

Sermon Series
The Trouble
With the Truth
Now - July 19
TWUMC Main Campus

Upward Flag
Football and
Cheerleading
Fall League
Registration Begins
July 1

Planet 56 Volleyball
Fall League
Registration Begins
July 1

Edge Camp
July 12 - 16

Third Sunday
Food Drive
July 19

Blood Drive
August 2
7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
TWUMC Gymnasium



Senior Pastor Dr. Ed Robb

Thank You TWUMC

Dear friends,

Though I expressed my gratitude directly and indirectly over the last couple of weeks for the outstanding effort by volunteers during the Texas Annual Conference, I want to commend you personally for your tireless work and gracious hospitality. I've received many notes, calls and verbal compliments from delegates, the bishop and the conference staff.

There were more than 300 volunteer greeters, ushers, information desk staff and meal-servers. Countless questions were answered and directions provided. More than 3,200 meals were served, using 15,000 plates, coffee cups, glasses and silverware. Parking lot use was at 100 percent. You provided about 3,500 hours of "radical hospitality"!

I couldn't be prouder of our staff and members than during the conference. The demands on your time and energy were great, but you met the need with efficiency, a smile and the kind of hospitality that TWUMC is known for. Thank you for all your hard work. You made us look good.

Please know how proud and grateful I am to be your pastor.

Blessings,

Ed Robb

Children's Sunday School Registration

Register your child today for the upcoming 2009 - 2010 Sunday School year! This registration will help us better plan for the year, appropriately place your child in small groups and communicate upcoming events and Sunday School activities. To register, visit gracekids.com and click on the appropriate link for your child's age level.



Pastor of Caring Ministries Rev. Cliff Ritter

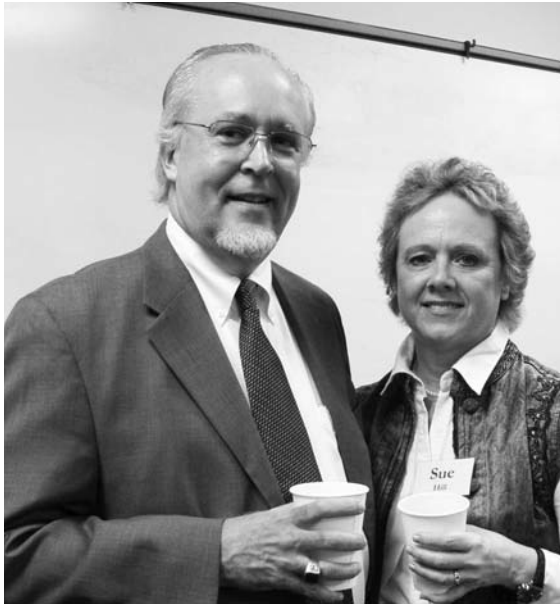
Welcome Rev. Cliff Ritter

Join us in welcoming Rev. Cliff Ritter to our TWUMC family. Cliff will serve TWUMC as the new pastor of Caring Ministries. He and his wife, Lauri, are native Houstonians and have two children, Garrett and Michelle. Garrett, 23, graduated from Texas Tech University this spring and accepted a coaching position with Conroe ISD. Michelle, 19, just completed her freshman year at Sam Houston State University and is interested in theater arts.

Prior to coming to TWUMC, Cliff served as pastoral counselor for *Insight for Living*, a radio broadcast ministry in Plano featuring Chuck Swindoll. Also, Cliff served as pastor for three small churches in the Sherman-McKinney District in the North Texas Conference. In this part-time appointment, Cliff came to know the joys of a "circuit riding" preacher as he traveled among churches each Sunday. He is a Licensed Local Pastor and a Certified Candidate for the Ordained Ministry in the United Methodist Church (Elder).

Cliff attends the Perkins School of Theology on the campus of Southern Methodist University where he is taking additional post-graduate classes. He earned a Master of Theology degree from Dallas Theological Seminary in Pastoral Leadership in 2003, and a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Houston.

Cliff initially responded to God's call to the ministry while attending Mission Bend United Methodist Church. He joined the staff at MBUMC in 1995 under the leadership of Rev. Rob Renfroe and worked there for four years prior to leaving the Houston area to attend seminary. After living in Rockwall, Texas, for the past 10 years, Cliff and his family are excited to return home to Houston. Welcome Cliff, Lauri, Garrett and Michelle!



