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From a Pastor's Heart . . .

And A Lawyers Perspective

The Reverend Joseph Parker, Jr., D.Min., Esq. pastor of David Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Austin, Texas, heard recently at a Tulsa conference, offers a unique perspective toward the issue of domestic violence. Besides being a minister, he is also a renowned attorney. Here are his 15 reasons why pastors should confront the issue of domestic violence with the full weight of their Christian influence and why attorneys should do the same with the full force of the legal system.

- ⇒ The dignity of each person—each human being is created in the image of God.
- ⇒ Each person has the right to be free from hurt, harm, abuse and violence.
- ⇒ Each person has the right to the pursuit of happiness.
- ⇒ A person should love his or her neighbor as himself or herself.
- ⇒ Violence is outside the will of God.
- ⇒ Domestic violence is a violation of right relationships.
- ⇒ Domestic violence creates a destructive environment.
- ⇒ Domestic violence denies the faith community the full participation of some of its members in its circle of trust.
- ⇒ The faith community is a community of accountability and transformation.
- ⇒ The faith community should be concerned about physical and spiritual trauma.
- ⇒ The faith and legal communities must be protectors of freedoms and legal rights.
- ⇒ The faith and legal communities must be actively engaged in providing solutions to societal ills and evil.
- ⇒ The faith and legal communities must actively encourage a positive quality of life for all persons.
- ⇒ The faith and legal communities must be seekers and makers of justice and mercy.
- ⇒ The legal community has a public-service license and the faith community has a faith-based license, both of which should promote justice and the public good.☞



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

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Dr. Joseph Parker

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" . . . the DaySpring from on High hath visited us, to give light to them who sit in darkness,
and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." Luke 1:78b-79

Fundraiser Hailed as Big Success

August 7th was an evening that will not soon be forgotten. It was the night that Darren McGrady, personal chef to the late Princess Diana of Wales, came to town to share some of his experiences with a crowd of nearly 240 people at a dinner held at Tulsa Country Club. While in Tulsa, he also held two cooking demonstrations at the The Stock Pot.

Board President Jarene Robison termed it a "success" with over \$32,000 netted from the three events and the silent auction that preceded Saturday night's premier event.

Thanks to those who volunteered to underwrite the week end event: **Bama Pies, First Fruit**

Ministry, Joe Moore of Moore's Funeral Homes, The Oxley Foundation, Betty Prentice, John Baugh of Sysco Foods of Houston, and U.S. Beef (Arby's).



Chef Darren McGrady (center) had plenty of help at the cooking demonstration held at the Stock Pot. Apprentice chefs were: Kay O'Dell, Heather Martin of the Stock Pot, Sheila Mitchell, Wilma and Don Lively.

A special thank you to **Rio Roses** who donated over 1,000 roses used as table décor. Ruth Fletcher of Rio Roses writes: "At Equiflor, we believe in giving back to the community and applaud DaySpring Villa for the work they do to provide women a safe and nurturing environment. Thank you for letting us participate in your recent fundraiser."

To learn more about Rio Roses, visit their website at www.RioRoses.com.



Gifts given **In Memorial . . .**

Mary Carter: *Melvin & Ann Canode*

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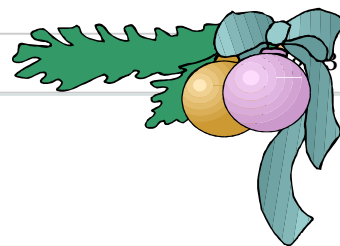
Good Things Happening

Thanks to the children of **First Baptist Church, Sapulpa, Riverview Baptist Church, Tulsa and Southwood Baptist Church, Tulsa** who gave their Vacation Bible School offerings to DaySpring Villa. The **Women's Ministry of Memorial Baptist Church** presented DaySpring's Director Sheila Mitchell with a check for \$1,209.31 from continued sale of their cookbook, *Serving From The Heart*.

Congratulations to **Krista Batt**, DaySpring's Financial Accountant, and **Scott Downey** on their marriage September 23, 2004.

