are unable to drive, provide a meal, or chaperone, please pray for them. Adolescence is a crucial time in everyone's faith development, and the experience these students have while at this church will have a deep impact on the faith they carry with them into adulthood.

Please join us on Sunday as we welcome the Harrison's! Pray with us as we consider how we can be a blessing to the youth of our community. Partner with us as we commit to equipping our students for the road ahead.

See you Sunday!

Jason

PARENT'S CORNER

Principle three in Robert J. Keeley's *Helping Children Grow in Faith* is: Children need to know that God is mysterious. We all try to explain God and do a poor job of it. We think long and hard about everything. God is too big for us to understand. (p. 49) If we introduce our children to this small God, we are shortchanging the children. Part of the wonder of God is that we will never understand God. We also need to let the children know that part of faith is doubt.

James Fowler in *Stages of Faith* suggests that there are different stages of faith that people experience in their lifetime just as children experience different stages while they are growing. No matter whether it is stages in faith or stages in growth, they share certain principles.

People develop at different rates.

Development is orderly.

Development takes place gradually.

James Fowler has identified six faith developmental stages:

Stage 1—Intuitive-Projective Faith (ages 2-6). "This stage is primarily a reflection of parental faith and is a stage filled with fantasy, imagination, and powerful images." (p. 53)

Stage 2—Mythic-Literal Faith (ages 6-12). "In this stage the circle of influence widens to include others besides parents....Their faith is straightforward and includes few gray areas." (p. 53)

Stage 3—Synthetic-Conventional Faith (ages 12-?). "The importance of belonging to a group typifies this stage when it takes place in adolescence. In adults it shows itself to be a faith that has a strong sense of being part of a community of believers." (p. 54)

Stage 4—Individual-Reflective Faith (ages 18-?). "In this stage people take personal responsibility for their own faith. This often shows itself as a time of questioning and exploring." (p. 54)

Stage 5—Conjunctive Faith (ages 30-?). "In this stage people are able to see that many of the faith practices that they doubted or threw off in their time of questioning are much richer and more valuable than they were able to see at a younger age. This is the stage in which people own their faith." (p. 54)

Stage 6—Universalizing Faith (ages??). "Faith becomes more than just a set of beliefs but is a total commitment. This occurs in few members of the population." (p. 54)

As you can see that in Stage 4, people are questioning their faith. We need to create a warm and open atmosphere in our homes and in our church, so that when children reach this stage, they will feel comfortable in questioning and exploring. Sometimes this will make us uncomfortable, yet it is necessary.

"The Bible isn't just a novel with curious things in it. This is a book that gives us the complete text of what God wants us to know about him and his work with his people. The parts that are mysterious are there for a reason. Hiding these mysterious aspects of God from children gives them an incomplete picture of who he is. It not only *acceptable* for children to see that God is mysterious, but it is *essential*. This sense of mystery does not need to lead to puzzlement; it can also foster a healthy sense of wonder and awe at God's greatness." (p. 57)

We need to let children see that we do not have it all figured out. It gives them permission to live with questions at the same time they hold on to what they do know—that God loves them and is holding them in God's hand. Read to children the rich stories of the Old Testament. These stories let children see imperfect people allowing God to work in their lives. If we want to give our children a three-dimensional faith, a faith that lives in them in a way that seem real and impacts all aspects of their life, we must let them see that God is much bigger than we can ever understand.

Upcoming events



Mexican Food Lunch and Silent Auction Fundraiser

Please plan to join us on Sunday July 19th after 11 o'clock worship for a Mexican food lunch and silent auction for Toby McDonald.

Toby is a 4 year old little boy that contracted viral encephalitis and had an extended hospital stay and will continue to have a long recovery.

We, as a church family, are raising money to help cover the cost of Toby's hospital bills.

- Luncheon cost is donation
- If you have silent auction items for donation, please put them in the "Frog" Sunday School classroom or contact Nancy Davis at 817-444-7446.

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Worship: Tuesday, June 2nd at 6:30pm
- VBS volunteers: Sunday, June 7th at noon
- Trustee: Sunday, June 7th at noon



Vacation Bible School

**Sunday - Thursday
June 21 - 25**

6:15 - 8:15 pm

Mica will be taking vacation the week of July 13-17, if anyone can spare a few hours to answer the phone, during that week, please call the office as soon as you can, so we can plan accordingly.

