



# The Newsletter

*"Celebrating Christ, Community and Communion Every Sunday"*

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## A New Day for Angel Food Ministries

### Angel Food Ministries

[www.angelfoodministries.com](http://www.angelfoodministries.com)), an organization dedicated to providing affordable, high-quality food to those in need, is offering relief and joy to families in 45 states.

In response to current economic conditions and lengthy unemployment lines, there is a greater need for Angel Food's services nationwide and expansion of these services is one example of the amplified need for quality, affordable food, which is at the core of Angel Food's mission. Angel Food provides individuals and families with fresh, brand name food for a fraction of the retail price. By purchasing food in bulk, directly from some of the top suppliers in the country, food is discounted by up to 50 percent of retail. Angel Food Ministries is now offering a new selection of prepackaged boxes with more protein items. They contain top quality food staples from every food group, including chicken or beef, milk, eggs, vegetables and fruits. Each of the regular boxes of food feeds a family of four for about one week or a single individual for almost a month. The menu selections vary each month, and consist of both fresh and frozen items, saving Americans money with no sacrifice to quality. There is even a box geared towards the nutritional for people on the go.

Angel Food Ministries' service is available to anyone wanting to stretch their food dollars. There are no income requirements or program qualifications, we accept SNAP. There are no limits to the quantity of boxes per individual, nor are there any applications or qualifications for eligibility.

### About Angel Food Ministries

Angel Food Ministries ([www.angelfoodministries.com](http://www.angelfoodministries.com)) is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing financial support in the form of food relief to communities throughout the United States. Established in 1994 to provide relief for struggling families in the Monroe, GA area, Angel Food Ministries today serves hundreds of thousands of families across 45 states, recently welcoming Idaho to the roster where Angel Food's benefits can be realized. Since inception, Angel Food Ministries has fed more than 22 million Americans. In 2008, AFM provided \$120 million in direct food assistance to American families.

**Alamo Heights Christian Church is a Host Site for Angel Food Ministries.** AHCC's Angel Food representatives are Nathan Ashlin, Liz Brown, B.J. Perkins, and Jody & Sarah Warren. That means you can order through Sarah Warren, Host Site Director or online through [www.angelfoodministries.com](http://www.angelfoodministries.com). Office Hours are on Tuesday 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (same as our Food Pantry); call 210-828-5728 for additional information. **May's Order Deadline is Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.** **Order pick-up is Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** Thank you!



**The Right-hand of Fellowship** is extended with a warm welcome to Barbara A. Stuart, who joined Alamo Heights Christian Church on Easter Sunday.



**CHAIR OF ELDERS' REPORT**

*Membership*  
  
*Committee*

**Membership / Fellowship  
 Upcoming Events**

The Membership / Fellowship committee has scheduled these events for the members of Alamo Heights Christian Church:

**May 14<sup>th</sup> - May Day Dinner** - the festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. Plan to attend an enjoyable evening with a special guest for the evening. Find out about why we celebrate "May Day"

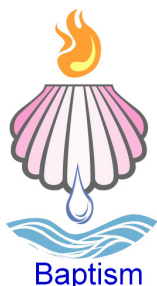
**May 22<sup>nd</sup> - May Birthday Celebrations** - during fellowship after Morning Worship wish those whose Birthday is in May many more to come.

In an effort to update our current "Membership Directory", we will be having a photographer to take pictures after Morning Worship in the Parlor. We would like to encourage everyone to get a current photo for the Membership Directory. The following dates are open on a first come, first picture taken basis: May 1<sup>st</sup>, May 8<sup>th</sup>, May 15<sup>th</sup> and May 22<sup>nd</sup>. You will be asked to review the information in our data base for the directory for accuracy. The committee would like to thank everyone for their cooperation with this updating process.

Have an idea about how to celebrate "Blanket Sunday" on Father's Day? Let Sarah or Jody Warren, B.J. or Alan Perkins, Liz Brown and Vicki or Nathan Ashelin know what YOU have as an idea.

