



# The Chalice



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## **A message from our Area Minister . . .**

Dear colleagues and friends of the BBA at the AP Council retreat on Thursday, June 16, I announced my intent to resign from the position of Transitional Area Minister of the Bluebonnet Area to be effective the middle of August. Terri and I have been graciously received and embraced with genuine goodwill and kindness since moving to Texas. It has been a joy to serve with you in the important ministry of the Bluebonnet Area. We are grateful for the wonderful goodness you have shown us.

In this brief time we have been blessed with new friends and many great Texas experiences. I am especially thankful for the steady faithfulness I have witnessed in the congregations of the area.

We will be moving to Henderson, KY. Even though we have been away from KY for many years, it is still "home."

This is not a farewell note, there is much yet to do. It is rather a notice that a change is coming.

Many blessings,

Allen

### **Prayer Partner Church of the Week**

July 3	FCC Lexington	All the People, Ministers	(979) 773-4416
July 10	FCC Kingsville	Terry Neel, Pastor	(361) 591-4911
July 17	FCC Smithville	Elliott Richmond, Pastor	(512) 237-4522
July 24	FCC San Benito	Caroline Herbert, Pastor	(956) 399-2864
July 31	Iglesia Cristiana Bet-El	All the People, Ministers	(361) 387-7975

Round Rock Christian Church D.W.M. Honors Rilda Scarborough  
Liz Offord Will Lead In 2011-2012

On June 13, the ladies of DWM honored outgoing leader Rilda Scarborough with a gift and many accolades for her steadfast witness at Round Rock Christian Church. Under her leadership the past two years the DWM (formerly CWF) has grown in rank from five to seven, to some twenty active in the ministry. Serving with Rilda this year has been Amy Tucker, assistant leader, Susan Kessler, secretary and Margaret Plough, Treasurer. Liz Offord, Susan Kessler, Mildred Adair and Linda Glover served as the study team who led the group through the book of Revelation in nine sessions.

Rilda and team have been instrumental in forming a Bereavement Ministry, an evening DWM group, Round Rock serving center work days, delivered 100 toiletry bags to Good Samaritan Ministries, sponsored families in need at Christmastime, captured the *Judy Award* at BBALRGV Women's Retreat with 24 in attendance, and honored all women with an annual Ladies Tea along with numerous other projects.

Culminating the year, RRCC's DWM will host former Swaziland missionaries Sandy and Dan Owen, and their guests from Swaziland Bishop and Make Mkhonta, on July 17. During the coming year the ladies will make banners for local Swaziland congregations as well as continue to support the children through the scholarship and *Feed The Children* programs.

DWM will resume in September on the second Monday of each month, 9:30 a.m. with Liz Offord as group leader. The leadership team remains to support Liz as the Disciples Women's Ministry studies the Beatitudes and continues to serve from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth.

**Round Rock Christian DWM Hosts  
Swaziland Bishop & Mrs. Mkhonta  
At Round Rock Christian Church  
on July 17th**

Round Rock Christian Church, Round Rock, will host Swaziland Bishop and Make Mkhonta, Sunday, July 17. During the past year the DWM has raised funds to assist former missionary Sandy Own to sponsor Make's trip to the Disciples national convention and following to visit the Austin area.

Bishop Mkhonta will preach during morning worship, followed by a potluck luncheon. The day will culminate with the women gathering to hear Make and Sandy share life in Swaziland while the men will gather to listen to the Bishop and Dan Owen.

Disciples sister churches are invited all of the July 17 events. Plan to bring a dish for the luncheon. Please RSVP to the RRCC office manager not later than Friday, July 15.

Schedule:

11:00 AM- morning worship

12:15 PM-potluck luncheon

1:30 PM-sharing session with the Mkhontas & Missionaries

# Chi Rho Summer Camp

(Completed 6th or 7th Grade)

## July 17-23, 2011

Arrive Sunday between 3 and 5 pm.  
Depart Saturday 10:15 am.