Church Family News

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

2 Raymond Gallegos
4 Ronnie Wright
6 Laura Huggins
7 Shane Coleman
8 Stephanie Merck
14 Lana Chance
18 Cheryl Sims
19 Mady Harrison
23 Dot Wright
23 Jennifer Dubeansky
28 Melissa Hamilton
29 Danny Coulson

Anniversaries

1 Ray & Elisha McDonald
3 Eric & Becca Harrison
4 Clint & Dena Hall
8 Glen & Jerri Bradford
9 Frank & Rubye Langley
12 Christian & Carrie Danobeytia
13 Shane & Kristie Coleman
14 Ricky & Cheryl Wright
14 Gaylon & Linda Snipes
14 Charles & Gwin Thompson

We would like to thank the friends for all of the support and meals provided following Jackson's arrival.

-Bryan, Jennifer & Jackson Dubeansky

F.Y.I.

A door bell has been installed by the back door of the children's Sunday School wing. For security reasons, the doors are kept locked during office hours. Please ring the door bell and someone will come let you in.

Office Hours:
Monday - Friday
8:30am - 12:30pm

Prayer List, Attendance, Giving, Memorials, Staff Contact info, Council Members

Prayer List

JOYS

- The Glory of Christ
- Rain

CONCERNS

- Karen Samford
- Maggie Stark
- Pat & Leon Riley
- Penny Ryan
- MeLinda Digiovanni
- Donna Johnson
- Sam Canafax
- Kim Anderson
- Todd Caldwell
- Morgan Hilton, heart transplant
- Toby McDonald

ON GOING CONCERNS

- Military
- Country's Leaders
- Unemployed
- Ferdinan Baruch, leukemia
- Darla Pickering, brain tumor
- Wendy Sardella, Cancer
- Margaret Gwin
- Lexie Hatchett
- Clifton Johnston, cancer
- Dee & Dorothy Ridgway
- Tom Wilson
- The Machado Family
- David Stark
- Sam Monroe
- Margaret Wright

To include a prayer request for a Sunday bulletin please call the church office before Thursday of

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Attendance Report

	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Total Worship Attendance</u>
April 26	32	146
May 3	18	83
May 10	26	150
May 17	33	110
May 24	14	126
May 31	will be included in the July newsletter	

Our Giving

	<u>Budget/General</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Other</u>
April 26	\$8,842.89	\$424.00	\$ 32.00
May 3	\$2,894.25	\$ 50.00	\$1,260.00
May 10	\$2,827.01	\$150.00	\$ 22.00
May 17	\$2,440.09	\$468.33	\$ 66.00
May 24	\$3,103.07	\$441.00	\$ 7.00
May 31	will be included in the July newsletter		

Budget Financial Report

Weekly Need: \$ 3,395.00

YTD Need: \$71,295.00

YTD Given: \$68,076.59

Budget: < \$3,218.41 >

Our Council:

Council Chair	Ed Schairbaum
Lay Leader	Steve Williams
Lay Member to AC	Rubye Langley
Chair SPR	Kristie Coleman
Chair Finance	Kevin Campbell
Treasurer	Peggie Muir
Chair Trustees	Mark Selman
President UMM	Charles Thompson
Chair Nurture Council	Sam Samford
Chair Outreach Council	Becca Harrison
Chair Witness Council	Chris Campbell
At-Large	Ray Blecher
At-Large	Kathleen Blecher
At-Large	Byron Constantine
At-Large	Leanne Mathis

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Worship Committee Meeting 6:30pm	3	4	5	6
7 COMMUNION Trustee mtg. at Noon VBS mtg. Noon	8 Deer Ridge Estates Neighborhood Mtg. 6-8pm	9	10	11	12	13
----- UMC ANNUAL CONFERENCE -----						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Ladies Circle 6pm FATHER'S DAY	22	23	24 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	25	26	27 UMM B'fast & Work-day 8am
----- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 6:15-8:15 PM -----						
28 VBS Celebration Sunday	29	30				