

2006 – History of the Church at Horseshoe Bay

The Annual Congregational Meeting was held on January 22, 2006, with Chairman Ed Ayers 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 2006. New Trustees were recommended and approved for a three year term. These new Trustees are Wayne Brascom, Jerry Dunn, Trevor Dupuy, Suzanne Owens, and Carol Parker. The outgoing Trustees are Jan Browning, Ann Eckelbarger, Bob Lambert, Norrie Swennes and Ed Ayers who were applauded and thanked for their service to the church.

Board Members and Committee Chairmen: The members of the Board of Directors for the year 2006 are:

Jim Jorden, Chairman
Billy Lapham, Vice Chairman
Gail Matthews, corporate secretary (co-chair of Parish Relations Committee and Education Committee)
Ronnie Rudd, Treasurer
Jerry Dunn, Assistant Treasurer
Bill Sweet (Memorial Garden Park Committee and Endowment Planning Committee)
Carol Young (Music and Membership Committee, Worship Committee and Parish Services)
Susan Rantzow (Education Committee)
Jeff Robinson (Insurance and Legal Committee Chairman and Strategic Planning Committee)
Maryellen Richardson (Public Relations Committee)
Billy Lapham (Personnel Committee)
Robert Warren (Building and Grounds Committee)
Gail Matthews (Benevolence Committee and Parish Services)
Wayne Brascom (Building and Grounds Committee)
Carol Parker (Benevolence Committee)
Trevor Dupuy (Worship Committee)
Suzanne Owens (Parish Services)

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Special Musical Presentation: After approval from the Board of Directors, Musician Greg Buchanan, a Gospel Harpist, performed for our church on Sunday March 12th at both services. Mr. Buchanan travels the country sharing his gift of music and his testimony. On March 12th his performances were met by a packed sanctuary with many visitors from our community. A special fellowship was held after each service.

Our **Choir** performed at both services on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

“WOW” Luncheons: The spring WOW Luncheon was held at the church on April 27th, with 170 guests attending. The fall WOW Luncheon was held in our Fellowship Hall on October 12th preceded by hot cider served in the courtyard. There were 213 women in attendance. The first overnight women’s retreat was held October 27th and 28th at Camp Buckners.

The New Member Dinners: Two new members dinners were held, the first being March 15th at the home of Suzanne and Jerry Owens (attendance 28 board members and spouses, 18 new members, pastors and their wives) and the next being on October 4th at the home of Ronnie Rudd and Mary Agnes Rudd with approximately 60 in attendance.

The Ice Cream Social: On June 7th the annual ice cream social was held at the church. We had 25 batches of ice cream made and enjoyed this year. In spite of the heat a great time was had by all.

The July 4th Horseshoe Bay Parade included a car provided by Ronda Rodman and driven by Dale Rodman. Gus Keiser, Pete and Johnny rode in the car.

The Annual Church Picnic was held on October 18th. Entertainment was provided by Sally Cary and by friends of Johnny and Patricia White from San Antonio.

Thanksgiving Brunch – On the Sunday before Thanksgiving (November 19th) an extended fellowship was held after each service.

This year’s **Christmas Cantata** was Handel’s Messiah and was held on December 10th. The performance included soloists portions and accompaniment.

COMMITTEES:

Benevolence Committee: Gail Matthews reported great blessings and an awesome year in 2006. The budget this year was represented 25% of the weekly offering. Additionally, contributions were received as designated benevolence offerings. The 2005 Christmas Eve offering totaled completed the benevolence fund. In February a report was submitted by Gail Matthews with 10 organizations receiving contributions from our Christmas Eve offering:

- 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

The balance of the 2005 undesignated funds was distributed to the following agencies:

Burnet Literacy Council
Camp Agape
PRIDE
Congregate Meals in Llano
Meals on Wheels in Llano

The Christmas for Others project this year sponsored 275 children. This is the largest number of children that the project has ever sponsored.

There were 33 different recipients in the benevolence budget this year. A Benevolence Sunday was held in December. Informative booths were set up in the fellowship hall with representatives of the different agencies who we supported.

Public Relation Committee: These Church at Horseshoe Bay logo automobile emblems are an ongoing project and continue to be on sale.

The pictorial directory was received and handed out to members. It is a hard-back bound book and has been very well received by our congregation. Maryellen Richardson and her committee were commended on the good job.

Starting this year the new members are wearing “blue” name tags to identify them and to allow the church members to better recognize and get acquainted with them.

Education Committee: Susan Rantzow is reporting that attendance is up for our Sunday morning Bible Study. Currently a study on World Religions Course. The teachers, being Larry Canter, Jim Carter, Pete Christy, Art Hawkinson, Jim Jorden and Johnny White are on a rotation. The other class, a Women’s Bible Study is led by Linda, Rusk, with Glenda Butler, Judy Standridge and Sahndra Caldwell co-teaching. Carol Hawkinson is the administrative coordinator for both classes.

The Pastor’s Forum is a weekly question and answer session led by Pete Christy and Johnny White. It is being held in the Church Library/Parlor.

Memorial Garden Committee: Bill Sweet reports that progress is being made. Construction has begun with plans for completion in time for Easter 2007. Jean Anderson reports that the balance of contributions is steadily increasing. In November the garden received its official name being “The Garden at Horseshoe Bay”.

Membership/Music Committee: Marion Brunette announced his retirement this year. A Celebration for Marion was held on June 11th with music provided by Marion and a special Coffee Fellowship after the 11:00 service. During the fellowship Marion was serenaded by the choir singing Thanks for the Memories.

This has been another wonderful and blessed musical year. Our thanks to Marion Brunette, former Choir Director, Larry Sherwood, Minister of Music, Wenona Burks, Handbell Choir Director and Karen Carson, Organist.

As of December 31, 2006, our membership is as follows: 832 members, including 65 new members.

Worship Committee: Approval was made to place 96 NIV Bibles in the sanctuary for use by the membership during the services. It was decided that they would be placed and/or stacked at the end of the pews for use. Our Sunday School has formed a new class being a Women's Bible Study. It has been well-received and is being taught by Linda Rusk.

The WOW Committee is continuing the Bear the Burden in which stuffed teddy bears that are collected from our members are distributed to Dallas Buckners Home for abused children. Gail Matthews reported that over 200 teddy bears were delivered in June.

The Scholarship Committee presented a scholarship to Brent Wooten of Llano to attend the Texas State Technical Institute in Waco.

The Building and Grounds Committee reported upgrading the sound system in the sanctuary this year. This system now makes CD's of each service which are available from the church office.