



The Newsletter

“Celebrating Christ, Community and Communion Every Sunday”

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CHAIR OF ELDERS' REPORT

The Elders are busy! For one thing, you can now order from Angel Food Ministries! If you would like to order one of these boxes, contact Sarah Warren. I think you would like it and find that it saves you money. Secondly, we have joined an organization that should save us considerably money on office, janitorial supplies, etc.

The worship services for April as is follows:

- April 3, 2011 - Mr. Oliver Jones
- April 10, 2011 - Rev. Dan Owen
- April 17, 2011 - Choral Easter Cantata
- April 24, 2011 - Special Easter Program
“Discover Jesus Christ”
- May 1, 2011 - Rev. Ava Lee Helms

See other items in this newsletter about other events. Get involved and enjoy.

SHALOM,

Dr. Roy N. Tucker, Elders' Chair

A SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

“Bitterness and anger interfere with the Holy Spirit more than anything else. It doesn't hurt the person for whom you hold this bitterness and anger. Give these things to the Lord that you may receive the freedom and peace of Christ.”

....Dr. Erwin H. Lutzer, Moody Church, Chicago

“BOLD MOVE”

*Submitted by Francis L. Priddy,
Priscilla Prayer Meeting*

Scripture: “Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand. ISAIAH 41:10 NRSV

“When [I was] little, [I was] afraid to enter a darkened room or sleep without a night-light. In [my] youthful imagination, all sorts of dangers lurked in the dark.

“As adults, we know light dispels dark shadows, and the best way to deal with uncertainties is to shine a light into dark places. Faith in God is the lantern that banishes shadows and lights the way to true happiness. Your faith in God's unwavering presence gives you courage. If the dangers are real, you can face them, with his help.

“Walk with God, because he walks with you. You can rest at ease in his light.”

“Heavenly Father: thanks to you, I possess everything I need to face the future with boldness and strength. Amen.

(Written and prepared by Rebecca Carrington and the Snapdragon Group; Moments of Peace for a Woman's Heart, p. 78. © by the Snapdragon Group.)



2011 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
July 9-13, 2011
Nashville, TN

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**BLUEBONNET AREA /
LOWER RIO GRANDE
VALLEY DISTRICT
2011 AREA ASSEMBLY**

Theme: "Cristo Rey Fiesta"

["The Festival of Christ the King"]

The 2011 Bluebonnet Area Assembly will be held on April 29-30, at First Christian Church 1400 North 10th Street, McAllen, Texas 78501. The keynote speaker is the Rev. Dr. James Duke who will address the Assembly on "The Church for Disciples: Our History as Heartburn and Hope." Dr. Duke is a Professor of the History of Christianity and the History of Christian Thought at TCU's Brite Divinity School in Fort Worth. He is a dynamic speaker and anyone who hears him will not be disappointed. Workshops range from "Amazing Altars" to "Church Architecture (Ancient & Modern)", from "Men's Ministries" to "Women's Ministries," from "Church Website Development" to "Six Stewardship Habits of Trustworthy Church Leaders" by the Rev. Dr. Jeanne Duke.

Alamo Heights Christian Church is urged to send delegates to the 2011 Area Assembly. Accommodations may be made with the Casa de Palmas renaissance Hotel, the Hilton garden Inn McAllen, or La Quinta Inn and Suites. Registration per individual is \$30.00 and per family is \$60.00. After April 8, 2011, the registration fee will increase by \$5.00 per individual or \$10.00 per family.

For more information please contact the Bluebonnet Area Office: Tel.: (210) 822-4345; Email: bba@ccsw.org ; or visit the website: www.bluebonnetarea.org . Our Church Office also has some information from which this article is based.



God's Invitation

Submitted by Clarence L. Balser

[A couple of months ago, Clarence came by the church office and left this poetic prose. He said that it meant a lot to him and requested that it be shared with others in the church. The author and title of this piece are unknown. We now share it with you in the hope that it may comfort you as it has for Clarence.]

God saw that I was getting tired and a cure was not to be, so he put his arms around me and whispered, "Come home with me." I took his hand when I heard him call, I turned my back and left you all. If my parting has left a

void, then fill it with remembered joy. So grieve a while for me if you must, then, let your grief be comforted by trust. You must not tie yourselves to me with tears, but must thank God that we had so many years. And then, when you must come this way too, I'll greet you with a smile knowing that the Lord has "Welcomed You."



APRIL 17 and 24, 2011

Cure the sick, proclaim Good News!

