



The Builder

David E. Story, Pastor

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“Storyline... Vacation?”

It is that time of the year when I write my “annual” note to say when you go on your vacation, *don’t forget the church!* It is not an article that I enjoy writing, nor one I suspect that you enjoy reading, but necessary, nonetheless.

Indeed, our expenses continue whether you are present in worship or not, and we strive to maintain our facility and to meet our expenses as best we can. That is sometimes difficult in the summer.

I hope that you are able to plan a time of rest and relaxation for you and your family — a time to get away and enjoy some peace and solitude. It will be good for the soul.

But please don’t forget the church while you are away so that we can make it through the summer while still keeping our program and facilities alive and well.

God’s blessing to you...

A VIEW FROM THE CHAIR - PETE MOFFATT

“Do As I Say, Not As I Do”

If you were in worship Sunday, you heard the preacher remind everyone that it was newsletter week and to please have your articles by noon Monday. I usually write my “View From the Chair” entry on Sunday afternoons, but last Sunday afternoon was spent in Granbury at the TBA Area Assembly with 12 other church members. It was late when I got home and I was tired and decided to wait and write the article on Monday morning. Monday was very busy and before I knew it, it was noon and David was on the phone saying, “Um, you have anything ready for the newsletter?”

Uh-oh!

My point is not to put off our Christian duties for another day. By doing so, I caused problems for David and Connie by delaying the final layout of this newsletter. How can you serve Christ today? Do it today, for no task becomes easier by delaying its start.

Next time, I won’t wait until the last minute! In this instance all I can say is “Do as I say and not as I do.”

Serving In May

Elders: David McMahan,
Frances Clay

Worship Leader: Amy Sutton

Deaconess: Dee Schmidt

Deacons: Vivian Helm, Angie Goette, Linda Sykora, Steve Rosas

Greeters: Pat Organ, Mark Dancer

Acolyte: David Schmidt

Building Closing: Joe & Debbie Webb

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: **Jody Sykora**

From: Max & Helen Bunting

Patsy Swatek

Mark Pelzel

Minor & Vivian Helm

Jerry & Carole Anne Murphy

In Memory of: **Dr. Lee Helm, Jr.**

From: Max & Helen Bunting

Charles & Shirley McCoy

In Memory of: **Mrs. Jewel Manning**

From: Clint & Inez Montgomery

In Memory of: **Virginia Taylor**

From: Max & Helen Bunting

In Memory of: **Rev. Jack Cox**

From: Max & Helen Bunting

In Memory of: **Ruby Beene**

From: Jerry & Carole Anne Murphy

In Memory of: **Jerry Montgomery**

From: Max & Helen Bunting

In Memory of: **Howard "Jaybird" Allen**

From: Margaret Latimer

In Memory of: **Evelyn Koch**

From: Jerry & Carole Anne Murphy

In Memory of: **Robert Millsaps**

From: Jerry & Carole Anne Murphy

Minor & Vivian Helm

THANKSGIVINGS RECEIVED

We have received thanksgivings from the following organizations for outreach gifts that were given to them from Richfield Christian Church: ***Caritas, Meals & Wheels, Habitat for Humanity, Talitha Koum, Advocacy Center, Friends For Life, The Salvation Army, and Mission Waco.*** The thank-you notes are posted on the bulletin board in the Information Hallway.

OUTREACH MINISTRY NEWS

As most of you know, we conduct an ongoing campaign collecting nonperishable food products for Caritas. Due to the current economic conditions facing our country, Caritas has seen an increase in demand for food assistance from their clients. They are currently facing a decrease in donations which compounds the problems in meeting those demands. Any and all donations will be greatly appreciated with a particular shortage of items such as canned vegetables, baby food, baby formula and hamburger-helper-type boxed dinners. ***Come on, Richfield, let's fill that cart in the fellowship hall and keep it full.***

Thanks for your help!

