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## Follow-up to Ask and You Shall Receive

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*Hope receive protection from expenses related to organ pipes for a pipe organ*

This is a follow-up note to last month's article about God answering prayer with yes, no, and wait. In that article I wrote,

*Sometimes asking of God is like asking for presents at Christmas time. Sometimes our request is such that if we did get it we wouldn't be ready for it. Or it would affect others in ways we didn't think of, but God thinks of.*

*Nevertheless, God tells us to "ask," "seek" and "knock." And in the process of waiting to see if the answer is 'yes' or 'no' or 'wait' we learn a lot about ourselves and our motives. So ask and seek and knock before God. And learn.*

*I was thinking about this when I asked for the organ pipes. Yes, you heard that right. St. Paul Lutheran in Farmers Branch is closing and giving their pipe organ pipes away. When I heard about I decided to ask for them (for free). I knew we had to learn a lot after asking. (July Newsletter)*

And learn we did. And the learning came in a surprising way. One Sunday after church Stuart Bohannon, who has been attending the 8:00 AM service for some months now, came over to Cathy Peterson with some thoughts about the organ sounds. Cathy realized that he knew a lot about organ sounds and appreciated his help. She then inquired about how he knew about this organ. As it turned out Stuart installed the organ thirteen years ago.

Once Cathy realized what a gold mine he was she asked if he knew about pipe organs. As it turned out he knows a lot. She asked if he read pastor's July article wondering if that moved him to come talk to her about the organ. He hadn't seen it. They ended up talking more and one thing turned to another and soon I was getting copied on emails.

I thought, "Ok, Lord, I think you are helping us out here. Thank you."

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Mission Statement: To discover and respond to our call  
**TO KNOW JESUS TO FOLLOW JESUS TO SERVE JESUS**  
in unique ministries.

And God did help. Stuart ended up getting us connected to Bill Ehrke who has incredible expertise and soon after both Bill and Stuart went to look at the pipes. They were truly a Godsend because Bill determined fairly quickly that the pipes at St. Paul's were in a state that it would take quite an expense to bring them back to playing quality, and they were short quite a few pipes on top of it. Bill said that the pipes were basically decorative.

This was all we needed to know. I wrote St. Paul's and thanked them for the chance to look into the pipes but that we wouldn't be taking them because of the expense and incredible effort it would take to move the project along. St. Paul's understood and were happy to learn more about the pipes themselves. They realized they could leave the pipes in place and allow them to decorate the building for the next group using it.

I see God's fingerprints all over this. He was protecting us from going down a road that would have cost a lot (when we do not have money for such things) and would have cost a lot of effort (when I would rather see effort spent elsewhere right now.) Thank you Stuart. Thank you Bill. And thank you Cathy for seizing the moment to get an answer from God. After a short time of giving the answer "wait," God's final answer was, "No." His ways are best. God is truly good!

*Pastor Joel*

#### INVESTING IN THE KINGDOM:

*Offerings minus Expenses...*

**Actual YTD (Loss):** -\$3,668

**Budgeted YTD Income (Loss):** -\$1,779

*Overall Balance for operations:* \$5,332 (Cash less liabilities) (6/30/2010)



#### **Update your Serving Preferences**

Do you currently serve our church in worship as an usher, greeter, coffee hostess, or another way? Would you like to serve? During the month of August, we will have new blue sheets available for you to update your information regarding the areas you would like to serve and how often.

We would like everyone who is currently serving to fill one of these sheets out, along with anyone who would like to serve in a new way. This will make sure we have up-to-date information. Thank you for everything you do to serve and minister at Hope!

**Worship Team**—Please remember that if you are scheduled to serve on the worship team on a given Sunday (coffee hostess, usher, greeter, etc.) and are unable to serve that day, please find a replacement and then notify Karine Samer in the church office.

# Looking Ahead

## MANDATORY CONFIRMATION PARENTS MEETING

Confirmation Meeting: Sunday, August 8, 11:15 AM—The fall Confirmation season is just around the corner! We would like to have a meeting Sunday, August 8 immediately following the 10:00 AM worship service for all of this year's Confirmation participants and their parents. We will preview this upcoming year, the confirmation retreat, give out schedules, and answer questions.



