

SAINTS ALIVE!

March 2007

Shenandoah Congregation

Pastoral Corner: A Time to Look Forward; A Time to Look Back

by Carol Burdick

The grass is turning green and the afternoons are very warm; Spring surely is right around the corner. There are lots of exciting activities on our horizon and I don't want any of you to miss out on them; I thought this would be an effective way to pass on the information to all of you.

The Lenten Season that proceeds Easter Sunday has commenced; it's a time of self-reflection and contemplation on the life and sacrifice of Jesus. Use this time to examine your life and your activities as a follower of Jesus. As you prepare for Easter, remember, too, the world-wide group of followers that will be gathering in Independence for World Conference (March 24-31) and routinely hold that body of people up in prayer in the coming days.

Carol Deane, Patty, Jim and I attended the Leadership Retreat at Camp Sionito this past weekend and I enjoyed taking a walk down memory lane. Years ago I attended reunions and youth camps at Sionito, and as I viewed the grounds I was pleasantly surprised to see so many thoughtful, beneficial changes – changes many of you made at the work weekends.

We gained lots of information about upcoming activities at the retreat that I'd like to pass on to you.

Reunion registration forms will be coming out at the beginning of March. Please note the change in approach to housing. This was done in order to keep our reunion registration fees as low as possible. **You will want to register early** in order to receive the best accommodations for you and your family. Reunion #1 is June 9th -16th and Reunion #2 is June 30th -July 6th.

Mission Center Youth Camperships for 2007 camps will be increased to \$75 a camper. In order to receive this campership an application will need to be completed by the camper. The Campership application form will be available in early March.

Our Mission Center has heard the requests from many of you and plans are now underway for a multi-mission center gathering (modeled after the Regional Gathering) for April 25-27, 2008. If this event is successful we will continue to hold it during non-World Conference years. The 2008 gathering will be in San Antonio!! So standby for much more information on this event.

On another note, the Shenandoah Building Committee recently mailed out pledge letters and many of you responded with generous pledges for the anticipated work that will occur on our church home. We'd like more pledges to be returned so that we have an accurate picture of anticipated funds for the coming years, so when you receive the second "reminder" letter please get your pledge in the mail.

Four Temple School courses will be given in the near future and they are being offered to anyone who wants to increase their knowledge and spirituality. The titles of the four courses are: (1) PA140 "Elders: Servants of God's People," (2) SS101 "An Introduction to Understanding Scripture," (3) SL101 "An Introduction to Caring Ministries," and (4) AM200 "Aaronic Ministers: Ministry of Presence." Watch for sign-up sheets on the table in the foyer and take a class!

Have I forgotten anything? Probably – there's a lot going on at Shenandoah. If you've not been at church for awhile, rest assured that you are missed. Do you sense something missing from your life? Community? Family? Us? Hope to see you next Sunday.

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Coastal Bend & Heart of Texas Men's Retreat

Where: Camp Sionito

Theme: The Power of Intentional Living

Cost Friday thru Sunday \$60.00

Golf Cost (\$41.63 Regular Rate & \$36.30 Seniors Over 55) Includes Cart

More details and registration forms are on the bulletin board.

Guest Ministry: John Darling

Friday, April 27- Sunday, April 29, 2007

Saturday thru Sunday \$45.00

Volunteer Help Urgently Needed

Shenandoah is without a Facilities Manager for 2007. Will someone (or two) step up and oversee the miscellaneous duties related to our church home?

JOB DESCRIPTION: The Facilities Manager looks after the overall condition of the physical structure and grounds that make up our church home. This entails making sure that the yard work (mainly in the spring and summer) is performed by someone. He/she arranges for the pest control company to gain access to our facility every quarter for bug spraying. Ongoing tasks, such as replacing A/C filters and light bulbs is required of the facilities manager. This person (s) would organize 2-3 work parties per year to tackle those cleaning chores above and beyond what the paid weekly cleaning crew performs. Basically, anything concerning the church structures and surrounding grounds is the responsibility of the Facilities Manager, but that person will always have lots of support and assistance in doing this important job.

SUMMER CAMPS ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER

The 2007 Sionito Camping Season is almost upon us. Mark these dates on your calendar now!

