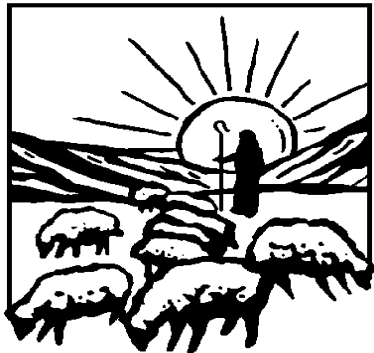


June 2009

The Shepherd's Lyre



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THY ROD AND THY STAFF

Some of the verses in the second chapter of The Revelation to John have been on my mind lately. Verse two says, "I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance..." This verse keeps coming up in my mind because of our time of building and challenge. Within the last two weeks, we've had to work on the burglar alarm, fire alarm, air conditioner, computer system, copy machine, and hot water heater. If it can break, it has. Most of the turmoil has been related to the construction. The noise and stress of two weeks of jack-hammering through the church foundation has not helped. In addition, Sunday morning Worship Services are crowded and sometimes awkward. There has been a lot of work, toil, and patient endurance on the part of the staff and membership. Thank you. And, yes, your patient endurance is greatly appreciated, along with your work and toil.

Verse four follows with a warning, "but I have this against you, you have abandoned the love you had at first." This verse is a stark reminder to me that even during this time of transition and change, we are still called to worship and serve and love. It is easy in the times of turmoil to lose the focus of our church – let us never get too busy to care. I worry that as we move into summer, our mission work will falter, our worship attendance will slide and our prayer and study time will fade. Therefore, I am reminding us as a community of Christ to remain vigilant during the summer months and the construction months. To help us, I want to keep another scripture verse in the forefront of your minds, "One thing I do...I press on for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." (Ephesians 3:13-14). Our building project is a worthy goal. Our response to God's call in Christ to be a caring community is an ultimate goal. Thanks for being a part of both.

May God be with you as you move into the summer months. And, may God keep us focused on being Christ's caring community.

God bless,

Rod



Congregational Meeting – Election of Officers

There will be a congregational meeting immediately after the worship service on Sunday, June 7th. There will be one agenda item for the meeting, the election of 2009 – 2010 officers, trustees, and personnel committee members.



In accordance with our Bylaws, a Nominating Committee consisting of Ernie Fortenberry, Adrian Gentry, Milesa Juricic, Bill Keene, Jeanne May, and Tara Nash was selected and ratified by the cabinet, announced in the April Shepherd's Lyre, and recommendations for the positions were solicited. The Nominating Committee has met and is recommending the following slate of officers:

Moderator	Suzanne Gonzalez
Vice-Moderator	Russell Nash
Secretary	Melanie Holtz
Treasurer	Linda Hoops
Trustee (2012)	Susan Oswald
Trustee (2012)	Ralph Ladd
Personnel Committee (2012)	Pamela Pate

Our Bylaws state "In order for a nomination to come from the floor at the meeting of the congregation, the person making the nomination must present that nomination to the moderator in writing at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. The nomination must include the consent to serve from the person being nominated."

If I cannot be contacted at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting, then the nomination should be presented in writing to the Vice-Moderator, Suzanne Gonzalez, at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

Bill Keene
Moderator

Carnes Scholarship Applications Deadline June 14, 2009

The Carnes Endowed Scholarship Fund of SHCC will be accepting applications for scholarship awards from students planning to enter college or currently attending college.

Please call the church office at 343-7858 for more information and to obtain an application.

Worship Assistants Needed for the Summer

We are in need of volunteers during the summer to serve as worship leader, acolyte, to prepare communion, and to provide flowers (cost is \$40 to order via the church, or you may bring your own).

Training and/or directions are available for first-timers. Please sign up on the sheets located on the bulletin board in the second floor hallway of the Carnes Building. Or, you may contact Laura Hensley, Worship Chair (328-8790). Thank you for your willingness to serve!

Outreach Activities

ARCH

Austin Resource Center for the Homeless

Tuesday, June 2, 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, June 15th, 5:15 pm

Special Truck Runs at Lunchtime

Monday, June 15th

Monday, June 22nd

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





Sunday, June 21 –
Suntan Lotion Drive


LifeWorks Street Outreach


This is just a reminder to all of you travelers that we collect your **hotel toiletries** for distribution to the LifeWorks center working with homeless teens. This is an ongoing project and the collection box is always available in the foyer or in the church office. These items are always needed and always greatly appreciated.

Opportunities for Fellowship and Growth


 **The CWF (Christian Women's Fellowship) Lunch** will be on **Thursday, June 4, at 11:30 am** at the Bamboo Grill, 6507 Jester Blvd. Everyone is invited to join us, CWF women as well as guests.

 The next meeting of the **CMF (Christian Men's Fellowship)** will be **Friday, June 5, at 7:00 am** at the Waterloo Ice House on 360 at 2222. Any questions, please call Adrian Gentry (345-3541).

 **Book Club:** This month we are reading People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks. We will discuss the book when we meet again at the Triumph Café on Spicewood Springs Road on **Monday, June 8 at 7:00.** We welcome all who are interested. Please join us.

