

# SAINTS ALIVE!

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Shenandoah Congregation

## **Press on in Peace and Love**

By Carol White

The Texas/Louisiana Coastal Bend is more bent than ever! The residents of the states where the storms raged have seen storms before; but Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, shortened to "Katrita," have dealt a terrible blow to countless persons with tragic loss of life, possessions, jobs, and even the land. Many of us have spent several hours all day watching TV, listening to radio, reading newspapers and magazines that have chronicled the horrors of the storm. We know that the losses have been great and there will be many areas and neighborhoods that will never recover. The "lay of the land" has been altered forever. We have witnessed man's inhumanity to each other at their most weak and vulnerable time. We are as devastated by this behavior as we are by our losses. But on the other hand (and the best hand I think) many of us have given to our oblation fund, contributed to other charities, both local and national, volunteered at Kelly USA, donated goods for GRASP and SAMMs Shelter, and helped in the backbreaking and heartbreaking work of cleaning up, moving on, and starting over. This past weekend Amy, Dorman, Edna, Patty, Tommy, and I shared meals with evacuees at Camp Sionito at the CB Mission Center Conference. We proudly donned the T-shirts from Joe Postnikoff, President of Sionito Board, that said "I Weathered Hurricane Rita at Camp Sionito, Bandera Texas". We have seen time and time again the helping hands of thousands of people and their generous spirit that helps our brothers and sisters when they are down and gives us all hope in the goodness of mankind. But time has a way of letting us slip back to old ways, to get tired and burned out, of becoming less concerned about the hard work, and we often bicker, find fault with everything and everyone. I think that the October themes can help us with that

problem. First we are told to "PRESS ON". In the words of the old spiritual:

*"When the valley is deep, when the mountain is steep, when the body is weary, when we stumble and fall. When the choices are hard, when we're battered and scarred, when we've spent our resources, when we've given our all, In Jesus name we press on, In Jesus name, we press on. Dear Lord, with the prize, clear before our eyes, we find the strength to press on."*

The second theme is "GOD OF PEACE BE WITH US". Let our prayers this month be "Help me listen Dear God, help me hear Dear God, and help me respond faithfully to the needs of my brothers and sisters as I show Your peace to them." "So as we ask for peace to be with us, let us surely respond "And also with you". The third theme is "GOD HAS CHOSEN YOU". We are called to make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters and especially the children. The scriptures are full of examples. Remember the story of Miriam who saved her brother Moses; the story of Joseph who was wronged by his older brothers, but he survived and prospered; when Samuel heard God's call and led his nation back to the path of righteousness. And God who sent his Son Jesus, as a baby to lead us even as a child in the temple. We are called to be a prophetic people, we are called to proclaim Jesus Christ and promote communities of joy, hope, love, and peace. The fourth theme for this month is LOVE ONE, LOVE ALL. The two greatest commandments are to Love God with all your heart, mind, and soul and Love our neighbors as we love ourselves. When we can do the first one, the second comes easy. Let our prayers include forgiveness when we fail to remember these great commandments. The last theme is JESUS IS OUR TEACHER. Jesus approached teaching with care, humility, and stories that made points the people could understand based on their life experience.

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# Gone Fishin....

During August, Dalton and Dottie Klaus enjoyed a trip to cool northern Canada with Leo Purcell, and "Mike," his wife who has finally retired from nursing.

It took 7 days of traveling. The first night we stayed with our son, David, in Missouri. Dalton and Leo fished while Mike and Dottie took pictures of the longhorns and horses. Trudy came that night to go out to eat with us. The next evening, we stayed with Mike's sister in Minn. As we went through Canadian customs inspectors removed everything from Leo's neatly packed van. When we finally got to Red Lake, near the top of Canada, we stayed briefly with Evelyn, who operates a fly-in service, before flying in a small plane to the cabin where we stayed for 8 days. It was a really nice place, but the women had to "rough it" as far as bathroom facilities were concerned.

There were four bunk beds and the heat was furnished by a potbellied stove. We also were constantly on the watch for bears. We fished every day except when it rained. The weather was very cold in the mornings and in the 50's and 60's during the day.

On the way home, we spent the night with Mike's dad and step-mother who live in the country, on the shore of Lake Superior. Later, we stopped in Duluth, where we visited the boardwalk and went shopping. There were flowers everywhere. Mike and I watched movies in the back of the van, going and coming and it really didn't seem like we had traveled nearly 4,000 miles.

