

BE LOVE.
BELONG. BELIEVE. BE USEFUL.

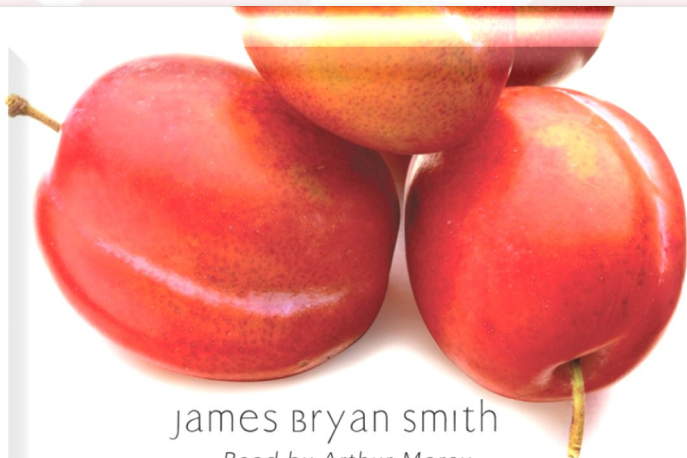
Connections

FEBRUARY 2019

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF WESTERN HILLS UMC * EL PASO, TEXAS

SOUL TRAINING STUDY

STARTING SUNDAY MARCH 10TH AT 3:00PM IN THE LIBRARY



James Bryan Smith
Read by Arthur Morey

The Good and Beautiful
GOD

FALLING IN LOVE WITH
THE GOD JESUS KNOWS

"The best practice I have seen in Christian spiritual formation."
—DALLAS WILLARD

“Soul care” is just as important as personal health habits and good hygiene – but so often neglected in the lives of today’s Christian. We all are in need of good self and soul care. Each Sunday you will be encouraged to practice a “soul training” exercise for the week, such as sleep, Bible reading, solitude, praying, and counting your blessings. Just as physical exercise builds and tones the body, these exercises will strengthen your soul. For centuries, Christians have recognized that these spiritual disciplines have a beneficial effect on a person’s “whole” being. *Group size will be limited – so please call 915.584.2133 to register.*

**BOOK: THE GOOD AND BEAUTIFUL GOD:
FALLING IN LOVE WITH THE GOD JESUS KNOWS (\$10)
STUDY LED BY REV. AMY MERCER**



NEED PRAYER?

If you have a prayer request or would like to be a part of our Prayer Chain, email ZDMFHM@aol.com or call 915.581.3051.

Our mission is to reach out with the love of God to those beyond our church, to nurture our church body in the Christian faith and life, helping all to be transformed participants in the mission of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Scan the QR code to be taken to our electronic giving website.



OUR FAITHFULNESS IN MINISTRY

WITH OUR PRAYERS

SYMPATHY

- *The Walker Family
- *Friends & Family of Shannon Drake

- Julie & Zoe Pratt
- Kathy Prentiss, health concerns
- Javier Hernandez, health concerns

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

- *Pollyanna Davis, health concerns
- *Steve Haddad, health concerns
- Manny Gonzalez, health concerns
- Frank Harrison, health concerns
- Ida Mae Ellis, health concerns
- Bill Bostick
- Gylene Bostick

FAMILY & FRIENDS with cancer

- *Jeff Jacobsen
- *Courtney
- Ron Banas
- Sharon King
- Robbie Anderson
- Shannon
- Melissa Cheeseman
- Linda Hengst
- Steve's daughter
- Eva Mowad
- David Breitling
- Carmen Carmona
- Babette Lucas
- Roy Van Nostrand
- Catherine Laje
- Sylvia Villagrana
- Robert Askelson
- Jill Askelson
- Rick

THE WORLD

- Traveling safety for immigrant families being reunited
- The people of Nicaragua
- People in the city of Juarez

FAMILY & FRIENDS

- *Sharon King, health concerns
- Dennis Margheim, health concerns
- David Warren
- Jessica, daughter of Sharon King, health concerns
- Tessa DeLong, daughter of Mark Probasco

WITH OUR PRESENCE

January 6, 2019

Worship	191
Sunday School.....	82
The Ridge.....	50
Sidewalk SS.....	34

January 20, 2019

Worship	199
Sunday School.....	87
The Ridge.....	75
Sidewalk SS.....	39

January 13, 2019

Worship	205
Sunday School.....	86
The Ridge.....	69
Sidewalk SS.....	32

January 27, 2019

Worship	165
Sunday School.....	85
The Ridge.....	69
Sidewalk SS.....	34

WITH OUR GIFTS

Revenue MTD December 2018: \$100,076.31
Expenses MTD December 2018: \$71,358.96

Revenue YTD December 2018: \$713,051.28
Expenses YTD December 2018: \$819,412.14

Revenue Budget YTD December 2018: \$662,550.00
Expense Budget YTD December 2018: \$867,447.00

If you would like further detail, please call Laurie in the church office. (584.2133)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Please join me in expressing heartfelt thanks to our ever faithful volunteers and staff who work with our children. Jessica Flores, Katie Houx, and Aide Terrazas continue to work with our youngest children in the Nursery. This year we added a new Sunday School class for our PreK children. Thank you to Judy Chicka, Michelle Query, Pam Hooten and Elizabeth Hall for stepping up to teach. For the second year in a row, Alison Peevey and Taryn Raley are leading our Kinder – 2nd grade class. Nancy Roberts and DJ Mora have been teaching together so many years that we have all lost count. This year they are working with our 3rd – 5th grade class. Thank you to Bonnie Abbott for helping me each week with Children's Church. Thank you also to Sarah Spencer for serving on Children's Council even though her children have "graduated" into the youth program.

Our children's program continues to be steady and strong because of our volunteers. Their dedication to our children and our church is beyond measure. Please take a moment to thank them!