### Camp Gonzo

@Disciple Oaks Retreat Center in Gonzales, TX

# *Come to the Water*

## Living Water...John 7:38

Beach Party      Water Olympics

Canoeing      Fishing

Paddle Boats      Walking on Water

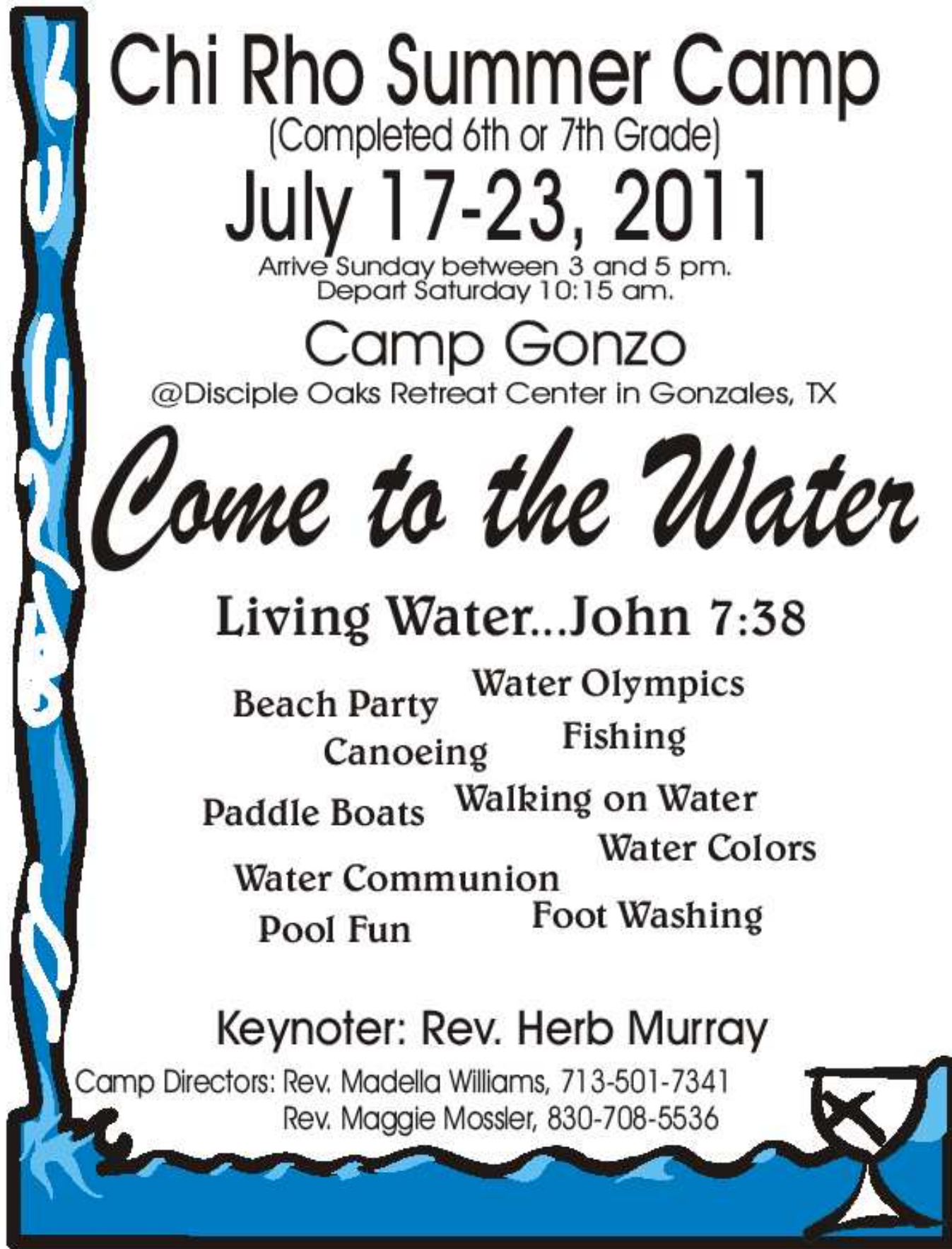
Water Communion      Water Colors

Pool Fun      Foot Washing

### Keynoter: Rev. Herb Murray

Camp Directors: Rev. Madella Williams, 713-501-7341

Rev. Maggie Mossler, 830-708-5536



**Barry Smith Ordination**  
**July 24, 2011**  
**3:00 pm**



Barry Smith, Wedding Minister at University Christian Church, Austin, is a recent graduate of Brite Divinity School, Fort Worth. His service of ordination into Christian Ministry will be held Sunday, July 24, 2011 in his home church, Round Rock Christian Church, Round Rock. The Round Rock congregation invites friends of Barry to join in this joyous occasion and to attend the reception dinner following the ordination. Please RSVP to the church office no later than Thursday, July 21st at (512) 244-3260.



*The Members*  
*of*  
*Round Rock Christian Church*

*Request Your Presence*  
*at the*  
*Service of Christian Ordination*  
*of*

*Barry Earl Smith*  
*on*  
*Sunday, July 24, 2011*  
*3:00 P.M.*

*Round Rock Christian Church*  
*(Disciples of Christ)*  
*22 Chalice Way*  
*Round Rock, Texas*



**OUR  
INCREDIBLE  
JOURNEY**  
MATTHEW 4:19

**BBA AND CPA**

**2011 JUNIOR CAMP**

**(COMPLETED FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADE)**

**JULY 24 - 29**

**DISCIPLE OAKS RETREAT CENTER  
GONZALES, TEXAS**

**CHECK IN IS FROM 4:30 TO 5:00 PM ON JULY 24.**

**PLEASE PLAN TO ARRIVE BY 5:00 PM.**

**CAMP WILL BE OVER AT 10:30 AM ON JULY 29.**

**PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 10:15 AM  
SO THAT WE CAN COMPLETE OUR CLOSING TIME.**

**WE WILL BE FOLLOWING IN JESUS' FOOTSTEPS AS WE VISIT MANY  
OF THE PLACES AND PEOPLE WHO WERE TOUCHED BY HIM.  
JOIN US THIS SUMMER ON OUR INCREDIBLE JOURNEY.**

**MORE INFORMATION:**

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REV. JOHN MALGET  
REVJMALGET@EARTHLINK.NET**

**BLUEBONNET AREA DIRECTOR  
REV. CARI FOWLER  
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**CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)  
IN THE SOUTHWEST  
CLERGY BOUNDARIES TRAINING  
