



NEWSLETTER

The Church at Horseshoe Bay



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

December 1, 2011



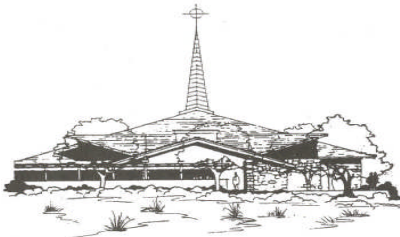
The Church at Horseshoe Bay Staff

Peter K. Christy	Senior Pastor
Johnny P. White	Pastor
Larry Sherwood	Minister of Music
Kena Richert	Admin. Manager
Martha Logan	Church Secretary

Daniel Zamora	Organist
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2011 Board of Trustees

Jerry Gray	Chairman
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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.

Visit our website at:
www.church-hsb.org

Join us for a service of worship through music with

G. F. Handel's *CHRISTMAS MESSIAH* *SING*

December 18
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

SINGING SELECTIONS FROM *MESSIAH*:

MELA DAILEY, SOPRANO
STEPHANIE PREWITT, ALTO
JEFFREY JONES-RAGONA, TENOR
BRETT BARNES, BASS
NATHANIEL MAYFIELD, TRUMPET
DR. DANIEL ZAMORA, ORGAN
AND THE CHANCEL CHOIR



PLAN TO COME EARLY!

CHRISTMAS



John Carter
301 Sombbrero
Horseshoe Bay, TX 78657

Ken & Karen Blake
259 Chimney Cove Dr.
Horseshoe Bay, TX 78657
714-504-3429

Al & Melanie Jaksa
500 Lucy Lane
Horseshoe Bay, TX 78657
830-596-0166

Ron & Wendy Christesson
432 Pecan Creek (Oakridge)
Horseshoe Bay, TX 78657
830-598-1023



We extend our Christian sympathies and prayers of comfort to:

Vernelle Jenkins and the family of **Roger Guthrie**. Services for Roger are scheduled for Saturday, December 3, at 1:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to:

Jim and Mimi Blackmon on the birth of their great-grandson, James Brooks Blackmon, born on November 2.

John and Barbara Racz on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Sanai Elizabeth Reynolds, born on November 19.

Tom and Stacey Kendall, Bob and LuAnn Sewell and Ross and Alice Johnson on the birth of their daughter, granddaughter and great-granddaughter, Lauren Ann Kendall, born on November 20. Lauren is also welcomed by brothers Luke and Logan Kendall.

New Parking By Permit Spaces

In case you have not noticed, six "Parking by Permit Only" spaces are now designated in the south parking lot for use by our members who are in special need of close-in parking. These spaces will be designated with an orange cone and white sign. Spaces are available on a first come, first served basis. These spaces do not meet the requirements for official handicapped parking spaces, but do provide additional designated spaces. Your hanging HANDICAP identification placet will serve as an authorized permit for using these spaces.

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 and friendship and to encourage spiritual growth within ourselves and our community.

The group meets regularly on the 4th Wednesday of the month; however the group plans for December are to eat together at a restaurant on the square in Burnet and attend the Main Street Bethlehem on Sunday, December 11. For more information or to register, please call Vicki at 598-1767.



Remembrance Service

As a church and community, we have experienced many losses in this past year. For those families, the emotion of grief is recent and painful while

for others, that special person may have departed years ago, but the sense of loss is more intense during the holidays. Keeping that in mind, we will offer a special **Remembrance Service** on Sunday evening, December 18, at 5:00 pm in the church sanctuary with refreshments in the fellowship hall afterwards.

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, our **Grief Support Group** will begin meeting in January with dates and times to be announced. We are especially fortunate and blessed to have trained and qualified professional counselors who facilitate this group which is open to anyone. For more information, call the church office.



Spice Up Your January!

Get out the Roloids, Tums and Alka Seltzer! The second annual chili supper is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 18th**, at 6:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. The Special Events Committee will again furnish condiments, drinks and desserts but we need your help with the chili. If you can furnish a crock pot full of your favorite chili (enough to serve at least 12), please contact Marilyn Lindgren at lindgren@tstar.net or 596-0973. We hope to have a great turnout again this year. Plan to attend!

