



NEWSLETTER

The Church at Horseshoe Bay

600 Hi Ridge, PO Box 8295, Horseshoe Bay, TX 78657

December 1, 2010



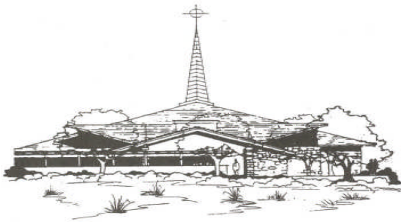
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Worship Services
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Christian Education
9:45 a.m.

Pastors' Forum
Thursdays 1:00 p.m.

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Advent Anticipation

By Rev. Johnny White

Only out of respect for the ladies who prepared lunch, I have just *drastically* over-eaten for the first time in a long list of over-eating opportunities from Thanksgiving through the New Year. And it is not even Thanksgiving yet! Of course, my excuse is that I got carried away with the anticipation of Advent, and I did not want to disappoint the ladies who worked so hard decorating the Sanctuary, Narthex, and Fellowship Hall. So it's really not my fault!

In addition to over-eating opportunities, this Advent Season offers many other wonderful opportunities for worship, fellowship, and encouragement. Each Sunday in Advent is filled with Christmas carols and other music of the Season along with special participation by members of the congregation lighting the Advent candles. On Sunday, December 19, we will enjoy the new presentation of "A Gift of Music" by the Choir with our special soloists from Austin in both of the morning worship services.

As a church and community, we have experienced many losses in this past year and recent months. For those families, the emotion of grief is recent and painful. For others, that special person may have departed years ago, but the sense of loss is more intense during the holidays. With that in mind, we will offer a special **Remembrance Service** on Sunday evening, December 19, at 5:00 pm in the church sanctuary.

Those who desire to are invited to bring a framed photograph of the loved one they wish to remember to place in the Narthex prior to the Remembrance Service. The service will conclude with an opportunity to light a candle in memory of the loved one missed, and have a brief word of prayer with one of the pastors. Anyone is welcome to attend in support of a friend, neighbor, or loved one who is experiencing the grief of loss during this holiday season.

Closely related to the Remembrance Service, the **Grief Support Group** will meet at 3:00 pm on Thursdays, December 2 and 16. We are especially fortunate and blessed to have trained and qualified counselors who facilitate this group which is open to anyone.

The psalmist reminds us that the Lord "...heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." Psalm 147:3

Notes of thanks

The family of John W. Wolfe would like to extend the deepest and most sincere thank you to the Horseshoe Bay Church family. With all of the flowers, cards, phone calls and visits we are truly blessed to know that John will be missed. Your response has made our difficult time easier and we are blessed to have you all in our lives.

Virginia Wolfe and Family

Dear church family,

Thank you for your support and love during Peggy's illness and subsequent funeral. You were so special to Peggy and her family appreciated all of your visits, cards, and support during her illness.

In Him,

The Family of Peggy Sartain

To my awesome church family,

Thank you so much for all of the prayers, cards, phone calls, food and everything else you have done since Bill passed away. You truly have been the arms of Christ to me. All I can say is, "Thank you, God, for leading us to Horseshoe Bay!"

With Love and gratitude,

Sue Stacy

Thanks so very much to those of you who have driven or are driving Vic to his dialysis appointments. Thanks also to those who have prepared special meals for his diet.

Sincerely,

Rita and Vic Shackelford

"Prayers freely given are prayers gratefully received." I sincerely thank all of those who offered prayers for my daughter, Jan Zimmermann who was diagnosed with breast cancer at the age of 42 and who has since had a double mastectomy and is undergoing months of reconstruction. At this time, she appears to be cancer-free and is healing nicely. Thanks to God and your prayers.

Sincerely

Ken Nichols



We extend our Christian sympathies to:

Virginia Wolfe and family on the death of **John Wolfe**. Services were held on November 11 in our sanctuary.

The family of **Suzanne Simonds** who passed away on November 19. Services are scheduled for December 11 at The Church at Horseshoe Bay with the time to be announced.

We extend our congratulations and best wishes to:

Dale and Linda Amstutz on the birth of their granddaughter, Madeline Elizabeth Vader, on October 24 in Omaha, Nebraska.



