

Congregational Church of the Valley
your community Congregational Church

Newsletter

September 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."

CONGREGATIONAL – CONGREGATIONALISM

I get asked regularly, “...what does that mean?” What do you believe? Well ... CONGREGATIONALISM came to America on the Mayflower in 1620. Those who were a part of that voyage, feeling they were spiritually competent to direct their own lives and work in Christ, were committed to worship in freedom according to the Bible and the dictates of their own conscience.

Therefore, the Congregational Church became a church of convictions and of covenant rather than one of creeds. Congregationalism believes very deeply in God, in Jesus Christ and the leading of the Holy Spirit ... and we believe in answered prayer, in worship, in the value and meaning of the Sacraments and Holy rites ... and in the power of God to triumph over evil.

We believe in an “open Bible” in the fullest sense; a Bible that is open in our churches, in our homes and in our Schools ... open, containing sufficient knowledge and direction for the living of our lives here and the salvation of our souls. We believe that each person shall have the right and be able to read and interpret the Bible for himself, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, that he might be an intelligent follower of Jesus Christ.

The Congregational Church is self governing and entirely free from external control. We work together as associations, state conferences and mission goals. The authority in the Congregational Church is the authority of Christ ... we seek to be “Christ centered” ... and seek to be a body of people who have pledged themselves to follow Christ and to order our own lives and work according to His leading. We do accept the view that all “believers” are one in Christ, regardless of race, color, national origin or denomination.

That’s a thumbnail kind of sketch ... but it makes clear that a Congregationalist has a great responsibility for reverent, thoughtful decision and action in accordance with the will of God as revealed in Jesus Christ!

If you have questions or would like to visit more about this ---please do not hesitate to call your pastor at the Congregational Church of the Valley, Lyle Schossow, at 480-899-4704 or at his home 480-802-4036.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME to our fellowship. We are incorporated as a 501C3 (tax exempt corporation) and our constitution and by-laws state that only members vote and/or hold office. Just be reassured and remember ... YOU are welcome to fellowship, worship and prayer ... always!

(More about this Congregational Church, its beginnings, etc. next month).

-LJS

PLYMOUTH GUILD

The August Plymouth Guild meeting was held after the ladies enjoyed breakfast at the Village Inn. The folks at the Village Inn did a great job of accommodating us. The food and the company (including Edith Pettett) were both very good. After breakfast we returned to the church and our monthly meeting commenced. Our monthly bake sales continue to be a success. Thank you for your support! This month's mission is our very own Sunday School. Our Sunday School is always in need of supplies and the teachers would like to purchase some sort of room divider in order to partition the classroom.

There is a continuing need for toothbrushes and toothpaste for the Chandler Public Housing Youth Program. Thank you for your donations. In addition, food donations for the local Food Bank are always welcome. Donations for both the Chandler Public Housing Youth Program and the Chandler Food Bank can be left in the church foyer.

The Guild is planning a Parking Lot Sale on Saturday, November 13th. Remember, one man's trash is another man's treasure. Proving that point as well, our Thrift Store continued to do a brisk business. We have gone green with this recycling project!

Our next meeting will be held at the church on Saturday, September 11th at 9:00 a.m. All ladies of the church are welcome! Please come join us! Ladies, remember to bring your "goodies" to the meeting for the bake sale the next day.

Cindy Palmer, President

CHURCH OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Officers:

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Financial Secretary: Kathleen Trenam (480)814-9066

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Organist and Director of Music: Ruth Knight (480)816-3650

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Chr., Paul Petroff (480)634-7124
Jeff Mindock (480)507-3366
Tap Phuong (480)633-7804
Cal Thomas (480)899-5769
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President, Cindy Palmer (480)703-1037
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Secretary, Kathleen Trenam (480)814-9066
Treasurer, Joyce Newman (480)895-7949

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Our Church Council will have an important meeting at 7 p.m. this Thursday evening, September 9th. Council members, please plan to attend.

The next Plymouth Guild meeting will be on Saturday, September 11th beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the church. All ladies are welcome.

Bake Sale next Sunday, September 12th.

Sunday, Sept. 12th new members will be received.

There will be no Men's Breakfast in September, but it will begin again "with colors flying" on Saturday, October 2nd.

KATHLEEN'S KORNER

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

<i>Alice Carmichael</i>	<i>Sept. 9th</i>	<i>Andrew & Emily Schossow</i>	<i>Sept. 18th</i>
<i>Tap Phuong</i>	<i>Sept. 9th</i>	<i>Denise Thomas</i>	<i>Sept. 26th</i>
<i>Natalie Orcutt</i>	<i>Sept. 10th</i>	<i>Clyde Masee</i>	<i>Sept. 26th</i>
<i>Callie Matchett</i>	<i>Sept. 12th</i>	<i>Elizabeth Petroff</i>	<i>Sept. 28th</i>
<i>Kelly Phuong</i>	<i>Sept. 12th</i>	<i>Joseph Thonhoff</i>	<i>Sept. 29th</i>

We want to congratulate Kelly & Tap Phuong on the birth of their son, Balian, on August 20th! He weighed 7 lb 1 oz and was 21 inches long.

Our church family was saddened by the passing of Edith Pettett's son, Gary, in early August. Gary attended our services as often as his work would allow and he was a friend to many of us. He will be greatly missed, but we know he has "graduated" into eternal life with our Lord. And another friend of our church, Fran Jobe, also passed into glory in mid-August. Please remember her daughter, Pam Ferguson, and the Pettett family in your prayers.

