

# The Word

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## Marriage Fun

For two weekends, HPUMC married couples participated in some fun events.

First, a few of us went to Fort Worth to "Laugh Our Way to a Better Marriage" as we watched Mark Gungor, a pastor and comedian joke about the difference between man's brain and woman's brain. Ask Reggie Hopkins, Earl Johnson, and David Ford about their "empty box". Ask their spouses, Cheryl, Yolanda, and Jackie about their "wires".



Next, several couples became dancing stars when we took dance lessons and became pampered mates after spa treatments. Reggie Hilliard and David Ford mastered the west coast swing after reminding their wives, Sylvia and Jackie who was suppose to lead in dancing. Dancing With The Stars judges would have given Wendy and Arthur Williams, 9, 9, and 9. After getting massages and facials, Alfred and Mary Nickson, Ron and Alison Brown, Willie and LaDonna Williams, Arthur and Wendy Williams, and David and Jackie Ford are so relaxed their marriages will be stress free for quite a while. We look forward to more couples joining us next time.



**12<sup>th</sup> IB FOOTE CRUSADERS MALE CHOIR  
12<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP**

# FISH FRY

Friday, April 25, 2008  
11:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

**Menu:**  
Fried Catfish, Baked Beans,  
Cole Slaw, Hush Puppies,  
Iced Tea, etc.  
Price:  
**\$10.00 "per" Plate**  
\*Donations are gladly accepted  
- Scholarship Fund Raiser!

Hamilton Park United Methodist Church  
11881 Schroeder Road, Dallas, TX 75243 Christian Life Center

## Africa University Choir Concert

The Africa University Choir will be in Concert at Hamilton Park United Methodist Church on Saturday, May 3, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. This event will be a part of the choir's schedule of tours throughout the North Texas Conference following their opening performance at General Conference in Ft. Worth, Tx. Sixteen voices from the university's choir will be our guests and will be hosted by families from our congregation. The choir will be received on the morning of Saturday, May 3rd by members of our congregation and greeted formally by the Higher Education Ministry. Other welcoming events will be held by the Expanded Mission and Music Ministries of our church. We invite all to participate in receiving our African brothers and sisters and attending this much anticipated concert. We want these young people to experience the unique love and ministry of our Hamilton Park Church Family. Come out and support this wonderful event. Invite your friends and come in large numbers.



Faithfully,  
The Africa University Planning Committee

## Mother/Daughter Tea and Fashion Show

All ladies of all ages, from 1 to 100, save the date! The Children's Ministry "Mother/Daughter Tea/Fashion Show" is back and will be Saturday, May 3rd, 11:00am to 1:00pm. We will have a light meal, tea, poetry and a fashion show starring you and your mother, daughter, granddaughter, etc. Fashion displaying casual wear, sport wear, Sunday wear, etc. will be featured. Get your girls together and join us for a lovely time of bonding.

This is a great way to pay tribute, honor and celebrate your Mother. Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate. This is not just for the Children's Ministry. It is for all Mothers, daughters, Grandmothers, Aunts, Guardians, etc.

Sign up at the Children's Ministry table on Sunday after both services. Admission is free but we do need you sign up. God's Peace and Blessings to you all!

### HPUMC Ushers Workshop

**Saturday, April 19, 2008**

**9am - 12:15pm**

Registration begins at 9am in the Christian Life Center



Join us for a Fun filled Spiritual Day Training, instruction and information  
Will be provided!

Ushers, members, and all are welcome!  
From youth to mature adult

Contact Orpheulia Davis for more information:  
oarivers@yahoo.com or 214-289-4212

## Attention All Married Couples

The couples ministry is requesting your presence at a gathering to join a Married Couples bible study group. All couples interested please come to this meeting. If you would like to find out the keys to a successful marriage and how to do the right things to enrich your marriage further, then this is the ministry for you. Please join us on Sunday-April 20th in Room 203 at 1:00pm for more information on enhancing your marriage. Don't hesitate to call The Johnson's for further details.