Thanks to **Duane Terry Construction Company, Apac-Oklahoma Company and Ellsworth Construction Company** for donating services and time to enlarge the DaySpring parking lot.

During the summer months, DaySpring Villa served 50 women and 52 children. There were eight professions of faith in Jesus Christ and nine who renewed their commitment to Him.



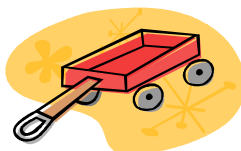
It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

Planning for the Christmas season can never start early enough whether for a family like yours or a family like ours. Already, Volunteer Coordinator Lindsay Torres is making her list and checking it twice. Here are some of the items you might find on that list:



For Women: house slippers, journals, perfume, inexpensive jewelry, beauty & bath products, nail polish, small picture frames, stationary, church clothes, make-up, pajamas, winter hats & scarves & coats, sewing kits, gift cards, phone cards, shoes.

For Children: winter clothes, shoes, underwear, socks, thermal underwear, mitten & hats, board games, travel games, toys for all ages, ponytail and hair ornaments, inexpensive jewelry, learning toys, baby dolls, sporting equipment, and battery-operated toys



Besides playing Santa to DaySpring's guests and their children, Volunteer Coordinator Lindsay Torres must also plan all of the traditional activities that belong to the Christmas Season: there's the wrapping of gifts, filling the stockings, decorating the halls, preparing Christmas breakfast and dinner, and setting up for Christmas morning. It is quite a challenge—creating just the right atmosphere so that the spirit of Christmas meshes perfectly with the meaning of Christmas. The key to success? Lots of volunteers.

If you or your group are interested in volunteering in some capacity, don't hesitate to call. In addition to the items needed and the opportunities listed, there is still so much that can be done to make this Christmas Season special. We welcome your ideas. Get a jump on Christmas and call Lindsay Torres, 918-245-4075 now. ☺



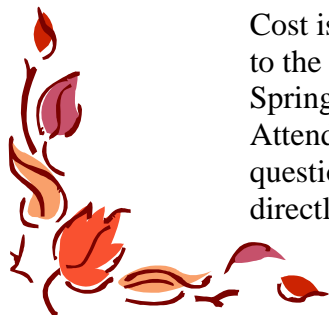
If you'd like to adopt a former DSV family, please call.

An Invitation to Tea with Book Review by Lorene Hopkins November 4, 2004



Board Member Margaret Goatcher is extending an invitation to all who are interested in enjoying a delightful cup of tea in the warm ambience of her home while at the same time benefiting DaySpring Villa. Mrs. Lorene Hopkins will review Patricia Lorenz' book *Life's Too Short to Fold the Underwear*.

Cost is \$20. Please make checks payable to DaySpring Villa and mail your reservation to the attention of Mrs. Margaret Goatcher, DaySpring Villa, PO Box 1588, Sand Springs, Oklahoma 74063. Reservations must be made by November 1, 2004. Attendance will be limited to 40, so do not hesitate. Call 481-3382 for additional questions. Mrs. Goatcher's home is located at 2802 East 67th Place in Tulsa, directly south of Southern Hills Country Club Golf Course. ☺



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From the Director . . .

It is with sadness and a heavy heart that I must inform you that the Adolescent Pregnant and Parenting Program closed on August 6, 2004. Our Board of Directors spent much time discussing and praying about this situation and felt that they had no choice other than to close the program since sufficient monthly operating funds were not coming in.

We do not always understand why God allows some things to happen, but we must always trust His plan. I know many seeds have been planted in the lives of 53 girls and babies that we have cared for in the past two years. We know an eternal difference was made in the lives of two who accepted Jesus as Savior while here.

To those of you who specifically supported this program, I thank you. May we look to the future and ask God's continued blessings on those we served and on the staff who so faithfully worked with the teenage moms and their babies. A special thank you to the Adolescent Pregnant and Parenting Program Coordinator **Starla Thomas** and to housemothers **Shea Gonzalez** and **Diane Richards** who gave so much in so many ways.

Join with us now as we continue to minister to adult women and their children. We look forward with anticipation to all God is going to do in the months ahead.☺

Sheila Mitchell