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## A Note From. . . Pastor Clay



### Prayer in Action

*But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.* Matthew 6:3-4

Have you ever wondered what Jesus means here? I have yet to meet anyone over the age of three months whose left hand does not know what their right hand is doing. We call it coordination, but it is basically the subordination of every muscle and structure of the body to the mind's control. What the mind does not control is out of control—those are the only two choices: coordinated, or uncoordinated.

What if there is a third choice?

What if there is another mind that can coordinate the right hand without the left hand's understanding? Jesus is telling us, "let your Father in heaven coordinate what your right hand is supposed to do—don't look at it, don't try to control or understand it. Just let your hand do what your Father in heaven tells it to do." That is prayer in action.

When we tune our will to God's will on a regular basis, He picks us up and moves us without our understanding, often without our knowledge. I cannot count the number of times I have sensed the Lord calling me to say something I didn't fully understand, or do something that didn't make sense at the time. Each time, I walk away saying to myself, "was that *really* what I was supposed to say/do?" And each time, the obedience has been used in God's own time to accomplish His purposes.

God is not supposed to be a secret consultant in the closet—God means to use you and me in this world He claims as His own creation. Let God use you—and here are some ways that are open to you:

- The Session has opened up food donations to Oak Cliff Churches for Emergency Aid to be any day, any time you feel led to donate food. Presbyterian Women are setting up the station to receive it. When God says give, give!
- When you see a need, assume that God gave you the eyes to see it—which means, if God shows you the need, maybe you should fill it.
- Prayer is an ultimate form of multi-tasking—you can pray and talk, pray and work, pray and listen at the same time. Practice this—like all skills, you get better at it with practice.

God is the best coordinator!

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### MEMORIAL AND HONORARIUMS

To the Building Fund honoring the memory of Ray Neal Johnson from Ron Samford.

To the Logos Fund honoring the memory of Ray Neal Johnson from Beve Brining.

To the Music Memorial Fund honoring the memory of Elizabeth Loper from Madeline Knight

To the Building Fund honoring the memory of Ray Neal Johnson from Mae Lee and Aundrel Givens.



Katie McAllister	Lillian Hubbard
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Elaine Westerlage	Pat Caldwell
Geraldine Bluiett	Opal Smith
Morris Moore	Sherry Anderson
Joice Cason	Damien Barnes
Gene Buchter	David Chaney
Mary Padilla	Sharon Curtis
Ronnie Varner	Meagan Wilson
Margaret Baker	Lilliana Partrice
D'Andre Barnes	Barbara Draper

Len and I want to thank The Youth and the Caring Committee of OCPC for blessing us with one of their Thanksgiving Baskets. Elena Stephens and Toi Parson delivered the lovely fruit basket to us all the way across town and we sincerely appreciated their thoughtfulness. It was great visiting with them and Toi led us in a lovely prayer. It is truly a blessing for us to see the OCPC youth develop into such caring individuals. This brought back to me the memory of some of those Thanksgiving baskets that were delivered as Miriam Gaffney and I worked with the Youth at OCPC in the late 60's and early 70's .

What a joy to know that they are still blessing people. We send our love to everyone at OCPC and wish you a blessed Thanksgiving.

Most sincerely, Beverley Roberts

We are indeed grateful for the continuous prayers of the OCPC family. We are blessed to be a part of a caring family during these difficult times. The cards, calls, and expressions of caring have really lifted our spirits. Keep us in your hearts as Jim continues to progress. We feel truly blessed knowing that you care.

Alice Williams, Michael and Linda Williams.



### HABITAT BUILD NEARING THE END

at 4627 and 4635 Stokes in Joppa Neighborhood.

The two remaining build dates are Saturdays,

December 1 and December 8.

Landscaping and clean-up will take place the morning of December 8<sup>th</sup> followed with the house dedication service at 1:00 p.m. The families will receive keys to their homes and will move in soon thereafter. Everyone welcome to attend!

### CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

“Joy to the World” is the theme to this year’s Christmas Joy Offering. Since the 1930’s the Presbyterian Church has celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ with the annual offering. This offering is shared equally by the Board of Pensions Assistance Program and the Presbyterian-related Racial Ethnic Schools and Colleges. The offering will be received at OCPC on December 23, 2007.



## Denim Book Bags for Sale

The Youth are selling denim book bags. These book bags have a beautiful cross on the front and make fantastic Christmas gifts. Order yours now for only \$25! They will be for sale in the Fellowship Hall after each church service.

## Recycling Project



The Youth are now collecting old ink cartridges, cell phones, and PDAs. Please bring these to items to the church and place them in the boxes provided. This project is good for the environment and at the same time raises money for the Youth!!



## Christmas is Coming!

We will be decorating the sanctuary and fellowship hall at about 4:00 on Saturday afternoon December 1 - lots of help is needed! The annual All-Church Christmas Party is on December 9 at 6:30 pm in Currie Hall. Lots of singing and fun, so please join us as we get the Christmas season started off right! The children's choir will do the nativity and we will sing the 12 Days of Christmas. Bring a plate of Christmas goodies for fellowship after the program.

## Presbyterian Women

While the Presbyterian Women were pleased to give Oak Cliff Churches for Emergency Aid a check for \$114.00 following our Cake Walk at the Park and Praise event, we are aware of the higher needs facing our charitable organizations. (See Dallas Morning News article of 11/22/07 which is posted on the PW Bulletin Board.) At the last PW Coordinating Team meeting we discussed the need of gathering from our own generous OCPC members food items on a continuous basis rather than just one Sunday morning each month.