David McMahan, Outreach Ministry Chair

For Your Care and Concern

Adams, Carol	Labit, Valera
Anderson, Bob	Laird, Peggy
Basquez, Lupe	Lewis, Sherry
Batson, Mark	Long, Dewayne
Benson, Christian	Lothlen, Glenn
Boatright, Jaiden	Lothlen, Patsy
Boyd, Mildred	Maxon, Eric
Bratten, Don	Maynard, Ginna
Brock, Barbara	McGee, Lynda
Burge, Susan	Moffatt, Rachel
Burns, Marian	Moix, Zachary
Cargile, Melvin	Moore, Tommy
Catchings, Art	Montgomery, George
Catchings, Nial	Munson, Jim
Christian, Jere	Munson, Leta Faye
Church, Inga	Painter, Todd
Clay, James	Parker, Mildred
Copeland, Teresa	Patterson, Peggy
Davis, Carol	Pearson, Brandy
Davis, Don	Pena, Zack
Davis, Josh	Phillips, Jimmy
Dewlen, Al	Pryor, June
Dewlen, Lucille	Quinlan, Dan
Duncan, Mark	Quinn, Michael
Easterling, Maurine	Reeves, Garath
Foster, Brie	Richardson, Steve
Fuller, Hester	Riddle, Imogene
Evans, Debbie	Rivera, Candace
Garvin, Charlotte	Robertson, Janet
Glasscock, Mike	Salsiccia, Connie
Gleissner, Nicholas	Sancillo, Wanda
Hancock, Patricia	Shreeve, Judy
Harper, Lindsey	Skinner, Jim
Helm, Bea	Smith, Glenn
Hill, Sandra	Smithson, Randy
Holcomb, Marvin	Snyder, Shawna
Horner, Davis	Spears, Betty
Houston, Peggy	Stidvent, Vivian
Howze, Frank	Story, Grant
Hurd, Sarah	Story, Joleta
Jones, Patsy	Urbel, David
Jordan, Marie	Vernon, Robert
Kattness, Michael	Wallace, Anita
Keck, Don	Wallace, Mary
Kelley, Caleb	Whalia, Teresa
Kelley, Linda	Wingard, John
Kerey, Glynnis	Woodard, Ann
Knowles, Kenneth	Yates, Phillip
Koke, Judy	

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

To Remember in Prayer

David McMahan is under a doctor's care for respiratory problems, as is **James Clay**. **Max Vargas** continues to do well in recuperation at home. **Marie Jordan** is doing a little better but still having blood pressure issues. **Grant Story** continues his rehab at home. **Art Catchings** (Joyce Vanya's brother-in-law), diagnosed with acute leukemia, continues treatment. **Connie Salsiccia** (a friend of the McCord family), receiving radiation and chemo. **Tommy Moore** (Laura Hack's son-in-law), diagnosed with prostate cancer and is receiving treatment. **Mike Glasscock** (Frances Clay's cousin) diagnosed with cancer and is under treatment. **Sherry Lewis** (Doris Surface's daughter) is now in rehab following a stroke. **Bernice Tatum** had an MRI to try and find the cause of her severe headaches. **Nancy Jones** also had an MRI to check on a stress fracture in her foot. **Rachel Moffatt** will have further tests this month, and **Deena Moffatt** is receiving medication for back pain.

Serving in Iraq: **Tony Ramirez** (James McCord's nephew), **Josh Denton** (Martha Corley's grandson)

Serving in Afghanistan: Curtis Clark (friend of Joyce Vanya), Tyler Webb (friend of Debbie Webb), Kyle Ward (Norma Beaver's grandson)

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**.

Personal Thanksgiving!

Price and I would like to thank our Richfield friends for all their prayers and visits. (Sorry I missed some of your visits - I was hard at work in therapy).

The beautiful red tulips reminded me how blessed we are to be members of Richfield Christian Church.

Thank you all and God bless you,

Price and Barbara Brock

P.S. My knee will soon be as good as new.

Dear Richfield,

Thank you, friends and church family, for the love, prayers, and memorials we received since the death of our nephew, Robert Millsaps. God Bless you all.

