Saints Alive Programs resume in September!
Streams and Valleys
Thursday, September 27, 11:30 a.m.

Join us for a wonderful luncheon and a very interesting program presented by Adelaide Leavens. The lunch will be provided by Pam Miller-Hessel at 11:30 a.m., followed by our very enthusiastic guest speaker, Adelaide, who will be sharing her knowledge and many of her experiences working on the Trinity River project.

More on page 5.

Labor Day Canoe and Camping Trip
Saturday, September 1 - 3
Newcomers and Parents are Welcome!
Join in on the fun, canoeing down the San Marcos River. Swimming, camping, cook-outs and nature hikes are just part of the fun!

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Jung Lee, Eunice and J.C. Kang
Catch up on the lives of the Kang family. Read about the important lessons J.C. is experiencing and being taught as a student of Theology at Columbia Seminary in Georgia.

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Sunday School Kick Off
Sunday, August 26, 9:30 a.m.
Parish Hall
Wear your favorite College Tee-Shirt and enjoy a GRRRREAT Breakfast!!

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Sneak Peek of Upcoming Sunday School Class Agenda
See Page 5.
Letter from J.C. Kang

Dear St. Stephen,
Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ.
Hello, this is Kang’s family in Georgia.

Thanks to your support, prayers, love and considerations, I have finished my second year at Columbia Seminary in Georgia. As a home congregation with the scent of a mother’s nurturing nature, St. Stephen has supported me emotionally, spiritually and financially. I believe that I am growing closer to God constantly through my studies and experiences. On a daily basis, I am feeling the overflowing presence of God’s grace in my life.

The past two years at Columbia Seminary have made me more conscious of how Christian leaders have to be empowered by the Holy Spirit. Even the first Christian leaders could not have witnessed in power and in truth without the gift of the Holy Spirit. So often, many of us in today’s church do not lean on the Holy Spirit as much as we should, perhaps only calling on the Spirit when we grow ever desperate. I am realizing more and more that the Holy Spirit is the one that drives the church, not human effort. God calls ministers to pilot the church in a Spirit-led fashion toward Spirit-designed goals and challenges.

I believe that God has called me to the task of reconciliation as an ordained pastor of the Word and Sacrament. This past year, I began to draw seriously the blueprint of my future ministry. One specific branch of ministry that I feel called to is - reconciliation ministry for immigrant people and the marginalized.

This past summer three things have made me more conscious of my future ministry: I have taken an “Eco-Tour Exploration”; I am fulfilling an “Internship” at a Small Immigrant Congregation; and lastly I have played with my lovely daughter, Eunice Kang.

These things have stimulated me to think about my vocation as a future church leader.
1) Exploration

The goal of this class was to consider “What roles do pastors and congregations have to play in the movement toward more sustainable and resilient forms of community?”

We explored by focusing on the physical and social ecology of the Atlanta region, including resource issues such as energy, water, food, transportation, and waste, as well as a design for sustainable building and community. I could see that there are many threats and dangers which our consumptions cause for the environment around us. We are called as Stewards for God’s creation. Steward is not an owner, but one who has a responsibility to the owner to treat property with rejuvenation and caring. I believe that creation is not ours but the Lord’s, so that we need to love God’s creation and keep the earth good. That is our responsibility. However, our human’s failure as Stewards of the creation has led to current ecological crises and problems. Current ecology problems are threatening un-stable global climate, the pollution of air, the despoiling of land, the degradation of fresh water, and threats to the health of the oceans, and tremendous food insecurity. As Christians, what is our responsibility? We can start with small steps and small areas, portion and population such as the efforts to reduce plastic and junk mail and encourage church’s people to the good for living sustainably. Also, we need to set our mind in Eco-friendly ways, then find what we can do in segments. We often forget that the good news that we are called to proclaim includes the promise that Jesus Christ came to redeem all of creation. I believe that at the center of the vision of peace is the integration of environmental, economic, and social justice. I believe that we are called to eliminate over consumption as a lifestyle, thus using lower levels of finite natural resources. We are called to seek a new lifestyle rooted in justice and peace. We are required to preserve the environment efforts critically. We need to embrace stewardship of Earth-community at a collective and a personal level. We need to change the system and we need to change our personal behavior. Through doing this course, my eyes could be opened toward that we can exercise our vocation as stewards of creation and act with a gratitude nourished by God’s grace.

