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### *From Our Pastor, Rev. Tom Stephenson*

#### *The Fear of Change*

Luke 5:36-39

**<sup>36</sup>He also told them a parable: "No one tears a piece from a new garment and sews it on an old garment; otherwise the new will be torn, and the piece from the new will not match the old. <sup>37</sup>And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the new wine will burst the skins and will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed. <sup>38</sup>But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. <sup>39</sup>And no one after drinking old wine desires new wine, but says, 'The old is good.'"**

I know the look. I've seen it in my own eyes: it's the fear of not recognizing the world around you. What was familiar to you is gone, and suddenly, seemingly overnight, the world you knew is gone. It happens to all of us who fall asleep for a bit. For me it was the realization that the church world that I knew, that I had been trained to serve, was gone.

I came of age in the era of the "attractional" church growth model. This was how pastors of my generation were taught to grow the church. The entire purpose was to get people in the door. You built buildings that were new and modern. You created programs that met the desires of adults and their children. Pastor Mike Slaughter in his book "Change the World" describes it this way: ***"The mantra was 'build it and they will come.' We built quality programming for every age and life stage. It was well targeted to meet the needs of the young baby boomers and their growing families. The church mastered slick marketing campaigns that scratched the itches of the 'me generation.' The mega church became the idolized model of success, and numbers in the pews, the measure of effectiveness. But somehow in the cycles of programming, capital campaigns, concerts and Bible studies we forgot an important truth: curious crowds don't equal committed disciples."***

My first pastoral job was to literally get people to join the church. I was an associate pastor of a very fast growing church in West Houston, and I did my job well—the first year I was there we had over 300 people join the church. Putting people in the seats does not equal a healthy church. Too many of those 300 people never grew into disciples. Churches that mastered the attractional method of evangelism did well numbers-wise; churches that didn't were dying. And as Slaughter points out, ***"many who had come into the church continued to worship at the altar of self indulgence, materialism and indifference to the poor and marginalized."***

I've had my eyes opened to this reality and I've been convicted by the Holy Spirit that I must change in order for the churches I pastor to change. I am committed to making our church a missional evangelistic church rather than an attractional evangelistic church. Jesus said that the world will know us as his disciples by how we love one another. And the 'one another' is ALL of God's people.

I want to challenge each person in our church to begin to pray a simple prayer: "God, change my heart and spirit so I can be the most effective disciple for you and your church today and tomorrow." Change is scary and it's hard. I know from my own experience. I often thought a cruel joke had been played on me because the church I knew and was trained to serve no longer was relevant, and in some cases, no longer existed. Yet God in Jesus Christ has provided His grace and mercy to allow a change to take place in my heart and my ministry, and I know that God doesn't call us to His purposes to fail. I'm excited about our future as God's church. I know it will not be easy, yet I know that God's grace and presence will go with us every step of the way.

Blessings,

Rev. Tom Stephenson

***(copies of "Change the World" by Mike Slaughter will be available in the church office by next week. If you would like a copy, please stop by.)***

## Our Faithfulness

### Our Gifts

#### Giving Report May 2010

Our monthly needs:  
**\$65,500.00**

Receipts as of May 31:  
**\$57,284.00**

### Our Attendance

**Sunday Worship**      **May 23**  
 10:30 a.m.                      41  
 8:55 a.m.                        93  
 11:00 a.m.                      138

**Sunday Worship**      **May 30**  
 10:30 a.m.                      39  
 8:55 a.m.                        68  
 11:00 a.m.                      91

Thank you for supporting the Lord's work with your  
 tithes and offerings.

**Stewardship is what a man does after he says  
 "I believe".**

## Members Serving in Worship

**June 6, 2010**

### 2nd Sunday After Pentecost

**Ushers:** Team #2- 8:15 – Dr. Rollie Allen, Archie & Laqueta McLellan,  
 Rock Rothrock

11:00 – Bill Bailey, Brown Claybar, Richard Estes, Ken Hillsten,  
 O'Neal Waldrop, Phil Grooms, Jim Pledger

