

The Church at Horseshoe Bay

The Year 2007

Annual Congregational Meeting

The annual meeting of the congregation was held on January 21, 2007. Board of Trustees Chairman Jim Jorden welcomed attendees and recognized the outgoing Board members, as follows: Carol Young, Bob Warren, Gail Matthews, and Billy Lapham. The following new Board members were elected by the congregation: Wayne Brascom, Wayne Anderson, Beryl Ann Owen, Charlie Thornton, and P. T. Williams.

Board Members and Department Heads

The members of the Board of Trustees for the year 2007 were:

Jim Jorden – Chairman

Jeff Robinson – Vice-Chairman, Strategic Planning Chairman, Insurance & Legal
Affairs Chairman

Ronnie Rudd – Treasurer, Business Management Chairman

Jerry Dunn – Assistant Treasurer, Investments & Endowment Planning

Maryellen Richardson – Corporate Secretary, Public Relations

Trevor Dupuy – Worship Committee Chairman

Carol Parker – Benevolence Committee Chairman

Suzanne Owens – Parish Services Committee Chairman

Susan Rantzow – Education Committee Chairman

Charlie Thornton – Building & Grounds Committee Co-Chairman

P. T. Williams – Building & Grounds Committee Co-Chairman

Beryl Ann Owen – Parish Services and Worship Committees

Bill Sweet – Strategic Planning, Personnel, Remembrance Garden

Wayne Anderson – Personnel, Strategic Planning

SILVER JUBILEE

The 25th anniversary of the establishment of our church on December 12, 1982 was celebrated by several events throughout the year, culminating with a festive dinner held at the Lakeside Pavilion in Marble Falls on December 12, 2007. *Charter Members' Sunday* was held in April with special recognition of all the charter members, 21 of whom attended in person. An exhibit with their pictures and names is on display in the Fellowship Hall. In May there was a special Sunday recognizing all who had participated in our music programs over the years. In early December there was a performance of *The Messiah*. Reverend Ken Forshee, our first full time pastor, spoke at the *Silver Jubilee Dinner* and on the following Sunday at both services. A specially commissioned hymn was premiered at these services. Members of the Silver Jubilee Committee who planned the events were Chairman Paul Weyrauch, Don Victorin, Ann Eckelbarger, Jo Ann Warren, Dick Frydenberg, and Ellen Mitchell.

Financial

Contributions and other income totaled \$790,773. Expenditures, which included benevolence and salaries and benefits among other items, amounted to \$687,951. In addition, \$100,000 was transferred to the Building Fund.

Benevolence

Benevolence Committee members serve as liaisons to the agencies we help in order to keep the committee abreast of current and changing needs that arise. The 2007 budget was \$174,700, representing 25% of the weekly offerings. Additionally, offerings from the Christmas Eve service and from Christmas and Easter flower contributions were used to make a number of one-time gifts and to meet special needs. The "Christmas for Others" program served 302 children from 121 families, an increase of 18 over 2006. The *Benevolence Bazaar*, in which participating agencies provided information about their organizations on the first Sunday in December, was a big success for the second year.

Worship

The Worship Committee is responsible for supplying and serving all of the elements for Holy Communion, altar flowers, special services, ushers and greeters, and music. This year the pastoral staff continued to produce high quality worship experiences to meet the broad range of religious needs represented in this interdenominational church. The Chancel Choir, consisting of 46 active choir members, the 16-member Hand Bell Choir, and 18 vocal and instrumental soloists, presented beautiful music throughout the year. The *Blackwood Legacy* sang in concert in November and attracted over 150 people.

Scholarship Committee

Paul Weyrauch and Wayne and Eileen Hurd resigned from this committee in June. The original fund of \$50,000 was almost depleted, and the Church's Benevolence Committee decided not to fund similar scholarships in the future.

Education

This department provides for the continuing spiritual renewal and growth in faith and basic Christian understanding of our members. The department is composed of the following areas of responsibilities: Adult Education, Library, and Nursery/Child Care. There are two Sunday morning Adult Education classes. The *Pastors' Forum* is a weekly discussion session led by our pastors and open to all members of the Church and the community at large. *Books and Scones* is a women's book review club which meets to discuss Christian literature, provide Christian fellowship, and act as an outreach for area women. The Library, which is located in the Church Parlor, supports the spiritual programs and needs of the congregation. We employ a service that provides a bonded staff in our Nursery every Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

“Footsteps of Paul” Trip

A trip to Greece and Turkey by members of our congregation from September 11-21, 2007 was led by Pete and Annette Christy. “A Journey to the Holy Land” will be led in 2008 by Johnny and Patricia White from September 9-18.

Parish Services

This department serves all members of our church, through Coffee Fellowship, Congregational Care, Special Events, Membership, W.O.W., and Men of Faith. The **Coffee Fellowship** volunteers serve coffee, punch and cookies at both services and also help with the Thanksgiving Celebration in November. The **Congregational Care** committee provides care for our church members in times of need. In August the Board approved the establishment of a program to serve homebound members of the congregation. **Special Events** include the ice cream social, the church picnic, the new member dinners in the spring and fall, and the Thanksgiving Celebration. A **Brunch Committee**, a subcommittee of the Special Events Committee, was organized to plan, prepare, serve and clean up brunches served to the choir on the Sundays it sings for both services.

