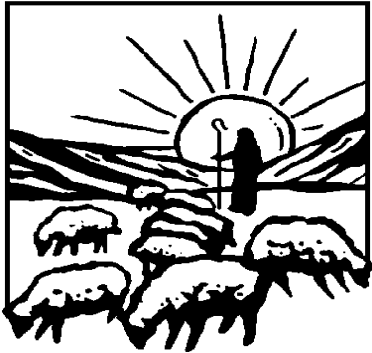


July 2009

The Shepherd's Lyre



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THY ROD AND THY STAFF

I love to celebrate Independence Day with fireworks, flags, and family gatherings. Unfortunately, as a life-long introvert, I seldom get around to all the festivities. The Fourth of July ends up being more of a thoughtful, pensive experience of remembering military friends who are no longer in parades, soldiers who didn't return from standing for America and families that were separated by military duty and couldn't put their relationship back together. In the February, 2002, issue of *O Magazine* is one of my most pensive 4th of July thoughts. It was by a new American citizen who had come from Cambodia. When asked what America meant to him, he responded, "America represents freedom...Freedom is like air. You breathe, and you don't think about it. But as soon as the air is taken away, you realize how much you need it."

I hope you have plans to celebrate July 4th, our Independence Day, in a special way with your family and friends. As a part of your special day, please take time for the quiet moment to thank God for our shared democracy, freedom, and all those who have paid the costly price of passing on this wonderful gift.

God bless,

Rod



A Note From Suzanne

Dear Members of the Congregation,

July marks a transition time in the life of the church as we make changes in the cabinet and prepare to plan for the coming year. Thank you very much for the trust that you have placed in me by electing me as moderator. It is an exciting time as we will continue to celebrate our twenty-fifth anniversary year by moving into our new worship space, and I hope that I can count on your support as we move forward into the future and continue to do God's work.



Thanks to Bill Keene for all of his service the past few years as moderator, vice-moderator and treasurer, and to all of the members of the cabinet who have given their time in the service of the church.

Blessings,



I would like to thank the 2008-2009 church officers, committee chairs, and congregation for all their help and assistance during the past church year. It has been a pleasure and honor to serve as Moderator.

Please continue to provide this kind of support to Suzanne Gonzales and the rest of the 2009-2010 officers and committee chairs as we move on with our sanctuary renovation and other church programs in the coming church year.

Again, thank you for your assistance.

Bill Keene

Curtis and Faye Carnes Endowed Scholarship Report

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the awarding of scholarships to the following college students:



1. Allison Dillon - Wagner College, Staten Island, NY
2. Jessica Hellums – The University of Texas Health Sciences Center, Houston
3. Kylie Long - Texas State University, San Marcos
4. Michelle Hellums - The University of Colorado at Boulder

Congratulations to the recipients for qualifying for an award. In addition to grades, church membership and leadership are given consideration.

Income earned by the endowment is the basis of the awards. The endowment fund, established by Faye Carnes, is managed by the Christian Church Foundation.

For the Scholarship Committee,
Tom Smith

Outreach Activities

ARCH

Austin Resource Center for the Homeless

Tuesday, July 7, 5:45 pm

500 East 7th St. at Neches

Join us to help feed a gourmet meal to about 100 homeless men. If you are interested, please contact Suzanne Gonzalez. suzanne_gonzalez@msn.com

Mobile Loaves & Fishes

*St. John Neumann Commissary,
903 South Capital of Texas Highway*

Monday, July 20th, 5:15 pm


Please contact Lucinda Valenti if you can help:
lvalenti@mindspring.com





Volunteer Opportunity at SHCC


We are currently in need of a pool of volunteers to man the church office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 3 pm. A commitment of a full or half day would be appreciated. This need has arisen since Rod and the leadership of SHCC have allowed our church administrator, Sally Moran, to adjust her work hours to Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8 am to 5 pm in order to work on Tuesdays and Thursdays as a studio potter at Feats of Clay on Burnet Road. Please call the church office if you can help out!

