



Saints Alive

March 2008

We Aren't Alone

For a little more than a month this past fall the Burdick household included daughter Marsha and her family; they sold their Canyon Lake home and were house-hunting in the northwest part of San Antonio. Four adults were coming and going at different times of the day and night and Jim realized that a keyless lock on our front door would be a great asset. By the time he ordered and installed it, our children were relocated in their new home; however, Jim had initially envisioned a day when I might be outside, taking our granddaughter for a stroll, and have no key to get back in the house. He had foresight and vision to imagine what might go wrong in the future and he then took measures to avert it because he has love for his family.

Sure enough the day came. I was on the back porch talking with a repairman; Hannah was just inside the closed door and she reached up and turned the lock. My pleas for her to unlock/open the door were in vain – she just gave me a quizzical look. I was so relieved when I realized all I needed to do was run around to the front door and let myself in.

It's a thankful, blessed feeling each of us gets knowing that someone (besides yourself) has your welfare in mind. It may be stretching this idea to tie it in with our Lord and his love for us, but I don't think so. God surely knows all our concerns and rejoices and mourns with us at times. Christians all over the world are celebrating Lent and, soon, Passion Week. Christ's resurrection expresses God's great love for all of creation. We are not alone – Jesus walks with us – he wants us to witness of him. He wants us to live in community and love one another and take care of each other. We learn that we are lovable or unlovable from other people. That's why God tells us so many times to love one another.

This year let's not give up on our discipleship when times are difficult but, instead, remember that Jesus loves us and he never gives up on us. When a fellow traveler has a hard time being a disciple and falters on the path, reach out your hand. Be the one who exhibits God's love by being encouraging, and tolerating and accepting; show someone that they are loveable and that you care.

Carol Burdick

"Gathering" in May

The tradition of a "Gathering" of Texas area church members is to be revived May 23-25 here in San Antonio. A Multi-Mission Center event will be held at the Hilton Airport Hotel with delegates from six Mission Centers taking part: Coastal Bend, Heart of Texas, Mexico-Texas, Rio Grande, Oklahoma and Arkatex. Among the guest ministers will be Becky Savage, Apostle Rick Maupin and President of Seventy Ruben Landeros. Mark you calendars for this event. There will be no services at Shenandoah that weekend.

March Greeters

2--Doris Jackel
9--Lafe Williams
16-Patty Walker
23-Dottie and Dalton Klaus
30-Carol Burdick

Reunions & Camps

June 6-8-Young Adult Retreat (age 19-30)
June 21-28 Sionito Reunion # One
July 5-11 Sionito Reunion # 2

June 15-21 Senior High Camp
June 29-July 5 Junior High Camp
July 13-19 Junior Camp

Register now and receive an early signup discount.
See registration forms on the bulletin board or go the
Mission Center website:
www.coastalbendmc.org

RETREATS AHEAD

Women of three Texas Mission Centers will be meeting in a retreat March 7-9 at Camp Sionito. Reflecting the Lenten season Guest Minister Apostle Linda Booth has selected "Resurrection" as the theme of the retreat. Participating will be delegates from the Texas-Mexico, Heart of Texas and Coastal Bend Mission Centers.

Later in the month, March 28-30, the Texas Mission Centers' Mens Retreat will be held at Sionito. Further information will be available on the Mission Center website later.

Online Convenience

Registration forms for summer youth camps and the CBMC Women's Retreat at Camp Sionito can be found on-line at the Mission Center web site: <http://www.coastalbendmc.org/>. Or, you can click on the following underlined "Form."
2008 Camp Sionito Youth Camp Registration [Form](#)
2008 CBMC Women's Retreat March 7th [Registration Form](#)
and [Schedule](#) here. If you have difficulty and need assistance please let me know. *Carol Burdick*

CROP WALK SUNDAY, March 2

San Antonio observes Crop Walk for Hunger, and Shenandoah Community of Christ Church is in the line of march. The event kicks off at 2 on March 2 in the Mission County Park at 6030 Padre Drivel Carol White heads up our marchers. This is the 25th year the Crop Walk has been held here. Funds raised benefit the San Antonio Food Bank and the Christian Assistance ministries as well as hunger projects world-wide. If you can't join the walkers, pledge your dollars toward the Shenandoah goal of \$500. See Carol White for particulars.

