



# The Chalice



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**BBA/LRGVD**

**Cash Position Report**

**As of October 10, 2011**

		<u>October 10, 2011</u>	
		<u>Assest</u>	<u>Liabilities</u>
<b>Available Funds</b>			
<b>Board of Church Extension Investment</b>		9,400.63	
<b>First Mark CU Checking</b>		97,624.42	
<b>First Mark CU Savings</b>		100.00	
<b>Committed Funds</b>			
<b>Area Benevolence Fund</b>			213.39
<b>Chalice Dove Ministries</b>			60.00
<b>Men's Ministries</b>			970.40
<b>New Church Starts</b>			27,497.51
<b>New Church Start--Hope United</b>			2,000.00
<b>Reconciliation Funds</b>			11,609.68
<b>Women's Ministries</b>			1,602.25
<b>Camp Scholarship Fund</b>			530.00
<b>Women's Retreat Registrations Not Yet Expended</b>			3,650.18
<b>Pass Thru Funds Received October 1-10, 2011</b>			2,560.75
<b>TOTAL</b>		<u><u>107,125.05</u></u>	<u><u>48,133.41</u></u>
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS</b>		<u><u>58,991.64</u></u>	

**Prayer Partner Church of the Week**

Nov 6	FCC Laredo	Jorge Torres, Pastor	(956) 723-6115
Nov 13	FCC Llano	Vacant	(325) 247-5309
Nov 20	FCC McAllen	Max Grubb, Pastor	(956) 687-8519
Nov 27	Rolling Oaks CC	Al Adams, Senior Pastor	(210) 654-1744

Bluebonnet Area/ LRGVD General Fund	Income and Expenses Report											
	Jan 11	Feb 11	Mar 11	Apr 11	May 11	Jun 11	Jul 11	Aug 11	Sep 11	TOTAL		
<b>Income</b>												
42000 - Gifts from Area Congregations	10,408.93	6,236.09	5,012.34	7,944.60	5,505.07	5,900.55	8,822.40	5,063.68	3,597.93	58,492.59		
42600 - Gifts from Individuals	1,765.45	486.05	337.00	672.00	336.00	573.00	250.00	250.00	100.00	4,765.50		
46000 - Christian Church in the SW	2,446.50	2,446.50	1,223.25	1,223.25	1,223.25	1,223.25	1,223.25	1,223.25	1,223.25	13,455.75		
46200 - Investment Income	81.00	12.36	12.06	84.08	12.98	14.12	386.77	15.55	0.00	618.92		
48000 - Licensed Minister's Trng Books	0.00	0.00	-32.86	50.00	-101.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	-29.37	-114.15		
47000 - Event Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	684.80	1,915.92	1,298.56	1,943.61	0.00	1,489.60	7,332.49		
<b>Total Income</b>	14,701.88	9,181.00	6,551.79	10,658.73	8,892.30	9,005.48	12,626.03	6,552.48	6,381.41	84,555.10		
<b>Expense</b>												
60100 - Area Minister	3,505.99	3,908.33	2,876.12	3,345.19	3,397.57	3,312.50	2,605.24	1,699.54	0.00	25,258.48		
60180 - Minister's Housing Allowance	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	1,200.00	0.00	18,000.00		
66600 - Staffing Costs	2,835.87	2,889.87	2,839.87	2,866.87	2,839.88	2,889.86	2,839.87	2,740.43	2,640.96	25,710.48		
62000 - Operating Expenses	2,722.74	1,977.26	1,541.51	1,505.08	2,330.67	1,674.56	2,067.17	2,304.10	1,561.82	18,108.91		
80000 - Departments/Committees	0.00	0.00	14.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.22		
<b>Total Expense</b>	11,865.60	11,275.46	9,671.72	10,645.14	10,968.12	10,376.92	10,116.28	7,964.07	4,202.78	87,092.09		
<b>Net Income</b>	2,836.28	-2,094.46	-3,119.83	10.59	-2,075.82	-1,387.44	2,509.75	-1,411.59	2,178.63	-2,536.99		

Texas Rising Star Provider



# Childcare Center

## Now Enrolling



**Inman Christian Center**

[www.inmancenter.org](http://www.inmancenter.org)



