



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 *10:00 Family Karate 10:00 Scrapbooking
2 9:00 & 11:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School	3 *8:30 Aerobics *11:30 Men's Study *12:00 & 6:00 Weight Watchers *3:30 Walk CLC *6:30 Men's Study	4* 3:30 Walk CLC 5:30 Yoga *6:30 Aerobics *8:00 AA & Alanon	5 9:00 Women of Praise Bible Study *3:30 Walk CLC *6:45 Choir Practice	6 2:00 Bridge *3:30 Walk CLC *5:30 Yoga *6:00 Band Practice *6:30 Aerobics	7 *8:30 Aerobics	8
9	10	11	12 2:00 or 7:00 Glass Bottle Top	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 10:00 Sunday School Kick Off	24	25 2:00 or 7:00 Fused Glass Plate	26	27	28	29 6:30 am Huddle Kick Off Trip
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*Striving to cause  
 God great joy!*

## Pastor's Letter

Dear Advent Friends,

There is an old story about an old man who was often sought out for advice and was greatly admired for his wisdom.

*One day a young man thought he would be smart and outwit the sage. He found a small bird that had fallen out of the nest and, grasping it in his hand, he decided he would say to the man, "Is this bird dead or alive?"*

*His trick was that if he said, "It's alive," he would give it a quick squeeze and show him*

*the dead bird. But if he said it was dead, he would open his hand and let the bird fly away. Either way he would be right.*

*He approached the man with the bird and asked:*

*"Mr. Wise Man, is this bird dead or alive?" Without looking at his hand the old man replied: "It is whatever you want it to be."*

So it is with our lives. We can choose to grow or not grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ. We can choose to be faithful disciples

or we can take our relationship with Christ for granted. We can choose to cause God "great joy" by sharing his love with others as we have seen it in Jesus Christ or we can miss out on this privileged opportunity. Since the answer is in our hands, let's join hands this fall season and deepen our relationships with each other and with God. The answer is in our hands.

Dave, Chris & Don

### August 2009

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## Study and Serve on Sunday Night!!!

Dear Friends:  
 Each year on Sunday evening, we have had a "Disciple Class".

This year, if we have enough interest, we are going to do an eleven (11) week fall study on

Psalms. We will start at 4:30 p.m. and end at 7:00. Yet it will be organized differently. The group will meet at 4:40. We will have a time of prayer, then study until about 6:30, at which time we will

go down-stairs and help clean up after the Huddle Dinner. This is a chance to pray, study and serve at one time.

Please pray about participating and call or write Chris if you are interested.

**GOT PHONES?**

Cell Phones for Soldiers, a national organization, is collecting old phones to be turned into AT&T. For each phone collected, a one hour prepaid phone card will be given to a soldier overseas. You can remove your information card from the phone and place the phone in a collection box at the information desk. Contact Carrie McLemore @ 219-6140 with any questions.

# The Year of Discipleship

**begins August 23rd with**

**Sunday School  
Kick-Off**

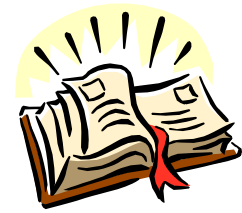
**& Christian**

**Education Expo**

All adults and children gather in the sanctuary at 10:00 am for an introduction of the children's new teachers.

Children will dismiss to their new classes with their new teachers.

Adults will be introduced to the study being done in all adult Sunday school classes for September.



Then adults will go to Lindsay Hall for *snacks* & to sign up for Christian

education opportunities available in the upcoming months.

## Youth Club



begins September 16th There are schedule with School Spirit changes this semester, Night. Look for a registration form in the hall- mation! ways or in the mail.

**HUDDLE KICK OFF**

**MAGIC SPRINGS & CRYSTAL FALLS**

**Hot Springs, Arkansas**

**Saturday August 29th Depart Advent**

**6:30 A.M. Return 10:30 P.M.**

**Grades 7th—12th**

**\$50.00**

**Download forms online @ [www.adventhuddle.com](http://www.adventhuddle.com)**

## Stay Tuned in for the Late Summer and Fall!

There are exciting things being planned for the late summer and fall.

1. Our new associate pastor should be on staff by about August 1st.
2. Sunday School Kick Off is coming up August 23rd. This will be a very special day.

3. We are looking forward to a series of Sermons taken from "Walk Across the Room" by Bill Hybels, beginning on August 30. This series will extend through September and include Sunday School.

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



In their 35 years as neighbors on Earth, Arnie and Bart never knew they were both Christians. FUNNY isn't it? Do your neighbors know what you believe?

## Stephen Ministers: The After People

Frequently friends will ask, "I know you're involved in Stephen Ministry. Can you tell me exactly what a Stephen Minister is?" I like to explain that Stephen Ministers are "After People."

### Stephen Ministers are there:

- ... after you've washed and returned the last casserole dish.
- ... after the divorce papers have been served and the bottom falls out of your life.
- ... after the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems incredibly empty.
- ... after you arrive home following the funeral service and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.
- ... after the relationship has ended but the wounds are still bleeding and painful.
- ... after the doctors have said, "There's nothing more we can do."
- ... after the door has slammed shut—for the very last time.

... after the phone call you'd always hoped you'd never get.

... after you realize the hands on the gold watch you received at your retirement party move more slowly than you ever imagined.

... after the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home."

... after the gavel goes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.

... after the baby has arrived, putting more demands on you than you ever dreamed possible.

... after you find the pink slip inserted with what is now your final paycheck.

... after your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the "After People." We are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, co-

workers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long "after" as we are needed.

*Adapted from a presentation made during a worship service by Enie Bourland, a lay Stephen Leader at Houston's First Baptist Church in Houston, Texas.*

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*There will be a new training class beginning on Thursday nights in late Sept., 2009. Please prayerfully consider joining this ministry at Advent. Contact Dave, Chris, Don or Elsie McLemore (384-0351) or Bobbie Lencke (317-4448) with any questions.*