

## A note from Ron



**Ron Campbell**  
Associate Pastor

### **I Can Do All Things through Christ Who Strengthens Me**

*"I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!" Philippians 4:11b-13*

A few Sundays ago Rev. Robert Hall preached on Philippians 4:1-13, concentrating on the verse preceding the ones above, "I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me." Robert's words which moved me most centered on his reflections on the strength his grandparents demonstrated in facing the life-shattering experience of the "Depression." Robert has drawn upon the example of his grandparents in working through their challenges; their faith, courage, and perseverance.

This brought to mind my grandparents, Hugh and Maude Campbell. There's one "family story" told about my grandfather which has been particularly empowering for me and also for my son at times in our lives when we've needed inspiration to face hard challenges. Preceding the depression in 1929, times were hard for most people in the USA and the rest of the world. The "stock market crash" was the "prick of the balloon" which expelled the "good times bubble" with a devastating effect. In pre-depression times my grandfather and grandmother scrapped to support a family by piecing together several ways of generating income. They owned a small piece of land just outside downtown of Sherman, Texas, on which they farmed and raised hogs, cattle and chickens. Papa also found other ways of supporting his family.

They were in such a survival mode when Papa decided to "roll the dice" and invested what little surplus they had to buy a wagon and two mules to pull it. At the time a new factory was being built in south Sherman to produce blue jeans. The railroad had recently opened in Sherman. Papa took his wagon and mules to the railroad station and joined hundreds of others hoping to be selected to transport the bricks for the new plant. The first day the foreman looked around the throng of men wanting work, pointing to a few, but not my papa. At the end of the day this same foreman circled the men who had worked all day and paid them their daily wage. He came face to face with my grandfather, and realized that he had not picked this man, but that papa had worked all day like the others. He said "I didn't pick you this morning, so I'm not paying you now!" Papa replied, "I know! I don't want you to pay me today, but tomorrow I want you to pick me and pay me!" By the way that day papa hauled more brick than anyone else! No surprise, he was picked the next day and the days after!

There is a popular piece of wisdom that affirms this two-sided equation: "Pray as if everything depended on you. And work as if everything depended on God!"

My grandfather and grandmother on my Campbell side were hard, determined Scottish folks with "tough DNA." They were also God-fearing believers, although not regular attenders at church. It was their deep conviction of faith that kept them working in the hardest times as if everything depended on them, for they knew that they could depend upon the strength of Christ to sustain them.

The lesson is two-fold: When life comes down on us, and we despair, don't give up; work harder and smarter, and keep trusting that God is sustaining us, imitating the Apostle Paul, who at the end of his life was able to confidently declare, "In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret... I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!"

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**FAITH**  
IN ACTION

**Faith in Action Caregivers** needs volunteers to drive senior neighbors to doctor appointments, grocery stores, beauty shops, and other local destinations.

There are Faith in Action Caregiver groups all over town. Please call 472-6339 to find the group nearest you.

## College Care Packages

Hello Parents of College-Age young adults and Supporters,

The date is set for the College Care Packing: Sunday, November 30th, at 3:00 p.m. in the Administrative Office Conference Room. But we need the goodies to pack in the boxes and donations to ship these packages to approximately 120 college students.

Here is how you can help:

1. Bring goodies and snack items to the church office by Wednesday, Nov. 26, and put them in the mechanical closet across from Nancy's Russ' desk. (please mark the items for "college ministry")
2. Mail or bring your donations of cash or checks to help with shipping & purchasing and mark them for "college ministry"
3. Help us pack the boxes on Sunday, November 30th, at 3:00 p.m. It will only take about an hour and you can write a note on your student's box!
4. And most importantly, pray for all of our young adults

If you have questions or suggestions: please contact Linda Roudebush (453-3655), pma57@austin.rr.com or Liby Beck (615-2108), liby@tarrytownumc.org.

## Upcoming Children's Ministries Events

You can register your child for the following events by contacting Rev. Tanya Eustace at 472-3111 or tanya@tarrytownumc.org.

### **M&M's: Mission and Madness (4th-5th grade)**

**November 7, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

Mission and Outreach program for 4th & 5th graders. Come join us for food, fun, and games while we work together to help others.

### **Preschool Bible Study: Preparing for Advent**

**Nov. 3-Dec. 15, 12:30-1 p.m.**

This weekly class for 3 and 4 year olds meets on Mondays from 12:30-1:00 in room 222.

### **Way of the Child: Preparing for Advent & Epiphany**

**Nov. 3-Dec. 8, 5:30-6:30 p.m.**

This weekly class for 3rd-5th graders meets on Mondays from 5:30-6:30 in room 227.

## Stewardship Campaign 2008

As of October 27, 2008, we have received 278 Estimate of Giving Cards for a total pledged of \$1,469,944.



In order to underwrite the ministry and outreach budget for 2009, our goal is to have at least 500 Estimate of Giving Cards collected by the time we adopt the 2009 Budget in January.

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## Our growing church family

Please welcome the new TUMC members who joined our church on October 26, 2008.