Opportunities for Fellowship and Growth


 **The CWF (Christian Women's Fellowship) Lunch** will be on **Thursday, July 2, at 11:30 am** at the Bamboo Grill, 6507 Jester Blvd. We'll call to remind you.

 The next meeting of the **CMF (Christian Men's Fellowship)** will be **Friday, July 3, at 7:00 am** at the Waterloo Ice House on 360 at 2222. To celebrate July 4th early, Pastor/Chaplain Rod will give a special patriotic CMF Prayer Breakfast presentation. Any questions, please call Adrian Gentry (345-3541).

 **Book Club:** Everyone is invited to join us when we meet again on **Monday, July 13** to discuss Outliers by Malcom Gladwell. We always meet at the Triumph Café on Spicewood Springs Road **at 7:00 pm** on the second Monday of the month and we welcome all who are interested. Come enjoy a plate of lemongrass chicken or a Saigon sorbet, along with good conversation about books and reading!

 **CWF Day Group:** The monthly afternoon CWF Meeting will be on **Wednesday, July 15 at 2 pm**. Our program this month will be Chapter 6, "Retelling the Story", the last chapter in our study book. I hope you can attend this meeting, because we will be choosing new study material. See you there!

☎Milesa (288-8306)

 **CWF Monday Night Escape Group:** The CWF Monday Night Escape Group will go on a brief hiatus for July and August to accommodate summer vacation schedules. Mark your calendars for our next meeting, **Monday, September 28, at 5:30 pm**. We will pick up where we left off in our fascinating book, Really Bad Girls of the Bible. So far, it's been a pretty wild ride! Have a great summer, ladies, and we will look forward to meeting again in September. Hope you'll join us then!

 **The ORG ("Old Retired Guys")** group meets every Tuesday for breakfast and discussion, 8:00 am at Triumph Café, 3808 Spicewood Springs Rd.



Dear Shepherd of the Hills,

Thank you for the lovely necklace. I will treasure it always.

Love,

Allison Dillon



Dear Friends at SHCCC,

Mary Hill will be celebrating her 99th birthday on Saturday, July 11th, from 2:00-4:00 pm at Stonebridge Health Facility here in Austin. Everyone is invited to come and help celebrate with her.

We will have plenty of cake and punch and party favors for the occasion!

You can also meet our SHCC Bible Study members at Stonebridge while you are there (Lou Bricker, Ailene Yeats, Joyce Wallace, Bebe (Elizabeth) Ireson, Elaine Conrad, Opal Reed, et al.)

See you there!

Randy Hill

Jerusalem Marketplace - VBS

What an exciting five days our children and their friends enjoyed at Vacation Bible School! They learned about religious life in Jesus' time while they sat in Synagogue School, and they experienced the culture through the herb shop, carpentry, weaving, musical instruments, bakery, pottery, candy shop, jewelry-making and games in the Village Playground. We closed the week with a petting zoo for the 25 children and a visit from Jesus, the nightly skit.

Thanks to all the people who provided food and led the sessions. Thanks to the tribe leaders, Lucinda Valenti and Greg Lanier, and the Synagogue School leader, Rod Coleman. A special thanks goes to Haydee Fuselier for all her hard work and organization.

Jane Keene
Education Chair





JULY BIRTHDAYS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BIRTHDAY</u>
Megan Lavin	July 1
Nancy Blaich	July 2
Cristina Coupal	July 4
Sandy Owen	July 5
Ryan Anawaty	July 8
Greg Lanier	July 8
Karlan Witt	July 11
Mary Hill	July 11
Mary Lynn Woodall	July 12
Dave Baker	July 14
Alex Lewis	July 20
Hannah Lewis	July 20
Cam Witt	July 24
Ralph Ladd	July 28
Randy Henderson	July 30



Leaders for Spring 2009:

- July 5:** Dana and Russell Austin
- July 12:** Cindy Long and Pat Vaughan
- July 19:** Russell Nash and Sheri Brice
- July 26:** Ginny Lucich and Pat Vaughan
- August 2:** Mary Ann Coleman and Kim Keating
- August 9:** Ginny Lucich and Lucinda Valenti
- August 16:** Tim and Chris Johnson
- August 23:** Russell and Dana Austin
- August 30:** Chris and Gail Adams

If you need to switch dates, that is perfectly understandable! Please call someone from the list and try to make arrangements to switch. Please let the Church Office know of any changes.

