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follow Christ together

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SEPTEMBER 2011 ISSUE

**MidWeek
Moment
at WHPC**
Begins September 7

Join us on Wednesdays
for Dinner, Children's Choir, Handbells, and Classes,
JAM, and Adult Classes

Visit whpc.org for more information and to register

FALL 2011 MIDWEEK MOMENT BEGINS SEPTEMBER 7

Join your WHPC family for MidWeek Moment. There is something for everyone on Wednesday nights. See you there!

**MidWeek
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Fall 2011 Class Schedule

4:30 – 5:15 p.m.	Children's Handbells
5:15 – 6:15 p.m.	Children's Choir
5:30 – 6:45 p.m.	Dinner Served in Fellowship Hall
6:15 – 7:30 p.m.	Gym Time and Small Groups for Kindergarten - 5 th Grade
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.	JAM (for Middle School students)
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University*
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Discovery 101, taught by Carol Friesen* <i>(This class is 6 weeks and will end on October 12)</i>
6:15 – 7:45 p.m.	Women's Bible Study: <i>Me, Myself and Lies</i> , facilitated by Ki-Mi Fields and Nancy Shields *
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Practicing Jesus' Instructions, taught by Jim Bankhead
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	The ABC's of Grace and Truth, taught by Hilton Chancellor
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Centering Prayer class, facilitated by Janis Claflin
6:45 – 8:15 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

* Advance registration required at whpc.org for these adult classes.



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ADULT MIDWEEK MOMENT CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Classes meet on Wednesdays, September 7 – December 7 (unless otherwise noted)

Advance registration is required for Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University, Discovery 101, and Women's Bible Study. For all classes, children must be registered for MidWeek Moment if childcare is needed. Children's MidWeek Moment registration forms can be found at whpc.org, or by contacting Cindy Gangstad, cindyg@whpc.org.

DAVE RAMSEY FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY (Parlor) 6 – 8 p.m.

Have you ever wondered where your money goes? Learn how to better manage your money and your life by using God's way of handling money. The class features Dave Ramsey teaching on video followed by small-group discussion. These principals apply to everyone - whether you're financially secure or struggling with debt. The class will show you how to really live like never before with lessons on such topics as saving, debt elimination, investing and real estate. Advance registration is required at www.debtfreeatwhpc.org.

Cost: \$98 for material kit. Kit can be shared per couple or group. After online registration is complete, instructions on how to order materials online will be sent via email. Scholarships are available. Childcare is provided with registration. Facilitators: David & Shannon Briggs, briggsshan@att.net. Contact: Kent Redding, 306.1011, www.Facebook.com/FinancialPeace.

DISCOVERY 101 (Room 205) 6 – 8 p.m.

This is a 6-week class, ending on October 12.

Attendance at all 6 classes is expected and class size is limited.

Adventurers, join us for a voyage of DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS and the unique contribution God is calling you to make to the Body of Christ. Learn more about your personal style, ministry passion, spiritual gifts and most importantly, how to take that next step in following Christ. Everyone is welcome! Advance registration is required at whpc.org. Cost: \$8 for book, payable at first class meeting.

Facilitator: Carol Friesen, carolf@whpc.org

Contact: Jim Blanchard, jblanchard@strategicpositioninginc.com

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY (Room 200) 6:15 – 7:45 p.m.

Me, Myself & Lies, by Jennifer Rothschild followed by *So Long, Insecurity*, by Beth Moore. In today's image-focused culture, insecurity among women and how we disparage ourselves is often the result of destructive, unrealistic *self-talk* amongst outside pressure. Through this study, we will explore how to rely on the One true Source of hope and practice Godly and Biblical *soul-talk* as we look to God's Word to feed us truth. Advance registration is required at whpc.org.

Facilitators: Ki-Mi Fields, 4fieldses@sbcglobal.net and

Nancy Shields, nshields2@gmail.com

THE ABC'S OF GRACE AND TRUTH: An Interactive Experience That Filters Life Through the Grace and Truth of Jesus Christ

(Room 201) 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Following the alphabet, the class rotates between a Biblical character and a life topic. The class leader selects the character. Class participants select the life topic. For instance, week one could be all about Adam, Absalom, Abraham or Amos – teacher picks. Week two might see us talking about adultery, addiction, angels or atheism – the class picks.

