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DEAR CLIFF TEMPLE FAMILY,

“Let the little children come to me,” Jesus said, “and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” (Matthew 19:14) It’s an interesting balance: we seek to not “hinder” children from coming to learn about God, while also doing all that we can to provide a safe, nurturing environment. Our hope is that our efforts will lead children to meet Jesus.

I am grateful for the way that we moved together through the adoption of a new child protection policy a few Wednesday nights ago. Questions were raised in the spirit of love, and issues were discussed with a view toward maximizing ministry to children and youth while better safeguarding them from harm. I especially want to thank Violet Lane, the chair of the Personnel Committee, for her diligence and effort to create the policy. Adapted from a standard policy used by Texas Baptists, our new standard was approved by the Personnel Committee, CTBC staff, Deacons and then by the church at large. It was a good night for Cliff Temple. We expect to have the policy implemented by the fall.

A few more words of thanks are in order. First, I’m grateful for Michelle Collins and Kenny Cheshier for their week-in, week-out, tireless ministry to our children and youth. They have been supportive of the changes while providing excellent ministry to our youth and

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SEARCH COMMITTEES HARD AT WORK

We are still searching for a new Children's and Preschool Minister and a new Associate Pastor for Cliff Temple en Español. Both search committees are working hard and praying about the right candidates that God will call to serve at Cliff Temple. We ask that you join them in prayer for the search process. See page 2 for a list of committee members.

SUMMER INTERNS

This summer, we have two summer interns who will be helping us with our day-to-day ministries here at Cliff Temple. They start with us on June 4 and finish the internship on August 3. We ask that you be in prayer for them, and we hope you will get to know each of them in the months to come.



Katie Sanders is a May 2012 Political Science graduate from Baylor University. Her father is a professor at Dallas Baptist University and her mother is a 2nd grade teacher at Shaw Elementary in Mesquite, Texas. She has a sister who is a junior at Baylor Nursing School and a brother who is a Fall 2012 incoming freshman at Baylor University.

Next year Katie will be attending Mississippi College School of Law in Jackson, Mississippi, with the hopes of becoming an adoption/child advocacy lawyer. Her favorite activity is coaching basketball in First Baptist Waco's community sports league. As a summer intern, Katie hopes to learn how to serve the community and members of the church through different ministries.



Hailey Christian is 21 years old, a junior at Dallas Baptist University studying Christian Studies with a minor in photography. Her parents live in east Texas on Toledo Bend Lake, and she has an older brother who studies music at McNeese State University in Louisiana.

Hailey loves sports, music, movies and books, although photography and painting are her favorite hobbies. She hopes one day to be a youth minister. She says, “I wanted to do this internship because I love this church, I loved working here last summer, and I really want more experience working in the church before I graduate.”

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children. Second, I'm thankful for Margaret Jernberg (who currently supervises our preschool area) and numerous other volunteers who go the distance to care for our children. They are all to be commended.

I am excited for the future of our children's ministry. By the time you read this, the search team for the new, full-time children's minister should be ready to announce their choice. Let's be in prayer as this new person starts a new chapter in the life of CT's ministry to children; and let's be ready to support her in whatever way possible.

