

The Southwest Spirit

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Youth Leadership Training Session 2 April 13, 12:15pm

Our second session in our Youth Leadership Training will be held on Sunday afternoon, April 13. We will have a traditional youth lunch (i.e. pizza) provided and our meeting will conclude by 2:15 pm. Those who attended our first planning meeting will want to make a special effort to join us. Weren't a part of our first meeting? Contact Pastor James about being a part of round two. This session will focus on the development of a youth ministry plan. For more information about this important event, contact Pastor James.

Money Matters: Epilogue April 27th

Our final session in our study "Money Matters" will be held on Sunday evening, April 27th, at 5:30 pm in Memorial Hall. Ryan McGhee, a professional financial planner and life-long Christian, will be with us to share about sound personal and financial strategies. He will also be available to answer a variety of questions we might bring. For more information, contact the church office.

Guest Speaker, April 6th:

Dr. Molly Marshall President, Central Baptist Theological Seminary



Dr. Molly Marshall will be our guest speaker on Sunday morning, April 6th, during our morning worship hour. Dr. Marshall is the 10th President of Central Baptist Theological Seminary. A graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, she received her M.Div. and Ph.D. from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. Marshall has been in theological higher education for twenty-five years. Join us as we hear from Dr. Marshall at 10:45 am this Sunday morning.

Faith & Politics April Sunday Evenings

In an election year, politics dominate the headlines in our culture. As Christians, how do we engage our culture in times like these? Beginning this Sunday evening, Southwest Baptist will sponsor a series of discussions on the relationship between faith and politics. We will ask the same questions which we have asked for generations: What does it mean to be a Christian in today's political climate? What have Baptists in particular traditionally brought to this discussion? Why is it dangerous to claim God as either exclusively a Democrat or a Republican? These will definitely be opportunities no one will want to miss.

April 6 - Guest Speaker Brian Kaylor, Communications Specialist with the BGCM, will share from his doctoral work on the relationship between faith and politics. Kaylor is a Ph.D candidate at the University of Missouri in the field of communications.

April 13 - Guest Speaker Senator Jeff Smith will share from his own experience on the intersection of faith and politics. Mr. Smith is the Missouri State Senator for the 4th District, which is a part of St. Louis City.

April 20 - We will view and discuss the short documentary film, "Golden Rule Politics: Reclaiming the Rightful Role of Faith in Politics."

Welcome to Southwest Mack & Tina Mercado

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- Dr. Rudy A. Pulido, Pastor
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- Mrs. Ramona Davis, Director of Children's Ministries
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LINDENWOOD AREA SENIOR MINISTRY

Presents:

Dancing with the Stars:

THIS IS THE LAST WEEKEND TO PURCHASE TICKETS to the upcoming Spring Fling on April 12th 2008 at Timothy Lutheran from 4-8pm. We're providing a shuttle service from Southwest Baptist's parking lot to the dance starting at 3:45 p.m. Tickets are \$10/person. Call Kathy Huckaby for reservations at 229-5926.

From the Pastor

I serve on the advisory board for the South City YMCA. The South City Y is located on Sublette, between Arsenal and Flyer. If you drive by the Y in the evening you'll find that parking spots for the facility are almost non-existent. When that facility was built it was projected to serve a certain number of memberships. Guess what? They are servicing almost double what they planned for!

In a recent board meeting the Director of the South City Y, Dan Kappel, presented a formula that explained in part why the South City Y mushroomed to its present size. The formula was SM+MR+MI=G. According to presentation, you can apply the formula to whatever institution and the results will always be G.

Okay let me break the formula down to where all can understand it. SM represents Satisfied Members. The Bible tells us that we are ambassadors for Christ. We represent Jesus in the world. People see Jesus in us. How does he come across through you? Is your life, my life helping others to be SMs?

MR represents Member Relationships. The Y stresses that its staff and volunteers give attention to knowing everyone who walks through the door by name. They want to cultivate the feeling of being family, of being friends. As members of the Southwest family we should know one another by name. Are you good at that?

MI represents Member Involvement. The Y works to have every member participating in one or more of its health programs. When is the last time you invited someone to be a part of a program or ministry you are part of? If folks don't get involved with our church they will never really belong. God calls all of us to be involved in some way or other with the great work he is doing in our world.

G represents Growth. Any organization that does SM+MR+MI will Grow. So, how are we doing? The answer is as much in your hands as it is mine.

See you Sunday in worship.

Pastor Pulido