REGISTRATION**

Saturday, August 27, 2011  
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  Licensed  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 August 15, 2011*  
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](mailto:bba@ccsw.org)

**Participation Certification:**

Presenter's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**For Office Use Only:**

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

I hope you are enjoying your summer and are being blessed by the warm (sometimes downright hot) Texas weather!

The Christian Church in the Southwest (CCSW) Women's Assembly was held at the Hilton DFW Lakes Hotel in Grapevine, TX, on June 10-12, 2011. Our keynote speaker was scheduled to be Rev. Amy Gopp, Director of Week of Compassion. However, after falling ill with a virus after traveling overseas and her doctors not allowing her to travel, Rev. Dr. Judy Allen from FCC Pasadena, TX, Rev. Dr. Katie Hays from Northwest Christian in Arlington, TX, and Rev. April Johnson, Director of Reconciliation Ministries, stepped in and delivered the keynotes and bible study for the Assembly. Leave it to our Area leaders to keep their cool and not panic with a last minute keynote speaker cancellation!

The Assembly was wonderful! We had top notch accommodations, excellent food, worship, music, workshops and enjoyed some fun girl time with a pool party and an ice cream social! A highlight was tea and conversation with our General Minister and President, Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins. I hope you were there with us and if not, plan to join us next year. You won't be disappointed and will come away inspired and spiritually renewed. Stay tuned for what promises to be some exciting news about next year's Assembly!

Registration is now open for the BBA Women's Retreat which will be held September 23-25, 2011 at Disciple Oaks in Gonzales! The lodge is starting to fill up, so be sure to put the date on your calendar now and send in your registration form soon. Our keynote speaker will be Sheila Spencer, Director in the Office of Disciples Women, and a much in demand speaker around the country. The registration form and flyer are available online at the BBA website <http://www.bluebonnetarea.org/>.