Roy and Ellen Bode

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Marble Falls, TX 78657
830-265-1234

Judith Crane

PO Box 4110
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We hope that each of you will endeavor to meet and greet our newest members. Look for the BLUE nametags that designate our newest members. Invite them to sit by you or join you for coffee fellowship. Let's make them feel welcome!

Advent Angels

A special thanks to our Advent Angels who prepared the sanctuary for Advent. Rosie Redden redecorated our wreaths with lovely gold bows and balls. Brenda Gray, Advent Chairman, did a fantastic job of getting everything in the right place. She had many helpers including Jan Atkins, Darlene Bowles, Marsha Cathy, Annette Christy, Carolyn Claiborne, Mary Alice Dunn, Sanny Sue Hoffman, Jimmie Lapham, Sally Lancashire, Carolyn Lee, Maurine Murphy, Rosie Redden, Sally Stromgren, and Carolyn Thornton. After the decorating the ladies enjoyed lunch in the fellowship hall along with the church staff. The preparation of the church for Advent is a WOW project.



Christmas for Others

The "Christmas for Others" project is our church's participation in a local community event called *Christmas Is for Kids* whereby many churches, civic organizations, businesses and individuals donate new, wrapped gifts for less-fortunate children in the Marble Falls area.

Last year The Church at Horseshoe Bay provided gifts for 331 children. This year we have 300 children on the list and there are still 103 children who need sponsors.

Please sign up at the table in the narthex through Sunday, December 12. Gifts should be delivered to the church fellowship hall no later than Friday, December 17. If you would like to volunteer as a worker at the sign-up table, sorting toys, or delivering toys, please e-mail Gail Matthews, gaggle1@verizon.net.





Additional Chance

Fear Not! If you were unable to come to the church for an Olan Mills portrait sitting there is still an opportunity for you to have your picture in the church directory. Although we are unable to use previous portraits and portraits submitted by individuals, we have secured the services of a wonderful church member with extensive photography experience. On Sundays December 5 and December 12 she will be available in the church fellowship hall to “snap” your picture. If you are physically unable to come to the church, call the church office and arrangements can be made to come to your home. Please take advantage of this special opportunity to have your picture taken for the church directory.



Sunday, January 16, 2011, at 9:45 a.m.

the Board of Trustees will host the Annual Congregational Meeting in the sanctuary. Sunday School classes will not be held on this date so that all members will be able to attend. The purpose of the annual meeting is to cover the following:

- To elect five new candidates for the Board of Trustees class of 2013 and a Board member to fulfill the remaining term of Glen Hodgson, class of 2012.
- To present the financial report for calendar year 2010 and the budget for 2011 which must be approved by the congregation.
- To provide written reports to the congregation on committee performance to 2010 goals and new goals established for 2011.
- To provide the Chairman’s report to the congregation of the general status of the Church.

This is an excellent opportunity for our membership to increase its awareness of the health and well-being of the Church at Horseshoe Bay. All members of the congregation are urged to attend this important meeting.



The following article is part of a continuing series which provides information on the organizations that are supported by the church’s Benevolence Committee.

Court Appointed Special Advocates

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for the Highland Lakes Area, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) charitable non-profit organization--the only organization in Blanco, Burnet, Lampasas, Llano, and San Saba counties that recruits and trains volunteers to provide direct services to children after they have been removed from their home by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services due to abuse and/or neglect.

CASA volunteers are the voice for these children in court and “speak up” for their best interest throughout the judicial process. CASA staff and volunteers provide important services both to children in need and to local court systems. They provides direct services to child victims including: one-on-one contact; guidance; criminal/civil court accompaniment and representation; information & referral; follow-up services via phone and face-to-face; transportation, medical, educational, and victim advocacy; and, assistance with Crime Victims Compensation applications. CASA volunteers prepare reports and recommendations to the court based on investigational fact finding, aid in seeking permanent placement options, and helping to expedite case maintenance--all in the best interest of the child.

To date, CASA for the Highland Lakes Area has served over 1300 child victims. CASA has helped remove children from foster care homes in half the time it would ordinarily take and at a considerable savings to taxpayers. This year alone, CASA volunteers have donated over 6,000 hours and driven over 70,000 miles.

