

Congregational Church of the Valley
your community Congregational Church

Newsletter

August 2010



*"And above all these put on love,
which binds everything together
in perfect harmony."*

Colossians 3:14

Our Covenant

We covenant with the Lord and one with another and do acknowledge our faith in Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior and take for our rule of life His own words: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind and with all thy strength; and thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

GOD SPECIALIZES IN BIG ORDERS

Remember that song from a while back, “Somebody bigger than you and I.” It stresses that we often ask about the Creator or Maker of the mountains, the sky and all the inhabitants ... and the answer comes back, “Somebody bigger than you and I.” Oh, research and technology have done many wonderful and unbelievable things ... but all of those accomplishments were made with that which God had already created and entrusted to our use. We just discovered the combination! Indeed, our God IS a great God! But our God created nothing for the sake of mass ... everything was, and is yet, measured in terms of value and usefulness. No exceptions!!

This small church, of which we are a part, has embarked upon a “big project ... but not because it is for bigness ... rather, for the values and usefulness ... the countless ways in which we and it will have a part in the doing of God’s will as we share in the building of His kingdom! Too big a project for us? Yes! But not for God, through us! Remember that old chorus, “Only believe, only believe; All things are possible, only believe! Only believe; only believe; All things are possible, only believe!” The greatest pre-requisite in the accomplishment of anything is that we believe that what is being done is God’s will and that it is to the honor and glory of His name! Then ... ask for His guidance ... and head for the front lines! A SPECIAL THANKS to numbers of you who have already done that ... in the planning - the sales of sort-of small items - the savings of “change” - the searching out of places from which we may receive larger contributions, etc.

Here’s what’s happening. The Planning and Building Committee has done an admirable job of gathering and assessing allocation and use of space, design and details of construction, met with architects and construction companies, now have an architectural drawing on display in the foyer and have information as to city permits, etc. A definitive statement regarding the needs, values and use of the building is currently in progress. The Building Fund Committee has and will be meeting for the strategy of raising necessary funds! This is no small project ... and it is an important one! It proposes to have values to the church, the community, other organizations and other services that are exciting as a mission in serving the needs of “others”. The list of ways in which this small church can be an “outreach” for God is near endless!

If you would like to get involved at any level, call the church office and give Kathleen your name (480 899-4704) or our Moderator, Paul Petroff (480 634-7124). This will help you plug into the right place. Meanwhile, let’s keep in touch with God - our faith believing - and our shoulder to the wheel !!!

-LJS

PLYMOUTH GUILD

The Guild's "Back to School" Salad Luncheon held on Saturday, July 10th was a great success, thanks to your generosity! Debra Burkett from The City of Chandler Public Housing Youth Program spoke of the need of school supplies for these children of needy families and also of the importance of supplying the toothbrushes and toothpaste to promote their good hygiene. During a conversation with Debra last week, she stated that every child in their program received a toothbrush and every family received a tube of toothpaste, but that families with multiple children had to share the toothpaste. Supplying these children with school supplies and hygiene items is an ongoing program for the Guild. The School Bus in the foyer is there for that purpose. We need your help!

The August 14th meeting of the Guild will be a breakfast meeting at The Village Inn, Germann and Gilbert Roads, 9:00 a.m. The ladies are to meet at the church at 8:30 and bring their "baked goods" for the Bake Sale to be held on Sunday, August 15th. A short meeting will be held back at the church following the breakfast. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the church foyer. Ladies, come join us!

It's "**Cleanup Time**". A Parking Lot Sale sponsored by the Guild and The Board of Trustees is being planned for Saturday, November 13th. The church now has limited storage space, so please check your homes and garages for any items you would like to contribute to the sale. The proceeds from the sale will be split equally between the Guild and The Board of Trustees (Building Fund).

The Mission for the Month of August is once again "I Can".

Cindy Palmer, President

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, Sept. 12th new members will be received.
There will be a Sunday School “kick off” in September. More information will follow.
There will be no Men’s Breakfast in August or September, but it will begin again “with colors flying” on Saturday, October 2nd.
The Fall Bible Study will start in October. Don’t forget the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer. Indicate which night would be best for you on the sheet.