Facilitator: Hilton Chancellor, hchancellor@austin.rr.com, Ordained Minister, Author, and Business Leader

ADULT MIDWEEK MOMENT CLASS DESCRIPTIONS *(Continued)*

Classes meet on Wednesdays, September 7 – December 7 (unless otherwise noted)

CENTERING PRAYER CLASS (Room 206) 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Using both classic and contemporary Christian writers as resources, we explore various spiritual development methods. Develop a more contemplative way of life by practicing centering prayer. This class also meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel.

Facilitator: Janis Claflin, jcforpeace@aol.com

PRACTICING JESUS' INSTRUCTIONS (Room 202) 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

In both Matthew and Luke, Jesus early on places great emphasis on “hearing My words and putting them into practice.” Therefore, we will focus on grasping and practicing Jesus’ first “sayings”, i.e. Matthew 5 - 7. There will be daily home/office studies to do. Come with a practice partner to work together. The class will be interactive as we share our successes and our struggles to practice Jesus’ sayings.

Facilitator: Jim Bankhead, jimb@whpc.org

DIVORCECARE (Meets at Lake Hills Church) 6 - 8 p.m.

Class runs from September 14 – December 14.

This weekly seminar and support group is for people who are separated or divorced and is offered in conjunction with Lake Hills Church at 11431 Bee Caves Road, 78738. Facilitators: Kerry Pollard, kpollard@austin.rr.com, and Diane Pollard, dpollard@austin.rr.com

MIDWEEK MOMENT DINNER

Dinner served 5:30 – 6:45 p.m.,

September 7 – November 16 in Fellowship Hall.

No dinner or children’s classes after November 16, but childcare will be provided with reservations.

Children 2 and younger: Free

Children 3 yrs. – 5th grade: \$3/meal or \$33 per semester

6th grade – Adult: \$5/meal



COOKING TEAMS NEEDED FOR **MidWeek Moment at WHPC**

Interested in serving on a team to prepare, serve or
clean-up MidWeek Moment dinners
beginning September 7?

Contact Cindy Gangstad, cindyg@whpc.org

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES – FALL 2011

All Adult Education Classes are open to anyone who wants to attend. Join one of these groups as we learn to follow Christ together.

SUNDAY, 9:30 A.M. CLASSES:

CONTEMPLATIVE CHRISTIANITY (Chapel)

Using both classic and contemporary Christian writers as resources, we explore various spiritual development methods. Develop a more contemplative way of life by practicing centering prayer. This class also meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in Room 206.

Contact: Phil Haag, phaag@mcginnislaw.com

CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES (Conference Room)

We seek to discern God's will for us in today's world and put into practice what we learn through scripture, and the writings of theologians and other scholars. We are member-led and encourage lively discussion. Our theme from September through February will be *Christianity in the Reformation Era*.

Contact: Mike Ervin, theervins@austin.rr.com

COVENANT (Room 205)

Covenant is a welcoming fellowship of believers gathering to learn, to love and to follow Christ together. We employ various speakers, Bible study, and facilitated discussions to grow in faith and strengthen relationships, marriages and Christian parenting.

Contact: Rod Welsh, rodwelsh@yahoo.com

THE DEARMAN CLASS (Room 200)

An eclectic selection of Christian and church-related subjects including theology, church history, denominational issues, polity, in-depth Bible studies, comparative religions, and current events from a Christian perspective.

Contact: Ted Heydinger, theydinger@austin.rr.com

SUNDAY, 11 A.M. CLASSES:

BRIDGING THE GAP (Room 206)

Join us as we study John's Gospel. Leaning on the wisdom of Origen, Chrysostom, Calvin, Wright and others, we are working our way through the book of John. We rely on the Holy Spirit to enliven the scripture so that we might know more and more that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. New-comers are always welcome.