Haven't laughed so much in years.  
..... by Dottie Klaus.

*(ED: Every so often we receive a message from "Gus Whutt" Here is his latest offering*

## SIT OR STAND UP?

Strange, but it's the end of summer and I came across a predicament. It's not fair, nobody should ever encounter a predicament, but predicaments are just part of life.

I heard a sermon in a church I visited somewhere in the North Country. It wasn't the church I attend and the sermon shocked me a bit. Actually, it really scared me.

Now, I believed a large part of what was said in the sermon. Some of it completely, some mostly, and some only to a point. Very little did I *not* believe. This didn't scare me. What did scare me was what was in the not-mostly and in the beyond-a-point, I saw the tilled earth of book burning and Senator Joe McCarthy-ism.

I saw a group of Christians positioning themselves to create what they expect to be the Kingdom on Earth (an enterprise I wholeheartedly support). But I also saw a group of Christians placing themselves in the position to recreate an environment of Joe McCarthy hatred and Salem witch burning.

So what scares me? What troubles me? Why my title (above)?

It occurs to me that there is a fine line between what we support (sit down for) and what we fear (stand up against). I do not want to wait until the first book is aflame to stand up, I don't want to be seated while a wonderful family is evicted for not saying an adequate blessing over a hectic Saturday lunch.

On the other hand, I don't want to cry wolf when there is not the likelihood for burning books or eviction of fine families.

So, like you, I struggle with when we stand up and yell "Foul" and when we sit and feel that things will work out. I will pray for wisdom for

you if you will pray for wisdom for me. Bless us all. ---Gus

## *Pasta and Trimmings*

A Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the youth camping fund will be held in the Fellowship Building Oct. 22, starting at 5:00. Make sure you sign up so we know how many to expect. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. The cost will be a free-will offering. Ladies, if you would like to donate a dessert, please see either Samantha or Tommy.

### **CLEAN-UP, FIX-UP--at HOME**

Put on your work clothes Saturday morning, October 15<sup>th</sup>, nine to noon. It's fall cleanup day at Shenandoah. Bring your cleaning tools and be prepared to dig in!

### **DITTO, for Camp Sionito**

Three more work weekends are scheduled at Camp Sionito this fall and winter: (Oct 21-23; Nov. 11-13 and Dec 9-11.) Jobs are available for all skill levels. Contact Mike Thrutchley at 817-457-4688 or 817-819-7299 for any questions.

### **NEWS FROM THE PEWS.....**

**Jim and Patty Walker** are leaving on October 5<sup>th</sup> to vacation in Las Vegas, NV for a few days. Tommy's aunt will be here in San Antonio keeping an eye on him!

**Tommy Walker** has a part in "Annie", a production by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade drama and music students at Stinson Middle School. The production is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, December 1-2.

**Lisa Talcott** spent an enjoyable two weeks making the long trip from San Antonio to South Korea to visit son, **Jonathan**. She and Jon spent several days in Seoul, then traveled to the small town of Seocheon where he teaches English in a private school and two public junior high schools. **Doris Jackel** reports that her brother and sister-in-law, **James and Agnes Engellhard**, have moved from Battle Creek Michigan to Gatesville, TX (not far from Waco) where they will live with their daughter, **Ruth Ann Cumberland**. Many years ago James and Agnes were active members of the Capital Avenue Branch in San Antonio.

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They are called parables and they are still valuable lessons for us today. I don't see many mustard seeds in my life journey, but I get the point. Let us not forget to consult the scriptures for the lessons from the greatest teacher, who came to save us from ourselves. Let us strive to follow Jesus' example. As the days, weeks, months, and years go by and as other storms move in and out of our lives, let us *PRESS ON, WITH GOD'S PEACE, ACCEPTING OUR CALL, LOVING EACH OTHER, and LISTENING TO THE TEACHER*. God bless you all in your effort.

## **Building Moving Ahead**

We have finally received a draft contract for the drawings of the modifications to our educational building. While a few details remain to be worked out, we can now move forward toward a decision on our next step.

The building Committee has spent many hours to reach this point, and I thank and congratulate each of them. We look forward to the "light at the end of the tunnel" with this project.

.....*Don Tucker, Building Committee Chairman*

## **Mission Center Conference**

by Carol White

The conference was held at Camp Sionito the weekend of Sept. 24-25. Despite absences of some delegates and staff members because of Hurricane Rita, there were enough alternates in place to proceed with the business of the church.