**Ages:** 6-weeks to After-school  
**Location:** 1214 Colima  
**Phone #:** 210.222.9641, ask for San Juana



**Hours of Operation:**  
Mon.-Fri. 7:00a.m.-6:00p.m.

**Program Offers:**

- Child-Initiated Center Play
- 2-developmentally appropriate playgrounds
- Beautiful Children's Garden
- Open gymnasium for outdoor activities
- After-school pick-up from J.T. Brackenridge
- Drop-ins Welcomed

**Other Benefits:**

- Nutritious meals & snacks at no additional cost
- Fully Remodeled Classrooms
- All Staff have CDA credentials or higher

•*Lowest rates in San Antonio in a warm, nurturing environment.*

Accept: Sliding Scale • Working Parents • CCS•

# FALL FOOD DRIVE

## Inman Christian Center

1214 Colima Street, 78207

Your Cash and/or food donation  
can help us Fight Hunger!

*As we approach the winter months  
we ask for your hand to help to re-  
stock our pantry to meet the rising  
food needs of our most vulnerable  
individual in our community.*

***For large food donations we can  
arrange for pick up.***

**Tel: (210) 222-9641**

Drive End Date: 12/20/11

 **Inman**  
**Christian Center**  
| Childcare | Housing | Social Services | Summer Recreation |

## **New Freedom Christian Church addresses Educational Disparity and Inequality**

New Freedom has accepted a special call to a racially diverse demographic that has been historically underprivileged in many socio-economic factors including access to quality education. This is also due, in part, to language barriers between English-speaking and Spanish-speaking persons.

New Freedom has stepped up on behalf of the countless individuals, who for socioeconomic reasons, may never set foot on a traditional college or seminary campus but nonetheless are called of God to theological education.

To address this centuries-old issue of educational disparity and inequality, New Freedom has partnered with *Austin Community College* and the *Institute of Theology by Extension (INSTE)* to offer a congregation-based program of study at two conveniently located campuses in North and South Austin. Our South Campus will be providing classes in both English and Spanish.

Through successful completion of Austin Community College coursework, INSTE-approved studies and active participation in New Freedom Christian Church, students may earn a **Bachelor of Arts in Bible and Theology**.

Other academic options of study include:

- Diploma of Christian Leadership OR Diploma of Christian Ministry
- Certificate of Christian Ministry

**All degrees, diplomas, and certificates are earned through INSTE Bible College, a nationally accredited institution of higher learning recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).**

New Freedom Christian Church is now soliciting all manifestations of the Disciples of Christ and our newest partners in ministry the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship for scholarship funds. These funds will allow us to serve underprivileged students and help them to take advantage of this great opportunity!

In gratitude for **any generous gift from \$1 to \$999**, New Freedom will send a personal **Letter of Thanks** signed by Rev. Parker and a **Certificate of Appreciation** from New Freedom Christian Church.

We will also be establishing three named scholarship funds that shall exist perpetually for the lifetime of New Freedom Christian Church:

**\$1,000**

[Your Name Here] Scholarship

**\$5,000**

[Your Name Here] Scholarship

**\$10,000**

[Your Name Here] Scholarship

Remember, **only the first donors** to contribute at the above levels will have scholarships named in their honor so don't hesitate!

Contributions may be given securely online via PayPal (preferred) at our website <http://www.newfreedomcc.org/> or by mail to our church address at **7901 Cameron Road, Suite 2-201, Austin, Texas 78754**.

Make sure to designate your check, money order or online payment as "*Scholarship*" so that we can make sure your gift serves its intended purpose.

Please give today as we are currently recruiting for our inaugural class starting in January 2012. Thank you and may God richly bless you in your giving!

# Movie Night - Bible Study

**A Three-Week Experience!**  
**A Combined Movie Night**  
**and Bible Study**



**Tuesday Evenings**  
**November 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 pm to 9:00 pm (±)**



*Babette's Feast* is an Academy Award Winning film and an acclaimed Best Foreign Language Film. Released in 1987, it is set on the Danish coast during the nineteenth century.



