

Pk's Perspectives ... Sacred Roots

Greetings, everyone! I hope yours has been a good week and I pray that you have had the privilege of sharing the Good News of Jesus with someone - through both your words and actions. I also pray for you a passion to grow deeper in the intimacy of your personal walk with Jesus. Remember — there is no shortcut to spiritual growth; there does not exist a once-a-day pill that will insure you are maturing in your faith! The best strategy for assuring consistent spiritual growth is rather simple yet requires a healthy measure of self-discipline: (1) daily conversations with Jesus; (2) daily Bible study; (3) joining w/other Christians for worship and fellowship on a regular basis; (4) honoring God's "do's and don'ts"; (5) seeking out a place of service within the ministries of your church; (6) living on mission — sharing the Jesus story every time the opportunity arises.

Many of you will notice when you come to church Sunday morning that a bunch of new carpet has been installed throughout the church. The areas affected include all of the Children's wing classrooms & hallways, the multipurpose room, the Oneness small group room, the Prayer Room, and the conference room on the first floor of the Second Street building. All of the carpet in these areas was at least 27 years old...the carpet in the old weekday preschool area may be even a bit older! If your normal Sunday route doesn't lead you through any of these areas, take a detour and check it out. A big thanks to our Building Maintenance Committee for making this much needed upgrade a reality.

Next Tuesday & Wednesday (April 16/17), we'll be sending a team of 30 people to Sacred Roots Farm for the purpose of engaging and completing (hopefully!) four or five projects that need doing around the property. Specifically, we'll be taking on the following tasks:

- basement renovation - demolition, framing, possible electrical
- cottage - pressure washing, landscaping, clearing scrub growth
- program house - deep cleaning and flowerbed maintenance
- finish a partially completed barn wiring project
- assembly of outdoor benches and an arbor
- pressure wash fencing in preparation for future painting

All the people serving on this ministry team are paying their own way... which I think is pretty cool - paying their own way for the privilege of rolling up their sleeves and doing some work! Pray for the safety of the team as they travel up and back, and safety as they work on the various projects.

Another way you can support this ministry effort is by giving an offering that will help cover the cost of materials used in the completion of the various projects. The hope is that we can do the work AND cover the cost of materials. The offering goal is \$6000. As of the writing of the article, we've received \$3,225. If God puts it into your heart to help financially with this ministry effort, you can give this Sunday. If you write a check, make it payable to First Baptist Church and write Sacred Roots Project on the memo line. If you give cash, place it in an envelope and write Sacred Roots Project on the outside of the envelope. Grace & peace. PK