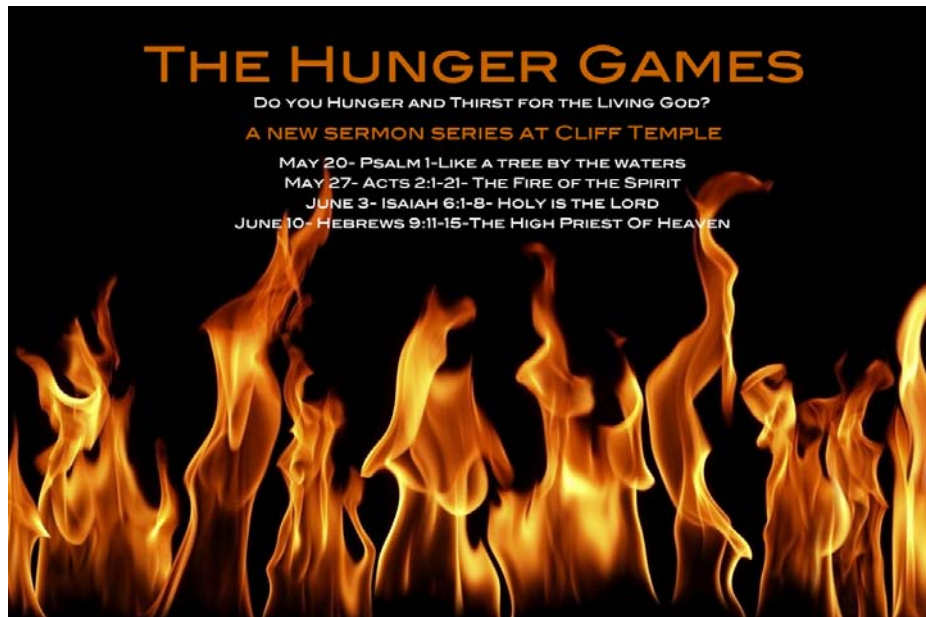
Each week we have the opportunity to welcome children and teach them about the love of God. Our real goal is to "let the little children come" to Jesus. They open the door for us to glimpse the kingdom of heaven. What could be better than that?

In Christ's love and grace,

-Dr. Brent McDougal

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

On Sunday, May 20, during morning worship, we will be recognizing all those who have graduated from high school and college over this past year (through June). For those who are high school graduates, we will have a breakfast in your honor at OddFellows, 316 W. 7th Street, at 9:00 a.m. that day.



SEARCH COMMITTEES

Children's Minister Search Committee

- Christina Martin, chair
- Emily Rogers
- Jerry Wascom
- Margaret Jernberg
- Mindy Long
- Julie Leftwich
- Nancy Cook
- Brent McDougal, ex officio (Pastor)
- Dawn Camp, ex officio (Personnel Committee Representative)

Associate Pastor Search Committee, Cliff Temple en Español

- Maria Pacheco, co-chair
- Weston Ware, co-chair
- Ricardo Jimenez
- Wes Keyes
- Amando Monroy
- Brent McDougal, ex officio (Pastor)
- Violet Lane, ex officio (Personnel Committee Representative)

THE POWER OF PRAYER

Remember that the Oak Cliff House of Prayer meets at Cliff Temple on a regular basis. You are invited to be a part of this prayer ministry as we intercede for our church and our neighbors. If you could commit to spending one hour or more in prayer at Cliff Temple each month, please contact Catherine Wood at 214-202-2256.

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE AND FAREWELL

It is with heavy heart that we write to let you know that Eddie Southern, Cliff Temple's chef, will be leaving us at the end of May. Eddie has served us faithfully for more than 10 years. His reliability, cheerful spirit and culinary skills set the standard for hospitality at Cliff Temple. Eddie has been instrumental in enlivening our meals and our fellowship together.



For the past several months, the costs of food service have risen to the point of being twice what we anticipated in the budget. That, coupled with several other factors, led us to the conclusion that we simply cannot support food service as we had come to expect. We realize the vital role that fellowship plays in the life of Cliff Temple, and we are committed to seeing it continue. Here are some answers to a few questions you may have:

Q: What are we going to do for the Wednesday night meal at Agape Café?

A: We are currently exploring available options. We will continue with Agape Café through May 30. Then we'll break for the summer and reevaluate what to do going forward.

Q: What will we do for other meals - Prime Time Nite, church-wide fellowships, etc.?

A: Likewise, we are currently exploring available options for our larger meals together.

Q: What will happen to coffee and donuts on Sunday mornings?

A: In order to facilitate more fellowship and conversation among Sunday School classes, we are exploring options such as providing several coffee stations at various points in the church or asking each class to be responsible for such hospitality needs. We'll make this shift the first week of June.

