



The Chalice



Linking Congregations in Partnership, Sharing the Life, Hope and Message of Jesus Christ

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February 2012

Congratulations to Patricia Oringderff on her ordination. Pastor Oringderff was ordained January 22 at Central Christian Church, San Antonio



Back row

Pastor Don Tuttle, Bill Napper, Pastor Randy Hill, Pastor Roxana Torres, Pastor J.D. Elshoff, Pastor Dale Fowler, Pastor Nelson Torres and Pastor Polly Morrison.

Front row

Pastor Maggie Mossler, Marlene Teal, Pastor Dani-Loving Cartwright, Pastor Patricia Oringderff, Pastor Max Jones, Pastor Cari Fowler.

Prayer Partner Church of the Week

Feb 5	Center Point CC	Jonathan Park, Pastor	(830) 634-2210
Feb 12	Alamo Heights CC	Charles McNeely, Senior Pastor	(210) 828-5728
Feb 19	Central CC Corpus Christi	John F Justiss, Senior Pastor	(361) 853-9401
Feb 26	FCC Kerrville	Jay Dozier, Senior Pastor	(830) 895-5355

Friends and Family

Pastor Henry Keys, the former pastor of our Willow Park Christian Church, suffered a debilitating heart attack in July 2011. He is now at Alamo Heights Health and Rehabilitation, 8223 Broadway, San Antonio, Texas 78209, but is not able to recognize visitors.

Henry's health issues have been complicated by financial concerns. He retired early from AT&T to devote himself full time to the church, but he will not receive retirement benefits from AT&T until he is 65, several years from now. Meanwhile, the church is unable to continue his small stipend, and Henry did not participate in the denominational Pension Fund. Henry's insurance also has denied payment on several bills, questioning the appropriateness of rehabilitation. Henry's wife, Richardene, also has struggled with health issues, having had two strokes since Henry's heart attack. Fortunately she has recovered considerably and their two daughters have devoted themselves to Henry's care.

The Bluebonnet Area has a small benevolence fund to help people in times of need and this is one such time. If you or your church would like to help Pastor Keys and his family, you can send a donation to the Bluebonnet Area Office. Designate it for Pastor Keys and the area will forward those gifts to his family. Your gifts and your prayers, are greatly appreciated.

ATTENTION **Commissioned Ministers and Candidates for Commissioned Ministry**

The Bluebonnet Area Committee on Ministry is preparing for its commissioning interviews. If you are a commissioned minister or candidate for commissioned ministry you must come for an interview:

***If your commission expires in 2012**

***If you have applied to the program and you are currently eligible for a first commission**

The Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 15 and Saturday, March 3. The interviews will take place at the BBA office, 1744 West Gramercy Place, San Antonio, Texas 78201.

Please contact the BBA office at (210) 822-4345 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 8:30 a.m. to noon Friday to schedule your interview.



A Center of Continuing Education for Disciples of Christ
Rev. Julie A. Wood, Executive Director

November 15, 2011

Dear Colleagues in Ministry,

The Texas Bible Chair Foundation cordially invites you to attend our next **Clergy Leadership Institute**. It will be held on **Saturday, February 25, 2012** from **9:30 am to 3:30 pm** at **North Central Christian Church, 1300 Evans Road, San Antonio, Texas**. Please note this is a different location than the September Clergy Leadership Institute.

You do not have to have participated in any of our previous sessions to attend the February Clergy Leadership Institute. Each Institute is designed to stand on its own.

The February session will focus on **Conflict Resolution**. The workshops will be led by the **Revs. Lisa and Paul Klaus**, Co-Pastors of Round Rock Christian Church, where they have taught and implemented this approach to Conflict Resolution. The sessions will be available in both English and Spanish, if needed.

During our Clergy Leadership Institutes over the past three years, we averaged approximately 25 clergy in attendance at each session. The Institutes are designed for both ordained and licensed clergy as well as men and women who are exploring a call to vocational ministry. Bluebonnet Area licensed ministers will receive Continuing Education units from the BBA Department of Ministry for attending the entire day. CEU certificates will be distributed following the Closing Worship service. The courses are taught by ordained ministers and other scholars with graduate-level degrees.

Attached is a registration form for you to use. Limited scholarships are available. We would encourage any church or individual who is able to send an extra registration fee in order to make more scholarship money available for this training.

Also, please mark your calendars for the Clergy Leadership Institutes in 2012:

Saturday, May 12, 2012 in Austin
Saturday, September 22, 2012 in San Antonio

Please call or email me with any questions or if you need additional information about the Clergy Leadership Institute. I look forward to seeing you there!

