

GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

for the
**Glory of God
and the**

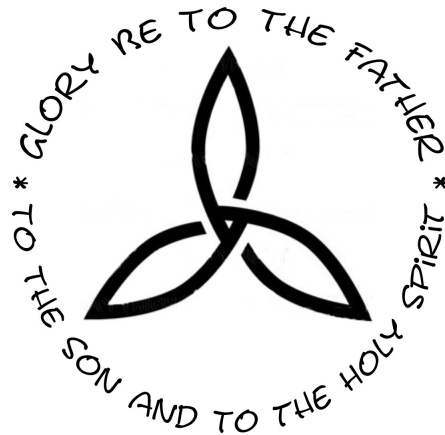
Renewal of His People

September 5, 2010

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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(If the temperature of the building is too cool, please avail yourself of shawls in the lobby near our water fountain)

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort;  
to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior;  
to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors  
and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*



Southside Community Church exists as a *community*  
*redeemed* by and *dependent* upon *God's grace*,  
that we might be  
engaged in and renewed by the *worship* of the triune God,  
*matured* by His truth as evidenced by *love*,  
and engaged in His *mission of renewal* to *His world*.

## REFLECTION and PREPARATION

“Words and music did for me what solid, even rigorous, religious argument could never do, they introduced me to God...”

*Bono, lead singer of the band, U2*

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What is it about singing that takes us beyond mere belief or behavior? Think of singing as a language that allows us to embody our love for our Creator. Song is a means e has given us to communicate our deepest affections, to have our thoughts exquisitely shaped, and to have our spirits shaped for the boldest of obediences. Through music God draws us deeper into a love affair with himself.

*Reggie M. Kidd, With One Voice, Discovering Christ's Song in our Worship*

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It is in the process of being worshipped that God communicates his presence to men. It is not indeed the only way. But for many people at many times the “fair beauty of the Lord” is revealed chiefly or only while they worship Him together.

*C.S. Lewis, Reflections*

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To worship the Lord is – in the world’s eyes – a royal waste of time. By engaging in it, we don’t accomplish anything useful in society’s terms.

Its purpose is not to gain numbers nor for our churches to be seen as successful. Rather, the entire reason for our worship is that God deserves it. Worship is a royal “waste” of time, but indeed it is royal, for it immerses us in the splendor of the King of the cosmos. The churches’ worship provides opportunities for us to enjoy God’s presence in corporate ways that take us out of time and into the eternal purposes of God’s kingdom. As a result, we shall be changed – but not because of anything that we do. God, on whom we are centered and to whom we submit, will transform us by his Revelation of himself.

*Marva Dawn, “A Royal Waste of Time”*

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The Psalmists in telling everyone to praise God are doing what all men do when they speak of what they care about....We are merely, as Donne says, tuning our instruments...anticipate the symphony.

*John “Jack” C. Collins*

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## BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT...THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM

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(\*Indicates where congregation is invited to stand, as able)

### \*CALL to WORSHIP

from Psalm 104

*Minister:* O LORD my God, you are very great!

**People:** You are clothed with splendor and majesty,

*Minister:* He set the earth on its foundations,  
so that it should never be moved.

**People:** You cause the grass to grow for the livestock,

**Men:** and plants for man to cultivate,  
that he may bring forth food from the earth.

**Women:** and wine to gladden the heart of man,  
oil to make his face shine

**People:** and bread to strengthen man's heart.

*Minister:* May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

**People:** May the Lord rejoice in His works.

*Minister:* I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

**People:** I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

**All:** (*with great voices*)  
Praise the LORD!

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

Words: Based on Psalm 103; Joachim Neander, 1680

Music: Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near,  
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,  
If with his love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,  
Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.  
How oft in grief hath not He brought thee relief,  
Spreading His wings to o'er shade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before Him!  
Let the amen sound from His people again;  
Gladly fore'er we adore Him.

## Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down

Psalm 95: 6, 7

Words and Music: Dave Doherty

Come, let us worship and bow down,  
Let us kneel before the Lord,  
Our God, our Maker.

Come, let us worship and bow down,  
Let us kneel before the Lord,  
Our God, our Maker.

For He is our God,  
And we are the people of His pasture,  
And the sheep of His hand,  
Just the sheep of His hand.

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**\*PRAYER of ADORATION**

**\*AFFIRMATION of FAITH**

from James 5

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

Is anyone among you suffering?

