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News from Metropolitan Community Church of Dallas

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## MUSICAL NOTES

God has really blessed MCC-Toronto! The pastor, Rev. Brent Hawkes, has a lovely, loving congregation to shepherd. The number in the choir has risen from about seven to nineteen in two months, the instrumental ensemble has added five new members, and they are blessed with many vocalists, ensembles, directors, and keyboard musicians. They have also received the gift of 22 new choir robes and choir folders. They are preparing for a good General Conference XI in July, 1983 at Convocation Hall at the University of Toronto, a large building with "seating in the round" and a mammoth pipe organ and very good acoustics. The campus is lovely and the accommodations are adequate. I have adequately prepared myself as a tour guide for next summer.

Don't miss our first "All-Vocal Music Worship Service" on the evening of November 14th at 7:15. Some of the talented people from MCC-Dallas will be ministering in song, and we're already making arrangements for another next year.

The choir and orchestra are now in rehearsal for a great Advent-Christmas season at MCC-Dallas. If you haven't been attending rehearsals regularly, now's the time to add your musical skills to those of your brothers and sisters.

## Women of the Bible Seminar

One of the highlights of the month of November in our Church is a day-long seminar on Women in the Bible presented by Rev. Joy A. Bailey from Austin, Texas. If you can think of only a few names of prominent women from the Bible, this seminar will be packed with surprises and refreshing views for you. The seminar will reveal how, far from being overshadowed by men of Bible history, women are there risking, rallying and rescuing men and nations. Topics to be covered will include:

HISTORIC MOTHERS  
SKELETONS IN THE CLOSET  
MATES: MIXED AND  
MATCHED  
HEROIC WOMEN OF THE OLD  
TESTAMENT  
NOTABLE, THOUGH  
UNNAMED WOMEN  
NEW TESTAMENT TIMES—  
A NEW BEGINNING  
LABORERS WITH CHRIST

It is important to note that, most often, these feminine heroes were not fragile, dainty creatures; nor does the Holy Scripture shroud them with spiritual delicacy. They led in war

(Deborah: Jud. 4, Miriam: Ex. 15:20); they saved nations (Rahab: Jos. 6:25, Ester: Ester: 7); they sacrificed security for noble causes (Ruth: Ruth 1, Mary: Luke 1:30-38); some were ruthless in power (Jezebel: 1 Ki. 21:5-16); and some betrayed love (Delilah: Jud. 16). The women of the Bible portrayed the same human incongruities as their male counterparts. These ran the gamut from ruler to servant, deliverer to captor, saint to seducer. Never dull, the lives of the women of the Bible are exciting and intricate.

Our Women of the Bible seminar will be held from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM at MCC Dallas on Saturday, November 6th. It is open to women and men alike. The presenter is Rev. Joy Bailey of Austin, Texas. Rev. Bailey has been a Minister of the Gospel since the age of 17. Since that time she has served both as a Pastor and has travelled extensively as an Evangelist. Rev. Bailey has a B.A. in Education and an M.A. in Counseling. She is also an active Real Estate Broker and teacher. Registration for this exciting seminar may be made through the Church office at 526-6221. Everyone is invited.



## THE MINISTRY OF GIVING

The giving of gifts is one of the oldest gestures of love. The love is not measured by the lavishness of the gift but by the thoughtfulness and sacrifice involved in its giving. There is a ripple effect to gift giving which can spread out far beyond the original point of the gift. The ministry of giving is one of the most important ministries in the church. Without it the church could not function. Without it the other ministries would not be able to continue. In many cases other ministries get much more attention than the ministry of giving but this should never take away from the importance of the giving ministry and the love of Christ that it conveys. Behind every activity of the church are numerous ministries of the Gift. The effects of their giving reach out to touch lives in innumerable ways. The silent companion in every sermon, the unseen maestro in every note of music and the unknown loving friend in every hospital visit is that one who would be the Minister of the Gift. Harry B. McCormick, former president of the United Christian Missionary Society told of an experience in one of his early pastorates. He happened to be standing by as the officers of the congregation opened the envelopes given in a special missionary offering.