It sure was nice to have Edith Pettett with us for several weeks. The Plymouth Guild ladies enjoyed her company as our special guest at our August meeting. Just wish her reason for being here had been under happier circumstances.

We had to say goodbye to Jeremy and Shannon Schossow and the children a couple weeks ago, as they have moved to Castle Rock, Colorado. We wish them the best as they get resettled. We sure will miss them! Their forwarding address will follow in a future newsletter.

If you have an item you wish me to put in the October newsletter, please have it in my inbox in the church office by Sunday, Oct. 3rd. Or you can send it via email to the church office, office@ccotv.org and I'll make sure your information is entered.

SERMON TOPIC AND HYMNS

Sept. 5, 2010 Message: "The Most Powerful of God's Gifts"
Scripture: "Selected verses regarding Jesus as Light"
Hymns: "My Redeemer"
"The Light of the World is Jesus"
"Jesus Paid It All"
"When You Pray"

Sept. 12, 2010 Message: "The Way of Life"
Scripture: Matthew 7:7-14
Philippians 4:4-9
Hymns : "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"
"He Is Lord"
"Fill My Cup, Lord"
"Onward Christian Soldiers"

Sept. 19, 2010 Message: "Not Just a Friend"
Scripture: Proverbs 18:24
John 15:9-16
Hymns: "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
"Tell Me the Story of Jesus"
"He Is Lord"
"Take the Name of Jesus with You"

Sept. 26, 2010 Message: "Solid and Safe Investments!"
Scripture: Psalm 95: 1-7
Matthew 7:13-28
Hymns: "The Lord's Our Rock"
"O Worship the King"
"I Know Whom I Have Believed"
"There is Sunshine In My Soul"

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NEW MEMBERS TO JOIN

On Sunday, September 12th, we will be receiving new members into the Fellowship of the Church during the morning service. If you are interested, contact Pastor Lyle.

FINANCIAL REPORT-MONTH OF AUGUST 2010

INCOME \$4,951.75

EXPENDITURES \$4,281.62

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

INCOME \$13,891.18

EXPENDITURES \$22,536.19

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 \$98.00

BUILDING FUND \$21,233.30

DIRECTORY \$ -0-

CHRISTIAN ED. \$1,391.04

TOTAL DESIGNATED FUNDS ON HAND
RECEIVED THIS FISCAL YEAR \$22,722.34

GENERAL FUND BALANCE ON HAND AS OF 8/31/10 \$20,913.44

TOTAL CASH ON HAND \$111,235.19

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FALL BIBLE STUDY

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, so John will know which night to select for the class. Cindy Palmer will be assisting John Porter in the teaching of this class.

ABUNDANT LIFE - OUR GIFT FROM GOD

Every fall of the year, I marvel at how much we have been given by our Lord. The food baskets at the markets brim over with the riches of our land. The plump, ripe fruits and vegetables seem to just shine and bring glory to the God who fed and watered them, and watched them grow.

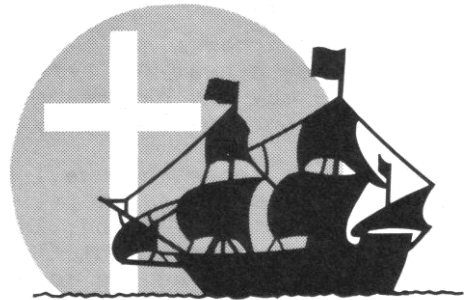
We have so much, here in America. Do we ever really stop and think about where it all comes from? When we travel, both in our own country and abroad, do we ever really think about what it would be like to live in some of the less fortunate areas of the world? How do people survive daily? They survive by the grace of a loving, giving, and caring God!

At this time of the year, as we marvel at the beauty around us, let us remember the ones who need our help. Let us remember the Sermon on the Mount, where Jesus taught the multitudes and His disciples that "Ye are the light of the world ... Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matt. 5: 14,16.

God has created such a beautiful earth! He shows it off to each of us in a special way every Fall. The red and golden leaves of the trees, the bounty of the fields, the early snows in the mountains which bring on thoughts of winter fun and the Fall rains which provide the nourishment for not only the crops this year, but also next year.

Let us now glorify our wonderful and loving God by remembering all that He has given to us. Not only our land and its wealth, but, most importantly, His Son Jesus Christ! Let us glorify Him by giving to those who have less than we have, by helping our brothers and sisters when they are in need, and by loving and sharing our testimony with all who will listen. Let us thank God every day for all that He has given us.

Margaret Porter



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 11 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
10 a.m. Worship & Sunday School Communion 6 p.m. Living Water Meets	5 Labor Day 6	7	8 7 p.m. Living Water Meets	9 7 p.m. Church Council Meeting	10	11 9 a.m. Plymouth Guild Meets 11 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
10 a.m. Worship & Sunday School New Members Join Bake Sale 6 p.m. Living Water Meets	12 13	14	15 7 p.m. Living Water Meets	16 7 p.m. Trustee & Deacon Board Mtgs	17 7 p.m. Scrapbooking	18 11 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
10 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 6 p.m. Living Water Meets	19 20	21	22 7 p.m. Living Water Meets	23	24	25 11 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
10 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 6 p.m. Living Water Meets	26 27	28	29 7 p.m. Living Water Meets	30		