Gifts Needed

Older Adult Rural Services (OARS) is a non-profit agency which helps adults in this area who are over 65 and live mainly on Social Security or a very minimal income. Many senior citizens are alone and not remembered at this time of year. OARS has placed a box in the church office to accept donations for Christmas gifts for these older adults. Some suggested ideas are house slippers, gloves, handwork, lotions, socks, watches, scarves, nightgowns, robes, pajamas, etc. Please wrap these items for Christmas, label them, and place them in the donation box so that each item can be distributed appropriately. OARS extends a special “Thank You” to the church for the continued support received from our Benevolence Fund.

Prayer Ministry

The Prayer Ministry group meets every Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the administrative office. Anyone with a heart for prayer and an interest in praying for others is welcome to attend. Prayer cards are available in each pew and in the narthex, or you may call one of the pastors. All requests are confidential.

Grief Support

The Grief Support Group will resume its meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 3:00-4:00 p.m. in the Administrative Office. December meetings are scheduled for the 2nd and 16th. 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. For more information, call the church office



The Nominating Committee for this year was composed of Eddie Baird, Carolyn Bates, Jim Browning, Sahnra Caldwell and Scott Matthews, Chair. Jerry Gray, Pete Christy and Johnny White were ex-officio members. The Nominating Committee has selected Beverly Brascom, Larry Canter, Jeff Robinson and Carolyn Thornton to replace four Board members whose three- year terms are expiring. Jerry Gray, who has served on the Board for the last two years, is also nominated for an additional three-year term. In addition, P.T. Williams is nominated to fulfill the remaining two year term of a resigning Board member. The Board has approved the nominees and the slate will be voted on at the Annual Congregational Meeting scheduled for January 16, 2011. According to our by-laws, “three or more members of the congregation may petition the Nominating Committee to place a name or names in nomination for the position of Trustee by delivering in writing to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees the proposed nominees. This must be done at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting of the congregation.”

We have included resumes for each of the nominees:

Beverly Brascom and her husband, Wayne, moved to Llano County from San Antonio in 1979. They have a son and daughter and five grandchildren. Beverly worked as an auto claims adjuster and a legal assistant before retiring in 2000 to enjoy her family. She grew up in the Baptist Church where she served as a children’s Sunday School teacher and was active on several committees. She has been a member of The Church at Horseshoe Bay since 1995. Currently, Beverly enjoys serving as the Church Librarian and on the Congregational Care and Special Events committees.

Larry Canter and his wife, Donna, acquired a townhouse in Horseshoe Bay in 1996, where they enjoyed periodic weekend and holiday visits to the area. In 1999, they purchased a home and moved here full-time. They also joined the Church at Horseshoe Bay in 1999, where Larry has been a co-teacher in the Bible Study Class since 2000. Larry has civil and environmental engineering degrees from Vanderbilt University, the University of Illinois, and the University of Texas at Austin. He completed his military service as a Commissioned Officer in the U.S. Public Health Service. He began his teaching career at Tulane University (1967-69), and then moved to the University of Oklahoma (1969-2000). While at OU he served as Chairman of the School of Civil Engineering and Environmental Science, George Cross Research Professor, Sun Company Chair of Groundwater Hydrology, and Director, Environmental and Ground Water Institute. Larry and Donna attended First Baptist Church in Norman, Oklahoma for 30 years. He taught a couples class in Sunday School for 25 years, and served several terms as a Deacon and as Chairman of the Budget and Personnel Committees. From 1989 to 1994 he was the Teaching Leader for a 75-person Men’s Bible Study Fellowship class held in Norman. Since his retirement from OU in 2000, he provides consulting services and teaches professional short courses related to environmental and cumulative impact assessment studies. He has also written a textbook on EIA. Larry and Donna have three sons who are engineers, three wonderful daughters-in-law, and eight fabulous grandchildren.

Jerry Gray and his wife, Brenda, became full-time residents of Horseshoe Bay January 1, 2005, moving here from Dallas following his retirement. Jerry is a 1962 graduate of Texas A & M University with a degree in mechanical engineering. He joined Trane Air Conditioning following graduation and enjoyed a 38 year career with his last position being President of Texas Trane. Since moving to Horseshoe Bay, Jerry has been active in several local organizations and currently serves on the City’s Planning and Zoning Commission and as Chairman of the Church’s Board of Trustees. He and Brenda have two sons and six grandchildren.

