

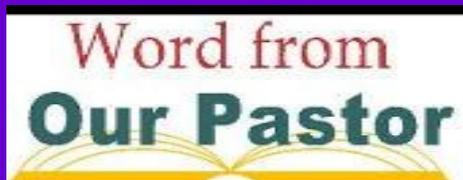
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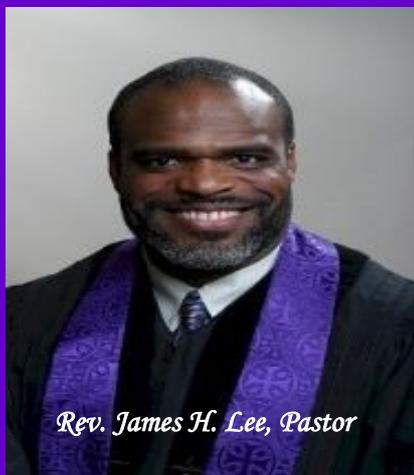
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NCFA Family and Friends:



Rev. James H. Lee, Pastor

I am amazed to think about where we are today. Twenty years ago I shared with Charles Robinson my dream to start a church, and 13 years ago I was given the opportunity to see the seed germinating in the ground. In January 2009 the dream was realized and we chartered.

Similar to what happened with our ancestors in Scriptures, we continued to rely upon God, and at the same time tried to solidify our ministry by becoming an institution. Sometimes it resulted in us not following the pillar of cloud by day and fire at night. One thing that remains true is that we held onto our call to be a real, relevant, and racially-diverse church. As you know, that never means perfect or that we have it all together.

The number 7 is a number of completion, and in some ways God has completed our lives. However, it also means that a transition has and will take place. Over the years we have seen leaders called to the Church Triumphant and other churches within our community. We have continued to do the work which is often messy as folks find themselves going in and out of crisis and celebrating new wonders of marriage, children, homes, jobs, and degrees.

Our theme for 2016 is "Servant Leaders Serving Others and Living Faithfully in 2016." I pray that you will join me in doing the work that it will take us to do to ensure that our church is around for the next generation in the same way that the core team did when we began the work in 2004. I am ever encouraged when I see us walking in our potential. It has been my goal to empower every leader so that our church will have longevity and will serve as a disciple-making factory which leads marketplace ministers to serve the community and our church. Most importantly, it has been my hope to help us love each other and live together as a community publicly in the church and privately in our homes. Every family is important and makes up this wonderful Motley Crew. Joshua said in the 24th chapter, "as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." I pray that that is your continuous declaration.

On Sunday we will have our worship service, which will include a tribute, recognition, and the ordination and installation of church officers. Afterwards you are invited to join us for a light luncheon.

I'm pleased to say that on Sunday morning at 8:15, Rev. Steve Miller will preach at our early morning service. CLP Viola Lee will preach at 10:15. Other pastors within our congregation will be preaching at the 10:15 service so that I may more fully recover and fulfill other obligations. On the 24th Rev. Ellis Oglesby will preach; on the 31st, Rev. Jeff Saddington; and on February 7th, Rev. Bill Harris.

I am grateful for everyone who has been a part of the life of this church. The memories are rich, and the work has been hard—but worth it. It is my hope that in the same way that 12 stones were taken out of the Jordan River and placed at Gilgal, this will be our Gilgal moment where we recognize and remember ***God's work in our lives and church. We get to see how partnering with other churches, organizations, and people helps us to accomplish our goals when we walk by faith and grow in grace.

Prayerfully submitted,
Pastor James H. Lee

NCFA 7th Anniversary Service

17th January
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**Come help us celebrate our
7th Anniversary
on Sunday, January 17th.**



**CELEBRATE NCFA's 12th BIRTHDAY as
a NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT
and 7th BIRTHDAY AS A CHARTER
CONGREGATION.**

**We are the first intentionally multi-
cultural congregation in Mission
Presbytery. Come and join us in
thanksgiving for our life together!**

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**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH
PANCAKE SUPPER/DEACON
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**We will also celebrate Pastor Lee's
Birthday at this event**

Time; 6-7:30pm

**Place: Covenant Presbyterian Church
(Northland Dr.—at 222and Mopac)**



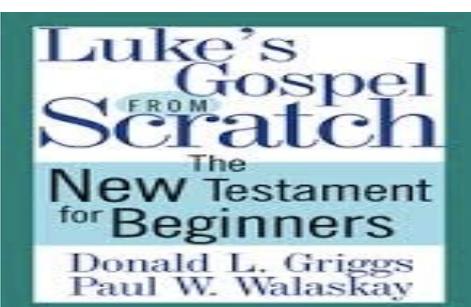
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Sewing/Craft Class