Shenandoah was the only congregation with the full slate of its delegates present.

Mission center officers sustained for 2006 were: President-Mark Euritt; Counselors-Cheryl Saur, and Stephen Phillips; Financial Officer-Dale Jones and his counselors, Ron Saur and Dwight Hines. The mission center secretary pro tem was Sharon Bailey and Recorder was Dorothy Hibbard. Both were sustained. The mission center counsel is made up of the leadership team, pastors, and co-pastors from the congregations and emerging congregations of the mission center, who were also sustained.

We passed an Operating Fund 2006 budget of \$108,550 and several budget resolutions concerning Endowment Fund, Campership Fund, Equipment Reserve Fund, Congregational Loans and Gifts. We elected The Houston Outreach Task, Inc Board of Directors as follows: One year term: Jay Higginson from Shenandoah, Steve Phillips from Live Oak, and Mark Euritt from Austin. Two year term: Jim Burdick from Shenandoah, Rhonda Radliff from North Houston, Francisco Trevino from Bauman Road. Three year term: David Sittle from North Houston and Sue Turner from Fairbanks. We filled three upcoming vacancies on the Camp Sionito Board of Directors that will take office Aug 2006 through Aug 2009. They are Carol Caesar from Fairbanks, Tom Grubbs from Pasadena, and Carol White from Shenandoah. We approved the call of Ron Saur to the office of High Priest.

What we lacked in delegates, we made up for in Houston area evacuees. We were able to visit with one another, share meals, participate in class and recreational activities, witness two beautiful sacraments and we worshiped together in prayer and testimony. We began the conference with the baptism of two young women, Myra, from Corpus Christi baptized by Holly Hampton and Gloria, from Fairbanks, baptized by Carol Caesar. We spent the rest of the morning visiting with our brothers and sisters from the Houston area. In the afternoon there was a class for both adults and youth. I was privileged to do puppet ministry with 10 precious children ranging from ages 3 to 10 years old. I was able to draft two expert puppeteers (Debbie Sutton and Julie Euritt) who had the eyes and ears of the children in rapt attention. There was laughter and fun as we acted out the story of the flood with Moses (aka Wizard) and all the animals, of which there were many, and the reminder of the promise of the rainbow. We were reminded in story and puppets that we all have a promise from God that we can be anything we want to be, and God isn't finished with us yet, as Hermit the caterpillar tells us. The children had the luxury of air conditioning in Price Hall and this reporter spent all her

time with them and doesn't know what the adults did, except try to stay cool. It was the hottest day of the year for Bandera and the surrounding Hill country. The pool offered a great respite for some. The evening service was the confirmation for Myra who was confirmed by Leo Caesar and Susan Turner. The conference closed with the worship service ably led by Julie Euritt and many shared their testimony of gratitude even in the midst of uncertainty caused by the storms. Mark Euritt sent us forth with the call to be "hospitable," keep our arms and our doors open to our neighbors. He reminded us that one of the strong points of our faith movement is our ability to establish and maintain good relationships with each other, that will, in turn, build the community.

## **IN APPRECIATION**

Thank you, Linda Holder, for your completion of our library project that has our books accounted for and in order. It really looks good.

And, Thank you, Paul Plummer, for the extra bookcases from your mother's furniture to store all those books (we seem to have gotten some extras along the way.)

## **Re-Dedication at Bandera**

Our friends in the Bandera, Texas congregation will be holding a re-dedication service on December 4, 2005. Special guests will include Apostle Linda Booth, who is assigned to the area which includes the Coastal Bend Mission Center, and Steve Calloway, a former Texas resident now an evangelist in Missouri.

## **FALL FESTIVAL**

A gala fall festival is planned for Saturday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2005, from 2 until 4 p.m. at the Shenandoah Fellowship building.

There will be food, prizes and games for all ages. Some of the games will be: fish pond, ring toss, bean bag toss, cake walk, washer pitch, football toss, marshmallow grab, face painting and other fun games. We also will have handcrafted items for sale at the festival. Help us celebrate the change of seasons.

## **KATRINA and RITA ASSISTANCE**

A REMINDER: Shenandoah Congregation will be collecting material goods for Katrina and Rita evacuees every Sunday until further notice. Items in short supply are new blankets, pillows and linens, toiletries, personal hygiene items, baby formulas, diapers, baby wipes and bottled water.

