



NEWSLETTER

The Church at Horseshoe Bay

600 Hi Ridge, PO Box 8295, Horseshoe Bay, TX 78657

November 6, 2013

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Worship Services
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Christian Education
9:45 a.m.

Pastors' Forum
Thursdays 1:00 p.m.

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Advent Opportunities

This year our Advent season will feature both traditional and new activities. For those who enjoy the traditional, selections from *Messiah* will be presented but with outstanding new guest soloists. An addition to this year's season will be a service featuring our Handbell Choir joined by the Chancel Choir and congregational singing. John Arthur Martinez will again lead the children's Christmas Eve service. The Advent schedule is as follows:

December 1 - Hanging of the Greens

December 8 - Christmas with Bells

December 15 - *Messiah*

December 22 - Lessons and Carols

**December 24 - Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m. children's service
and 7:00 p.m. candlelight service**

December 29 - ONE Sunday worship service at 11:00 a.m.

This year's *Messiah* presentation will feature our old friend Nathaniel (Nate) Mayfield, but he will bring new faces with him including a counter tenor singing the alto solos.

25 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE



There is an apocryphal story from World War I about a soldier who was left guarding a bridge and refused to leave his post even after the war was over. The townspeople told an officer who was passing through. He went to the soldier and asked why he was still guarding the bridge. The soldier replied, "I was ordered to stay on guard until relieved. I've never been relieved."

Virtually every Sunday for 25 years, since 1988, Charlie Woodruff has been responsible for securing the offering from both worship services, counting the money and checks, and preparing the deposit. For the past ten years Wilma Woodruff has assisted him, and in addition, they have faithfully greeted people at the doors and handed out bulletins. Finally, someone has said, "Well done, good and faithful servant"! Charlie & Wilma have been relieved with gratitude by P.T. & Jill Williams.

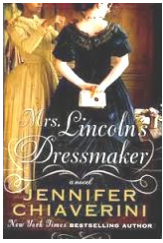
The Sanctuary flowers last Sunday were in honor of CHARLIE and WILMA WOODRUFF and their many years of faithful service to the LORD at The Church at Horseshoe Bay.



Books and Scones

Books and Scones is a book-related group of women who meet in the library on the last Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. The group will not meet again until Tuesday, December 3. The book of study will be *I Believe, The Meaning of Christmas and the Baby Who Started It All* by JoAnne Simmons and is available in the church office for \$8.

If you would like more information, please contact Annette Christy, 596-0072, or Beverly Brascom at 598-5724.



Here is a brief synopsis of one of the newest books in our church library, *Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker* by Jennifer Chiaverini.

When First lady Mary Todd Lincoln chooses former slave Elizabeth "Lizzy" Keckley as her personal seamstress, a legendary friendship is born.

In this meticulously researched novel, the author offers a touching portrayal of the love between the women as Keckley supports Mrs. Lincoln through the loss of her first son and the assassination of the President.



We extend our Christian sympathy and prayers of comfort to:

Jim Short and family on the death of Helen Short. A memorial service is scheduled for Friday, November 8, at 11:00 a.m. in our church sanctuary.

The family of Ruth Frost. There are no services planned at this time but we will notify you when that date is set.

Dean Randle and family on the death of her mother, Janice Mims. Plans for a memorial service are pending.

The family of Betty Estep who passed away November 4. A memorial service is scheduled for Wednesday, November 6, at 11:00 a.m. in our church sanctuary.



Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for all your prayers, cards, and well wishes.

All of them have meant the world to me and have comforted me greatly! My family and I have felt your love and we appreciate your warm thoughts. I continue to live at Baybrook Village in McKinney, and I work very hard at keeping myself well and moving around! This experience has been difficult but your prayers have helped me through the tough times. Having a supportive church family for so many years is a blessing to me and my family.

Thank you again for keeping me in your thoughts, and please continue to pray for me and my health. I send my love and peace to you.

In His name,
Lorene Mathis and family

Dear Friends

What a blessing friends are! Your thoughtful cards of love have eased the pain of loss wonderfully. You all seem to know what a happy life I've had with my precious soul mate, Ken. Thank you all again.

With Love,
Helen Carpenter

Benevolence Bazaar

For the sixth year, the Benevolence Committee will showcase the missions and other benevolent organizations that our church supports at a bazaar following the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services on Sunday, December 1. This event will provide church members an opportunity to learn more about the various agencies and afford the individual organizations a venue to share information with our congregation. Through your generosity, our church is able to support approximately 49 missions, camps, and non-profit agencies and we urge you to visit their displays and exhibits.

Many opportunities to volunteer abound in our community, and the Benevolence Bazaar is a great place to find a group that will make use of your gifts and talents. We hope you will take the time during coffee fellowship to visit the various displays and meet those who lead and direct the organizations and groups that our church sponsors.

Where are the Bells?

The handbells are ready to go and will be playing in both worship services on Sunday, November 10th. Also Sunday, December 8th will be "Christmas with Bells", which will be an exciting worship experience for everyone! This will include the handbells, organ, choir and congregation celebrating the musical road to Bethlehem.

