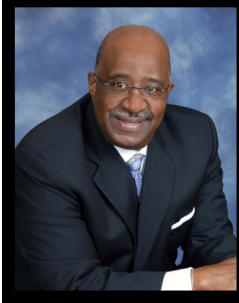




The DC Pulse: Your Connection to a Church with a Heart for the Community

Monthly Announcements

December 2013



Pastor's Pulse

We are one month away from the end of the year and the beginning of another. God has been good to us! Thank you for your support of our ministries, budgetary commitments and the United We Build (UWB) capital fundraising campaign. You and I recognize we ought to make equal sacrifices based on the principle of prayerful faith-giving, although we will not give the same amounts.

Your UWB commitment recognizes that our current facilities – in use since 1959 – are inadequate and we have a great need for attractive and adequate facilities to house our ministries, worship and work as a “church with a heart for the community” in the 21st century and beyond. I was reminded of this on a recent Sunday morning.

As with every Sunday morning, that Sunday there was a lot of jostling in our facilities. At about 9:15 or so, those who had come for Sunday School were preparing for their classes as the 8 a.m. service ended. They needed to use our sanctuary for an adult class. In the fellowship hall – which had been set up for a veterans’ display – portable walls had been rolled in to separate the space so the 2-3 classes (young adult and men) could have their study. The Media Ministry was in the same space, preparing for their work. The nearby kitchen was buzzing, so to speak, as our Culinary Ministry prepared for the reception to be held in the same room. In the background, the microphone in the sanctuary broadcasted the voice of the instructor of the adult class and those in the fellowship hall could hear as well. Everyone was talking and had learned to share not only the physical space but the airspace as well because teaching, learning, equipment set-up, and reception preparation had to take place in the same room at the same time.

Our children were in their classes in the educational space of our main building, while an adult class and a youth class were in our portable building. Toward the end of classes in that building, children, youth and their adult workers were waiting to quickly set up the room for Kids & Youth Church, because the space had to be shared and the 40 or so children and youth (and the adult workers) needed to start their 10:30 worship on time. After their worship time they separated into their small group studies. The 25 or so youth group that was to be in the old Relief Nursery House next door had to switch space with the children group because their size was too large for that space; the youth stayed in the portable building. Indeed, we are challenged by the limitations of our spaces on every Sunday morning.

In addition to having space challenges – and I pray our continuing growth will continue to challenge us in that regard – we are involved in an eternal endeavor. Accordingly, we must continue to remind ourselves and other members that our UWB undertaking is not about us but the Lord; and what we do and don't do impacts current and future generations. I'm certain those who paid for our current building had to have the same thought in their mind. Through UWB, we are partnering with the Lord to expand God's kingdom by drawing others – children, teenagers, adults and families – to him, as we make disciples. We need ministries and facilities that adequately allow us to make disciples and minister. Thank you for embracing and financially supporting the vision God has given us.

Our 3-year campaign commitments totaled \$726,020, while our campaign contributions as of October totaled \$370,628. The campaign is set to close on April 27th, the date of our 90th church anniversary. My prayer is that we will get it done. As someone recently jokingly said to me in regarding to our church giving, “the good news is that we have the money to pay for our new facilities; the bad news is that it's still in our pockets.” Let's get it out of our pockets and be United (As) We Build to God's glory!

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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Austin's lack of shelter space forces many homeless people to sleep outside during winter months. In demonstration of its heart for the community, David Chapel has continued its partnership with the Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH) and other churches to provide a warm and safe overnight shelter for the homeless population from November through February when inclement (freezing) weather has been forecasted for the Austin area. DC will provide shelter for twenty men. To make this initiative a success, program coordinators need from 8 to 10 volunteers to prepare hot meals, clean-up, give oversight to the shelter throughout the night, and provide a welcoming environment.

To sign-up or get more information, please contact Charles Walker by telephone at (512) 897-3859 or (512) 680-5559. Mr. Walker is also available via email at charleswalker78702@yahoo.com. Volunteer today!

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 15th**.



children and youth ministry NEWS

Support our youth! Youth ministry volunteers maintain a [calendar](#) of youth school events and activities. We encourage you to take time to support their extracurricular endeavors and provide a little encouragement along the way.

Please see Kevin Overton-Hadnot for additional information and paper copies.



DC congratulates Jordan M. Smith, a junior at Elgin High School, for making the A/B honor roll for the 2nd six week period.

Crown Money Life Personal Finance Study

Planning is underway for new and exciting topical Bible study classes to begin in 2014. The first class will be Crown Money Life Personal Finance Study. It is a Biblical, inspirational, relational and highly practical personal finance study. Learn how to “Ditch Debt,” “Save It,” “Live Generously,” and be “Truly Rich!” This study is the first of several wonderful topical classes offered during the Sunday school hour, designed to complement David Chapel’s current and excellent Sunday school curriculum.

If you are interesting in teaching a topical Bible study class in 2014, please contact Rev. Bernadine Davis at rev.bdavis@davidchapel.org or 512-472-9748, ext. 38.

Also, in preparation for the new Crown studies, there will be a Crown Reunion at the home of Calvin and Sophia Williams (2424 Silent Brook Trail, Round Rock, TX 78665). This long awaited and much requested event is still in the planning stages but let it be the first event on your 2014 calendar! The reunion takes place on **January 11, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.** Also, at Crown events, there will be food! It is the perfect time to invite your friends who you have talked to about Crown.

More details are forthcoming.