Reunion 1 June 9-16;

Jr. High Camp June 24-30;

Junior Camp July 8-14;

Hispanic Family Camp July 26-29;

Young Adult Reunion August 10-12

Sr. High Camp June 17-23

Reunion 2 June 30 – July 6

Hispanic Youth Camp July 23-26

Spec at Graceland July 21-28

Apply early, because you'll be charged more if you don't! The Coastal Bend Mission Center is offering a \$75 campership to every youth camper—download the form or get it off the bulletin board and submit it to Ron Saur at www.coastalbendmc.org or mail the paper copy to Ron Saur, Coastal Bend Mission Center, 7002 Evans Road, Round Rock, TX 78681. Shenandoah Congregation will also be offering every camper from our congregation a campership. Check with Patty Walker in person or at pwalker5@satx.rr.com (Pricing on reunions will be announced soon.)

Waffle Supper RAISER DRAWS IN NEARLY \$300

THANK YOU Ruth Collier, organizer and chef, THANK YOU kitchen helpers who kept those waffle irons hot, THANK YOU servers who moved the plates and juices, THANK YOU crafty ladies who decorated the tables, and BIG BIG THANK YOU to the hungry and generous members who supported the efforts of the kids and adults at the Waffle Supper on Saturday, February 17. The campership funds were increased by a whopping \$277. I also want to thank the kids for showing us the results of their discipline, hard work and hours of practice, as we were treated to a wonderful talent show. Miranda and Cassandra Cole shared their sweet violin melodies, Tommy Walker transformed into a soldier in his "crisp blues" and demonstrated some precision drill moves that he performs with his team members in the Varsity Drill Team in ROTC, and Sydney and Samantha Callier entertained with light, lyrical, and fast moving staccato sounds from their flutes.

We encourage all our youth to continue their good work with their instruments and other school activities. We have been blessed that all of our youth so willingly participate in the many activities of our church life. THANK YOU, keep up the good work and I hope you all have fun at camp.

Carol White

Vegetarianism for a Good Cause

Our congregational Potluck on March 11 will be MEATLESS. We are asking that you not bring a meat dish for the dinner. Instead, in keeping with the World Hunger Emphasis, please donate the amount of money you would have spent on meat. These funds will be sent to help feed the hungry.

START PLANNING FOR EASTER

On Easter Sunday, April 8th, which normally would be our Potluck fellowship, we shall change the format. We will have a brunch served at 9 a.m and the Potluck following worship will be cancelled. Immediately following the brunch there will be an Easter egg hunt for the children. All Sunday school classes will be cancelled. The Easter Worship service will be held at 11 a.m.

News from the News.....

Margot Spiekermann has been doing some traveling in connection with her job—she is working on an historical fiction project for a small curriculum publishing company based in Utah. Margo traveled to Salt Lake City in January, and at present she is putting together a book for 4th graders based on Cabeza de Vaca's life and travels with the Indians of Texas. (Sounds like an interesting adventure!)

Fred Ayers gave us a report of his granddaughter, **Aimee Ayers**, a senior at Monterey High School in Lubbock, TX. She has been recognized as one of the young volunteer heroes in Lubbock who "make a difference" as she works in various volunteer programs in settings that relate to teachers and students. Aimee will be attending Texas Tech next year in her goal to become a teacher.

Jon Talcott was back from Korea between jobs in February, and was able to go to Las Vegas with his parents, **Lisa and Wayne**, for a long weekend to visit **Matt, Marcella** and their baby **Lafe** while he was here. Jon returned to Korea on March 1st, and will be starting another teaching job, this time in Busan, the second largest city in Korea. Matt Talcott was in San Antonio on Air Force business the third week of the month and took out an evening to have supper with his folks and the Williams grandparents. And **Lafe and Evelyn Williams** were pleased to have their son Kim in for a two-week visit.

Winnie Negaard was in San Antonio visiting her son, **Darrell**, and his family for several weeks. While here she attended Sunday School classes, 11:00 a.m. Worship Services and Crafty Ladies meetings. We enjoyed getting to know her a little better and we hope she returns very soon.

