



NEWSLETTER

The Church at Horseshoe Bay

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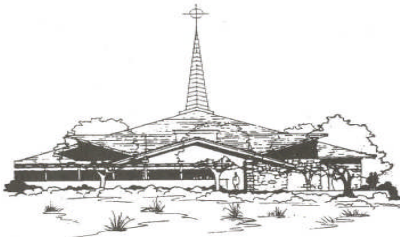
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Worship Services
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
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9:45 a.m.

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Thursdays 1:00 p.m.

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A Dramatic Presentation
The Apostle Paul writes to his dear friends

THE PHILIPPIANS

"Rejoice in the LORD always.
I will say it again: Rejoice!"

Easter Sunday
8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

♪Notes of thanks♪

Dear church members and friends, I just want to thank each and every one of you who shared in the celebration of Martha Logan Day on Sunday, March 13. The day of appreciation was a total surprise! I am humbled and honored to serve such a wonderful group of people. It is difficult to find the words to actually express my thanks. This congregation has continued to touch my life and my heart and bless me every day. I also thank you for the opportunity to share my musical talent. I hope that you will keep me for another ten years!

Hugs and blessings to all of you!
Martha Logan, Church Secretary



Palm Sunday, April 17: 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services

Maundy Thursday, April 21: Tenebrae, Service of Holy Communion, 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

Good Friday, April 22: Administrative Offices will be closed. We have been invited to join our Catholic friends at St. Paul the Apostle for the "Stations of the Cross" at 12:00 noon.

Flowering of the Cross: Before the Easter Sunday service, a cross in the courtyard will be covered with real flowers and draped in white symbolizing the new life in our risen Lord to all who come Easter Sunday. The contrast between the starkly bare cross and the living flower cross of Easter dramatically and visually represents the new life that we are celebrating after witnessing the very instrument of death transformed by Christ's rising. Bring your fresh flowers to adorn our "Living Cross" on Easter morning.

Easter Sunday, April 24: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. A nursery will be available for all three services.

We extend our Christian sympathies to:

Lori and Jim Meyer on the death of their daughter-in-law Kara Meyer in Dallas.

The family of Peggy McCullough whose services were held in our sanctuary on March 25.

Sue Chapin and family on the death of **Ross Chapin**. Services were held in our sanctuary on March 30.

The family of **Martha Thomas** who passed away last month with services held in Austin.



We extend our congratulations to:

Mike and Caira Franz on the birth of their granddaughter, Caylynn Franz, on March 18.

Dr. Larry and Lois Buxton on the birth of their granddaughter, Norah Libby Levy, on January 23.

Eddie and Annette Baird on the birth of their great-grandson, William Griffin Clements, on February 24.

Jean Freeland on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Adelyn Jean Freeland.



Ice Cream Social Wednesday, May 18, 2011 7:00p.m. in the Courtyard

Are You Ready for Some Ice Cream? Dig out your ice cream maker or borrow one from a friend. Find your favorite recipe or Google a new one. Since Church members have a variety of dietary restrictions, don't hesitate to include recipes catering to these needs.

If you want to contribute but don't have an ice cream maker, consider making a batch of finger desserts to share. If you will be donating either ice cream or desserts, please contact Marilyn Lindgren, 596-0973, or e-mail her at lindgren@tstar.net. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend.



Bud and Carolyn Davis
2713 Aurora
Horseshoe Bay, TX 78657
830-637-7921

Bill and Jeannette Schuessler
410 Lighthouse Drive
Horseshoe Bay, TX 78657
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Interested in becoming a member? It takes only one simple step to join! Simply mark the "wish to join" on the visitor/prospect card provided in the pews and place it in the offering plate or bring to the church office.



Easter Lilies

Each year the opportunity to purchase Easter Lilies is offered. Those who contribute to the fund will have the appropriate dedication listed in a special brochure. Contributions beyond that which is required for the purchase of plants will be given to the Benevolence Committee for distribution.