See you **Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>** at the **May Day Dinner,**

Sarah Warren  
 Membership Chair



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

We congratulate Faith LeeAnne Warren-Brown upon her profession of the Christian Faith and Baptism on Easter morning. Faith is the daughter of Eric and Elizabeth Brown and granddaughter of Jody and Sarah Warren

The Elders' continue to work for you. Communion is being taken to our shut-ins; Prayers are being lifted up for those who request them; and visits are being made when needs are made known. Summer is upon us and many of our folks will be taking vacation(s) throughout the summer, including the Elders. However, this does NOT mean that the needs of the congregation will go unmet. If you have a special need, please call me or some other Elder to let us know about it. God is omniscient; but we are NOT. So, we might not know of your need unless you tell us. Don't presume that someone else will do so. The main job of the Elder is to be a spiritual leader. Please help us to do our job. Please be careful as YOU go on your vacation this summer. We want you back.

**SHALOM.**  
*Dr. Roy N. Tucker*



**REPORT**

*From*  
*Dr. Roy N. Tucker*  
*Chair*

**MINISTERIAL  
 SEARCH COMMITTEE**

The Minister's Search Committee is hard at work trying to get the best candidate we can to lead the Alamo Heights Christian Church into the future. We will conduct three interviews in May. The preaching schedule for May is as follows:

- May 1st - LTC. Jody Warren
- May 8th - Rev. Ava Lee Helms
- May 15th - Rev. Norman D. Stolpe
- May 22nd - Rev. Alec C. Ylitalo
- May 29th - Rev. Fred Banda

Please try to attend as many of these Sundays as you can. One of these latter three could end up being our Pastor. And the first two, of course, are our own and we always enjoy hearing from them.

Also, please remember the Ministerial Search Committee in your prayers. We need your guidance and the guidance of the Father, Son, and

Holy Spirit. Besides that, this is a very difficult task at times and is not always an enjoyable and pleasant task.

On May 14th our membership Committee has been gracious enough to agree to have another church dinner for us to give us the opportunity to visit with one of our candidates. However, please just meet and greet the candidate without mentioning that he is a candidate. He already knows it due to his filling out a resume and candidate form, but we really do not want to emphasize that at this point. Just be pleasant and enjoy this new friend. Also, I want to personally thank the Membership Committee for always being so willing to help in any way they can. Sometimes these ladies and their spouses are taken for granted. But we would ALL know it if they suddenly decided NOT to be so accommodating and NOT go the extra mile. Thank you ladies from the bottom of my heart! And don't forget to pray.

At any rate the Minister's Search Committee needs your input on this matter. The new minister will NOT just be the Search Committee's minister; he will be the minister for the entire AHCC.

SHALOM

*Dr. Roy N. Tucker*



*The General Board met on Sunday, April 10, 2011. These Board-approved motions are as recorded by Ava Lee Helms, Secretary of the General Board, and are published here at the request of Bob Jones, Stewardship and Finance Committee Chairperson.*

The following motions were presented and adopted by the General Board:

**1a. Interim Minister** - up to \$50,000 total compensation, with a proportionate decrease in compensation, if a part time minister is secured.

**1b. Senior Minister** - up to \$52,683 total compensation (2011 budget amount). AHCC would agree to increase the beginning compensation amount by the same percentage of "Weekly Contributions" growth experienced in the first twelve months of ministry compared to the previous twelve months of Weekly Contributions as reflected on AHCC Profit and Loss statements, up to 25%.

**Both 1a & 1b motions passed.**

**2.** As a contingency against a critical cash shortfall to fund ministerial compensation and/or building maintenance, the Stewardship & Finance Committee recommends that the Executive Board authorize the General Board Officers: namely, General Board Chairman, General Board Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Steward in consultation with the Chairman of the Board of Trustees to dissolve, liquidate and make available to the Treasurer money from the following accounts, having a cash value of approximately \$50,000, as needed:

1. Permanent Endowment Fund
2. Zink Estate Fund
3. Sabbatical Fund
4. Fidelity Investment Account
  - a. Southwestern Energy
  - b. Texas Instruments
  - c. Core Account

After much discussion regarding those accounts the Board of Trustees would not touch which include: Fassen Food Account and Kirtley Scholarship Fund, **the motion passed.**

**3a. Incoming Ministers -**

- Pulpit Honorarium - \$150.00
- Per Diem allowance - \$0.51 per mile of round trip travel which includes all expenses for the trip, including meals, lodging and automobile expenses. Where possible candidates may be hosted by a church member to defray lodging costs.
- CAP - \$500.00 maximum pulpit and expense authorization for each candidate for each trip is imposed to limit our exposure.

