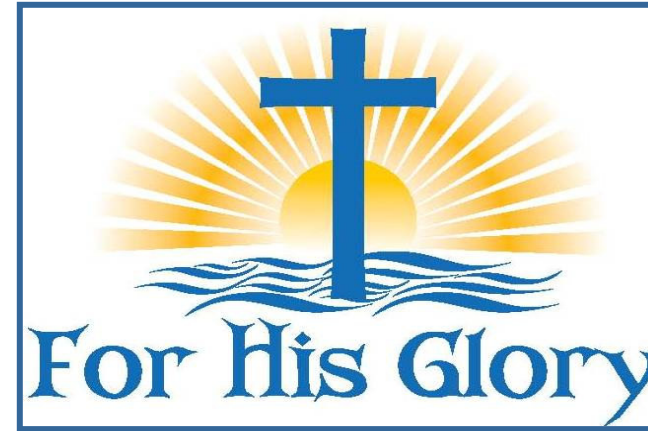


**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- Jan. 17-18 Vision Weekend
- Jan. 25 Pastor Kieschnick preaches
- Feb. 15 Celebration & Commitment Weekend
- March 8 First Fruits Sunday

The 'For His Glory' Capital Campaign is set to officially kick off in January 2009. However, there are some members who have expressed a desire to make their tax-deductible contribution towards the campaign before the end of 2008. If you desire to do so, the check must be dated before the end of the year [per IRS regulations] and placed in the offering plate, received in the church office, or mailed with a postmark on or before December 31, 2008.

In the memo part of your check, please clearly mark 'For His Glory' or Capital Campaign. For more information, please contact Ellen in the church office at 713.432.7083, ext. 111 or [eroberson@pilgrimhouston.com](mailto:eroberson@pilgrimhouston.com)



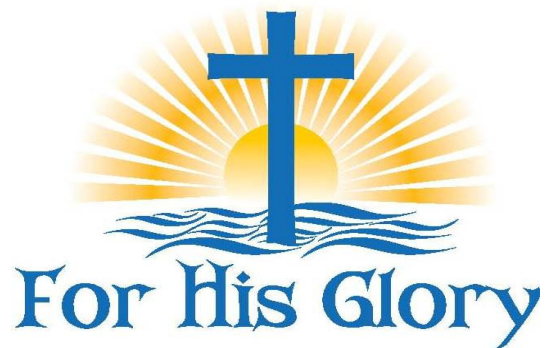
*Glory belongs to God, whose power is at work in us. By this power, He can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Ephesians 3:20*

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**Dear Fellow Members,**

Do you hear God calling us to participate in "For His Glory"? As we pray for our giving sacrifices, remember that it is not equal giving but equal sacrifices. Our committed participation in this campaign will produce an outcome that is beyond our imagination. Results that are given to us by His Grace and worthy of His Glory.

Physically, we have needs that could improve our quality of life, such as reducing our debt, improving our lighting and security, updating our sound system, fixing our roof and other infrastructure improvements.

Spiritually, we have dreams for our ministry vision to become a reality. Growth in our School, Sunday School and Bible Studies, expansion in our choral and music ministries, full Christian libraries to expand our faith and knowledge and outreach to the surrounding communities and beyond.

Through our participation, we will have opportunities to be together in worship, in prayer, in concerts, at meals, at meetings and in Bible studies and all "For His Glory". We will become closer to each other as a church family through testimonies, an intimate peek into each other's souls. We will have the opportunity to share the life-transforming message of Jesus Christ in our lives and to celebrate His Glory with our gifts. Paul testified in 2 Corinthians that the Macedonians "gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability", and with overflowing joy, and "entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints." Paul is urging us, as well, to "excel in this grace of giving".

Do you hear Him calling? Have you been thinking about your gift to Pilgrim's Stewardship Campaign? We have been thinking and praying about our gift. As you consider your part in meeting our campaign challenge "For His Glory", here are a few guidelines that may help.

**Prayer** - Pray for guidance in reaching a giving decision, which is right for you and Pilgrim. God will help you make and meet your commitment and it will be the right one.

**Faith** - Allow your faith to become a part of that giving decision. Leave room for God in your life and He will aid you with the tough decisions you need to make.

**Sacrifice** - "Give till it hurts." The giving of something that you value dearly, as God did in giving His Son to die for us, is a way of expressing our love for God and His church.

For His Glory,  
Pat and Bernie Satterwhite

*Bernie and Pat Satterwhite, Co-Team Chairmen of the Stewardship Campaign, have been members of Pilgrim since 2000. They live in Bellaire, where Bernie is the City Manager and Pat is owner of Design Sense Interiors. They have 3 children, 2 children-in-law and 2 grandchildren.*

## Awareness gatherings coverage

Photo of gathering

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS!



Nearly 500 people attended the Happy Birthday Jesus celebration on December 7 that featured children singing from the school's early childhood program and Kindergarten class during the worship service, followed by a family luncheon and birthday party in the gymnasium.

### VISION WEEKEND

#### POSSIBLE COVERAGE?

This is a special weekend where three members of Pilgrim will share their personal journey with Christ during the Saturday and Sunday services in January. Together as a congregation, we will experience Pilgrim's past, present and future. We pray that you take some time during the busy Christmas season to reflect on what God has done for you and how He will bless Pilgrim in the future. The spiritual team will also have a daily devotional calendar for every family to pick up

## FOCUS



### DON'T MISS THE NEW BIBLE STUDY Every Sunday: January 18 - February 8

All adult Sunday bible classes will come together for 4 weeks beginning January 18<sup>th</sup> to experience "Matters of the Heart," a special 'For His Glory' bible study. It will help us examine our attitudes towards our possessions in light of the gospels and learn what it means to be a follower of Jesus in the world today. Join us each Sunday morning in the church sanctuary where we will have an opening with the children before going into the adult study. It is going to be an exciting time to do everything 'For His Glory' and we want you on the journey!

### 'For His Glory' Small Groups Forming Now

"For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst." Mathew 18:20

Now is the time to sign up for a 'For His Glory' small group that will focus on the biblical meaning of stewardship. The study, "Giving Life to the Next Generation," will show us how everything we have is a gift from our Heavenly Father and that God gives us all good things to bring glory to His name and serve others.

Be sure you sign up for a group - sign-up sheets are in the church bulletin. This will be a great time of learning and fellowship.

## Youth events for Celebration Events

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