



THE BUILDER

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"Living Boldly in Faith!" - by Jack Munson

We are about to wind down our 2010 Stewardship Campaign. Estimate of Giving Cards have been mailed out to all members and need to be returned to the church by November 1. We will then estimate our income and prepare the 2010 budget.

About 30% of the cards turned in so far have shown an increase in giving over last year. This is appreciated and needed since we are operating at a deficit in the General Fund for this year to date. We plan to cut expenses in the new budget, and the amount will depend on how much we can increase our anticipated income. Our goal is to keep all programs operating but just tighten up our belts.

Indicators seem to point to a better economy in 2010. The recession started in December 2007 and is almost two years old. The average length of the last six recessions was about 11 months. We hope that all of our church families see better economic times next year, and we believe the church will, also.

Remember, God (and your Stewardship Ministry) loves a cheerful giver.

Yours in Christ,

Jack Munson

Stewardship Ministry Member

Serving In November

Elders: Linda Tusa & Pete Moffatt

Worship Leader: Connie Jefferson

Deaconess: Lisa Kattness

Deacons: Vivian Helm, Angie Goette, James McCord, Linda Sykora

Greeter: Pat Organ, Ruth Merilian

Acolytes: Gracie Clay, Venus Almanza

Building Closing: Kent Holguin, David McMahan

A VIEW FROM THE CHAIR - SANDRA WESTMORELAND

A Time of Thanksgiving— Thanksgiving is fast approaching, and when I enter stores I am a little sad that starting in July and August the shelves are already filled with Christmas decorations. The Bible is filled with scriptures talking about giving thanks. Psalm 100:4-5, "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever." As we scurry about preparing turkey and dressing and purchasing gifts in the weeks to come, let's remember to give thanks to the Lord who gave us life and breath and who gave us Jesus that we might have eternal life. The gifts, fellowship, and food are very special but they are only temporary; God is eternal.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Please take the opportunity to welcome into our church family **Jack and Catherine Crane**, who united with us on October 25 by transfer of membership. They live at 2506 South 27th and their home phone is 662.2899.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP (CWF) NEWS

CWF met on October 20. Service Project was Talitha Koum and \$100.00 was given to them. Thanksgiving Casseroles will be available again this year. If interested, please sign up to purchase or to prepare. Purchase date is November 15. Kayla Rosas, Rhonda Clay, Amy Sutton and Shelia Leggett attended Fall Retreat, along with 65 other women, and were blessed with a joy-filled, restorative, spiritual weekend. Materials and ideas for making Chrismons are available in the CWF room. There will be no Chrismon workshop this year. Remember your Blessing Boxes. CWF will meet again on November 17.

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 : **Dorothy Behringer**

From: Clint & Inez Montgomery

Don & Debbie McCutchen

Denise Cadell

Lauren Cadell

B. R. Kincer

Ronnie Parks

Laura Arocha

Friends @ Central National Bank

In Memory of: **Clifford Clark**

From: Larry & Barbara Mackie

In Memory of: **Herschel Bunting**

From: Chick & Lloyd Lewis

THANKSGIVINGS RECEIVED

We have received thank-you notes from the Lura McKamie family, Meals On Wheels, Friends for Life, Mission Waco, Caritas and Trinity Brazos Area for outreach ministry gifts. The notes are posted on the bulletin board in the Information Hallway.

PINK LIDS NEEDED!

In the Information Hallway you will find a PINK bag to hold the PINK lids from Yoplait Yogurt. We are collecting these lids for breast cancer research, and Yoplait will pay TEN CENTS to the Susan G. Komen organization for each lid. October is breast cancer awareness month. Please wash your lids and bring them to the PINK bag!

For Your Care and Concern

Adams, Carol	Laird, Peggy
Anderson, Bob	Littlefield, Opal
Anderson, Marty	Long, Dewayne
Basquez, Lupe	Lothlen, Glenn
Benson, Christian	Lothlen, Patsy
Boatright, Jaiden	Maxon, Eric
Boyd, Mildred	Maynard, Ginna
Bratten, Don	McCain, Tracy
Brock, Price	McDonald, Matt
Burge, Susan	McGee, Lynda
Burns, Marian	Moffatt, Rachel
Busch, Margie	Moix, Zachary
Cargile, Melvin	Montgomery, Don
Catchings, Art	Moore, Sharon
Catchings, Nial	Moran, Wanda
Christian, Jere	Munson, Jim
Church, Inga	Organ, Larry
Clay, James	Painter, Todd
Cohn, Barbara	Parker, Mildred
Copeland, Teresa	Pearson, Brandy
Davis, Carol	Phillips, Jimmy
Davis, Don	Price, Al
Davis, Josh	Pryor, June
Dewlen, Lucille	Quinlan, Dan
Easterling, Maurine	Quinn, Michael
Foster, Brie	Richardson, Steve
Fricke, Cutler	Riddle, Imogene
Fuller, Hester	Rivera, Candace
Evans, Debbie	Robertson, Janet
Gentry, James	Salsiccia, Connie
Gleissner, Nicholas	Saulters, Jason
Goette, Colton	Sancillo, Wanda
Helm, Bea	Schonerstedt, Steve
Helm, Lee	Shreeve, Judy
Hill, Sandra	Skinner, Jim
Holcomb, Marvin	Smith, Glenn
Horner, Davis	Smith, Pam
Houston, Peggy	Snyder, Shawna
Howze, Frank	Spears, Betty
Hurd, Sarah	Stidvent, Vivian
Johnson, Randie	Story, Grant
Jones, Patsy	Story, Joleta
Jordan, Marie	Sykora, Jody
Kattness, Michael	Urbel, David
Keck, Don	Vernon, Robert
Kelley, Linda	Wallace, Mary
Kerey, Glynnis	Wingard, John
Knowles, Kenneth	Woodard, Ann
Labit, Valera	Yates, Phillip

