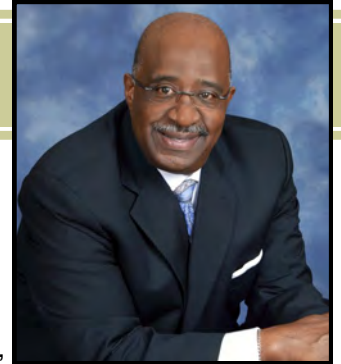


The **Pulse**: Your Connection to a Church with a **Heart** for the Community

Monthly Announcements

May 2013

PASTOR'S PULSE



Let's Be Prisoners of Hope!

Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope...
(Zechariah 9:12)

I recently read a column by Michael Barnes, a writer with the *Austin American Statesman*, entitled "Social hope is in the air." In the column he made observations about a recent benefit luncheon for the University Medical Center at Brackenridge and noted that future-looking Austin groups did not have time for skeptics. He went on to quote Luci Baines Johnson who said, "I'm not interested in how something can't be done. I already know that. I'm interested in how something can be done."

In a way, Ms. Johnson echoes Zechariah's sentiments of God's people being "prisoners of hope." That's what I pray David Chapel members will become and are – prisoners of hope ready to take advantage of God's opportunities in this new season. We can learn from the jazz great, Louis Armstrong, who understood the need for people to take advantage of new opportunities. In 1969, he said, "Doors are opening now that my contemporaries and I never dreamed would open." Commenting on those words, Robert Fleming observed:

"In today's world, new and great opportunities await those with the drive and determination to seize them ... The problem is that many of us keep looking back on missed opportunities with longing and regret. What's past is past. We must concentrate on what lies ahead and remember that the door of opportunity opens for those persistent enough to find the key."

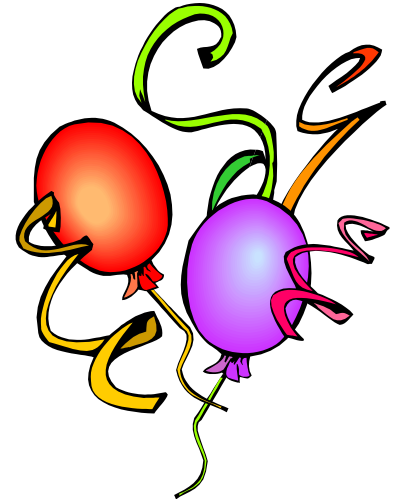
Today I believe David Chapel can say, "Spiritual hope is in the air" and in this new season we are striving to be "prisoners of hope." One of the worst things we can do is miss our opportunities in this season by being robbed of hope and not participate in the new thing God is doing to and among us. God wants to free us as he did the people of God from "waterless pits" (Zechariah 9:11) and today he still offers deliverance from that which imprisons and seeks to imprison our forward progress and vision. He can free us from mindsets that say, "I can't" or "We can't" or "Not yet." Let's return to our spiritual fortress that protects us through the truth that "nothing is too hard for God" (Jeremiah 32:27).

As we move into our new season I say like Luci Baines Johnson, "I'm not interested in how something can't be done. I already know that. I'm interested in how something can be done." Will you join me in being courageous, advocates and frontline ambassadors for the good of David Chapel and God's kingdom? Will you join me in this movement by promoting and celebrating what is right about David Chapel rather than being road blockers who are pessimistic and focus on what may be wrong? Will you join me in being driven and determined "prisoners of hope" who see through "hope-full" lens the possibilities that God is disclosing in this season and are willing to seize them? I pray you will as you allow the Lord to check your pulse today.

Pastor Parker

Celebrate DC Senior Adults with May Birthdays!