Jeff Robinson and his wife, Becky, moved to Horseshoe Bay in 1999 following their retirements from AT&T. He worked for AT&T for 35 years in a variety of management positions. Jeff is actively involved in the Texas Exes, the Hill Country 100 Club and soon begins his third term on the Horseshoe Bay City Council. Jeff grew up in a Presbyterian church and was active in the programs there. They have two children and seven grandchildren who keep them very busy.

Carolyn Thornton and her husband, Charlie, moved to Horseshoe Bay full time in 2000 from Houston. Carolyn grew up in Texarkana, Texas and earned a BS degree from the University of Texas and an M.Ed. from Sam Houston State University. Carolyn taught school in Athens, Greece, Oklahoma City, and Houston prior to having a family. Later, Carolyn was employed as an educational diagnostician for Klein ISD for 10 years. From 1990-2000 Carolyn worked as supervisor for developmentally delayed children from birth to

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In case you were concerned or wondering, the mission trip is still "on." Here is a report from our mission coordinators Bill and Edra Edwards:

Sewing Machines: To date, four sewing machines have been donated to be used for the sewing classes and sewing work sessions. These sessions will be held in the Worship and Service Center church. Thanks go to Genie Schaffner, Sue Nichols, and Larry Sherwood. Sue Nichols is also sending fabric and thread. If anyone has sewing items which you would like to send to Rio Bravo please contact the church office or Bill and Edra Edwards.

Other Donations: Rev. Pete and Annette Christy are supplying a good washing machine and dryer. The one at the center where the mission team stays has been struggling to survive. Curtains have been donated for a new church. Hopefully we will be able to get all these donations to Rio Bravo before our mission trips in February. If anyone will be traveling to the valley for business or is planning a visit to the Mc Allen area and would be able to transport such items to McAllen on the United States side, it would be a great service to the mission.

The Construction Mission: We are pleased to report that at this time the mission is a "go." Safety issues are being carefully monitored and Rio Bravo has been outside the problem areas. Please continue your prayers. There are 22 volunteers signed up for February 12-19, which will be a medical, construction and Bible School mission. Approximately 22 people have signed up or indicated they are planning to participate February 19-26, which will be a construction and Bible School mission.

If you are planning to be part of a mission team, please pick up one of the orange brochures/applications at the church and get the application to the Edwards as soon as possible. Applications are needed now so that planning can be completed for the mission. Please contact Bill or Edra at 598-8158 if you have questions.

(NOMINATIONS continued from previous page)

Three years old for seven school districts across the northwest corridor of Houston. Carolyn's religious education began at two months of age in the cradle roll department of Rose Hill Baptist Church. Charlie and Carolyn were active members of the Presbyterian Church where she taught Sunday School, Bible School and served on numerous church committees. Since joining the Church at Horseshoe Bay, Carolyn has served as Advent Chairman, served on the Benevolence Committee as Secretary, WOW Committee Chairman, office volunteer, and co-chair for Congregational Care Committee, Congregation Care Monthly Chairman and participates in the prayer ministry. At the present time, Carolyn serves on the Friends of the Marble Falls Library Board and The Helping Center Board. Carolyn and Charlie were married fifty years in June and have a married son and married daughter, three grandsons and one granddaughter.

P.T. Williams and his wife Jill, have been members of the Church at Horseshoe Bay since 1992, and were married in the Church in 1994. Both have served as volunteers in the Church in various capacities, and P.T. has been Chairman of the Building Committee and Board member from 2007 through 2010. Currently a member of the Highland Lakes Habitat for Humanity as a volunteer builder since 2003, he has served on the Habitat Board and is currently Treasurer. P.T. also is a member of the Marble Falls Kiwanis Club where he has served as a Board member and Treasurer. He served the community by running the Horseshoe Bay contract U.S. Post Office from 1990 thru 1995, and currently owns the La Bahia office building. Born in Virginia and raised in North Carolina, P.T. earned a BA in Economics from UNC Chapel Hill in 1959. Commissioned a 2nd Lt, in the U.S. Air Force, he was accepted into pilot training and earned his pilot's wings in 1960. He flew C-130s worldwide until his release from the Air Force in 1964. TWA was his next job, which lasted until he reached mandatory retirement age in 1996. He flew B-727, B-707, DC-9, MD-80, L-1011, B-767 and B-757 on both domestic and international routes. He also attended ALPA accident investigation school, and served as the ALPA Safety Chairman for the STL domicile for many years. P.T. and Jill have 4 children and 8 grandchildren.