Don't forget that we will be holding a Silent Auction at the retreat. Last year the Auction raised \$1,367! This was a hugely successful event at last year's retreat and we need your help to do it again!. So start finding those things that you would like to donate to the auction. Please send an email to Phyllis Fischer at [phyllisf007@gmail.com](mailto:phyllisf007@gmail.com) describing your item(s) and, if possible, email a picture of your item to her as well.

One last thing...are you on the mailing list to receive the quarterly Disciple Women's News & Notes Newsletter? It is a publication that I create and send out to over 850 people around the Southwest Region! The next edition will come out on July 1<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to receive the newsletter, please send an email to [discipleswomen@ccsw.org](mailto:discipleswomen@ccsw.org) and provide your name, email address, cluster and what church you attend. I will add you to the distribution list.

If you need more information on anything relating to Disciples Women, please feel free to e-mail or call me!

God bless,

Melanie Holtz

Coordinator

Disciples Women's Ministries

Bluebonnet Area/LRGVD

# The Sweet Life

## Savoring Time with God



Ephesians 3:20 - 21

“God can do anything, you know - far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us.”

### A Retreat for Disciples Women

Bluebonnet Area/LRGVD

September 23 - 25, 2011

Disciple Oaks Retreat Center ~ Gonzales, TX

### Registration Options...

Full Registration: Friday & Saturday nights with 4 meals

One Night Registration: Either Friday night or Saturday night with 3 meals

Saturday only: Saturday only with 2 meals

### Saturday Workshops (select on-site)...

Session 1 — 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm

1 Scrapbooking

2 What it Means to be a Disciple

3 Who's In Control?

4 To be announced at retreat

Session 2 — 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

5 Understanding our Social Advocacy Theme -

Human Trafficking

6 Bible Study - English

7 Bible Study - Spanish

8 Signing to Music

Rev. Jean Cotten

Rev. Peggy Edge

Minerva de la Cruz

Beth Graham

### Silent Auction...

Once again we will be holding our awesome Silent Auction so be sure to bring something handmade or purchased with you to be auctioned off! You won't want to miss out on this fun event! Proceeds go to "The Challenge Fund" so we can hire a Regional DWM Staff Woman.

Our Keynote Speaker

## Sheila Spencer

Program Director / Merger Staff in the Office of Disciples Women



Sheila Spencer serves as the Program Director / Merger Staff for the Office of Disciples Women for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Her ministry provides leadership and leadership training to churches and women's groups across the country. She leads missionary journeys and encourages women to see life through a new set of eyes. Sheila also provides leadership and training for the Leader Apprentice Program (formerly Enablers): a leadership development ministry for women of color. She is the point person for the new magazine *Just Women: Embracing Life*.

Sheila is a native of Los Angeles where she was an educator, coordinator, trainer, mentor, workshop presenter, consultant and coach for the Los Angeles Unified School District. Her undergraduate degree is from the University of Southern California and her Master's in Education is from California State Dominguez Hills. Leadership development has always been one of her passions and specialties. Teaching is a ministry that gave her the opportunity to reach out to the students, parents and community. Sheila knows that these are all qualities that have prepared her for this next step in ministry.

Sheila is a published author, poet, speaker and writer. She is the editor and creator of an online newsletter dedicated to the encouragement of women. She has published a collection of poetry and recorded a spoken word CD. Writing is a gift, a passion and her ministry.

For more information...

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(512) 535-0625

<b>REGISTRATION OPTIONS</b>		Postmarked on/before Sept. 1st	Postmarked After Sept. 1st
<b>PACKAGE # 1</b> FULL EVENT - Fri. & Sat. Nights w/4 meals Breakfast, lunch & dinner on Saturday + Sunday breakfast		\$100.00	\$115.00
<b>PACKAGE # 2</b> FRIDAY NIGHT ONLY - with 3 meals Breakfast, lunch & dinner on Saturday		\$85.00	\$100.00
<b>PACKAGE # 3</b> SATURDAY NIGHT ONLY - with 3 meals Lunch & dinner on Saturday + Sunday breakfast		\$85.00	\$100.00
<b>PACKAGE # 4</b> SATURDAY ONLY - with 2 meals - No Overnight Lunch & dinner on Saturday		\$45.00	\$60.00

**Optional Retreat T-Shirt**

Please indicate your size choice on the registration form on the left and include the price of your t-shirt with your registration fee. T-shirts must be ordered by September 1st so we can order them in time to have them at retreat for you.