2) Internship

In this congregation, I could see the context of today’s immigration society. As we know, one issue of America is economic depression which began in 2008, also greatly affected the Immigrant community. Economic depression affects all the life of Americans. Governments try to cut their budget, to eliminate jobs, to expel the undocumented immigrants.

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP
The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 26, 2012

The Prelude:
“Prelude on the Welsh Hymn Rhosymedre” – setting Ralph Vaughan Williams

The Lections:
The Lesson from the Hebrew Testament:
First Kings 8:22-30; 41-43
The Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 6:10-20
The Gospel Lesson: St. John 6:56-69

The Gradual Psalm:
“Psalm 84” (chant in E-flat Major) – Edward C. Bairstow

The Sermon:
Reverend Dr. ‘Fritz’ Ritsch, III, pastor

The Congregational Hymns:
“O worship the King, All Glorious Above!” (476 – LYONS)
“There’s a Spirit in the Air” (433 – LAUDS)
“God Be with You Till We Meet Again” (540 – RANDOLPH)

The Choral Music:
“How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place” (No. IV, from A German Requiem, Op. 45) – Johannes Brahms
“We Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” – Thomas Tallis
- The Sanctuary Choir -

The Postlude:
“Voluntary on the American Hymn On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand” – melody from Southern Harmony, 1835, setting, Robert J. Powell

8:30 a.m. Liturgist: Marilyn Ketterlin
11:00 a.m. Liturgist: Cory Curvin

St. John Acolyte Team: Jacob Fergus; Bennie Ritsch; Aidan Berg; Gabe Ngeny

8:30 a.m. Ushers: Tom and Adelaide Leavens
11:00 a.m. Ushers: Team 1: Walter and Myrtle Adams; Alex VanAmburgh; Emily and Joe Endres; Lars Berg

Flowers: Shari, Dave and Joseph Lincoln
Discipleship Notes

To help in our ongoing search for a lifestyle consistent with our faith and values, here are six key graceful living concepts that grow out of faith in a gracious God: abundance, simplicity, generosity, sustainability, justice, and Sabbath. Creating a lifestyle based on these core values challenges our culture's most basic assumptions about what constitutes a life well lived, and yet taken together, they are consistent with God's dream that all shall have enough.

Presbyterian Habitat House

The Presbyterian Habitat House will start on Friday, October 19. I will attend a meeting August 13th where we will commit to workers for specific dates. If possible, please let me know if you (or anyone you might recruit) can work any of the following dates: October 19, 20, 26, 27; November 2, 3, 10, 17, 30; December 1, 8. Work begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m.. You can sign up for a partial day. This will be framing, decking and sheeting work for about the first five weekends and then some siding and painting (based on last year's schedule.)

We also need to do one lunch. If you or anyone you know are interested, let me know what date before the meeting. Emmanuel Presbyterian Church will hold their Habitat Fund Raising Dinner (home-made enchiladas) on August 26, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at 2701 Harwood, Bedford (76021). Lots of fun and good food. Contact: Jerry Moody at 817-983-9812.

Presbyterian Women (PW)

Presbyterian Women...(or PW) is a national organization of the PC(USA) that provides excellent Bible and spirituality resources and mission opportunities targeted to women. St. Stephen’s PW offers meetings (‘circles’”) at a variety of times to accommodate women in all walks of life.

September 2012 Meeting Agenda

The PW “CO-Team” meets on Tuesday, September 4 at 9:30 a.m. in the Session Room. PW Circle I follows in the Eastminster room at 10:30 a.m. for Bible Study led by Dian McCall, and coffee and light snacks, hosted by Bee Ingalls. Please bring money for the studybooks.

PW “Circle II” meets on Tuesday, September 11 at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Becky Moody, 2924 6th Ave. (76110) for a light lunch hosted by Becky and Bible Study led by Mary Deaver. *Please note the later time. Call the church office with questions at (817) 927-8411.

PW “L.O.T.E.” meets on Monday, September 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Maria Andrade, 8105 Sunscape Ct. (76123) for a covered dish supper and Bible Study led by Becky Balcom. RSVP’s are always appreciated. (817) 292-7569.

Fourth Friday Book Group

Friday, August 24, noon
Eastminster Room

Book: Unbroken
Author: Laura Hillenbrand
Discussion Leader: Janice Clarke

Bring lunch and a friend. We welcome you!
Summer Sunday School
Operating Until August 19
9:30 - 9:45 a.m. Breakfast
In Parish Hall
9:45 - 10:30 a.m. Class
Thank you, Kathy Flores and Samantha and Nicky Flores for our delicious August Breakfasts!

