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Welcome and Introduction

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Announcements

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Closing

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NEXT SERVICE – JUNE 14, 2009

As always, your directors Jim Ashmore, Ed Uthman, Anthony Stott, Bennie Matussek, and Nancy Fay welcome your feedback and *participation* in Church Services and Sunday school.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"To be different from others is what makes us unique and therefore exceedingly rare. Rareness is a currency and gives us value. It's how we choose to spend our currency that defines us."

--Shirley Manson

SOME FACTS ON MOTHERHOOD

From: **U.S Census Bureau**

The driving force behind Mother's Day was Anna Jarvis, who organized observances in Grafton, W.Va., and Philadelphia on May 10, 1908. While the annual celebration spread around the country, Jarvis began lobbying politicians to set aside a day to honor mothers. She finally succeeded in 1914, when Congress designated the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

How Many Mothers

80.5 million -Estimated number of mothers in the United States in 2001. (Source: Survey of Income and Program Participation)

55% - Percentage of 15- to 44-year-olds who are mothers.

81% - Percentage of women 40 to 44 who are mothers. In 1976, 90 percent of women in that age group were mothers.

How Many Children

2.1- Average number of children that women today can expect to have in their lifetime.

2.5- Average number of children that women in Utah can expect to have in their lifetime. This state tops the nation in average number of births per woman. Rhode Island, Vermont, Massachusetts and the District of Columbia have the lowest average number — 1.7 births.

Moms Who've Recently Given Birth

4.1 million -Number of births in the United States in 2005. Of this number, 414,406 were to teens 15 to 19, and 111,190 to moms 40 or older.

25.2- Average age of women in 2004 when they gave birth for the first time. The record high first reached in 2003 was equaled in 2004 .

40% - Percentage of births that are the mother's first. Another 32 percent are the second-born; 17 percent, third; and 11 percent, fourth or more.

35,578 -Number of births in 2004 that did not occur in hospitals.

1 in 31-The odds of a woman delivering twins. Her odds of delivering other multiple births was approximately 1 in 565.

July- The most popular month in which to have a baby, with 359,426 births taking place that month in 2004.

Tuesday -The most popular day of the week to have a baby, with an average of 13,045 births taking place on Tuesdays during 2004

Working Moms

5.6 million- Number of stay-at-home moms in 2006.

55% -Among mothers with infant children in 2004, the percentage in the labor force, down from a record high of 59 percent in 1998.

729,040 -Number of child care centers across the country in 2004. These include nearly 72,000 centers employing close to 780,000 workers and another 657,000 self-employed persons or other companies without paid employees. Many mothers turn to these centers to help juggle motherhood and career.

Single Moms

10.4 million -The number of single mothers living with children younger than 18, up from 3.4 million in 1970.

Meals with Mommy-

61% and 81% -Percentages of children younger than 6 living with married parents who eat breakfast and dinner, respectively, with their mother every day. The corresponding percentages who eat with their father were 30 percent and 64 percent.

APRIL FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Donations for April totaled \$775 from the following sources: \$230 from mail, \$350 from the monthly service, and \$195 from PayPal. Expenses totaled \$678.00 for a **positive cash flow of \$97.00 for the month.**

Thank you to all who donated to our Church!!!

ROTATING EVENTS CALENDAR

*Information borrowed from the Houston Freethought Alliance Newsletter. If you would like a copy of their newsletter, please e-mail Editor-in-Chief **Jim Knierien** at Jimk@HAL-pc.org*

Monday, Weekly | 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm | Freethought Forum | Starbucks at Louetta and Kuykendahl.

Saturday, May 16 | 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm | Humanists of Houston (HOH) Main Monthly Gathering | at the Bayland Community Center in Bayland Park, 6400 Bissonnet Street, Houston 77074

Sunday, May 17 | 10:30 am | Coffee Social | at Borders Books & Music in Meyerland Plaza (I-610 W Loop S at Beechnut)

Tuesday, May 19 | 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm | Central Houston Atheist Meetup | Cafe Express at Woodway and Voss

Saturday, May 23 | 10:30 am - 12:00 noon | Religion, Ethics, and Society Club | At Dr Louis Daily's family house at 1506 North Boulevard | A moderated group discussion of Religion, Ethics, and Society.

Sunday, May 24 | 10:30 am - 12:00 noon | Ideas Club | At Dr Louis Daily's family house at 1506 North Boulevard.

Wednesday, June 3 | 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm | North Houston Atheist Meetup | Cafe Express at 5311 FM 1960 W |

Thursday, May 28 | 11:45 am - 1:00 pm | *Hungry Heathens* | Lunch and informal discussions at various restaurants for those who have time on a weekday | Contact Bob Finch at rdfinch211@comcast.net

Sunday, June 7 | 10:00 am - 12:00 noon | Coffee Social | at Borders Books & Music in Meyerland Plaza (I-610 W Loop S at Beechnut) |

Sunday, June 7 | 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm | West Houston Group Brunch | Randall's employee training room 11041 Westheimer Road at Wilcrest (S.E. corner)

Thursday, June 11 | 11:45 am - 1:00 pm | *Hungry Heathens* | Lunch and informal discussions at various restaurants for those who have time on a weekday | Contact Bob Finch at rdfinch211@comcast.net

Saturday, June 13 | 1:00 pm | Montgomery County Humanists Regular Meeting | Montgomery Co. Library in the Woodlands

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