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Church Dedication

Dedication Service

God has truly blessed the friends and family of Atascocita Presbyterian Church. Join us as we dedicate our latest blessing, a new sanctuary, on Sunday, January 22, 2012. It will be a formal Dedication Service with many old friends and dignitaries in attendance.

We will meet outside the large glass doors and will be led in by a BagPiper at precisely 3:00 p.m. Please save the date and let's all celebrate that afternoon.

A reception will follow the service.

New Year's Day

There will be one service at 10:30 a.m. on January 1, 2012. Sunday school will not meet. Our regular service schedule and Sunday classes will resume January 8th.

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Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:20 a.m. Church School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Worship

*The Vision of
Atascocita Presbyterian
Church:
Glorify God,
Make Disciples,
Meet Human Needs*



“Just the Facts, Please.”

APC has a tradition of discussing issues in the context of our faith. Even as we disagree about some issue, or perhaps *because* we disagree, we each bring something to the table from which we all may learn. A contentious issue that confronts us today is that of global warming and climate change. While this should be primarily a scientific question, it has become politicized with interest groups and parties lining up on either side of the question.

The Adult Ministries Committee, with the concurrence and support of the church Session, is arranging an extended presentation on the subject of global warming and climate change. We have been extremely fortunate that Dr. Andrew Dessler, Professor of Atmospheric Sciences at Texas A&M University, has consented to be with us for this event.

Dr. Dessler is one of the top scientists in the country in this field. A graduate of Rice (BS) and Harvard (PhD) Universities, he is the author of numerous scientific papers in his field (approximately 40 in the last decade alone) and several textbooks, the most recent of which was issued in October 2011. His current field of research is water vapor in the atmosphere, specifically the feedback effect clouds have on climate change.

In addition to his research on the subject, his interests include public policy implications of science, having served earlier in his career as a Senior Policy Analyst in the White House Office of Science and Technology. In February 2011 he was selected as one of twenty-one Google Science Communication Fellows. He has contributed to the public discussion of his subject at the national and local level through numerous newspaper articles, interviews, television appearances, and discussions at events such as this. While he is one of our nation's foremost authorities on atmospheric physics and climate research, he is recognized for his ability to communicate his subject to lay audiences.

The event with Dr. Dessler will be on Saturday, January 28, 10 a.m.—3 p.m. There will be at least two presentations by Dr. Dessler, with plenty of time for questions and discussion.

Please call the church office, [281-852-8990](tel:281-852-8990), to reserve a chair at the presentation, to reserve a lunch (a \$5 per person donation to help defray the cost will be appreciated), and/or to reserve a space in the Nursery for a

Pastor's Message

January 22, 2012, at 3:00 in the afternoon. We are planning a wonderful dedication celebration which will remind us where we have been and help us to reflect on where we are going. I am so blessed to be a part of this vibrant group of individuals who make up the "congregation" of APC. Over these last 3 ½ years you have blessed my family and I beyond measure. As 2012 unfolds before us, I know that God has great plans. I pray that each of you is up for the challenge because no one is exempt.

Some months ago I quoted a passage from Zechariah 4:10 – *yes we are people of small beginnings!* Indeed we are but we are a people of big hearts and large visions so in the days and weeks ahead we will be looking for you! We will need you to help us carry out that vision – yes, I mean you! Every one of you has a part in the ministry and work of APC. I do not care if you are a greeter, a liturgist, an usher, a member of the bell choir, a member of the chancel choir or maybe you are available for short term tasks. Maybe you plants flowers at the front sign, or maybe you can help with the building of storage space in the new sacristy. It could be that you would like to join one of our standing committees in order to be a part of our planning. You have choices, oh so many choices. Now the word choice, implies that you will pick something so pick something and jump in. If you do not know where to start call me and I guarantee I will have a solution to your dilemma.

Get excited about the future! I certainly am!

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What blessings! We have just spent a glorious Advent season worshipping in our new space and now we look forward to the dedication of the new sanctuary on

January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Sunday 10:30am Worship	2	3 7pm Youth Ministry	4 11am Seniors & Friends 6:30pm Bell Choir 7:30pm Choir	5	6	7
8 8:30am Worship 9:20am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 3pm Middle School 4pm High School	9 6pm Children's Mntry 7pm Comm/Outreach	10 7pm "Needlers" Circle	11 6am Men's Breakfast 10am PW 4:30pm Wed. @ APC 5:30pm Dinner 6pm Worship 6:30pm PW 6:30pm Bell Choir	12	13	14
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29 8:30am Worship 9:20am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30 am Congregational Meeting 3pm Middle School 4pm High School	30	31				

January Lectionary Readings

If you'd like to follow the lectionary readings for the adult Sunday school class they are listed here for your convenience:

January 1—Isa. 61:3; Ps. 148; Gal. 4:4-7

January 8—Gen. 1:1-5; Ps. 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

January 15—1 Sam. 3:1-10 (11-20); Ps. 139:1-6, 13-18;

1 Cor. 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

January 22—Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Ps. 62:5-12; 1 Cor. 7:29-31;

Mark 1:14-20

January 29—Deut. 18:15-20; Ps. 111; 1 Cor. 8:1-13;

Mark 1:21-28



Seniors & Friends - We will be touring the Humble Museum at 11:00 a.m. and then eating lunch at the Humble City Café on Wednesday, January 4. Meet at the church at 10:30



Prayer Requests

Prayers for healing:

Phil Shear's wife, Dianna Swann, who is undergoing six weeks of radiation following a lumpectomy.