Susan Dow



Jeff and Jennifer Pool

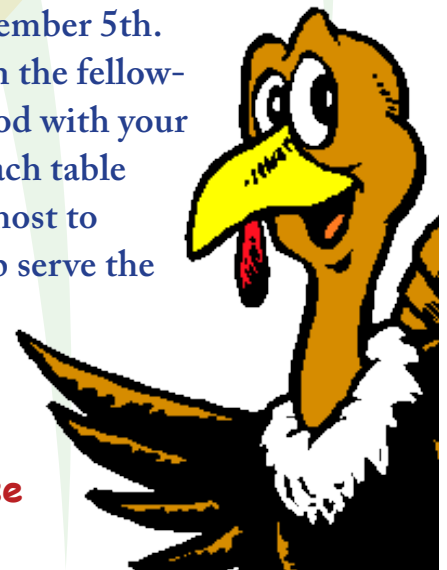


Susan Young

## All-Church Fellowship Thanksgiving Dinner

The Thanksgiving Dinners are right around the corner, November 9, at Noon and 6:00. Tickets are \$7 per person and will be sold through Wednesday, November 5th. Don't miss out on the fellowship and good food with your church family. Each table of 12 will have a host to decorate and help serve the food.

**Time is running out to purchase your tickets!**



# CALENDAR

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## Sunday, November 2

### Daylight Saving Time Ends

### All Saints Sunday

8:30 am Women's Emmaus Reunion Group, 628

### 8:30 am First Worship Service

### 9:30 am Second Worship Service

### 11:00 am Worship Service

11:00 am Sunday School

12:00 pm Children's Musical Rehearsal, Sanctuary

12:00 pm Future Youth Ministry mtg, FH

4:00 pm Amazing Pumpkin race

## Monday, November 3

7:30 am Men's Emmaus Reunion group, Library

11:30 pm Women's Bible Study, 120

12:00 pm Dealing w/ Painful Events in Life class, 229

12:00 pm Disciple II, 229

12:15 pm Preschool Bible Study, 222

1:00 pm Library Committee

5:30 pm "Way of the Child", 227

6:30 pm Dealing w/ Painful Events in Life class, 229

6:30 pm Women's Bible Study, Rm 120

7:00 pm Disciple II, 615

7:30 pm Disciple I, 226

## Tuesday, November 4

7:00 am Construction mtg, conference room

7:15 am Men's Bible Study, Lib

11:30 am Women's Bible Study, 120

12:00 pm Disciple I, 226

7:00 pm Stephen Ministry, 226, 228

## Wednesday, November 5

6:45 am Men's Breakfast Bible Conversation, conference room

9:15 am VBS meeting, conference room

10:00 am Spiritual Support group, 226

12:00 pm Way of Prayer, commons

1:00 pm Istanbul Team mtg, conference room

6:30 pm Men's Emmaus Reunion group, Library

6:20 pm Bell Choir I, 413

### 6:30 pm Service of Holy, Communion and Healing

6:30 pm Tapestry stitching, PH

7:00 pm Sr. High Midweek

7:30 pm Bell Choir II, 413

7:30 pm Choir practice

7:30 pm The Way of Prayer, Rm 120

## Thursday, November 6

7:00 am United Methodist Men, FH

7:00 am Women's Emm, Library

9:00 am Tacking group, 227

11:30 am Women's Emm group, Library

7:00 pm Narnia Study, 226

## Friday, November 7

7:30 am Men's Emm. Group, FH

1:00 pm Women's Emm group, 223

1:00 pm Women's Emm, library

6:30 pm M & M's, PH

## Matamoros Mission Trip

November 20-23, 2008

On the outskirts of Matamoros, Mexico, across from Brownsville sits an impoverished neighborhood where the needs of children, the sick and the elderly are great. Juntos Servimos (Together We Serve) was formed by a Texas Methodist layman turned missionary to help address needs for housing, health and education in this area and in the fishing villages on the coast south of Matamoros. Join us November 20-23 to work with Juntos Servimos in serving those in need. You do not need to speak Spanish; a smile and loving heart are the only requirements. For more information or if you have expressed interest in this trip, call Albert Almanza (478-1317) or Pam Autrey (477-4094). The cost of the trip is \$250.

## United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men will meet on Thursday, November 6, at 7:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Clift Price, TUMC member, will speak on Methodist Health Initiatives on the Texas border. Any interested church members and visitors are invited to attend. Please call the church office by noon on Wednesday, November 5, to make your reservation.

## Christian Adult Fellowship

CAF meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of every month in Fellowship Hall, 10 am to 1 pm. Join us for fellowship, games (optional) and a meal.

November 13

December 11

# WORSHIP

Sunday Worship Services are at  
8:30, 9:30 and 11 a.m.



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## Preparing for Sunday

**November 2, 2008**

25th Sunday after Pentecost

### Scriptures

Joshua 3:7-17

Psalms 107:1-7, 33-37

I Thessalonians 2:9-13

Matthew 23:1-12

### Sermon

“One Army of the Living Lord”

Robert Hall, Senior Pastor

### Text

I John 3:1-3

## Attendance

**October 26, 2008**

8:30 a.m. 94

9:30 a.m. 213

11:00 a.m. 294

### Thanks to Ushers

Cheryl Haywood, Harry Doss, Karen, Emerson,  
Phoebe, Bateman, and Tim Solms, , Jill Griffin,  
Maurine Rieandstra, Tracy Warren, Sam My-  
ers, Jim Morriss

### Acolytes

Harrison Parker

## Memorials

### Endowment Fund

In memory of Kathy Backus from Liby and Carl Beck

### Youth Fund

In honor of Douglas Dietert from The Bell Choir

### Education Ministerial Endowment Fund

In memory of Toni Perry from Rosemary and John  
Lopes

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COMMUNION,  
HEALING  
AND PRAYERS



A healing service is  
offered each Wednes-  
day in the chapel  
from 6:30 to 7:00  
p.m. Childcare is  
provided during the  
service. Please call  
472-3111 for more  
information.