BriarWOODSTOCK  
Sunday, August 1

*Many of you were at church Sunday, May 30 when Pastor Rob Moore from Briarwood preached and led our worship services.*

You are invited to the FIRST EVER BriarWOODSTOCK, coming to Briarwood on Sunday, August 1st, for "3, er, 1 day of Peace and Music" (well, you get the idea). The day will start at 11:00 a.m. with a "camp style" worship service. Come and experience the enjoyment that campers and counselors have in a fun-filled time of praise and worship.

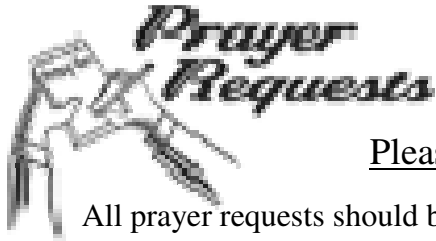
A variety of delicious food will be available for sale in our dining hall starting at 12:00 noon. Bands will start performing at 1:00 p.m. We have a great variety of bands (see the list to the below) who will entertain and inspire everyone. Cost is ONLY \$5.00 in advance (or \$10.00 at the gate). Space is limited!! (Yes, even at camp space is limited). So get your tickets today by calling 940-241-2099 or emailing Briarwood at bw@briarwood.org.

This will be a GREAT event for youth groups, families, and people of all generations! So make your reservations now!



Hope Lutheran Night at the Ballpark

Tuesday, August 24, 7 PM—Come see the Texas Rangers take on the Minnesota Twins. Tickets are \$16 a piece (Normally \$40—Corner Box seats). Sign up with Matt by August 1st.



Please save.

All prayer requests should be sent to the following email address:

[Hope-Prayerowner@yahoo.com](mailto:Hope-Prayerowner@yahoo.com).

We have three administrators watching over our prayer e-chain. Any one of us can forward prayers.



### **New Alarm System.**

Beginning Tuesday, June 1 the recently installed alarm system at Hope has been armed. If you have a key to the building, you need to be trained to disable the alarm before entering the building. Call the church office for info.

**GREAT Graduation Gift... Custom Designed**  
*A Life Worthy of the Call* by Pastor Wendy. Find out about God's call for YOU. Discover answers for: *Who am I? & What am I to do?* Available from Carolee, Tammy Hill or Pastor Wendy



**Call Incorporated** is featured in the Luther Seminary magazine, *The Story* (spring edition) with a 30k+ distribution. Article is posted. Copies of Call Inc. May newsletter are also available.

# Coming Events

## *Game*

August 21

6:00 pm

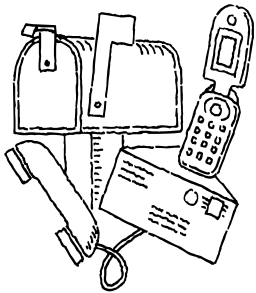
(Join us

for

A Evening

Of Fun!)

## *Night*



### ***DO WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT INFORMATION!***

It is imperative that we keep the communications open between you and the church. Our way of informing you of what is happening in the church is through our bulletins, newsletters, and the internet. In order to keep our records current, we need to know if you have moved, changed your address, new telephone number or email address. We will be updating our directory in September. Give all changes to the secretary, Karine Samer.

Thanks!

# AUGUST 2010 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<b>1</b> Briar WOOD-STOCK 1 PM Ticket Deadline for Night at the Ballpark	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Youth Praise Team Practice	
<b>8</b> Confirmation Parents Meeting 11:15 am	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> NO Faith Circle	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	
<b>15</b> Council Meeting 11:15 AM	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <i>Heralds Deadline</i>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Youth Praise Team Practice Game Night 6 pm	
<b>22</b> 2011 Mission Trip Meeting 11:15 am	<b>23</b> First Day of School 	<b>24</b> Hope Lutheran Night at the Ball Park	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Youth Praise Team Practice	
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					

**Sunday Schedule:**  
 Worship ~ 8 & 10 AM  
 Adult Sunday School ~ 9 AM

**Wednesday Night Activities**  
 Begin *September 1*. Check the bulletin for details.

# Hope Women's News



Faith Circle will not meet in August. Our next meeting will be September 14th at 7:30 PM.



