

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

Monthly Announcements

December 2012



PASTOR'S PULSE

Can you hear it? The song composed by Massachusetts native, Joseph Carleton Beal, and Texan, James Ross Boothe, first released by Bobby Helms in 1957 and played every Christmas time since then?

*Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock! Jingle bells swing and jingle bells ring...
Snowing and blowing up bushels of fun — Now the jingle hop has begun!*

*Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock! Jingle bells chime in jingle bell time...
Dancing and prancing in Jingle Bell Square — In the frosty air!*

*What a bright time, it's the right time...To rock the night away!
Jingle bell time is a swell time...To go gliding in a one-horse sleigh!
Giddy-up jingle horse, pick up your feet — Jingle around the clock
Mix and a-mingle in the jingling feet —
That's the jingle bell...That's the jingle bell...That's the jingle bell rock!*

Do you hear this one?

*Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
"Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled"
Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies
With the angelic host proclaim: "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"*

So which is it? Jingle bells rocking when it's not snowing in our Austin neighborhoods or glory to the newborn King when it is snowing in our lives? Perhaps that's the challenge for Christians in 2012. At Christmas will we lift up and celebrate the birth of the Christ in the midst of a world that jingles with a need for peace, mercy, love, and the Savior or will we join others and simply rock the night away? Make up your mind and let the Lord check your pulse as you give him glory during this Christmas season.

Pastor Parker

CELEBRATE DC SENIORS WITH DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Lorena Griffin	December 6
Bernice Miller	December 9
B. Shirley Easley	December 11
Ora McCormick	December 22

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

Join the Children's Ministry on a Journey to Bethlehem

On Saturday, December 8, 2012, the Children's ministry will visit Bethlehem, by way of Burnet, Texas, as the ancient city of Christ's birth comes alive. Feel the anticipation of Joseph and Mary approaching the gates, urgency quickening their steps. Experience the presence of animals as they affect all aspects of life in that time...camels, donkeys, sheep, goats, chickens, and doves. Search for the inn, only to find it full (as others did long ago). Then follow the trail to the cave where a road weary couple has moved in with the animals, their place in God's plan and secular history to be made secure on this night.

Don't miss out on the most important journey of the season! Admission is free. Interested parents and children are asked to meet at David Chapel at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 8th. The church van will depart for Burnet by 4:00 p.m. Limited van seating is available.

Questions or concerns? Contact Pam Mitchell at pmmitchell@davidchapel.org or 472-9748.



"Love offering" envelopes have been placed in the back of the pews and will be available throughout the month. Please use these envelopes for holiday expressions to Pastor Parker and the family. Make all checks payable to Joseph C. Parker, Jr.

**JOIN US IN APPLAUDING THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN AND YOUTH ON THEIR
ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

Rachel Forbes, 10th grade student at John B. Connally High School, "A/B" honor roll.

Arianna Jackson, 5th grade student at Overton Elementary, "A/B" honor roll.

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

Cedric Mitchell, IV, 3rd grade student at L.L. Campbell Elementary, "A/B" honor roll. Cedric also received commendation for perfect attendance.

Kessiena Ofunrein, 10th grade student at Legacy Early College High School, "A/B" honor roll. Kessiena also made the Magna Cum Laude list in the Taylor Daily Press.

Kyle Overton, 5th grade student at KIPP Austin College Prep, "A" honor roll.

CONGRATULATIONS!

DC congratulates Yulanda Mims and Kevin Overton-Hadnot on receiving their Masters of Business Administration from Concordia University. The degrees were conferred on December 1, 2012 at the Riverbend Centre.

May God continue to bless you in your academic and professional pursuits!



The David Chapel Youth ministry will be traveling back to New Orleans next summer, June 24-30, 2012, to participate in Camp M-FUGE. This week long experience will be a time of service, fellowship, Bible study, and growth. The group will spend two extra days in New Orleans to tour the city and visit the local universities. There are **27** spots available for the camp this year and all David Chapel youth in grades six through twelve are eligible to attend (youth must have completed 6th grade during the 2012-2013 school year).

If your youth would like to participate in the camp this summer, please submit a registration form and non-refundable deposit of **\$50.00** on or before Sunday, Dec. 16th. Registration will occur each Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Contact Sis. Mary Whitehurst, Minister to Students, if you need additional information.

DC Young Adult Christmas Social

Saturday, December 15, 2012

7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Do yourself a favor and reserve Saturday, December 15, 2012 for the DCYA Christmas Party! We're going to do things a little differently this year and you won't want to miss out. New place...new vibe...even better time! The event is semi-formal.

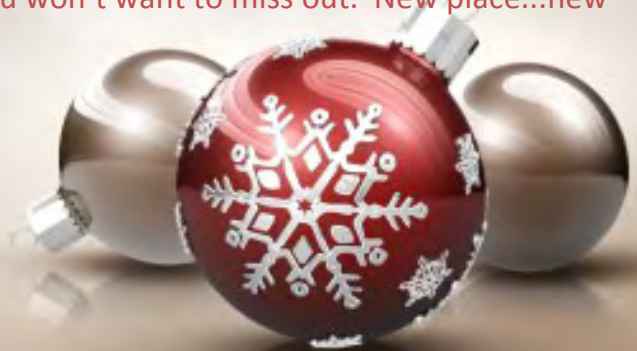
Location:

1050 East Eleventh Street, Suite 100

Austin, 78702

(Where 11th Street Station was formerly located)

Tickets are \$12.



