



NOTES FROM PASTOR JIM, YOUR TRANSITION PASTOR Sunday, May 20th

In this column each Sunday I will be sharing some personal news, reflections about this time of transition we are in, and highlighting what is and will be happening in our congregational life these days. So here goes this week:

In this column for these next 5 Sundays, I will continue sharing some personal news, reflections about this time of transition we are in, and highlighting what is and will be happening in our congregational life during these days.

- We had **an adventuresome, educational, inspiring, enjoyable time away** in Portugal and Spain, spending overnights in Lisbon, Coimbra, Evora (Portugal) and Seville, Ronda, Granada (Spain). We were on a Road Scholar tour entitled, “Tales of Portugal and Spain Staying at Historic Hotels.” The people were gracious and most hospitable, the historic sights and scenery astounding, the food gourmet, and the wine delicious and plentiful. I would highly recommend checking out Road Scholar if you are looking for a well thought out, organized trip to almost anywhere in the world.
- We are back with **you now for the next 5 Sundays** counting this one—through June 17--and then it will be home to Boise for the summer and likely the fall. We are continuing to live at the Sonesta Suites on Bay Area Blvd just east of Highway 3. I am publicly thanking Brian Busch for the continued use of his Toyota Corolla while we are here.
- As I write these words on Thursday afternoon, we are **in the midst of hosting two families through Family Promise**. All indications are that the experience has gone well so far. I will ask one of the coordinators to share a few words about the week during Ministry News today.
- Because of Family Promise, our Bible Study on Thursday was held at the **Hope Village Café in Friendswood**, a licensed assisted living facility and support service provider for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Among other things, they run a café which serves lunch Tuesday-Friday from 11-2pm. Delicious food, very fairly priced, and a quiet atmosphere to enjoy a lunch. It was one of those God Sightings for me.
- **My office hours for the next 4 weeks** will be similar to what they have been: **Monday**—a day off (except when Council meets), **Tuesday**—11-4pm, **Wednesday**—3-6pm, **Thursday**—11am-4pm, **Friday**—working off site, **Saturday**—12-3pm. This **DOES NOT** mean I am available only during these hours. It **DOES** mean that unless I am making a hospital call or attending to an emergency, you should be able to find me in my office in the church building during those hours. I do all of my prep work for classes and Sunday worship/study time off site so when I am here I am available to whomever stops in. You might want to call me on my cell phone—208-571-6309--to be sure you I am in. Texting me or calling me on my cell is the quickest way to reach me.