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Chat times for SS 101 (U.S. central time)
* Apr 22 3:00 - 5:00 pm
* Apr 30 9:00 - 11:00 am
* May 5 7:00 - 9:00 pm
* May 15 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Sionito Work Parties

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A Look at Tithing

The Presiding Bishopric would like to call your attention to My Tithing Plan, a personal and confidential planning tool to help people be intentional about their tithing response. For the past two years, My Tithing Plan has been mailed to all contributors' homes. My Tithing Plan has been updated recently, using scripture from Doctrine & Covenants 163:9, and is available on our website at www.CofChrist.org/generosity/mytithingplan. As we continue to explore ways to communicate to our membership, we have decided to promote My Tithing Plan primarily on the web for people to download. We believe that My Tithing Plan meets the needs of individuals and families as they prayerfully and intentionally consider their tithing response to the generosity of God. We encourage you to download the version applicable to your location, and we encourage you to use it for your personal response, as well as promoting it and making it available to members of your congregations. We are deeply grateful for all that you do in pursuit of the church's mission. The Presiding Bishopric

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Go to www.CofChrist.org/templeschool/Curriculum/online.asp for complete details and registration information. For more information, contact Pam Robison at probison@CofChrist.org or ext. 2324.

Budding Authors To Have Voice

Do you have a story that inspires creative meditation for discipleship? Barbara and Dick Howard, co-editors for Daily Bread

2009, are seeking stories and testimonies from around the world. Requests for current writing guidelines and material submissions can be sent to the Howards at nddhoward09db@comcast.net. Deadline for submissions is March 31.

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It's a Money Maker!

Thanks to everyone who supported the bake sale—by baking or by buying. Over \$180 dollars went to the campership fund.

News from the Pews.....

Former Shenandoah members, Ivan and Maria Pierce and high schoolers Victor and Sandra, are now in El Paso where Ivan is with the U.S. Public Health Service, giving medical care to federal prison inmates. Victor and Sandra are juniors and sophomores in high school taking accelerated classes. The Pierces are thinking of moving back to Missouri to be closer to family members after the Victor and Sandra youngsters graduate. They are eyeing Springfield, Missouri where Southwest Missouri State University is located. The Pierce's said they missed their time in San Antonio: "Please tell all our brothers and sisters there in the Shenandoah congregation we remain forever with them in the Spirit of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

The Potluck Dinner on March 2 will be meatless. There will be an opportunity to contribute money in the amount you would have spent on meat and donated to the Feed the Hungry program.



Make a Joyful Noise

If you like to sing, and think you can carry a tune in a bucket, the newly reactivated Choir wants to invite you to come to choir practice. Please contact Carol Burdick. The first practice was held on Wednesday, February 27th at 6 p.m. We are looking forward to the ministry of music from our Shenandoah choir.

Financial Help for Future Teachers

The Community of Christ Professional Educators Association will award a \$500 scholarship to an upper-level college student who is majoring in education. Visit www.CofChrist.org/educators/ for more about our organization and to download the scholarship application.

Ha, ha, ha.....

After the christening of his baby brother in church, little Johnny sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That priest said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I want to stay with you guys!"

Terri asked her Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favorite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Kyle's picture, which showed four people on an airplane, so she asked him which story it was meant to represent. "The Flight to Egypt," was his reply. Pointing at each figure, Ms. Terri said, "That must be Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus. But who's the fourth person?" "Oh, that's Pontius - the pilot.

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?" "Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago." "Oh," she paused, "Grandpa, did God make me too?" "Yes, indeed, honey," he said, "God made you just a little while ago." Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"