Is anyone interested in a bus ride to shop or see Christmas lights in Johnson City? If you are interested in going to San Antonio for Christmas shopping and/or Johnson City to see Christmas lights, please call Garry and Michele Kesler at 806-679-4973. They are willing to host a group and arrange for a van or bus to enjoy one or both. More info to come if we receive enough interest!



Did you know that we have a "Lost and Found" in the administrative office? Also, there are numerous unclaimed items in the kitchen. Please stop by the office and the church kitchen to check for items left behind.



Carol Epstein

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DID YOU KNOW? It takes one simple step to join The Church at Horseshoe Bay. Simply mark "wish to join" on the visitor/prospect card, place it in the offering plate or take it to the church office and one of the pastors will contact you. You may even retain your membership in another church.

Missions

Just a reminder: please notify Bill and Edra Edwards as soon as possible if you are interested in joining the Hill Country Missioners group that travels to Rio Bravo Mexico in February of 2014. Registration forms/brochures are available in the church narthex.

Christmas for Others

Are you thinking “same song second verse”? When you read the heading of this article you might be tempted to not read all its content because you know all about Christmas for Others at our church and how it works. Possibly so, but for the over three hundred children which our church members adopt each Christmas season, it is a brand new song of Christmas Joy.

Our Christmas for Others program is part of a much larger program in Marble Falls called “Christmas is for Kids.” The members of our congregation are so committed to this program of giving to the children in need in our community that we have always been able to take care of all the children on our list. We feel sure that this year will not be an exception.

Beginning Sunday, November 24, the Christmas for Others table will be set up in the narthex with a list of many, many pages of kids arranged by families for you to adopt to buy them clothes and toys. You may adopt one child or an entire family. Shop with your spouse, or get together with friends and shop together. It is a joy, a blessing and a privilege to participate and to see all the gifts in the Fellowship Hall piled high around our Christmas tree.

It takes a lot of helpers to work the table on Sundays, sort the toys, bag the toys, do some extra shopping and deliver the gifts to Marble Falls. If you would like to volunteer to help out with Christmas for Others, just call Gail Matthews at 596-1199.



Backpacks Needed - New or Used

The Women's Sunday School class is collecting new or used backpacks to give to St. Joseph's Pantry for one of their missions to provide needed items to the homeless Under the Bridge Program in Austin. If you have an unused backpack that you would like to donate, please leave it in the church office during week day business hours or in the Ladies Sunday School classroom on Sundays.

Bayside Bazaar

Christmas is just around the corner and the Helping Hands Craft Guild will host their annual Bayside Bazaar on Saturday, November 9, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Quail Point Lodge in Horseshoe Bay for a \$10 donation.

They have lots of wonderful items, just perfect for your Christmas list. There will be a silent auction and a style show. Also, proceeds from this event will go directly to The Helping Center of Marble Falls. Everyone is invited!

The Church office will be closed on Monday, November 11 for Veteran's Day and will reopen Tuesday, November 12. The office will also be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29, for the Thanksgiving holidays and will reopen on Monday, December 2, at 8:30 a.m.



Financial Report for the month of October 2013

Average 8:30 Attendance 92
Average 11:00 Attendance 205

	<u>October</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Actual Contributions	\$ 83,605	\$ 846,707	\$ 890,333
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 3,255	\$ 23,976	\$ 20,122
Operating Expenses	\$ (62,907)	\$ (559,175)	\$ (570,867)
Building Fund Transfers	\$ (3,750)	\$ (37,500)	\$ (37,500)
Benevolence Giving	\$ (13,080)	\$ (298,277)	\$ (282,419)
Net Excess/(Shortfall)	\$ 7,123	\$ (24,269)	\$ 19,669

Remaining steadfast in our Vision to become a dollar-for-dollar congregation



Thanksgiving Fellowship and Giving to Others

The fall season of the year is always welcomed; it means a change in the weather and holidays on the horizon.

This year the annual Thanksgiving celebration is going to be a “celebration of giving.” Thanksgiving week is a busy time for many of us either traveling or welcoming family to our homes. The Special Events Committee will be hosting our Thanksgiving Celebration on Sunday, November 17, between the two church services.

We are asking you to be thankful by bringing non-perishable food items to the Fellowship Hall and place in special boxes. The food collected will be distributed to the area food banks by the Benevolence Committee. **Again this year there will be only ONE celebration from 9:30 – 10:45.** Stay after the first service or come early for the second service. You never know, you might meet someone new.

If you have the gift of cooking for others we are looking for people to provide any of the following: pigs in a blanket, deviled eggs and breakfast breads. Please call or e-mail Carol Young at 830-598-5248 or cyouhb@tstar.net or Tommy Kepner at 830-598-2088 or tkepner@nctv.com.


Each year during Advent, poinsettias may be purchased in memory or in honor of friends and/or loved ones. The plants will adorn the sanctuary for the entire Advent season and may be taken home after the 7:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve.



A special bulletin listing all who have participated will be distributed. The order form inserts will be available in the Sunday worship bulletins beginning November 10, or you may call the church office. Orders will be accepted in the church office through Monday, November 25.