All were surprised to find that the largest gift was from a single woman who was the sole support of an invalid mother. The elders said, "This woman cannot afford to give this much." Dr. McCormick took her check and went to talk to her about it. He explained that she had given more than she could afford, and that the church could not accept it. After listening to this statement the woman explained, "My daily work is hard and dull—especially since, as a girl, I had my heart set on going to a foreign field as a missionary. But then my mother became ill and I had to go to work to support her. I am glad to be able to provide and care for her. But the thing that gives real meaning to my working hours is the thought that I am able by giving to help somebody else go overseas and serve as a missionary. You cannot take away from me this one great joy of my life by refusing to accept my check."

Dr. McCormick went away humbled and chastened. Never again did he attempt to tell anybody that she or he was giving too much to Christ.

Perhaps you are already touching hundreds of lives through your giving. Perhaps you have yet to discover how wonderfully God pours out love and blessings on those who give. There is within us all the capacity to love through giving. We are all potential Ministers of the Gift.

Once a teacher helping a little girl learn to write asked, "Honey, where is the dot over the 'i'?" The little girl responded, "It's still in the pencil." Perhaps your ministry is "still in the pencil". Just know that when you exercise that ministry you are touching lives in a myriad of ways for Jesus Christ.

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## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING DECEMBER 1

The first day of December is an important date for MCC-Dallas. On the evening of December 1 at 7:15 PM, there will be an Annual Congregational Meeting. This important meeting has far reaching implications for the church all year long. Among the matters to be considered will be the filling of some very important positions within our church. The nominating committee is now receiving suggestions for nominees to various offices. To be elected:

### Board of Directors

Two board positions presently held by Carol Tokaz and Jack Evans (3 year terms).

### Lay Delegates

All 6 delegates and 3 alternates to represent MCC-Dallas at UFMCC and District Conferences (2 year terms). Present incumbents are George Kennedy, Sylvia Hodgins, David Anderson, Jim Stevenson, and George Harris.

### Nominating Committee

Three representatives of the Congregation to be elected (2 year terms). Present incumbents are Bob Forester and George Harris.

Suggestions for persons to be nominated to fill any of these positions should be submitted in writing to Sue in the Church office before November 18th. It is also important to note that a By-Laws committee has been appointed to consider and make recommendations for local By-Laws Changes. Any suggestions for By-Laws changes may be submitted to Chairperson Sylvia Hodgins. With the many vital matters to be considered at the meeting on December 1, it is important that every member is there.