Former Perspectives Class teacher David Hill and his wife Sue

Class Maintains “Perspective” while Bidding Longtime Teacher Farewell

They began as a small group, meeting in out-of-the-way rooms and temporary trailers at TWUMC’s previous location on Panther Creek Drive. That was more than 12 years ago. As the years passed and a permanent room was found in our current building, The Perspectives Class evolved and grew. Today, it is a thriving adult Sunday School class where members learn together and are challenged to think more deeply about issues.

In May the class continued to evolve as members bade farewell to their longtime teacher David Hill, who had faithfully served their class since its inception. He and his wife, Sue, are moving to Alabama to be near family and where David will begin a position with the University of Auburn.

“We held a going-away party for David and Sue in May and more than 70 class members attended. Some of us had been in the class from the beginning and others were fairly new members. No matter the length of class attendance or the topic studied, David touched each person deeply during the years, because he was committed to revealing God’s guidance and love in every lesson,” said Steve Powell, class president. “As a result almost every person in the class is involved in one or more areas of ministry in the church and community. David leaves a great legacy, and he and Sue will be missed by all.”

Class members, many of whom have experience in facilitating Bible studies, have stepped up during this time of transition and will share rotation in leading class discussions. In fact they have their schedule planned through the fall, maintaining their typical format of alternating between topical and Biblical studies. They invite adults age 45 and up to join the class at any time.

July 5 - August 9

Book study: *What’s So Amazing About Grace?* by Phillip Yancey

August 16 - September 6

Study of the canonization and history of the Bible with a review of a member’s personal collection of old and rare Bibles.

Beginning September 13

Old Testament study of *Psalms 23*

The Perspectives Class meets on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Room D208. For more information, contact Lisa Blanchard at lblanchard@twumc.org.

Special Summer Music for Traditional Services

This summer the choir robes are out and a special lineup of inspirational music is in. Leave your ties and heels at home and join us at the following 11 a.m. services as well as special 8:30 and 9:35 a.m. services.

July 5

Patriotic with a Salute to the Armed Forces

July 12

Soulful Gospel with special guest singer Deidre Douglas

July 19

Spiritual / Southern Gospel

July 26

Gloryland Jazz Band with special guest singer Alan Fuller

August 2

Spiritual / Gospel Quartet

August 9

Southern Gospel featuring Seldom Herd and Jill Hilburn

August 16

Gloryland Jazz Band

Children’s Ministry July Events

Upward Soccer & Volleyball Camp

P56 X-Box Day

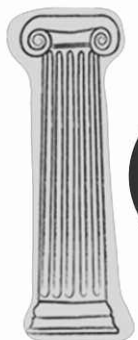
Special Blessings Playdate

Upward Cheer & Basketball Camp

P56 Girls Day Out

Sunday School Registration!

more information at gracekids.com



Columns Cafe

Receive a free small coffee after purchase of 10 coffee drinks.



Pray for the Persecuted Church in Pakistan

People in Pakistan pay a heavy price for being Christian. One year ago a Christian widow and her 14-year-old daughter were working as servants in a Muslim home in Pakistan. They were ordered to clean out the family’s storage room, so they collected all the papers and garbage and stacked them outside. The next day someone found torn pages of the Koran in the garbage and a riot began. The police arrested the two women, dragging them by their hair to the police station. They were charged with blasphemy, stripped naked and beaten. They were put in a prison cell and the next day the widow was raped. Two weeks later a Christian organization rescued the women.

In another instance late last year, a Christian husband and wife were asked to clean a Muslim family’s store and burn the trash. The two gathered the trash in a donkey cart and burned it outside the home. Muslim neighbors saw the burning and discovered Koranic papers in the fire. An angry mob gathered and planned to burn Christian homes and churches. Police controlled the mob by arresting the illiterate couple who could not read the contents of the trash. Remember them in your prayers.



Dave Ramsey

Financial Peace For the Future

This summer give your teenager the gift of financial peace through Dave Ramsey's *Foundations in Personal Finance*.