Women of the Word held two luncheons in its third year, one in the spring and one in the fall. It also hosted its second retreat at Camp Buckner in the fall. This group sponsors service projects, including “Bear the Burden” and “Diaper Drive”. The “Diaper Drive” benefits the Helping Center and the Family Crisis Center. In December the WOW Committee prepared and served in the Church Parlor a Christmas lunch for the Church staff and their spouses.

Membership records have been transferred from paper to an electronic database system. The number of adult members who have a local address is now confirmed at 760, comprised of 437 family units, 102 of whom are single members. 82 new members joined the Church in 2007. In the future, additions to the pictorial directory will be made annually in-house, through the Shelby Webview system.

Men of Faith held its first fellowship breakfast in October, featuring Dr. Stuart Nunnally as guest speaker. At the present time, leaders and volunteers are planning various service-related and recreational activities. Participation is encouraged from members of other churches in the area and is not limited to the members of the Church. The next breakfast is scheduled for February 2008, with the goal to have three breakfasts per year.

Building and Grounds

In January, the committee was split into two groups, one to cover work inside the building and the other to work on the grounds. The long-time custodian, who had both inside and outside duties, retired in June. A new professional landscaping company was hired to maintain and upgrade the grounds, and a new interior cleaning crew was hired. A volunteer team made up of Church members was organized to help with the work. A number of repair and maintenance chores were completed during the year. Maintenance of the Remembrance Garden was put under the jurisdiction of the Grounds Committee in November.

Business Management

Insurance and Legal - The Insurance Committee reviewed the insurance coverage for the facilities, including the Remembrance Garden, and believes that we are adequately covered by insurance. **Endowment Planning** – At the end of the year, the fund balance was \$119,645. When the fund reaches \$500,000, on an annual basis 6% of the market value may be used for religious or charitable purposes. **Investments** – As a result of a new investment policy, the Church’s liquid assets are now earning 4.5% as opposed to 1% prior to 2007. In July the Board approved the investment policy that Jerry Dunn prepared for the Investment Committee. **Strategic Planning** – The Church purchased the “Motal” lot adjoining the immediate southwest lot line of the existing Church property. When the City of Horseshoe Bay rezones and replats the approximately 14 acres of contiguous property on the west side of Hi Ridge Road into a single plat, any additional construction growth required by the Church for the foreseeable future should be satisfied. **Personnel** – In addition to his sermon/worship duties, hospital/home visits and administrative duties, Pete Christy continued the *Pastors’ Forums*. He also continued work on his Doctor of Ministry degree.

Special Committees

Publicity

This committee makes the presence of the Church known in the community through newspaper coverage, advertisements of upcoming events of interest, weekly small ads in the *Beacon*, radio advertisement, paid advertisement in *101 Fun Things to do in the Highland Lakes* and the Picayune Area-Wide Phone Directory, and brochures distributed in Welcome baskets by the HSB POA. The Church entered a vehicle in the HSB 4th of July land parade, with Gus Keiser and Pete Christy as passengers. **Website** – John Robertson updated the new Church webpage. Ronnie Rudd is the contact person to approve what will be posted on the website. The Church calendar program was activated on the website in mid-May.

Remembrance Garden of Horseshoe Bay

The garden was completed this year, and a Blessing of the Garden was held on December 12, prior to the 25th Anniversary Dinner. The goal of the garden is to provide a place that weaves nature, memory and spirituality for our members' use and enjoyment. A leather-bound book will be placed in the sanctuary or narthex containing the names of the donors toward construction of the garden. The total cost of the garden was \$301,553.59, exceeding the original estimate by only \$1,500.

New Committees

Three additional committees were added by the Board, the **Ad Hoc Building Committee** (to oversee the construction and restructuring of the facility); the **Ad Hoc Capital Campaign Task Force**** (to begin planning for a fundraising effort to pay for a recommended building and renovation program for the Church campus); and the **Community Ministry Committee** (to set up small groups which could offer an intimacy in prayer and worship that might not be achieved through Sunday morning worship). John Richardson is Chairman of the Ad Hoc Building Committee; Woody McCasland is Chairman of the Capital Campaign Task Force; and David Standridge is Chairman of the Community Ministry Committee.

**Note: A majority of the Board Trustees favored having 50% of estimated construction costs in hand in the Building Fund before starting the building/remodeling program and favored incurring no more than 25% of construction costs as debt. The 15 Trustees collectively pledged \$215,000 over a 3-year period to the Building Fund, over and above their ongoing support of the annual operating budget.

Nominating Committee

The Board named the following members of a Nominating Committee for 2008 Board Trustees: Chairman Jeff Robinson, Wayne Anderson, Maryellen Richardson, Pete Dysert, Jo Ann Warren, and Laurel Mohun.