

Community of Christ
Fairbanks Congregation Happenings
May 4, 2006

The theme for this Sunday is “Act in Love”

Accepting and
Caring
To all

Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,

3 he restores my soul.
He guides me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk
through the valley of the shadow of death, ^[a]
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

6 Surely goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

As I read the Psalm, it brought a lot of comfort and reminded me again that though at times I feel as if “I am walking through the valley of the shadow of death”, I am reminded that I am never alone or abandoned. To me this brings a lot of comfort especially in times of personal turmoil.

The Psalm acknowledges who is my guide in life and reminds me that I shall not be in “want”. It continues in a soothing way, bringing images of verdant grass and clear water. A place where one can be restored and rejuvenated. He guides me in the path that allows me to be right with Him and is always with me to protect and comfort.

Note some of the words and ideas in the Psalm. “I shall not want” may not necessary mean I will have every material thing that I might consider that I “need” or every relationship I may “want”. It does mean to me though that I will have those things that I really do need in my life. “He guides me” – Note the word guide – It does not mean that He forces me or makes me go down a certain path – Unfortunately I have choice in following or not following the guidance. The ultimate phrase to me is that “I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever” - not until I have worn out my welcome or until He tires of me – but forever.

Every time I read this Psalm I sense the love, peace and promise that God has given each one of us.

Read the above lines and feel the calm and love that is available to us. Place those feelings in the forefront of your brain and heart and act in love towards those who cross your path in life.

Announcements:

Second and fourth Sundays of each month – Coffee Talk and Continental Breakfast- Warm hearted conversation and loving each other is the purpose of the gathering. Got an idea for the future of Fairbanks? This is your opportunity to express yourself. Coffee Talk is scheduled for the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. Give yourself a treat and be there!

Choir practice on Saturdays at the church and make a happy noise.

May 7th – Early morning worship service.

May 7th – There will be a combined service with North Houston. The service will take place at Fairbanks at 11:00 o'clock. A cookout is scheduled after the service. Come to worship, come to enjoy, come to eat but do plan to come!!!

May 20th – Silent Auction Talent Show Fund Raiser – North Houston- Benefits the school supply program for a local elementary school. See announcement that was forwarded under separate cover on April 12th. There are many ways to help and participate - Contact Dorothy Hibbard or Teri Portz.

July 30th – Aug 4th – Congregational Leaders Workshop – Lamoni, Iowa – See Mission Center or World Church webpage for details.

August 26th and 27th – Witnessing Community seminar. Make plans now to attend this event.

See Mission Center web page for more information

April 22- 23rd- Sionito Work Party

May 25th – 29th – Young Adult Reunion – Sionito- Contact Diane Solario.

The following is a schedule of those that are currently scheduled to deliver the message for the 2nd quarter. This is not the “official list” and is for informational purposes only. Please refer to the worship schedule in the fellowship hall for changes.

May 7th – Doug White

May 14th – Gary Chatburn

May 21st- John Reimer

May 28th - Jeff Whitehall Sr

The nursery schedule cannot be posted in the family center for January through March 2006. Please contact Andrea if you are interested in volunteering in the nursery this quarter.

Nursery Schedule:

We need volunteers for the nursery. Please see Andrea Watson.

Please review the prayer list in the Sunday bulletin. If you have added someone to the list please update Leo Caesar with any new information and current status of the prayer concern. Please contact Leo Caesar if you wish to add/remove someone from the list.

Calendar & Mission Center News:

The Coastal Bend Mission Center is proud to announce that the Coastal Bend web site is up and running! You can visit the site at www.coastalbendmc.org

The Coastal Bend Mission Center (CBMC) has established a Youth Campership Fund to assist youth attending summer youth events. This program is not tied to any local congregational campership program. Any youth, member or friend of Community of Christ, residing within CBMC, may apply for one (1) campership per youth event (Sionito Youth Camp, IYF or Spec). Each eligible camper will receive up to \$50 per event, depending upon demand for camperships. To receive the campership, the youth must complete the application information shown below.

Please complete the application information by April 30, 2006 and forward to the Mission Center President and Financial Officer, Mark Euritt.

The options for completing and forwarding the application are:

1) online using the website form
2) send a copy you can get HERE via mail to:
Mark Euritt, Coastal Bend Mission Center 311 West Annie Austin, TX 78704

I will be sending out periodic e-mails letting everyone know what is “HAPPENING” at Fairbanks. Please let me know if your e-mail or other contact information changes.

Mark your calendars and **participate, enjoy, reach out!!!!!!**I pray that everyone have a safe and happy week.

Martha Romig