



WELCOME TO *The* FOUNTAIN *of* PRAISE

Greetings in the mighty name of Jesus Christ!

I am so grateful and excited that you have chosen to share your new dimension of life with us at The Fountain of Praise. I know that many of you have come with Christian experience, yet some are completely new in the

faith. Nevertheless, I am joyful that you have decided to be a part of The Fountain of Praise family. I want you to know that you are an intricate part of God's Divine Plan. He has placed you here, and for this reason, you should not take your stewardship lightly.

II Corinthians 5:17 says, "When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same anymore. A new life has begun!" We are excitedly anticipating your spiritual growth and development! Be sure to attend the new members' orientation classes, which have been designed to educate you in Christian discipleship, and to familiarize you with the different ministries of this church. We will share our process of how ideas develop and mature into new ministries here at The Fountain of Praise. Perhaps you know how you would like to contribute your talents and gifts, or you may have some creative suggestions to offer. We welcome you and your ideas to The Fountain of Praise, where we are committed to shaping minds, building community and enriching lives.

In your decision to join us at The Fountain of Praise, you should know that you have come at an exciting and monumental time in our congregation's history

Inspired by Psalm 127:3 KJV

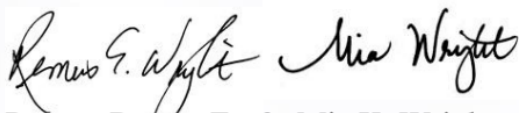
**"Don't you see that children are God's best gift?
The fruit of the womb His generous legacy?"**

I solicit your participation in this important endeavor. We have enclosed a commitment card which details how you can be a part of this important effort. We need the prayers, support, suggestions, talents and monetary commitment of each and every member to make our vision a reality.

Remember, your commitment can make a difference in the lives of our children.

Let me say in conclusion, I am personally proud to be your Pastor. Mia and I extend our warmest welcome to your new church home. May God richly bless you!

In His Service,



Pastors Remus E. & Mia K. Wright



The Fountain of Praise History

The history of our congregation is a living testimony to God's vision and favor for His people. We praise Him and rejoice the presence of His anointing and favor in our ministry while anxiously anticipating the manifestations of God's promise for The Fountain of Praise.

Did the founding members of South Post Oak Baptist Church dream in 1959 that their small mission church would evolve to The Fountain of Praise? This early congregation was committed to establishing a foundation for spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ. The early church flourished and erected the existing buildings of our South Post Oak Campus in less than five years.

During the 1970's and 1980's, the church entered an era of challenge. The community of South Post Oak became more racially diverse and, consequently, the membership changed. The church struggled with adapting ministry to the needs of this new community. Although the membership decreased, God continued to sustain the church and positioned leaders that would pave the way for a new harvest.

In 1991, the church hired its seventh leader, the current pastor, Reverend Remus E. Wright. Under his dynamic leadership, the church has experienced tremendous growth and development in ministry. Membership increased from 150 in 1991 to its current level of more than 23,972 members (as of 5/24/2015). The Fountain of Praise was recently recognized as one of the 100 fastest growing churches in the United States. Pastor Wright's vision of restoration has been demonstrated through the evolution of over 100 ministries and programs that service the needs of the congregation and community.

In 1998, the church purchased 19 acres of land on Hillcroft Avenue between Orem and Beltway 8 to prepare for the next phase of ministry. Shortly thereafter, the congregation adopted the name change from South Post Oak Baptist Church to The Fountain of Praise; a name that encompasses our spirit of worship. We then proceeded to build a sanctuary that would be pleasing unto God.

History continued on back...

July 27, 2002 marked a day of glorious celebration! On that day we dedicated our sanctuary to the glory of God. Since opening our new sanctuary, we have been blessed with a tremendous harvest of new members.

On April 2007, The Fountain of Praise purchased the former Mainhill Center. The facility has been renamed the FountainLife Center and is located approximately one half mile north of our Hillcroft Worship Center at the southwest corner of South Main (Highway 90) and Hillcroft Avenue. We have formed partnerships with private and public entities to develop the FountainLife Center. Our collaborative programming will provide needed community resources in the areas of healthcare, education, law, finance and economic development.

In 2014, the Legacy 20/20 campaign was launched to fund this development while securing the sustenance and continuity of our ministry. The fruits of the congregation's labor has resulted in the opening of the Dr. Richard E. Wainerdi Wellness Institute, Hillcroft Health & Wellness Center, and Ministry & Operations Center. Let us continue to pray God's blessings on The Fountain of Praise as we continue to move in our destiny.



Baptism Information

Welcome to The Fountain of Praise! We are excited to have you as a member of our congregation. We believe in water baptism as an outward expression of an inner conviction. Your decision to join The Fountain of Praise, and even more importantly, your decision to become a Christian is demonstrated by the baptism ceremony.

Candidates for baptism are new members who have never been baptized or new members who have elected to be re-baptized. Please refer to the information below for specific details of the baptism ceremony, including baptism classes and scheduling.

Baptisms for New Members are scheduled as follows:

Classes

All candidates for Baptism must complete the Baptism class in preparation for the Baptism ceremony. Baptism classes are held every 2nd Sunday at 10:30 am at the Hillcroft Campus in Conference Room A. Classes last approximately 45 minutes and may be completed the same day as your scheduled baptism.