# NOVEMBER CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Sun. 07:00 am PRAYER BREAKFAST, EXECUTIVE INN, 3232 W. Mockingbird 11:00 am MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE, M. PERRY 11:00 am CHILDREN'S SUN DAY SCHOOL, DEXTER KINCADE, TEACHER 3:00 pm MEMBERSHIP CLASS, No. 1, M. PERRY 7:15 pm EVENING WORSHIP SER- VICE, REV. JOY BAILEY, GUEST MINISTER</p> <p>Sun. 14:00 am PRAYER BREAKFAST, EXECUTIVE INN, 3232 W. Mockingbird 11:00 am MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE, REV. EASTMAN 3:00 pm MEMBERSHIP CLASS No. 2, REV. EASTMAN 7:15 pm VOCAL CONCERT, MUSIC DEPARTMENT</p> <p>Sun. 21:00 am PRAYER BREAKFAST, EX- ECUTIVE INN 11:00 am MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE, REV. EASTMAN 11:00 3:00 pm MEMBERSHIP CLASS No. 3, REV. EASTMAN 7:15 EVEN- ING WORSHIP SERVICE, REV. EASTMAN</p> <p>Sun. 28:00 am PRAYER BREAKFAST, EX- ECUTIVE INN 11:00 am MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE, REV. EASTMAN 11:00 3:00 pm MEMBERSHIP CLASS No. 4, REV. EASTMAN 7:15 pm EVENING SERVICE, REV. EASTMAN</p>	<p>Mon. 1 7:00 pm Overeater's Anonymous 7:30 pm <i>Emotion's</i> <i>Anonymous</i></p> <p>Mon. 08:00 pm Overeater's Anonymous 7:30 pm <i>Emotion's</i> <i>Anonymous</i> 7:30 pm <i>Dallas</i> <i>Gay Alliance</i></p> <p>Mon. 15:00 Overeater's Anonymous 7:30 pm <i>Emotion's Anonymous</i></p> <p>Mon. 22:00 pm Overeater's Anonymous 7:30 pm <i>Emotion's</i> <i>Anonymous</i></p> <p>Mon. 29:00 pm Overeater's Anonymous 7:30 pm <i>Emotion's</i> <i>Anonymous</i></p>	<p>Tue. 02:00 pm LAY MINISTRY CLASS-NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY, REV. EASTMAN 7:30 pm <i>Oak Lawn Symphonic</i> <i>Band - Open Rehearsal</i></p> <p>Tue. 09:00 pm LAY MINISTRY CLASS-NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY, REV. EASTMAN 7:30 pm <i>Oak Lawn Symphonic</i> <i>Band - Open Rehearsal</i></p> <p>Tue. 16:30 pm <i>Oak</i> <i>Lawn Symphonic Band -</i> <i>Open Rehearsal</i></p> <p>Tue. 23:00 pm LAY MINISTRY CLASS-NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY, REV. EASTMAN 7:30 pm <i>Oak Lawn Symphonic</i> <i>Band - Open Rehearsal</i></p> <p>Tue. 30:00 pm LAY MINISTRY CLASS-NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY, REV. EASTMAN 7:30 pm <i>Oak Lawn Symphonic</i> <i>Band - Open Rehearsal</i></p>	<p>Wed. 03:00 POT LUCK DINNER, ORGANIZED BY SHALOM FAMILY (Covered Dishes Welcomed) 7:15 FAMILY GROUP SERVICE, YADSEUT FAMILY -Group Leaders</p> <p>Wed. 10:00 pm EVENING SERVICE, M. PERRY</p> <p>Wed. 17:00 pm FAMILY LEADER'S COUNCIL, WYATT'S CAFETERIA, GEORGE KENNEDY, DIRECTOR 7:15 pm EVENING SERVICE, DAVID DAY, STUDENT CLERGY</p> <p>Wed. 24:00 pm EVENING SERVICE, DAVID DAY, STUDENT CLERGY</p>	<p>Thu. 04:00 pm DEAF MINISTRY BEGINNING SIGN LANGUAGE 7:30 MCC DALLAS OR- CHESTRA REHEARSAL 7:30 pm <i>Dallas Alternative</i> 8:00 pm DEAF MINISTRY INTERMEDIATE SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS.</p> <p>Thu. 11:00 am BEGINNING SIGN LANGUAGE 7:30 MCC BOARD OF DIREC- TOR'S MEETING, OPEN TO MEMBERSHIP 7:30 pm MCC DALLAS OR- CHESTRA REHEARSAL 7:30 pm <i>Dallas Alternative</i> 8:00 pm DEAF MINISTRY IN- TERMEDIATE SIGN</p> <p>Thu. 18:00 pm DEAF MINISTRY BEGINNING SIGN LANGUAGE MCC DALLAS OR- CHESTRA REHEARSAL 7:30 pm <i>Dallas Alternative</i> 8:00 pm DEAF MINISTRY IN- TERMEDIATE SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS</p> <p>Thu. 25:00 pm THANKSGIVING DINNER (Reservation Required)</p>	<p>Fri. 05:00 pm PRAYER AND PRAISE SERVICE, M. PERRY</p> <p>Fri. 12:00 pm PRAYER AND PRAISE SERVICE, M. PERRY</p> <p>Fri. 19:00 pm PRAYER AND PRAISE SERVICE, M. PERRY</p> <p>Fri. 26:00 pm PRAYER AND PRAISE &amp; BAPTISM SERVICE, DAVID DAY, STUDENT CLERGY</p>	<p>Sat. 06:30 am SATURDAY SEMINAR, WOMEN IN THE BIBLE, REV. JOY BAILEY, PRESENTER</p> <p>Sat. 13:00 am FAMILY GROUP LEADER'S TRAINING, GEORGE KENNEDY, DIRECTOR 10:00 am NOVICE DEACON MEETING, M. PERRY 1:00-4:30 pm <i>Seeking of Changing</i> <i>Employment Workshop</i></p> <p>Sat. 20:00 pm <i>Benefit</i> <i>Dance - Golden Unicorn</i> <i>\$3.00.</i></p> <p>Sat. 27:00 pm STUDENT CLERGY MEETING, REV. EASTMAN</p> <p>*Dates and Times subject to change. Other events may be added.</p>



