



The Newsletter

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AHCC HOSTS DISCIPLES' WORKCAMPs FROM TEXAS & ARKANSAS

In June our church hosted two summer work camps: the first group was the CYF from First Christian Church in Rockwall, Texas. The group numbered all total about 25 young people with advisors and pastor. The second group came from the First Christian Church of Sherwood, Arkansas. This was an adult group plus one family. This group numbered about 15 people all total.

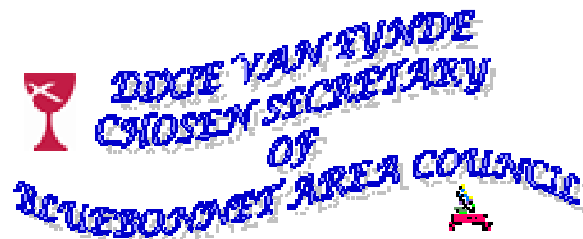
In July we will host one more summer work camp from Wednesday, July 20 through worship on Sunday, July 24th. This work camp will number about 15 persons (youth and advisors) from the Monica Park Christian Church in Garland, Texas.

These work camps have all worked on some special project at Inman Christian Center on Colima Street on San Antonio's Westside. We thank God for these dedicated young people who have come to serve Christ by serving others.



A SPECIALLY CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – July 10th

A specially called Meeting of Congregation has been called for Sunday, July 10, 2011, immediately following the morning worship service in Kirtley Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to visit with Chuck McNeely and to consider the Elders' letter of call to him as Interim Minister. A light lunch will be served before the joint meeting. A "Love Offering" for the light lunch will be taken to help off set the cost to the Church Budget. Plan to attend this most important meeting on Sunday, July 10th.



Congratulations go to Dixie Van Eynde who has been asked to serve as Secretary of the Bluebonnet Area's Administrative Program (A.P.) Council. This is a great plus for Alamo Heights Christian Church in that it puts another one of our members on the Administrative Program Council of the Bluebonnet Area. **Congratulations, Dixie!**

Also serving on the A.P. Council is Bob Jones who represents DOMI as its president.



GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

July 9-13, 2011
Nashville, Tennessee

TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITH A MISSION

Susie Armstrong will be meeting her sister, Kathy, in Nashville during the General Assembly in July. She will find out and report back to us about how the Disciples of Christ are reaching out to tornado victims in Alabama. After spending a few days in Nashville, they will return to Tuscaloosa, where Kathy lives. Susie hopes to participate in relief efforts while there, as well as help out family members who were affected.

CHOIR TO TAKE VACATION



During the month of July, the Choir is taking a well deserved vacation. There will be *no* choir practice in the month of July. The Choir will resume practice on Wednesday, August 3rd, at 7:00 a.m. in the choir room off Kirtley Hall. Have a good and relaxing summer break!



BBA--A.P. Council Retreat

The Administrative Program Council of the Bluebonnet Area held a retreat on June 16th to which Bob Jones attended. The retreat was held at the North Central Christian Church in Stone Oak. If anyone is interested in the latest news from the Bluebonnet Area, please ask Bob Jones. Bob serves on the A.P. Council because of his position as president of DOMI.

BOB JONES ATTENDS AREA RETREAT



BLUEBONNET AREA

The Bluebonnet Area is seeking a representative from each church for Men's Ministries. Renewal of this important area of ministry is a concern of the A. P. Council. The Council is trying to resurrect the Men's Ministries of the Bluebonnet Area. Even congregations that do not have an active men's group are asked to respond with the name and address of at least one person. Rev. Arlie Lammers of Marbach Christian Church is leading this effort. Send responses to Marbach Christian Church, 8023 Marbach Road, 78227.



Vacation Bible School
Coming to
Alamo Heights
Christian Church
on August 5, 6, & 7,
2011

Get Ready! We will be hosting a Vacation Bible School event, titled *Shake It Up Cafe: Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe*, the first week-end of August. We will have our opening session on Friday, August 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. including a snack supper. The Saturday session (August 6) will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. including lunch and snacks. We will finish up on Sunday morning during the Sunday School hour. The children will then participate and share with the congregation during the August 7th worship service, followed by a celebration potluck luncheon after church in Kirtley Hall where there will be a display of the various crafts from the week-end. Please contact Susie Armstrong at 492-9218 if you would like to volunteer or participate in any way. Let's support our children and get involved!! (See Arts & Crafts Needs List p.3, col.2)



*With Our
Deepest
Sympathy*

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Hilary Schermer. Hilary passed away on June 6th in San Antonio, and in a simple graveside service she was interred in Houston next to her husband. Sympathy may be expressed to her daughter: Marilyn Tessmer, 3807 Greenfield Rd., Allison Park, Pennsylvania 15101.



I'm happy to report that the Ministerial Search committee has completed the first part of its assigned task. As of the second Sunday in July (10th), the Rev. Dr. Charles "Chuck" McNeely will be in place in our Pulpit at the Alamo Heights Christian Church as our new Interim Minister. The vote to hire Dr. McNeely was unanimous by both the Ministerial Search Committee and the Board of Elders. Dr. Chuck is a proven expert in helping churches grow. He can't do it for us; but he can show us how to do it! So, let us welcome Chuck on the 10th of July and follow his leadership. We are extremely fortunate to have him with us.