Ceremony

The Baptism ceremony is held at the Hillcroft Campus every 2nd Sunday after the 10am Worship Service.

Garments

On the day of the baptism ceremony, the church will provide the following:

- White Baptismal Robes
- Towels

Candidates for baptism should bring the following:

- Garments to wear under your robe. We would prefer that you wear something white, and pants instead of shorts.
- A change of clothing, including undergarments.
- A plastic bag for your wet clothing
- A swim cap or shower cap to cover your hair.
- Any desired toiletry items (lotion, deodorant, etc.)

For more information, please call (713) 358-2720



New Members' Orientation

Orientation Blitz

New Members Orientation Blitz allows you to complete all of the new member orientation classes in one day.
Each Orientation Blitz will be held at:

FountainLife Center Campus

8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

May 18, 2024

November 9, 2024

New Members Orientation Blitz Classes are as follows:

Salvation
Stewardship & Lifestyle Giving
Spiritual Gifts
Prayer and Spiritual Warfare
Praise & Worship

Please Note: Classes may be canceled pending church wide events.



Quick Bible References

ASSURANCE:

Jeremiah 29:11-13 John 5:4 John 10:27-29 John 11:25-26
Romans 8:15-39 Philippians 1:6 1 Peter 1:3-7 1 John 4:7-21

AFRAID [FEAR]:

Psalm 27:1-4 Psalm 56 Isaiah 41:10-13 Matthew 10:16-32
Mark 4: 35-41 Hebrews 13:5-6 2 Timothy 1:6-10 1 John 4:13-18

ANXIETY [WORRY]:

Psalm 37: 3-7 Matthew 6: 25-34 Philippians 4: 6-7 1 Peter 5: 6-7

DEPRESSION:

Psalm 16, 42, 43 Psalms 130 Psalm 34:19 Isaiah 61:1-4
Jeremiah 15:10-21 John 3:14-17 Romans 8:1 2 Corinthians 4:10-18 Ephesians 3:14-21

JEALOUS [ENVY]:

Psalm 49 Proverb 3:31-32 Proverb 23:17 1 Peter 2:1-3

WHEN FACED WITH VARIOUS TEMPTATIONS:

Psalm 19:12-14 Psalm 141 Proverbs 1:10-19 Matthew 4:1-11
Luke 4:1-13 John 16:33 Romans 12:1-2 1 Corinthians 10:13
Ephesians 4:17-23 Ephesians 6:10-18 Philippians 4:13 Hebrews 2: 11-18
Hebrews 4: 14-16 James 1: 2-18 1 Peter 5: 8-11 1 John 2: 15-17
1 John 4: 1-3

SEXUAL TEMPTATION:

Romans 6: 12-23 1 Corinthians 6: 11-20 Galatians 1:11-24
1 Thessalonians 4:3-5 1 Peter 2: 11-12

FEELING USELESS OR INFERIOR:

Genesis 1: 26-28 Deuteronomy 28:1-14 Psalm 8: 4-6 Jeremiah 1: 4-10
Matthew 5: 13-16 Luke 10:19 Galatians 1:11-24 Ephesians 4:1-16
1 Peter 2: 4-10

IF SIN OCCURS:

1 John 1:9 Roman's 6:14-15 1 John 2:1 John 8:7 2 Corinthians 5:21

ANGRY:

Proverbs 15:1 Matthew 5:21-24 Romans 12:17-21 Proverbs 29:22
James 1:19-21

DISCOURAGED:

Psalms 34 Isaiah 12:1-6 Hebrews 12:3 2 Corinthians 4:16-18
Psalms 55:22 Colossians 1:9-14 1 Corinthians 10:13 Matthew 7:13-14

OBEDIENCE:

Luke 11:28 2 Corinthians 10:4-5 Ezekiel 36:26-27 Romans 5:9

REJECTED:

1 Peter 2:4 2 Corinthians 12:9 1 Peter 5:8 John 15:18-19 Psalms 27:10-11

VENEGETFUL:

Matthew 5:38-42 Romans 12:17-21 Luke 6:27-36 1 Peter 3:9

Afraid of Death:

Hebrews 2:14-1 Psalms 55: 4-5 Psalms 23:4 2 Corinthians 5:8
2 Timothy 1:10 Isaiah 41:13 Matthew 10:28

Disappointed or Let Down:

Jeremiah 29:11 John 14:27 Jeremiah 17:7-8 Philippians 1:6
Matthew 6:25-26 Psalm 18:3 Philippians 4:19

Lonely:

Joshua 1:9 Isaiah 41:10 Lamentations 3:22-24 Psalm 25:14-18
Hebrews 13:5

Overwhelmed or Experiencing Stress:

Philippians 4:6-7 1 Peter 5:7 Psalms 94:19 Jeremiah 17:7-8 Isaiah 26:3-4
Psalms 91:1-2 Matthew 6:34

Tired or Weary:

Matthew 11:28-30 2 Thessalonians 3:13 Psalm 4:8 Psalm 46:1
Jeremiah 31:25 Isaiah 40:29 Galatians 6:9 Psalm 62:5