Regular Sunday School Classes Begin
September 2 - Memorial Day 2013

2 Year Old - Pre-School Class - 2 Year Old Room
Bible Stories, Art, Free Play
Godly Play - Kindergarten & First Grade
Godly Play Room. Specialized Bible Stories told with Wooden Figures
Upstairs, Ed. Building
Stepping Stones - 2nd - 5th Graders
Workshop Rotation of Major Bible Stories through Tent Bible Story time, Craft time, Movie Time, Puppet time, and game time. Start upstairs by well.
Middle School Sunday School - 6th - 8th
Basement outer room.
Major Bible themes and discussion and questioning.
Senior High Sunday School - 9th - 12th grades
Major biblical themes and discussion and questioning faith issues and How to Be a Christian in real life.
College Class - attempt to get a college and 20 something class started. Looking for good teachers and willing students.
Faith & Family Adult Class - Upstairs in Bethlehem B&B. Family and parenting issues.
Star Bucks Adult Class - Upstairs in Star Bucks Room
Current Issues, Book reviews, In-depth Discussions about faith. Questioning is Most acceptable in this class.
Northminster Adult Class - Upstairs in Northminster.
In depth looks at theology. Major look at Biblical history and themes.
Fisher Adult Class - Downstairs in Eastminster Room
Bible Study. Intimate setting.

Sunday School Kick Off
Sunday, August 26
9:30 a.m. Parish Hall

(FWISD Starts Later This Year!)
Wear College Tee Shirts
Support Your Alma Mater!
(In the spirit of football kick-offs)

Adult, College, Teens
and Children’s Classes Announced!

Lots of Balloons,
Group Games that Bring All Ages
Together as One Big Family,
Good Hearty Breakfast Food!

Saints Alive Returning
Adelaide Leavens of Streams & Valleys,
Guest Speaker
Thursday, September 27

Hopefully, the weather will calm down into the 90’s for a nice gathering of the retired seniors and friends of St. Stephen to hear our own Adelaide Leavens talk about her work with the Trinity River.

We meet at 11:30 a.m. for lunch provided by Pam Miller-Hessel and then the program that Adelaide brings to us. Cost for the meal $3 per person.

Invite friends to come and let’s enjoy the fellowship of one another!
Stockholders Dinner  
Another Memorable SSPC Event!

Great Food, Fun and Laughter!

Thanks again to all who contributed to this summers’ mission trip to Florida!

Thanks to all who helped put the Stockholders’ Dinner and Program together. Delightfully Delicious!!

Lots O’ Fun Too!!

Youth Activities for 6th - 12th Graders, 5 p.m.

August 19  
Fun and Games.

August 26  
Plan Meals, Games, Tents for Canoe Trip.

September 1 - 3  
Labor Day Weekend Canoe & Camping Trip!

Labor Day Canoe & Camping Trip  
For Youth Group  
Saturday, September 1 - 3  
Newcomers & Parents Welcomed

Camp Where?  
San Marcos River Retreat Camp  
(Campsites by the River)

Canoe Rentals?  
TG Canoes & Kayaks  
Canoeing & Kayaking 7 miles on the San Marcos River.

Cost?  
$45 per person + two fast food meals while traveling.  
Partial Scholarships or Full Scholarships available. See Beth.

Activities?  

Friends Come?  
Sure!

Parents Come?  
Absolutely! We need sponsors and It is a good way to meet everyone!

Planning Meeting:  
Sunday, August 19, 5 p.m. Money Due this date. Bring Tents to practice Setting up.

Children’s Sabbath  
Children’s Leadership in Worship  
Sunday, September 30  
Both Services

Volunteer to Usher (all ages 3 - 11)  
Volunteer to Read Prayers, Read Lections, Sing in Services  
See Beth Fultz or Mark Scott

Rehearsals Afternoons Week of September 24 - 28
Dear Church Family,

Please take a moment to prayerfully review this page. We have so many names on our prayer list, and many that have been on this list for a long time. With this in thought, it is quite possible that your prayers are keeping these folk in “wellness.” Hopefully, this is the case. Please look over the prayer list and let me know if any of these names can be removed. This action will make room for others who are in need. It won’t be necessary to call if your family or friend’s names need to stay on the list. It is always a joy to get a call or an email requesting removal of a name due to recovery! Thank you for taking the time for this review.