Blessings,

Julie A. Wood

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SAVE THE DATES
2012
Upcoming
Clergy Leadership Institute
Sessions

Saturday, May 12, 2012
Austin

Saturday, September 22, 2012
San Antonio

Continuing Education credit is available for Licensed Ministers through the Bluebonnet Area Department of Ministry by attending the Texas Bible Chair Foundation's Clergy Leadership Institute. CEU Certificates will be distributed following the Closing Worship Service.

REFUND POLICY:

If requested, 80% of the registration fee will be refunded up to 14 days prior to the Clergy Leadership Institute. In the event of an emergency, 100% of the registration fee will be refunded up to the beginning of the event if the Texas Bible Chair Foundation is notified in writing.

SCHEDULE

9:00 am - 9:30 am	Registration
9:30 am - 10:00 am	Welcome and Worship
10:15 am - 11:30 am	SEMINAR #1 CONFLICT RESOLUTION "Identifying Conflict" Instructors: Revs. Lisa and Paul Klaus
11:30 am - 12:15 pm	LUNCH <i>(Provided with Registration)</i> Time will be allowed for small group discussions on issues and challenges of ministry.
12:15 pm - 1:30 pm	SEMINAR #2 CONFLICT RESOLUTION "Biblical Approaches to Conflict" Instructors: Revs. Lisa and Paul Klaus
1:45 pm - 3:00 pm	SEMINAR #3 CONFLICT RESOLUTION "Implementing Conflict Resolution in the Congregation" Instructors: Revs. Lisa and Paul Klaus
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Closing Worship with Communion

CYF Spring Rally

For 9th - 12th Grades

March 2 - 4, 2012

Check in 6:30pm Friday, Depart 10am Sunday

Camp Gonzo

Disciple Oaks Retreat Center, Gonzales, Texas

Stranded...
What's in your backpack?
Using Your Resources



Castaways...

Rev. Eric Gates is our Fearless Keynoter.

Directors

Justine Tunnell
830-822-3364

Ashley Clower
210-748-9822



Registration Form and \$100 Fee
due to the BBA Office by Feb.15.



**CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)
IN THE SOUTHWEST
CLERGY BOUNDARIES TRAINING
REGISTRATION**

Saturday, March 17, 2012
10 am – 4 pm
Rolling Oaks Christian Church
7150 Stahl Rd
San Antonio, Texas 78247

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Congregation: _____ City/State: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____ church home mobile

Ordained Commissioned Seminary Student _____

CCSW Area: Bluebonnet Coastal Plains North Texas Tres Rios
Central Hi-Plains Northeast Trinity-Brazos

Region (other than CCSW): _____

Registration fee: \$20 (lunch is not included)
Registration Deadline is February 24, 2012
Registration is limited. First-come, first-served.

Please send registration with fee to: Bluebonnet Area Office
(Make checks payable to Bluebonnet Area) 1744 W. Gramercy Pl
San Antonio, Texas 78201

For more information contact *Anna Facundo* at (210) 822-4345 or bba@ccsw.org

Participation Certification:

Presenter's Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Office Use Only:

Date Received _____ Check # _____ Check Date _____ Amount \$ _____ Staff Initials _____

Bluebonnet Area/LRGVD 2012 Annual Assembly

A New Thing in You!

Isaiah 43:19
"See! I am doing a
new thing!"

*Learn to do a new thing: In you, in your churches, in your area....
You'll learn about new worship styles, new leadership styles, new
ways of doing mission, and new things in the BBA....
more than that though....you'll worship and connect, be filled and
renewed in God's redeeming love.*

April 27-28, 2012

First Christian Church San Marcos

For more information:

www.bluebonnetarea.org or (210) 822-4345



Area Assembly Registration Form

Formulario de Inscripcion

2012 BBA/LRGVD AREA ASSEMBLY
 April 27-28, 2012 ✦ First Christian Church
 3105 Ranch Road 12, San Marcos

Last Name/Apellido: _____ **First Name/Nombre:** _____

Address/Direccion: _____ **City/Ciudad:** _____ **Zip Code/Codigo Postal:** _____

Phone Number/Numero de Telefono: _____ **Email Address/Correo Electronico:** _____

Congregation/Iglesia: _____ **Special Needs/Necesidades Especiales:** _____

Registration Fees/Cuotas de Inscripcion	Before/On April 6 Antes/El 6 de Abril	After April 6 Despues del 6 de Abril	Total Due Total a Pagar
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual/Individuo	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Family/Familia	\$60.00	\$70.00	\$

Complete this section only if your spouse will also be attending the Assembly/Llene esta seccion solo si su conyuge tambien asistira a la Asamblea
 Spouse's Name/Nombre del Conyuge: _____