## August Anniversaries

Scott & LeAnn Jones	8/02
Mark & Beatrice Kilguss	8/04
Pete & Donna Hackney	8/05
Michael & Debbie Emmons	8/10
Rob & Lynn Halowec	8/14
Ashenafi, Tekeste & Bitania Bereket	8/19
Doug & Jill Heyerdahl	8/20
Carl & Lynn Metzger	8/21
Dorsey & Jeanne Blue	8/24
Ron & Brandy Trygstad	8/30
Dwayne & Carolee Juergens	8/31

## August Birthdays

Dwight Bengtson	8/02
Pete Hackney	8/03
Clint Trimble	8/03
Donna Hackney	8/04
John Moltz	8/04
Gordon Jones	8/06
Carol Newman	8/08
Paula Wooley	8/08
Michael Emmons	8/12
Lindsey Wessa	8/12
Matt Cleaver	8/15
Jill Heyerdahl	8/17
Janene Weir	8/18
Rodney Bland	8/19
Deb Burleson	8/20
Olivia Clark	8/20
McKenna Giunta	8/20
Jim Nichols	8/20
Susan Rushing	8/20
Nathan Harr	8/22
Elise Heyerdahl	8/23
Marty Martinez	8/23
Karen Mitchell	8/23
Kelsey Armistead	8/30
Kalli DeWeerd	8/30
Thom Gibbons	8/30
Lauren Wessa	8/30
Philip Berthelsen	8/31
Ryker Bolduc	8/31

# *Prayers and Words of Encouragement*

## **Homebound Residents**

Janet Dinwiddie  
Park Manor ~ Rm. 405B  
207 E. Parkerville Road  
DeSoto, TX 75115-6251  
972.223.6016

George & Jackie Milyo  
2600 Parkview Lane #138  
Bedford, TX 76002-7989

**In the hospital ~ None**

**Recovering ~ Back Surgery**  
Park Manor  
Fran Christensen  
207 E. Parkerville Road  
DeSoto, TX 75115-6251

**Recovering at home ~**

Charles Barnett  
2809 Oriental Ave..  
Midlothian Texas 76065-6763  
972.775.4297  
lilabeebarnett@yaholl.com

Mike Purkiss  
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DeSoto, TX 76064-0313  
972.223.6509w  
mp2809@swbell.net

Bob Sparr  
P. O. Box 405  
DeSoto, Texas 75154-1452  
bob752@yahoo.com

Virginia Trousdale ~ Broken Arm  
1710 Mallard Circle  
Mansfield, Texas 760063-48084  
817.477.9945

**These members appreciate your prayers  
and words of encouragement.**

Marv & Fran Christensen  
812 Vince Lane  
DeSoto, TX 75115-4410  
972.223.5172  
marvinchristensen@att.net  
FCintx@att.net

Norman Emmons ~ Recovering from  
Knee Surgery  
2210 Stafford Drive  
Arlington, Texas 76012-4141  
817.461.4540  
n-emmons@sbcglobal.net

Dick and Joanna Snow  
21 Devon Court  
Mansfield, TX 76063-4890  
817.477.4465  
mjsnomom@aol.com

Barbara Hawkins & family ~ Needs know to God  
950 S. Ridge Drive  
Midlothian, TX 76065-5878  
972.723.5101

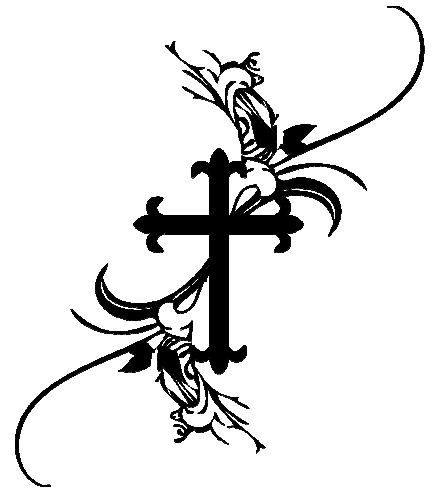
## LETTERS AND CARDS



Our homebound members enjoy visits, calls and cards.  
Please take a few minutes out for those who can no  
longer get out and about.



Our love and prayers go to Gerry Seefeldt's family as Gerry went home to be with her Lord July 2, 2010.



