



Upcoming Events

Wed Apr 7:

Choir Rehearsal

Thu Apr 8:

7pm Spirit Road- The
First Christianity

Fri Apr 9:

6pm Samaritan House
Supper Club

Sat Apr 10:

**8pm OpenDoor
Productions- Suzanne
Westenhoefer @ Youth
Orchestra Hall**

Sat Apr 24:

**7:30pm OpenDoor
Productions- Tret Fure
@ Heart & Soul Coffee
House- Agape'**

Sat May 1- Sun May 2:

**8am-3pm Church
Garage Sale @ Jennifer
N.'s house-Arlington**

April Stats:

04/05:

Attendance: 162

Offering: \$7,428

04/12:

Attendance:



Join the Crowd! Suzanne Westenhoefer's Totally Inappropriate! New Comedy Show

April 10 - 8 p.m.

Youth Orchestra Hall

4401 Trail Lake Drive, Fort Worth

Tickets: \$25 general seating (at the door)

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Weekly Meditation, April 7, 2010

By Rev. Teri Lubbers

Day of Salvation

As God's fellow workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. For God says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation. ~ II Corinthians 6:1-2 NIV

As I asked Spirit what the thought for the day was, this passage

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popped into my head (which took me by surprise and also took a while to remember which book it was in). In my teenage years, the church I was a part of had a very specific interpretation for this passage and it sounded like this: Get Saved! Now! Today! Don't Risk an Eternity of Separation from God You Dirty Rotten Worthless Scoundrel!

Yuck! Those were the days of scary theology for me. Salvation was touted as a kind of fire/life insurance and the motivation to approach the Almighty was pure fear and anxiety about the future and my eternal soul. I had been taught that I was so tainted and abhorrent to God that the only way God could stand the sight or smell of me was if I was covered in Jesus' blood! Double yuck! I don't think so...

How differently I hear this passage today: I am surrounded by the abundant grace of God; I stand in God's favor and God wants to help me, I am not separate from Divine Love and because we are one I am a co-worker with Spirit. We are one...

The decision we make isn't about whether we want to be God's children, that is a given. The decision we make - and we consciously decide every day, every moment - is whether to be awake, aware, kind, loving, whether to claim our divine birthright and live into, and from, our true selves. The alternative is that too often we choose to just stay busy and distracted and go through life like sleep-walkers. In such an unconscious state, awareness is more a flash of lightening - blindingly here and gone - than it is a sunny day in which we choose to bask. Now is the time, today is the day, we can start by wanting to be awake...

Prayer: Creator, I don't know where to start...this seems so big to me and I feel so small some days. But I start here: I love you and am loved by you. I want to be awake and aware and live connected to your Presence. May your Spirit manifest through me today in all I do. Amen.

The History of Christianity at Spirit Road

Please join us, **beginning April 8 at 7:00 p.m.**, for a six part series on the History of Christianity. This is a DVD series presented by gay Christian Historian Diarmaid MacCulloch who is faculty at Oxford. There will be time for discussion.

April 8 - The First Christianity
April 15 - Catholicism: The Unpredictable Rise of Rome
April 22 - Orthodoxy: From Empire to Empire
April 29 - Reformation: The Individual Before God
May 6 - Protestantism: The Evangelical Explosion
May 13 - God in the Dock

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Grace Gray - Captain

April 24, 2010

Downtown Fort Worth at Sundance Square

Prayers:

- Sherri C.'s father is had a CT scan of his lungs on Tue because of an abnormality on regular X-Ray.
- For Terry on the passing of sister Nelda.
- For Denise for allergies.

Praises!

- Thank you Kathy, Brenda, Claudia, Tinker, Kim, Billy, Evelyn, Linda, Lou, Carlos, and Mary who worked so hard on our landscaping!! It is beautiful around here and the labyrinth is weed free...yeeee-hawwww!
- Thank you Patti for overseeing and managing this years amazing Easter Egg Hunt and lunch for 55 kids and their respective adults :-).
- Thank you Stephanie, Patti, Sarah, Larissa, Tom, and Joshua who are so loving with our kids and taught huge classes on Sunday!
- Thank you Kim and Patti for making sure the birdbath the kids made was up and going so we could dedicate it this past Sunday.
- Thank you Leigh, Wren, Dawn, and Cassy for creating our wonderful Easter Sunday Sanctuary...we are so blessed! Be sure and check out the new banners Dawn created for our church!
- Thank you Vent (Wren, Lisa, Vida, and Larissa) for preparing and serving Easter Breakfast this year...and thank you Kathy for picking up the supplies!!
- Thank you worship creators, leaders, and choir...it was an amazing Holy Week and Easter Sunday...thank you for sharing your gifts! Happy Easter Everyone!
- Terry B. and his sister - amazing improvement after her hip fracture and strokes.
- The folks who re-created Agapes beds, potted flowers and gardens: gorgeous flowers and fresh cedar-color mulch: including Brenda, Kim and Tinker.
- For Rev David and his dedication to having the labyrinth ready for Holy Week, prayer and meditation.
- For Jimmy, Tony, Gail G and Terri N who helped to make the Easter Hospitality so tasty.
- For our old friends who worshipped with us again.
- **Who else caught someone doing something awesome?? Let us know!**