If you would like to contribute to the Easter Lily Fund at \$10.00 per plant, please complete the form provided in the Sunday bulletin or call the church office before April 11. Lilies may be taken home after the 11:00 Easter Sunday worship service.



W.O.W. Diaper Drive

The WOW Committee is sponsoring their 6th annual Diaper Drive from May 1 - May 15. There will be playpens set up in the Fellowship Hall and a baby carriage in the church office for you to drop off your baby items. Specific baby items needed are: large-size diapers, baby wipes, formula, cereal and baby food. All donations will be equally divided and donated to The Helping Center and the Highland Lakes Family Crisis Center, both in Marble Falls.

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE! If you have questions or would like more information, please contact co-chairs Marsha Cathey, 598-8608 or Jane Robertson, 598-8601.

Paper Goods Drive

The Cherokee Children's Home, which is sponsored by the Benevolence Committee, is hosting its annual paper goods drive. Last year our congregation was so generous that we have decided to do it again!

Please bring your donations of paper towels, napkins and toilet tissue to the church office through Monday, April 18. A box in the office is designated for donations. We hope you will choose to help with this worthy endeavor.

Save the Dates

April 21 - Maundy Thursday Service, 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

April 22 - Good Friday, Administrative Office closed

April 24 - Easter Sunday, 3 Worship services 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m., Special Guest "The Apostle Paul"

May 5 - WOW Spring Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall

May 18 - Ice Cream Social, 7:00 p.m. in the courtyard



Books and Scones

Books and Scones is a book review club that meets regularly at the church to discuss Christian or inspirational books. The group will not meet in April, but plan their next meeting for Tuesday, May 31 at 3:30 p.m. in the library. The book of discussion is *Soul Survivor* by Philip Yancey and will be available in the church office for \$9. For more information, please contact Annette Christy, 596-0072, or Beverly Brascom, 598-5724.

Grief Support



The Grief Support Group will host its bi-monthly meetings on Thursday, April 14 and 28, from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the Administrative Office. The facilitators are Licensed Professional Counselors Sharon Bates and Peggy Jordan. There is no fee and the group is open to anyone who has lost a loved one or is experiencing grief. New members are welcome to join at any time. For more information, please call the church office.

Special Award

The Masons of Blazing Star Lodge will honor John Racz with the Masonic Community Builder Award for his tireless and benevolent contributions to this community. You are cordially invited to attend.

Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Time: 6:30 p.m. / Dinner

Place: Blazing Star Masonic Lodge, 319 Ave. G, Marble Falls
Award Ceremony follows dinner

The Lodge will serve a Bluebonnet Dinner at no charge and admission is free. Call Johnnie B. Heck at 830-596-2442 to confirm your attendance for planning purposes.

Singles of the Hills

The mission of Singles of the Hills group is to provide a Christian environment for all singles of the church and community to come together for support, fellowship, friendship, and community service, encouraging spiritual growth within ourselves and our community.

The group meets regularly on the 4th Wednesday of the month. This month they will meet on Wednesday, April 23, at 5:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall for pizza and games. There will be a \$5 charge for pizza and drinks. For more information, please contact the church office.

Caregiver Seminar

The Congregational Support Committee is hosting a seminar on Heart/Coronary Disease with an emphasis on what caregivers can expect as they care for these patients. Join us in the fellowship hall on Tuesday, April 12, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. to hear Dr. Catherine Mc Neal of Scott and White. There will be time for break-out sessions immediately following the guest speaker's presentation. Licensed professional counselors will also be available should the need arise. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Baylor ShowTime!

Celebrate the 30th anniversary of this outstanding group of college entertainers. They are back for an encore performance on **Sunday, April 10, at 3:00 p.m.** in the sanctuary of our church. There are no tickets required, no admission and no offering will be received. Come early to secure a seat as the last time they were here the house was packed!

We hope you will join us.