On February 10th, **Tommy Walker** earned a first place at the 2007 Junior Academy of Science held at UTSA for his project on magnetic propulsion. This makes him eligible to go to the next round to be held the first week in April at Texas A&M. He is entering this same science project in the Regional Science & Engineering Fair at St. Mary's University during Spring Break week.

Reminder: IMPORTANT WEBSITE ADDRESSES

Much important information about our world church and the Coastal Bend Mission Center may be accessed by checking the internet. Each month, for instance, you can download and print this Saints Alive newsletter by going to Mission Center site. Be sure to keep these web addresses handy:

Mission Center – www.coastalbendmc.org

World Church – www.cofchrist.org

Houston Outreach Task – www.houstonoutreach.org

Camp Sionito – www.campsionito.org

BURDICKS TO ATTEND WORLD CONFERENCE

Jim and Carol Burdick have been elected by Shenandoah Congregation to serve as delegates to the World Conference and will be departing for Independence on March 22 and returning on March 31.

HOT OFF THE PRESS

The 2007 Congregational Directories are now available and are stacked on the table in the foyer. Be sure to get a directory so you have all the important information that active church members need at their disposal. There is a 2007 congregational activity calendar as well as contact information on all our members. To be a member "in the know," be sure to pick up a directory. (Hint: Keep your old directory in the trunk of your car—you never know when you'll need someone's address or phone number.)

HOSPICE PROGRAM TO BE PRESENTED

An opportunity to attend an educational program presented by the Friends of Hospice of San Antonio is available on Saturday, March 31st at The Chapman Center on the campus of Trinity University, from 8:30 a.m. through 2 p.m. The annual program is designed for physicians, attorneys, nurses, health care providers, social workers, counselors, *clergy, pastoral ministers, volunteers* and all who are involved in end-of-life care. Registration forms can be downloaded from <http://www.trinity.edu/departments/conferences/hospice.html>. You can also call Ann Knoebel at Trinity University, at 999-7601 for more information. The cost for attendance is usually about \$5.00

What Time Is It??

Daylight Savings Time returns this year on March 11th, three weeks sooner than usual. The change was part of an energy bill approved by Congress in 2005. VCRs, e-mail, PDAs and digital schedules could be three weeks behind if they were programmed before 2005. For those with Windows-based PCs, you can click on "Start" and there is a Windows update selection that you can click on, which will take you to a Microsoft site to get the update. MACs have updates that are similar.

February Finances	
INCOME	
February Receipts	\$4,036.90
Other Income (Fundraising, Memorial Funds)	\$639.00
Interest Income	\$12.76
Less World Church Funds	\$1,123.65
SubTotal	\$3,565.01
Less Coastal Bend Mission Center Funds	\$163.00
Total Net Income	\$3,402.01
EXPENSES	
Building Insurance for 2006	\$1,871.15
Communications	\$50.90
Groundskeeping/Housekeeping	\$400.00
Herald-In-Every Home	\$96.00
Leadership	\$135.00
Pastoral Care	\$118.26
Repairs	\$75.00
Utilities	\$588.04
Worship Commission	\$111.86
Total Expenses	\$3,446.21
Total Net Income	\$3,402.01
Less Total Expenses	\$3,446.21
Variance	(\$44.20)

March/April Events

March 4 – CROP Walk
 March 10-11 – Camp Sionito Work Party
 March 24-31 – World Conference
 April 27-29 – Men's Retreat @ Camp Sionito
 April 27-29 – Exploration Group Meeting, Houston, TX
 May 4-6 – High Priest Retreat, Camp Sionito

March Greeters

4-Pat Campbell	11-Tuckers
18-Patty Walker	25-Doris Jackel

March Birthdays

2--Dalton Klaus	13--Carol Loveless
Donna Passante	19--Victor Hatch
4--Clayton Kanani Clark	22--Pat Campbell
Chaille Negaard	23--April McMillan
7--Michelle Theisen	24-Katie Spiekermann
9--Edward Workmon	27-Elizabeth Clark
Michael Higginson	Jim Burdick
11-Jeremy Higginson	29-Edna Workmon
	30-Mary Ann McMillan



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