Foundations in Personal Finance is for students in grades 9 through 12, including those entering 9th grade this fall and those who graduated high school this spring. It will teach students to: Identify sources of income; analyze how career choice, education, skill and economic conditions affect income; apply a decision-making process to financial choices; design a plan for earning, spending, saving and investing; use money-management tools available from financial institutions; compare the benefits and costs of spending decisions; compare the advantages and disadvantages of different payment methods; analyze the benefits and costs of consumer credit; and identify ways to avoid or correct credit problems. In addition *Foundations in Personal Finance* will explain how taxes, government transfer payments and employee benefits relate to disposable income; how insurance and other risk-management strategies protect against financial loss; how to buy and sell investments; and reasons for saving and investing.

The final session of *Foundations in Personal Finance* will take place July 20 - 23 from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Cost is \$75. For more information, please contact Terry Loughridge at tloughridge@twumc.org or 281.297.5932. To register, visit twumc.org.



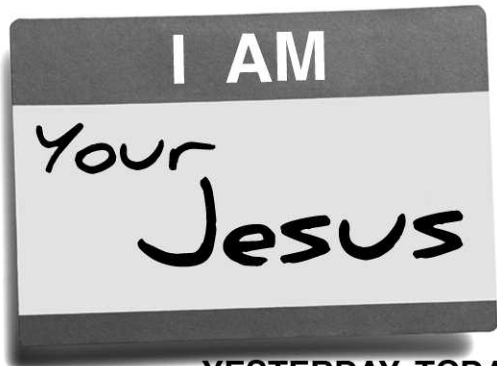
This Summer at Grace Point Bookstore

Huge CD Sale: Selected CDs are now \$7.99

Fiction Book Club: Join us as we discuss *The Ladies Auxiliary* by Tova Miris on Tuesday, July 14, at 11 a.m.

Children's Storytime: Kids, join us Thursday, July 16, at 11 a.m. for a story, snack and craft focusing on *The Moon Shines Down* by Margaret Wise Brown.

...who is there when I hurt?
...who is the answer to my questions?
...who is the fulfillment of prophecy? **I Am**



An in-depth look at the *I Am* statements of Jesus.

Who He said He was.

YESTERDAY, TODAY & *Forever*

a RENEW Bible study beginning **September 17**

register today at www.twumc.org
for more information, contact jmcknight@twumc.org

Welcome Julie Adcock



Women's Ministry Director
Julie Adcock

Family Life Ministries welcomes Julie Adcock as the new director of Women's Ministries. "I am so excited for the opportunity to continue growing spiritually and serving a church that has been so kind and faithful to me," said Julie. "The women of this church can be described as nothing short of amazing. From their kind spirit of volunteerism to just a wave and a smile, they have made the short time I've been in this position so wonderful. I can't wait to share a common vision for the Women's Ministry with everyone and grow together in His love and grace."

Julie has two children, a 2-year-old son, Aidan James, and an 8-month-old daughter, Isabella Grace. Prior to coming on staff at TWUMC, Julie was an elementary school teacher for eight years, four of them at Coulson Tough in The Woodlands.

Julie says her vision is for the women of TWUMC to encourage each other as a united group of Methodist women who reach out with compassion, love with hearts full of His mercy, and have grace for one another that honors the heavenly Father. "We are all in different places and stages of our lives," said Julie. "But it is my hope that we unite as women no matter what phase of life we are in: married with children, married without children, single mom, single woman, working mother, stay-at-home mom, retired or widowed. We can share our God given talents and gifts so we may experience fellowship and service together in His name, whether through Bible studies, outreach, special events, the Women's Retreat, Sunday School or new programs."

For more information about Women's Ministries, if you feel called to lead or would like to suggest a way that you could better fit in and serve the Lord, please contact Julie at jadcock@twumc.org.

Fall Sports for Kids

This fall get off the bench and into the game with TWUMC!

Upward Flag Football and Cheerleading Fall League

Upward offers gender-specific flag football leagues for boys and girls in Kindergarten - grade 6 and cheerleading for girls age 4 - grade 6. Cheerleading practice will take place in the TWUMC main building. Football practice and games will take place on the TWUMC Sports Fields. Football season will run from the end of August through mid-November with mandatory player evaluations in August. Registration begins July 1 at gracekids.com.