Congregational Support Committee

The Congregational Support Committee, chaired by Peggy Jordan (pictured above center) responds to the needs of our members through the following committees:



Caring Cards: Cards are sent to church members whose lives are touched by illness, death, or other concerns. Co-chairs are Catherine Walker and Annette Baird (pictured bottom left).

Congregational Care: Our twenty-four "Calendar Girls" (two for each month of the year) see to the needs of our members at the loss of a family member. Co-chaired by Shirley Spence and Nancy Peck (pictured right middle), they are available to plan and host a memorial service reception, as well as plan for a meal to be delivered to the family. Part of the group is pictured to the right.



Freezer Friends: These volunteers prepare and freeze nutritious meals for families temporarily in need of a home-cooked dinner delivered to the home. Co-chairs are Sherri Behrens and Gail Davalos (pictured top right).

The Driving Force: Transportation is provided to members of the congregation on a temporary basis for medical appointments. Co-chaired by Alan Barrows (pictured second from top left) and Wayne Ratisseau.

Grief Support Group: Licensed Professional Counselors facilitate a support group for those who are grieving the loss of a family member or friend.

Caregiver Support: Support for caregivers is provided through educational programs, followed by small group discussions. Both the Grief Support Group and the Caregiver Support Committee are co-chaired by Peggy Jordan and Sharon Bates (pictured to the left above the Caregiver Support Committee).



Prayer Ministry: This ministry chaired by Alan Barrows is available for those in need of special and individual prayers for themselves, a family member or friend. You only need to make a phone call to the church office or requests may be made on the prayer cards which are located in the church pews. All requests are kept confidential within the ministry team.

We invite you to pick up one of our new Congregational Care Brochures for your reference. Each of these committees totally rely on volunteers to be successful. If you would like to get involved with any of the above groups and/or serve on these committees, please call our church office. We are always in search of members to serve on the above committees or any of our church committees, we welcome you to join.



April 10-16 is National Volunteer Appreciation Week

We would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of the people who volunteer for The Church at Horseshoe Bay. There are so many volunteers that it would take an entire newsletter just to list all of the names. Additionally, the hours that volunteers donate to our church are countless and priceless. We may not keep track of each and every hour that is volunteered, but we do know that our church would not run as smoothly as it does without our dedicated volunteers. Words cannot express the appreciation we have for each and every one of you. If you are interested in one of many volunteer opportunities within our church, please contact the church office.

Many of our volunteers "double-dip" and volunteer for community agencies as well as at the church. We maintain an extensive list of volunteer opportunities in the community and will be glad to provide you with the name of a church member who can share their specific volunteer experience and information.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!



The following article is part of a continuing series introducing the organizations supported by our Benevolence Committee

Local Mission Project

During the week of March 21 - March 25, The Church at Horseshoe Bay sponsored a Mission trip to help Camp Peniel Christian Camp prepare for the upcoming camp season. The mission group consisted of forty-six volunteers who worked on a wide range of projects. The projects included building a new hut on the lake for life preservers and paddles and a new storage shed for equipment at the archery range. Workdays also included a complete clean-up and repainting of the dining room dishware storage and wash area, cleaning and painting of the commercial bar-b-que, power washing and painting the exterior of six cinder block cabins, re-screening and reinforcing a large counselor cabin and staining the sleeping deck, staining the picnic tables and the meeting area wooden benches, power washing over 100 plastic seated chairs and several smaller jobs. Each day we enjoyed a hardy lunch prepared and served by members of our own team and a daily devotional was presented by Brian Anderson, Camp Peniel Director. At the end of the week we were confident that we had made a substantial contribution to the camp and had served our Lord and Savior.



The Mission week ended with an enjoyable evening of fellowship hosted by Virginia and Evan Roberts in their airport hangar concluding with a wonderful communion service hosted by Reverend Johnny White.