Sunday, January 31, 2016

1:00 pm

(after service)



***The Gospel
According to Luke***

**Thursdays at 7pm
through February 18th
Fellowship Hall**

For Study Notes, see Rev. Jeff Saddington
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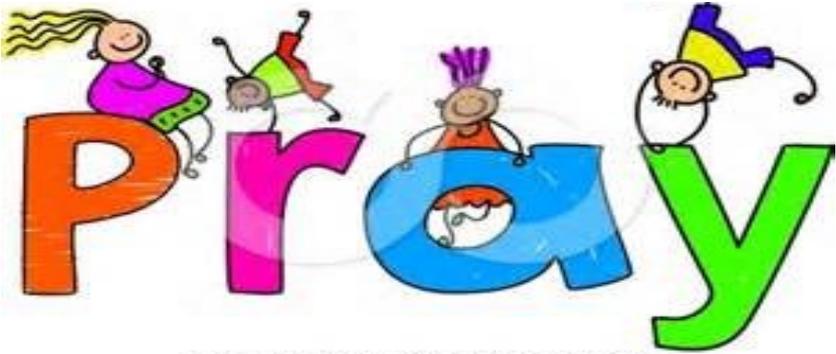
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- ⇒ Praise God for getting Nancy to her 2nd Anniversary of a cancer diagnosis.
- ⇒ Praise and thanksgiving for Coach Randy's longtime friendship with Travis. Coach Randy was invited to celebrate Travis's new job and engagement. Praise for Travis overcoming obstacles to be where he is today.
- ⇒ Lift up David R. to continue living life to the fullest in spite of having cancer. Lift up Alice W. for physical and mental health. Lift up Robert Pena. Lift up Reed, Amy, and their developing baby.
- ⇒ Praise for the sermon! Praise for the sermon! Praise for the sermon!
- ⇒ Praise for old dreams coming back to life. Praise for God providing for Caly in amazing ways. Everything she thought impossible has now been made possible. Lift up the developing logistics of a mission trip to the Dominican Republic.
- ⇒ Lift up a friend's parents who are in the middle of an acrimonious divorce. May God bring calm and respect back into the family's life. Lift up Michael as he goes through the process of dealing with a cancer diagnosis and treatment.
- ⇒ Praise for God's support getting through a difficult week. Lift up Kimberly dealing with health concerns. Lift up a decision about going to Ethiopia. Lift up Sofia as she transitions to a new school. Lift up Kimberly for travel mercies as she goes to Portland to help her friend struggling with multiple health issues.
- ⇒ Lift up travel mercies for Oliver as he goes to Alabama and Minnesota. Lift him up to reflect God in all his interactions.
- ⇒ Praise from Scott and Ashley for the blessing of dear friends moving to Austin! Lift up Ryan and Stacy for a visit to NCF.
- ⇒ Lift up Ashley and her mother as they grieve the death of their grandmother/mother. Praise for Charlie and baby Elliot being a comfort during a hard time.
- ⇒ Lift up good health for Vi.
- ⇒ Praise for the Rascal Flatts song "Changed." Praise for a God who welcomes us back when we stray.
- ⇒ Lift up Christine and 20 students going to Turkey. Praise for this last semester of seminary.
- ⇒ Remember: When we make the commitment, God brings the resources.
- ⇒ Praise for the people who stopped and helped James in a time of need. God provided and enriched many lives in the process. Lift up health, energy, and expanded time for answering all the demands on James. Praise for the respect of family members who let him do what he needs to do.
- ⇒ Praise for Ben's friend whose spinal cord was not damaged in a fall that broke several vertebrae.
- ⇒ Praise for the provision of a good job that will provide Tiffany's friend Laura with the ability to move to a new city where allergens will be less of a stress on her MS.
- ⇒ Lift up Jeff and Carol's son John for a good job.
- ⇒ Lift up a Grandmother, her daughter, and grandbaby. God knows the needs.
- ⇒ Lift Vernon up for ongoing humility and gratitude for all the blessings God is bringing to his life.
- ⇒ Lift up Nekia and George while she is deployed in Iraq.

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SUNDAY MORNINGS

NCFA Sunday Schedule

8:15am - Worship Service
1507 Wilshire Blvd.

10:15am - Worship Service
1507 Wilshire Blvd.
9am Adult Sunday School
10am Fellowship
10:45am - Children's Church



NCFA SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 8:15am -- Wilshire Blvd.

Come rise and shine with us
at our 8:15am service
where we glorify God
through the Word, Prayer, Hymns,
and Communion.

1507 Wilshire Blvd.

In the words of Phillips, Craig & Dean,
"Come, just as you are, to worship."

