

“Hospital or Fire Station?”

The Land and Building Team has worked hard over the last several years and, depending on the church’s vote, may have located the land on which we will build a future facility. That excites me...and scares me.

Probably not the reaction you were expecting, so let me explain. I am excited about us purchasing this piece of land and I’m already dreaming of how we will use it. At the same time I know the dangers associated with church buildings. Owning a church building can subtly misdirect our view of ministry. We can start to think of the church as “a place where...” instead of “a people who...” The church is then seen as a religious organization or business that provides spiritual goods and services. Need a hammer? Go to Home Depot. Need some shoes? Go to the mall. Need hope or peace in your life? Go to the church. That leads to “consumerism” in the church. Instead of calling people to the way of life modeled by Jesus, the church ends up focusing on meeting the desires of the “customer.”

As we envision what kind of building will be built on the land, we need to view it as a “missionary training center.” In other words, the church building is not the place where ministry happens, it is the place where you and I are trained to go out into our various worlds to do ministry. Yes, some ministry will happen at the building. But we must fight against the “Field of Dreams” model of ministry—“Build it and they will come.” That is not what Jesus taught, nor is it what the early church practiced. Jesus said, **“Go and make disciples”** (Matthew 28:19). He didn’t say, “Invite people to come to you or your building.” The goal is not to get people to come to our building. The goal is for you and I to go out into our neighborhoods, work places and communities and be the hands, feet and voice of Jesus. Yes, we invite people to join the team, the cause, the mission, and in so doing we gather at our building at times to be trained, encouraged and redirected. But we do not measure success by how many people come to the building. Success is measured by how much the world is changed as we allow Jesus to work through us.

So as you envision what will occur at our eventual church building, do not picture a hospital to which people go for help. Picture a fire station from which you and I go out to help a hurting and lost world.

Curtis Williams

This Week’s Bible Reading Schedule

Date	New Testament	Old Testament
Monday, 2/11	Acts 14	Exodus 9-10 Psalm 59-60
Tuesday, 2/12	Acts 15	Exodus 11-12 Psalm 61-62
Wednesday, 2/13	Acts 16	Exodus 13-14 Psalm 63-64
Thursday, 2/14	Acts 17	Exodus 15-16 Psalm 65-66
Friday, 2/15	Acts 18	Exodus 17-18 Psalm 67-68
Saturday, 2/16	Reflection*	Reflection
Sunday, 2/17	Reflection	Reflection

*Saturdays and Sundays are reserved as days to re-read and reflect upon previous readings, or catch up on readings missed during the week.

Sex Ed 101
What Every Parent Needs to Know
 with Dr. Beth Robinson

Do you get a little jittery when it comes to talking to your kids about the birds and the bees?

FREE SEMINAR

Thursday, February 21, 2008
 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

at Preston Road Church of Christ
 6409 Preston Road Dallas, TX 75205

PARENTS AND MINISTRY STAFF WELCOME
 Reservations requested • RSVP by Monday, February 18
 214-526-7221 or to shanna@prestonroad.org
 Childcare will NOT be provided

sponsored by PRCC and the Children’s Ministry Network of Dallas-Ft. Worth

If you are interested in attending the seminar see **Beverly Ritz** to RSVP.

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Sunday morning schedule

Bible classes.....9:30 am
 Worship service.....10:30 am



February 10, 2008

Order of Worship

Song: *Step By Step*
 Song: *O Come, Let Us Adore Him*
Welcome & Call to Worship
 Song: *Firm Foundation*
 Song: *Nobody Fills My Heart Like Jesus*
 Song: *O Come, Let Us Adore Him*

Lord’s Supper

Song: *In Christ Alone*
 Song: *Healing Grace*

Song (Insert): *Good to Me*
 Song: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Offering

(Children’s Offering* and kids dismissed to Children’s Worship**)

Song: *Servant Song*

Message: “Worshiping the God Who Blesses”

Song: *It Is Well With My Soul*
“Face-to-Face with God”***

Family News

Song: *Days of Elijah*

New to North Pointe and have children?

