

From the Pastor's Desk

Pastor Tony

I am so blessed to be sharing with you in ministry. I continue to be amazed at how caring and giving our congregation pours out the love of Christ.

One of the ways that we are doing a very good job is in our commitment and follow through with Faith Promise. Below you will find a copy of our 2009 Faith Promise Budget and a copy of the amounts we have currently spent. As you can see we are on track to fulfill all of our commitments and to share in ministry in Thailand, Africa, Japan, supporting five Children of Promise, Oak Mountain Ministries, and with special needs in our community. Jesus said in Matthew 25:24-29 (paraphrased) *Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you. I was hungry you gave me meat: I was thirsty, I received water: I was a stranger, you took me in: I was naked and you clothed me. I was in prison, at times at home or in the hospital sick and you visited me. The righteous ask when did we do all of this for you? You said, inasmuch as you have done it unto one of these you have done it unto me.*



Thank you for all of your support financially and all those who are personally serving to help these ministries.

FAITH PROMISE BUDGET 2009

\$1,250	Five Children of Promise (\$125 a month)	currently up to date
\$2,500	Missionary Support (\$1,250 Living Link Tanzania, The Webbs) (\$1,250 Church of God in Thailand)	currently have given \$625 currently have given \$625
\$2,500	Missions Trip support (\$2,000 undesignated, \$500 Japan)	currently given \$500
\$1,500	Oak Mountain Ministries	currently have given \$500
\$1,500	Love In Action	have supported eight families total \$500

Malachi 3:10 "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse... Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty.



June Tithe income:	\$23,546
June Preschool Income:	\$22,098
June Church Expenses:	\$25,680
June Preschool Expenses:	\$19,371
Net income:	\$593

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242 Student Ministry News

Gearing up for Fall

Summer is flying by and before you know it school will be starting. Can you believe we are less than a month away? I am excited for school to start and I'm sure you are too (well some of you)!

242 Student Ministries is trying to start their school year off right. Wednesday, August 12th we are having a Back to School Bash where we hope to have the youth room equipped and ready for the student band to lead in worship, play games, and celebrate what God is going to do this fall. The following Wednesday we will be starting a four week series called 360 Revolution. This series emphasizes evangelism by picking 3 friends who aren't believers, praying for them 6 times a week, and missing 0 opportunities to share the love of Christ.

This fall the programming will be new. We are hoping to have the band ready to lead worship most Wednesday nights which will lead into a lesson. On Sunday mornings during Sunday School, our time will center around what we are learning on Wednesday nights. During this time the students will be spilt up into small group separated by gender and mentored and lead by some awesome volunteers. We want the students to be constantly thinking about and living out their faith and what they are learning. If you are like me, you need to write things down and review them often or you will forget what you just heard or did five minutes ago. We want to find as many ways as possible to remind the students of what we are learning and challenging them to do.

Josh

My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love Col. 2:2

Up-Coming Events

July

26th SALT TEAM meeting after Sunday school

26th-30th Camp Meeting—come out and join!!

31st David Perkin and Desperation Band at Church of the Highlands.

August

9th Volunteer Meeting after Sunday School

12th Back to School Bash

23rd Jessie's Place Meal

*There will be normal Wednesday night events scheduled. *

Parents

At last week's meetings we briefly discussed the short time I have to impact your children compared to the countless hours and opportunities that you have. On average I have 40 hours a year to teach and be with your students compared to your 3,000 hours. It doesn't take much to figure out who has the greatest impact. When polled, 81% of male teens rank their mothers as the most significant religious influence on their life and their fathers a close second. While 74% of female teens rank their mothers #1 and again fathers a close second.

I want to encourage you to stay involved in your child's spiritual journey. Remember to ask questions about what they discussed Wednesday night and Sunday morning. Remember to spend time in prayer for and with them at the dinner table and before bed. Remember to set an example and read scripture.

To keep you informed about what your student is learning on Wednesday night we will be posting a blog on the website that will be updated by the students and me weekly. This is planned to start August 12.



Happening
This Month!

BOARDS & COMMITTEES



Meet
for
Breakfast
FOR VISIONING

AUGUST 22ND AT 8:00 AM



Wednesday, August 12th at 7:30 pm

Sunday, August 23rd at 12 noon

Choir
Schedule



Tuesday, August 25th 6:30-8:30 pm

For the entire church family



August 14th 6-8:30 PM

GIRLS NIGHT OUT



Drink and Dessert

August 22nd

RSVP to debraolad@bellsouth.net

Coming in



6th—Pastor Christy preaching

7th—Office and Daycare closed
for Labor Day

8th, 22nd—MOPS

9th, 27th—Choir Practice

11th-12th—WCG Fall Retreat

12th—Men's Prayer Breakfast

15th—BOE meeting / Committees Start Budget
Process

17th—Gideons' Meeting

20th—Kickoff of 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting

29th—Oak Mountain Ministry Golf Fundraiser

Preschool/MDO

Mrs. Mel



During the month of August you will see several staff changes. We will be saying goodbye to Nichole Linton, Lauren Gibbons, Sarah Morton, Caitlin Wilke, and Laura Scollard. They will be going off to college in the fall. We will also say good-bye to Terence VanDam.

Our new 4's teacher will be Katherine Dean. Some of you may remember her from when her family attended the church before moving to Mississippi. She completed her Elementary Education Degree and is qualified to teach through 6th grade. We are excited to have her with us this fall. Latrice Cockrell will return as well. We are glad she is able to return to the daycare.

This
Month's
Birthdays



Leia Kirkpatrick
Jill Blocker
Kailey Lott
Alexandra Hays
Willem VanDam
Hunter Hale
Hudson Grissom
Woodall
Katherine McCollum
Michael Fisher

We will be closed on August 27th & 28th for teacher training!!!



Children's Ministry

Pastor Christy

Something wonderful happened at RCC the week of July 13-17. Almost 50 kids came to the RCC Bayou and experienced the love of Jesus, the power of God and the kindness of the adults at Riverchase Community Church. The kids had fun making crafts, playing games, eating creative snacks, singing upbeat songs, and experiencing bible stories and key Bible points. This was possible only because of the support of over 35 teen and adult volunteers and the generous gifts of others at RCC. Thank you church for making VBS such a success. By the way we also had 8 non church families join us for worship on July 19th.



RCC
Kids

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5 6:30 PM Wednesday Night Activities	6	7	8
9 12:00 PM Student Volunteer Meeting	10	11	12 6:30 PM Wednesday Night Activities 6:30 PM Student Back to School Bash 7:30 PM Choir Practice	13	14  6:00 PM Kids' Family Fun	15
16	17	18 6:30 PM Board of Elders Meeting	19 Newsletter Deadline 6:30 PM Wednesday Night Activities	20 6:30 PM Gideon's Meeting	21	22  Meet for Breakfast 8:00 AM Breakfast for all Boards & Committees GNO Bunko & Dessert
23 Meal at Jessie's Place 12:00 PM Choir Practice	24	25 6:30 PM MOPS	26 6:30 PM Wednesday Night Activities	27 Daycare/PS/MDO closed for teacher training	28 Daycare/PS/MDO closed for teacher training	29
30 9:30 AM Gideon Speaker	31 First Day of Preschool/MDO					



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