Earl & Yolanda Johnson, Married Couples Ministry Chairs  
972-412-0130

### HT Alumni Garage Sale

The Huston-Tillotson Alumni Association will hold a Giant Garage Sale on Saturday, April 19th from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at HPUMC, 11881 Schroeder Road

ALL ITEMS MUST GO!! Bring family, friends, neighbors, All. Many great items to choose from. Fantastic Children's Clothing.

Be the first in line!

Mark Your Calendars...Saturday, April 19th at 9:00 a.m.  
See you there! HT Alumni Association

Submissions for the May 2 edition of The Word are due Saturday, April 26. Please contact Mary Dedeaux-Swinton for additional information - marydedeaux.swinton@gmail.com.

## Prayer List

Mr. Joseph Armant  
 Mrs. Vassie Bell  
 Mr. Hardy H. Bouyer  
 Mrs. Thelma Calhoun  
 Mr. Louise Caver  
 Mr. Adolphus Chinn  
 Ms. Sherrie Hendon Clark  
 Infant Christia Daniels  
 Mr. Joe Davis  
 Ms. Sayde Gee  
 Mr. Lawrence Fowlks  
 Dr. Willie Fowlks  
 Mr. Eric Heeter  
 Ms. Glenda Hendon  
 Mr. Michael Hendon  
 Mr. Andrew Herndon  
 Ms. Sherrie Herndon Clark  
 Mrs. Margaret Houston  
 Mr. Thomas Jefferson  
 Mrs. Emma Johnson  
 Ms. Joyce Johnson  
 Mrs. Mamie Johnson  
 Mrs. Opal Johnson  
 Mr. SeTroy Knight  
 Mrs. Beverly Knighten  
 Mrs. Jean Lawrence  
 Ms. Celia J. Lewis  
 Mrs. Thelma Lewis  
 Mrs. Lyndia Lucas  
 Mr. Kelly Marzett  
 Miss Dana Nickson  
 Dr. Janet Bell Odom  
 Mrs. Verginia Onyebueze  
 Mr. Reuben Payne  
 Mrs. Martha Hill Pickens  
 Mr. Clabon Pleasant  
 Mrs. Martha Pruitt  
 Mr. Lincoln Robertson  
 Mr. Charlie Robinson  
 Mrs. Sarah Rogers  
 Ms. Carol Scantlebury  
 Mr. Elbert Smith  
 Mr. Philip Smith  
 Mrs. Sylvia Spottswood  
 Mrs. Ollie Suds  
 Ms. Faye Stewart  
 Ms. Shamesha Taylor  
 Mrs. Mae Helen Toliver  
 Mr. Clyde West  
 Mrs. Hattie Williams  
 Mr. Willie Williams  
 Mrs. Alfradia Wilson  
 Mr. Henry Wilson, Jr.  
 Rev. T. W. Woods, Sr.

**Pray for our troops and all  
 members of the United States  
 Military**



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 Can Use  
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## Calendar of Events

April 19, 2008 (Sat) Usher Workshop 9:00am – 12:00pm  
 April 19, 2008 (Sat) UMM Fishing Trip 6:30pm  
 April 20, 2008 (Sun) Election of New Officers/Refreshments  
 1:00pm-2:00pm  
 April 20, 2008 (Sun) Youth Jubilee at Mt. Zion Baptist Church  
 3:00pm  
 April 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> (Fri-Sun) 30 Hr. Famine  
 April 26<sup>th</sup> (Sat) Nothin' But Net /Ft Worth  
 April 27<sup>th</sup> (Sun) Youth usher

**Upcoming Events:**  
 30 Hour Famine – April 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>

## Bridgeport Summer Camp

July 8-12 Children's Camp  
 June 30 – July 5 Junior High Camp  
 July 14-19 Senior High Camp

Scholarship deadline May 1

If you are interested in your child attending summer camp at Bridgeport please go to the website below and register. For more information please contact Pastor Anthony Everett [aeverett@hpkumc.org](mailto:aeverett@hpkumc.org)  
<http://www.bridgeportcamp.com/SummerCampSchedule.htm>

