

The **Pulse**: Your Connection to a Church with a **Heart** for the Community

Monthly Announcements

November 2012

PASTOR'S PULSE



Rejuvenate is an interesting word! It carries with it an energetic notion of restoring to a vigorous state or to make fresh or new again. In geography it can mean to renew the erosive power of a stream by uplift or by removal of a barrier in the stream bed. As the seasons change and cool air blows across our faces while we grab our sweaters and jackets, so do we experience life's changes and blows. Perhaps some of us are *like lakes and streams that have dried up, parched reminders of what once was* (Job 4:11), prompting us to seek rejuvenation as we begin to focus on Thanksgiving in the midst of running on empty in our lives. For some of us this is a time of "needed *rejuvenation*" – recharge or restoration to a vigorous or fresh state or renewal of what has been eroded this year through challenges we have faced. But *rejuvenation* can stir up within us the importance of *gratitude*; for we ought to be grateful that we have God who can rejuvenate us. So as you focus on thanksgiving, I wonder if you are grateful to God who makes rejuvenation available to each of us. Perhaps in the coming weeks – in the midst of "lakes and streams that have dried up" in your life – you will pray this psalm so you can be **rejuvenated** –

*GOD, teach me lessons for living so I can stay the course. Give me insight so I can do what you tell me— my whole life one long, obedient response. Guide me down the road of your commandments; I love traveling this freeway! Give me a bent for your words of wisdom, and not for piling up loot. Divert my eyes from toys and trinkets, **invigorate** me on the pilgrim way. Affirm your promises to me— promises made to all who fear you. Deflect the harsh words of my critics— but what you say is always so good. See how hungry I am for your counsel; preserve my life through your righteous ways! Let your love, GOD, shape my life with salvation, exactly as you promised; Then I'll be able to stand up to mockery because I trusted your Word. Don't ever deprive me of truth, not ever— your commandments are what I depend on. Oh, I'll guard with my life what you've revealed to me, guard it now, guard it ever; And I'll stride freely through wide open spaces as I look for your truth and your wisdom; Then I'll tell the world what I find, speak out boldly in public, unembarrassed. I cherish your commandments—oh, how I love them! — relishing every fragment of your counsel. Remember what you said to me, your servant— I hang on to these words for dear life! These words hold me up in bad times; yes, your promises **rejuvenate** me. (Psalm 119:33-50)*

Please check your pulse in this season as you read *The Pulse* so you can renew the erosive power of your life's stream by uplift or by removal of a barrier in your stream bed! To God be the glory!

Pastor Parker

CELEBRATE DC SENIORS WITH NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!



Andrew McCall	November 1
Sedalia Johnson	November 11
Lois White	November 13
Ernestine Hill	November 19
Doris Mack	November 27



With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.”
-- Psalm 91:16



ALL CHURCH INTERGENERATIONAL RETREAT

The DC All Church Intergenerational Retreat has been rescheduled for **April 19-20, 2013**. Be on the lookout for additional information regarding logistics and workshops.

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend this dynamic event designed for the entire family!

DC OFFICE CLOSURES

In observance of events throughout the month of November, the church office will be closed the following days:

November 12 — Veteran's Day

November 22 and November 23 — Thanksgiving Holiday

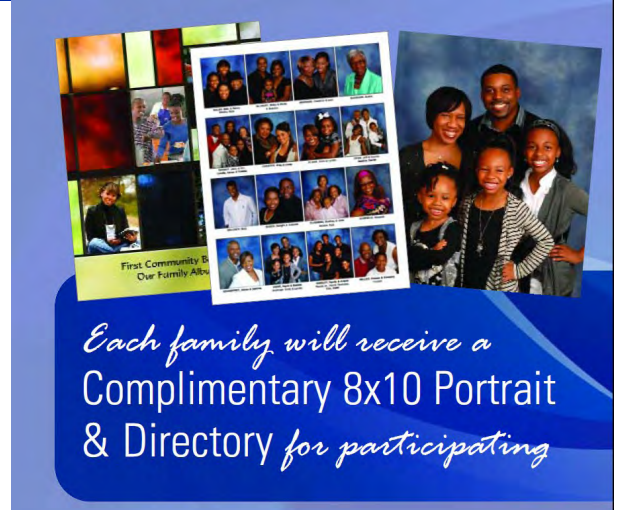
Publication Deadline

All announcements and articles for the December publication must be submitted to the church office or Keisha Nunn (kdrnunn@sbcglobal.net) by **Sunday, November 18th**.