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

To Remember in Prayer

At this writing **Margie Busch** is hospitalized at Providence with pneumonia. **Barbara Cohn** continues recuperation from surgery. **Jody Sykora** was able to be in church Sunday and is feeling a little better. **Teresa Copeland** has postponed her tests until mid-November. **Max Vargas** will have back surgery as soon as it can be scheduled. **Rev. Jimmy Phillips** (former pastor at Marlin) had a successful surgical procedure to remove fluid from the brain. **James Clay** and **Jack Cox** continue to suffer from respiratory distress. **Marie Jordan** is doing a little better but still having blood pressure issues. **Grant Story** continues his weaning from the ventilator in a nursing facility in San Antonio and is looking forward to the move to Baylor Medical for rehab and then 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. **Rachel Moffatt** is going through tests at St. Luke's Hospital in Houston this week. **Colton Goette** (Angie's stepson) scheduled for surgery this week. **Jason Saulters** had a biopsy of the abdomen last week and is waiting on results.

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

Serving in Afghanistan: **Andy Bianchi** (friend of the Leggetts)

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**.

SYMPATHY EXTENDED

We extend our deep sympathy to Max Bunting and family in the death of his brother, **Herschel Bunting**. His memorial service was held in Illinois on October 25.

Also we offer our sympathy to the family of Tisha Busch in the death of her grandfather, **J. L. Tucker**. His memorial service was held in Waco.

NOVEMBER FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON CANCELLED

The November Fellowship luncheon has been cancelled due to the conflicts with the Fall Festival and the Youth Garage Sale. **THERE WILL BE NO FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP IN NOVEMBER.**

EDUCATION MINISTRY NEWS - FALL FESTIVAL

Come one, come all to one of the least scary places you will find on any Saturday evening, let alone this one. October 31, 2009, join the fun at Richfield's annual Fall Festival. The fun will begin at 6:00 p.m. You may come and go as you please. Roast your hot dog and maybe some s'mores over a fire (weather permitting). Then let the games begin. Play Boosical Chairs or Mummy Wrap; Guess That Goo or throw a pie at a scary face. The events are sponsored by those in our Education Ministry, and we hope all of you can attend -- the more the merrier, uh, I mean scarier!

Monthly Bible Verse

Psalm 107:1 - "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."

YOUTH NEWS AND INFORMATION

November 7 is the day of our Garage Sale Fundraiser, and we need all youth 6 - 12 grade to participate. We already have lots of stuff and we will get more this week. Money earned will be used toward the summer mission trip. We are having a lock-in for grades 7 - 12 on November 6 in the fellowship hall so that we can be prepared for the garage sale.

All youth grades 6 - 12 come at 4:00 p.m. next Sunday (November 1) to help with sorting and pricing.

AMY

NOVEMBER WORKDAYS! HELPERS NEEDED

November is going to be a very busy month for the Property Ministry. The regular workday will be on **November 14**, and the main project will be to fold the chairs and tables in the fellowship hall, as the carpets will be cleaned on **Monday, November 16**. We are asking all traffic to stay directly off of these carpets for a couple of days so they can dry.

On **Saturday, November 21**, the "Stepping Out" group from Baylor will be here to reset the tables and chairs and also wash the windows in the church. We will need a few volunteers that day to give them access to what they need and to supervise the grounds.

On **Saturday, November 28**, we need volunteers to put up the Chrismon trees and decorate the church for the Advent season. This will be our last workday of the year.

Please mark your calendars for the three Saturdays in November: 14, 21, and 28.

We look forward to seeing a LOT of volunteers.

SCOUT NEWS AND INFORMATION

The cub scouts are wrapping up the annual popcorn fundraiser. Orders will be turned in this week and popcorn will be delivered by November 15.

The scouts want to thank Richfield for allowing us the use of the church van to attend Fall Festival Campout on October 10 in Fort Worth. We had 6 scouts and their families attend.

We are now beginning our annual community service project of collecting canned goods for Food for Families. The scouts will be collecting until November 19. We will go to Channel 10 on November 20 to sort and pack food.

Kayla Rosas, Pack 403 - Committee Chair

Boy Scout Troop 403 continues to work toward their shotgun shooting merit badge. They will also be attending Baylor Merit Badge College on October 31 and in November to work on additional badges.

The troop will hold a Court of Honor on Saturday, November 21, in the fellowship hall to recognize the scouts with their ranks and awards.

We will also be participating in the Food for Families service project. **PLEASE BRING CANNED GOODS AND BOXED DRIED GOODS (pasta, flour, sugar etc.) to the church to help us fill our boxes.**

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FACTS AND FIGURES

Attendance: Oct. 4 - 84
Oct. 11 - 100
Oct. 18 - 106
Oct. 25 - 117

Giving 10/4
General Fund \$ 2,235.10
Building Fund \$ 40.00

Giving 10/11
General Fund \$ 3,812.00
Building Fund \$ 50.00

Giving 10/18
General Fund \$ 4,018.00
Building Fund 60.00

Giving 10/25
General Fund \$ 3,428.75
Building Fund 80.00

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.”

RECONCILIATION OFFERING

Our Reconciliation Special Day offering totaled \$167.00. Your gift will support the Reconciliation Ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Your gift is most needed and appreciated.

David McMahan, Outreach