All are welcome to this traditional,
intimate style of worshipping our Lord.

NCFA SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 10:15am

We would love to have you and your family come share in the CELEBRATION OF THE GOOD NEWS!

We are worshipping in the Fellowship Hall of Genesis Presbyterian Church on the Wilshire Campus starting at 10:15 a.m.

Real Church...
Real People...
Real Simple...

New Covenant Fellowship of Austin PC(U.S.A.) is a racially diverse community informed by the Bible, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and motivated to share God's love with all. In response to God's love, we are called to equip disciples to faithfully serve, to encourage seekers to joyfully commit, and to implore all to worship our Lord, as we love our neighbors, grow in grace, and live by faith.

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- 1st Kimberly Hall
- 3rd Katie Keeler
- 4th Doug Caroom
- 6th Craig Dyer
- 7th Josh Harris
- 13th Patricia Caroom
- 15th George Washington IV
- 16th Stacy Robinson
- 17th Nora Quinn
- 17th Amanda Phillips
- 25th Awudizi Vida-Torku
- 30th Doug Smith



- 1-5 Wonho and Charlie Shin
- 1-15 George and Grace Washington
- 1-20 George and Trish Holland
- 1-21 Scott and Ashley Phillips
- 1-31 Oliver and Elizabeth Smith

Session Members

- *Rev. James Lee
Pastor/Moderator
- *Elder Kathy Smith
Clerk of Session
- *Rev. Bill Harris
Administration & Personnel
- *Elder Tim Lenz
Buildings & Grounds
- *Elder Mary Jo Mojica
Congregational Life
- *Elder Randy Mojica
Children and Youth
- *Elder Cathy Angell
Discipleship & Women's Ministry
- *Elder Caly Fernandez
Evangelism
- *Elder Tracey Lenz
Finance & Stewardship
- *Elder Robert Booth
Lay Ministry
- *Elder Benton Hooks
Men's Ministry
- *Elder Vernon Bailey
Missions
- *Elder Charles Robinson
Worship & Membership

Deacons

- Connie Jones, Chair
- Kathryn Aldas
- Ulysses Cox
- Lucy Oglesby
- Ashley Phillips
- Carol Saddington
- Cathy Trifiro
- Roxann Vallejo

JANUARY 2016

- 17th 2nd Sunday after Epiphany
8:15am 1507 Wilshire Blvd.
9-10am Adult Sunday School
9:30am Psalm 150 Praise
Team Rehearsal
10:15am Worship at 1507 Wilshire
Pastor James H. Lee, preaching
Sunday School during worship;
Ages 3-5-Rm 1, Grades 1-5 -Rm 7
7th Anniversary Celebration
following worship
Tutoring
- 19th 6:30pm Men's Ministry
Dinner, Study at 7pm
- 20th Dinner at 6:30pm ; Prayer and Praise
Worship at 7pm.
- 24th 3rd Sunday after Epiphany
8:15am 1507 Wilshire Blvd.
9-10am Adult Sunday School
9:30am Psalm 150 Praise
Team Rehearsal
10:15am Worship at 1507 Wilshire
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FEBRUARY 20th
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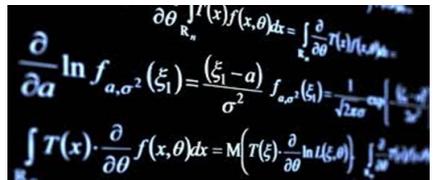
Wednesday Night Fellowship Homework Help 5 – 6 PM and 7 – 8 PM

Bring your homework. Enjoy a family-friendly meal. Finish assignments.

Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity!

MATH WITH MAŠA!!!!

2nd / 4th Sundays, Noon-1:30pm following Worship



- ⇒ Do you *love* math, *hate* math, or *need* help with math?
- ⇒ Are you getting ready for a big test or college entrance exam?
- ⇒ Bring your arithmetic, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, geometry, trigonometry, statistics and calculus math problems.
- ⇒ **All school-aged students, elementary through undergraduates**
- ⇒ **2nd and 4th Sundays, immediately following worship service**
- ⇒ **(Noon – 1:30 PM)**
- ⇒ Maša Prodanović holds a Bachelor of Science in Applied Mathematics from the University of Zagreb, Croatia and a PhD in Computational Applied Mathematics from Stony Brook University, New York. She is an Assistant Professor and Chevron Teaching Fellow in the Petroleum and Geosystems Engineering Department at the University of Texas at Austin.



