

2005 – History of the Church at Horseshoe Bay

The Annual Congregational Meeting was held on January 16, 2005, with Chairman Jud Cary presiding. Reports from the various committees were distributed. The Financial Report was given by Bob Lambert along with the presentation of the proposed operating budget for 2005. Ed Ayers reported on the Nominating Committee efforts. Jud Cary gave an account of the retirement of John Long.

Five new Trustees were elected being Jim Jorden, Susan Rantzow, Maryellen Richardson, Jeff Robinson, and Bill Sweet. A big thank you was given to the retiring Trustees, Jud Cary, Rita Adams, Donna Canter, Bart Stephens, and Ed West.

At the first board meeting of 2005 the following **Board Members and Committee Chairmen** were approved:

Ed Ayers, Chairman
Jim Jorden, Vice Chairman
Ann Eckelbarger, corporate secretary (co-chairman of Parish Relations Committee and Education Committee)
Bob Lambert, Treasurer
Ronnie Rudd, Assistant Treasurer
Bill Sweet (Memorial Garden Park Committee)
Carol Young (Music and Membership Committee)
Susan Rantzow (co-chairman of Parish Relations Committee)
Jeff Robinson (Insurance and Legal Committee Chairman and Long Range Planning Committee)
Maryellen Richardson (Public Relations Committee)
Billy Lapham (Personnel Committee)
Robert Warren (Building and Grounds Committee)
Gail Matthews (Benevolence Committee)
Jan Browning (Memorial and Worship)
Norrie Swennes (Building and Grounds Committee)

SPECIAL EVENTS:

“WOW” Luncheon: The first luncheon was held on April 14th in our Fellowship Hall. This woman’s organization is called Women of the Word (WOW). Approximately 140 women attended the luncheon which was served by several of the men from the church and then entertainment was provided by the original “First Lady, Eve”, our own Gail Matthews. The next WOW Luncheon was held on October 6th. Attendance grew for our second meeting of this ladies group and the enthusiasm and outreach also continue to grow.

The New Member Dinners: Two new members dinners were held, the first being April 27th and the next being in October 19th. These gatherings were held in homes of

board members. These were well attended by new members along with board members and their spouses.

The Ice Cream Social - On May 18th the annual ice cream social was held at the church.

The **July 4th Horseshoe Bay Parade** included an entry by our church with Gus Keiser riding and representing our church.

The **Annual Church Picnic** October 19th was the date of our annual church picnic. It was held in the courtyard of the church with overflow and entertainment in the fellowship hall.

Thanksgiving Brunch – On the Sunday before Thanksgiving (November 20th) an extended fellowship was held after each service. We are thankful for another blessed year in our church life and in the personal lives of our congregation.

This year's **Christmas Cantata** was an abbreviated version of Handel's **Messiah**. The date for the cantata was December 11th. The performance included 6 professional musicians who provided solo portions and accompaniment.

COMMITTEES:

In January a new **Pastor Search Committee** was formed consisting of the following members: Jim Jordan, Gail Matthews, Ronnie Rudd, Bob Stephenson, Paul Weyrauch, John Goodwillie, Vernelle Jenkins, Lois Strasburg and Ed Ayers.

In April of 2005 this committee recommended to the Board and to the Congregation that the Church extend a call to Rev. Peter Christy to become the next Pastor of this congregation. This was passed unanimously by the congregation on April 24, 2005.

On September 25, 2005, the Board recommended and made a motion to the Congregation that the Church extend a call to Rev. Johnny White to become the next Associate Pastor of this congregation. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Benevolence Committee: The annual budget for 2005 of was represented by 25% of the weekly offering received in 2004. In addition to this the fund received designated offerings for benevolence. The final item added to this was the Christmas Eve offering for 2004.

In February a report was submitted by Gail Matthews with the following organizations receiving contributions: Family Crisis Center, St. Fred's Mission Outreach, Children's Advocacy Center, Neighborhood Center, Sharing the Harvest, C.A.S.A., Helping Center, Seton Care-A-Van, Llano New Horizons, OARS, Kid's Alive International, Camp Agame, Boys and Girls Club of Burnet, and Dental Mission of Mercy.

Also, in addition to this the Salvation Army was designated as the agency to receive our Tsunami Relief funds amounting to \$4,500.00

The Benevolence Committee donated to six different local charitable organizations who provided direct support to Hurricane Katrina victims.

The Christmas for Others project this year sponsored 245 children. This is the largest number of children that the project has ever sponsored. Children's and Family Bibles were included with each family's gifts.

Public Relation Committee: Maryellen Richardson proposed and received approval for special church emblems to be placed on automobiles. These emblems will have the church logo and will be sold for a fund raiser and to advertise and identify our church throughout our community.

Work is being planned to have a new Pictorial Directory for the church to be completed by the end of this year or early 2006.

Memorial Garden Committee: The Garden is to be an inspirational and peaceful compliment to our Church. Jean Anderson has joined the committee and is working on leading a fundraiser campaign. It is anticipated that construction will start sometime in January 2006.

Membership/Music Committee: As of December 31, 2005, the Church at Horseshoe Bay total membership was 764.

We have been truly blessed by the Music Program for 2005 under the leadership of Marion Brunette and Karen Carson. Our Chancel and Handbell Choirs performed throughout the year with special music that complimented and made complete our services. Larry Sherwood has been approved to lead the music portion of the 8:30 service on Sunday mornings which has added greatly to that service.

The WOW Committee has also headed up a service project to have stuffed teddy bears donated to distribute to special children. This project, "Bear the Burden", collected 141 stuffed bears and in November delivered them to the Buckners Children's Home in Dallas. This will be an on-going project.

The Scholarship Committee reported two scholarships awarded this year. The recipients are:

Derek Sheck from Marble Falls High School
Jacob Butler from Llano High School

This is our fifth year to award scholarships. There have been a total of 16 scholarship recipients.