Planet 56 Fall Volleyball League

Girls in grades 5 and 6, don't miss the Planet 56 Fall Volleyball League. The season will run from the end of August through mid-November. Registration begins July 1 at gracekids.com.

Special Champions Basketball

Special Champions Basketball is an exciting basketball league formed by TWUMC for individuals with special needs such as autism, Down syndrome and cerebral palsy. Everyone is invited! Athletes play at their ability level assisted by caring volunteers. We meet in the TWUMC Gymnasium for four Saturdays of basketball with no weekday practices. At the end of the season we will have an awards program to celebrate all of our players. Volunteers are needed to make this program a success. Won't you join us? To volunteer, please contact Debbie Glass at dglass@twumc.org. The season begins August 29. Register today at gracefamilies.com.



CANCARE: FIGHTING CANCER WITH HOPE

Receive one-on-one support by calling Caring Ministries at 281.297.5953.

THIRD-SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE JULY 19

Help the Food Banks in Montgomery County help families in need. We make it easy for you:

1. Every third Sunday of the month bring a plastic bag of groceries to church with you.
2. Place the bag on the trunk of your car or behind your car when you park to go into the church.
3. We will pick it up while you worship.

MOTHER / DAUGHTER RETREAT

Ladies, enjoy a multi-generational weekend together September 25 - 27. The retreat will take place at Arrow Ranch in Porter, Texas. Speakers will include Sissy Goff and Tiffany Walk with praise and worship by TWUMC's own Jackie Key. Cost is \$100 per person and includes lodging, meals and T-shirt. Don't miss this fabulous opportunity! Register today at gracefamilies.com.

CONGRATULATIONS

Garrett and Kim Erbele on the birth of their sons, Blake Allyn and Jackson Bruce; **Trey and Wendy Judy** on the birth of their son, Major Bryan; **Brian and Emily McCormack** on the birth of their son, Boston Cross; **Geoff and Shera Meyers** on the birth of their daughter, Isabella Marie; **Scott and Melissa Peterson** on the birth of their son, Carter Scot; **Gerry and Melissa Raap** on the birth of their daughter, Logan Avery; **Vincent and Erin Sinisi** on the birth of their son, Jackson; and **Matt and Mallory Yartym** on the birth of their daughter, Paige.

SYMPATHY

Our prayers and deepest sympathy go to the following families:

Suzanne Auld and her family on the passing of her father; **Phyllis Barba** and her family on the passing of her mother, Sylvia Hudspeth; **Mike Bengfort** and his family on the passing of his mother; **Missy Dennis** and her family on the passing of her mother; **Amy Eglin** and her family on the passing of her father; **Mike McLellan** and his family on the passing of his mother, Ann; **Jim Pilgrim** and his family on the passing of his wife, Caron; and **Pat Wagner** and her family on the passing of her husband, Craig.

Parenting Classes

Do you have children age 0 - 6? If so, don't miss *Parenting: Love and Logic*, a five-week parenting class that helps create happy families and responsible kids. Classes will be held Sundays, August 2 - 30, from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. or Tuesdays, August 4 - September 1, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$65 per family.



For more information, please contact Robin Nichols at robinknichols@comcast.net or visit the *Parenting: Love and Logic* Web site at loveandlogic.com/aboutus.html. To register, visit gracefamilies.com.

New Member Welcome

Debbie Averitt. East Lakeside Drive, Magnolia. She has two children, Autumn and Aric.

Thomas and Carol Barnes. Palmetta Spring Drive, Tomball.
Charles and Elizabeth Berry. Pinery Ridge Place, The Woodlands. They are transferring from Friendswood United Methodist Church.

Scott and Gabriella Brockett. Spring Lakes Haven, Spring. They have one child, Nicholas. Scott is transferring from Stonebriar Church in Frisco.

Krystal Christon. West Stony Bridge Court, The Woodlands. She has one child, Scarlett.

Michael and Kathy Farris. Split Rock Road, The Woodlands. They have three children, Allison, Julia and Nicholas, and are transferring from Lord of Life Lutheran Church in The Woodlands.

