



THE BUILDER

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Storyline...“A Focus on Membership!”

There is an article concerning the Membership Ministry on page 5 in this newsletter indicating that they are laying plans for the remainder of this year. The focus of this ministry team is membership, and the desire is to help us as a congregation to get to know each other better and to be more concerned as a church family.

Within the next month or so we should be getting the new church pictorial directories. When we do, let me encourage you to go through them carefully and learn to put the names with the faces so that when you see our members in worship, you can call them by name.

Let me also encourage you to give Vivian Helm a call and ask her if there is something you can do to help her committee. It doesn't take much time or effort to send a card or make a phone call, and I will assure you that you will feel better for it.

Meet me around his table this week...

A VIEW FROM THE CHAIR - LINDA TUSA

One of our recent Sunday school lessons was on listening. Mark 9:7 says, “Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!’”

Do we really listen? There are so many things that demand our attention that sometimes we don't always listen. Are you guilty of that like I am?

Our class was told of a man who couldn't find his son. Granted, the son was an adult, but who says we can't worry about our kids. After several days the son walks through the door and the father is so relieved. Do you know what the son said? “Dad, I told you I was going to be out of town, didn't you listen?”

So many times we don't listen. We are a lot like the disciples in that we hear the message of Jesus, but are we really listening? If we are going to follow Jesus, we must first listen to him.

Join us next week as we continue our journey in Sunday school and the worship service, listening to the Beloved, the Son of God.

Serving In March

Elders: David McMahan, Kayla Rosas

Worship Leader: Kent Holguin

Deaconess: Dee Schmidt

Deacons: Rhonda Clay, J.T. Copeland, Angie Goette, Pete Almanza

Greeters: Barbara Wilson, David McMahan

Acolyte: Venus Almanza

Building Closing: Jerry Murphy, Carole Anne Murphy

Memorials Received

We have received the following memorial gifts to be used to the glory of God and the ministry of Richfield Christian Church:

In Memory of: **Mildred Parker**

From: Charles & Connie Jefferson
 Lisa Kattness
 Cynthia Van Antwerp

In Memory of: **Carl Munson**

From: John & Sandra Westmoreland
 Lisa Kattness
 Van & Linda Tusa

In Memory of: **Lloyd Lewis**

From: Clint & Inez Montgomery
 Bill & Shirley Fuller
 Larry & Barbara Mackie
 Jack & Nancy Munson
 Doug & Faye Neale
 John & Sandra Westmoreland
 Hester Fuller
 Forrest & Linda Harding
 Valera Labit
 Rachel Moffatt
 Linda Morcom
 Carolyn Reat
 Garland & Vicky Bullock

Charles & Connie Jefferson
 Minor & Vivian Helm
 Ruth Merilian
 Jerry & Carole Anne Murphy
 Ronnie Smathers
 Lisa Kattness
 Vivian Bushnell
 Bea Helm
 Pete & Deena Moffatt
 Joyce Vanya
 Linda & Tony Smith
 Patsy Swatek
 Valerie Colson

CWF - DW NEWS

Disciples Women/CWF would like to thank all RCC members who participated in our All-Church Valentine Banquet. Forty members were in attendance. A fun and warm evening of fellowship was experienced by all. Thank you for coming.

Spring Retreat: March 25-27 ~ Theme: "Give Your Faith Feet!" with keynoter, Barbara Miller. The service project is the Inman Christian Center (items needed: baby clothing, wipes, diapers and formula).

Blessing Boxes - Remember to daily thank God for God's goodness.

Cub Scout News

Our Cub Scout group had a very successful Blue and Gold Banquet on February 18. There were approximately 90 in attendance. Thank you to all Richfield members who attended. Four boys crossed over to our Boy Scout troop with Max Vargas.

Our Cub Scout group was notified we did win the food collection competition for Food for Families with a collection of 1780 pounds. We hope to have another plaque for the Information Hallway.

This month we also observed Scout Sunday, and took a field trip to the Waco Police Department. In March we have scheduled a day of fishing and some visitors to come to our den meetings to work with the boys.

Kayla Rosas, Pack 403 Committee Chair

For Your Care and Concern

Adams, Carol	Laird, Peggy
Anderson, Bob	Long, Dewayne
Anderson, Brynn	Lothlen, Glenn
Baker, Kyle	Lothlen, Patsy
Barrett, Cleo	Maxon, Eric
Basquez, Lupe	Maynard, Ginna
Batson, Mark	McFarling, Kristi
Benson, Christian	McKim, Carol
Bigham, Travis	McGee, Lynda
Boatright, Jaiden	Miller, Bill
Bratten, Don	Moix, Zachary
Burge, Susan	Moore, Tommy
Burns, Marian	Montgomery, George
Cargile, Melvin	Morales, Marylou
Catchings, Nial	Munson, Jack
Christian, Jerre	Munson, Nancy
Church, Inga	O'Conner, Mary
Clay, James	Painter, Todd
Clouatre, Gary	Patterson, Peggy
Coe, Harry	Pearson, Brandy
Davis, Don	Pilla, Steve
Davis, Josh	Pryor, June
Dawson, Karen	Quinlan, Dan
Devault, Danielle	Quinn, Michael
Dickerson, Wendal	Rand, Jane
Duncan, Mark	Richardson, Steve
Evans, Debbie	Riddle, Imogene
Foster, Brie	Robertson, Janet
Fredrich, Karen	Shreeve, Judy
Fuller, Hester	Skinner, Jim
Gleissner, Nicholas	Smith, Glenn
Hancock, Patricia	Smithson, Randy
Harper, Lindsey	Snyder, Shawna
Helm, Bea	Spradling, Von
Herholtz, Bill	Stidvent, Vivian
Hill, Sandra	Story, Grant
Horner, Davis	Story, Joleta
Houston, Peggy	Tangelosi, Biff
Howard, Virginia	Urbel, David
Ibarra, Samantha	Vernon, Robert
Jones, Patsy	Wallace, Mary
Jordan, Marie	Whalia, Teresa
Judd, Marsha	Williford, Greg
Kattness, Michael	Wilson, Bob
Keck, Don	Wogg, Gina
Kelley, Caleb	Woodard, Ann
Kelley, Linda	Wooden, Kristin &
Knowles, Kenneth	baby
Labit, Valera	Yates, Phillip

