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I'm writing this article on the day that Michael Jackson's documentary film, *This Is It*, opens in theaters across America. Hearing the news of this release has me thinking a little about my own life and what it means to live successfully. According to NBC news, the rights to Jackson's documentary sold for \$60 million, ninety percent of which is going to the Jackson estate to pay down debt left by the megastar when he died over the summer. It seems odd to me that the most successful music icon to ever live could leave behind such incomprehensible debt.

What does it mean to be successful today? For decades, churches have measured success in much the same way that businesses do: How many people are coming to worship every Sunday? How much money is coming in to the collection plate? How many programs are going on throughout the week, and how many people are participating in them? In our personal lives, we typically measure success based on our net worth, the performance of our portfolios, or how high up the career ladder we managed to climb before retirement. Some of us measure success based on the number of hours we work a week or how long we can go without taking a vacation. Others of us simply focus on trying to look successful. North Texas is the home of many young professional people living about \$60,000 or more per year beyond their means so they can live in the right neighborhood, drive the right car/truck, and wear the right clothes to be seen in the right clubs. In the words of a mid-century theologian, "We buy things we don't need with money we don't have, to impress people we don't even like!"

Last Sunday, we began a sermon series called, *ReThink Church*, and as one of our staff pointed out recently, it's causing me to ReThink a lot of things. In his book, *UnLearning Church*, Michael Slaughter makes the observation that, "Churches practicing evangelism will transform culture, not just fill an auditorium." I couldn't agree more. The days of the old paradigm of filling a room for the sake of attracting a crowd are about as out of touch with the needs of our society as telephones that are attached to the wall. The difficult truth is this: if we aren't changing lives, and thus transforming culture, we aren't being the Church. If all we're accomplishing is attracting a crowd, we aren't really bringing the life-changing message of Jesus Christ in a relevant way and are failing our calling.

I would propose that the same measuring stick for determining success for the ministry of the church works in life as well. Jesus told a young wealthy man that in order to find life he must first sell his possessions and give the money to the poor. This tells me that God doesn't measure success the same way we do. God cares a whole lot more about the people you change through loving them than about the status of your 401K or the title on your door. God cares more about the way your kids see you than how your boss sees you, and about the way you treat your spouse than how you care for your house. Success in the Kingdom of God is measured differently. I would invite you to join us on Sunday as we re-think not only how we do church, but how we live as well. See you Sunday!

Church Family News

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

1 Joshua Thompson
2 Kristie Coleman
5 Colton Wright
6 Isabel Maynard
10 Parker Pate
16 Donna McGibboney
17 Angie Romer
18 Ernie Pate
23 Don Wright
25 Madison Tamjidi
28 Glenda McClendon
28 Jennifer Thompson

Anniversaries

1 Bryan & Jennifer Dubeansky
10 Ernie & Sharon Pate
19 Jimmy & Betty Tucker
21 Ernest & Lynn Machado

Thank you for all the gifts, cards and sentiments you sent me during Pastor Appreciation Week. It is truly a blessing to serve you, and your kindness makes me truly grateful to be your pastor!

Jason

The family of Margaret Wright would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers during the loss of our mother and grandma. We appreciate the food that was brought and those who served during the lunch before the funeral.

*Sincerely,
Janet Merck and Family
Dena Hall and Family*

The Uganda Mission Team would like to thank all those who supported them, both prayerfully and financially, in their calling to spread Christ's love throughout the world. We couldn't have done it without you!

*Sincerely,
Eric & Becca Harrison, Daniel & Keturah Sims,
Shane & Kristie Colman*

Please give yourself a double blessing on Sunday morning by visiting one of our 2 great adult Sunday School Classes.

- Bill Davis leads the *Spirit* class that meets at 10am in the Fellowship Hall.
- Steve Williams is teaching the *Berean* class which meets in the Gym at 10am. All adults are welcome and you'll be glad you took the time to visit.