We love Eddie, and we are grateful for the way he has served us. We will greatly miss "The World's Fastest Chef," and we want to wish him all the best. There will be two opportunities to do so in the coming weeks:

Sunday, May 27, from 8:45 - 9:30 a.m. in the Atrium.

Wednesday, May 30, from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Each will be an informal time to express your gratitude and well wishes. Please feel free to bring any notes of encouragement and thanks.

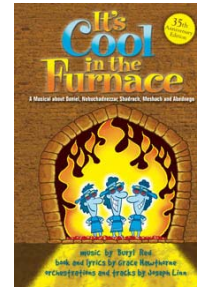
SPIRIT STRETCH YOGA CLASS

Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the gym. Wear loose-fitting clothes, and bring a mat or a towel.

DANCE FITNESS CLASS

Tuesdays 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.
Sundays 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Third Floor

IT'S COOL IN THE FURNACE



Children's Choir
Musical
Wednesday,
May 16
6:15 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

PRESCHOOL PRAISERS

On Wednesday, May 23, the Cliff Temple Preschool Praisers will hold their end-of-year performance from 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Please come support our preschoolers and enjoy listening to their sweet voices lifting praise to God.

PRESCHOOL / CHILDREN'S END-OF-YEAR PARTIES

Our Preschool Praisers, Mission Friends, Children's Choir, Bible Drill and Children's Missions will have their end-of-year parties on Wednesday, May 23, following the Preschool Praisers performance.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CBF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

June 20-23, 2012 // Ft. Worth Convention Center
 Contact: Toni Hernandez, Receptionist
 (214) 942-8601 x 301 • toni@cliff temple.org

In June, ministers and members from CBF churches all across the United States will come to Ft. Worth for four days of mission education, leadership training, worship and fellowship. There will be events and workshops for all ages – from children through senior adults.

We need help in the areas of Registration, Hospitality, Ushers, Transportation, Facilities and Communion. You can work for as little as 2 hours or as long as 11 hours.

This will be a great opportunity to warmly welcome folks to Texas, to learn more about CBF and to be a visible presence for Cliff Temple Baptist Church. Contact Toni Hernandez for specific dates, times, duties and more information.

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CTBC POLO SHIRTS

If you would like to purchase a Cliff Temple Baptist Church polo shirt, please place your order with Sophia Rawlins. The cost is \$20 (\$21.50 for plus sizes), to be paid in advance with cash or check made out to CTBC, with “polo” on the memo line.

FAST STATS

The week of 4/22/2012

Sunday School	
Preschool.....	27
Children.....	24
Youth.....	21
Adults.....	160
Worship	278
Cliff Temple en Español	35
24/7 - Wednesday Youth	55
Apt. Ministry.....	16
CDC avg. daily	125
Children’s Activities	39
Cliff Manor.....	4
Home Teams.....	12
Precept Bible Study	18

SYMPATHY

The Cliff Temple family extends sympathy to . . .

. . . Steve Long in the death of his uncle, Hollis Ellison, on April 22.

. . . Rob Collins in the death of his uncle, Ralph Capiello, on May 3.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers for May 20 are given in honor of David and Patsy Burnham for their 60th wedding anniversary.

CONGRATULATIONS . . .

... to Patsy Burnham for receiving her 1,000-hour pin for her volunteer work at Charlton Hospital.

... to Amie Cardarella. Kessler Baptist Church is presenting a scholarship to Dallas Baptist University in her honor.

FAST STATS

The week of 4/29/2012

Sunday School	
Preschool.....	20
Children.....	16
Youth.....	29
Adults	150
Worship.....	230
Cliff Temple en Español.....	47
24/7 - Wednesday Youth.....	50
Apt. Ministry	16
CDC avg. daily	125
Children’s Activities.....	45
Cliff Manor.....	4
Home Teams.....	7
Precept Bible Study.....	16

The next edition of *Cliff Notes* will be dated Friday, June 1, 2012. Deadline for submissions is Wednesday, May 16.

Please send information to Susan Shanks: susan@cliff temple.org.