George Smith	May 1
George Hardin	May 7
Nancy Thompson	May 9
Richard Overton	May 11

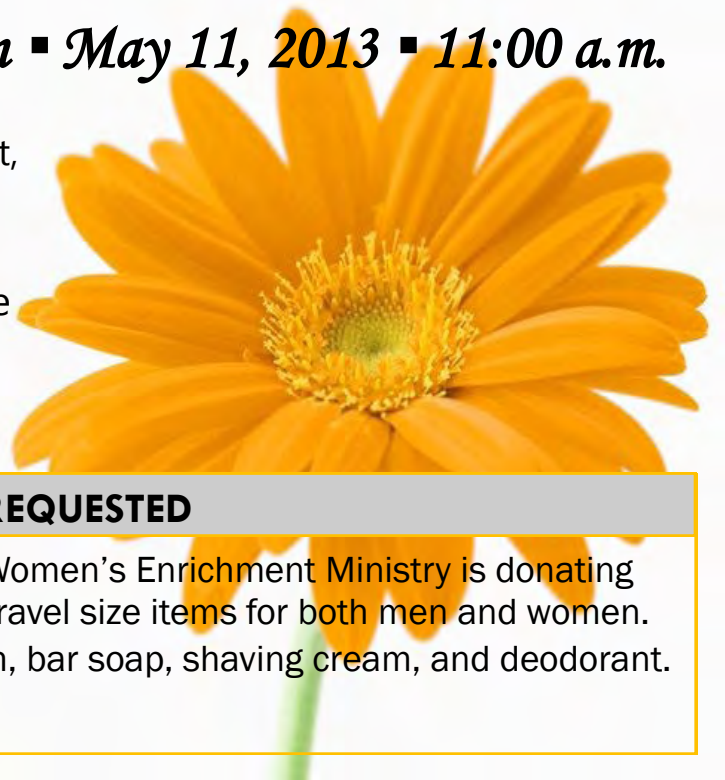


"With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."
-- Psalm 91:16

Mother/Daughter-Son Luncheon ■ *May 11, 2013* ■ *11:00 a.m.*

Strut your spring hat, rock a festive pastel outfit, and join us for the 2013 Mother/Daughter-Son Luncheon in the DC Fellowship Hall.

During the luncheon, the women will select the "Woman of the Year for 2013-2014."



DONATIONS REQUESTED

As part of our heart for the community, the Women's Enrichment Ministry is donating toiletry items to those in need. Please bring travel size items for both men and women. Examples include lotion, toothpaste, body wash, bar soap, shaving cream, and deodorant.



2013 VBS/Family Enrichment Week (FEW) **July 8 - 12, 2013**

"Athens: Paul's Dangerous Journey To Share The Truth"

REGISTER TODAY! Sign-up for the journey from Sunday, May 5th through Sunday, July 7th after either worship service in the fellowship hall. Rev. Cedric Mitchell, FEW Coordinator, is also available to answer questions or discuss other ways you may be able to serve.

NEW DATE: Saturday, May 4, 2013

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



This summer, DC Youth will be participating in a mission trip. To help raise funds for the trip, the youth are having a yard sale and are collecting donations of gently used clothing (all sizes), household items, electronics, and furniture to be sold in the sale. Collection boxes are located in the Fellowship Hall. Donations will also be taken the day of the event.

If you do not have items to donate, but would still like to support the youth with a financial contribution, please contact Sis. Mary Whitehurst at students@davidchapel.org.

All announcements and articles for the June publication must be submitted to the church office or Keisha Nunn (communications@davidchapel.org) by **Sunday, May 19th**.

Be part of the DC Graduate Recognition program. If you are graduating from high school, college, or graduate school, DC would like to recognize your accomplishment.

Please contact Sis. Mary Whitehurst via email at students@davidchapel.org if you would like to participate.

The deadline to submit your name to Sis. Whitehurst is **Sunday, May 12, 2013**.