Boys' Night Out

While their "better Halves" were away at the WOW Retreat last month, several "boys" gathered at Francesca's Restaurant to dine and discuss political affairs, favorite sports teams, and to celebrate Ed Rusk's birthday.

A friendly "challenge" was extended with the winner determined by successfully guessing the number of Republican "pick-ups" in the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate. And the winner is....well, actually there are two winners. The purse will be shared by Jerry Gray/Senate plus 6 and Phil Lee/House plus 64. Although the boys were not thrilled with the results of the challenge, a great time was enjoyed by all!



"A Gift of Music"

given by

**THE CHANCEL CHOIR
AND GUEST MUSICIANS**

Sunday, December 19th

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Choral selections from Robert Shaw's *The Many Moods of Christmas* will be presented by the choir interspersed with solos and duets by our exceptional cadre of outstanding professional musicians from Austin.



PLEASE JOIN US!

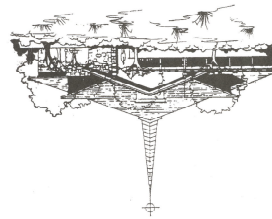


THE CHURCH AT HORSESHOE BAY

JANUARY 2011 CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY																																			
<p>Do you not see your planned event, anniversary, or birthday this month? Do you have an event coming up in the next couple months you would like on our calendar? If so, please call Martha in our church office.</p> <p>♥ Anniversary 😊 Birthday ★ Church Event</p>						1																																			
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♥ B.J. & Patricia Freitag ♥ Ken & Marilyn Lindgren ★ Communion Sunday						😊 Phyllis Innes 😊 Joyce Smith 😊 Barbara Stephenson 😊 Don Wood						😊 Shirley Hampton 😊 Ross Chapin 😊 Franzella Jones						😊 Ekkehard Dittmar 😊 Peggy Mauch 😊 Karen Martin 😊 David Hart ♥ Steven & Harriett Smith						😊 Leland Peterson 😊 Art Adams 😊 Gerry Grafa						♥ Gene & Suzanne Dillon						😊 Jim Skiles 😊 Joe DeAtkine					
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😊 Jerry Osborne 😊 Jane Braddock						😊 T. Jones 😊 Linda Rene' Rudd ♥ Castle & Jean Jordan						😊 Melanie Hilton 😊 Linda Neeley 😊 Etta Frantz						😊 Alan Barrows 😊 Jim Short ♥ Bill & Joan Shehan						😊 Carol Hawkinson 😊 Glendine McCarty 😊 Diane Younker 😊 Suzanne Owens						😊 Twy Tolar 😊 Bill Edwards 😊 Jan Simpson 😊 Dean Comann						😊 Dan Edmonds 😊 Mary Agnes Rudd 😊 Jim Buckingham 😊 Fran Elliott					
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😊 Lynn Owen 😊 Alicia Sommer 😊 Chuck Strasburg ♥ Woody & Donna McCasland Annual Congregational Meeting at 9:45 a.m.						😊 Claire Ploeger						😊 Susan Byrd ♥ Don & Anita Cruver						😊 Jane Robertson						😊 Billy Lapham 😊 Jean Johnson 😊 Brenda Gray						♥ Rudy & Gail Davalos											
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Christian Education Schedule

Bible Study Class *Esther*

December 5

Esther 9:18-10:3 “God (and Mordecai) Prevail” Led by Larry Canter

December 12

Titus part 1 “Roles and Relationships” Led by Art Hawkinson

December 19

Titus part 2 “Living with Grace” Led by Jerry Osborne

December 26

“Philemon, Returning a Run-a-way” Led by Johnny White

Women’s Bible Study *Return from Exile*

December 5

Ezra Chapter 4

December 12

Haggai Chapter 1

December 19

Haggai Chapter 2

December 26

Women’s Bible Study will not meet today

Seekers Class *History of* *Christian Theology*

December 5

“Christian Reading”
Led by Stan Smith

December 12

“The Uses of Philosophy”
Led by Pete Christy

December 19

“The Doctrine of the Trinity”
Led by Jim Jordan

December 26

Seekers Class will not meet today