This idea was taken to the last Session meeting and approved that we could provide a container in the Currie Fellowship Hall so that members can deposit food items for the needy at any time that they are in the church. We will facilitate the movement of this basket to the OCCEA pantry on the north end of our building on a regular basis. God bless you as we reach out to help others in our community.

The Oak Cliff Presbyterian Women Circle meeting will be held at the following locations December 11, 2007.

Circle # 1 and Circle # 2 Hosted by: Louise Heiskell: 915 Thistle Green Lane Duncanville, TX. 75137

Circle #3 Hosted by: All Members Church - Crusader Class Room

Circle #4 Hosted by: All Members Church Parlor

Circle #5 Lead by: Charlotte Strom Grace Presbyterian Village

Evening Circle Hosted by: Pat Caldwell  
1441 S. Marlborough  
Dallas, TX. 75208

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>Food for the Food Pantry can be brought any time and left in the receptacle in the Fellowship Hall.</i></p>						<p><b>1</b></p> <p>7 &amp; 9 Wt. Watchers 9am Bible Study 11:00 Mission Cmte</p> <p>Habitat work day</p> <p>4pm Decorate church</p>
<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Communion</p> <p>12:20pm Voices/Praise 12:30pm Yth Fellowship 12:30pm Committee Mtgs</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>9am Second Mile</p> <p>5:30pm Daniel Cls 6pm Wt Watchers 7pm Bridge Club</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>10am Coord Team 1pm Bible Leaders</p> <p>2pm Stephen Mnstry 6:15pm Way/Prayer 7:30pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>5:00pm Logos 7:30pm Choir</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>5:30pm Carillon 6pm Tae Kwon Do 7pm Exp. God 7pm Behavior Cls 7pm Praise Band</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><i>Newsletter Deadline</i></p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>7 &amp; 9 Wt. Watchers 9am Bible Study Habitat landscape 1pm Habitat House Dedication</p>
<p><b>9</b></p> <p>12:20pm Voices/Praise 12:30pm Committee Mtgs 1:00pm Deacons Mtg</p> <p><b>6:30pm All-Church Christmas Party</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>9am Second Mile</p> <p>5:30pm Daniel Cls 6pm Wt Watchers 7pm Bridge Club</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Circles 10am &amp; 7pm</p> <p>2pm Stephen Mnstry</p> <p>6:30pm Worship Cmte 7:30pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>5:00pm Logos 7:30 Choir</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>9:30am Way of Grace 5:30pm Carillon 6pm Tae Kwon Do 6:45 Adult Nurture 7pm Exp. God 7pm Behavior Cls 7pm Praise Band</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>6:30pm Inquirer's Class Christmas Party - Parlor</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>7 &amp; 9 Wt. Watchers 9am Bible Study</p> <p>Youth Christmas Party - at Parson's</p>
<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Congregational Meeting</p> <p>12:20pm Voices/Praise</p> <p><b>2:00pm Session</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>9am Second Mile</p> <p>6pm Wt Watchers 7pm Bridge Club</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>2pm Stephen Mnstry</p> <p>6:15pm Way/Prayer 7:30pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><i>Newsletter Deadline</i></p> <p>7:30 Choir</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>5:30pm Carillon 6pm Tae Kwon Do 7pm Exp. God 7pm Behavior Cls 7pm Praise Band</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>7 &amp; 9 Wt. Watchers 9am Bible Study</p>
<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Joy Offering Received</p> <p>12:30pm Yth Christmas Banquet – Upper Room</p> <p>5:30pm Board /Servants 7:00pm The Gathering</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>  <p><b>Christmas Eve</b> CANDLELIGHT SERVICE 7:00pm</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>  <p><b>Christmas</b></p>	<p><b>26</b>      <b>27</b></p> <p><i>Church Office Closed 24<sup>th</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup></i></p>		<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>7 &amp; 9 Wt. Watchers</p>
 <p><b>LESSONS &amp; CAROLS</b></p> <p>One Service at 11:00am</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>9am Second Mile</p> <p>6pm Wt Watchers 7pm Bridge Club</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>  <p><i>Begin the new year with God</i></p> <p>Church office closed</p>				

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- |    |                   |    |                  |
|----|-------------------|----|------------------|
| 1  | Howard Boals, Jr. | 16 | Mike Anderson    |
| 4  | Calvin Bluiett    | 16 | Woodrow Baker    |
| 4  | Susan Miller      | 16 | Ruth Roberts     |
| 4  | Cletus Pippin     | 17 | Kenneth Crumpton |
| 5  | Evelyn McCormack  | 21 | Charlene Griffin |
| 6  | Chris Storey      | 21 | Linda Mathews    |
| 7  | Elizabeth Gayton  | 21 | Helen Sadler     |
| 11 | Claudia Halsey    | 23 | Dianne Hayden    |
| 11 | David Muller      | 24 | Lillian Cox      |
| 12 | Bob Strickland    | 25 | Homer Beavers    |
| 13 | Mae Givens        | 25 | Willie Demery    |
| 13 | Jared Widing      | 26 | Bettye Banks     |
| 14 | Mark Bishara      | 27 | Misty Green      |
| 14 | Sam Kirkpatrick   | 29 | Frances Moore    |
| 14 | Thomas Stoddard   | 30 | LaVerelle Henke  |
| 14 | Drew Wingert      | 30 | James Miller     |
| 15 | James Barth       | 30 | Billy Varner     |
|    |                   | 31 | Pat Caldwell     |



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