Judi Greathouse, SSPC Office Administrator

**PRAY for our Military Friends & Family:**

Wade Farrar, Chris Hall, Rob Jakcsy, Devon James,
Scott Menking, Brendon Strokerich, Wes Toole, Lewis Russell Wayt

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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS | August 20-26, 2012**

**Monday, August 20**
- Visitation: 9:30 a.m. Sacristy

**Tuesday, August 21**
- Bible Study Class resumes: Noon Eastminster
- Knitting Guild: 1:30 p.m. Eastminster
- Room In the Inn: 5:00 p.m. Parish Hall
- Troop 17 Boy Scouts: 7:30 p.m. Scout House

**Wednesday, August 22**
- Session Meeting: 7:00 p.m. Eastminster

**Thursday, August 23**
- Thursday Prayer Service/Breakfast 7:00 a.m. Chapel & Parish Hall
- No Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, August 24**
- Fourth Friday Book Group: Noon Eastminster

**Saturday, August 25**
- No Scheduled Events

**Sunday, August 26**
- Worship Service/Lord’s Supper: 8:30 a.m. West Transept
- Receiving New Members: 9:30 a.m. Session Room
- After Worship Fellowship: 9:30 a.m. West Transept
- Sunday School Breakfast: 9:30 a.m. Parish Hall
- Sunday School Classes: 9:45 a.m. Ed. Building
- Worship Service: 11:00 a.m. Nave
- After Worship Fellowship: Noon Narthex
- Receiving New Members: Noon Session Room
- Youth Activities: 5:00 p.m. Meet at Church

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**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Recent Requests**

- Bob Durham (SSPC member)
- Kenneth Lovato (brother of Ted Lovato)
- Kurt McLeod (nephew of friend of Ted Lovato)
- Anne McCully (sister of Jane Hawkins)
- Ray Taylor (Room In the Inn Guest)

**Members with Long-Term Needs:**
- Sara Camlin, Catherine Durway, Woody Graham, Charlotte Ice, J.C., Eunice and Jung Le Kang, Troy Kennedy, Walker Madison, Mary Pumphrey, Barbara Rinker, Charlene Shrull, Rebecca Van Hooser, Marietta Watson, Mary Lou Wright

**Family and Friends with Long-Term Needs:**
- Linda Allen (sister of Gay Haller)
- Reice Altonare (friend of the Meyn family)
- Adelaide Andrews (cousin of Bobbie Marrow)
- Margretta Aviles (sister-in-law of Gay Haller)
- Peggy and Bryan Barnard (friends of Gay Haller)
- Mark Beal (uncle of Gina Galloway Wood)
- Linden Blackmon (Friend of Bobbie Marrow)
- Steve Bratka (friend of Ted Lovato)
- Sharon Curry (PCUSA Missionary in So. Sudan)
- The Rev. David C. Duncan (friend of many)
- Gerald Hodges (son-in-law of Vera Ann Anderson)
- Holly Fisher (D.J. Phillips sister-in-law)
- Sherry Hill (Friend of Bobbie and Warren Marrow)
- Bea House (wife of Jim House)
- Merritt Kazda (friend of Laura Meyn)
- Madison and Tucker King (grandsons of Booty Jones)
- Len Knaffle (father of Faith Mallory)
- Jim Kniese (friend of John & Teke Walters)
- Anita and Royston Lanning (parents of Julia Mallin)
- Bill, Wendy and Lynette Larmour
- Jackie Mayes (brother-in-law of Peggy Bender)
- Jeri Mayes (sister of Peggy Bender)
- Gerald McComb (friend of Donald Wade Jones)
- Rev. Dr. Ann Marie Montgomery (friend of Ann Mills)
- Toni Navarette (friend of Ted Lovato)
- Denise Oliver (friend of William Marrow)
- Keith Raines (friend of John E. Davis)
- Dewayne Reed (friend of Ted Lovato)
- Mollie Renforth (friend of Betty Arvin and Mark Thielman)
- Allan Richard (friend of David and Mimi Andrews)
- Sonja Schultz Gromm (friend of Teke Walters)
- Larry Swartz (father of Larry Swartz II)
- Virginia Tate (beloved friend & colleague of Shari Lincoln)
- Philip Thompson (brother of Bobbie Marrow)
- Ellen Kerr-Unger (friend of Marilyn Jones)
- Wallace family and friends in Madisonville, TX
- William Wood (son of Barbara Pierce’s Godson)
- Andrew Wylepski (grandson of Stuart and Cindy Darby)
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