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Acts 8:14-17 ¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Luke 3:15-22 ¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” ¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother’s wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added to them all by shutting up John in prison. ²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

One of the emphases today you'll know from these readings and from the song is on the Holy Spirit. We talk about the Trinity. We love God the Creator. We love Christ, the one who redeems; but sometimes it's a little difficult to talk about that Holy Spirit, the one who sustains us. And as we walk through the text, there is a time of preparation that helps us to understand how the Holy Spirit has been a part of the church. It's been a part of our creation and should not be separated from the Trinity—God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I named the title of the sermon *“The Spirit of God for the People of God.”*

Jesus, even as he was preparing to go home, said, “When I leave, I'm not gonna leave you orphaned, I will leave you with another comforter.” And that other Comforter is the Holy Spirit. It's so important for us to understand that God is Spirit, and having the Spirit of God be in us and around this world lets us know that as much as we try to put things in boxes that we can comprehend, that we can understand and in some ways control, God can't be controlled. Amen?

As we work through the sermon today, I would just like to emphasize from the text, *Expectations*; and then there are going to be some *Experiences* that you're going to have as a part of our faith journey; and in the end we'll talk about being *Empowered* or *Equipped* for the work that is at hand.

Expectations:

John the Baptist comes. And we're used to hearing this text differently. *Luke* does it differently, and if you need an opportunity to hear a little bit more about the nuances that come with *Luke*, we invite you to come on Thursday evenings here in the sanctuary at 7pm as Pastor Jeff teaches from *Luke*. But what we need to know is, the same way that the baptism of the Lord was done and experienced out of another gospel, *Luke* has a different way of doing it. John the Baptist is still there, and he's still preaching in the wilderness, and people still come out; he just doesn't call them *“a brood of vipers—who warned you to flee?”*! But there's an invitation for people to come and to see. It said there was expectation and also questioning.

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Have you ever felt like you had a dream, or a hope, and it was crushed or it dissipated, and you wondered “Could we ever dream again?” What do you do when you've been taught all your life about the Messiah coming, the Lord being there for you and being there with you, and yet the heavens are closed and you don't hear from God or you don't hear from God the way you *want* to hear from God? And then all of a sudden some person comes out and starts speaking the words that are so familiar...not necessarily the words themselves but the *heart* of the word, because you don't hear a whole lot of repenting—*Repent! Repent! Repent!*—in the Old Testament; but that's what he calls them to do.

And in doing so, folks wondered “Is that the Messiah? Could he be here, now?” I want to invite us to take the dreams and hopes that have seemed to be of the past and in 2016 bring them to the present. Let the Spirit of God who rests, rules, and abides with us now be the one to say “*You can dream again.*” **Joel 2:28** says that the Spirit would come down on all men and women, boys and girls, and the older brothers would dream dreams while the young folk would see some visions.

You see, we can become so practical, so realistic that we limit God from being God. But when you recognize the Spirit, it can't be put in a box. The moment you say, “Well, this can't be done,” the Spirit of God says “*Remember what the sister said, 'With God all things are possible.'*” We might say, “Exactly how do we get there?” But that is not the point; the point is, will you believe God for great and wonderful things? Will you have the heart of expecting the best instead of the worst? Will you have a mindset to believe where once before you thought there was no way that you could believe?

So he's there, and he preaches the word, and the expectations come as the people hear him. And I'm so thankful for what John does. He speaks to their curiosity and their expectations. He says, “I am not the one. You see, I'm baptizing you with water unto repentance. He baptizes you with *fire*. Again, repentance is not about us being such bad people; repentance is when we recognize something is hindering us from being all that we're called to be in the Lord....Something is hindering us because it's not God. And then when we recognize what that is, we say, “Lord, I didn't know; but I know now” or “Lord, I know and you know because we've been on his journey a long time.” As my old pastor would say, SOS—same old sin, same old struggle. But I'm coming to the same old Sovereign to help me deal with it all, Amen?

And that part is important because God is the one who sanctifies us, the Holy Spirit who sustains us. And it's not that the sin is supposed to just stay with us; but God is ever sanctifying us on this side of Glory. So our title has already been done; we're declared righteous. But now it's how we live it out. So he baptizes with water unto repentance. But Jesus is the one who will come and baptize with the Spirit, and it's a refining Spirit. I love it because it doesn't burn up, but burns so that the dross may be moved away and the purity remains.

He even talked about the winnowing fork being there to clear the way so that the harvest might come. All those preparations for the harvest, for the blessing. We are that harvest; we are the blessings of God for which God made great preparation over 42 generations to make it possible for us to have those experiences before the foundation of the earth.

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But the expectations....I want to invite us: I know what the texts says, but we're in 2016. I want you to keep questioning but also to keep dreaming and let the expectations come alive. John was doing what he was supposed to do, so he handled the people there in the wilderness. The other side of the faith journey is, sometimes we're called to speak truth to power, to shed light on darkness, to recognize where there's injustice and where righteousness needs to abide.