Benevolence Bazaar

The Benevolence Committee will showcase the missions and other benevolent organizations and groups that our church supports on **Sunday, December 4**, following the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. Representatives from each group will host a table with information about each agency. Check out the exhibits in the fellowship hall as you enjoy the coffee fellowship hour.



The following article is part of a continuing series on the organizations that are supported by The Church at Horseshoe Bay Benevolence Committee.

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) for the Highland Lakes Area, Inc., recruits, trains, and supervises court-appointed volunteers to advocate for children who come into the court system as a result of abuse and neglect. These volunteers, who serve as Guardian ad Litem, make recommendations to the court, based on fact finding and investigation, to serve the best interest of the child once they have been removed from their home by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services due to abuse and/or neglect.

The organization began with one volunteer whose voice made a positive difference in the lives of two small children who had been removed from their home due to abuse and neglect. Since that time, the organization has grown to serve five counties including Blanco, Burnet, Llano, Lampasas, and San Saba and over 1300 children.

CASA staff and volunteers provide important services both to children in need and to local court systems including: one-on-one contact; guidance; criminal/civil court accompaniment and representation; information and referral; follow-up services; 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 help expedite case maintenance--all in the best interest of the child.

CASA for the Highland Lakes Area is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. The new Executive Director is Sue Thornton.



Books and Scones

Books and Scones is a book-related group of ladies who meet in the Church Library on the last Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. The group will not meet in December and have scheduled the first meeting of 2012 for January 24. Information will follow regarding the book of study. Info about the current book is available on our church website and is updated regularly.

Sunday, January 15, 2012, 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 2014 .
- To present the financial report for calendar year 2011 and the budget for 2012 which must be approved by the congregation.
- To provide written reports to the congregation on committee performance to 2011 goals and new goals established for 2012.
- 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 CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED on Monday, December 25 and Monday, January 2, 2012 in observance of Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, December 27 and January 3.

Christmas for Others



It is that time of the year when our fellowship hall becomes a storeroom for Santa as it is filled with tons of wrapped presents. Our *Christmas for Others* project is part of a larger community-wide event called *Christmas Is for Kids* whereby many churches, civic organizations, businesses and individuals donate new, wrapped toys and clothes for the less fortunate children in our area.

Last year our church alone sponsored over 300 children. We hope to be able to repeat this number again for Christmas 2011. We ask you to visit the *Christmas for Others* table in the narthex on Sunday. There will be a very long list with the names of children and/ or families which you can adopt for the project.

We encourage you to adopt a family or get with some friends and adopt a family, shop together, wrap together and imagine the joy of the kids when they open your presents. More details about the adoption process will be provided to you at the table.

If you would like to volunteer for sorting and bagging toys or delivering toys, please call Gail Matthews at 830-596-1199 or email her at: gaggle1@verizon.net.



Advent

A very special **THANK YOU** to our Advent Angels who prepared and decorated the sanctuary

and fellowship hall for the holiday season. After 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. We appreciate the hard work of these angels for the past several years.



Nominees for Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees Nominating Committee for this year was composed of John Bird, Peggy Jordan, Stan Smith, Carolyn Thornton, Karen Wines and Scott Matthews, Chair. Jerry Gray, Pete Christy and Johnny White were ex-officio members. The Nominating Committee has selected Alan Barrows, Nancy Peck, Michele Shackelford, G.A. Smith and Mary Agnes Rudd to replace five Board members whose three-year terms are expiring. The Board has approved the nominees and the slate will be voted on at the Annual Congregational Meeting on January 15, 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."

Here are brief bios on each of the five candidates:

Alan Barrows, a Navy veteran, graduated from the University of Illinois with a B.S. in Communications, after which he enjoyed a long career in the television station business, starting in sales and working his way through several levels of sales management until the last 10 years when he served as General Manager of stations in Odessa, Texas and Chattanooga, Tennessee. During his television career, he served on the Administrative Boards of his churches, and on the boards of Goodwill Industries, the Better Business Bureau and the Chattanooga Symphony and Opera Association. He served on the staff of the Cokesbury United Methodist Church in Knoxville, Tennessee as Business Manager. After "retirement" in 2000, Alan moved to Horseshoe Bay to be closer to his three daughters and four grandchildren. He joined The Church at Horseshoe Bay in 2000 and currently serves on the Steering Committee for Men of Faith, as Chair of the Prayer Ministry Team and Chair of The Driving Force, the church's transportation team.

