

The Church at Horseshoe Bay

The Year 2010

Annual Congregational Meeting

The annual meeting of the congregation was held at 9:45 a.m. on January 16, 2011, with Rev. Johnny White giving the opening prayer. Board of Trustees Chairman Jerry Gray welcomed attendees and asked for approval of the minutes of the January 2010 Congregational Meeting. Approval was given. The following Board members were elected by the congregation for the class of 2013: Beverly Brascom, Larry Canter, Jerry Gray, Jeff Robinson, Carolyn Thornton, and P. T. Williams. Retiring Board members were: Eddie Baird, Bob Shafer, Stan Smith, Glen Hodgson, and the late Joan Morrow.

2010 Board Officers and Department Heads

Jerry Gray – Chairman of Board, Building Planning Comm. Chairman

Scott Matthews – Vice-Chairman of Board, Worship Dept. Chairman, Nominating Comm. Chairman, Men of Faith Comm. Chairman

A.W. Bishop – Treasurer, Business Management Dept. Chairman

Ken Lindgren – Asst. Treasurer, Grounds Dept. Chairman

Peggy Jordan – Corporate Secretary, Congregational Support Dept. Chairman, Grief Support Ministry Comm. Chairman, Caregiver Comm. Chairman

Dale Amstutz – Stewardship Planning Team Comm. Chairman

Larry Anderson – Personnel Dept. Chairman

Eddie Baird – Public Relations Dept. Chairman

Ken Lindgren – Grounds Dept. Chairman, Remembrance Garden Comm. Chairman, Investments & Endowment Planning Comm. Chairman

Joan Morrow – Education Dept. Chairman

Bob Shafer – Strategic Planning Comm. Chairman

Stan Smith – Insurance & Legal Affairs Comm. Chairman

Charlie Sugg – Benevolence Dept. Chairman

Jo Ann Warren – Congregational Fellowship Dept.

P.T. Williams – Building Dept. Chairman

Sandra Williams – Membership Comm. Chairman

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

Finance Committee

Total receipts for 2010 from contributions and other income amounted to \$1,138,634. Expenditures for benevolence, salaries and benefits, building and grounds, and other items totaled \$901,722. \$150,000 was transferred to the Building Fund. At the end of 2010, the Endowment Fund balance was \$102,981.

Building Fund

Following the Church's successful construction project, the balance in the Building Fund at the end of 2010 was \$157,513. In 2010, a total of \$1,760,163 in expenditures was capitalized relating to the building project.

Insurance/Legal Committee

This committee responds to the legal and insurance needs of the Church.

Stewardship Committee

This committee will establish a congregational communication plan to support the Church's annual operations and programs.

Strategic Planning Committee

This committee will prepare a 1-to 3-year strategic plan by evaluating population and other data that is available that could affect membership growth in the Church. It will evaluate services the Church offers the membership, consider the level of attendance in 2010 and 2011, reassess the financial security of the Church in relation to the top heavy distribution of contributions, and prepare a recommendation to the Board.

BENEVOLENCE DEPARTMENT

Benevolence is our opportunity to share God's gifts to us, both material and spiritual, with those in need. In 2010, the committee supported 38 agencies which help feed, house and educate, and share Christ's love from Marble Falls to Mongolia. In addition to \$255,328 allocated from the Operating Fund, the Church also donated \$5,398 from the Christmas Eve offering, \$2,935 from Easter and Christmas flowers, and \$90,917 from designated individual gifts. The third annual Benevolence Bazaar was held on December 5, with the agencies the Church sponsors providing Church members the opportunity to learn more about their organizations.

Christmas for Others

The committee delivered Christmas gifts to 300 children representing 120 families. A Bible was included for each family.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

New carpet was installed in older areas of the facility; new chairs and tables were purchased; a grand piano was donated and placed in the Fellowship Hall; new fire alarm equipment was

installed in the new Fellowship Hall and kitchen areas; all older exterior areas were painted to match new construction. Congregational Fellowship Department Chairman Jo Ann Warren began offering classes in “Kitchen 101” in November so that members could become familiar with how to locate and operate new kitchen equipment.

Building Planning Committee

The committee’s primary objective in 2010 was successful completion and finish out of the Church expansion project (a new Administration Building, remodeled Education Building, expanded Fellowship Hall and new kitchen). The project was completed ahead of schedule and within budget.

GROUNDS DEPARTMENT

Traditionally, in February each year the names of members who passed away the previous year are engraved on memorial stones in the Remembrance Garden. Several names were added in 2010. The outdoor lighting system is in the process of being upgraded and repaired.

