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February 2011

A message from our Area Minister . . .

Dear Colleagues in ministry,

On January 15, 2011 the Bluebonnet Area Administrative Program Council/Board met at First Christian Church, Lockhart. Among the other business of the day a motion was made and accepted that my service as Transitional Area Minister be extended through July 2012.

In part this decision was made to support and facilitate the broader transition of the Christian Church in the Southwest. The Regional Minister is convening a "Gathering of Moderators/Leaders in CCSW" on January 27-28, 2011 in Fort Worth. This gathering will also include Area Ministers. I am hopeful that this gathering will be the catalyst that gives shape to the "New Day, New Direction" initiative.

As you offer your prayers each day, I invite you to hold up the BBA and the CCSW.

Attention Licensed Ministers/Candidates

If your license is expired, expires this year or you are a first time applicant there is still time for you to schedule your licensing interview for renewal/first time license.

You may call Anna Facundo, BBA Office Manager at (210) 822-4345 to schedule your interview.

Interview Dates:

- Tuesday, February 1st (10:15, 1:15, 2:00)
- Saturday, March 5th (12:30)

Prayer Partner Church of the Week

February 6	Area Youth Ministries	Beth Graham, Outdoor Ministries Chair	(512) 791-5247
February 13	FCC San Marcos	Jill Sullins, Senior Pastor	(512) 396-1926
February 20	FCC Burnet	Dawn Rosignol, Senior Pastor	(512) 756-2223
February 27	FCC Corpus Christi	All the people, Ministers	(361) 854-3044

From the
PRESIDENT OF
BRITE DIVINITY SCHOOL
and the
MINISTER TO
TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

On Behalf of the students, faculty and staff of Brite and TCU, we invite you to campus for three days of inspiring worship, thought-provoking lectures, enriching workshops and a world-class organ recital. As in years past, we will be graciously hosted by University Christian Church.

This 70 plus-year-old continuing education event is not only an opportunity for personal learning and renewal, but also an occasion to connect with colleagues from across the Southwest and beyond. Both lay and ordained ministers and other church leaders who are new to the Southwest are strongly encouraged to attend.

As this event is a gift from Brite and TCU, there is no general registration fee. However, pre-registration is encouraged, as we anticipate a large attendance. We look forward to seeing you at Ministers Week 2011!

D. Newell Williams

Angela Kaufman

For more information go to www.brite.edu/mw/

February 7-10, 2011



BBA/LRGVD Annual Men's Retreat
February 18-19, 2011
Disciple Oaks Retreat Center



There's still time to register!

So visit our website at www.bluebonnetarea.org (Calendar page) and print out, complete and mail in your registration form and fee.



eyf Spring Rally

2011

grades 9-12

North
 on
Faith Journey
 EXIT NA
Straight Ahead

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: forgetting what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. -Philippians 3:12-14

****Bring country/western attire for Route 183 dinner!**

At Disciple Oaks Retreat Center Gonzales, TX

Faith Journey

March 4th - 6th

Cost: \$100
Deadline: February 22 at the BBA Office in San Antonio
Arrival: March 4th 7p.m.
Departure: March 6th 10a.m.

Directors:
 Rose Turner
 512-738-1980
 Jason Braun
 512-601-1598
Key Noter:
 Rev. Jill Sullins

Come and join us on a Faith Journey with Christ and help us celebrate God's word!

Plan now to attend the

Black Ministers' Retreat

at North Heights Christian Church, Wichita, Kansas

March 7 to 10, 2011

Information: R. Wayne Calhoun

rcalhoun@dhm.disciples.org

Seminarians

If you're a Disciples M.Div. student, sign up for the Seminarians list serv @ www.helmdisciples.org/listserv.

It's the easiest way to find out about:

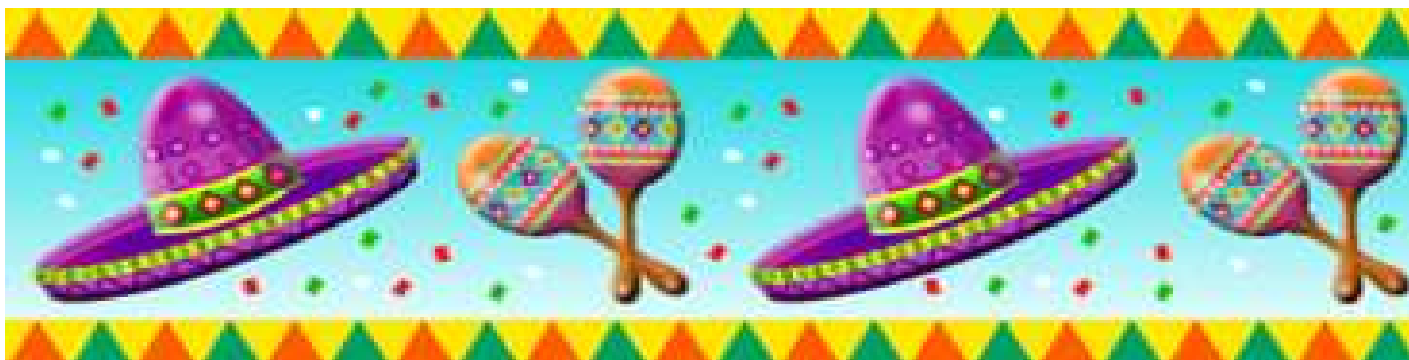
- The Seminarians Conference: **March 31-April 3, 2011**, in Nashville, Tennessee
- Ministerial Student Grants supporting research and educational experiences beyond campus, study-related travel, etc., provided by Higher Education & Leadership Ministries.
- Other Opportunities

Sign up today!

2011 STONE CAMPBELL JOURNAL CONFERENCE SLATED FOR CINCINNATI CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY ON APRIL 8-9

Stone Campbell Journal will again partner with Cincinnati Bible Seminary and Cincinnati Christian University to offer the 10th Annual SCJ Conference. The theme: "Extraordinary: The Body, Demons, and Miracles." Luke Timothy Johnson (Emory University) will present "The Body and Resurrections in Corinthians: The Ontological Body and the Social Body." Loren Stuckenbruck (Princeton Theological Seminary) will present "Demonology in the Synoptic Gospels." Barry Blackburn (Atlanta Christian College) will present "The Miracles of Jesus Viewed from Above." Related papers or papers on other biblical, theological, topics or historical are sought for parallel sessions, from experienced scholars as well as from student scholars. Send your paper title (no abstract to needed) to William Baker, SCJ Editor, at scjeditor@aol.com.

Six study groups welcome submissions, the Christian Education group (jestep@lccs.edu), Biblical Teaching on Women group (jdmiller@milligan.edu), Theological and Missiological Perspectives on World and New Religions (brian.smith@fcc.edu), Old Testament Prophetic Tradition and Application (bembryj@esr.edu), Mark's Gospel in Mediterranean Context (michael.halcomb@asburyseminary.com), and Reexamining Scholarship in the Stone-Campbell Restoration Movement (Jasonfikes@gmail.com). A formal student-paper competition is also being organized for three categories: junior/senior, M.A./M.Div., restoration history (rick.cherok@ccuniversity.edu). A first contact is due Jan. 3, 2011. Make all other contacts before Feb. 1, 2011.



"Cristo Rey Fiesta"

Bluebonnet Area/LRGVD

2011 Annual Assembly

Fiesta means Celebration!
Join our fellow Disciples of Christ
for feasting, singing, fun and fellowship
at the Annual Area Assembly

April 29-30, 2011
Hosted by First Christian Church of McAllen

For more information:
www.bluebonnetarea.org or (210) 822-4345



BBA TODAY

(for more information on these events and others please visit our online calendar at www.bluebonnetarea.org)

FEBRUARY

- 1 Licensed Minister Interviews, BBA Office
- 5 Texas Bible Chair Foundation Board Meeting, University CC, Austin, 10:00 a.m.
- 7-10 Ministers' Week at Brite Divinity School
- 12 BBA/CPA Camp Directors' Training, DORC Lodge, 10:00-2:00
- 18-19 BBA/CPA Men's Retreat, DORC

MARCH

- 4-6 CYF Spring Rally, DORC
- 5 Licensed Minister Interviews, BBA Office
- 12 DORC Board Meeting at DORC
- 26 DORC 20th Anniversary Open House & Celebration, Gonzales

We Want To Hear From You!

- Do you have a special event planned that you would like to share with other congregations across the BBA/LRGVD?
- Have you had a special celebration (pastor's birthday, ordination ceremony, graduation, church anniversary, community event, etc.)?
- Have you or your members served your community, state, or nation in a special way?
- Please let us know! Please send your stories and pictures to Anna in the Area office (bba@ccsw.org) **by the 15th of each month** to include in the next month's issue.

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