



## SouthPoint Fellowship: Making His Glory Known

By staff writer: Dian Kidd

Meet SouthPoint Fellowship Church, one of UBA's newest congregations. Under the leadership of founding pastor Trevor Calhoun, this fledgling Pearland congregation is already living out its vision to "make His Glory known to all nations through worship, relationship and partnership."

Though launched only a few months ago in September, the congregation has already approved an annual budget that reflects its global vision. The 2009 budget includes monthly financial support for missionaries Kevin and Linda Paszalek. The Paszaleks serve with the Africa Inland Mission in Kenya and met Calhoun while attending a world missions conference here in the states. After visiting with the couple and getting to know more about them and their ministry, Calhoun led his congregation to contribute monthly to their financial support.

SouthPoint's vision of "making His Glory known to all nations" reflects a commitment not only to share the gospel with other nations, as they are doing in Kenya, but also to ensure that the local congregational body is a diverse and multicultural body. When asked his strategy for making the vision of a multicultural church a reality, Calhoun was clear.

First, SouthPoint has intentionally put a multicultural leadership team of elders in place. The leadership team consists of both African-American and Anglo leaders.

Second, SouthPoint intentionally partners with a multicultural group of congregations for ministry and outreach. The Asian American Church of Houston, where Calhoun has filled the pulpit in prior times as a guest preacher, and Champion Forest Baptist Church, one of SouthPoint's sponsoring congregations, are joining SouthPoint in a community missions and outreach effort on March 21.

Finally, Calhoun is training his members to be intentional in their evangelistic outreach. Calhoun says the church will be reaching out to everyone, "not just people like us."

Humble, where Calhoun lives and works, is a long way from Pearland. How did the Pearland location get selected? It's the missional commitment. Early in 2007 Calhoun enlisted three other men to meet with him on Fridays at his home in Humble to pray with him about planting a new church. Following many Fridays spent in prayer seeking God's leadership and gathering research, the men chose the Pearland area because "it is the fastest growing area in Greater Houston and the Gospel must go where the people are."

Implementing that vision has not been easy. In addition to launching the church, Calhoun is also a teacher of theology at the College of Biblical Studies and a part-time UPS driver. A dreamed about launch date of Easter 2007 was quickly deemed too early to be adequately prepared. The leaders continued to pray, to cast vision, to gather a core group, and to enlist appropriate sponsorship for state relationships. That journey lasted into the fall. The second public launch date was set for September 14<sup>th</sup>, but the congregation was delayed again as Hurricane Ike blew through the Houston area. Refusing to give up and with renewed determination, the small group of leaders and 22 members began meeting at the Lakes at Country Place Clubhouse on September 28, 2008. In a few short weeks, they've grown to 32

members who are praying, worshipping, building a foundation for outreach, and preparing for their first formal community outreach event on March 31.

Continue to pray for Pastor Trevor Calhoun, the elders and SouthPoint Fellowship Church as they establish a multicultural, missional church in the Pearland area.

Calhoun lives in Humble, TX, with his wife of 17 years, Carolyn, and their young son, Trevor Jr. Calhoun previously served as the Associate Pastor of Missions and Children's Ministry for Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church where Rev. D.Z. Cofield is pastor. Rev. Calhoun has a Master of Theology in Church Educational Leadership from Dallas Theological Seminary.

*You may contact SouthPoint Fellowship Church at 832.445.9214. Worship services are held Sundays at 11:00 a.m. at The Lakes at Country Place Clubhouse, 3330 River Birch Drive, Pearland, TX 77548.*

Pray also for these additional new churches entering into Membership Covenant with Union Baptist Association during 2008:

Covenant Fellowship	Rev. David Valentine Senior Pastor
Ecclesia Clear Lake	Rev. Loren Jones Senior Pastor
Eternal Life Ministry of Faith, Inc.	Rev. Aaron C. Simpson Senior Pastor
Heavenly Hope Baptist Church	Rev. Phil Soon Lee Senior Pastor
House of Treasure	Rev. Sergey Khripunov Senior Pastor
Iglesia Cristiana de Restauración	Rev. Alex A. Rodriguez Senior Pastor
Iglesia Cristiana Luz de Esperanza	Pastor Ruben Cruz Senior Pastor
Lifepoint Church	Rev. Jeff Weldon Senior Pastor
Love Outreach Family Worship Church	Rev. Vincent Price Senior Pastor
Mekrez Church	Rev. Tsegabrhan W. Desta Senior Pastor
Nehemiah Community Church	Rev. Jamie L. Russell Senior Pastor
New Vision Community Church	Rev. Charles R. Gilford Senior Pastor
SouthPoint Fellowship Church	Rev. Trevor Calhoun Senior Pastor
The Church in the Center	Rev. Ben Hays Senior Pastor
The Rock Church Fellowship International	Rev. Darryl E. Houston Senior Pastor
The Whale Church	Rev. Donald Wade Thompson Senior Pastor
True Faith & Praise Missionary Baptist Church	Rev. Eddie Taylor Senior Pastor
Welcome Back Church of Houston	Rev. Hank Byrd Senior Pastor