Contact: Walter Stokes, walter@despair.com

DIFFICULT QUESTIONS OF THE FAITH (Chapel)

The Christian faith is full of difficult questions, but where do we go with those questions? Questions regarding the nature of Scripture, sexuality, doubt, suffering in the world, and others. We believe that the church should be a safe place to engage the more complicated issues as we seek to follow Christ to deeper understanding. Therefore, we are dedicating our class to this pursuit. Join us each week as we study a different question of faith with different guest presenters.

Contact: Mark Charbonneau, markc@whpc.org

FINE ART OF MARRIAGE (Room 205)

While centered in marriage, the class is beneficial to maintaining relationships of all types. All are encouraged to attend whether single or married. Participants not only learn but share experiences as we explore relationship building and strive to encourage healthy relationships by employing Biblically based principles.

Contact: Mike Douglas, mdouglas@austin.rr.com

THE GENTLE NUDGES OF THE LISTENING HEART

by John Burch

It is said that unique opportunities only come in our lives a few times and we learn to hear them with our hearts. Austin Presbyterian Pilgrimage is just one of those opportunities to go and become bonded in friendship with fellow followers of Christ. I must admit I went kicking and screaming to Pilgrimage #10 and had more fun than I could have ever imagined. The fellowship is phenomenal, the music is uplifting, the wonderful surprises are endless, you never want it to end and you can't stop hugging people! Give me one reason why you would not want to do that?

I married the love of my life Peggy in 2008 and I was already a member of WHPC. I wanted Peggy to feel the joy and connection that I felt about WHPC and she attended Pilgrimage #31. The experience made WHPC "our" church and not "my" church.....and all those people that you couldn't stop hugging at the end of Pilgrimage.....you still see them in church and still get to hug them! Listen to your heart and pay attention to those "gentle nudges" to go. You will thank me in the church hallwaywith a hug of course.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

CALLING ALL 3RD GRADE STUDENTS

All 3rd grade Sunday School students will receive Bibles in worship on September 25. The Family Connections class for 3rd graders and their parents will be held on September 18 in the gym. All 3rd graders must be registered to ensure that each one has a Bible. The sign-up sheets are posted outside Cindy Gangstad's Children's Ministry office or you may email Cindy at cindyg@whpc.org. Our calligrapher needs to know how the child's name should appear in the Bible.

Young Disciples Class Returns for the School Year

On September 4, the Young Disciples Class will return to the Parlor at the 11 a.m. worship service. This class is designed for children who have already attended one hour of Sunday School but can't quite sit through a whole hour of worship. After the *Time for Young Disciples*, parents may take children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade to the Parlor. These children are returned to the sanctuary right after the sermon to join their families. This is a great way for children to begin to experience worship in small doses, and also partake in communion on communion Sundays. Preschool aged children may be escorted downstairs for activities after the *Time for Young Disciples*. These children will be picked up downstairs after worship ends.

At the 9:30 service, children may attend Sunday School or they may be escorted downstairs after the *Time for Young Disciples*.

**young
disciples**

PRESBYTERIAN
pilgrimage #32 
September 22 – 25
Sign up now for this weekend of
spiritual renewal at Camp Buckner.
Registration Deadline is September 11:
www.austinpresbyterianpilgrimage.org
For more information:
Becky Dickson - dicksonrh@gmail.com

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

MIDDLE SCHOOL

We are getting ready to hit the ground running in Middle School ministry. We are excited for what God has in store for us and can't wait to hang out. Below are all the dates you need to know. So mark your calendars and make plans to join us! More information can be found at www.whpc.org/ms.

JAM

Wednesdays, 6 – 7:30 p.m. beginning September 7
Dinner is available for \$5 beginning at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

JAM is a dynamic program designed especially for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. Through music, games, Biblical teaching and small groups, students will discover the love of Jesus and how we can show love towards God and others. This a great place to bring and meet new friends!

Sunday School

Sundays, 11a.m., Youth Room

Every Sunday we will meet to feast on God's word and donuts. Come hungry!

Small Group Bible studies

This a great way to get to plugged in with friends and Scripture. We have several small group Bible studies that meet throughout the year. If you are interested in joining a Bible study, contact KyleB@whpc.org for more information.

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YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

MIDDLE SCHOOL *(Continued)*

Breakaway

September 24 – 25. Register now at whpc.org.