Memorials Given

In Memory of Margaret Wright
Timothy Wright
Frank and Rubye Langley
Byrne C and Joyce Moody
Anna Cutshall
Bill and Karen Propp
Bobby and Florence Medford
Anita Boynton
Kathy Martin
Jerry and Deana Grubis
Jean Rider
Verna Martin
John and Diane Allen
Pamela Martin
Mike and Debbie Martin
Ronny and Nicki Korb
Sharon Rogers
Tom and Glorene Roden
Daren Merck

In Memory of JW Wright
The Wright Reunion

In Memory of Gladys Gilley
The Wright Reunion

If anyone has family/friends stationed overseas, please contact me. I'm going to be sending our nephew, Luke, cards from Silver Creek UMC and would love to include others from our congregation. Luke is in Afghanistan.

Nancy Davis 817-444-7446

Upcoming Events

Thanksgiving Dinner Drive

It's that time again! Last year, as part of Silver Creek congregation, you helped 31 families realize the grace and true meaning of Thanksgiving. Thank you!

Please participate this year - We expect to have details on the families by November 7th. You will be able to "Pick a Family to Feed" from the list we will have on the wall.

To get a head start, last year the average family was a family of four. The Thanksgiving Baskets will consist of:

- *Turkey or Ham*
family of 4 = 6-8 lbs turkey/family of 6 = 12 lbs turkey
- *Stuffing Mix*
- *5 lbs bag of potatoes*
- *Mixed bag of fruit*
- *Bag of miniature marshmallows*
- *3 cans of green beans*
- *2 cans of cream of mushroom*
- *1 can fried onions*
- *1 can cranberry sauce*
- *2 cans of corn*
- *1-2 packages of ready to bake/brown rolls*
- *Gravy mix*
- *2 cans of sweet potatoes/yams*
- *2 bottles of 2 liter drinks*
- *Desert (pie, cake and/or cookies)*

Sunday November 22 - Noon
Church-Wide Potluck
Thanksgiving Lunch

The turkey and dressing will
be provided, please bring a
side dish and/or a desert.

Thank you in advance!

Jennifer Dubeansky 817-238-9995 jensaddress@msn.com

**Youth Pancake
Breakfast Fundraiser
in association with
Carter Blood Drive**

Sunday November 8th

Get here early, give blood, then refuel
with a Pancake Breakfast.
Your donations benefit the youth of
Silver Creek UMC!

Breakfast will be served
throughout the morning.

**Hanging of the Greens
and
Stew Supper**

Please join us Sunday November 29th at 6pm to decorate our church for the upcoming Christmas season. The children will be decorating the Fellowship Hall. Following will be a humble meal of stew. Please bring a pre-cooked ingredient (non-meat, please) to add to the stew, crackers, or cornbread. *Meat for the stew will be provided.* There will be chicken and noodles available for the children. *The youth are planning a bake sale to coincide with this event, so bring your sweet tooth.*

Children's Page

Hi Silver Creek!

As I write this, I am sitting in the office at the parsonage, with my back to what is left of our pumpkin patch. I want to start off with a big "Thank You!" to all of our volunteers for unloading, selling and turning the pumpkins. We will have a final count of our earnings soon, but I am pretty sure you will be impressed. Way to join together to make the patch a success!

We are entering that special time of year when it comes time to stop and be thankful for the blessings in our lives. The children are doing an amazing job with the Giving Bucket. We've collected almost \$100 so far, which will be matched by Larry Hoffman to make it \$200. I am so proud of the giving hearts of your children. A shopping trip for the FROG class will be planned for early December to buy gifts for the angels we adopt, followed by a fun activity for the kids who go.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 21st! The children will be gathering in the fellowship hall at 10:30am to make decoration for the church Thanksgiving potluck on Sunday the 22nd. Pack a sack lunch for your child. We will make fun cookies for desert and conclude at 1:00.

Here's a glimpse of what your children will be learning in Sunday School this month. Why not take a moment to talk with them about the lesson of the day after church on Sunday?

November Bible verse: "It is good to give thanks to the Lord." Psalm 92:1

November 1: Noah Gives Thanks - Genesis 7:1-17; 8:1-22 Kids will hear about how Noah thanked God.

November 8: Miriam Gives Thanks - Exodus 14:1-22; 15:20-21 The Hebrews were thankful God delivered them from Egypt, so Miriam thanked Him in a special way.

November 15: One Leper Gives Thanks - Luke 17:11-19 The healing of the ten lepers. How many do you think said "Thank you?"

November 22: A Dance of Thanks - Acts 3:1-10 Peter and John healed a beggar. Kids will get the chance to give Thanks like he did - through dance!