Mark your calendars and be a part of our new family directory. We need YOU to make our family album complete and put names to faces. We have chosen to partner with Lifetouch for professional photography that will connect our members and tell our story.

Lifetouch will be on-site Tuesday, December 4, 2012 through Saturday, December 15, 2012. Scheduling is underway and available after both worship services through Sunday, November 25th. Online registration is also available via the David Chapel website at www.davidchapel.org. Scheduled photography dates and times:



DAYS	DATES	TIME
Tuesday	December 4 December 11	2:00 p.m. – 8:40 p.m.
Wednesday	December 5 December 12	1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	December 6 December 13	2:00 p.m. – 8:40 p.m.
Friday	December 7 December 14	2:00 p.m. – 8:40 p.m.
Saturday	December 8 December 15	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



To give back and “Feed the Need,” David Chapel is arranging a food drive in conjunction with our directory initiative. In return, Lifetouch will give each family that donates three (3) canned goods a coupon for \$5 off their portrait order. Food donations will be accepted the day of your scheduled portrait sitting. The coupon will be provided at that time.

Together, we can provide a successful giveback program for the community and capture memories for your family.

**Questions about the directory, registration, or need technical assistance?
Contact Vivian Rowe, Directory Coordinator, at (512) 933-1751 or by email at vghoodrowe@yahoo.com.**



Support David Chapel's annual participation in the Angel Tree Ministry. Angel Tree is a prison fellowship program that connects parents in prison with their children through the delivery of Christmas gifts. Members can select a child from the Angel Tree on the following Sundays: November 18, November 25, and December 2 immediately after worship service in the Fellowship Hall.

David Chapel members purchase two gifts for each child: a clothing item and a fun gift. Each gift should cost between \$15 and \$20. All wrapped gifts must be returned to the Angel Tree Box in the Fellowship Hall by Sunday, December 9.

On Saturday, December 15, David Chapel will host a celebration where the children will receive their gifts and hear the good news of the Christmas season. If you have any questions, please contact the Angel Tree Coordinators: Rev. Robert Tapscott (512-767-4667), Jakki Dozier (512-310-8538) or Michelle Banks (512-350-4499).

Please consider joining this important effort and show children that family ties are stronger than prison bars.

Medicare Workshop



Saturday, November 10, 2012

Medicare options, eligibility, enrollment, and your rights. It is designed for new Medicare recipients, caregivers, and anyone wanting information make informed healthcare decisions. Please sign up in the fellowship hall after worship. This event is limited to 25 participants.

Contact Jakki Dozier at (512) 797-4549 with questions.

Jacquelyn Dozier, LMSW, Project Director of the Ephesians Two Ten Project, presents a Medicare workshop on Saturday, November 10, 2012, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in the DC fellowship hall.

This interactive workshop provides the Medicare "basics" — what Medicare is,

The November meeting for wives of Ministers and Deacons is cancelled.



In the United States, prematurity/low birthweight is the second leading cause of all infant deaths (during the first year of life) and the leading cause of infant death among African-American infants. Premature birth is the number 1 killer of newborns. Babies born just a few weeks early are at risk of severe health problems and lifelong disabilities.

November is Prematurity Awareness Month® and when the March of Dimes focuses the nation's attention on premature birth. The awareness month kicks off on November 1 with the release of the [2011 Premature Birth Report Card](#). November 17 marks [World Prematurity Day](#), and the March of Dimes and their partner organizations worldwide are asking everyone to help spread the word on the serious problem of premature birth. Honor the million babies worldwide who died this year because they were born too soon, and the 12 million more who struggle to survive.



According to information from the March of Dimes Perinatal Data Center, the rate of preterm births in the United States is highest among African-American infants at 17.8 percent (18.6 percent in Texas—the highest among any subgroup). To address this disparity, the March of Dimes Texas Chapter launched the Honey Child Prenatal Education Program in 2006. The Honey Child Prenatal Education Program has been designed to provide African-American women with the culturally-appropriate information and support needed to have the healthiest possible pregnancy and birth outcome. The intervention targets African-American women of childbearing age with a specific focus on women ages 17-44. David Chapel is a proud host site of the Honey Child program led by Sis. Charlene Gregory. Have questions about the program or know of a pregnant woman that may benefit? Contact Sis. Gregory at charlenectcrs@gmail.com.