Music Worship and Fine Arts News



REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Children's Choir	Saturday, December 7 -- 11:00 a.m.
Joyful Noise	Saturday, December 14 -- 12:00 p.m.
	Saturday, December 21 -- 12:00 p.m.
Male Chorus	Thursday, December 5 -- 7:30 p.m.
	Saturday, December 14 -- 11:00 a.m.
Praise Team	Thursday, December 5 -- 6:00 p.m.
	Thursday, December 12 -- 6:00 p.m.
	Thursday, December 19 -- 6:00 p.m.
Senior Choir	Thursday, December 19 -- 7:30 p.m.
Youth Choir	Saturday, December 14 -- 10:00 a.m.
	Saturday, December 21 -- 10:00 a.m.

There are no rehearsals the weeks of December 23rd and December 30th.

JOIN THE FUN!



Karaoke Night

If you wish to participate or would like more information, contact John Wesley Smith by phone at (512) 693-8620 or via email at JWDS783@Gmail.com.

We are doing it again! There will be spoken word, karaoke and fellowship, as well as food and lots of family and fun. Join us on December 20th from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the DC Fellowship Hall.

We can't wait to have you join us in lifting the Lord up!

Worship at the Domain!

Join the DC Music, Worship and Fine Arts Ministry as they minister at the Domain Shopping Center on Saturday, December 21, 2013 from 3:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon. The David Chapel Praise Team and Liturgical Dance Ministry will perform. Please take time to attend and support the MWFA Ministry as they bring cheer to the Austin community this Christmas season.

For more information, you may see Sister Alicia Jordan or Brother Kevin Overton-Hadnot.

THE MEDIA MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!



Our media ministry, part of the MWFA ministry, is constantly expanding to help improve the level of our music & drama ministries here at David Chapel. The equipment is being updated so now is the ideal time to jump in. Media leaders are in desperate need of volunteers and are looking for people who have experience or who are willing to be trained, to help lead in this valuable ministry. This includes administrative assistance.

See Robert Ransburg today!

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.

SEEKING PERSONS WHO WANT TO MAKE AN IMPACT EACH SUNDAY!

The DC Ushers Ministry is looking for enthusiastic, committed and friendly adults and youth with smiling faces who are willing to serve! Senior Usher Rehearsal is the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Youth rehearsal is the 2nd Saturday of each month at 11:00 a.m. Both rehearsals take place at David Chapel. Junior/Youth Ushers serve on the 2nd Sunday of each month during both services.

If this sounds like a ministry for you, see Bro. Al Hunt, Usher President, after service or send him an email at alh224@aol.com. Interested youth may contact Sis. Diana Sonko via e-mail at dmichael@davidchapel.org or Bro. Charles Walker at charleswalker78702@yahoo.com.



Experience the most astonishing mammals to roam the Earth. Some with tongues weighing four tons, and others as small as a bumblebee. Meet creatures with gigantic claws, massive fangs and strange snouts. See the largest land mammal that has ever lived, the oldest fossilized bat ever discovered, and the smallest mammal known in the fossil record. Also, discover living and extinct Texas mammals that are part of the Story of Texas at the Bullock Museum in Austin, Texas.

Extreme Mammals: The Biggest, Smallest, Most Amazing Mammals of All Time is on display at the Bullock Museum's Albert and Ethel Herzstein Hall through March 23, 2014. The museum is located at 1800 North Congress Avenue. Hours are Monday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday's from noon to 6:00 p.m. **The Museum provides free admission to the Exhibits on the first Sunday of each month.** Call the museum at (512) 936-8746 or visit www.thestoryoftexas.com.

There will be NO 8:00 a.m. worship service on the first Sunday. On the first Sunday of each month, David Chapel will only have 10:30 a.m. worship. This practice will continue until further notice from Pastor Parker.

By: Bro. Carl Evans

Breakfast Proves to be Important Meal for DC Men

In an effort to continue supporting the whole person, the David Chapel Men's Ministry hosted a breakfast and personal financial seminar presented by Michael De La Fuente, Financial Advisor with Wells Fargo Advisor LLC and the financial advisor for David Chapel. Michael opened by talking about the importance of saving and getting an early start. He also stated that if for some reason you don't get an early start, you still need to save.

Wells Fargo Advisor LLC, while sharing the same brand as the bank is a separate entity solely involved with financial advising. Their model is a little different than the typical industry model. Wells Fargo provides a "bottom up" approach vs. a "top down" approach. They deal directly with each client's personal needs. Michael explained the danger of relying on "general advice."

People save and invest for different reasons. Some save to continue their current lifestyle in retirement. Some save to travel and enjoy life. Other save to grow wealth to pass on to the next generation. There are a number of tools for investment such as stocks, bonds, metals, and CDs. Choosing the right mix of investment tools is very important. The amount of gains is often related to the amount of risk. While many lost double digits in their stock value in 2008, the market overall is up more than 100 percent since the end of the recession.

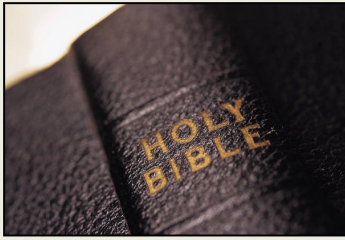
Michael showed a chart that demonstrated that saving as little as \$50.00 a month with 6 percent return could be \$194,384 in 17 years. He told the audience that every household should have a minimum of six months household expenses saved in cash. This would cover you in the loss of a job or long term illness.

A question and answer session followed the presentation. The interest level was high enough that a follow up session is being planned for early next year.

Interested in having this presentation at your ministry event? Contact Deacon Emerson or the church office for Mr. De La Fuente's phone number.



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.



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

Tuesday, December 24

Wednesday, December 25

Thursday, December 26

Tuesday, December 31

Wednesday, January 1

Thursday, January 2

Wonderful Counselor
For unto us
a child is born
unto us a Son is given
Mighty God
Prince of Peace

Worship with Us!

Early Morning Contemporary Sunday Service

8:00 a.m.

Morning Worship Service

10:30 a.m.