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

To Remember in Prayer

Jack and Nancy Munson made a trip to the ER last Friday, both with atrial fibrillation. Both are doing better at this writing. **Cleo Barrett** fell and broke her hip and shoulder. She is now in rehab. **James Clay** is fighting respiratory issues. **Virginia Howard** is in rehab, as well as **Vivian Stidvent** following recent surgeries. **Grant Story** is continuing his recuperation at home after spending four days in the ICU. **Marie Jordan** is still having blood pressure issues. **Vivian Bushnell** is doing better. **Bea Helm** is recuperating at home. Congratulations to **Michelle Holle** as she just passed the 5-year cancer-free anniversary. At this writing, **Bob Wilson** is having a procedure in Dallas. **Lisa Kattness** has been having a bout with strep throat but is now doing better.

Pray for all of these and pray for the **parents** of our congregation and parents around the world as they lead their families in **building Christian homes**.

CWF/DW Needs Our Help

The CWF/DW (Christian Women's Fellowship/Disciples Women) is collecting items for the Inman Christian Center in San Antonio. Please use the yellow box in the fellowship hall and help us fill it with the following items that will be taken to the retreat in March.

Items needed: diapers, baby wipes, baby clothes, formula and CASH (make your check payable to the church and mark in the memo section, "for Inman Christian Center")

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FACTS AND FIGURES

Attendance:

Feb. 6 -	116
Feb. 16 -	87
Feb. 20 -	102

Giving 2/6/11

General Fund	\$ 4,642.02
Building Fund	\$ 145.00

Giving 2/13/11

General Fund	\$ 2,196.75
Building Fund	\$ 51.00

Giving 2/20/11

General Fund	\$ 2,385.00
Building Fund	\$ 15.00

Giving 2/27/11

General Fund	\$ N/A
Building Fund	

MISSION STATEMENT

"As members of the body of Christ known as Richfield Christian Church, we believe that we are called to share the Good News that leads people to Jesus Christ; called to provide a place of worship, spiritual support and nurture to all who come; called to support the growth and development of outreach and mission at home and abroad; and called to help train and educate those persons chosen by God to service in ministry, both lay and ordained - so help us God."

Fellowship Lunch

Our fellowship lunch will be on March 6, hosted by the Membership Ministry. Please bring your favorite dish and join us for food, fun, and fellowship. Bring enough for your family and one other person.

YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

Our Bible Studies on Wednesday nights have improved our attendance, and I am thankful for that. We have received the summer camp and conference schedules, and I will be sharing those dates with you in the next week or so. Also we are making plans for our Garage Sale (our major fund raising event) to come this spring as well as making plans for Vacation Bible School.

I hope that all of you will make an extra effort to be present for our mid-week Bible study and then for Sunday school. We have lots of things that are upcoming and we need your help.

Thanks again to all of those that have made donations or offered to provide snack supper for our youth. Your help and concern are much appreciated.

Lisa

Note: Education Meeting will be March 2 at 5:15.

MEMBERSHIP MINISTRY NOTES

The Membership Ministry met recently to discuss aims and goals for Richfield in 2011. More information will come later when plans are finalized.

Mark your calendars for March 6. We will host the fellowship luncheon.

If you find yourself with a few spare minutes during the week and can write a note, send a card, or talk on the phone, we invite you to join us as a member of the Membership Ministry team. Give me a call and I will sign you up.

Vivian Helm, Membership

Outreach Ministry Notes - "Sharing Brings Joy!"

In order to spread the Good News of the saving grace of our Lord Jesus, the first thing that we must do is get the attention of our intended audience. One of the best ways to do this is to be there with help in a time of great need. The Week of Compassion does this by building and repairing homes, schools, medical clinics and by furnishing clean water and sewer facilities in villages devastated by earthquakes, floods and poverty throughout the world. When disaster strikes, Week of Compassion is there. This week we begin our annual Week of Compassion offering drive with a theme of "Sharing Brings Joy." Let us do our part by making a donation to this year's drive so that we, too, may share in the joy.

David McMahan

SYMPATHY EXTENDED

We extend our sympathy to Chick Lewis and family in the death of her husband, Lloyd. Lloyd was a faithful member for over 50 years. His memorial service was held in Waco.