The Ministry Expo highlights David Chapel Ministries and Auxiliaries and provides a chance for ministry leaders to share the benefits of their ministry and volunteer opportunities. Ministries are showcased monthly. Visit the booths in the Fellowship Hall after the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

November 4, 2012

Women and Men's Ministries

December 2, 2012

Angel Tree Ministry
Visiting Angels

NATIONAL BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY[®]



SNAPSHOTS FROM A BLESSED AND JOYOUS SUNDAY



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SEPTEMBER 16, 2012



Annual DC Pre-Thanksgiving Community Dinner

The annual DC Pre-Thanksgiving Community Dinner is set for Wednesday, November 21, 2012. This year, David Chapel is partnering with Corinth Baptist Church on a mobile thanksgiving dinner service to feed the homeless, sick and shut in members, and persons at the ARC.

Volunteers are needed for the preparation and delivery of the meals. Interested in helping out? Please contact Sis. Lois Hunt at the Ministry Expo or send her an email at lhunt466@aol.com.



Concordia University is looking for persons interested in working and teaching at the campus. The University is experiencing outstanding growth, with satellite campuses in Houston, Dallas/Fort Worth, and San

Antonio. Concordia offers a competitive benefits package including health, retirement, disability, tuition reimbursement, and access to the campus gym facilities. Positions currently open include Major Gifts Officer, Director of Alumni Relations, Online Admissions Counselor, Graduate Admissions Counselor, and Assistant or Associate Professor of English.

To learn more about employment opportunities at Concordia, please visit their employment page at www.concordia.edu/jobs.

In addition to employment, the university is always looking for new students! Learn more by visiting <http://discover.concordia.edu/>.

ONLINE GIVING -- Members and non-members may give your tithes and offering online **safely** and **securely** through checking account, debit/credit cards and electronic fund transfers. Visit David Chapel's website for online giving, more information, and instructions at www.davidchapel.org.

BABY DEDICATIONS are held the 3rd Sunday of each month, unless it is a holiday or an annual day. Please contact the church office at (512) 472-9748 to schedule your child's dedication on the calendar and to obtain additional information regarding the event.



CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Celebrate Recovery is a program designed to help those struggling with hurts, hang-ups, and habits by showing them the loving power of Jesus Christ through the recovery process. The road to recovery is based on eight recovery principles, based on the Beatitudes.

- **R**ealize I'm not God; I admit that I am powerless to control my tendency to do the wrong thing and that my life is unmanageable. (Step 1) *"Happy are those who know that they are spiritually poor."*
- **E**arnestly believe that God exists, that I matter to Him and that He has the power to help me recover. (Step 2) *"Happy are those how mourn, for they shall be comforted."*
- **C**onsciously choose to commit all my life and will to Christ's care and control. (Step 3) *"Happy are the meek."*
- **O**penly examine and confess my faults to myself, to God, and to someone I trust. (Steps 4 and 5) *"Happy are the pure in heart."*
- **V**oluntarily submit to any and all changes God wants to make in my life and humbly ask Him to remove my character defects. (Steps 6 and 7) *"Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires"*
- **E**valuate all my relationships. Offer forgiveness to those who have hurt me and make amends for harm I've done to others when possible, except when to do so would harm them or others. (Steps 8 and 9) *"Happy are the merciful."*
- **R**eserve a time with God for self-examination, Bible reading, and prayer in order to know God and His will for my life and to gain the power to follow His will. (Steps 10 and 11)
- **Y**ield myself to God to be used to bring this Good News to others, both by my example and my words. (Step 12) *"Happy are those who are persecuted because they do what God requires."*

At Celebrate Recovery, find the **healing** and **miraculous change** God desires for you! This ministry is open to all DC members and the community. **Join us on 3rd, 4th and 5th Monday's from 6:30 p.m. -- 8:30 p.m. in rooms 4ABC.**

Interested persons may contact one of the following care team members: Margaret Boston, Barbara Coursey, Carl Evans, Elmo Green, Lorena Griffin, Robert Hall, Maurice Sauls, Olivia Ussery, or Charles Walker.

BECOME A COMMITTED SERVANT OF GOD

Matthew 12:18

Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations. (NIV)

The Ushers Ministry is looking for enthusiastic and friendly persons of all ages to join our ministry. Our primary responsibilities are to meet, greet, seat and serve the members and guests of the church. See Bro. Al Hunt, Usher President, after service or drop him an e-mail at alh224@aol.com.