This is a weekend you don't want to miss. We will be heading to Camp Tejas in Giddings, TX and enjoying a weekend full of adventure, worship, and fellowship.

Serve Saturday's

Once a month, the middle school ministry heads out to get our hands dirty together at a local ministry in Austin. This is a great chance to put our faith into action and meet some new friends along the way.

HIGH SCHOOL

Signulls Has Moved to Tuesday Nights

For as long as anyone around here can remember, Signulls, the high school youth program, has met on Monday nights at the church from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. However, starting September 6, the high school will make the big switch and will meet on Tuesday nights at the same time. The change comes because, with the emergence of Discipleship Groups on Sunday nights, the youth staff has been looking for the opportunity to have a break in between their weekly programs to rest and adequately prepare.



signulls

a whpc student ministry

So spread the word – a change is coming!

UPCOMING HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS:

Celebration Retreat: 9/3 – 9/5

5th Quarter: 9/2, 9/9, 10/21, 11/4

Signulls starts: Tuesdays, September 6

D-groups start: Sundays, September 11

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Children's Choir and Handbells begin on Wednesday, September 6:

RADICAL RINGERS:

Rehearses Wednesdays from 4:30 - 5:15 p.m.

This handbell group for children in grades 3 – 5 rehearses in the sanctuary with director Emily Craven. Ringing handbells is a fun way to make beautiful music. All that is needed is a commitment to regular attendance and a desire to make music to glorify God. Questions? Contact Emily Craven at emilyc@whpc.org, 327.1116, x118.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR:

Rehearses Wednesdays from 5:15 – 6:15 p.m.

Children's Choir is for all children in grades K - 5. They rehearse in the choir room with director Becky Knox. Choir involves singing, playing instruments, fellowship and lots of fun! The children sing monthly in worship and also participate in special Christmas programs as well as a Spring Musical. Questions? Contact Becky Knox at beckyknox1@aol.com

WHPC YOUTH MUSIC KICK-OFF!

Pizza, Ice Cream, Choir and Bells

Sunday, September 11 in the Choir Room

12 p. m. - Pizza and ice cream

12:30 p.m. – Choir

1:15 - 2 p.m. – Bells

Come check it out and bring a friend!

For more information, contact Emily Craven at emilyc@whpc.org or Becky Knox at beckyknox1@aol.com.

Join the **Chancel Choir!**

Rehearsals on Wednesdays
6:45 – 8:15 p.m.
Choir Room

No experience or audition required
Questions?

Contact Emily Craven, emilyc@whpc.org

WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS

WHPC 2011 WOMEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT

October 14-16 at Laity Lodge

Our Theme:

Humility: The Beauty of Holiness
"Humble yourself under the Mighty hand of God and
He will lift you up" (James 4:10)

Our Featured Speaker is

Diana Schick,
Founder of Creative Living International



Imagine a glorious fall weekend in the heart of the beautiful Texas Hill Country surrounded by limestone canyons on the crystal-clear headwaters of the Frio River. Break away to enjoy this tranquil environment that is so unique to the Laity Lodge retreat center and be willing to offer yourself up to God in humility as you experience grace and love as only He can give!

This year's women's retreat promises to be a wonderful opportunity to explore how God is working in your life and we are excited to have Diana Schick as our speaker! Diana is a well-known Bible study curriculum author and a woman with a gentle and beautiful spirit who seeks after God's heart. Many of us have been inspired by her Bible studies over the past several years and have been truly blessed by her insight into God's Word through the lessons she has shared. It is our prayer that you will invite a friend to join you or just step out in faith and say 'yes' to this opportunity to be part of something very special. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends and develop deeper friendships with other women. There is always such a warm, heartfelt connection when we recognize how God touches each of our lives and brings us together for such a special purpose. The weekend will consist of many components including worship and music; arts & crafts with instruction by artists Suzette Connell and Kim Parker; quiet walks and personal time for prayer & reflection; fellowship and much more! Space is limited. Only 60 women will be able to experience this wonderful opportunity so don't delay!