Experiences:

There are experiences that come as a matter of our faith. Some experiences are filled with jubilation. I had it last week with the baptisms of Matthew and James—jubilation, a wonderful experience. And sometimes the experiences are when you can read and you can hear Naomi, whose new name Mara was “bitter.” But her baby girl says “I can't go anywhere. See, your people are my people. So where you go, I'm going.” She's not the same woman anymore. Same body. But the experience is different, and because of that experience, we get an opportunity to see how the kinsman Redeemer would come and continue the story, experiences.

But the other side of experiences is that you can stand up for righteousness and be exiled. You can stand up for righteousness and be imprisoned. And you can stand up for righteousness and be executed. And that's enough to say, “Oh, I don't know if I wanna do that or not.” And so you must count the cost. Even Jesus said that is a part of discipleship. Bonhoefer helps us so very well to know that this call that we have is a costly one, but it is worth it. It is worth it. I want you to remember some of your experiences, the good ones. And even the bad ones too, not because I want you to get stuck back where you were; but I want you now to invite Jesus to come to those places if they're keeping you from moving forward because you are stuck, so that you might be set free. Allow the redemption and the redeeming power of the Lord to come forth.

Jesus speaks to the disciples...the very ones who are a little afraid because they stood up and said “I'm gonna align myself with Jesus,” and they followed him. And then he was executed, and they were afraid. But he told them to go there and wait until they had received power. ***Acts 1:8*** It was at that point in time that ***“you will be witnesses of me in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the utmost parts of the world.”*** You may say, “Well, when did the Spirit of God come? How did we experience it or see it?” In this Gospel reading, we begin to see it after everyone else had been baptized, and Jesus also. It is at that time, when he's baptized....Not that he was a sinner; not that he needed to repent. But Jesus is such that he will come to identify with us in this body so that he can redeem us. He can take a system that is so destructive or limiting and do something like no one would ever expect, and he does. And what happens? The heavens open up, the Spirit comes like that of a dove, descends upon him, and we hear the voice of the Creator. And God says ***“This is my son in whom I am well pleased.”***

I want you to know that your experiences are not just for you. When you have the opportunity to allow God to minister to you in your experiences, you can share them with someone else who needs hope because they have experienced not the exact same thing, but something very similar. They wonder how did you get out of it, how did you stay in the faith, how did you continue on, having gone through what you went through? And we're able to do because of the Spirit of God. We're able to do it because we trust day by day that God is going to help us through, standing on the words that God will never leave us nor forsake us.

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Empowering/Equipping:

I needed us to have that epistle reading because it talks about the Empowering and the Equipping (my last E’s). So often the church fusses and fights over how we introduce the Holy Spirit, how the Holy Spirit is to be lived out. And we will continue to because as soon as one person interprets it one way, someone else will interpret it differently. But I want us to hear these words again: ¹⁴*Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them.* ¹⁵*The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit.* There are times when we say that once you have accepted Christ as Lord and Savior, you have received the Holy Spirit. You may have received the Word but not all of the gifts that came with it. And this is where our teachings will be a little bit different. What does it mean to have had an encounter but not fully understand the fullness of what that encounter is? Many of us have seen on e-mails or Facebook about the person who bought a ticket for a cruise, and he was so excited. But he spent all his money so he could get the ticket for his first cruise, and he didn't read all the instructions. And then as they were going, it came time to eat. But instead, he went and sat on one of the chairs by the pool. Someone asked him, “Aren't you gonna go eat?” He said, “I don’t have any money, I spent all my money trying to get the ticket for the cruise.” So the person explained to him, “When you bought the ticket, the meals are included!”

See, when we say yes to God, the Holy Spirit is included. We say yes to the triune God, the same one that says a yes to us. And so the Word abides even as we hear in **John 16** Christ wants to abide, but so does the Spirit. Empowering, equipping each of us to do what we cannot do of our own, but also what we really don't want to do. I have been called to do some stuff and I'm like, “Lord, anything but that one.” Anything but that. And that's the one I'm being called to do. So I want to encourage you. I know this text and how I'm preaching it is different; I want us to hear it afresh, experience it differently for your context because your experiences are real, and God is present to affirm you the same way He did Jesus. You may not see the heavens open up, you may not experience the dove coming down and everybody looking, but God knows who you are, where you are, what you're going through, and is there for us all.