Music Worship and Fine Arts News

Ministry Schedule (November 5, 2012 -- November 26, 2012)

CHOIR	
Joyful Noise	Saturday, November 17 -- 12:00 p.m.
	Saturday, November 24 -- 12:00 p.m.
Praise Team	Thursday, November 8 -- 6:00 p.m.
	Thursday, November 15 -- 6:00 p.m.
	Thursday, November 29 -- 6:00 p.m.
Male Chorus	Thursday, November 8 -- 7:30 p.m.
	Saturday, November 17 -- 11:00 a.m.
Senior Choir	Thursday, November 29 -- 7:30 p.m.
Youth Choir	Saturday, November 17 -- 10:00 a.m.
	Saturday, November 24 -- 10:00 a.m.
DRAMA MINISTRY	
PSP Team Meeting	Saturday, December 1, 2012 -- 9:00 a.m.
LITURGICAL DANCE MINISTRY	
Adult Praise Signers	Saturday, December 1, 2012 -- 9:00 a.m.
Male Mime/Dance	Monday, November 5 -- 6:30 p.m.
	Monday, November 12 -- 6:30 p.m.
	Monday, November 19 -- 6:30 p.m.
Youth Praise Signers	Monday, November 5 -- 5:30 p.m.
	Monday, November 12 -- 5:30 p.m.
	Monday, November 19 -- 5:30 p.m.



Back to SCHOOL Rally

Several came out on Sept. 15th for our annual Back 2 School Rally. We had a great time showing our heart for the community as we encouraged the families and staff of LL Campbell Elementary to D.R.E.A.M. Big!!! We gave out door prizes, played games, ate fun carnival foods, and each student left with a goodie bags! Local news anchor Quita Culpepper joined us as the keynote speaker and shared with us about her journey to achieve her dreams. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and the families and staff of LL Campbell left feeling uplifted and encouraged. We have been Partners in Education with LL Campbell for several years and the Back 2 School Rally is just one of the many ways we support them. We also send encouragement cards to the students before the STAAR test and have two Teacher Appreciation Receptions each year.

If you are interested in finding out how you can volunteer at Campbell or if you would like to join the 2013 Back 2 School Rally Planning Committee, please contact Sis. Mary Whitehurst at students@davidchapel.org or 472-9748 ext 15.

By: Sis. Mary Whitehurst, Minister to Students

THEME: D.R.E.A.M. BIG!

Children and Youth Accomplishments

Join us in applauding the following children and youth on making the honor roll for the six weeks grading period:

Joshua Marvels, an 8th grader at Westview Middle School, "A/B" honor roll.

Enrique McCall-Sierra, a 3rd grader at Hart Elementary School, "A/B" honor roll.

Kessiena Ofunrein, a 10th grader at Legacy Early College High School, "A/B" honor roll.

Kyle Overton, a 5th grader at KIPP Austin College Prep, "A" honor roll.

Bible Studies



Sunday Morning Bible Study

Sunday School -- 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday Bible Studies

Tuesday Morning at 10:00 a.m.

David Chapel

TNT Bible Study at 6:45 pm

Nevertheless Church

2700 W. Pecan St., Suite 570

Pflugerville

Wednesday Prayer & Praise and Bible Study

Prayer & Praise Service — 7:00 p.m.

Bible Study -- 7:30 p.m.

Young Adult Adventure Bible Study

Next study scheduled for November 3rd.



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WORSHIP WITH US!

Early Morning Contemporary Sunday Service
8:00 a.m.

Morning Worship Service
10:30 a.m.



DC Communications Needs YOU!

In 2013, DC will renew the quarterly newsletter. While the monthly “Pulse” is what we do, the quarterly newsletter is who we are. It will highlight our partnerships with community organizations, volunteer projects, and emphasize our faith in action. It is how we demonstrate

DC is a church with a heart for the community. The newsletter will also feature stories about our commitment to the community and dedication to service.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO COME UP WITH A NAME! Please submit ideas to the church office or Keisha Nunn at kdrnunn@sbcglobal.net. We will feature the ideas in later publications and the church will vote for the final name. In the near future, volunteers will be solicited to write feature stories. Please begin to consider donating your time and talents.