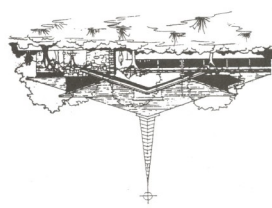
THE CHURCH AT HORSESHOE BAY

DECEMBER 2013 CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1 📌 Billy & Jimmie Lapham 📌 Carolyn Adams 📌 Fred Thurman 📌 Dodie Lemley 📌 Ken Lindgren 📌 Hanging of the Greens	2 📌 Carolyn Clahorne 📌 Becky Robinson 📌 Mary Fox 📌 George Russell	3 📌 Warren & Ruth Newman 📌 Greg & Tommy Kepner 📌 Dan & Patty Gillean 📌 Board of Trustees 9am	4 📌 Philip Lee	5 📌 Marion & Sue Nichols 📌 Anita Cruver	6 📌 Ray Britton	7 📌 Martha Greer 📌 Barbara Berg 📌 Gloria Sams 📌 Mary Alice Dunn 📌 Darrel Daniel	
8 📌 Jerry & Dala Campbell 📌 Ray Bishop 📌 Maryellen Richardson 📌 Norm Long 📌 Edra Edwards 📌 Handbells and Music 📌 Communion Sunday	9 📌 Bill & Mildred Goforth 📌 Dick & Rebecca Nicholson 📌 Jackie Luvisi	10 📌 Jim & Jane Robertson 📌 Garry Kesler	11 📌 Susie & Dick Schumacher	12 📌 Wes Nelson 📌 Curtis Neeley	13 📌 Bruce & Sherry Anderson 📌 Keith & Rita Adams 📌 Ken Anderson 📌 Michele Kesler	14 📌 Roy & Karen Idom 📌 Chary & Dorothy Bates 📌 Jim & Jan Brown ing 📌 Marilyn Lindgren 📌 Sue Chaplin	
15 📌 Steve & Karen Stevens 📌 Renate Broome 📌 Judy Ellis 📌 Remembrance Svc 5:00pm 📌 <i>Messiah</i>	16 📌 Charles Hoffman 📌 Kenneth Murphy 📌 Lois Reitz	17 📌 Gene & Karon McAlpine 📌 Peter & Olla Polls 📌 Jules Mills 📌 Frankie Ramey	18 📌 Jess & Carolyn Clahorne 📌 Joe & Sandi Beraft 📌 Kyle Womack	19 📌 Ken & Jan Greer 📌 Robert & Donna Klueger 📌 Ray & Margie McGee 📌 Bob Berg 📌 Gloria Blanton	20 📌 Robert Klueger 📌 Joan Shehan 📌 P. T. Williams	21 📌 Jim & Lori Meyer 📌 Doug & Cynthia Ivey 📌 Jimmie Hornburg 📌 Diana Gum 📌 Diane Dielert	
22 📌 Ron & Gloria Blanton 📌 Paul & Mary Ann Harris 📌 Garry Howard	23 📌 CHRISTMAS EVE 📌 Ekkehard & Nancy Dittmar 📌 Dan & Betty Edmunds 📌 5:00 Family Service 📌 7:00 Communion Service	24 📌 Gary & Diana Gum 📌 Merry Christmas	25 📌 OFFICE CLOSED	26 📌 Church Event	27 📌 Birthdays	28 📌 Anniversaries	
29 📌 Lessons and Carols	30 📌 Larry Anderson 📌 Patti Carr 📌 Dale Rodman	31 📌 David & Camille Sweigart 📌 Lois Anderson 📌 Al Jaksas, Jr. 📌 Larry Buxton 📌 Sabra McNabb 📌 OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON	 📌 OFFICE CLOSED	Please visit our website at www.church-hsb.org for access to our membership information, audios of pastor's sermons, activities, and much more!			

📌 ONE SERVICE @ 11am

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Christian Education Schedule

Bible Alive Hebrews

November 10

“Centerpiece of Superiority
of the New Covenant”
(Heb. 9:1-18) Larry Canter

November 17

“A Once for All Sacrifice”
(Heb. 10:1-18) Larry Canter

Class begins at 10:00 am

November 24

“Encouragement for Life of
Faith” (Heb. 10:19-39)
Reagan Lambert

December 1

“Christ’s Hall of Faith –
Part I” (Chapter 11:1-19)
Larry Canter

Women’s Bible Study Gideon: Your weakness. God’s Strength

November 10

Gideon, Week 5 DVD:
“How To Win A Battle”

November 17

Thanksgiving Fellowship

November 24

Gideon, Week 5 Discussion:
“How To Win A Battle”

December 1

Gideon, Week 6 DVD:
“Who Is Your King?”

Seekers Class Cultural Literacy for Religion

November 10

“Protestantism and
Christianity Today”
Stan Smith

November 17

Thanksgiving Fellowship

November 24

“Muhammad, Qur’an, &
Islamic Civilization”
Linda Wilson

December 1

“Unity in Islam - The Five
Pillars” Jim Jorden

Faith Bridge Experiencing God

November 10

“God Speaks Part 2”

November 17

Thanksgiving Fellowship

November 24

“The Crisis of Belief”

December 1

“Adjusting Your Life
to God”