Read: Luke 10:8-9

When Jesus sends us out as disciples, curing the sick and proclaiming the Good News is our job. The two go hand in hand. The healing miracles of Jesus always point to God's desire for wholeness in a broken world. Jesus invites us to participate in God's redemptive work in the world through a life committed to God and neighbor.

In Lospalos, Timor-Leste, Immanuel Protestant Church fulfills these commands of Jesus in two ways: by running a free community health clinic 5 days a week, and by a ministry of visitation in surrounding villages. In the clinic patients come for TB treatment, general care, or a malnutrition program where under-weight children and elderly people eat a protein rich meal every day.

Visitation in poor rural areas is the other part of our ministry. Transportation is difficult and the work of subsistence farming takes up most of one's time. We therefore spend several days a week visiting members living in rural areas. Through this ministry people hear and speak Good News and find a sense of solidarity and community.

Lord, as you send us out every day, bless us with your presence and healing power. Amen.

By *Monica and Tom Liddle*, members of Peace United Church of Christ, Duluth, Minnesota, serve with the Protestant Church of East Timor (IPTL). Tom serves as an English teacher and works as a facilitator in the IPTL's program for strengthening congregations and continuing education of pastors. Monica works as a Naturopathic

Doctor (ND) in Immanuel Clinic Lospalos, which is run by the FUSONA, the relief and development wing of the IPTL.

The Division of Overseas Ministries is a general ministry made possible by giving to the [Disciples Mission Fund](#) and the [Easter Offering](#).

Membership Committee's Special Events in April

Sunday, April 17th - Birthday Celebration for those who were born in the month of April. Please call the Church Office to let us know the date of your birth.

Sunday, April 24th - Easter Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. Our morning will begin with breakfast (potluck). We would like to encourage everyone to bring their favorite item to share for breakfast. Just remember to bring not only for you and your family, but add some to share with your church family.

Sunday, April 24th - Easter Egg Hunt at 9:00 a.m. Children of all ages will have the opportunity to search for Easter Eggs. There will be special prizes in the "Golden Eggs".

Now, I bet you were wondering how you could help with these events. We need to have "bagged candy" donations from our church family. We have eggs from last year to fill. Bring your favorite breakfast casserole, fruit, sweet breads, donuts you name it for the Easter Breakfast. Last but not least, IF your birthday is in April, call the church office to let us know!

God Bless,
Sarah Warren, Membership Co - Chair



Angel Food Ministries

The next time to order boxes of food will be April 14th, Pick-Up Date: April 23rd. The new April Menu will be available March 26th Pick-Up date for March's order.

This is an opportunity for our church members to help themselves with the economy as it is today. Your church has taken the time to invest in this Outreach Ministry. It is for your benefit. Ask those who ordered in March, what they thought about the food received from March's Order.

God Bless,
Sarah Warren

Sunday, April 10, 2011 @ 9:00 a.m. -
Executive Board Meeting in the Forum Classroom

Sunday, April 10, 2011 @ 12:15 p.m. -
General Board Meeting in the Sanctuary

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 17, 2011

- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School (AHCC)
- 10:30 a.m. - Worship (Monte Olivos CC)
- 10:50 a.m. - Easter Cantata (AHCC)
- 5:00 p.m. - Worship (Grace Anglican F.)

Good Friday, April 22, 2011

- 7:00 p.m. - Good Friday Service (AHCC) - (East Foyer)
- 7:00 p.m. - "Seven Last Words" (Monte Olivos CC)
- 7:00 p.m. - Movie: "The Passion of Christ" (Grace Anglican F.) - (Kirtley Hall)

Easter Sunday, April 24, 2011

- 7:00 a.m. - Worship w/Lord's Supper (Monte Olivos CC)
- 8:00 a.m. - Easter Breakfast (AHCC)
- 9:00 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt (AHCC)
- 10:50 a.m. - Easter Worship (AHCC)
- 5:00 p.m. - Easter Worship (Anglicans)



With our deepest Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to Gary Carroll in the passing of his wife, Kathleen (Hoover) Carroll, on March 17th in Hillsboro, Oregon. She passed away of a massive heart attack. Condenses may be sent to Gary at 566 N.E. Geraldine Drive, Hillsboro, Oregon 97124. Both Gary and Kathleen used to sing in our choir.

Thank You



Dear Friends,

Claude and I would like to thank all our friends at AHCC for their calls, cards, prayers and visits during my seven-month illness. I am doing better though I am still having some problems with medications. Again, thank you so very much, and may God bless each of you.

Virginia Laughlin