**Altar Guild:** 11:00– Alice Rothrock/Dina Defrates

**Greeters:** 8:55– Dal & Debbie Moreau 11:00– Judy & Gerald Taylor

**Parking Lot Greeters:** 8:55– Jeannie & Errol Waguespack

11:00– Bill Bailey

**Lay Reader:** 8:15 – Laqueta McLellan 8:55 – Dal Moreau

11:00 – Curt Leger

**Acolytes:** Nathan Crisp/Diane McLemore

**June 13, 2010**

### 3rd Sunday After Pentecost

**Ushers:** Team #3- 8:15 – Jim Snider, Vernon Murray, Pie & David  
 Bridges

11:00 – John Holm, Al Vasquez, Jerry Windham, Jim Armstrong,  
 Arlon Fields

**Altar Guild:** 11:00– Misty Harrison/Julie Allensworth

**Greeters:** 8:55– Julie & Richard Allensworth

11:00– Wilda Hart & Jim Finklea

**Parking Lot Greeters:** 8:55– Leighia & Richard Barron

11:00– Ken & Kathy Reeves

**Lay Reader:** 8:15 – Sue Harris 8:55 – Christy Day

11:00 – Linda Grooms

**Acolytes:** Hayley Peet/Emily Lafley

## Memorials

### *In memory of Vern Campbell by:*

Delbert & Martha Nantz  
 Billie Wood  
 Eleanore Dahl  
 Ron & Sue Cowling  
 Walter & Susie Riedel  
 Bill & Jeanette Pickard  
 Jack & Rosalie Jones  
 David & Linn Cardner  
 Lee & Jamia Harris  
 Bill & Malissie Bailey  
 Rebecca Flickinger  
 John & Gail Griffith  
 Sam & Dee Culpepper  
 Pierre & Peggy Delafosse  
 Mary Jane Dickerson  
 Emory & Edith Webb  
 R.A. & Barbara Westervelt  
 Ron & Bonnie Hopperton  
 Mary Martell  
 Jerry & Beth Ann Windham  
 Joe & Elma Vaughan  
 Barbara Hayes  
 Frank & Theresa Beauchamp  
 Glenn & Danielle Heil  
 Donna & Jeff Haas  
 Mel & Betty Hyatt  
 Ruth Crawley  
 Kim & Ebb Moore  
 Davie Thompson  
 Cecil & Nancy Byers  
 Joy Gilliam  
 Mick & Nancy Weidner  
 Helen Peddy  
 Paul & Betty Jagen  
 David & Harriet Dubose  
 Lorraine Breitweiser  
 Debbie Coselli  
 Elise Garrison  
 Janis Helme  
 Janis Montfort  
 Kathie Muller  
 Cindy Synnott  
 Jeannie Thurmond  
 Mary Townsen  
 Marina Wang  
 Emily Wilson  
 Ginger Gobe

### *In memory of Ollie Butler by:*

Eleanore Dahl  
 Ron & Bonnie Hopperton  
 Sunset Women's Golf Assoc.  
 Walter & Susie Riedel  
 Emory & Edith Webb  
 June Gunstream  
 Ken & Carolyn Hillsten  
 Mary Martell  
 Frank & Theresa Beauchamp  
 Claire Hymel  
 Helen Peddy

### *In memory of Tess Bryan by:*

Bill & Malissie Bailey  
 Travis & Janice Gresham  
 Davie Thompson  
 Mick & Nancy Weidner  
 Paul & Betty Jagen

### *In memory of Nichole Cowling by:*

John & Beverly Hanes  
 Ken & Carolyn Hillsten  
 David & Linn Cardner  
 Paul & Betty Jagen

### *In honor of Sydney Eby by:*

Judy Kelfstrom

### *In memory of Vernon Pennington by:*

David & Linn Cardner  
 Mick & Nancy Weidner

### *In memory of Bill Bryant by:*

Walter & Susie Riedel

### *In memory of Lisa Fraley by:*

Sam & Dee Culpepper  
 Helen Peddy

### *In memory of Sandy Sanford by:*

David & Linn Cardner  
 Frank & Theresa Beauchamp  
 Mick & Nancy Weidner  
 Helen Peddy

## Change of Address

**Rev. Beth Tatum**

153 Nakishwana Circle

Sandia, TX 78383

Beth.tatum@yahoo.com

Beth will be pastor at both Pawnee & Pettus UMC

## Visitors

Mel Moreau  
Nichole Phillips  
Nancy Hooker  
Addie Wallace  
Heather Rogers  
Steve & Carol White  
Elizabeth & Spencer Johns  
Arnulfo Arciva  
Jayson & Crystal Wells  
Lindsay Force  
Judy Kelfstrom  
Steve & Chloe Kelfstrom  
Kyle & Kristine Anderson  
Jim Swymer  
Jimmy & Maddie Meyer  
Susan Cerkiewicz

## Special Thanks

I want to say a big THANK YOU to all the cooks, waiters and waitresses who helped with the Mothers, Daughters and Friends Dinner and the Men's Dinner. I could not have done either event without your help. I need to say an extra special THANKS to Susan Lafley who so wonderfully decorated tables for both events; you are a genius. Many thanks to all of you! Wendy Stephenson

I would just like to say thank you so much for my care package! I received it at the perfect time, the morning of my very first final. It made me feel so good to know that I had my church family praying for me and thinking about me during such a stressful time. The little drawing I received made me smile and all the yummy snacks were great to have when I was studying!

