

THE WEEKLY NEWS

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Sponsor a Solar Unit for \$50

Thousands of people live in the mountains of Haiti. Although lush with greenery and beauty, life on the mountain is hard. There is no electricity or running water. Women walk 30 minutes each way carrying five-gallon buckets to get water for the day. The day that these units were delivered, the couple in this photo had walked 45 minutes each way with a sick grandbaby to the closest doctor, only to find it closed when they arrived.

In November this couple was the first of two families who received solar-powered units that provide LED light, an electric charging outlet, and a transistor radio. These two units were given to families as testing units. Feedback through Danny Pye of Kenbe Fem Ministry in Haiti is that the units are working great! A goal has been set to secure sponsorship to build and distribute 100 units to families living in the mountains of Haiti. You can sponsor a unit for \$50! Units will be displayed in church lobbies this Sunday!

Sponsorships need to be received by the end of January so that supplies can be purchased to build the units before the planned distribution dates in March. You can sponsor a unit(s) by donating online at <http://www.icanimpact.org/> or by writing a check to I Can Impact (with a memo "solar unit"). Checks can be brought to the church or mailed to I Can Impact, P.O. Box 1676, Pearland, TX 77588.



Be a Part of the Team

From March 11-16, a team will distribute the solar units to families in the mountains of Haiti. If you are interested in being a part of this team, contact Lori at Isaia@fumcpearland.org or 281-485-1466.

M & M's

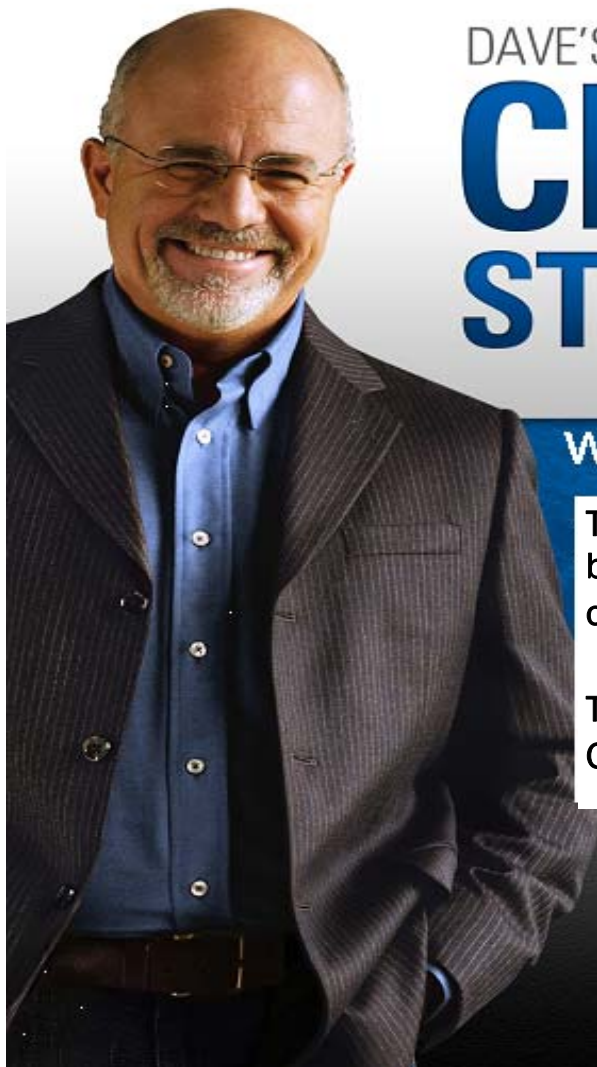
All middle-schoolers (5th and 6th graders) are invited to join the Mighty and Miraculous Middle-schoolers for our 2nd Annual Games Event this afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the MFC. There will be lots of fun and games. Bring a friend and enjoy group games such as Minute to Win It, video games and relay races! Any questions, please contact Becky Bushkuhl at aghog@msn.com or (713) 823-0473. Hope to see you there!

GRIEF SUPPORT MEETING

If you or someone you know is dealing with the death of a family member, there will be a grief support meeting held on Monday, January 9th at 7:00pm. This meeting is open to anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one and would like to meet to talk about your grief, while finding support from one another. Dr. Bob Joiner will lead the discussion. The meeting will be held in the Prayer Room located in the Bethel Building.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The next Bible study will be of Nehemiah by John MacArthur beginning January 11, 2012, at noon in Room 210, in the Bethel Building. This is a twelve week study. The study book is \$9. Contact Charlie Philipp at 281-485-7641, for a book and/or more information.