Please sign up in the fellowship hall immediately following both worship services. Contact Jennifer Parker at jenniferlavonneparker@gmail.com with questions or for additional information. We look forward to seeing you!

The installation of church leaders and workers will be
Sunday, January 6, 2013 during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Dress in
black or dark blue attire.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICE



MONDAY, DECEMBER 31 • **7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.**

**Come and celebrate the New Year with prayer and
praise! No food will be served.**

Location: DC Sanctuary

November is Alzheimer's Awareness Month



President Ronald Reagan designated November as National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month in 1983. At the time, fewer than 2 million Americans had Alzheimer's; today, the number of people with the disease has soared to nearly 5.4 million. About 15 million people care for a loved one with Alzheimer's in the US. Knowing what to expect and preparing for the challenges can help people with Alzheimer's live better.

Did you know?

- Approximately 5.4 million Americans have Alzheimer's disease (AD). Unless a cure or prevention is found, that number will increase to between 11 and 16 million by 2050.
- An estimated 340,000 Texans have Alzheimer's disease.
- Alzheimer's affects up to 13 percent of people 65 and over and increasing to 50 percent at 85 and older.
- Almost 15 million Americans are caring for a person with Alzheimer's disease or another dementia; in Texas, approximately 1.2 million unpaid caregivers are providing care to the 340,000 individuals with the disease -- this equates to 1.5 billion hours of unpaid care at a cost of 17.5 billion dollars per year.
- A new person develops Alzheimer's disease every 68 seconds -- this is projected to increase to every 33 seconds by 2050.
- Between 2000 and 2006, deaths due to heart disease, stroke, and prostate cancer declined by 12 percent, 18 percent, and 14 percent, respectively, whereas deaths attributable to Alzheimer's disease increased by 66 percent.

Contact the Alzheimer's Association for additional information and resources available — <http://www.alz.org>

HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON!



Each year, David Chapel members help beautify the sanctuary for Christmas by bringing poinsettias to honor or memorialize a loved one. If you wish to participate, please purchase a poinsettia and place it in the sanctuary the first, second, and third Sundays in December. The deadline to turn in names is Sunday, December 16, 2012.

Names should be given to Edith McKinney (926-9133) or Ernestine Hill (926-0441) by telephone or in person.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Caring Senior Service of Austin is looking for quality caregivers to join the team. The agency is a homecare choice for seniors and their families in Austin and the surrounding counties. Services are tailored to meet the needs of the individual and range from transportation to light housekeeping.

If this sounds like a career opportunity for you, contact Pat Hays by phone at (512) 310-2273 or email at phays@caringinc.com. Visit their website for more information — www.caringseniorservice.com.

Publication Deadline

All announcements and articles for the January publication must be submitted to the church office or Keisha Nunn (communications@davidchapel.org) by **Sunday, December 16th**.

DC PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Pictures for the directory will be taken in the portable. Please remember to arrive an hour prior to your appointment time and expect the actual photography session to also last an hour. Additional information on portrait packages, tips on attire, and other information about the pictorial directory is available on the table in the foyer. **Thank you for your participation!**



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.



CHOIR	
Children's Choir	Saturday, December 8 -- 11:00 a.m.
Joyful Noise	Saturday, December 15 -- 12:00 p.m.
	Saturday, December 22 -- 12:00 p.m.
Male Chorus	Thursday, December 6 -- 7:30 p.m.
	Saturday, December 15 -- 11:00 a.m.
Praise Team	Thursday, December 6 -- 6:00 p.m.
	Thursday, December 13 -- 6:00 p.m.
	Thursday, December 20 -- 6:00 p.m.
	Thursday, December 27 -- 6:00 p.m.
Senior Choir	Thursday, December 27 -- 7:30 p.m.
Women's Chorus	Thursday, December 20 -- 7:30 p.m.
Youth Choir	Saturday, December 15 -- 10:00 a.m.
	Saturday, December 22 -- 10:00 a.m.
LITHURGICAL DANCE MINISTRY	
Adult Praise Signers	Saturday, December 8 -- 2:00 p.m.
Male Mime/Dance	Monday, December 3 -- 6:30 p.m.
	Monday, December 17 -- 6:30 p.m.
Youth Praise Signers	Monday, December 3 -- 5:30 p.m.
	Monday, December 10 -- 5:30 p.m.
	Monday, December 17 -- 5:30 p.m.

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.



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Remember to check the [church calendar](#) regularly for new events and scheduling changes.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Church Advisory Council

Tuesday, December 4, 2012

6:00 p.m.

Stewardship Meeting

Monday, December 10, 2012

6:00 p.m.

In celebration of Christmas and the New Year, the church office will be closed the following days:



Monday, December 24

Tuesday, December 25

Wednesday, December 26

Monday, December 31

Tuesday, January 1

Wednesday, January 2



Worship with Us!

Early Morning Contemporary Sunday Service

8:00 a.m.

Morning Worship Service

10:30 a.m.