 **CWF Day Group:** The monthly afternoon CWF Meeting will be **Wednesday, June 17 at 2 pm.** Our lesson will be Chapter 5 in our study book, titled "Families, Natural and Invented." This chapter will be presented by Dawnetta or Jeannine Hodge. They always do a special job. Don't miss it!

☎Milesa (288-8306)

 **CWF Monday Night Escape Group:** The CWF Monday Night Escape Group will be meet on **Monday night, June 29th** to continue our study of Really Bad Girls of the Bible. We will meet at Waterloo Ice House (Loop 360 and 2222) **at 5:30 pm** for dinner and then proceed to the church for the program at **7:00 pm.** This month's discussion on Bathsheba will be led by Rebecca Rose. Please join us for dinner, study, and fellowship. For more information, contact Linda Hoops at lhoops@austin.rr.com or 914-8622.

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



It's Finally Here!

The entire Shepherd of the Hills community is invited to experience Jerusalem. We will work as a SHCC team to recreate Jesus' Jerusalem. There will be Synagogue School, a Village Playground, and First Century crafts, like weaving and carpentry!

It all takes place evenings from 6-8:30 pm, June 14 -18 at SHCC.

All SHCC children, friends and neighbors are invited to come join the fun!

Sunday, June 14 through Thursday, June 18, 2009

Church Directories Still Available!

If you have not yet picked up your family's copy of the 2009 SHCC Pictorial Directory, there are still copies left. You can find one in the Carnes Education Building, on the 2nd floor hallway outside the Worship Room.

Ministries and Mission Interpreters Training Event

Friday, June 5th from 10:00am – 4:00 pm
 Hosted by: United Christian Church
 3500 W Parmer Lane, Austin, TX 78727
 Sponsored by Global Ministries and the South Central Conference

COST: \$10, which includes lunch, training notebook, Global Ministries tote bag and name badge, Global Ministries display board and a supply of GM resources.
 To Register: contact United Christian Church at (512)218-8110 or admin-assistant@uccaustin.org



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BIRTHDAY</u>
Suzanne Gonzalez	June 2
Billy Tumlinson	June 3
Jeremy Davila	June 5
Mike Herzog	June 7
Jeanette Whitcomb	June 7
Russell Austin	June 7
Cole Brevard	June 11
Josh Brevard	June 14
Rick Bosworth	June 14
Maddie Lavin	June 14
Ray Combs	June 16
Linda Hoops	June 16
Elsie Burt O'Neal	June 17
Sheri Brice	June 25
Jeff Hobbs	June 26
Alexander Pappas	June 26
Michelle Hellums	June 27
Adrian Gentry	June 29
Desmar Walkes	June 30



June ANNIVERSARIES



<u>NAME</u>	<u>ANNIVERSARY</u>
Drake & Teri Farmer	June 7
Mike & Vicki Mayabb	June 11
Randy & Cindy Long	June 12
Hank & Kim Anawaty	June 17
Josh & Bethany Brevard	June 20
Larry & Nancy Keiser	June 24



Leaders for Spring 2009:

- June 7:** Russell and Dana Austin
- June 14:** Tim and Chris Johnson
- June 21:** Tara Nash and Kim Keating
- June 28:** Mary Ann Coleman and Lucinda Valenti
- July 5:** Chris and Gail Adams
- 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 Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submissions for the July Newsletter and Calendar is **Friday, June 26 at 12 noon.**
Thank you!



June 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 8:00 am ORG 5:45 pm ARCH	3 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	4 11:30 am CWF Lunch @ Bamboo Grill	5 7:00 am CMF Prayer Breakfast	6
7 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION SUNDAY 9:15 am Coffee, Pastries & Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:40 am Worship 12:00 pm Congregational Meeting	8 7:00 pm Book Club (at Triumph Café)	9 8:00 am ORG 11:00 am Disciples' Clergy Lunch @ HPCC	10	11 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	12	13
←-----CYF Conference @ Disciple Oaks Retreat Center in Gonzales-----→						
14 FLAG DAY 9:15 am Coffee, Pastries & Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:40 am Worship 6-8:30 pm Vacation Bible School	15 5:15 pm Mobile Loaves & Fishes 6-8:30 pm Vacation Bible School	16 8:00 am ORG 6-8:30 pm Vacation Bible School	17 2:00 pm CWF Meeting @SHCC 7:30 pm Chancel Choir 6-8:30 pm Vacation Bible School	18 7:00 pm Cabinet Meeting 6-8:30 pm Vacation Bible School	19	20
21 FATHER'S DAY 9:15 am Coffee, Pastries & Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:40 am Worship MLF Suntan Lotion Drive	22	23 8:00 am ORG	24 NO Chancel Choir	25	26 12:00 noon Newsletter Deadline	27
28 9:15 am Coffee, Pastries & Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:40 am Worship	29 5:30 pm CWF Women's Monday Night Escape Group	30 8:00 am ORG				



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SUNDAY • JUNE 14 • WORSHIP @ 11 AM & 3 PM

We hope friends and former members will join us for this celebration. Come see all that is happening at BCC in the 21st century. With God all things are possible!

2009 BBA Camps

CYF Conference: June 7-13
Eighter's Camp: June 21-27
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)



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