



The Newsletter

“Celebrating Christ, Community and Communion Every Sunday”

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AUGUST 2011



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 at 12:15 p.m.~a **hamburger/hot dog luncheon with a build-your-own sundae bar in Kirtley Hall. Members are asked to bring a side dish.** The children will display various crafts from their weekend. Please contact Susie Armstrong at 492-9218 if you would like to volunteer or participate in any way.



**SEMINAR ON GRIEF:
COPING WITH LOSS**
At Alamo Heights Christian Church

On Saturday, August 13, Alamo Heights Christian Church will be offering a Seminar on Grief: Coping with Loss. It is scheduled for 10:00 am to 12:00 noon and will be led by Dr. Charles McNeely, Interim Minister. There is no charge for the seminar—and snacks will be provided. *This will be the first of many services offered to the community.*

The seminar is designed for anyone dealing with grief as well as those attempting to help others cope with any kind of loss. General principles of grieving and grief counseling will be addressed, but there will be a special focus on such common losses as death, illness, cancer, divorce, job, and relationships.

Everyone is invited, but reservations are encouraged. RSVP by calling Alamo Heights Christian Church Office at (210) 828-5728. **Nursery will be provided.**

Dr. McNeely has taught Grief Counseling in a number of colleges, helped establish a Christian Counseling Center, and has advanced degrees in Christian counseling as well as theology. There will be time for discussion and questions/answers during the seminar.

Interim Minister Chosen

On Sunday, July 10th, the Board of Elders introduced to the congregation the new interim minister. Dr. Charles A. McNeely was called to this position and met the congregation at an all-church potluck luncheon following worship on July 10th. Dr. McNeely is also the Executive Director of the Heart of Texas Evangelistic Association that helps Disciples & Independent Christian Churches to grow.



NEWS FROM MOUNT OLIVE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Saturday, July 30, 2011—Baptismal Service in AHCC Sancturay.

Monday, August 8, 2011—Annual Vacation Bible School begins.



“Disciples—Real Christians In a Real World”

We are very fortunate to have with us Chuck McNeely as our new interim minister. Those who know him know him to be an excellent preacher, and he has put together a series of sermons that deals with our being Disciples of Jesus Christ. The summer series is as follows:

“Disciples—Real Christians In a Real World”

Sunday, July 10, 2011

Matthew 4:18-22

“Follow Me”—Answering Christ’s Call to Discipleship”

Sunday, July 17, 2011

Matthew 9:35-38

“Compassion: Developing a Heart for People”

Sunday, July 31, 2011

Matthew 10:24-25a

“Christlikeness: Remaining Faithful—Even in Tough Times”

Sunday, August 7, 2011

Children’s Program (No Sermon)

Sunday, August 14, 2011

Matthew 11:28-30

“Commitment: Standing Strong In the Word”

Sunday, August 21, 2011

Matthew 16:13-16

“Confession: Maintaining the Uniqueness of Christ”

Sunday, August 28, 2011

Matthew 20:25-28

“Servanthood: The Real Path to Success”

Sunday, September 4, 2011

Matthew 28:18-20

“The Great Commission: Making Disciples of Others”



From Around the Church Yard

- On August 1st, Grace Anglican Fellowship will begin utilizing office space in the Primrose House for their new Rector, pending General Board action. Maintenance will be shared by GAF and AHCC.



From the Chair of the Elders

Well, Folks, what we have talked about for YEARS at AHCC is on the brink of becoming a reality thanks to our Interim Minister, Dr. Chuck McNeely. Chuck knows how to grow a church. Here is the first installment: Chuck is hosting a Seminar on Grief on Saturday, August 13. Let’s get behind this project and make it happen. This is the jump start we’ve been looking for so long. But Chuck CAN’T do it all by himself. Please do YOUR part to help build up our church. Publicize this project to every one that you know. EVERYONE has suffered grief of some sort. So, support Chuck in this endeavor and let’s fill up our church. It’s not often that we encounter anyone of Chuck’s expertise. So, let’s not blow it! Let’s take advantage of Chuck’s generosity and watch great things happen at AHCC. With Chuck’s ability and God’s help we CAN make this happen. Get excited. Tell everyone. God is in this place!

SHALOM!

Dr. Roy



Projected Calendar of Our Church Activities

- Sunday, August 7, 2011 – 12:15 p.m. – Kirtley Hall
Hamburger/Hot Dog Luncheon
Bring a Side Dish to the Luncheon
- Saturday, August 13, 2011 – 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Seminar on Grief: Coping with Loss led by Dr. Charles McNeely (Kirtley Hall)
- Sunday, August 21, 2011 – 12:15 p.m. – East Foyer
Monthly Birthday Reception
- Sunday, September 11, 2011 – 12:15 p.m. – Kirtley Hall
Grandparents Day Potluck Luncheon
- Sunday, September 25, 2011 – 12:15 p.m. – East Foyer
Monthly Birthday Reception
- Sunday, October 16, 2011 – 12:15 p.m. – East Foyer
Laity Sunday, Monthly Birthday Reception
- Saturday, November 19, 2011 – 9 :00 a.m.
Decorating Kirtley Hall for Thanksgiving
- Sunday, November 20, 2011 – 12:15 p.m.
All Church Thanksgiving Luncheon