

**July  
2009**

# In Stream

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## Pastor's Page

As I am writing this article we are completely immersed in the excitement of Vacation Bible School! VBS is always one of my favorite events, and this year has been no exception. It is fun to be around the children and to participate in their excitement as they grow their faith. It is encouraging to see adults give of their time to make sure these children have such a wonderful experience. As a leader, it gets me excited to see so many people pull together to accomplish something great. This year, it seems we have had more participation from adults than in years past, especially from newer faces. I want to thank everyone who has put so much into this incredible effort! When I walk through the stations every evening I see kids laughing and playing - I also see adults laughing and playing, which tells me that you are passionate about what you are doing. As someone reminded me on the phone recently, the children are our future - I cannot think of a more important ministry to be invested in!

This year the children are learning about Moses - his call, his conflict with Pharaoh, and his journey out of Egypt, as he lead his people out of slavery. As I have helped in the telling of this story each night I have been reminded that life - even a life of faith, is full of its ups and downs. This week we have experienced joy, strife, and great sorrow as we have witnessed the story of Israel: oppressive slavery, bold initiative, destructive plagues, and finally, redemption and covenant. Many times, Christians fall into the trap of believing that a life of faith is supposed to shelter us from those ups and downs. The danger of this belief is that people who fall into this trap are often so shaken when life takes a difficult turn that they end up abandoning their faith because they feel forsaken or abandoned by God.

One of the truths we are learning this week is that even God's chosen people Israel (especially Israel!) experienced hardship as they were trying to follow God. Faith doesn't make us immune, it gives us strength to better handle adversity.

I hope our children hear this message this week. I hope we all learn from Israel's story. Life truly is a journey. Faith gives us strength for that journey. May we continue to grow in that strength this summer!

See you Sunday,

Jason



*A GREAT BIG thank you to all of the volunteers, people who helped decorate, and those that donated items. Thank you to for making Crocodile Rock a great success.*

## Youth News

1 Thessalonians 5:11 "Therefore encourage each other..."

This passage is talking about the end times. Paul speaks of the final coming of the Lord. He tells us that we will be caught up together in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. "And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words." How cool is that. Can you imagine being in the clouds together? Well, we aren't in the clouds together right now, in fact it seems lately we aren't together much at all. But even with the busy schedules, I am excited by the Love and Encouragement that you guys have shown each other this month! You all rock! I am so proud of our Youth Group and the support that you show each other! Between Confirmation for Marissa, Ciara, Sam and Kaylynn, making State with Meagan, Kaylynn moving :( and Ciara's surgery, you guys have been encouraging to each other! I am SO Proud of all of you! I praise God for the wonderful Youth Group that I get to be a part of! Thanks guys for your encouragement to each other! Keep up the work of God!

Reminder: Youth meets Sunday Mornings at 10 am in the Youth Room. Wednesday Evenings at 6 pm (check the calendar for locations). Check out the Youth Calendar for other exciting events.

Eric & Becca

The Sanctuary is in need of new Alter Cloths. Please contact Kathy Moore if you are interested in donating to the cost of purchasing new ones. This can be done to honor or in memory of a loved one. Also, we would like to start having Alter Flowers, but we need someone to "head up" the scheduling of flowers. If you are interested in coordinating the flowers for the alter please contact Kathy Moore for more information.

Kathy Moore 817-448-9714

## New Arrivals



**Emelyn Bree Sims**  
7 lbs. 10 oz. 19 3/4 in.

She is welcomed by very proud and excited grandparents Bob and Cheryl Sims, big brother Tanner and mom & dad: Jon & Elizabeth Sims

**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

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### *Birthdays*

2 Eric Harrison  
6 Kevin Campbell  
7 Mary Cole  
10 Nilon Tallant  
11 Byron Constantine  
20 Ray McDonald  
21 Rubye Langley  
24 Cliff Samford  
25 Roy Martindale  
28 Elisha McDonald

### *Anniversaries*

14 Don & Linda Wright  
28 Roy & Lana Chance

## 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.

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.

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

## Prayer List

### JOYS

- The Glory of Christ
- Darla Pickering
- Toby McDonald

### CONCERNS

- Dan Stockton
- Bill & MaeDell Fitzgerald
- unnamed
- Isabel Maynard
- Leon Riley
- Family of Cynthia Adams
- Theda Reeves
- Jim & Betty Tucker
- Laura Marshall & Family
- Kenny Hanis
- Harolyn Lisby
- Al Garrett
- Del Franks
- Donna Johnson
- Myrna Maitt
- Ernie Stark
- Austin Hilliard
- Karen Samford
- Ciara Stednitz, surgery
- Family of Mildred Maynard
- Maggie Stark

### ON GOING CONCERNS

- Military
- Country's Leaders
- Unemployed
- Margaret Gwin
- 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 that week.*

## Attendance Report

	Sunday School	Total Worship Attendance
May 31	25	118
June 7	24	130
June 14	21	117
June 21	29	166
June 28	will be included in the August newsletter	

## Our Giving

	Budget/General	Building	Other
May 31	\$2,356.15	\$2,440.00	\$250.00
June 7	\$3,610.96	\$ 85.00	\$250.00
June 14	\$2,330.50	\$ 633.33	\$ 50.00
June 21	\$2,321.93	\$ 318.33	\$206.00
June 28	will be included in the August newsletter		

## Budget Financial Report

Weekly Need: \$ 3,395.00  
 YTD Need: \$84,875.00  
 YTD Given: \$78,696.13  
 Budget: < \$ 6,178.87>

### Our Staff:

- Pastor** Rev. Jason Hamilton  
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- Children's Minister** Rev. Karen Samford  
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- Director of Youth Ministries** Eric & Becca Harrison  
becca @silvercreekumc.org
- Contemporary Worship Leader** Trey Smith  
dcsmitty242@hotmail.com
- Choir Director/Pianist** Julia Yarovaya  
You440\_44@hotmail.com
- Nursery** Keturah Sims  
keturah@silvercreekumc.org
- Administrative Assistant** Mica Hicks  
mica@silvercreekumc.org

### Our Council:

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

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## Silver Creek United Methodist Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u><b>Regular Sunday Activities:</b></u> <i>Synergy Worship</i> 9 am <i>Sunday School</i> 10 am <i>Food Pantry</i> 10 am-12pm <i>Traditional Worship</i> 11 am <i>Youth Group</i> 4 pm			1	2	3	4  INDEPENDENCE DAY
5 COMMUNION	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Romans Bible Study 6:30pm	16	17	18
19 Luncheon & Fundraiser for Toby McDonald	20	21	22 Romans Bible Study 6:30pm	23	24	25 UMM B'fast & Work-day 8am
26	27	28	29 Romans Bible Study 6:30pm  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	30	31	