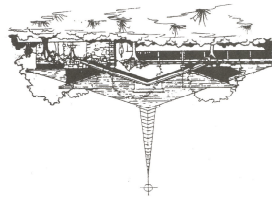
Nancy Peck was born and raised in Jennings, Louisiana. and attended the First Baptist Church. After graduating from Lillie Jolly School of Nursing, she remained in Houston where she met her late husband Jeremy Peck. Nancy was a stay-at-home mom to her two children and then returned to nursing in various hospitals and HMO's. During this time she attended John Wesley United Methodist and St. Paul's Methodist where she taught children's Sunday school. Nancy retired in July 2006 and moved to Horseshoe Bay. She joined The Church at Horseshoe Bay where she is an office volunteer, co-chair of Congregational Care Committee and a volunteer at the Helping Center in Marble Falls.

Michele Shackelford and her husband Jerry are originally from Amarillo and have four sons and nine grandchildren. They joined The Church at HSB as part-timers before becoming full-time four years ago. Michele is a Texas Tech graduate with degrees in Education and Law. Her work life has included teaching, directing the Women's Program and the Counseling Center at Amarillo College and practicing in the area of health law. Since her retirement from the post as General Counsel for the Texas Medical Board, she has practiced as a legal consultant in the area of health-care regulation. Michele is an active member of the WOW Committee and the Kindred Sisters Bible Study.

G. A. Smith and his wife, Rita, moved to Horseshoe Bay in 2007 from McAllen, Texas where G. A. had been actively involved in real estate since 1972. He formed his own company, G. A. Smith Properties, Inc., in 1978 and enjoyed a life-long career in commercial and residential construction and land development. He and his wife also owned and managed office buildings. G. A. continues his career in real estate in Horseshoe Bay as an active broker/agent for Horseshoe Bay Corp. G. A. and Rita joined The Church at Horseshoe Bay in 2007. He is a member of The Seekers Sunday School Class, serves on the Benevolence Committee, and is a volunteer team leader for the HSB Mission Group. At present, he serves on the Advisory Board for the Highland Lakes Habitat for Humanity. G. A. and Rita have five children and nine grandchildren.

Mary Agnes Rudd and her husband, Ronnie, moved to Horseshoe Bay in 2001. They both grew up in Liberty, Texas, where they were high school sweethearts. Mary Agnes was a "cradle roll" member of the First Baptist Church of Liberty. She was church organist in Liberty and later organist for South Park Baptist Church in Beaumont, Texas. After receiving her B.A. Degree in Elementary Education, she taught school in Houston ISD and Alief ISD. Since moving to Horseshoe Bay, she has been active in both church and community activities. She has been a member of the Benevolence Committee and is currently a member of the handbell choir as well as substitute organist/pianist for the church. Mary Agnes and Ronnie have one daughter, Linda Rene', and one son, Ron, and daughter-in-law, Kathy.

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Christian Education Schedule

Bible Study Class *The Gospel of Luke*

December 4

“Prayer and Its Daily Usage”
Luke 11: 1-54 Led by Larry Canter

December 11

“Living a Life of Discipleship”
Luke 12: 1-59 Led by Pete Christy

December 18

“The Teachings of the Teacher”
Luke 13: 1-35 Led by Art Hawkinson

December 25

Christmas
No Bible Study today

January 1

New Year’s Day
No Bible Study today

Women’s Bible Study *Loved by God*

December 4

Introduction to *Loved by God*
Led by Gail Davalos

December 11

Video 1 “Sibling Rivalry”
Led by Linda Rusk

December 18

Discussion “Sibling Rivalry”
Led by Linda Rusk

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Seekers Class *American Religious History;* *A Theological Profile*

December 4

“Judaism in the 19th Century”
Led by Pete Christy

December 11

“Fundamentalism”
Led by Jim Jordan

December 18

“War and Peace”
Led by Stan Smith

December 25

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