

SEC Today

Today's Text

The text for today's service is *Hebrews 1:14*, (page 846 in the pew Bibles). Today's topic is, *Ministering Spirits – Our Servants*. Next week's text is *Romans 1:17*.

Small Groups



Thursday Night Community

The Thursday Night Community is going through Focus on the Family's "*The Truth Project*." We meet at SEC at 7 PM. Contact Pastors Tom or Roger if you want to join us.

Men's Level I Bible Study

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Youth are going through *The Truth Project* in Fellowship Hall from 6 to 8 PM on Sundays. See Brian Kelley or James Clawson if you have any questions. Bring a friend!

Sunday Afternoon Truth Project

Pastor Tom is leading a *Truth Project* group on Sunday afternoons from 2 to 4 PM in Fellowship Hall. See him if you want to join.

Tuesday Night Bible Study

Brian and Kim Kelley are doing *The Truth Project* 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, and Cherie.

Lisa writes, "I must admit, I don't really like Ramazan. There's lots of complaining about being hungry and thirsty, and not much work gets accomplished. I find myself thinking, "I don't think this is what God meant fasting to be like." But then I realize that my own critical thoughts toward the people here are just as prideful and sinful. So this week I was praying and asking

God how He wanted me to respond to Ramazan this year, and these were the words I read one morning from Joel 2:12-14, "Yet even now, declares the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him." Later on in verse 17 it says, "let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep and say, 'Spare your people, O Lord'" In the NT (I Pet. 2:9, Rev. 1:6), we are called priests, and I was struck by these verses that part of our duty as priests is to intercede on behalf of the people that we are serving among. Am I this serious about crying out to the Lord on behalf of these people? Please pray for God to give us hearts that we "rend" for the people here, which leads to genuine crying

out to God for repentant hearts for us and these people and mercy from Him in revealing His Truth and Love.

New Security System Codes

We will change the security system codes on Monday, November 13th. If you need a code, you must attend the training course on Sunday, November 12 in Fellowship Hall right after the morning service. This session will last about an hour.

2006 Ministry Calendar

These are upcoming events on our 2006 ministry calendar:

- **Oct 21**, *Mens' Ministry Outreach*
- **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-Sep 30, 2006
Income: \$99,275.12
Expenses: \$107,567.10
October 1-11, 2006
Income: \$6,387.91

Expenses: \$5,082.59
Year to Date Income from SCDC: \$17,757.17
Last Year to Oct 11:

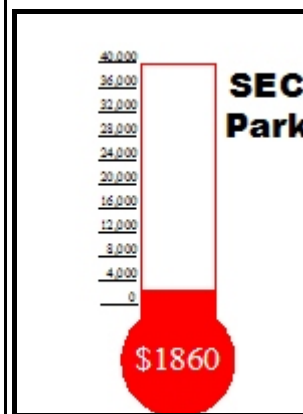
Income: \$108,262.16

SCDC: \$10,950.40

Expenses: \$108,771.17

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.

What is the Church?

Part 5

Persons were admitted to the local congregation only upon their placing their trust in Christ as Savior (Acts 2:37-42), openly confessing this (Rom. 10:9-13), and being baptized (Acts 10:44-48). Baptism or immersion in

water was performed because Christ had commanded it (Matt. 28:18-20) and was itself a dramatic symbolic picturing of the burial and resurrection of Christ (Rom. 6:3-4). Joining the church made one a fully participating member in it, unlike many of the religious groups in the first century in which there was a substantial period of probation before full acceptance. When Christ accepted the person, the congregation did also, even though the members might be aware of weaknesses (Rom. 14:1-4).

Holman Bible Dictionary
Read part 6 next week!

Wanted!

Dr Butler, the principal at Burnside Elementary School needs volunteers to be mentors and tutors. Mentors spend an hour a week talking to and encouraging students to have a mind set to learn. Tutors are needed in the area of reading skills. Hours are flexible and can meet your schedule.

Finally, the school has an inclosed courtyard that needs some gardening expertise. See Pastor Roger for more details.