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The Shepherd's Voice

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The Week in Preview

Wednesday, July 14

Prayer Group 9:00 am
VBS @Eastlake Presbyterian,
700 S134 6:30 pm
Emmaus Reunion Group 6:30 pm



Thursday, July 15

Pastors @CE Clergy Gathering
@Disciples Center 10:30 am
VBS 6:30 pm
40+ Group Meeting
@Johnny Carino's ,
7900 S. Walker 6:30 pm

Women's Walk to Emmaus



Friday, July 16

VBS 6:30 pm



Saturday, July 17

Pastor Kathryn
@Regional Board Mtg. 3:00 pm
Pastor Jeff @Camp through July 30



Sunday, July 18

Traditional Style Service 8:30 am
Sunday School 9:30am
Contemporary Style Service with
Children's Church 10:30 am



Monday, July 19

Blast-Off Keyboard Kamp 6-8 pm



Wear your tennis shoes and join us for our neighborhood

Ice Cream Fellowship
July 25
6:00 PM

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Make or bring ice cream and your favorite topping.

Prayers and Preparation

We Are Praying For You

(for prayer request needs contact Mona Thayer @495-1793 or email talkin2Him@self-serv.net)

- Daniel McGowen: newlywed
- Nadine Anderson's niece Pamela: cancer
- Carlene Warden: sore throat
- Intercessory Prayers
- Hillcrest Christian Church and Tom Harrison and Larry Hildebrant
- Iglesia Cristiana and pastor Pedro Pablo Constanado

Thank You

...to Vicky Gallas for donating a fax machine to the church office.

...to everyone who is helping to make this year's VBS a success.

...to the anonymous gift of paper

Scriptures for Sunday,

July 18, 2004

Amos 8:1-12

Psalm 52

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42

Jeremiah 29:11-14a

Sermon Title

"The Difficult

Part of Prayer"

Scriptures for Sunday,

July 25, 2004

Hosea 1:2-10

Psalm 85

Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19)

Luke 11:1-13

Jeremiah 29:11-14a

Sermon Title

"Praying the Psalms"

The Next Week in Preview

Tuesday, July 20

Blast-Off Keyboard Kamp 6-8 pm



Wednesday, July 21

Prayer Group 9:00 am

Blast-Off Keyboard Kamp 6-8 pm

Emmaus Reunion Group 6:30 pm



Thursday, July 22

Blast-Off Keyboard Kamp 6-8 pm



Friday, July 23

Blast-Off Keyboard Kamp 6-8 pm



Sunday, July 25

Traditional Style Service 8:30 am

Sunday School 9:30 am

Contemporary Style Service with Children's Church 10:30 am

Prayer Walk 4:00 pm

Ice Cream Fellowship 5:30 pm



Welcome Guests

We are so glad the following people joined us as special guests in worship.

We hope we blessed your day as much as you blessed



ours and that you will join us in worship in the coming weeks.

The following persons registered as guests on Sunday, June 27: Harley Downey, Ann Stanford

July 4: Rusty Meyers, Ann Stanford

July 11: John Gharet, Gary Bird, Laurie Bird

Bible Study

The Tuesday Night Bible Study is taking a vacation starting on July 20 through Sept. 7.

On Sept. 14

Eugene Earsom will begin teaching on governmental systems and issues in the Bible.

What is DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY?

The title DISCIPLE includes both identity and purpose. The disciple is a learner, believer, follower, and proclaimer. In the Bible the word disciple is connected with instruction and training.

Underlying the development of DISCIPLE is the assumption that people are hungry for the word of God, for fellowship in prayer and study, and for a sense of appropriate ministry as baptized, believing, committed Christians. Therefore, the purpose of DISCIPLE is to develop strong Christian leaders through regular in-depth study of Scripture. Disciple making and Christian nurturing are its goals. Some people will become leaders of DISCIPLE; all persons in the study will be guided into ser-

vanthood and ministry. Participants will become better Sunday school teachers, better parents, better leaders in the church, because their ministry will be inspired as well as informed. What are the hoped for results of the program? Biblically nourished persons committed to live as disciples.

"If you make my word your home you will indeed be my disciples." John 8:31

Persons taking part in this study should see themselves as being in training for leadership understood as servanthood. Session 33 of the study provides a time when members of the group will talk together about their various roles as disciples. The group members will counsel one another and de-

cide together about the various abilities, gifts, and skills persons have and the ways they might serve, lead, and minister.

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY begins on Wednesday, August 25 at 6:30 PM. DISCIPLE is open to all who want to be informed and formed-in the word of God. For more information, please contact me either by calling the church office 691-5366 or on my cell phone 640-6013 or feel free to email me at jnevel@sbcglobal.net.

The purpose of DISCIPLE may be summarized in the words of Ephesians 4:12: *"To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ."*

I look forward to sharing in this transforming ministry with you.

Pastor Jeff

Blessings of Prayer

"Utterly fantastic!" This is one man's testimony of praying for our worship services. He goes on to describe this rewarding experience as "sensing the presence of God" his friend, his Savior, and his daddy."

"I always light a candle to help me concentrate on the Lord. Sometimes I get up

and walk around and pray. It is very special to me to focus on praying for the good of the Christian community, the body of Christ already engaged in worship.

God's pleasure is an overwhelming peace. Praying for others is one of the greatest experiences I

have!"

Praying for worshipping Christians brings many blessings. Come and pray for us at either the 8:30 am or 10:30 am services on Sunday.