WOW PRESENTS BROADWAY

The Women of the Word are hosting their Annual Spring Luncheon on Thursday, May 5, in the church fellowship hall. The theme for the event is "WOW Presents Broadway". The tickets are available for \$25 at the table in the narthex on Sundays and also in the church office. Get your ticket early! With our new expanded facility and the fabulous speaker/entertainer the event is expected to be a sellout.

Mary Agnes Rudd will play Broadway Show Tunes on the grand piano while the guests are gathering and dining. The guest speaker and entertainment will be provided by Tysha Calhoun, a native of San Antonio who currently resides in the San Marcos area. A classically trained vocalist and gifted actress, Tysha serves on the Board of Directors for the Gaslight Baker Theater in Lockhart where she has performed in many productions. Get your ticket today!

Burnet County MHMR

The Burnet County MHMR was formed in 1975 to provide programs for older, adult people with special needs. Primarily they needed services that would help their clients learn skills for every day living in their homes and in the community. This board was made up of people from all walks of life—citizens with a family member who needed this service, special ed teachers, doctors and concerned citizens who saw a need for programs to help this unique group of individuals.

Their mission statement is as follows: "We are dedicated to the humble honor of serving the Developmentally Disabled with bold respect for the needs and challenges they face daily. It is our mission to achieve life enriching opportunities. Our tools are responsible character building, counseling, coaching and care."

The Benevolence Committee (of The Church at Horseshoe Bay) originally provided two camperships which allowed 2 clients the opportunity to attend a special camp for one week. This year we will be helping six people. In addition to the camperships, we have helped with meals and transportation for about 30 athletes to take part in the Special Olympics which is held in Austin each year.

Each month MHMR hosts a birthday party for the clients and endeavors to host parties for certain holidays. As with all of our agencies, they are always searching for anyone who would like to volunteer to help in any way. If you would like to experience a heartwarming volunteer job and are interested in helping with this organization, please contact Shirley Beaudoin at 830-798-4312.

Hill Country Missioners Rio Bravo 2011 Mission

God fills our lives with blessings that fill our hearts with joy. It may have been for the concerns that so many felt about safety that God spotlighted so many miracles. We knew we were where HE had called us.

This year there were added pressures on Bill and Edra Edwards, the team leaders, and for those who agreed to be part of the teams. The ongoing drug cartel violence in parts of Mexico caused apprehension both with those going and from those in the volunteers' home churches. Every news report of a new incident somewhere in Mexico heightened the concern. However, the frequent communications with Manos Juntas staff continued to assure us that things were safe in Rio Bravo. We felt confident with their information when they assured us that they would not let us come if it was not safe. We must remember that the people of this city of about 120,000 go about their daily lives each day. The kids go to school, the people go to work, they go shopping, they go to church, they go to the parks, there are soccer games and games in the streets and playgrounds, etc. Some of these wonderful people shared their lives with us for a week as we together built their casita.

As it turned out, 2011 was as awesome as ever as we did our best to "Make a Christian Difference in God's Backyard". Our two teams completed four casitas, facilitated crafts and songs for the 50+ kids and parents in the six days of Mission Bible School, treated about 250 patients in four days in the medical center with the help of Dr. Bud and nurses from Michigan and the Mexican doctors who assisted on three of the days, taught a half dozen or so people to knit (guided by Rev. Wayne Hawley) and repaired the Manos Juntas buildings. Bill and Edra spent two weeks before their teams' arrival assisting other teams and working on mission assignments. Here is a partial list of great things we experienced:

- The Manitas Juntas children learned to be "volunteers" by assisting with the painting at the work site and

entertained us with songs led by staff member Claudia. The dream is to develop within Mexico the concepts of volunteerism and Christian outreach.

- Claudia's father, Alex from Mexico City, became one of our team members. What a joy it was to see him experience the love of God!

- The state medical authorities who visited the medical center were so impressed that they agreed to have a doctor there each Monday and Tuesday at no cost to the mission.