Al and Lucille Dewlen

EGYPT

Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace

1. Mark your calendars for June 6th—10th for Vacation Bible School.
2. Attend our weekly decorating workshops that will be held Mondays, May 10, 17 & 24 from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Come help us transform the fellowship hall into ancient Egypt, including the desert, an oasis or two, pyramids, a palace and marketplace.
3. If you are interested in teaching or co-teaching the adult class, please contact Kent Holguin or Amy Sutton.
4. Pray how God might use you. We want our marketplace brimming with activity. From selling jewelry to practicing the art of hieroglyphics, from an embalmer's workshop to weaving lessons, consider how your natural talents or abilities might be practiced in ancient Egypt (just for one or two evenings). One of the Bible points from this year's VBS is "God gives us special abilities." You may not be able to interpret dreams like Joseph, but chances are you can contribute to the success of this year's VBS.

This month's Bible verse goes along with the VBS Bible point mentioned above. Romans 12:6a: "Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly."

Kent Holguin, Education Chair

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

"Daily remembering God's blessings... I will always thank the Lord: I will never stop praising him. I will praise him for what he has done." Psalms 34: 1 - 2a

The CWF will celebrate and dedicate our personal "Blessing Boxes" on Sunday, May 9, during worship on Mother's Day. If you need a Blessing Box, contact Shelia Leggett. This offering supports the International Disciples Women Ministries. Our gifts will join others in helping to share hope and compassion around the globe. The next CWF meeting will be Tuesday, May 18, at Cheddars at 6:00 p.m. I hope to see you there.

Shelia Leggett, President

AMY'S INSTALLATION SERVICE

May 23 - During the morning worship service we will have the official installation service for Amy Sutton as our Youth Director. Amy recently received her license from the Trinity-Brazos Area, and this time together in worship will mark our official acknowledgement of her ministry.

Please plan to be present for this service to encourage Amy in her ministry and to welcome her officially as a Licensed Minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of the Trinity-Brazos Area and Richfield Christian Church.

CUB SCOUT PACK 403 - ACTIONS & ACTIVITIES

Pack 403 Cub Scouts held a camping lock-in on Saturday, April 24, in the fellowship hall and front yard of the church. The scouts learned camping skills: cooking, setting up tents and camping games.

On Sunday, April 25, the Cub Scouts hosted their annual spaghetti luncheon for Richfield. The meal was well-attended and the food was delicious. We do not have a final total on the amount made for this fund-raising event, but Jake Blankinship has promised to match dollar for dollar (up to \$500.00) to help us. Proceeds will go toward our summer activities, equipment and supplies.

Kayla Rosas, Committee Chair, Pack 403

AMY'S ADVENTURE NEWSLETTER

Hey, everyone! It's getting close to summer so make sure you work hard in school this last month or so — it will pay off. I am here for you in anyway I can be — just know that I am your personal cheerleader! Ready! Ok!

Things to note --

6—12 grades

May 2 - Parent Council Meeting - (Rhonda Clay, Melissa Almanza, Teresa Copeland, Kayla Rosas, Staci Jay)

May 14 - Lock-In

May 16 - Potato Luncheon Fundraiser

Mission Trip - TBA

I am so glad we have 11 campers for this summer. I am proud of you all. You will have a blast!

1 - 5 grades

We will be getting a schedule to you for summer activities very soon. Bear with me; I have not forgotten about you.

Children's Church - Remember our lesson from last week on reverence and being calm in the water and wind.

See you all and your sweet faces on Sunday.

AMY

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FACTS AND FIGURES

Attendance:

April 4 -	127
April 11 -	96
April 18 -	106
April 25 -	110

Giving 4/4

General Fund	\$ 5,973.00
Building Fund	\$ 17.50

Giving 4/11

General Fund	\$ 2,469.09
Building Fund	\$ 0.00

Giving 4/18

General Fund	\$ 2,845.00
Building Fund	\$ 80.00

Giving 4/25

General Fund	\$ 1,970.00
Building Fund	\$ 30.00

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.”