Herbert Kyles, a friend of Phil Shear, who was put on the liver transplant list.

Rhonda Morey, a neighbor of Kim and Dolly, recovering from brain surgery.

Emily Murphy's brother-in-law, Pete Patterson, has Parkinson's and prostate cancer.

Mike Horton has stage four lung cancer.

Liz Tchussen's mother, in the hospital in Arizona.

Kim Lemer as she recovers from back surgery.

Karen Holliday, Linda Andrus' sister, for recovery following surgery and an

upper respiratory infection.

LaShanda, a co-worker of Patty Williams, is having a difficult pregnancy.

Lo James, an Army buddy of Scott Erdo, faces a battle w/cancer and surgery for a compressed vertebrae.

Vonita's friend Melanie, joy for her first grandbaby coming after Christmas, but Melanie has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

The son of a friend of Emily Murphy just started Med School and having serious medical problems.

Prayers for comfort and guidance:

Prayers for the Rodgers family as Mary lost her battle with cancer.

Shirley Williams, friend of Kay Hodgdon, prayers of concern on losing her job.

Jenni Strader asks for prayers for friends going through divorces.

Daina Riecken asks for prayers for direction for her family in their family promise walk, job search, and a home.

The Carlton Family, on the death of Regina, the mother of four children.

Doris Fisher asks for prayers for the Michael Buffano family.

The Kevin Conrad family, He lost his wife to cancer, and they have four children.

Prayers of joy:

The birth of Hudson Scott Ditty to Benjamin & Jamie Ditty, grandson of Pat & Carolyn Ditty.

John Carr's recovery from complications following surgery.

The calendars are in! Please swing by the church office and pick yours up. We did order a few extras if you still want one. They are \$10 each.



Annual Congregational Meeting

January 29, 2012

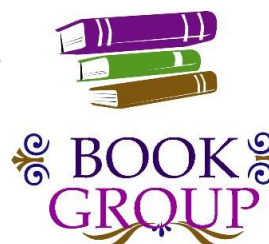
after the 10:30 Service for the purpose of approving the Annual Reports for standing committees and changes in the Call for Reverend Hannan



Wednesday Night Book Group

The Wednesday Evening Book Group is reading *As Bad as They Say*. The next discussion will be January 11. Contact Ron Spross for more information, 281-852-4155, or read more about it at

the following link: <http://apcbooks.wordpress.com/2011/09/08/the-submission/>



Ancient Mariners

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Our next outing will be to the Houston

Maritime Museum on January 17, with lunch before or after. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex.

On February 26th we will be going to Crighton Theater in Conroe to see "Barefoot in the Park". This will be a Sunday afternoon matinee. Details for these events will follow soon.

All APC members and guests over 50 years old are encouraged to sign up for the activities as they are scheduled.

Men's Breakfast

Join the men on Wednesday, January 3, at 6:00 a.m. for their monthly breakfast! All men and their friends are welcome.



Adult Opportunities

The Sunday morning study & discussion groups for adults and young adults will resume at 9:20 a.m. on Sunday, January 8, and, to add to the excitement, each class will have a new location to begin the New Year!

The Young Adult discussion group will meet in the new classroom to the left of the entrance to the Sanctuary.

The Adult discussion group which is studying the new lectionary passages in the Bible will meet in the new classroom to the right of the entrance to the Sanctuary.

The Adult discussion group which is considering how Christians might react to current events using *The Wired Word* will meet in the Library.

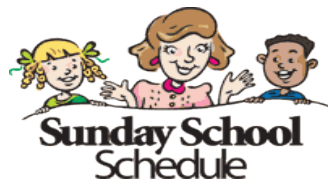
For the New Year, we invite you to resolve to attend & participate in one of these sharing & learning opportunities.



Mission Marketplace

A big thank you to everyone who helped to make our 2011 Mission Market Place a big success. Janice McCormick and Cindy Wightman were the coordinators for this year's event. Thanks to all those who attended and purchased items or made an alternative giving contribution, approximately \$4400 was collected to help all the mission groups represented. We hope that people who attended the event were introduced to new places in our city and around the world that are working to make life better for all.

