



# Seventh Notes

SEVENTH & JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH

September 2011

WE ARE SEVENTH...

Frederick Buechner writes in *Telling Secrets*, “My story is important not because it is mine, God knows, but because if I tell it anything like right, the chances are you will recognize that in many ways it is also yours... it is precisely through these stories in all their particularity, as I have long believed and often said, that God makes himself known to each of us more powerfully and personally. If this is true, it means that to lose track of our stories is to be profoundly impoverished not only humanly but also spiritually.” “Testimony” is a tradition that dates back to the earliest days of the church. Acts records Paul’s story three times probably because Paul told it hundreds of times to anyone who would listen. Our stories matter, not only to us and how they reveal God’s movement in our lives, but as Buechner observed, they also matter to our fellowship.

In that light, we are starting a new/old tradition on Wednesday nights where we will use our time to hear from one another—to share our journeys and to hear about the journey of others. We will still sprinkle in academically rigorous conversations on some Wednesdays and, of course we will continue to gather once a month in Church Conference, but I hope you will make it a point to join us on Wednesday nights and hear from your sisters and brothers in Christ here at Seventh as we share our stories and see together how God has been working and moving in our midst. We are Seventh: the people God has called and is continuing to call into the family of God for one another in this place and as Buechner again writes, “*It is absolutely crucial, therefore, to keep in constant touch with what is going on in ones life story and to pay close attention to what is going on in the stories of others’ lives. If God is present anywhere, it is in those stories that God is present.*” I look forward to listening with you on Wednesdays!

Grace & Truth,  
Erin

## SUMMER AT SEVENTH



Seventh & James Baptist Church announces the

# 2011 Leuschner Theological Lectures

*“Am I My Sister’s Keeper?  
Ministering to Latinas  
in Our Community”*

September 30-October 1  
in Harper Hall,  
(Melton Building)  
602 James Avenue

*Schedule:*

**Friday, September 30:**  
7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

**Saturday, October 1:**  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

(Fellowship/Barbeque following the morning session)



*Featured Speaker:*

**Dr. Nora O. Lozano**

Associate Professor of Theological Studies  
at Baptist University of the Americas  
San Antonio, TX

The luncheon is \$5 per person. Please make your reservation by September 28.

Contact Sandra Wilson: [Sandybert@aol.com](mailto:Sandybert@aol.com) or 254-296-4422;  
or Dawn Segrest: [Dsegrest@hotmail.com](mailto:Dsegrest@hotmail.com) or 254-857-9009.

## WITH GRATITUDE

Dear Seventh & James,

Thank you for the many wonderful gifts you brought to Talitha Koum. We are indeed blessed! With your help we are able to help our families. If there is ever anything I can do for you, please let me know.

Best wishes,  
Nan Holmes

Dear Wonderful Children at Seventh & James,

I thank you so much for all the neat card you’ve sent through the months when my husband, Bruce Dyer, was so sick and, since he died, to me. God bless you all.

I love you,  
Dorothy Dyer

Dear Seventh & James,

I want to say thanks to you and the committee of the Dunn House Ministry for all you have done for me. I appreciate all the help that you gave me because you made it possible for me to stay at Baylor and accomplish my goals. God bless you all in the Dunn House Ministry and once again, thank you very much.

Gustavo Diosa

## DEACON OFFERING COORDINATORS

September 18	Donna Kennedy
September 25	Jerry and Bettye Lewis
October 2	Mike Long
October 9	Tim McKinney

## Sunday School Fellowship

Join us for breakfast in Harper Hall before  
Sunday school on

Sunday, September 25th 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.

WACO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY  
BUILDING ON FAITH — OCTOBER 29  
1914 MCKENZIE AVENUE



Building on Faith partners Waco Habitat for Humanity with local churches and faith communities to build simple, decent, affordable homes in partnership with low-income families. Funding for the Building on Faith house comes from local churches and faith communities as well as individual donations. This year, Christian Mission Concerns will be matching donations designated for Building on Faith.

The Building on Faith Family this year is the Cruz family.

Rodrigo and Natalie Cruz live with their daughter in a home that they share with others. The home has a number of electrical, plumbing and cosmetic problems. It is not well insulated which was difficult with a newborn last winter. After hearing about Habitat, they decided to apply in hopes of satisfying their dream of owning a home after their daughter was born. “We would like a nice, safe home for our family that will allow our daughter to be comfortable.” Rodrigo and Natalie have been paying rent for some time now, and they would like to build some equity instead.

**Seventh & James will volunteer with Waco Habitat and the Cruz Family on Saturday, October 29, from 1:00-4:30. We have spots for 15 volunteers. To sign up, please contact Leslie Rosencrans ([leslie@seventhandjames.org](mailto:leslie@seventhandjames.org); 753-6425). All skill levels are welcome. Instruction is provided, and volunteers are never required to do any work they’re uncomfortable doing. Wear comfortable clothes that can get dirty and sturdy, close-toed shoes (no sandals). A hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen are recommended. Tools, safety gear, and water are provided. Volunteers are welcome to bring their favorite work gloves, tools, and refreshments. Labeling personal items is recommended. Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age to work on the construction site and those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.**

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**September 22 • 10:30 • Potluck & Dominoes**