

## In the **KNOW**

### WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND FIRST?

- **PRAYER TIME 15 minutes before the morning service in the Pastor's Study.** These prayer times help create an atmosphere of expectancy.
- **Circles are better than rows. GET in COMMUNITY!** Small group discipleship takes place on-site each Sunday at 9:45 AM. These life-sharing and learning environments are Bible based and explore topics for personal and spiritual growth each week.
- **Alabaster Offering funds** are still being received through the month of October. If you have monies you would like to give to support the purchase of land and construction of churches, schools, clinics and houses on the mission field you may mark your checks or envelopes, "ALABASTER" or give your Alabaster boxes to an usher for collection.
- **CHURCH HOMECOMING SUNDAY, October 9.** Dr. James Bearden will speak and the Parrs will provide music for the day. This will be a wonderful week-end of celebration. We will have dinner in the Fellowship Hall following the morning service. Something special is planned for the evening service. Don't miss it...and invite friends and family.
- **Communion Sunday, October 30 in the morning service.**
- **Special "NIGHT OF WORSHIP"** on the evening of October 30. Make plans to be in attendance.

### Generosity Gauge for September 25

Tithe Giving	\$2,992.69
Faith Promise (Missions)	338.00
Building Fund	170.00
Sunday School	71.90
Alabaster	294.45

## **PRAYER** is a priority

### OUR WORLD

Local, state, national and world leaders including the President, his advisors, and others in authority

Those serving in the military, including chaplains

Jay & Teanna Sunberg, LINKS missionaries serving in Hungary

The Persecuted Church!

Those affected by political unrest and natural disasters here and around the world. The drought in Texas and Oklahoma. The famine in the Horn of Africa. Those impacted by the hurricanes and tropical storms.

### OUR CHURCH

The Pastoral Staff, Leadership Team & Sunday School Teachers

Outreach and discipling efforts to reach the needy and develop Christlike followers

12 new families, 25 conversions to Christ, 5 more tithers this year

Dr. David Graves, G.S.; Rev. Harold Berrian, D.S.; and Zone churches and pastors.

### OUR PEOPLE

#### Health Concerns:

Mike Gonzalez, Debbie Meadows, Doug Stevens

**Shut-ins:** Corrine Bullock, Ruby Burton, Rena Davidson, Virgil & Nelle Dickison, Pauline Fannin, Verna Felty, Edith Gray, Cecil Lilly, Arnold Litteral, Mary Metz, Candice Rice, Myra Speaks, Lucille Tackett

**Bereavement:** Prater/Rex family

### OUR PASTORS

Dr. Steve Ruby—Lead Pastor

Andrea Covert—Worship Arts

Jerrold Covert—Youth & Families

Paula Sergent—Discipleship & Assimilation

Curt Skeens—Teaching

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# The Program

## 10/2/2011



# FIRST

time here? OR SECOND, OR THIRD OR TENTH.....

## Welcome

We are really glad you came today! We know everyone is at different places in their spiritual journey and do not automatically assume you know who God is, but this is one place where we think you can come to understand Him better and get to know the real Jesus, who wants you to experience His love. We won't ask you to wear a nametag or make a speech, but we are so happy you are here!!

**HILLS** we die on... We are committed to **BIBLICAL TRUTH**. The Bible presents a dangerous message of life change. We believe the Bible is God's inerrant truth and is the foundation for everything we do. It is always timely and forever timeless.

## We are kid and family friendly

Your kids will **LOVE** this... **kids' first ministries** is designed for ALL kids regardless of personality, energy level or special needs. We are anxious to have your child in a place where they can meet learn about GOD, and we are sure you are as well. Our children's ministry area is safe and secure, too. We care about what you care about.

**Evening Service** @ 6:00pm. Pastor Paula will be preaching and there will be opportunity to share in song and testimony. Join with us in this important time.

## grow up \*

This **WEDNESDAY NIGHT** we continue an 8 week study entitled, **God Quest** as we explore and examine the God of the Bible. Come discover the God your heart is searching for.

# Talk Notes

“What About the Bible?”

2 Timothy 3.16

If you were stranded on a deserted island, what one book would you want with you?

50 years ago...

Is there anything we can believe in?

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The declaration and affirmation the Bible makes about itself and it's authority:

2 Timothy 3.16

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X

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How long can you live without...

Bread (food)

Water

Breathe (air)

The challenge:

The objections:

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Tests—Your favorite type?

Luke 21.33