

SAINTS ALIVE!

Shenandoah Congregation

April 2007

Memories Made and Memories To Come

By Jim Burdick, Co-Pastor

Just so you know my perspective, I am writing this during the third week of March, 2007. When you read this, the World Conference will be ending or ended, but right now, we haven't left for the trip yet.

This week, 2007. We just had a business meeting where we committed to sailing forward on our building project to renovate the Education Building. Earlier this month, we met as a Mission Center and set some directions and goals for this and coming years. We are busily arranging priesthood classes for four people called to new and challenging service for our Lord. World Conference looms only days ahead of us. You'd think I have enough on my mind for anyone.

But I want to tell you what is really on my mind. And, while you can say that this month's article is about 'ME,' I think it really is about the human condition.

In the midst of all the above, I have not been mentally oriented to World Conference, Mission Center Conference, the building program, or our trip. I have been extremely focused on last year.

This week, 2006. On Sunday, Kathleen Cole either presided or preached and mentioned that it was the week of the first day of Spring. The first day of Spring is always a special day to me, I was already looking forward to it. Then on Monday David Sixt and I met for lunch. On Tuesday I was sick and entered the hospital. My life absolutely changed that week.

I thought I was just sick, only to find out later that I very nearly expired. A couple of times! I am not consciously fearful of a relapse but I am constantly aware of the possibility. I am constantly aware of the potential gravity of health challenges. And I am sometimes a bit scared that I may go through the disease (or another serious disease) again.

So, where I am headed with this, is that we all go through life in the present, here and now. But in addition, every single person has other personal issues floating inside their cranium and heart. Hidden issues that are part of their day like family and lunch and traffic. We need to be constantly aware that when we talk with another person, there is often more happening than meets the eye. We need to remember that part of being family is being sensitive to the needs of others, including those unseen, unmentioned needs.

Some of the greatest ministry is delivered in the crucial act of being present. Our church has special ministry that is expected of our priesthood, much of which relates to the sacraments. We should all look to our priesthood continuously for ministry. Jesus has assured us that if we will use the priesthood and its ministry, he will bless us even more. We also know that ALL believers are called to minister, in fact Jesus says that what He had done we can also do and greater things as well.

So, I am doing okay for how I'm doing, but I can always use your prayers, so keep them coming. But let us remember that the person sitting next to us, or on the other side of the room, might be going through some unknown troubles and let's pray for each other. Let's all minister one to the other. That old saying to be quick in prayer and slow in judgment is excellent advice.

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GOODIES FOR GOOD CAUSE

Crafty Ladies will hold a bake sale/fund raiser on Sunday, April 1st after the morning service. Donations of baked goods--and people to buy baked goods!--will be appreciated. If anyone has a special goodie request, contact Marilyn McCrimmon. She's willing to do "on-call" baking! The proceeds of the sale will go to the youth campership fund until that goal has been met, and then the money will go to the building fund.

News from the Pews

John and Kelly Patten are spending the night on the USS Lexington in Corpus Christi, TX, on March 31st, along with 55 other Cub Scouts and parents. Kelly says " What did I get myself into?!"

SHENANDOAH SWEATS AT SIONITO!!!

Eight folks from Shenandoah, Patty and Tommy Walker, Ruth, Samantha, and Sydney Callier, Dalton Klaus, Jeraldine Ransom and Carol White worked up a good sweat doing all manner of work at the Camp Sionito March work weekend. Tommy learned a new skill in cutting rustic tin and secured the panels in the lodge for ceiling and walls. Ruth, Carol, Patty, Sydney, Samantha, and Geraldine painted, textured, and painted some more. Then of course there is Dalton, Jack of all Trades and a Sionito Legend, that does almost anything and everything, that is when he's not looking for his tools. Mike Trutchcely, the camp work foreman, was pleased with our efforts, very glad we came, and welcomed us back any time. There are two more work weekends before camp season starts: dates 28-29 April 07 and 19-20 May 2007. If you are interested see in helping again, see Dalton or Carol.

WE WALK BECAUSE THEY WALK

Shenandoah participated for the 2nd year in the San Antonio Annual CROP Walk to raise money for World Hunger. We had 4 walkers this year, Ray and Doris Jackel, Jeraldine Ransom, and Carol White. We collected \$455.00 for World Hunger. The weather was great at Mission County Park and the walk organizers had plenty of water and fruit snacks along the way. The purpose of the walk is to raise money for world hunger, but the CROP Walk motto, "We walk because they Walk" is also symbolic of the fact that most people in the under developed countries have to walk for everything that sustains their life, water, food, shelter, work, or school. Thank you walkers and thank you contributors, it is good that Shenandoah has begun again to participate in the very worthwhile community event.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1--Sarah Talcott	12--Nancy Sixt	26--Maria Tucker
8--Ginger Walker	18--Patricia Clark	28--Michael McMillan
9--Mekani Marquez	22--Jerry Higginson	30--Albert Bailey
10--Jim Walker	23--Joe Passante	

A STEP AHEAD FOR BUILDING PROJECT

Members attending a special business meeting on March 18 those present on March 18th voted approval by secret ballot, 22-9, to proceed to the next level in the proposed renovation of our Education and Fellowship Hall. Detailed plans will now be drawn and a bidding process established. It was announced that the pre-construction goal of \$20,000 dollars in lump sum pledges and contributions was exceeded by several hundred dollars and pledges for ongoing monthly support seemed at or near the level needed to secure a long term construction loan from the World Church.

Stay tuned!

Greeters for April 2007

*1--Dottie and Dalton Klaus 3--Don and Reta Tucker
15--Patty Walker 22--Doris Jackel 29--Patty Walker*



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