

# SEC Today

## Today's Text

The text for today's service is Psalm 8, which can be found on page 386 in the pew Bibles. Today's topic is, *Worship: The First Purpose of the Church*. Next week's text is Acts 2:36-41.

## Small Groups



## Thursday Night Community

The Thursday Night Community is studying "Doing Evangelism." We meet at SEC at 7 PM. Contact Pastor Tom or Roger if you want to join us.

## A Bible Study of 1 John

Thursday evening from 6:00 – 6:45 PM. We will meet every other

week here on our campus. If you are interested in participating, please call the office 776-1575, or speak with Pastor Tom.

## Men's Level I Bible Study

The Men's Level I Bible Study is studying *Great Hymns of the Faith*. We meet in Fellowship Hall from 4 to 6 PM on Sunday afternoons. See Brian Kelley if you have any questions. Bring a friend!

## Tuesday Night Bible Study

Brian and Kim Kelley have a Bible study on Tuesday evenings. See them for details.

## Our Missionaries

Pray for Daria and Chad, Lisa, and Albert and June. All are SBC. Also pray for Prem and Kelley, Cherie, and Tara.

Lisa writes, "God seems to be doing amazing things in a friend's life! One night last week, she poured out her heart again with a lot of the hurt she has experienced from her husband taking another wife and basically abandoning her. I asked her if she thought there would ever be any chance for reconciliation between them if her husband came back and wanted to restore their

relationship. She said, no. I then shared with her how the Great Book talks about our relationship with God being like that of an unfaithful wife and her faithful husband (Hosea primarily), and how once that relationship was destroyed, there is no way that we ourselves can restore that relationship – thus the need for JC to bring that restoration.

In the process of sharing again about the sacrifice of JC covering our sin, she related to the story of Moses and the night the angel passed over the homes with the blood on the door. We talked about how it was not the good things that the Israelites did that saved the lives of their firstborns, but it was their obedience and trust in God's way and the blood on the door. We talked about other places in the OT where sin was covered by blood, and then how those were all pointing to the ultimate sacrifice of JC. At first she gave the pat answer of, "but JC did not die". However, later in the conversation, she goes, "Lisa, I'm seeing two

things about JC that make Him different than all the other prophets – he did not have any father, but God's Spirit was the one by whom Mary conceived; and he is the only prophet who arose from the dead. I really want to talk to someone else who is studied in these spiritual things about what this means." I started jumping up and down inside my heart – I could not believe I was hearing these words from her!"

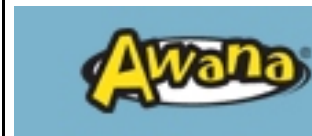
Come back next week for the rest of this story.

## The Truth Project

The Truth Project is coming in September. Here are some samples of lesson 11 in the twelve week series.

## Lesson 11 – Labor: Created to Create

Contrary to a great deal of contemporary popular opinion, work is not a "curse." God Himself is active and creative, and He calls man to share in the joy of His activity and creativity. Labor, economics, media, and the creative arts all have a role to play in magnifying the glory of the Creator.



## AWANA

AWANA starts September 6 with an Open House for all parents and clubbers. This meeting time will be short – 6:30 to 7:30 – so parents should plan on staying and not drop off the children. The following week will resume the usual time of 6:30 to 8:00.

## Worship

We will add some new dimensions to our Sunday AM service in September. You can participate, but will you? Listen for the opportunities.

## 2006 Ministry Calendar

These are upcoming events on our 2006 ministry calendar:

- **Sep 10, Meals Together**
- **Sep 24, Food Pantry Sunday**
- **Oct 28, Church Workday**
- **Oct 29, Food Pantry Sunday**
- **Oct 31, Fall Festival**
- **Nov 19, Meals Together**
- **Nov 26, Food Pantry Sunday**
- **Dec 24, Christmas Eve - Christmas Around the World**

## Dec 31, Food Pantry Sunday

### Finance Update

Jan 1-Jul 31, 2006

Income: \$74,965.12

Expenses: \$81,994.53

August 1-28, 2006

Income: \$12,935.54

Expenses: \$10,474.03

Year to Date Income from SCDC: \$13,049.23

Last Year to Aug 21:

Income: \$88,100.04

SCDC: \$8,182.70

Expenses: \$90,678.77

## SEC Park Project

The next step in our campus upgrade is taking down the old buildings and making the land area west of the sanctuary and education building a park with picnic area and playing fields. Indicate SEC Park on your above the tithe offering.