We are always looking for volunteers to work with our children whether it is Sunday School, Children's Church, VBS, Summer Sunday school or Children's Council. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me. - Jenny Abbott



PreK

K-2nd



3rd—5th



Our nursery staff



DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES
JENNY ABBOTT * 584.2133



WHY Fellowship
Sunday Evenings
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Stewart Family Life
Center
6th—12th Grade

Feb. 10 & 17

Born of God Study

March 29-31

CCYM Sr. High Retreat
Sacramento Camp

April 12 & 13

"Who's Cookin"
Mystery Dinner Theater



CCYM Sr. High Retreat Weekend
March 29—31
9th—12th Grade
Cost: \$140
Register online at sacramentocamp.org



WESTERN HILLS YOUTH

MYSTERY DINNER THEATER

APRIL 12 & 13, 2019

Who's cookin' up a scrumptious meal and who's cookin' up a shady scheme to win a charity competition? Be our guest at an elite gala where three celebrity chefs including Patty Deen, Gordy Whimsey, and Rochelle Ray battle to lead their teams to victory. Pairs will fight for votes but when the coveted grand prize starts slipping away, will the mischief of self-absorbed, win-at-all-costs celebrities bring the evening's events to a halt? Or will the audience help solve the mystery and crown the true victor?

FAITH, FICTION, & FELLOWSHIP

Page Turners



FEB. 14TH
7:00PM
SFLC LOBBY

EVEN IF YOU DON'T FINISH THE BOOK, JOIN US FOR LIVELY DISCUSSION & BRING A FRIEND. REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED.

Singles Ladies' Lunch
SUNDAY AT 12:30PM
Red Lobster
Sunland Park

CALL DIANE JACKSON AT 581- 0422
FOR MORE INFORMATION.
MEET AFTER THE 11AM SERVICE, BY BUILDING C,
IF YOU WISH TO CARPOOL.
PLEASE BE PROMPT - WE MUST ALL BE PRESENT TO BE SEATED.

FEBRUARY 19



UNITED METHODIST
WOMEN

ESTHER CIRCLE @ 9:30AM

MARY MARTHA CIRCLE @ 11:30AM

BORN OF GOD:

love, law, & relationships

A STUDY ON A CHRISTIAN ETHIC OF HUMAN SEXUALITY
LED BY PASTOR ROBERT

Sundays 5-7pm

SFLC

2/10 & 2/17

MARCH 6 ASH WEDNESDAY

ASHES & PRAYER
7AM - 9AM * SANCTUARY

STOP BY THE CHURCH ON THE WAY TO WORK OR SCHOOL FOR A TIME OF PRAYER AND TO RECEIVE ASHES. THERE WILL BE COFFEE, BREAKFAST TACOS, AND JUICE AVAILABLE FOR YOU AS YOU HEAD OUT FOR YOUR DAILY ROUTINE.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
6:30PM * SANCTUARY

JOIN US FOR A TRADITIONAL ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES

VBS 2019 * JUNE 24-28

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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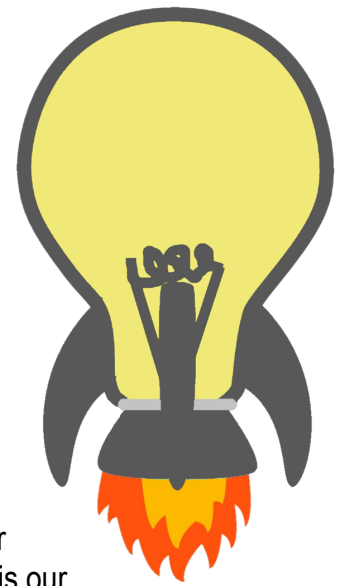


VIEWS FROM THE RIDGE

AND THE BIG IDEA IS...

2019 IS GOING TO BE A BIG YEAR FOR THE RIDGE!

Over the last 3 weeks, the congregation has been dreaming big ideas that we'll share in worship this Sunday as part of our Stewardship Consecration. Join us for worship for a time of sharing and fun! We are committed to pursuing something BIG this year.



WELCOME TO TWO NEW FACES AT THE RIDGE!

We are so excited to announce that Katheryne Taylor has just been hired as a Children and Family Ministries Coordinator at The Ridge. Many of you know Kathy who has been a nursery assistant for 9 years at The Ridge. She is joined by Maricarmen Cruz who is our new nursery coordinator. Both Kathy and Maricarmen are excited about the good things happening with children and families at The Ridge. Please be sure to say hi and introduce yourself when you see them!

THANKS TO ALL WHO TRAVELED TO EMMANUEL UMC AND THE OPPORTUNITY CENTER FOR OUR EPIPHANY JOURNEY. GOD IS SO GOOD!

AN EXTRA THANKS TO:

- Ken and Carol Runk who coordinated supplies for the manna bags.
- Kimie Martin who created 100 sleeping mats.
- Western Hills UMC's Sobremesa Food Truck Ministry for Feeding 120 meals to homeless persons at the Opportunity Center on Jan. 6.
- Everyone who traveled to the Emmanuel to serve!



IT'S NOT CHURCH, IT'S HOME

Satisfy us
in the morning
with your unfailing love,
that we may *sing for joy*
and be glad

ALL OUR DAYS.

Psalm 90:14



I am no longer my own, but Yours.
 Put me to what You will, rank me with whom You will.
 Put me to doing, put me to suffering
 Let me be employed for You, or laid aside for You
 Exalted for You, or brought low for You
 let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing
 I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to Your pleasure and disposal
 And now, glorious and blessed God
 Father, Son and Holy Spirit
 You are mine and I am Yours. So be it.
 And the covenant now made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven
AMEN.
 Wesley Covenant Prayer



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