**People: Let him pray.**

Is anyone cheerful?

**People: Let him sing praise.**

Is anyone among you sick?

**People: Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.**

*Fellowship Books.* During this time, please take a moment to fill out the information on the attendance pads located underneath the seat on the inner aisles, providing any information to enable us to better serve you. When you finish, please pass the pads down the row so everyone has the opportunity to do so.

*Childrens' Worship.* We welcome children in our entire worship service. However, if you feel a child would benefit more from a setting specifically designed for 4-8 years of age, you are welcome to escort them to Children's Worship down the west hallway of our building at this time.

**PRAYER for GOD'S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD**

*Christ is Your Life*

<sup>1</sup> If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup>For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup> Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup> In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. <sup>8</sup>But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup> Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

<sup>12</sup> Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And **let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.** <sup>16</sup>**Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.** <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

HOMILY

*"He Gave Us Songs - Teach One Another with Thankful Hearts to God"*

from the series based in *Colossians*,

*- In All Things, Christ is Supreme -*

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## BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN...THEY SHAL BE CONFORTED

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### \*CONFESSION of SIN

*from Colossians 2*

If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations— "Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch" (referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings? These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.

*(please pray the following in unison)*

**People: Heavenly Father,**  
we confess we dishonor you by our words and thoughts and deeds. Depending on our own strength we stumble;  
proclaiming our own goodness, we sin;  
glorying in our own righteousness  
we corrupt everything we touch.  
Turning our faces from you,  
we desire the things of this world to satisfy us.  
We pray now, that you forgive our many sins:  
cleansing the darkness from our lives,  
turn our faces towards you.  
In the name of your most precious son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

**Create in Me a Clean Heart**

Psalm 51

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me;  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, O, Lord,  
Take not Thy Holy Spirit from me;  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,  
And renew a right spirit within me.

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Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,  
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## BLESSED ARE THE MEEK... THEY SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH

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### From Depths of Woe (Psalm 130)

Words: Martin Luther; Music: Christopher Miner, 1997

From depths of woe I raise to Thee, the voice of lamentation;  
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication;  
If Thou iniquities dost mark, our secret sins and misdeeds dark,

*(Men)* O who shall stand before Thee

*(Women)* O who shall stand before Thee

*Repeat*

To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;  
Our works alas! Are all in vain; in much the best life faileth;  
No man can glory in Thy sight, all must alike confess Thy might,

*(Men)* And live alone by mercy

*(Women)* And live alone by mercy

*Repeat*

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;  
On Him my soul shall rest, His word upholds my fainting spirit;  
His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort and my sweet support;

*(Men)* I wait for it with patience

*(Women)* I wait for it with patience

*Repeat*

Though great our sins and sore our woes His grace much more aboundeth;  
His helping love no limit knows, our utmost need it soundeth.  
Our Shepherd good and true is He, Who will at last His Israel free

*(Men)* From all their sin and sorrow

*(Women)* From all their sin and sorrow

*Repeat*

### \*WORDS of ASSURANCE

*from Colossians 2*

...you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

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## BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS... THEY SHALL BE SATISFIED

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### CELEBRATION of HOLY COMMUNION

*Feel free to bring children forward. If they are not partaking the bread and wine/juice, they may indicate simply by clasping their hands. Upon request, our servers will gladly pray for and with your children.*

*If you are unable, physically, to process forward but do wish to partake, servers will come to your seat with the elements.*

*Minister: Lift up your hearts!*

**People: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

### **Words of Institution**

*Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.*

**People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Minister: In the apostle John's vision, he saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain...the creatures and elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp...and they sang a new song, saying,*

**People: You were slain, and by your blood, you ransomed people for God from every tribe, and language, and people, and nation.**

*Minister: The gifts of God are for the people of God.*

**Serving of the Elements** *(wine is in the outer ring of the trays; juice on the interior)*

### **Prayer for Those Searching for Truth**

*Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.*

### **Prayer of Belief**

*Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior. Amen.*

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**BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL, PURE IN HEART, PEACEMAKERS, AND PERSECUTED...  
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN**

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**Behold The Lamb  
(The Communion Hymn)**

Words and Music: Keith & Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us -

And we remember

The promise made that all who come in faith

Find forgiveness at the cross.