## Gay Parents Club Formed

What happens when gay lovers learn that the son(s) or daughter(s) of one of them will be coming to their house for Christmas? Check one:

- \_\_\_\_\_ They both throw their hands in the air and scream, "Santa has a bad sense of humor."
- \_\_\_\_\_ One dresses as a reindeer and hopes not to be noticed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ One poses as Uncle/Aunt Tony/Toni and spends \$3,000.00 on children's presents.

\_\_\_\_\_ None of the above.  
The correct answer is probably "None of the above," although the reindeer idea might hold some interesting possibilities. The best answer might be to call some friends you met in a new organization for Gay parents. The Gay Parents Club meets the first Tuesday of each month but the solution of problems like the one above is not confined to the once monthly meetings. Persons who attend the Gay Parents Club meeting make contacts who can be helpful in sharing experiences and solutions with just a phone call or a visit. Chances are there is someone else who has had each trauma or delight that you find yourself experiencing if you are a gay parent. The new organization allows these

persons to discuss their problems and share their solutions in the sometimes difficult experience of parenting. The group meetings can be a good place to get feedback on ideas that you have on how you should respond in certain situations. It is feedback that may come from persons who have faced the same situations. For many gay parents this is the first time they have had such support from a group of understanding persons. The monthly meetings are at the home of Bob Baugh and Bob may be reached by phoning 528-1024.

## BENEFIT DANCE

Saturday, November 20 at the Golden Unicorn, 5404 Lemmon Avenue, the People's Sovereign Court of Dallas presents its 1st annual Thanksgiving Ball benefiting MCC-Dallas. The theme of the dance is "Pilgrims Meet Indians (Bring Your Favorite Turkey)".

Prizes will be awarded for the best costume for those who want to pay the \$5.00 to enter the contest. Costume cross dressing is allowed but not encouraged. Late in the evening there will be a brief fashion show with the latest "Fashions from the Colonies". The admission price is \$3.00 per person. The Dance begins at 9:00 P.M.

## Need To Find A New Job?

Developments with the economy have led to employment problems for many members of MCC Dallas. Some have been out of work and have had difficulty in finding employment. For a few it is the first time in many years that they have been unemployed and looking for work is a new and troublesome experience for them. For anyone who wants to sharpen their job-hunting skills a workshop scheduled at MCC-Dallas in November would be a good idea. **SEEKING OR CHANGING EMPLOYMENT** is a half day workshop to be presented by Bruce Dougherty. Bruce will share with us from his ten years experience in the Personnel Placement Industry and from numerous seminars which he has attended which were presented by the nation's top authorities in Personnel Placement. Bruce will pass along tips on: How to interview, where the jobs are, what are the best times to look for a job, how to change careers, mental posture in seeking employment and how to dress when you go for an interview. This important seminar will be presented on Saturday, November 13th from 1:00 to 4:30 PM. You may register with the Church office by calling 526-6221 or simply be at the Church at 1:00 PM on Nov. 13. There is no charge for registration.

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