



The Sharpstown Baptist Church

# Encourager

Touching Heaven.... Changing Earth

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## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service

### Wednesday

6:30 p.m. TeamKids  
6:30 p.m. Midweek Service  
Youth Activities  
6:45 p.m. Choir Practice

**VISION  
2010**



**Estudio Biblico  
Para Adultos  
Domingos 9:30**

## The Living Water Mission Trip: Full of "Firsts"



**Standing, L-R:** Mike & Alaine Jeter; Miriam Yemane; Jay Williams; Jose Blake and Ricky Concepcion. **Kneeling, L-R:** Jim Sampson, Living Water; Ember Concepcion and Selam Yemane.



**Top:** Drilling the well: a wet, muddy, rewarding job! **Bottom:** Alaine Jeter taught hygiene classes.

The mission trip to Honduras was full of "firsts" for the team who went.

For some, it was the...

First time to go on a mission trip

First time to organize a mission trip

First time to take anti malaria medication

First time to get a passport

First time to dig a well

First time to brush teeth with bottled water

First time to really practice Spanish

First time serving together as a couple

First time in Honduras

First time to take a shower with eyes and mouth closed and shoes on

First time to see so many armed men on patrol

First time to fall in love with a group of people in less than four days

First time to do hard physical labor

First time to enjoy being that dirty and muddy

First time to zip line

First time to get away from the rush of everyday life and focus on God

First time spending that much time with other church members

First time to eat Calypso hot sauce EVERY day

First time to see the Caribbean (or Care-uh-bee-an)

First time to see how the Lord can use each of us to reach others

First time to be healed / or witness a miracle

First time to be welcomed home in the airport with signs, banners, and a group of familiar smiling faces!



## Message from Brother Mike Jeter

It is hard to believe that it is already August. For me, August means heat, mosquitoes, back to school, and football. There is nothing I can do about the heat and the mosquitoes and as far as football is concerned, there is nothing to do but enjoy it.

As far as back to school is concerned, there are going to be thousands of kids returning to school this year without even the basics. I **can** do something about that. I remember as a kid going back to school shopping and getting new school clothes and supplies. So many children in our area will not have that same opportunity. \$45.00 will help a student by providing school supplies and clothing. I want to encourage you to help as well. Please pray about giving \$45.00 above your tithe to the "Back to School Program". The money will go to our local Christian Community Service Center (CCSC), and they will be responsible for giving out the supplies to needy families.

I have no idea how long the heat will last, if the mosquitoes will be bad, or how the Texans and the Cougars are going to do this season, but I do know that I can impact the life of at least one child. Please join me in this ministry.

Love you, Mike

### RESOLUTIONS FROM THE MAY, JUNE & JULY CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS:

#### May:

- Replace stove in Chapel Building kitchen and evaporator coil on library A/C, using Major Equipment Savings Fund.

#### June:

- The cost of 96 chairs and 10 tables for VBS come from B&G Equipment Fund and Church Council Funds.
- Cost for initial set up for online giving be taken from Church Council funds.
- Vanesha Williams is approved to work in VBS.

#### July:

- Purchase a new projector for the Worship Center at a cost of up to \$8,000. Funding as follows: \$2,000 from B&G Equipment Fund, \$2,000 from B&G Maintenance, and \$4,000 from Council Funds.
- Approve a request from FAST Club that anyone traveling with them provide their medical information and, if necessary, a HIPPA release
- Pay our arrears to CCSC from Church Council Funds.

## FAST Club

We celebrated the Fourth of July at the July 6 meeting with entertainment by one of our favorite piano players, Wade Bureson, who led us in patriotic songs. We then had our annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July luncheon with barbecue and delicious side dishes.



During the summer months of July and August, travel days are replaced by game days, so on the 21<sup>st</sup>, the competitors got together to play dominoes and Rummicube, as well as visiting and having a lot of laughs, and good natured jesting.

All seniors are cordially invited to join our group to enjoy the fellowship, play games, take part in and enjoy our excellent programs, and take interesting trips.

### COMING EVENTS

#### Tuesday, August 3

9:30 a.m. – Regular Meeting: No Program – Just Refreshments and Games

**Tuesday, August 17:** Game Day (bring sack lunch)

**August 3 and 17:** Game Days

### Mission Trip - Continued from Page 1

With all of these "firsts", it is my biggest prayer that they will not be the "lasts". I pray that the excitement, energy, and things we have learned on this trip will further fuel our desires to dive deeper into the power, love, and will of our Father. I pray that we will see our fellow neighbors and coworkers in the same way we saw the people in Honduras - in need and deserving of attention and Christ's love - and that the joy we received from going on this trip would overflow to the other members of our church and be an encouragement to them.

Words cannot express how truly grateful each member of the mission trip team is for your support. Your prayers, giving, and welcome home are all treasured in our hearts. Please continue to pray for the village of Sonaguera, Honduras, for the mission field that is Sharpstown, USA, and for wherever the Lord leads us to go next year. I pray that there will be others amongst us that will experience all the "firsts" of going on a mission trip, and also those who will ensure that this year's trip will not be the last. We love you all!