November 29: Zechariah and Elizabeth Give Thanks - Luke 1:5-25, 57-80 Zechariah and Elizabeth were thankful for their son, John. Children will learn about Advent.

Thank you for the chance to minister to your children. They are a blessing!

Melissa

YOUTH NEWS

Hey Guys! 30 Hour Famine is coming...Let's focus on God and what he has to share with us during these 30 hours together! We will start our fasting on our own at 12:30 on Friday!

We are doing 3 fundraisers this month...November 8th - Pancake Breakfast, November 29th - Bake Sale and Entertainment Books.

I need everyone to help with the pancake breakfast on Sunday morning...Please plan on being there for both services. Also on the 29th everyone needs to make a dessert to sell. We are so close to our 50 mark on the Entertainment Books...Let's do them on a BIG scale!

Love you all! Thank you Maggie and Chris for helping with the Youth while I was in Uganda!!!

Prayer List, Attendance, Giving, Staff Contact

Prayer List

JOYS

- The Glory of Christ

CONCERNS

- Alton Anderson
- Pat Hamm
- Travel mercies for Maggie Stark's parents
- Lisa Talmage
- Mary Place
- Ben Riley
- Lynn Machado and Family
- Cindy Brown
- Mackenzie Campbell
- Josh Browne
- Thelma McDonald, Dan & Van's Mother
- Keith Banks

ON GOING CONCERNS

- Military
- Country's Leaders
- Unemployed
- Frank White
- Karen Samford
- Margaret Gwin
- Tom Wilson
- David Stark

Our Council:

Council Chair Shane Coleman

Lay Leader Steve Williams

Lay Member to AC Rubye Langley

Chair SPR Kristie Coleman

Chair Finance Kevin Campbell

Treasurer Peggie Muir

Chair Trustees Hugh McClendon

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 Rubye Langley

Attendance Report

	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Total Worship Attendance</u>
October 4	10	121
October 11	24	117
October 18	22	122
October 25	4	150

Our Giving

	<u>Budget/General</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Other</u>
October 4	\$3,417.00	\$175.00	\$ 385.00
October 11	\$4,712.00	\$940.00	\$1,510.00
October 18	\$2,071.25	\$ 83.33	\$1,045.00
October 25	\$3,240.25	\$768.00	\$2,290.00

Budget Financial Report

Weekly Need: \$ 3,395.00

YTD Need: \$145,985.00

YTD Given: \$143,420.76

Budget: <\$2,564.24>

How to Contact the Staff:

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Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

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Closed on Friday

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion	2 Neighborhood Fellowship I 6:30pm	3	4 Neighborhood Fellowship II 6:30pm Choir Practice 7pm	5 Neighborhood Fellowship III 6:30pm	6 Youth 30 Hour Famine begins at 12:30pm	7 Youth 30 Hour Famine ends at 6:30pm
8 Blood Drive Pancake Breakfast No 4pm Youth	9 Deer Ridge Neighborhood Meeting 6:30-8:30pm Neighborhood Fellowship I	10	11 Neighborhood Fellowship II 6:30pm Choir Practice 7pm VETERNS	12 Neighborhood Fellowship III 6:30pm	13	14
15 Ladies Circle 6pm Youth: Twilight Movie Night	16 Neighborhood Fellowship I 6:30pm	17	18 Neighborhood Fellowship II 6:30pm Choir Practice 7pm NEWSLETTER	19 Neighborhood Fellowship III 6:30pm	20 Youth: Twilight New Moon Party!	21 Children's Thanksgiving Celebration 10:30am
22 Thanksgiving Pot Luck Youth Bake Sale	23 Neighborhood Fellowship I 6:30pm	24	25 Neighborhood Fellowship II 6:30pm Choir Practice 7pm OFFICE	26 Thanksgiving OFFICE	27	28 UMM Breakfast & Workday 8am
29 Hanging of the Greens and Stew Supper Poinsettia Orders begin	30 Neighborhood Fellowship I 6:30pm			<u>Sunday Schedule:</u> Synergy Worship 9:30 am Children's Church I 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Food Pantry 10:00 am-12:00pm Traditional Worship 11:00 am Children's Church II 11:15 am Youth Group 4:00 pm		