**What does it really mean to say that we come together "at table?" Is it about who we eat with — the people or the event? ... or is it about the food that we eat? ... or is it about who prepares the table?**



**This movie is being shown as part of a three-week Bible study of the Last Supper. This movie-Bible study experience is free and open to everyone. Please consider joining us for these three evenings.**



**7150 Stahl Road**  
**San Antonio, TX 78247**  
**(210) 654-1744**

## University Christian Church Celebrates its 65th Anniversary

On November 3, 1946, eleven church members met in the Texas Bible Chair building at the corner of University Avenue and 21<sup>st</sup> Street in Austin, Texas, to celebrate the first official worship service of University Christian Church of Austin. This year, on Sunday, November 6, 2011, University Christian Church will celebrate its 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at that location with an All Saints Hymn Festival during Sunday morning worship service and with cake and punch at a reception afterward.

Those eleven founding members had organized to offer support to a large student group that had formed around a weekly Bible Study at the Texas Bible Chair. The church grew rapidly. Many early members and student members were World War II veterans going to school on the GI bill and wanting to make the world a better place. Others were educators, attracted by the University environment.

Churches and individuals from across Texas helped provide funds to build the church. The current sanctuary, with its large stained-glass window across the street from the campus, was completed in 1954. The Texas Bible Chair Foundation (now dedicated to continuing education for clergy and laity) still maintains an office in the church's education wing, which was completed in 1961 and gives the church building the exterior configuration that it has today.

An Endowment for Creative Ministry, established in 1981, periodically provides special programs. Recently the ECM has been sponsoring a series of Forums to promote balanced and respectful dialogue on current topics of interest.

We invite you to join us November 6, 2011, to celebrate and remember 65 years of University Christian Church in Austin. Visit the church's website at <http://www.ucc-austin.org/> for more information on the church and its programs.



## **Holiday Market Days at Hill Country Christian Church**

**Bulverde-Spring Branch  
Arts, Crafts, Gifts, Farmers Market & Rummage Sale!!**

**November 4 & 5, 2011**

**9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.**

**Parking lot and patio vender spaces are still available.**

For more information you either email [mjr9924@gmail.com](mailto:mjr9924@gmail.com) or  
[debhccc@gvtc.com](mailto:debhccc@gvtc.com)

Or call Mary Jane (830) 438-5847

### **Seminar on Marriage**

**NOVEMBER 5, 2011 – 10:00 a.m.**  
Alamo Heights Christian Church

Alamo Heights Christian Church is pleased to announce the second in a series of seminars to serve the church and the community. It will be held from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> in Kirtley Hall, and will be taught by Dr. Charles McNeely. Dr. McNeely is the Interim Minister at the Alamo Heights Christian Church and has taught Marriage and Family Counseling at colleges and graduate schools across America.

Do you want to strengthen your marriage? Is your marriage under stress? Or are you planning to get married? This seminar will focus on practical steps and biblical principles to help enrich your relationship.

The seminar is free and open to the public—but we recommend that you register by November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Church telephone number is (210) 828--5728.

# ALAMO HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN CHURCH HOLIDAY BAZAAR 2011

**DATE: 12/03/2011**  
**TIME: 10:00—4:00**

Bring you family, friends and neighbors for a great day of shopping and fun. Enjoy lunch at Grandma Sarah's Kitchen and relax and enjoy the various shopping booths.

Come and get some wonderful handcrafted Christmas gifts for that special someone or perhaps for that special child or friend. So many choices, jewelry, candles, hand sewn items, cards, toys, household items, purses, totes, and many more.



Alamo Heights Christian Church  
6435 N. New Braunfels Ave.  
San Antonio, TX 78209  
[www.alamoworship.org](http://www.alamoworship.org)  
(210) 828-5728

Contact person: Barbara Perkins

210-995-4485

Greetings Bluebonnet Area/LRGVD,

We had an amazing retreat this past weekend! We had 100 women at Disciple Oaks Retreat Center and had 21 first time attendees! Our keynote speaker, Ms. Sheila Spencer from the Disciple Women's office in Indianapolis was a huge hit with her keynote on "savoring our time with God".

FCC - Kerrville took home the Judy Award this year with 14 women attending! FCC - Round Rock who took home the Award last year came in second this year with 11 women in attendance! There were 12 Spanish-speaking women from the Valley representing 3 churches, but the first-timers award went to the women from Iglesia Cristiana Ebenezer who had 6 first timers there!