WORSHIP DEPARTMENT

Worship services in this interdenominational church seek to address as practicably as possible the wide spectrum of religious beliefs and theological positions represented by its members. The committees responsible for communion, altar flowers, sanctuary services, and ushers and greeters all performed admirably. The music ministry had another good year. Chancel Choir activities other than regular Sunday services have included monthly ministries to Gateway assisted-living facility, fall and winter mini-retreats, and a choir Christmas party. Options are being explored to encourage more men to participate. The Handbells played regularly for Sunday worship services. Special music programs included the Highland Lakes Brass and other guest musicians. The Concert Series had another successful season. The Advent season offered many wonderful opportunities for worship, fellowship, and encouragement. As in previous years, poinsettias were offered for purchase in memory of or in honor of loved ones or friends. The season was begun on November 28 with our traditional “Hanging of the Greens” service. Each Sunday in Advent was filled with Christmas carols and other music of the season along with special participation by members of the congregation lighting the Advent candles. As was the tradition, two Christmas Eve services were held, one at 5:00 p.m. for families with children and a traditional candlelight service with communion at 7:00 p.m. This year the 5:00 p.m. service was a “Cowboy Christmas” with singer-composer John Arthur Martinez playing his guitar and Pastor Johnny White spinning stories about when a little baby was born and the world was changed.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The primary mission of the Christian education program is to be a major element in the ongoing faith commitment and development of mature disciples of Jesus Christ. Our three Sunday morning classes are based on a study plus service plus fellowship model. The co-ed **Bible Study Class** meets in the Fellowship Hall for a one-hour study of the Scriptures. The **Women's Bible Study** meets in the Nursery/Meeting room, and study materials include relevant Christian books and DVD courses based on the Bible. The **Seekers Class**, which meets in the Sanctuary, studies topics relevant to Christian scholarship and life applications in today's world. **Coffee & Conversation with the Pastors** meets on Mondays at 11:00 a.m., when the pastors are available for an in-depth discussion of the previous Sunday's service. **Pastors' Forum**, a discussion group led by the pastors and meeting on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m., allows participants an opportunity to take part in an open forum on a variety of topics. The **Church Library** is open daily from 8:30a.m.-4:30 p.m. and on Sunday mornings until noon. **Books and Scones**, a book club for women, meets on the last Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. The **Church Nursery** is staffed every Sunday morning from 8:30 to 12:00 noon.

CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP DEPARTMENT

Members of our church are served through **Coffee Fellowship, Historian, Membership, Special Events, Men of Faith, Singles of the Hills, and Women of the Word (WOW)**. The **Coffee Fellowship** volunteers serve coffee, punch and cookies at both services. The **Historian** maintains a photographic record of the Church's activities and a written historical narrative about the Church. The **Membership Committee** has determined that the current membership stands at 785 active members, representing 464 family units. A new pictorial directory was published in 2010. The **Special Events Committee** is responsible for the Church's social events. Annual activities include an Ice Cream Social, Picnic and Thanksgiving celebration. Completion of construction of the new facilities was celebrated at the annual Picnic, with over 260 members attending. Organist-pianist Daniel Zamora played Lawrence Welk style music on the new grand piano donated to the Fellowship Hall. Several hundred members enjoyed the Thanksgiving fellowship after both services on November 21. A Chili Supper will be added in 2011. Receptions for new and prospective members are held in the spring and fall. The mission of **Men of Faith** is to create opportunities for fellowship, spiritual growth and sharing the gospel message for the men of our community. At the October 26 breakfast meeting, over 175 men heard author and entrepreneur Derek Steel, the guest speaker. **Singles of the Hills** provides a Christian environment for all singles of the Church and community to come together for support, fellowship, friendship, and community service through monthly dinners/programs open to all singles residing in the Highland Lakes area. The **WOW Committee** hosts a spring luncheon, a fall coffee, and a 2-day Ladies Retreat at Camp Buckner. This year the theme for the retreat was "Stay Afloat with Hope", and the speaker was Shirley Bryan, former Director of Women's Ministries at Grace Bible College in Dallas. The committee ("Advent Angels") also decorates

the Church for Advent, prepares and serves a Christmas luncheon for the Church staff and their spouses, and sponsors several service projects.

CONGREGATIONAL SUPPORT DEPARTMENT

Seven committees assist members of the congregation during times of special needs. **Caring Cards** are sent to members whose lives are touched by illness or death. The **Congregational Care Committee** has volunteers who respond to families experiencing illness or death of a loved one by assisting with a meal or by arranging a memorial service reception. **Freezer Friends** have organized and implemented a system of freezer meals which are available to families in need of a nutritious meal delivered to their home. **The Driving Force** provides transportation to congregational members on a temporary basis for medical appointments. A **Support Group**, led by Licensed Professional Counselors, is available for those who are grieving the loss of a family member or friend. A Remembrance Service was held on December 19 in the Sanctuary, where participants heard messages of hope and meaningful music in memory of someone they had lost. The service, conducted by Pastors Christy and White, was an ecumenical worship service. The purpose of the **Caregiver Support Committee** is to provide support to caregivers through educational programs and group discussions. The **Prayer Ministry** is available for those in need of special and individual prayers.

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

Our staff continues to function effectively, both individually and as a team. Organist/pianist Daniel Zamora, an independent contractor, has signed a contract extension through the end of 2011.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

This committee helps publicize the committees, programs, and events of the Church, in addition to fostering ecumenical relations with other churches in the community.