Thanks so much again,  
Allison Floyd

## Men's Breakfast



Saturday, June 12, 2010  
8:00 a.m. in the Praise Center

## Caring Meals

Caring Meals Ministry now has a stock of frozen casseroles, soups, spaghetti sauce, veggie casseroles in our freezer located in Tow Inn. This stock is for use by the congregation when a quick meal is needed for members after a lengthy hospital stay, illness, death in their family not a member of the church, etc.

Please, when you know of a need, take items from the stock yourself, or call a member of the team so a meal may be provided. A colorful binder on top of the freezer has a list of items available. When taking items, please complete the info needed in the binder.

Many thanks to those who have provided funds, casseroles, work to get this ministry started. Your help is needed in providing information on those in need of this service. Call Beverly Blalack - 886-4832, Regina Pattillo - 746-2435, Malissie Bailey - 886-0047, Angelia Abshire -670-1751, Davie Thompson - 882-9936.

## Connexion Group Training

**Wednesday, June 9, 2010**  
**5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the Praise Center**  
**Childcare is available**

All are welcome to attend to find out how to join a connexion small group and what is expected from members of each group.

Contact Christy Day at [cdaze@gt.rr.com](mailto:cdaze@gt.rr.com) or 882-9671 for more information.

## Fellowship Life Summer Fun

### Sulphur Water Park

**When:** Thursday, June 10, 2010

**Price:** \$5.00 + tax

**Time:** Meet at the church at 9:15a.m and leave by 9:25a.m. & follow or carpool.

You can bring water but no other food/drinks. For more info contact Angela Abshire at 670-1751



# Youth Ministry



**6TH-12TH GRADE**  
**Sundays**  
**at 5:00-7:00p.m.**  
**in the Praise Center**

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ **UM Army goes to Friendswood**  
Sunday, June 13 - Saturday, June 19
- ◆ **Big Stuff**  
Wednesday, June 23 - Sunday, June 27

## Volunteer Teachers Needed

We could use your help with our Youth Program. With Jay's resignation, our Jr. and Sr. High Program is left without a teacher. They are doing a Bible study of 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel – only materials required – your Bible. If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office. Please keep the Youth in your prayers, as well as Jay and his family.



# Children's Ministry



The children K – 5<sup>th</sup> grades will be participating in **Group's Egypt - Joseph Prison to Palace**. We are asking all families to help with Sunday School during the summer – letting our regular teachers have a break. Wendy will have a short meeting for those families wanting to help on Friday – June 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 in the Praise Center. Babysitting will be provided. Also we will be decorating Tow Inn to resemble ancient Egypt. We could use some decorative pillows for our tent. If you have some that you no longer use, we could use them. Also we could big straw basket, colorful scarves or material, and anything that is not breakable that we could use to Tow Inn into Egypt. You can bring your materials to Tow Inn. THANKS!!

### **Mark your calendars for:**

VBS – Galactic Blast  
July 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>  
First Christian Church



9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (we invite parents to return at 11:30 for closings)  
age 4 -5th grade (older children can serve as crew leaders)



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**Traditional Service  
in Chapel  
8:15 a.m.**

**Celebration Service  
in Praise Center  
8:55 a.m.**

**Sunday School  
9:50 a.m.**

**Traditional Service  
In the Sanctuary  
11:00 a.m.**

**Office Hours**  
**M-Th 8:30-4:30**  
**Fri 8:30-Noon**

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## Calendar of Events

**Thursday, June 3**

9:30am UMW Board Meeting

**Sunday, June 6**

**Communion**  
8:15am Traditional Service in Chapel  
8:55am Celebration Service  
9:50am Sunday School  
11:00am Traditional Service in Sanctuary  
3:30pm Praise Team  
5:00pm Youth/1<sup>st</sup> Kids  
Hosting UM Army 6-12th

**Monday, June 7**

10:00am Intercessory Prayer

**Tuesday, June 8**

5:00pm Missions  
6:00pm Finance

**Wednesday, June 9**

7:00pm Choir

**Thursday, June 10**

9:15am Fellowship Life Water Park

**Saturday, June 12**

8:00am UMM Breakfast

**Sunday, June 13**

**Aluminum Sunday**  
8:15am Traditional Service in Chapel  
8:55am Celebration Service  
9:50am Sunday School  
11:00am Traditional Service in Sanctuary  
After Worship Reception for Tori Butler  
3:30pm Praise Team  
5:00pm Youth/1<sup>st</sup> Kids  
5:00pm 3G Committee  
UM Army to Friendswood 13th-19th

**Monday, June 14**

10:00am Intercessory Prayer  
10:00am Caring Ministry  
6:30pm Evangelism

**Tuesday, June 15**

6:00pm Admin Council

**Wednesday, June 16**

7:00pm Choir

**Thursday, June 17**

5:00am Last Blast Committee