Children are an important part of the North Pointe church. For this reason we offer the following opportunities for children during our worship service:

Nursery: A staffed nursery with pagers for parents, is provided during the worship service. The nursery for babies, toddlers and two year olds is located in E Hall past the restrooms. A separate, non-staffed nursery is also available for parents to use as needed.

***Children’s Offering:** To teach our children the discipline of giving we provide them an opportunity to contribute in a visible way. This money is used for various ministries.

****Children’s Worship:** Because children have their own unique level of learning and expression we offer a special worship period for children 3 years of age through 4th grade. Children are dismissed to Children’s Worship following the Children’s offering.

***What is “Face to Face with God”?

This time during our worship service allows three opportunities for personal prayer. Your may: 1) remain in your seat and spend time privately praying to God, 2) go to the back of the cafeterium where a member of our prayer team will pray for you or with you, privately and in confidentiality concerning your prayer request, or 3) come to the front row of seats with your public prayer request where the prayer leader will include your request in his prayer concluding this period.

North Pointe News

Remember in Prayer

Sue McDonald, Billie Gayle Smith, cousin of Judie Caldwell, Betty Edens, mother of Kristen Babovec, Jerry Vanhorn, father of Jill Traughber, Darcie Pettit, mother of Gena Rogers

This Week

Ladies Bible Class

Wednesday, February 13

10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Home of Linda Knox

235 Green Acres, Murphy

972-509-7586

Future Events

Men's Retreat

Friday, February 22 – Saturday, February 23

Lake Lavon Baptist Encampment

All Church Easter Picnic

Sunday, March 16

5:30 p.m.

Breckinridge Park, Richardson

Men's Backpacking Trip

Thursday, April 3 – Sunday, April 6

More details to follow

“... so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation in which you shine like stars in the universe ...”
Philippians 2:15



Today

Leadership Training for Christ

Bible Bowl Team Practice

Sunday, February 10

Meet right after worship. Bring a lunch.

Home of Eddie and Jill Traughber

1718 Vicksburg, Sachse

God's Girls and God's Soldiers

2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Ms. Beverly's house

801 Alamo Lane, Garland

Future Events

Picnic and Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 16

Breckinridge Park, Richardson

Leadership Training for Christ

Friday, March 21 – Saturday, March 22

Mother/Daughter Spring Fling

Friday, April 11

Mother/Son Miniature Golf Night

Friday, April 25

Rocket Blast

Friday, May 16

Backyard of Richard and Linda Knox

Kid's Kamp in God's Big Back Yard

June 9, 10, 11

7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Camp Impact

Sunday, June 22 – Thursday, June 26

For those entering fourth through sixth grades in the fall of 2008

Registration for camp is officially open.

\$80 deposits are due by May 4.

Beverly Ritz

North Pointe Youth Ministry

Today

Leadership Training for Christ

Bible Bowl Team Practice

Meet right after worship. Bring a lunch.

Home of Eddie and Jill Traughber

1718 Vicksburg, Sachse

LTC Drama Practice

Sunday, February 10

4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

For middle school and high school

Home of Keith and Geri Wyatt

5606 Lena Judd, Sachse

This Week

Teen Pointe Group

Wednesday, February 13

7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Home of Mike and Frances Campbell

6006 Pleasant Valley Road, Wylie

Future Events

Camp Zenith for High School

Sunday, June 15 – Friday, June 20

Camp Cornerstone for Middle School

Sunday, July 6 – Thursday, June 10

Wilderness Trek

Saturday, July 19 – Saturday, July 26

Please sign up by February 24

Record for Sunday, February 3, 2007

Worship Attendance: 162

General Offering: \$4,677.00

Children's Offering: \$32.04

Land and Building Fund: \$1,255.00