



Seventh Notes

SEVENTH & JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH

February 2010

BETWIXT & BETWEEN

My birthday on the last day of January was a memorable one. First the staff caught me off guard with the birthday cake on Wednesday night. Then there was the learning moment of the day itself. I am not as agile as I used to be and a hard fall sent me to the ER to check for a concussion and hurt back. All was clear but the shakiness and soreness lasted through the day. (The Lady Bear Loss did not help.) I was, however, reminded again what a special congregation this is. Matt and Leslie took over and one of our many gifted preachers stepped forward to preach a sermon probably better than the one I had prepared. I will look forward to hearing Naymond's message on CD. He always does a great job.

Things are going well. I am always encouraged by new members and baptisms. Worship continues to inspire me. Each week I look forward to the wonderful work of the choir and the excellent readings of our talented laity. On February 10, we will focus on one of our several Baptist universities. It is good for us to remember Baylor is not the only one supported by our gifts and prayers. On Sunday the 14th, our former member Bill Underwood, President of Mercer University, will speak. Bill always has a meaningful word.

Ash Wednesday is February 17, and that service is always special to me. The first Sunday in Lent is the twenty-first. The Gospel lessons this year are from Luke. It should be easy for those who give up something for Lent to find a sacrifice this year. The tremendous needs in Haiti beg our extra in service of God and the children of God.

Pray for the staff, the church, the needs of the world and YOURSELF.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



John and Dawn Segrest

John and Dawn joined 7th & James on January 10 by transfer of letter from a sister congregation. John is the District Attorney for McLennan County and Dawn works for Waco Infectious Disease Associates.

**Save the Date for
Youth Dinner Theater:
A Night on the Small Screen**
Sunday, February 28, 2010
5:00 p.m. • Harper Hall
**Proceeds benefit the
Summer Youth Mission Trip**
**Adults—\$10, Child/Youth/College—\$8,
Family Maximum—\$30**
**(Please bring name brand
containers for product-placement
decorations to Matt's office.)**

CHURCH CONFERENCE MINUTES
NOVEMBER 18, 2009

Moderator Ann McGlashan called the church into conference. **Rita Purdy** moved to accept the agenda, **Bert Wilson** seconded, and the motion passed. **Linda McManness** moved to accept the Requests for Membership and Transfers of Letter, **Carol Kamperman-Smith** seconded, and the motion passed. **Raymond Bailey** moved to accept the minutes as printed, **Suzanne Alcorn** seconded, and the motion passed.

Sherrie Dodson reported on behalf of the Administrative Council. She noted that the church was negative for \$373.68 for October but still positive year-to-date. She also noted that expenses were much lower for this year, noting that the church's budgeting is working.

Jay Belew reported on behalf of the Missions Council about upcoming Advent activities. There being no new or old business, **Raymond Bailey** presented the Staff Report. He emphasized the importance of giving, noting that November and December are the most important months for the budget. He also reported on the problem of termites in Harper Hall. Additionally, he noted that Baylor has agreed to be more faithful in ticketing cars parked illegally behind the church and that the ATM is working. No other reports were presented, so **David Pennington** moved that the meeting be adjourned, **Bert Wilson** seconded, and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Carrolle Kamperman
Church Clerk

THE BAPTISM OF MOLLY ORSAGH



Photograph by Ellen Deaver

CHILDREN'S CHECKPOINT

WORSHIP CARE & EXTENDED SESSION
VOLUNTEERS

Date	WORSHIP CARE
February 7:	Annette Lindsey
February 14:	Becky Griffin
February 21:	Bill Cooper
February 28:	Bert Wilson

Date	EXTENDED SESSION
February 7:	Wade and Tammy Rowatt
February 14:	Amanda Sturgill and Beverly Walker
February 21:	Pat and Sharon Hynan
February 28:	Mark and Anne Osler

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6
8:30 AM



HARPER HALL
PLEASE INVITE A FRIEND!
\$6.00

Sunday School Fellowship

Join us for goodies in Harper Hall
 before Sunday school on

Sunday, February 28th from
9:15-9:45am

Food From the Faithful: Please bring
 donations of canned meat (tuna, chicken,
 etc.) to be donated to Caritas for families in
 need in the Waco community.

Join us in celebrating
Richard's 80th Birthday!
Sunday, February 14, 2010
3:00-5:00 p.m.
Harper Hall

Hosted by Sarah Voyles, Richard
Voyles II and Sharon and Ken Short
Please let Sarah know if you can come:
754-1341 or Sarah_Voyles@baylor.edu

OFFERING COORDINATORS

DATE	DEACON
February 7:	Sally Askins
February 14:	Jay Belew
February 21:	John Belew
February 28:	Lydia Bratcher
March 7:	Julie Carter

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February 25
Harper Hall • 10:30 a.m.
We'll gather for a potluck and
plan for the new year.

CHURCH COMMUNICATIONS

Did you know that on Tuesdays we email the menu and program information for Wednesday evening? Each Wednesday we email the prayer list and announcements to church members. We also send email when church family concerns arise. If you have an email address and would like to receive these announcements by email, please let Leslie know.

We also offer an electronic copy of our newsletter each month. If you are interested in receiving the electronic newsletter, please add your email address to our list by contacting Leslie. You can call Leslie at 753-6425 or e-mail her at leslie@seventhandjames.org.