In the grace and peace of the Lord,

Mona Thayer
Spiritual Growth

Sunday Worship Opportunities:
 8:30am Traditional style worship
 9:30am Sunday school for all ages
 10:30am Contemporary style worship
 and Children's Church

IFW: Immediately Following Worship
 LB: Lunch Bunch
 *: Birthday
 #: Anniversary

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August 2004

Kindle The Passion Reaching, Teaching, Serving our Community for God

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30am PRC 12:45pm Shepherds Meeting 2:00pm Steering Team Mtg. 3:00pm Board Meeting #Kevin & Candy McDonald	2 7:00am Newsletter Article Deadline 9:30am Staff Meeting	3 6:00pm Newsletter Team	4 9:00am Prayer Group	5 7:00pm MAMA @Holy Apos- tles	6 *Tara Stokes	7
8	9 9:30am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Disciples Men Mtg	10 #John & Monica Miller	11 9:00am Prayer Group 6:30 pm Emmaus Reunion Group	12	13	14
15 10:30am Worship only *Vicky Gallas	16 7:00am Deadline for News- letter Articles 9:30am Staff Meeting #Charlie & Kathy Evans	17 6:00pm Newsletter Team	18 9:00am Prayer Group 6:30 pm Emmaus Reunion Group	19 11:00am Pastor Jeff @Central Area clergy Meeting @ Disciples Center 6:30pm 40 + Group Mtg.	20	21
22	23	24	25 9:00am Prayer Group 6:30 Disciple Bible Study 6:30 pm Emmaus Reunion Group	26	27	28
29	30 *Debbie McGowen	31 *Lottie Nelson				

Covenant of Closure

As our time draws to a close, it is important to clarify our changing relationship.

When I arrived, you welcomed me with open arms. I want you to do the same with your next pastor. To help in that process, our General Commission on Ministry created a "Covenant of Closure."

1. I will separate myself from participation in the life and congregation from which I am resigning or retiring for a period of at least one year.

2. I will be a true and loyal friend to my former congregation and to its minister by not making pastoral calls, hospital calls, or counseling with members, not presiding at weddings or funerals of former parishioners, and by declining all offices, positions and responsibilities in

this, my former congregation.

3. I will confer only with the Regional/Area Minister or the current minister of this congregation about any problems I perceive in the congregation, and not discuss them with members of the congregation or others.

4. I will communicate with the Regional /Area Minister should confusion, conflict or other differences arise between myself and this congregation.

5. If at the end of one year I wish to participate in this congregation, I will communicate such interest to the Regional/ Area Minister who will facilitate discussion of this possibility with the congregation and its pastor. If such participa-

tion is deemed appropriate, a "Covenant for a New Ministry When the Previous Minister is Remaining in the Community" will be established.

6. I reaffirm vows as an ordained minister. Relying on the grace of God I also reaffirm my commitment to the "Ministerial Code of Ethics" of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

It is important to know that I am not being rude by not participating and you are not being disloyal to me by welcoming in the new pastor. Our relationship is simply changing. Life is full of changes.

With love, peace, and grace,
Pastor *Kathryn*

Yada, Yada

John Adams once said, "From all that I had read of history and government of human life and manners, I had drawn this conclusion that the manners of women were the most infallible barometer to ascertain the degree of morality and virtue of a nation."

It is hard to be a girl

in today's culture. Yada Yada is an event for 7th –12th grade girls and moms. It features worship, main sessions, and separate workshop tracks for 7th-8th grade, 9th-12th grades and moms. There is also a Junior Yada Yada for girls 3-6th grades.

This event is scheduled for Oct. 2, at Council Road Baptist Church.

For more information call (512)527-9500 or email info@virtuousreality.com or go to www.virtuousreality.com/events.

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Good Shepherd's Mission Statement

The ministry of GSCC is to respond to God's call, as revealed through Jesus Christ, in ways that restore and/or build faithful relationships with God and one another. This response is shaped by the guidance of scripture.

- to REACH out to the world by sharing the Gospel in ways that attract people to Christ;
- to TEACH in an atmosphere of love, openness, accountability, and encouragement, ways to grow stronger in our relationships through the use of the disciplines of study, prayer and stewardship;
- To SERVE with the spirit of unconditional love as shown by Christ in order to meet the needs of God's children

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8:30-11:00 am, 12:00-2:30 pm

This and that . . .

Blast Off Keyboard Kamp starts Monday, July 19, and goes through July 23. The time is from 6-8 pm.

Married couples, you're invited to a getaway experience! "Getaway from the stress of home, family, work and very busy schedules and focus on your relationship! New session on communication, resolving conflicts, dealing with anger and forgiveness, intimacy and much more! Every great marriage involves love, time and skills! Come join us and invest some time, rekindle you love

and sharpen your skills!" *Gary Smalley*

Dr. Gary and Michael Smalley's the New "Real Love in the Real World" Marriage Conference, in Edmond, July 30-31 at Henderson Hills Baptist Church 1200 E I-35 Frontage Road the cost is \$99 per couple.

Putnam City Christian Church, 4215 N Grove, Warr Acres is hosting a **scrapbooking** seminar on August 14, from 9:00 AM until Midnight.

Beginners class will start at 10:00 am the cost for

beginners is \$40 which includes supplies. For non-beginners the cost is \$20 which includes lunch, dinner, snacks and drinks.

The age for participants is 12 years and older. There will be no child care provided. This is a fund raiser for Putnam City CC to raise money for new playground equipment and other items.

If you are interested and would like some more information please call Lois Hedrick at 787-5812 or email her at scrapangel@cox.net.