So we share in this bread of life,

And we drink of His sacrifice

As a sign of our bonds of peace

Around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ, torn for you -

Eat and remember;

The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life

Paid the price to make us one.

So we share in this bread of life,

And we drink of His sacrifice

As a sign of our bonds of love

Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses ev'ry stain of sin, shed for you -

Drink and remember

He drained death's cup that all may enter in

To receive the life of God.

So we share in this bread of life,

And we drink of His sacrifice

As a sign of our bonds of grace

Around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond -

And to remember

Our call to follow in the steps of Christ

As His body here on earth.

As we share in His suffering,

We proclaim Christ will come again!

And we'll join in the feast of heav'n

Around the table of the King.

### **In Christ Alone**

Words: Stuart Townend Music: Keith Getty

In Christ alone, my hope is found.  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my all in all,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless Babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save:  
'Till on the cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine -  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
'Til He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
'Til He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Minister: *The peace of Christ be with you all.*

People: **And also with you.**

**EXTENDING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**GIVING of OFFERINGS**

**\*BENEDICTION**

*from Ephesians 5*

**May the Lord**

Anonymous. Lyrics modified from Numbers 6:24-26.

Tune - "Edelweiss," by Richard Rogers

May the Lord, mighty God,  
Bless and keep you forever,

Grant you grace, sovereign grace,  
Joy in every endeavor.

Lift up your eyes and see His face,  
And His love forever.

May the Lord, mighty God,  
Bless and keep you, forever.

People: **Amen!**

What did the songs today teach me about God, His story, Jesus Christ, and myself?

*"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

*"Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down"*

*"Create In Me a Clean Heart"*

*"From the Depths of Woe"*

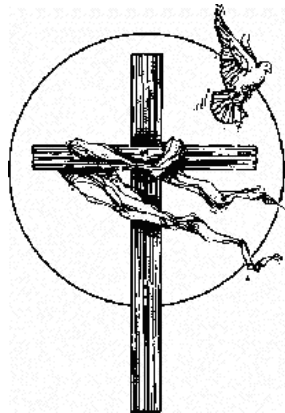
*"Behold the Lamb" (Communion Hymn)*

*"In Christ Alone"*

**\*POSTLUDE**

*We praise the Lord for our accompanists this morning  
– vocalists and instrumentalists and audio and video technicians.*

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## Sunday, September 5 - Saturday, September 11, 2010

### Reading Through The Bible

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| Sunday    | Ezekiel 32-34 |
| Monday    | Ezekiel 35-37 |
| Tuesday   | Ezekiel 38-39 |
| Wednesday | Ezekiel 40-41 |
| Thursday  | Ezekiel 42-43 |
| Friday    | Ezekiel 44-45 |
| Saturday  | Ezekiel 46-48 |

**Lunch Bunch.** The congregation is invited to join the lunch bunch at Macaroni Grill, following our worship service.

### Needs/Announcements

**Tammy will be out of the office Monday and Tuesday.** Please locate the Elder on Call rotation on the back page for emergency and care contacts.

**CE Classes.** Our new fall classes will be kicked off Sunday, September 12th. Please join us for breakfast at 9:15, which will be followed by a time of fellowship and a brief introduction to the classes by each of their teachers. The three adult classes are entitled "Literature and the Bible", "From Dust to Glory", and "Serving the Kingdom".

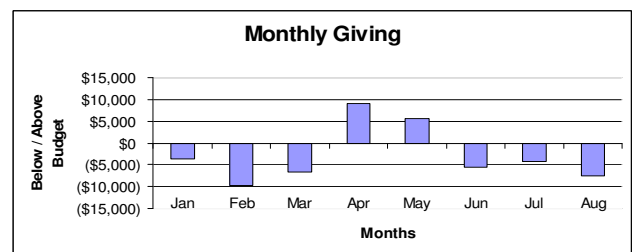
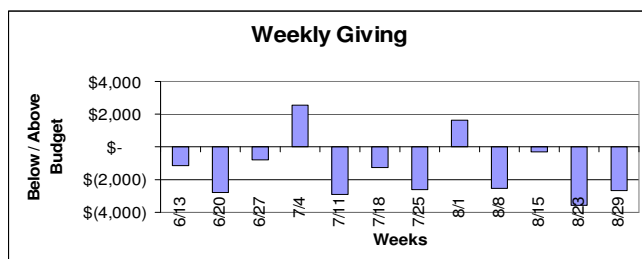
**Tuesday September 14<sup>th</sup> Deaconate Meeting.** The Deaconate will meet at 6:15 p.m.