KATHLEEN'S KORNER

We would like to wish a *Happy Birthday* to all members and friends celebrating their birthdays in August:

<i>Robert Inocencio</i>	<i>Aug. 5th</i>	<i>Joyce Newman</i>	<i>Aug. 24th</i>
<i>Teagan Carmichael</i>	<i>Aug. 7th</i>	<i>Barbara Bullock</i>	<i>Aug. 26th</i>
<i>Frank Cochran</i>	<i>Aug. 8th</i>	<i>Phyllis Hall</i>	<i>Aug. 27th</i>
<i>Carole Schossow</i>	<i>Aug. 23rd</i>	<i>Jessica Daniels</i>	<i>Aug. 29th</i>

Congratulations are in order to Shannon and Jeremy Schossow on the birth of their new baby boy, Michael James. He was born on June 23rd. I bet Andrew and Emily are proud of their new baby brother.

Please continue to remember LaVonne's daughter, Cynthia, in your prayers.

Jim and I missed a couple Sundays because we were on vacation for a week in Colorado. On Sunday morning, July 25th, we were driving north through wonderful Monument Valley on the Arizona-Utah border just about the time our church was meeting. We were with you "in spirit". We were singing "How Great Thou Art" along with Alan Jackson's CD. Anyone who has not visited Monument Valley on the Navajo Reservation, should take the time to drive up there and see what God's hand has created. It is definitely a spiritual place you must experience in person.

I will be gone on a camping trip the last week of August. If you have any announcement or item you wish to appear in the September Newsletter, please have it in my in-box in the church office or Email it to me no later than August 30th. Thanks!

SERMON TOPIC AND HYMNS

August 8, 2010 Message: "The Meek"

Scripture: Psalm 37

Matthew 5:5

Hymns: "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

"I will Sing of My Redeemer"

"In My Heart There Rings a Melody"

"His Name Is Wonderful"

August 15, 2010

Message: "A Good Appetite"

Scripture: Romans 12

Matthew 5:6

Hymns : "O Worship the King"

"Jesus Is All the World to Me"

"All the Way My Savior Leads Me"

"Through It All" (Chorus only)

August 22, 2010

Message: "Perfect Sympathy and Empathy"

Scripture: Galations 6:1-10

Matthew 5:7

Hymns: "The Love of God"

"Let's Just Praise the Lord"

"Wonderful Grace of Jesus"

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

August 29, 201

Message: "Would You Like to See God?"

Scripture: I John 4:7-21

Matthew 5:8

Hymns: "This Is My Father's World"

"How Great Thou Art"

"The Wonder of It All"

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The Sunday School Department needs more teachers. Could you volunteer just one Sunday a month to help out? Please give this prayerful consideration. If the Lord lays this on your heart, please call or speak to Kelly Phuong (480 633-7804).

FINANCIAL REPORT-MONTH OF JULY 2010

INCOME \$2,372.41**

EXPENDITURES \$4,902.77

YEAR TO DATE AS OF July 31, 2010
(Fiscal year is May 1 to April 30)

INCOME \$8,939.43

EXPENDITURES \$17,804.57

GENERAL FUND BALANCE AS OF 4/30/10 \$29,290.32

DESIGNATED FUNDS ON HAND RECEIVED
SINCE 5/1/09 (Designated funds are paid out at
appropriate or designated times)

MISSIONS \$79.00

BUILDING FUND \$20,462.30

DIRECTORY \$ -0-

CHRISTIAN ED. \$1166.04

TOTAL DESIGNATED FUNDS ON HAND
RECEIVED THIS FISCAL YEAR \$21,707.34

GENERAL FUND BALANCE ON HAND AS OF 7/31/10 \$20,268.31

TOTAL CASH ON HAND \$112,803.26

**did not include the offering for July 25th. It will show in the August figures.

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NEW CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED

Our choir is in need of sopranos, altos, tenors and basses. They meet on Saturday mornings from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Each member is provided with sheet music, as well as a CD for practicing, in addition to regular rehearsals. Ruth says they have a lot of fun, but the choir works hard, learns a lot of great music, and in the process, they try to make a joyful noise to the Lord! They would be happy to have others join them. Rehearsals will begin on Saturday, August 28th. Interested individuals can contact Ruth at her home telephone number of (480) 816-3650. What a great joy our choir is to our worship service. They need our support!

A NEW SUGGESTION BOX

You will notice there is a new suggestion box in the foyer. You are invited and urged to place suggestions of any kind in the box for anyone or any board. We will direct your suggestion to the appropriate person or board. Please sign your suggestion. If there should be a question, we can contact you for clarity.

NEW BUILDING FUND RAISING

The Building Fund Committee will be meeting in September. We now have over \$20,000 designated for the new building fund. Keep those donations coming! Don't forget the large bottle in the foyer for your loose change. Every little bit helps us reach our goal! It's not too late to join this committee if you are interested in helping.



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