

Peace Fellowship News

September, 2004

A New Home For Peace Fellowship?

Peace Fellowship Church is ready to move into their own building East of the River, in DC. Our congregation found Central Baptist Church (pictured at right) for sale in Southeast DC. It's in a great location at a major intersection (Pennsylvania & Branch Aves., SE), with a Metro bus stop out front.



We are praying because we want to own this building! Would you join with us in prayer for it? The "price tag" stands at a hefty \$1.9 million, so if this building is to be ours, we need it to be completely "of God!" We want our owning the Central Baptist Church structure to state the obvious - that God has provided for us.

Another matter of prayer regarding the purchase of the building is this: since Peace Fellowship Church is dedicated to ministering to the marginalized of the city, we can't afford to have a mortgage taking up all of our funds. We want a large portion of our tithes, offerings and gifts to go to ministry, versus a mortgage.

Will you pray with us and ask God to provide for us for this building? Can you help us find sources of money available to churches purchasing a building? Can you give toward our goal of owning our own building?

Thank you for petitioning God on our behalf, as we "Seek the welfare of the city" where God has sent us.

Pray for Peace!

- Pray for a new home for Peace Fellowship! Pray for the money to purchase the building God has for us.
- Pray for our community East of the River as we continue to struggle with crime and violence. Pray for our young people who are often perpetrators and victims of these acts.
- Thank God for 2 newly wed couples who attend Peace Fellowship. Pray for their marriages to grow strong, and last a lifetime.
- Praise God for 11 people in our current new members class! Praise Him that this number includes students from Nyack College who are studying to be in the ministry full time.
- Pray for the Edwards family and their busy schedules. Please pray especially for Susan as she juggles her many responsibilities at home, school and church.

An Edwards Family Update

The Edwards family continues their busy schedule into the fall:

Susan is still a student (MSW at Howard) and took a busy summer load. Her fall semester is even more demanding as she tackles 4 courses.

The two BIG stories are Jason's graduation from Sidwell Friends High School and Jessica's graduation from Middle School at Sidwell Friends. Jessica is continuing at Sidwell in the upper school while Jason recently started at University of Pennsylvania.

Jon, our oldest son, is in his senior year at Morehouse College and Joanna, our oldest daughter, began her junior year of high school at the Edmund Burke School.

As for Dennis, he's excited about a trip he took this summer to South Africa!

More about that in the next letter ...



This Summer, Peace Fellowship had students in from the B.U.M.P. program (Bridging Urban Missions Project) to assist us in running a VBS. Youth came all the way from St. Louis, MD and from nearby Derwood, MD to minister with us at the rec center where Peace meets on Sundays. VBS participants learned about Jesus' love for them through stories, crafts, games, snacks and songs. The week ended with a cookout where Peace Fellowship members joined the B.U.M.P. staff, the VBS children and the children's parents for a time of fellowship.



Peace Fellowship VBS Photos:

Above: The VBS kids received lots of hugs, piggy-back rides and extra play time with our B.U.M.P. staff.

Below Left: The B.U.M.P. staff help the VBS kids perform a favorite song from VBS, "Jump, Shout and Sing," at the Friday evening cookout.

Below: Every rec center in DC brought their summer camp kids to Kenilworth-Parkside (where Peace did their VBS) for a 1 day carnival. Our B.U.M.P. staff spontaneously set up a booth at the carnival and offered crafts, snacks and face painting. They also helped with set-up and clean-up for the many other organizations who participated in the event.

Summer in the City