**Wednesday Night Schedule.** The Wednesday night classes will begin September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. For adults, Ben will be teaching a class entitled "Shepherding our Children-- By his grace and for his glory". Kyle will be leading our Jr. High and High School students as they continue their study from this summer. For children ages 4-10, we will be offering a class that combines teaching on the Catechism with musical instruction.

**Great opportunity for fun and fellowship!** This fall our church is participating in the Corpus Christi Church bowling league and we invite as many people as possible to join us. The league is to start September 18th and will occur on Saturdays at 2:00 P.M. If interested, see Jared Hood or call him at 774-6150. Registration sheets are located in the narthex with further details. Sign up today and we can start planning some friendly competition.

**New Church Directory.** The church office is working on an updated directory. Please submit any information you would like to be included to [scpcpa@stx.rr.com](mailto:scpcpa@stx.rr.com) by September 20. Thanks.

### Financial Update



*Giving Month-to-Date: \$27,471.00*  
*Budget Month-to-Date: \$31,932.00*

*Giving Year-to-Date: \$225,610.00*  
*Budget Year-to-Date: \$255,448.00*

**(Please see ongoing opportunities on the back)**

## **\*\*Continuing Bible Study and Opportunities for Service with Groups**

### **Sunday Christian Education Classes - 9:15 - 10:15**

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| <b>Ages 2 - 3</b>                                   | <i>A Sure Foundation</i>                             |
| <b>Ages 4 - 6</b>                                   | <i>Show Me Jesus</i>                                 |
| <b>Ages 7 - 10</b>                                  | <i>Show Me Jesus</i>                                 |
| <b>Youth 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade</b> | <i>Lessons in our Worship Series from Colossians</i> |
| <b>Adults</b>                                       | <i>Literature and the Bible</i>                      |
| <b>Adults</b>                                       | <i>Dust to Glory</i>                                 |

### **Sunday Morning Worship Service 10:30 am**

4-8 Years, Children's Worship (children dismissed prior to Homily)  
Staffed nursery for newborns - 3 years for Education Hour and Worship Service

### **Weekly Meetings**

#### **Tuesday Morning @ Town & Country Café**

**6:30 am Men's Study** Self study of Ephesians.

**7 :00 am Women's Breakfast**

Contact Bill and Jean Newberry at 537-0549 or 537-9681 or Gordon and Linda Landreth at 992-3046 for more information.

#### **Youth Evening of Study and Fellowship. 4:30 – 8:30pm. – Wednesdays Resumes September 15.**

Study "Christ and the Ten Commandments", eat, play, and serve. Start at SCC campus.

### **Monthly Meetings**

#### **Women's Book Club**

Contact Jeanie Cotten @ 991-6478 or jcotten@stx.rr.com

The book club will meet at Jeanie Cotten's, 8206 Seashore Drive, on Tuesday September 14, 7:00 p.m. to review the book, To Kill a Mockingbird. If you have read it recently or way in your past you are welcome to attend to discuss it with us.

#### **Tuesday Women's Noon Fellowship** Contact Andy Beaver @ 442-2721

The Women's Noon Fellowship Group will meet on Tuesday, September 21st at Noon at the home of Bobbie Nelson at 7421 Vatter Drive. We will be studying chapter 8, "The Sacred Present", in Cynthia Heald's book, Becoming a Woman of Simplicity. All women in the church are invited to join us. Just bring your sandwich and come.

#### **Thursday Downtown Bible Study** Contact Ben Wheeler 992-4977 or benwheeler@stx.rr.com

Noon. 401 N. Shoreline – First Floor. 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month.  
A Study in Matthew.

### **Mercy and Service Opportunities**

**Mission 911 "The Center Peace"** Contact Shawna Cogar @ 993-1882 or chicfurniture@sbcglobal.net  
Nutrition, Reading and Fun. 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays at 10:00 am. For more details please contact Shawna.

#### **Elder on Call**

Neal Nelson  
Ed Arvin

Sept 5 – 11  
Sept 19 – 25

Rob Sigler  
Gordon Landreth

Sept 12 – 18  
Sept 26 – Oct 2

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