So as I end the sermon, my shoulder surgery went well, but my lungs haven't recovered. They had for the first couple of days, and then something happened, so I am tethered back to the oxygen. This weekend I had some experiences, and there were people I did not know who came along when I needed them the most. Now, if I wasn't stubborn, I would have received the help of my mom in the first place. But I knew what I needed to do or wanted to do, and I did it. No child ever does that...! But the Sovereign knew, and the Sovereign provided what I needed. And it was one of the most humbling experiences I've ever had—to need oxygen and not have it readily before me. A tank in hand, my regulator in hand, but then my hands cramp and I can't get it. And to cry out for help and have someone come along and to help. And when I talked to the guy, he said “We saw you the first time, but something moved in us to have us come back around....Saw that bottle in your hand, so we were a little concerned and we came back around.” When they came, I said “I can't breathe.” And they put the bottle together, turned it, and everything started to flow.

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I share that, and I know people are going to have a different understanding of what I'm trying to accomplish. But I share that to say the Spirit of God is not just something to be read in the Book but something to be experienced in our daily lives. Whether you're at the hospital with someone on their deathbed; whether you're a caregiver for someone who needs to be loved, you are the Numa—the power, the presence of God. Or if it's the oxygen that comes out of a tank that gives me life in a way not experienced before.

As we end today,

- ***Expectations.*** Keep dreaming....Keep dreaming....And by the way, keep dreaming! The dream is not a nightmare; it's waiting to be fulfilled.
- ***Experiences.*** They can cause you to shut down; they can cause you to isolate; they can cause you to quit pursuing what God has called you to pursue. But don't let experiences, painful as they may be and humbling as they may be, stop you in doing what God called you to do.
- ***Empowered/Equipped.*** You say “I can't.” No, you can't, but with God you can. Amen.

The Spirit of God for the people of God—and our response is to say

“Thanks be to God!”

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2016 POINT IN TIME COUNT **REGISTER NOW!**

ABOUT

The Austin/Travis County Point in Time (PIT) Count is part of the national effort to eliminate street homelessness spearheaded by the federal Departments of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Veterans Affairs (VA). By knowing who is on the street, where they are, and what they need, ECHO and its partner agencies can most effectively target services to those that need them the most.

OBJECTIVES

- ◆ Determine the total number and characteristics of those who are homeless in Travis County
- ◆ Provide quantitative results including demographics, trends in homelessness, with stratified outcomes by homeless sub-populations (veterans, unaccompanied youth, etc.)
- ◆ Compare annual results with previous count information to assess and improve community performance in preventing and ending homelessness

WHEN AND WHERE

- ◆ **Shift 1:** Saturday, Jan. 23rd from 3-7am-Downtown
- ◆ **Shift 2:** Saturday, Jan. 23rd from 5-9am-Suburban
- ◆ **Shift 3:** Saturday, Jan. 23rd from 6-9am-Rural

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TRAINING

Echo will provide volunteer training and assign volunteers to areas. All teams will receive maps, clipboards, flashlights, pens, and all necessary forms. All volunteers will be required to attend at least (1) volunteer training prior to participating in the count.

VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for:

60 Team Leads

600 General Volunteers

Note: Team leads must

register by November 24th!

THE COUNT

Teams generally consist of at least three members. Volunteers will observe and count homeless individuals within a defined area of Austin or Travis County. Each volunteer will choose from 3 available shifts.

JOIN US

Raise awareness and learn about homelessness in our community, along with the need for viable, long-term solutions that will alleviate suffering and improve the quality of life for all Austinites.

REGISTER!

www.austinecho.org/2016-point-in-time-count-registration/

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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN
Women in Engineering Program



INTRODUCE A GIRL TO ENGINEERING DAY (GIRL DAY)

The University of Texas at Austin
 Women in Engineering Program (WEP)
 Saturday, February 28, 2015, 2 - 5 p.m.
 Cockrell School of Engineering Complex on Campus