**What to bring with you**

- Donation item for the Silent Auction
- Bedding: pillow, sleeping bag or twin size sheets and a blanket
- Toiletries: soap, shampoo, hair dryer
- Towels (bath & washcloth)
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Flashlight & alarm clock
- Swimsuit & swim noodles if you plan to swim
- Bug spray & sunscreen
- A closable/sealable water bottle
- Snacks to share and games to play at the activity center in the evening and during free time (board games, cards, dominoes, etc.)
- Bible
- Camera
- Money or checkbook for offerings and bidding on silent auction items

**Disciple Oaks Retreat Center**

The retreat center is within easy driving distance of Austin, Corpus Christi, and San Antonio. The entrance is on the west side of Hwy. 183, about seven miles south of Gonzales. The retreat center address is:

673 Private Road 3381, Gonzales, TX 78629

Keep this side for your information & future reference.

**Registration Form**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
First & Last Name as you want it to appear on your name tag

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME #: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ CELL # ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

LODGING PREFERENCE - Please check all that apply:

NO PREFERENCE - You can put me in either the Lodge OR the Activity Center.

ACTIVITY CENTER - circle one: Upstairs Downstairs

I am willing to sleep on an upper bunk (this will allow more women to come)

I am willing to stay on the Boys Side (NOTE: the bathroom is down stairs)

LODGE - (Please note the lodge fills up quickly and is reserved for women attending the full event only. Each room sleeps 4 to 5 women only.)

PLEASE NOTE: If you want to stay with specific roommates, please submit all your registration forms together so we can make sure you are assigned to the same room. I want to share a room with: \_\_\_\_\_

I have special needs as listed: \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if this is your first time attending this retreat.

REGISTRATION CHOICE: See the right page for package pricing details and check your registration choice below:

Package #1  Package #2  Package #3  Package #4

Registration Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

OPTIONAL RETREAT THEME T-SHIRT \$10.00:

Circle your size preference below and include the amount with your registration fee.

All shirts must be ordered by September 1st.

S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL T-Shirt Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

Cut along the dotted line and mail this portion of the form along with your check made payable to "BBA" to:

BBA Disciple Women's Retreat

1744 W. Grammery Place, San Antonio, TX 78201

Cut here along the dotted line

To all churches in the BBA:

As the Men's Ministries representative to the A P council I would like to have a way of communicating with each church representative for Men's Ministries. We are trying to resurrect the Men's Ministries in the Blue Bonnet Area so even if your church has not been very active in this area, please respond. Who knows, by pulling together we may be able to influence the entire church and start a movement that even Satan will be unable to stop?

Whatever information you have available would be really appreciated.

I would like to have the name of your representative for Men's Ministries, their e-mail address if they have one, their telephone number if they have one or at least their mailing address.

This is my second attempt to gain this information. Some churches have already responded, but a lot of you have not.

Please help.

Have a very blessed day,

*Pastor Arlie Lammers*

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**DISCIPLES  
MEN**

# BBA TODAY

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

## JULY

- 5-10 Instituto de Verano para Ministerios Hispanos, Brite Divinity School
- 10-12 Women's Assembly
- 12 CYF Summer Camp, DORC, Gonzales
- 18 Texas Bible Chair Board Meeting, FCC Smithville, 10:00 a.m.
- 26-30 Eighters' Summer Camp, DORC, Gonzales

## AUGUST

- 27 Clergy Boundaries Training, Rolling Oaks CC, San Antonio, \$20

## SEPTEMBER

- 23-25 BBA Women's Retreat, DORC, 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](mailto:bba@ccsw.org)) **by the 15th of each month** to include in the next month's issue.

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