July ANNIVERSARIES



<u>NAME</u>	<u>ANNIVERSARY</u>
Gregory & Linda Ross	July 12
Bob & Phyllis Tate	July 16
Adrian & Jill Gentry	July 24
Bob & Joyce Coleman	July 29
Mark & Sheri Brice	July 30
Randy & Susan Hill	July 30

August Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submissions for the August Newsletter and Calendar is **Monday, July 27 at 12 noon.**
Thank you!



July 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	2 11:30 am CWF Lunch @ Bamboo Grill	3 7:00 am CMF Prayer Breakfast	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
5 9:15 am Coffee, Pastries & Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:40 am Worship	6	7 8:00 am ORG 5:15 pm ARCH	8 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	9	10	11
12 9:15 am Coffee, Pastries & Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:40 am Worship Chi Rho Camp----	13 7:00 pm Book Club (at Triumph Café) ←-----	14 8:00 am ORG 11:00 am Disciples' Clergy Lunch @ HPCC -----	15 2:00 pm CWF Meeting @SHCC 7:30 pm Chancel Choir July 12-18	16 7:00 pm Cabinet Meeting -----	17 -----→	18 Camp Pick Up
19 9:15 am Coffee, Pastries & Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:40 am Worship	20 5:15 pm Mobile Loaves & Fishes	21 8:00 am ORG	22 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	23	24	25
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July 29-August 2 – General Assembly in Indianapolis, IN						



Samaritan Center News

The Samaritan Center is proud to announce the launch of www.RecognizeGood.com, an innovative new social media website dedicated to recording and sharing community stories of kindness and charity. There is no cost to thank someone using RecognizeGood. However, if they choose to make a donation to honor the good deed, the honoree is notified and given the opportunity to choose the local charity that will benefit. The donation is matched by a corporate sponsor and shared between the Samaritan Center and the honoree's chosen charity.

Needed: RecognizeGood Community Reporters

Looking for Community Reporters! Must have a desire to make our community a better place to live. Must have a keen eye for finding the good in others. Must be willing to write about acts of kindness in our community and share the stories of those needing to be recognized. No experience necessary. Please call the Samaritan Center at 451-7337 ext. 116 for more information.

You can learn more about the programs and services of the Samaritan Center by visiting their website @ www.samaritan-center.org.

Dear SHCC,

I will be participating in the Spirit Walk/Spirit Games at the 2009 General Assembly in Indianapolis (July 29th-August 2) to raise money for new church starts and new church ministries. If you would like to sponsor me in the Spirit Walk, please write a check to "SHCC" for the amount you would like to contribute, and sign my sponsorship form in the church narthex on the day of the event, Sunday, July 26th, or sometime before.

Thank you for your interest in new church ministries!

You may find more information at www.newchurchministry.org/resources/Spirit-Games-2009.cfm .

Randy Hill
Minister of Evangelism

2009 BBA Camps

Junior Camp: July 6-11
Chi Rho Camp: July 12-18
Beginner's Camp: July 20-23

More information and registration forms
available in the Church Office (343-7858)

Disciples Young Adults

New Website

www.docya.org



"Called by God, the Young Adult Commission of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) empowers young adults through advocacy, networks, programs, and resources in all manifestations of the church to share the light of Christ in our world"

- Young Adult Commission mission statement,
adopted April 22, 2006.

Our new website is up and running!
Check it Out!

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