DESCRIPTION

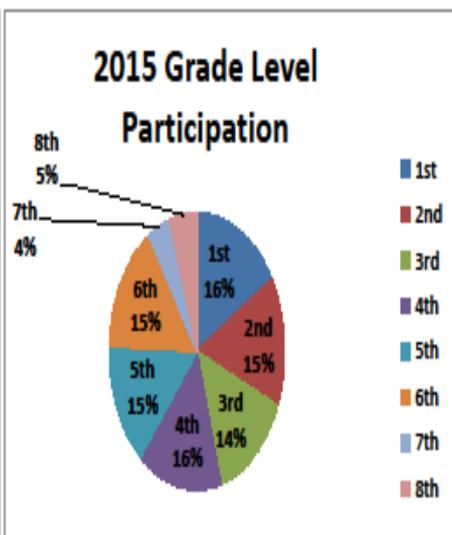
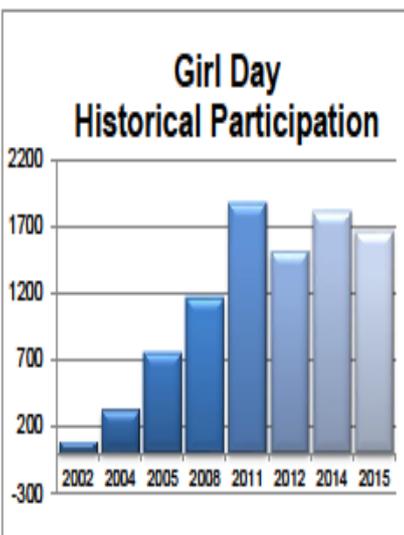
Families and educators were invited to join their students during Engineers Week for an afternoon of hands-on engineering fun during WEP at UT Austin's Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day (Girl Day). WEP at UT Austin's national award winning and 14th annual Girl Day gave over 1,600 first through eighth grade students a chance to:

- have fun doing grade-specific, hands-on engineering activities
- interact with 952 UT students, staff and faculty as well as volunteers and engineers from industry
- explore 96 activities, booths and demonstrations hosted by 113 student organizations, corporate partners, community organizations, schools and college/university partners

Participating Girl Scouts received a Girl Day patch available through partnership with the Girl Scouts of Central Texas. Current engineering students were provided leadership and presentation skills development opportunities. The day concluded with an exciting interactive show from Science in the Movies showcasing the engineering and science behind movie stunts.

SUMMARY of STATS

Girl Day, WEP's premier outreach program, has reached over 15,500 girls in its 14 year history. In 2015, 1660 first through 8th graders participated – 98% of participants were female, 9% African American, 26% Latina, 12% Asian, 1% American Indian and Native Hawaiian. Approximately 64% of participants came from Central Texas, 15% from the greater Houston area, 11% from the greater San Antonio area and the rest coming from as far as Dallas, Laredo, and Ft. Lauderdale. Volunteers have grown from 51 in 2002 to 952 in 2015. Note that Girl Day 2015 was hit with wintery weather which greatly impacted participation with less than 40% of those registered actually attending.



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PUBLICITY & RECOGNITIONS

Saturday, February 28, 2015 was proclaimed “Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day” by Mayor Steve Adler and the City of Austin. Girl Day was featured in a [USA Today College article](#), a [Time Warner Cable News story](#), a [KEYE TV news story](#), a [The Daily Texan article](#), and a student’s [news documentary story](#). WEP’s Girl Day program was also featured in a press release and a [Capitol Hill briefing](#) on Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day led by Discover Engineering. Finally, Girl Day was featured in a [promotional video produced by Discover Engineering \(previously\) the National Engineers Week Foundation](#) using extensive footage from Girl Day 2012.

PROGRAM SUPPORT

The Women in Engineering Program (WEP) partnered with 113 university, corporate and community organizations to ensure the success of Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day 2015. WEP event and initiative staff, materials and supplies, and administrative and overhead costs for programs such as Girl Day are supported through corporate, community and government grants.

Corporate: Girl Day 2015 was made possible through generous grants or donations from Girl Day Lead Partner Halliburton along with all our fantastic Girl Day Partners: 3M, AMD, Applied Materials, BASF, Bechtel Corporation, Caterpillar, Chevron, Chevron Phillips Chemical Company, ExxonMobil, Fluor, General Motors, GivePulse, Google, IBM, Intel, and National Instruments. Microsoft provided an in-kind contribution of check-in technology. DSW, Minigrip and Payless ShoeSource provided in-kind contributions of materials for our hands-on activities. AMD and IBM provided in-kind contributions of printing. Partnering companies also hosted hands-on activities, displays or demonstrations at the event.

Community & College: Numerous community organizations and nearby colleges and universities have missions and goals in alignment with WEP and Girl Day. By partnering with the Girl Scouts of Central Texas, local-area Girl Scouts are encouraged to participate in the program and are able to receive a specially designed Girl Day patch. In 2015, 660 participants (40% of participants) identified themselves as Girl Scouts.