Shalom!
Dr. Roy,
Chair of the Ministerial Search Committee



The June Board of Elders meeting was actually a combined meeting of the Elders, the Ministerial Search Committee and the Personnel Committee. This was deemed necessary because of the nature of the business to be conducted. Everything was done by the rules and guidelines set forth in our Church Constitution and Roberts Rules of Order. At a certain point in the meeting, Dr. Tucker turned over the meeting to the Vice-Chair for some reports that needed to be made while the Search Committee discussed and voted on Dr. Charles "Chuck" McNeely to serve as our Interim Minister. Upon that unanimous approval the Personnel Committee was brought into the meeting as required by our Constitution. Upon a positive consensus of that Committee, everyone re-convened with the Board of Elders, who unanimously approved the action of those two committees. The Board of Elders was working on our church's "Profile" while the committees were deliberating. The "Profile" was completed upon the reconvening of the Elders Board. This was necessary in order for us to continue seeking a Senior Minister. So, as you can see, your elected church officials are working hard on your behalf. Please continue to pray for them and for this process in the coming weeks and months. Any input from our members would be greatly appreciated. Shalom!

Shalom,
Dr. Roy, Chair of the Elders Board



News from the Bluebonnet Area

Dear Friends and Family,

The Rev. Allen C. Allen, Transitional Minister of the Bluebonnet Area, announced his resignation at the Administrative and Program Council meeting June 16th in San Antonio.

While the details of his departure as BBA minister have not been finalized, Allen has said he is willing, at a minimum, to stay through the 60-days called for in his contract. Upon completing his ministry here, Allen will be moving to Kentucky, where he and his wife, Terrie, recently purchased a home.

The AP Council received word of Allen's decision with sadness but also with appreciation for all that he has done to help the BBA through this difficult time. Plans to celebrate Allen's ministry will be announced later.

Don Tuttle
BBA Moderator



**YOUR VBS HELP IS
REQUESTED!**



**VBS ARTS & CRAFTS
MATERIALS ARE NEEDED**

Items needed for the Crafts during VBS:

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| <p>Old Kitchen Utensils:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spatulas Potato Mashers, Pizza Cutters Cookie Cutters Pastry Cutters, etc. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 - polyester Fiber Fill (large bag) Ribbon, raffia, twine (All Kinds) Beads & sequins, yarn (all colors) Foam shapes with adhesive, stickers 24 empty Cereal Boxes 2 Rolls of Contact Paper |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24 ~ Paper towel tubes 48 ~ Toilet paper tubes (Both Empty) Rubber Bands 24 Red Pompon (1 inch) Tacky Glue Felt (all colors) Floral Wire ¼ inch Ribbon (all colors) 24 ~ 9"x 9" Fabric | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sponsor one of our children to get an apron, chef's hat, & Blessing Box = \$5.00 per child. |
| <p>Squares (All Colors & Prints)</p> | |





Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary

We extend our Best Wishes and God's Blessings to Ron and Rosemary Toland who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on June 17th. On Sunday, June 19, 2011, the congregation celebrated their anniversary in a reception following the morning worship service. May God always bless both Ron and Rosemary in their 50 years of marriage.



In a letter of thanks, Tony Princ, Executive Director of Alternative Gifts International writes, "Because of ...the efforts of all those who volunteered at your Gift Market, numerous agencies around the globe can deliver aid to those who need it most. You are the silent partners who help raise funds for the most basic human needs." AHCC members contributed \$1,258.45 to Alternative Gifts International last year. A "Certificate of Appreciation" has been sent to our church in recognition of its contribution to this important ministry.



- Canned Meats:
 - Tuna, Chicken, Beef, Spam, etc.
- Canned Meals:
 - Ravioli, Spaghetti, Beef Stew, etc.
- Canned Vegetables:
 - Sweet Potatoes

- Diced tomatoes
- Chili with or without Beans
- Beans (all types)
- Green Beans
- Corn
- Tuna and Hamburger Helper
- Boxed Dinners with meat included
- Canned Soups
- Ramen Noodles (Chicken flavored)
- Instant Potatoes (\$1.69 size box @ HEB)
- Salt & Pepper (individual shakers)
- Canned Beef & Chicken Stock
- Sugar (2 lb.)
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Mayonnaise, Mustard, Ketchup
- Hygiene Products:
 - Hand & Body Lotion
 - Toothpaste, Bars of Soap, Shampoo
 - Feminine Hygiene Pads
- Dishwashing Liquid (Small Container)
- Diapers (All Sizes) and Wipes



Lois Camp has moved to a new address and sends her love and best wishes to all her friends at Alamo Heights Christian Church. Her new address and telephone number are:

Lois Camp
 Homewood Residence
 4096 De Zavala Road ~ #1101
 San Antonio, TX 78249
 Tel.: (210) 493-7451



This past June saw our hosting two work camps. The second camp was made up of adults and one family with a handicapped child. This group was from the First Christian Church of Sherwood, Arkansas. They write: "We would like to express our most sincere thanks to you for hosting us at your church. The facilities were excellent, and the people we met were very helpful and very cordial. You helped make our work experience in San Antonio a very meaningful event. Thank you so much for your hospitality."