Children



Children's Ministry at Atascocita Presbyterian Church

Sunday School at 9:20 am—Classes will break for the holidays & resume Jan. 8th.

Feasting on the Word Curriculum for Children—designed to connect the lessons children are learning in the Christian education classroom to the worship service. God's word in scripture comes alive through engaging and meaningful activities along with beautiful color posters and music.

Sunday School Teachers

Grades 1-2-3: Orange Room

Week One DeeDee Mills

Week Two Bonnie Russell

Week Three Sandy Denmon

Week Four Kelly Mooney

Grades 4-5: Labyrinth Room

Week One Liz Frye

Week Two Mindy Butler

Week Three Jill Spross

Week Four Bonnie Carr

Substitute teacher for all grades—Brenda Long

Wee Believe—designed to build foundations for young children to learn about God's love in a fun way.

Grades Preschool and Kindergarten: Teal Room

Teachers: Rene & Ron Lemer, Music with Michelle Bennett



Wednesday Activities "K.I.D.S Under Construction"

Know

Activities will resume on January

Impact

4:30—4:50pm K.I.D.S. Games

Disciple

4:50—5:10pm Stix of Faith for grades 5-8

Share

5:10—5:30pm Kids in Motion for grades 1-4

4:50—5:10pm Half Notes (chimes) for grade 1-4

5:10—5:30pm Whole Notes (youth bells) for grades 5-8



WOW!!! Our first Advent Event Journey was enjoyed by all! I don't know how we can begin to thank each and every one of you for the role you played in making it a success! To all of you that helped in the stations we thank you. Under the wonderful direction of the Ditty's the tone was set with beautiful music as people began their journey. To the journey guides both young and old we appreciate you. Our wonderful families in the modern home station looked as if they had been practicing for days. Great job to you all! Thanks to Michelle Bennet and Susan Philips and ALL of our talented children the music station certainly provided entertainment that was enjoyed by all. To all the families and individuals that took part in the live nativity station we thank you. The babies were the most "perfect" Jesus' ever! And thanks to Suzanne Wilkerson for our live animals! They made the stable complete. What a wonderful ending to a beautiful journey with the hot chocolate and candy canes. Doris Fisher and all her helpers: GREAT JOB!

None of this would have been possible if not for DeeDee Mills, Kim Humlick, Dolly Smith and their families. A vision became reality under their direction. From organizing, to decorating to stringing lines and running many, many extension cords we thank you. Russell Mills, your stable was perfect! Jimmy Humlick, you expertise with electricity save the day! Please know whatever role you played in our advent journey we thank you and you were appreciated. Each phone call made to ask someone to participate was accepted with enthusiasm and a yes! We could not have done this without you! AND to all of you who came to enjoy the journey we thank YOU!

Youth

Sunday School for Middle &

High School
Meet at 9:20
a.m. Sundays in
the youth room.



Sunday Afternoon Youth

Join the youth on Sunday afternoons. for fellowship, study, and games!

Middle School Youth—3:00-4:30 p.m.

High School Youth—4:00-6:00 p.m.

Mission/Ski Trip

The next payment of \$50 toward the mission/ski trip is due January 1.



Mission Trip

If you have a youth 8th grade or older who is interested in participating in the Confirmation Class, please contact Traci Hlavaty @ 281-225-4552.

Middle & High School Youth

Wednesday evening activities will resume **January 11th.**

Dinner—5:30 p.m.

Worship—6:00

p.m.

Games &

Fellowship—



January

Anniversaries

- 1-John & Nati Peterson
- 3-David & Cathy Gerald
- 5-Gary & Sandy Denmon
- 10-Rene & Melanie Kozarsky
- 10-Will & Charis Nees

Anniversaries & Birthdays

January

Birthdays

- 2-Alyssa Nodorft
- 3-Erin Nelmes
- 3-Andy Lewis
- 4-Charlotte Nazarko
- 4-Daniel Williams
- 4-Tony Eynon
- 5-Phillip Dore
- 6-Ashley McEndree
- 6-Mick Vance II
- 7-Desiderio Tchussen

- 7-Kyra Kepeden
- 8-Alex Nees
- 9-Elizabeth Frye
- 9-Linda Nodorft
- 11-Carolyn Ditty
- 12-Grecia Summy
- 12-Cory Inboden
- 15-Mike McCormick
- 16-Ron Powell
- 17-Libby Eynon
- 17-Ed O'Brien
- 18-Melissa Frye

- 19-Kathleen McPherson
- 22-Ronnie Knecht
- 22-Mason Courville
- 23-Christina Hannan
- 24-Tommy Hedgepath III
- 27-Bob Pritchett
- 27-Thomas Mumford
- 27-Alexis Erdo
- 28-Pat Bruns
- 28-Mary Daniel
- 29-Lea Barnes

APC Website

Watch the web page frequently for up-to-date information on events happening for youth in grades 6-12.