Financial officer Patty Walker says total Shenandoah donations, local and world, during September were \$4,573.12. Of the \$2,432.12 contributed to the World Church, \$1,317 oblation fund dollars went to hurricane relief efforts.

*THANK YOU for your generous offerings!*

## **October Greeters**

**2--Paul and Shelley Plummer**

**9--Mick and Charla Rogers**

**16-The Walker family**

**23-Jim and Carol Burdick**

**30-Arlie and Jan Brucks**

## **October Birthdays**

1-Patricia Thomason

2-Liz Spiekermann

3-Wayne Talcott

4-Kealani Marquez

5-Dee Marquez

7-Patty Walker

9-Michael Meales

13-Maria Monroe

14-Kathleen Cole

17-Rozella Sixt

Matthew Theisen

21-Ariel Williamson

22-Brad Torkelson

23-Steve Tucker

26-Sylvia Ayers

Chris Anderson

28-Lenore Melenzyer

30-Dorman Lewis

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October 2005	10/2/2005	10/9/05	10/16/05	10/23/05	10/30/05
<b>Theme</b>	<b>Press On</b>	<b>God of Peace Be With Us</b>	<b>God Has Chosen You</b>	<b>Love One, Love All</b>	<b>Jesus Is Our Teacher</b>
<b>Presider</b>	Jim Burdick	Jay Higginson	Pat Campbell	Carol Burdick	Patty Walker
<b>Speaker</b>	Kanani Clark	Ivan Pierce	Edna Workmon	Richard Cole	Steve Beebe
<b>Deacon Services</b>	Lisa Talcott	Mick Rogers	Tommy & Patty Walker	Jim Burdick	Pat Campbell
<b>Comunion Prep</b>	Lisa Talcott				
<b>Greeters</b>	Paul & Shelley Plummer	Mick & Charla Rogers	Patty & Tom Walker	Jim & Carol Burdick	Arlie & Jan Brucks
<b>Organist</b>	Jay Higginson	Carol Burdick	Kathlyn Graves	Ivan Pierce	Kathleen Cole
<b>Wed. Service</b>	10/5-David Sixt	McCrimmon/Workmon/Jackel 10/12-Carol White	10/19-Ginny Ford	10/26-Amy Lewis	
<b>November 2005</b>		11/6	11/13	11/20	11/27/2005
<b>Theme</b>		<b>Be Wise, Be Ready</b>	<b>Create Abundance</b>	<b>When Did We Meet You?</b>	<b>Hope, Come Down (Hope)</b>
<b>Presider</b>		Edna Workmon	Melva Darling	Lafe Williams	Kanani Clark
<b>Speaker</b>		John Darling	Wayne Talcott	Jay Higginson	Carol White
<b>Deacon Services</b>		Evelyn Williams	Tommy Walker	Pat Campbell	Jim Burdick
<b>Comunion Prep</b>		Pat Campbell			
<b>Greeters</b>		Paul & Shelley Plummer	Mick & Charla Rogers	Pat Campbell	Jim & Carol Burdick
<b>Organist</b>		Jay Higginson	Kathlyn Graves	Ivan Pierce	Carol Burdick
<b>Wed. Service</b>	11/2-Don Tucker	11/9-Fred Ayers	Higginson/Cole/Runcik 11/16-Jetta Caraballo	11/23-Marvel Riley	11/30-Jim Burdick
<b>December 2005</b>	12/4	12/11	12/18	12/25	
<b>Theme</b>	<b>Speak Peace (Peace)</b>	<b>Dare to Rejoice (Joy)</b>	<b>Give Birth to Love (Love)</b>	<b>Surprised by the Light</b>	
<b>Presider</b>	Carol White	Kathleen Cole	Lisa Talcott	Carol Burdick	
<b>Speaker</b>	Richard Cole	Vic Hatch	Lafe Williams	Jim Burdick	
<b>Deacon Services</b>	Mick Rogers	Victor Pierce	Patty & Tom Walker	Pat Campbell	
<b>Comunion Prep</b>	Carol White				
<b>Greeters</b>	Mick & Charla Rogers	Ann Yerrington	Patty & Tom Walker	Jim & Carol Burdick	
<b>Organist</b>	Jay Higginson	Ivan Pierce No Pot Luck	Kathleen Cole	Jay Higginson	
<b>Wed. Service</b>	12/7 - Carol Burdick	12/14 - Patty Walker	12/21 - Edna Workman	12/28 - Carol White	