### Memorials

In Memory of **Clyde Newman**  
Bill and Judy Knoll

In Memory of **Gerry Seefeldt**  
Cheri Aiello, Stefan Warren,  
David Monson and their families  
Elizabeth Anderson  
Lynn and Pat Foster  
Paul and Jan Koska  
Martha Knox  
Merlin and Elaine Krueger  
Bob and Claudie Loesel



In Memory of **Gretchen Sheridan**  
Dwayne & Carolee Juergens



# August 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Sunday School			Devo—Movie Night			Youth Praise Team Practice
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Sunday School					Devo	
Confirmation Meeting						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Sunday School			Devo			Youth Praise Team Practice
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Sunday School						
2011 Mission Trip Meeting	First Day of School	Hope Lutheran Night at the Ballpark				Youth Praise Team Practice (tentative)
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
Youth Praise Team						
Sunday School			Confirmation Begins			

- 4 ~ Wednesday, TBA—Devo: Movie Night. We will go out to the movies, probably to see Inception. Time will be announced when the day gets closer. Meet at the Cinemark in Cedar Hill.
- 7, 21, & 28 ~ Saturday, 10:30-Noon—Youth Praise Team practice. The practice on the 28th is tentative and will only occur if Steve thinks extra practice is needed.
- 8 ~ Sunday, 11:15 AM—Confirmation Meeting. All confirmation participants and their parents need to be at this meeting.
- 13 ~ Friday, 6-9 PM—Devo. At the Hawkins' house. We will have food, swimming, and a devotion. Bring some friends!
- 18 ~ Wednesday, 6-9 PM—Devo. Location TBA.
- 22 ~ Sunday, 11:15 AM—2011 Mission Trip meeting. Youth and parents are invited to come give your input on the 2011 mission trip next summer.
- 24 ~ Tuesday, 7:05 PM—Hope Lutheran Night at the Ballpark. Tickets needed to be bought by August 1.
- 29 ~ Sunday, 8 AM—Youth Praise Team leads worship both services.
- Sundays, 9:00 AM—Sunday school for middle and high school.

- Coming Up in September:
- Wednesday, September 1—Confirmation Begins. Time will be decided on August 8 meeting.
  - Friday-Saturday September 10-11—Confirmation Retreat. Details given out at August 8 meeting.

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## Growing Your Faith: *Call to Know, Follow & Serve Jesus*

Adult & Youth Sunday School: 9:00 AM (Kids are on break until fall)

### **Adult Sunday School**

- **Continuing in August: “Taking the Anxiety out of Evangelism”** - Led by Pastor Joel. Does the thought of evangelism and sharing your faith make you uncomfortable or fearful? Pastor Joel will share a way of thinking about evangelism that will lower your anxiety level. Rather than feeling like evangelism requires you to share your faith with every person you meet, the scriptures suggest that you need to focus on those who are open and receptive to hearing the gospel, referred to as a “Person of Peace.” Come learn how to look for someone who might be a Person of Peace.
- **Panera Women’s Book Study** is on break until fall.

### **Other Spiritual Growth Opportunities**

- **On break until Fall: Timothy Project Bible Study**, Wednesday evenings, 7:15-8:30 PM. Taught by Pastor Wendy. Over a three year period of time, you will:
  - You will read through the entire Bible and study portions as you go.
  - Learn to hear God personally speak to you through his living, active word. Incredible!
  - Learn various spiritual disciplines so that you may know Jesus as a profound friend
  - Learn to pray
  - Learn to study the Bible in a faithful in-depth manner

No Bible knowledge or experience needed. Participate as you desire. We will study the early part of the Old Testament this year as well as parts of the New Testament. Newcomers welcome!

- **On break until Fall: Wednesday Evening Prayer and Communion**, 6:15-7:15 PM Wednesdays. Come for silent prayer in our prayer chapel. Prayer guides, Bibles, and journaling supplies are made available for you so that you can spend meaningful time in prayer listening for God. Each evening closes with anointing with oil and Holy Communion.
- **On break until Fall: Women’s Faith Circle**—meets the second Tuesday of the month, 7:30 pm at the church. Come for fellowship, devotions, and Bible study led by Carolee Jurgens. All women of the church are welcome.
- **Small (Spiritual Formation) Groups**—Develop faith relationships. Talk about faith and real life. To explore an interest in becoming a part of a group, see Pastor Joel or Matt Cleaver.

### **Daily Devotionals and Study Resources**

Available on the table in the church lobby. Take one!

- ***Christ in our Home***—Available quarterly, this devotional has daily Scripture readings, thoughts and prayers.
- ***Daily Texts***—Written to last the whole year. Scriptures are given for you to read daily over the course of 2010.
- ***The Wise Economy of Your Life: Balancing Time and Money***—This resource outlines scriptural principles for creating freedom and versatility as you “spend” your time and money.

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Together*



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**Return Service Requested**

## Sunday Schedule:

Worship: 8:00 & 10:00 AM

Adult Sunday School: 9:00 AM