Ember Concepcion



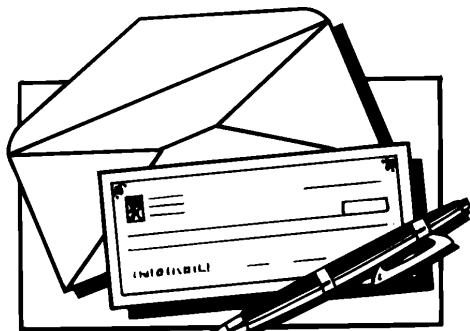
## Message From the Church Council Administrative Chair

by Tom Graves

When I was growing up, Baptists were notorious for raising money. Many of us in the older generation probably remember someone we knew complaining because all the preacher ever did was "Ask for Money." We've gotten away from that in recent years and I think it is reflected in our finances. Just look at the August financial highlights and see how far behind we are in budgeted giving and relative to last year. Just over three months ago we had \$20,000 budget surplus, and now the surplus is nearly gone. I think part of that is because our tithes went on vacation with us. Interesting that when we go on vacation we still see that our house note and car note and electric bills, (and don't forget cable television and internet) are paid, but it seems that we look at our tithe as the price of admission to Sunday service. If we don't go that Sunday, then why buy a ticket? Times are tough for a lot of us. The expenses in my firm are up and revenue is down. Sometimes writing that tithe check is hard. So years ago, I started writing that check immediately when my pay check goes in the bank. If I'm not going to Church, I mail it, so if I have to scrimp it is somewhere else.

One of our Deacons admitted recently that he had counted up and realized he was three Sundays short in giving because he had been out of town. But he immediately made it up. Won't you take a look at your giving and be sure you've put God first?

# Going on Vacation?



# Don't Forget Your Tithe



## Buildings & Grounds Report

by Pete Hughes

What happens when we go on vacation? We usually leave town looking for a cooler place. It might be the mountains or a beach. We want to kick back, relax, and forget about our responsibilities for a while. Everyone needs a vacation unless they are retired, and then every day is a vacation. Does everything stop when we are on vacation? Nope. The A/C continues to run, the lawn needs to be watered and cut, someone has to feed the dog and bills need paying. We may be away from home but home still requires regular attention.

Just as expenses continue at our homes when we are on vacation, they also continue at church. As the cartoon at left says, "Going on Vacation? - Don't Forget Your Tithe." We all have good intentions but catching up is truly hard to do. All of the activities of the church continue while we take a break. Brother Mike preaches, Sunday School teachers teach, Brother Joe leads our choir during worship and we gather together to pray and worship the Lord. It costs just as much to open our doors to 90 worshipers as it does to open them for 180. Traditionally, we are now in our low attendance - and low budget receipts - time of year. Please, pray about doing your part this Summer.

What does this have to do with Building and Grounds? Although it is not always the case, Building and Grounds is looked at as one of the biggest spenders in the church. We have already spent 63% of the maintenance budget in the first six months of the year and there is more to come. We are currently looking at roof leaks in the Education Building, rotting wood around the windows on the east side of the Education Building, and replacing two non functional timers on our parking lot lights.

### AUGUST 2010 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Receipts - Actual vs Budget and Last Year

	Month Through July 31	YTD
Actual	\$27,684.91	\$228,822.20
Budget	\$30,423.08	\$228,173.08
(Deficit)	(\$2,738.17)	\$649.12

#### Budget Receipts

July 2010 YTD	\$228,822.20
July 2009 YTD	<u>\$230,956.58</u>
(Under)	(\$2,134.38)

Balance in Sign Fund - \$1,466.09



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## ***Sharpstown Baptist Church Staff***

Pastor ..... Mike Jeter  
Worship Leader ..... Joe Glass  
Facilities Manager ..... Pete Hughes  
Youth Director ..... Jon Hickey  
Children's Director ..... Debbie Fitzhugh  
Preschool Director ..... Ember Concepcion  
Instrumental Music Assistant ..... David McAllister  
Maintenance Coordinator ..... Oscar Carrillo  
Financial/Admin Secretary ..... Kathy Gross  
Membership Secretary ..... Marge Lafferty  
Choir Music Librarian ..... Merle Greene

### ***How to Become a Christian:***

**A - Admit** that you are a sinner and cannot save yourself (Romans 3:23; Eph 2:9)

**B - Believe** in your heart that Jesus died for your sins and rose again to promise us eternal life. (Romans 10:9-10)

**C - Confess** your sins and **Call** on Jesus to save you (Romans 10:13)

***Call upon Jesus in repentance and faith, using the prayer below or words of your own, and Jesus will become your Savior and Lord!***

*"Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner and I do not deserve eternal life. But, I believe You died and rose from the grave to purchase a place in Heaven for me. Jesus, come into my life, take control of my life, forgive my sins and save me. I am now placing my trust in You alone for my salvation and I accept Your free gift of eternal life."*

If you have trusted Jesus as your Lord and Savior, please let us know. We want to rejoice in what God has done in your life and help you to grow spiritually.