In total, 25 community organizations supported and volunteered for Girl Day efforts:

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| 1. 4-H CAPITAL | 14. Phoenix Arising Aviation Academy |
| 2. American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) | 15. PyLadies ATX |
| 3. ATX Hackerspace | 16. Science in the Movies |
| 4. Bullock Texas State History Museum | 17. Skillpoint Alliance |
| 5. Central Texas Discover Engineering | 18. Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) – Austin |
| 6. Geekbus | 19. Society of Women Engineers (SWE) Southwest Texas Section |
| 7. GenAustin | 20. Southwest Texas American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) |
| 8. Girl Scouts of Central Texas | 21. Texas Museum of Science & Technology (Austin Planetarium) |
| 9. Girl Scouts of Central Texas Lady Cans Robotics Team | 22. Thinkery |
| 10. Girlstart | 23. VentureLab |
| 11. KLRU | 24. Westlake High School’s Team 9053 Psionics |
| 12. Laurel Mountain Elementary LEGO Lions | 25. YPW Camps |
| 13. National Association of Women in Construction | |

In addition, 6 college programs outside of UT Austin participated in Girl Day 2015:

1. Austin Community College Renewable Energy Student Association
2. Baylor Women in Computer Science
3. Society of Women Engineers - Texas State University Section
4. Society of Women Engineers – Trinity University Section
5. Society of Women Engineers - UT San Antonio Section
6. Texas State Technical College – Waco

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UT Austin Programs and Organizations: WEP partnered in 2015 with 67 UT Austin engineering and science student organization, research groups, classes and programs. Over 700 students, faculty and staff participated in Girl Day.

University Partners

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| 1. Fun with Chemistry | 6. UT Austin US DOE Solar Decathlon Team |
| 2. Longhorn Energy Club | 7. UT Undergraduate Women in Physics |
| 3. Physics Circus | 8. UT Women in Computer Science (WiCS) |
| 4. Rose Research Group, Chemistry Department | 9. UTech Outreach |
| 5. UT Austin Center for Identity | |

Cockrell School Partners

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| 10. Alpha Eta Mu Beta (Biomedical Engineering Honor Society) | 39. Institute of Transportation Engineers/Intelligent Transportation Society |
| 11. American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) | 40. Kinney Lab and Environmental and Water Resources Engineering |
| 12. American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) | 41. Longhorn Maker Studio |
| 13. American Nuclear Society UT Chapter | 42. ME WEP Engineering Ambassadors |
| 14. American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) | 43. Mechanical Engineering Graduate Student Board (MEGGSB) |
| 15. American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) | 44. NASCENT Engineering Research Center |
| 16. Architectural Engineering Institute (AEI) | 45. National Society of Black Engineers |
| 17. ARE WEP Engineering Ambassador Group | 46. Omega Chi Epsilon |
| 18. Austin Chapter of the Acoustical Society of America | 47. Pi Sigma Pi (PSP) |
| 19. Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES) | 48. Pi Tau Sigma International Mechanical Engineering Honor Society Texas Kappa Chapter (PTS) |
| 20. Biomedical Optics Graduate Organization (BOGO) | 49. Sigma Gamma Tau Aerospace Engineering Honor Society |
| 21. Biomedical Outreach and Leadership Team (BOLT) | 50. Society for Biomaterials at the University of Texas at Austin |
| 22. BME Engineering Ambassadors | 51. Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers (SASE) |
| 23. Chemical Engineering Women (ChEW) | 52. Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) |
| 24. Chi Epsilon | 53. Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) |
| 25. Department of Petroleum & Geosystems Engineering | 54. Society of Women Engineers (SWE) UT Austin |
| 26. Donglei Fan Research Group | 55. Student Engineering Council (SEC) |
| 27. Dr. Korgel Research Group | 56. Student Engineers Educating Kids (SEEK) |
| 28. Engineering Chamber Orchestra (EChO) | 57. Tau Beta Pi: The Engineering Honor Society |
| 29. Engineers for a Sustainable World | 58. Texas Theme Park Engineering Group (TxTPEG) |
| 30. Eta Kappa Nu (HKNU) | 59. Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity |
| 31. Formula Society of Automotive Engineers | 60. University of Texas Solar Vehicles Team |
| 32. Graduate Engineering Council (GEC) | 61. WEP First-year Interest Groups |
| 33. Graduate Leadership Council | 62. Women in Aerospace for Leadership and Development |
| 34. Guihua Yu Lab | 63. Women in Biomedical Engineering (WBME) |
| 35. IEEE Communications Society | 64. Women in Electrical and Computer Engineering (WECE) |
| 36. IEEE Power and Energy Society | 65. Women in Engineering Program |
| 37. IEEE Robotics and Automation Society | 66. Women in Mechanical Engineering (WME) |
| 38. Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) | 67. Women in Petroleum & Geosystems Engineering (WPGE) |

GIRL DAY 2016 & CONTACT INFORMATION

Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day 2016 is scheduled for Saturday, February 27, 2016, 12 - 4 p.m. on The University of Texas at Austin campus. Contact Tricia Berry (triciaberry@utexas.edu or 512-471-5650), WEP Director, for all partnership and community organization opportunities.