Worship services led by Hill Country, Alamo, and Capital Clusters were wonderful and so was our music led by Ann Weaver & Margo Gregory from FCC - San Marcos and accompanied by Jane Keene from Shepherd of the Hills in Austin. It is always a pleasure to have Carrol Scarborough from FCC - Round Rock bring her guitar and play her guitar too. I don't think there was a dry eye in the room when she sang her solo, "In the Garden", during our Sunday morning worship service! The Holy Spirit was truly among us that day. Thank you Carrol!

The ladies in the Bluebonnet Area/LRGVD certainly didn't leave their pocketbooks at home! The silent auction, which raises funds for the Challenge Fundraiser brought in \$876! That brings the Challenge Fund account total to \$7,468! We are getting closer and closer to being able to hire a full time staff person to represent the Disciples Women in the Southwest Region. I can't thank Phyllis Fisher, Rosemary Faris and all of the hard-working women from FCC-Kerrville for hosting this very successful and fun event for us. You have the bidding and checkout/payment thing down to a science! Thank you!

We also had an offering on Saturday with the proceeds to go to setting up a named fund with the Women's Endowment Fund for the Bluebonnet Area/LRGVD. With that offering we raised \$741! I will be taking the additional \$259 out of the BBA/LRGVD Disciples Women's fund to bring it up to the needed \$1,000. Once I set up this fund with the Christian Church Foundation, I will send out an update in the Chalice Newsletter. In the future, anytime you would like to honor a friend for their birthday, or someone in your church or at work for a job well done, simply send in your tax deductible donation and designate the BBA/LRGVD fund name! It's a great way to honor women in the BBA/LRGVD and continue to support women's ministries at the same time. And remember; only the interest is used by the Christian Church Foundation - the principle stays put!

As if all of this wasn't enough: we had wonderful morning devotions, excellent workshop presenters, collected books for Inman Center, experienced a wonderfully informative presentation on the Women-to-Woman journey to Turkey, presented by Adonna Bowman (she even had cookies from Turkey for us all to try). We had a fun game of door prize give-away's, special treats on our beds called "agape" hospitality gifts, had great food all weekend, took listened to Sheila when she showed us that it's okay slow down and rest, and we truly savored our time with God and our sisters in Christ. Please consider joining us next year—you won't want to miss the experience!

I have also been asked to represent the women in the BBA/LRGVD on the Administrative Committee (replacing Ana Aquino). I was honored to accept the nomination and am excited about serving in my new role! The next Administrative Committee meeting will be held in Dallas November 11-13. Please keep me and the other women who serve on this committee in your prayers as we plan the upcoming events for the women in the Southwest Region.

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

## PHOTOS FROM THE 2011 BBA/LRGVD WOMEN'S RETREAT



The sun was really bright, but we sat through it to get our yearly group photo!



Carrol Scarborough sang "In the Garden"



Members of the Signing to Music workshop



Boy are we hungry!



Everyone loved our Keynote Speaker, Sheila Spencer!



Some of the items in the Silent Auction



Handing over the Judy Award!

# BBA TODAY

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

## NOVEMBER

- 7 LRGVD Mentor Group at FCC San Benito 7:00 p.m.
- 8 Capital Cluster Meeting, Hyde Park CC 12:00 p.m.
- 11-13 CYF Fall Rally, DORC \$100
- 12 Capital Cluster Mentor Group at Hyde Park CC, 10:00 a.m.
- 12 DORC Board Meeting, Gonzales 10:30 a.m.
- 16 Alamo Cluster Meeting at Jim's Restaurant 11:30 a.m.
- 24-25 BBA Office Closed in Observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday

## DECEMBER

- 5 LRGVD Mentor Group at FCC San Benito 7:00 p.m.
- 10 Capital Cluster Mentor Group at Hyde Park CC, 10:00 a.m.
- 13 Capital Cluster Meeting, Hyde Park CC 12:00 p.m.
- 21 Alamo Cluster Meeting at Jim's Restaurant 11:30 a.m.
- 26-30 BBA Office Closed in Observance of the Christmas Holiday

## JANUARY

- 2 LRGVD Mentor Group at FCC San Benito 7:00 p.m.
- 10 Capital Cluster Meeting, Hyde Park CC 12:00 p.m.
- 14 Capital Cluster Mentor Group at Hyde Park CC, 10:00 a.m.
- 17 BBA Office Closed in Observance of the MLK Holiday
- 25 Alamo Cluster Meeting at 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](mailto:bba@ccsw.org)) **by the 15th of each month** to include in the next month's issue.

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