Class of **2013**



Do you want to have fun, get in shape, and develop a better relationship with your fellow church members? Then the recreation ministry has a place for you. If you are interested in participating in summer volleyball or basketball, and are 16 years or older, sign-up in the fellowship hall after both worship services. **Registration ends Sunday, May 19th**. Contact Deacon Calvin Zanders via email at czanders@austin.rr.com with questions.



children and youth ministry

Our Children and Youth Ministries provide opportunities for children and youth to experience sound biblical teaching, engaging worship, and supportive Christian relationships with peers and caring adults. We work to partner with parents and reinforce what they are teaching at home to help all DC children and youth build a strong spiritual foundation.

Below is a list of all our ministry activities and events:

Children's Ministry

Nursery Ministry (ages 6 months through 5 years): Children play, learn a Bible lesson, do arts and crafts, have a snack, and build relationships with each other and caring adult workers.

- Available each Sunday during both 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services
- Nursery is located at the end of the hallway behind the Fellowship Hall

Children's Church (ages 6 through 5th grade): A kid friendly worship service with praise and worship, a Bible lesson, small group discussions, and age appropriate games.

- Every 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sunday (unless there is a church-wide event/celebration)
- Children's church meets in the portable building on the DC grounds east of the back parking lot
- Children are released from the sanctuary after Praise and Worship and escorted over to the portable by youth volunteers

Children's Choir (ages 3 though 5th grade): The children's choir gives DC children the opportunity to make a joyful noise unto the Lord! For more information, contact Sis. Lois Hunt by email at lhunt466@aol.com.

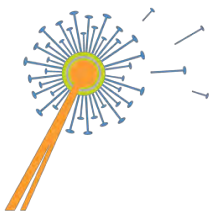
- Children sing on 2nd Sundays and rehearse the Saturday before at 11:00am in the sanctuary

Youth Ministry -- Grades 6 through 12

S.P.A.R.K. stands for **S**cripture, **P**rayers, **A**ccountability, **R**elationships, and **K**ingdom building. This monthly Bible study is hosted in the home of a David Chapel member and gives our youth a chance to experience sound Bible teaching, build supportive relationships with each other, and have a great time.

- Meets on the last Saturday of each month from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Location is announced at the beginning of each month via email
- Youth are encouraged to bring their Bibles and invite a friend

Youth Ushers: The youth ushers serve during 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship service each second Sunday. For more information contact Diana Sonko, Youth Usher sponsor, via email at dmichael@davidchapel.org. Youth usher practice is each month on the Saturday before the second Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.



Youth Choir: The youth choir sings every fourth Sunday at the 8:00 a.m. worship and allows our youth to express their love for God by leading the congregation in worship. Rehearsal is the 3rd and 4th Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. If you are interested in joining the youth choir, contact Bro. Michael Jordan at mjordan@davidchapel.org.

For more information, or if you have any questions regarding the Children and Youth Ministries, please Sis. Mary Whitehurst, Minister of Children and Youth Discipleship, by phone at 512-472-9748 ext. 15. or via email at students@davidchapel.org.



The next **S.P.A.R.K.** meeting will be held Saturday, May 18th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The location has not been finalized but will be announced soon. Mark the date and invite a friend!



Kyle Overton, a 5th grade student at KIPP Austin College Prep, made the 'A' honor roll.

Janetta Parker, an 11th grade student at Hyde Park Baptist Schools, recently competed in the solo vocal section at the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) State Vocal Music Contest at the First Baptist Church in Belton, Texas. She sang an Italian piece, *Già il sole dal Gange*, by Alessandro Scarlatti and received a superior score of one, the highest score offered. The judges were the voice faculty at Mary Hardin Baylor University.

Kristopher Barret Estelle will graduate from Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. His degree will be conferred on Saturday, May 11, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. on the Sheppard Lawn.

Jarred Trevon Houston will receive a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology with a Minor in Health from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas on Friday, May 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bernard G. Johnson Coliseum.



Music Worship and Fine Arts News

Rehearsals for the week of May 6th

Liturgical Dance Ministry

- DC Liturgical Dance Ministry Practice (Monday, May 6, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.)
- DC Sign Practice (Monday, May 6, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.)