Kevin and Patricia Gendron. Glen Canyon Place, The Woodlands. They are transferring from Stonebridge Church.

Shawn and Ann Glowacki. Blue Creek Court, The Woodlands. They have one child, Jaxson. Shawn is transferring from Saint Martha's in Kingwood and Ann is transferring from Chaplewood United Methodist Church in Houston.

Chris Hannumm. Cross Spring Park Lane, The Woodlands. He has one child, Arianna.

David and Cara Heiman. Wild Oak Park, Conroe.

Chris and Arianna Hannum. Goss Spring Place Lane, Conroe. They are transferring from Creekside Church.

Dale and Lacey Herbstritt. Tessie Cove Lane, Spring. They have one child, Anna Beth. Dale is transferring from The Woodlands Church and Lacey is transferring from First United Methodist Church in Corpus Christi.

Jason and Erin Lee. Springwood Drive, Conroe. They have one child, Landon.

Big Important RebelBase Dates

Endless Summer Fun Activities:

July 2: Missions Day at Gospel Lakes

July 12 - 16: Edge Camp

July 20 - 22: Senior High Breakfast Club (9:30 - 11 a.m.)

July 22: Fish Festival - Incoming 9th Grade Orientation

July 30: Junior High Schlitterbahn Galveston Trip

Midweek Summer Bible Studies:

Junior High: 4 - 6 p.m. Every Wednesday

Senior High: 7 - 10 p.m. Every Wednesday

Summer Intern Hang Out:

Junior High students, stop by the Loft Student Center and hang out with our summer interns every Tuesday from 2 - 5 p.m.

For more information about our summer activities, check out rebelbaseonline.com.

John and Jennifer Lynch. North Cochran's Green Circle, The Woodlands. They have two children, Lucy and Will, and are transferring from The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church.

Ryan and Anuradha McDonald. Day Lily Place, The Woodlands. They have two children, David and Christopher.

Dick and Nancy Miller. West Hobbit Glen Drive, The Woodlands. They are transferring from Seabrook United Methodist Church in Seabrook.

Richard and Lauren Munn. Camelot Oaks Court, The Woodlands.

Kim and Donna Neumann. East Placid Hill Circle, The Woodlands. They are transferring from John Wesley United Methodist Church in Houston.

Scott O'Meara. Colony Wood Place, The Woodlands. He has one child, Patrick.

Betsy Ruckman. Driftdale Place, The Woodlands. She is transferring from First Presbyterian Church of Kingwood in Kingwood.

Lilian Scott-Baer. Galway Place, The Woodlands.

Darwin and Gena Shaw. Glenhill, Spring. They have two children, Brett and Brianna.

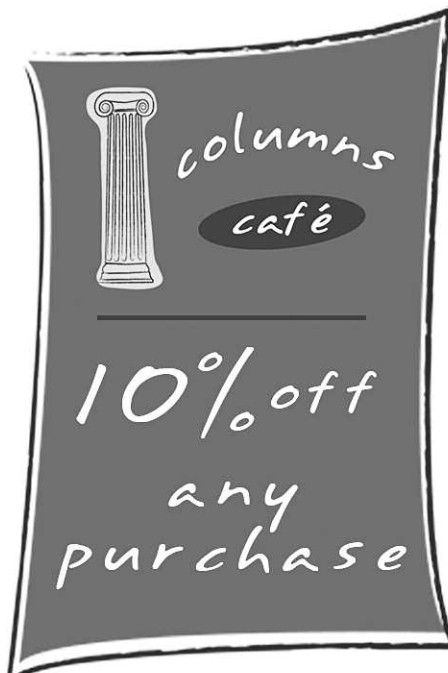
Clark and Susan Tabbert. Pine Oak Place, Spring. They have two children, Jordan and Collin, and are transferring from Trinity Lutheran Church in Klein.

Renata Tyree. Galway Place, The Woodlands.

Paul Westfall. Cyprus Creek, Spring.

Judith Wilson. South Crossed Birth, The Woodlands. She is transferring from Christ United Methodist Church.

Doug and Amanda Wylie. Palmetta Spring Drive, Tomball. They have two children, Hayden and Connor, and are transferring from Foundry United Methodist Church.



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