Complete this section only if your child(ren) will also be attending the Assembly/Llene esta seccion solo si su niño(os) tambien asistiran a la Asamblea

Child's Name Nombre del Niño(a)	Age Edad	Nursery/Guardería Friday April 27 th Viernes 27 Abril	Saturday April 28 th Sabado 28 Abril	Youth Lock-In Reunion de Jovenes	List medications for each child Indique los medicamentos de cada niño(a)	List allergies for each child Indique las alergias de cada niño(a)
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		<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$12		
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Donation/Donativo I am unable to attend, but want to support the Area Assembly with my donation/Yo no puedo acudir, pero quiero apoyar la Asamblea del Area con mi donativo \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED/MONTO TOTAL: \$ _____

One Day Registration Available On Site Only/Inscripcion Para Un Solo Dia Solo Disponible en la Asamblea

Individual/Individuo \$20.00 Family/Familia \$30.00

Make check payable to/ Bluebonnet Area **Mail form and check to/** Bluebonnet Area of the Christian Church
 Extienda un Cheque a Favor de: Envie formulario y cheque a: 1744 W Gramercy Place
 San Antonio, Texas 78201

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY/SOLO PARA USO DE LA OFICINA BBA/LRGVD:

Date Received _____ Payer _____ Check # _____ Check Date _____ Check Amount \$ _____

Dear Ministers and Congregations,

Shepherd of the Hills Christian Church in Austin would like to extend an invitation to each of you to join us on a pilgrimage to Israel May 19-28, 2012. This inspirational journey to the Holy Land will lead you to a better understanding of the roots of your faith as we travel the land and visit the sights known to Jesus Christ. Highlights of our journey will include:

- Visit Old Jaffa at night, where Peter stayed at the house of Simon the Tanner
- Visit the impressive Caesarea Maritime, built in honor of Augustus Caesar by Herod the Great (Acts 10 & 25)
- Visit Mount Carmel, where Elijah issued his challenge to the False Prophets
- Explore Megiddo and the Valley of Armageddon (Revelation 16)
- Take a breathtaking panoramic view of Nazareth from the top of Mount Precipice
- Visit Cana of Galilee, where Jesus performed his first miracle, the turning of water into wine at a wedding feast (John 2:1-11).
- Sail on of the Sea of Galilee on a wooden boat as the disciples did 2,000 years ago
- Visit the “Ancient Jesus Boat” at Kibbutz Nof Geonsar
- Visit Yardenit – the baptismal site on the Jordan River
- Stand atop the Mount of Beatitudes (Matt. 5,6,7,8), where Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount.
- Ascend to Masada by cable car and discover this ancient fortress Built by King Herod
- Enjoy a relaxing afternoon at our Dead Sea resort hotel, where you can enjoy the famous Dead Sea Spa treatments.
- Experience a breathtaking panorama view from the Mount of Olives toward Old City Jerusalem
- Explore the Southern Temple Mount archeological excavations and the Davidson Center museum
- Visit Bethlehem, the Church of the Nativity and the Shepherd's Field
- Visit of the newly renovated Holocaust Museum - "Yad Vashem"
- Visit the Church of the Holy Sepulcher and the Garden Tomb

We would be delighted to have you consider joining us as we rekindle old friendships and make new ones on this once-in-a-lifetime journey to the Holy Land! Please request a pamphlet for prices and further details from shcc@shccaustin.org. You may direct questions to Pastors Rod Coleman and Greg Lanier at Shepherd of the Hills Christian Church in Austin: 512.343.7858 or shcc@shccaustin.org.

BBA TODAY

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

FEBRUARY

- 4 Texas Bible Chair Board Meeting
- 4 Camp/Rally Directors' Training, DORC 10:00 a.m.
- 11 Capital Cluster Mentor Group, Hyde Park CC, 10:00 a.m.
- 14 Capital Cluster Meeting, Hyde Park CC 12:00 p.m.
- 15 Commissioned Ministry Interviews, BBA Office
- 17-18 BBA Men's Retreat
- 22 Alamo Cluster Meeting, Jim's Restaurant 11:30 a.m.
- 25 Clergy Leadership Institute, North Central CC 9:30 a.m.

MARCH

- 2-4 CYF Spring Rally, DORC \$100
- 3 Commissioned Ministry Interviews, BBA Office
- 10 Capital Cluster Mentor Group, Hyde Park CC, 10:00 a.m.
- 13 Capital Cluster Meeting, Hyde Park CC 12:00 p.m.
- 17 Clergy Boundaries Training, Rolling Oaks CC 10:00 a.m.
- 28 Alamo Cluster Meeting, Jim's Restaurant 11:30 a.m.

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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