

The Southwest Spirit

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UNVEILING ISLAM

For better or for worse, we truly live in a global society. This touches our lives in many ways, including the role of religion in the lives of people. Whether we have co-workers of a different faith, or we observe the actions of those around the world, there are important questions to ask.

What do Muslims really believe? How is Islam observed in every day life? As a Christian, how can I share with one who is Muslim and authentically, respectfully represent my faith? These are essential questions we will be seeking to answer together as we begin an important study on this Sunday evening. Join us for *Unveiling Islam*. See Pastor James for more information.



Wednesday Night LIVE!

Wednesday nights this Fall

Beginning September 12 at 6:30-8:00

Room 104

Beginning next Wednesday night, we will have a new weekly youth event for those in 7th grade through those in 12th grade. We are calling it Wednesday Night LIVE, and we will be meeting in our youth room (room 104). This will be a time of fellowship, fun, bible study, and games. Want to find out what is new about it? Join us on September 12, at 6:30 pm. Don't miss this opportunity! Contact Pastor James or a member of the Youth Council for more information.



TeamKID is coming to our Wednesday nights this Fall! This new program promises to build on our already successful Wednesday evening AWANA program. We are really excited about this new opportunity! Come see what it is all about, starting this Wednesday with our family information night. See Ramona Davis for more information.

D-Now Weekend!

Sept 14 -16, 2007

"For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you..." 2 Timothy 1:6

We will gather at church on Friday evening September 14, at 6:00pm for the beginning of a fantastic weekend. College students from Hannibal-LaGrange College will be joining us to lead this all-weekend event, through worship on Sunday Morning, September 16. The cost of this event is \$12. Pack your bag – grab your sleeping bag and pillow – and prepare for a great weekend of small group discipleship and fun! **It is not too late to sign up – contact the church office!**

Thank You.. "for the visit from Pastor Pulido and every one while I was in the hospital. Thank you for the prayers and cards while I am recuperating at home."

In Love & Christ
Mamie Orth

Grace and peace,
Pastor James

Chancel Choir and Hand Bells Have Returned!

Are you ready to be a part of one or both of these important worship leadership groups? A willing spirit is the only prerequisite. Join our Chancel Choir as they resume practicing on Wednesday evenings, at 7:00 pm. Prefer to lead with your hands rather than your voice? Join our Hand Bell Choir as they practice on Monday evenings.

CE Events

September is a special month for Christian Education. We promoted in our Christian Education classes this past Sunday and our official "kick-off" for the new CE year will be Sunday morning, September 16. That same Sunday we will complete our church survey instruments. On Friday, September 21, we will gather in Fellowship Hall for our annual Christian Education Banquet, as we recognize and honor those who have served faithfully in CE this past year.

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So, What Do You Think?

Most of us, when we are honest with ourselves, like to be asked our opinion. We may not want to give an opinion on every matter, but certainly concerning those things most important to us we do. I may not care about many questions of fashion (I don't), but I may care about how questions of fashion affect the development of the young people in our community & larger culture (I do).

For many of us here at Southwest Baptist, there are few, if any, concerns which are more important to us than the well-being and future of our church. Our church council has worked from last Spring through this Summer to develop a survey instrument which will allow our church family to share our response to this important question, "What do you think?"

Please plan on being in the Christian Education hour on Sunday morning, September 16, as we distribute copies of this survey instrument to every youth and adult class. This is feedback which both the church council and the ministerial staff need as we move forward. None of us may have corned the market on wisdom and spiritual discernment (none of us has), but sometimes God can speak through us as a faith community. Please do not miss your opportunity to be a part of it.