Register online at whpc.org/whpc/women. The cost for the weekend including 2 night's lodging and 6 meals is \$230. To secure your registration, please mail or deliver your \$100 non-refundable deposit to: Teresa Ward, WHPC, 7127 Bee Caves Road, Austin, TX 78746. Balance of \$130 is due by October 2.

For questions please contact Nancy Pickett, Weekend Retreat Moderator, nancy.pickett1@yahoo.com or Kathryn Weldin, Director of Women's Ministries, kathrynw@whpc.org.

MISSION NEWS

AUSTIN SAMARITANS FOURTH ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE

Monday, September 26 - Shotgun start at 1:30 p.m.

Forest Creek Golf Club

Register at www.helpaustinsam.com

Join us! Get up a foursome or register individually. Don't play golf? We need sponsors and volunteers! Or – you can sponsor one or more of our ministers or youth staff to play. Enjoy the fun and at the same time, know you are sharing Christ's love by helping meet some of the critical needs of our less fortunate brothers and sisters in Nicaragua – the second poorest country in the Western Hemisphere.

Proceeds from Austin Samaritans' Golf Scramble help over 400 schoolchildren to attend Christian schools, more than 6,000 women to be screened and treated for cervical and breast cancer, approximately 450 women to leave the sex trade, over 50 malnourished infants be nursed to health, 200 homeless people to receive a nutritious meal daily, hundreds of people to have access to health clinics, 24 girls to escape sexual exploitation or slavery, and more.

Will you help us make a difference in these lives?
Check us out – www.austinsamaritans.org.



LAITY LODGE ADULT RETREAT

November 11 – 13

Come experience three days of spiritual renewal and cool relaxation at Laity Lodge during the weekend of November 11 - 13. Laity Lodge is a retreat center located on the Frio River west of Kerrville where it is possible to relax, think, pray and nurture your spirits without the distractions of your daily responsibilities.. It truly provides a “thin space” where it is possible to feel much closer to God.

The speaker for the retreat will be Rev. Dr. Jim Singleton, senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Colorado Springs. Jim has previously served as a pastor in churches in San Antonio, Spokane, Washington, and at Covenant Presbyterian in Austin. He has also been an adjunct professor at Fuller Theological Seminary, Austin Seminary and Whitworth University. He is widely regarded as an expert in church history and evangelism. Music for the weekend will be provided by Buddy Greene, a Nashville singer-songwriter.

There will be time to renew old acquaintances and make new ones and enjoy a range of activities from hiking in the hills to lazy hours of dozing in a hammock. The hard part will be deciding what to do: fish, swim, canoe, play tennis, explore the book store or just grab a cup of coffee and read a book amidst the beauty of God’s creation. The food prepared at Laity Lodge is excellent and abundant.

Registration will open on Sunday, September 11 in the Parlor at WHPC and will continue until Sunday, October 9. *Please note that space is very limited and that WHPC has only 18 double rooms available for this retreat to be assigned on a first come, first served basis.* The cost of the retreat is either \$230 or \$280 per person depending on accommodations, with a deposit of \$50.00 per person due at sign-up, and the remaining balance due on or before October 9.

If you have any questions, you may contact Ken or Marion Nordeman at 301-8986. mmn1066@msn.com, or visit whpc.org.



COMMUNITY NEW START
Smart Start Afterschool

NOW HIRING!

Smart Start Afterschool Teacher
Community New Start is a Christian nonprofit that guides and empowers youth toward abundant life through relationship with God and others. CNS is currently looking for teachers for Smart Start, an after-school program for elementary-aged students that includes an intentional time of tutoring, recreation, and character-based curriculum.

If you are an energetic, adaptable individual who is passionate about working with elementary-aged children, you are a fit for this job! Applicants should be Christ-followers and come ready to learn how to manage a class, take direction, and grow as individuals.

Preference is given to applicants with experience working with children and to those proficient in the Spanish language, though not mandatory. \$8/hour up to 15 hours a week. Must be able to work at least two days a week –Monday/Wednesday, Tuesday/Thursday or Monday through Thursday during the hours of 2:30 to 6:00pm. Open until August 21, 2011 or until all positions are filled.

Send a cover letter detailing your interest and resume to celia@communitynewstart.org.

Call 512.371.9393 or visit our website at communitynewstart.org for more information.