DAVE'S FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY CLASSES START SOON!

Want to learn more about FPU?

Two class time options will be available beginning this week on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. or Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

To sign up or ask questions, contact Larry Girven at tsoa@flash.net

Financial Peace University is a program that teaches you how to beat debt, build wealth and keep your own economy thriving.

UPCOMING MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES

Kidz Harbor

Saturday, January 14th—9:00 a.m.—Bring a sack lunch!

Join us at Kidz Harbor the second Saturday of each month. Kidz Harbor is a foster care facility located in Liverpool, Texas. FUMC has made a long-term commitment to renovating an 8,000 sq. ft. home to serve as a permanent group home for kids at Kidz Harbor. For directions, contact Lori at Isaia@fumcpearland.org or 281-458-1466.

Mission Trip—Rio Bravo—February 2-5, 2012

Dr. Greg Clariday of Clear Lake will conduct an eye surgery mission trip in Rio Bravo, Mexico, February 1-5, 2012. Hundreds of patients will be screened. Many will receive surgery and/or eyeglasses. Volunteers with medical experience are wanted. There are also jobs for those without medical experience. If you are interested in joining the team, contact Lori at Isaia@fumcpearland.org or 281-485-1466. Cost: \$150 to cover transportation, lodging and meals.

ATTENTION LADIES!

Join the FUMC Pearland Women Build 5K Walk Team! March 25, 2012

Funds raised go to our local Habitat for Humanity Bay Area Chapter to provide housing for a needy family locally and a family in Costa Rica. If you are interested in being part of the team, contact Lori at Isaia@fumcpearland.org or 281-485-1466 for more details.

ONWARD & UPWARD

This month, in our children's Sunday school we will be looking at the virtue of **Self Control**. I know that many of us make New Year resolutions that require this virtue. Here is an excerpt from our new curriculum that I hope will make you feel better about any struggles you may incur in trying to achieve your New Year's Resolutions.

Written by: Reggie Joiner

Children need to see their parents make rational, emotional, and spiritual growth a priority. If parents don't make it personal, it may never be personal for their kids. One of the most powerful things that children can see is God at work in the lives of their parents, but they can't see who their parents are becoming if they never see who they were in the first place. Otherwise, how will they know the difference God has made and continues to make in their parents' lives? It is the firsthand look at that difference that will give them hope for their future and faith in what God can do in them.

Volunteer Opportunities: If you are looking to be more involved, we would enjoy hearing from you. Please contact Terri to see what opportunities we have available.

O.W.L.S.

Join us on January 19th, at 2:00pm in the Assembly Room for the big screen presentation of Francis Ford Coppola's "The Black Stallion". This movie was made in 1979 and stars Teri Garr, Kelly Reno and Mickey Rooney. Free popcorn and soda will be served. Everyone is invited!

MEN IN ACTION

We will be starting our Men in Action activities on January 21, 2012 with Horseshoes and Washers at Merl Bradley's home. The address is 5418 Patterson, Manvel. Time will be 1 pm until 5 pm. Come and enjoy fun and fellowship. No reservations required. Men In Action needs you!

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The church web site—www.fumcpearland.org

- Purchase tickets, register for events, and listen to Sunday messages
- Give one-time and set up recurring donations on the Giving page
- Check out the Multimedia page, where audio/video files are available
- Read the past year's issues of The Connection, our monthly newsletter

Are you receiving church information through our church-wide email?

If not, send your email address to Lori Saia at Isaia@fumcpearland.org!



2012 South District Leadership Training

Which leaders should attend?

- Clergy
- SPRC
- Finance
- Trustees
- Spiritual Formation
- Lay
- Missions
- Contemporary Worship

Saturday, January 21, 2012

Pasadena First United Methodist Church
1062 Fairmont Pkwy
Pasadena, TX 77504

8:30 am Gathering and Check in Time

9:00 to 11:00 am Leadership Training

No Charge

On-line registration

Registration deadline **Tuesday, January 17th**

For more detailed information and
to register go to:

www.southdistrict.org

Childcare Available by reservation only!