- Norma the Scholarship Coordinator, along with students in the scholarship program who brought their grades, outlined their goals and shared how the scholarships are helping keep them in school – and the challenges the program faces financially.

- There was joyful sharing of the cooking and clean-up duties – we ate well.

- We received gifts of food from the Manitas Juntas parents and Pastor Juan's sauces and desserts from the coordinator of the scholarship program.

- There were many God happenings in the clinic. They probably saved the lives of two children.

- Rev. Wayne, Brian and Andy's evening devotions were inspiring.

- The director, teachers and students from the School for the Deaf came and "sang" songs to us in sign language. The director outlined the teaching process, goals and the financial challenges facing the school.

- We aided an uncle who has taken in his orphaned niece and nephew. This unscheduled opportunity was partially funded by HSB donations. Bill worked with the Mexican maestros in the construction of the casita.

- There was an exciting evening when the partner families for whom we were building came for supper with us.

- We received free paint from Home Depot! When we tried to buy some "Oops paint" on a Friday they were adamant they could only sell it to us on Monday. The manager agreed that this was truly the store policy, but on second thought he said, "I didn't say I couldn't donate it", so we left the Home Depot

toting 10 gallons of free exterior paint which we needed for the orphans' home. The remainder will be used on Rev. Nena's church.

- La Fuente de Agua Viva, Nena's church, has new curtains that once hung in Art & Carol Hawkinson's home and a new covering for the alter kneeling pads made from fabric donated by Sue Nichols. The rest of the fabric and thread was divided between two church sewing programs who are already using the donated sewing machines.

- Teenager Dequan Leaman bought gifts for the families with funds he raised in his church youth group.

- Children's shoes, collected at the Highland (Michigan) UMC, have shod many needy feet.

- Two girls are riding their "new" bikes donated by Bob and Barb Stephenson.

- Books & Beanie Babies were distributed at Bible school and to individual families.

- Donated cards were recycled into beautiful gift boxes for gold "Cristo me ama" gifts.

- We received a "hands on" blessing, from the members of the church. At a Friday night service. We were emotionally thanked for providing safe warmer homes.

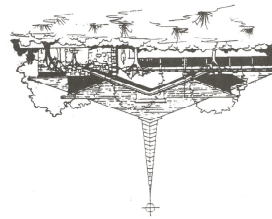
- We heard some of the dreams and challenges for the future of Manos Juntas Ministry from Director Willie Beraman. These economic times and the ongoing drug-related violence are presenting a financial challenge. Teams are still traveling there, but less frequently and often with smaller teams.

- There were generous financial contributions by team members, churches and others to help our neighbors pay for the casitas, provide scholarships and financial assistance to the School for the Deaf and the Manos Juntas Ministry.

What a joy it was to work with such dedicated Christian mission volunteers, all who worked hard to meet the challenges with devotion and much love for the people in Rio Bravo. Most cannot wait to go back. Thank you for your prayers and financial support.

Bill and Edra Edwards

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Christian Education Schedule

Bible Study Class *Nehemiah*

April 10

“Renewal Through Confession and Remembrance” Nehemiah: 9

Led by Larry Canter

April 17

“Renewal of People and Priests”

Nehemiah: 10-12

Led by Glenda Butler

April 24

“Restoring Holiness” Nehemiah 13

Teacher to be announced

May 1

To be announced

Women’s Bible Study *Return to Exile*

April 10

Nehemiah 4-6

“Opposition can’t stop Completion”

April 17

Nehemiah 7-10

“Census, Confession, Praise, Prayer and Revival”

April 24

Nehemiah 11-13

“Reformation”

May 1

To be announced

Seekers Class *History of Christian Theology*

April 10

“Anabaptists and the Radical Reformation” Led by Jim Jorden

April 17

“Anglicans and Puritans”

Led by Pete Christy

April 24

No Class - Easter Sunday

May 1

“Baptists and Quakers”

Led by Stan Smith