**3b. Visits by Ministerial Selections Committee Members to hear candidates**

- Per Diem allowance - \$.51 per mile of round trip travel for one automobile which also includes all expenses for the trip, including meals, lodging and automobile expenses.
- Equivalent Pulpit Allowance - \$150.00 to be used by the Ministerial Selection Committee Members at their discretion for meals, lodging, taking the candidate to lunch or for other personal expenses used.
- Cap - A \$500.00 maximum allowance is imposed for each candidate to limit our exposure.

**After much discussion, the following substitute motion was passed:**

**Stephanie Blandford moved to have 3a & 3b simply stated as \$150.00 Pulpit Honorarium, \$0.51 per mile round trip with a cap of \$350.00, to help defray expenses; with a CAP Total (Pulpit Honorarium & Mileage) of \$500.00; second by Rosemary Toland; motion passed.**

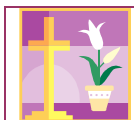
**The 4<sup>th</sup> Motion:** Due to the Quarterly Shortage of Weekly Contributions, the Stewardship & Finance Committee recommends a New Stewardship Drive for May, 2011; **motion passed.**

## Biblical Stewardship: Our Duty and Delight

with Dr. Mark Allan Powell  
Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio

Stewardship means "belonging to God" - all that we are and all that we have comes from God. We are grateful to God for it all, and responsible to God for how we use it. There is a connection between stewardship and spirituality: generous giving as a spiritual discipline helps us to grow in Christ. "Duty and delight" are both motivating factors for giving - doing what we ought to do as responsible church members, and making cheerful sacrifices out of love for God. The overarching theme of this path is, "This is good news!" The biblical message of financial stewardship is:

- promising and encouraging;
- not (usually) guilt-inducing;
- a way of life;
- for many of us, it just may be the way to a better life.



## Easter Joy

*! He is Risen He is Risen Indeed!*

In many ways, the Christian Year begins with Easter. We believe we are an Easter People, Loved and Redeemed, with the Joy of our Salvation Restored by this Holy Week and Holy Day.

Easter Sunday brought Blessings Abundantly to our Church! How wonderful to see familiar faces and share the Day! Mary Ann Hitchcock was able to be with us. We had a confession of faith and baptism of Faith Warren-Brown, and a new member to join, Barbara A. Stuart. We had the moving Easter Story told by Word and Song in a beautiful lily clad Sanctuary. We had at least two couples visiting for Worship and an enjoyable time of fellowship at our Brunch. Our children went home with Easter eggs galore. Our special young friend, Gage seemed happy to engage. Our Anglican friends reported a wonderful service in the afternoon with 142 taking Communion. They continue to express gratitude for our nurturing. They have called a Minister who will come in the summer. Mt Olivos reported a Women's meeting coming up. God is Good!

Now we look forward to hearing and meeting candidates for our own Interim position. May we be blessed in their visits. Your prayers for each other, our church, our nation, the rain all matter!

Yours in Christ, *Liz Jones*, General Board Chair



## FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP

Canned Meats:

Tuna, Chicken, Beef, Spam, etc.

Canned Meals:

Ravioli, Spaghetti, Beef Stew, etc.

Canned Vegetables:

Sweet Potatoes, White Potatoes

Diced Tomatoes, Tomato Sauce

Chili with or without Beans

Beans (all types)

Canned Green Beans, Mixed Vegetables

Canned Corn, Peas, etc.

Tuna and Hamburger Helper

Boxed Dinners with Meat included

Canned Soups (All Kinds)

Ramen Noodles (Chicken & Beef flavored)

Peanut Butter & Jelly

Instant Potatoes (\$1.69 size box @ HEB)

Salt and Pepper (individual shakers)

Canned Beef & Chicken Stock

Flour (2 lb.)

Salt & Pepper

Sugar (2 lb.)

Mayonnaise, Mustard, Ketchup

Hygiene Products:

Hand & Body Lotion,

Toothpaste, Bars of Soap, Shampoo,

Feminine Hygiene Pads

Dishwashing Liquid (Small Containers)



**2011 CCSW Women's  
Assembly  
"Make It Happen!"**

The 2011 CCSW Women's Assembly will be held at the Hilton DFW Lakes in Grapevine, Texas from June 10 through 12, 2011. The theme is "Make It Happen!" To make reservations, call the hotel at 1-(800) 984-1344. (Mention the CCSW room block.) Rooms are \$119 per night and their \$20 breakfast buffet is now available for only \$12. The Hilton offers free shuttle service from DFW Airport and the hotel, if flying is your mode of transportation. The CCSW registration fee is \$70 per person. See West Foyer bulletin board.