## Senior 2008 Update College Acceptances

Cori Hill  
 · Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX  
 · Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colorado

## United Methodist Women Quadrennial Meeting

Shirley Pleasant attended the United Methodist Women (UMW) Quadrennial Meeting of the South Central Jurisdiction as a Voting Delegate in Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 28 - 30. The organization of UMW has always been at the forefront of Christian social change efforts. The NTC-UMW constantly seek new and better ways to carry out the organizations mission and serve on the frontline's promoting the direct elections of Women's Division directors at the Quadrennial Meeting. Shirley is pictured above with Lue Hester a past presidents of the North Texas Conference UMW. Mrs. Hester was one of the candidates nominated from the NTC to serve as a director.



## Altar and Flower Guild Calendar 2008

The Altar and Flower Guild is now taking request for the 2008 Altar Calendar. Member who are interest in placing floral arrangement on the Altar, Vestibule or the Choral Gallery in Honor or in Memory of a love one; please call Carolyn Madere at 214.348.0228 or e-mail her at [cwmadere@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cwmadere@sbcglobal.net).

## From Our Members

To: Hamilton Park  
 United Methodist Church  
 I am writing this letter to say, "Thank you" for your prayers, Harold Dangerfield, Archie Brown, and the gentleman, whose name escapes me at the moment; and to everyone at Hamilton Park United Methodist Church for your love, prayers, telephone calls, and the lovely Exotic Dieffenbachia plant. I underwent outpatient day surgery on March 18, 2008 at Baylor Regional Medical Center in Plano, TX to repair an inguinal hernia. The surgical procedure was successful. There were no complications, and no post-op infection. Thanks Be To God.

God Bless you, Hamilton Park  
 United Methodist Church  
 Sincerely,  
 Thomas Dickerson

To My Hamilton Park  
 Church Family,  
 Thank you so much for the love and support shown to my family as we experienced the loss of my niece, Janell V. Thomas. Your words of kindness, cards, prayers and phone calls helped us to feel the loving touch of God through your sharing. May God continue to bless you and we ask that you keep us in your prayers for the days to come.  
 Sincerely,  
 Ruth E. Robinson & Family

To Rev. Dangerfield, Rev. Cooksey and the rest of my Hamilton Park Church Family,  
 Thank you for lifting your prayers up to God for my sister Cemmie to have a successful surgery and speedy recovery. She's home and doing well. The flowers sent were such an outward display of love!

God is good and his goodness definitely surfaced through Christian people like you.

Juanda Waites and Family

## Religious Newsbriefs

OSLO, Norway (Associated Press)—The state Church of Norway won greater independence on April 10 under a parliamentary compromise while maintaining its nearly five-century position as the Nordic country's official religion.

All seven parties in Norway's parliament agreed to the compromise, which includes eventually giving the Lutheran church the right to appoint its own bishops. Currently that is a government decision. The compromise also calls for less state control of the church, although clergy and staff would remain government employees.

Even though the three-party governing coalition has a majority in parliament, Minister of Culture and Churches Trond Giske said he wanted broad support for reforms in such a key Norwegian institution as the state church.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Presbyterian News Service)—Elder Rob Bullock, of Orlando, Fla., has been selected as the director of mission communications for the General Assembly Council of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Mr. Bullock will oversee the development of strategies and messaging to communicate the full work of the denomination's mission arm, with the goal of engaging Presbyterians at all levels of the church in that work.

For the past six years, Mr. Bullock served as vice president and founding partner of Covenant Communications, an international marketing agency serving faith-based clients ranging from small neighborhood churches to global ministries like Campus Crusade for Christ, Young Life and Wycliffe Bible Translators.

DUBUQUE, Iowa (Associated Press)—The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Dubuque announced Thursday that it will pay \$4.7 million to settle 18 sexual abuse claims against former priests.

The archdiocese and lawyers for the 18 individuals who claimed they were abused released statements outlining the settlement. The statement from attorneys Thomas Staack and Chad Swanson in Waterloo said the settlement was reached on March 24 after a mediation session earlier in the month.