Choir

- Praise Team (Thursday, May 9, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.)
- Male Chorus (Thursday, May 9, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.)
- Children's Choir (Saturday, May 11, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.)

Rehearsals for the week of May 13th

Liturgical Dance Ministry

- DC Liturgical Dance Ministry Practice (Monday, May 13, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.)
- DC Sign Practice (Monday, May 13, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.)

Choir

- Praise Team (Thursday, May 13, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.)
- Youth Choir (Saturday, May 18, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.)
- Male Chorus (Saturday, May 18, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.)
- Joyful Noise (Saturday, May 18, 2013 at 12:00 p.m.)

Rehearsals for the week of May 20th

Liturgical Dance Ministry

- DC Liturgical Dance Ministry Practice (Monday, May 20, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.)

Choir

- Praise Team (Thursday, May 23, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.)
- Senior Choir (Thursday, May 23, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.)
- Youth Choir (Saturday, May 25, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.)
- Joyful Noise (Saturday, May 25, 2013 at 12:00 p.m.)

Rehearsals for the week of May 27th

Choir

- Praise Team (Thursday, May 30, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.)
- Senior Choir (Thursday, May 30, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.)
- Children's Choir (Saturday, June 1, 2013 at 12:00 p.m.)



Reminder!

ONLINE GIVING —

Members and non-members may give their 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 and to obtain additional information regarding the event.

MAY IS LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH

Lupus is one of the cruelest, most mysterious diseases on earth—an unpredictable and misunderstood autoimmune disease that ravages different parts of the body. Research shows lupus is more pervasive and severe than people think, and has an impact that the public doesn't realize.

Some facts you may not know about Lupus...

- ⇒ An estimated 1.5 million Americans and at least 5 million people worldwide have lupus.
- ⇒ Lupus can be difficult to diagnose. There is NO single blood test to diagnose lupus, and its symptoms mimic those of other diseases, vary in intensity and can come and go over time. More than half of those afflicted with lupus suffered at least four years, and saw three or more doctors before obtaining a correct diagnosis of lupus.
- ⇒ No two cases of lupus are alike. Common symptoms include joint pain, skin rashes, overwhelming fatigue and fevers that last for days or weeks. Most people with lupus do not look sick.
- ⇒ Lupus can impact any organ or tissue, from the skin or joints to the heart or kidneys. Two leading causes of serious illness and death from lupus are kidney disease and heart disease.
- ⇒ Lupus usually develops between ages 15 and 44 and it lasts a lifetime.
- ⇒ Lupus can strike anyone, but 90 percent of the people living with lupus are females.
- ⇒ While people of all races and ethnicities can develop the disease, lupus occurs two to three times more frequently among African Americans, Asians, Hispanics/Latinos, Pacific Islanders, and Native Americans than among Caucasians.

The Lupus Foundation of America is also again asking the public to **Put On Purple** for lupus awareness by wearing purple and telling people why they are showing their support for all people affected by this disease. **Put On Purple Day™** will take place on Friday, May 17, 2013. Learn more about lupus and ways to get involved in improving awareness of this devastating disease this May by visiting the Lupus Foundation of America's website at lupus.org. Tools, free of charge, are available at lupus.org/awarenesskit.

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Source: Lupus Foundation of America, May Press Kit



DC honors those who served in the military.
We thank you for your sacrifice and bravery!

To support the recovery
efforts in West, Texas,
David Chapel has made a
donation to the American
Red Cross.

Bible Studies



Sunday Morning Bible Study

Sunday School -- 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday Bible Studies

Tuesday Morning at 10:00 a.m.

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.



All Church Intergenerational Retreat September 6-7, 2013

Registration begins Sunday, May 5th after both worship services. Be on the lookout for additional information regarding logistics and workshops. Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend this dynamic event designed for the entire family!

OFFICE CLOSURE

The church office will be closed Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day.