

Shepherds On Call This Week: Ray Powell 690-6109 or Loren Skow 696-6175.

As of March 9, 2008:

Our Budget per week needed was: \$33,846.15
Actual Offering this week was: \$ 33,455.24
We were under budget for the week by :< \$390.91>
Year to Date Budget Total needed is: \$338,461.50
Year to Date Actual Offering is: \$313,601.28
We are under Budget for the year by: <\$24,860.22>

Community Service Center Update

Susie Guy is now operating a counseling service at CSC for individuals and families dealing with substance abuse. If you need her services, contact Susie at 693-8148.

Substance Abuse Recovery Program... Join Christians recovering from all forms of addiction in a 12-step study group on Tuesday evenings at **7:30PM**, at the Community Service Center. Call 574-1687 or 696-6224 for more information.

Special Outreach Opportunities

- ▶ **Do you have a relative or friend who is using alcohol or drugs?** We invite you to join our 12 step support group. We use Al-Anon literature and meet on Monday from 7-8 pm, in the Conference Room. For further information, call 693-0400 or 696-5888.
- ▶ **Spanish Radio Program ...**The local Spanish radio program on KTAM 1240 AM and KZTR 101.9 AM at 10 AM on Sundays. Byrl Brockman is the director of the program.

FAMILY NEWS

- ▶ **Fred Forsthoff** will be teaching an AARP Driver Safety Program Course on April 10 and April 11 in the parlor. Classes begin at 1:00 p.m. each day and students must attend both days to receive a certificate. Please register by making a check payable to AARP for \$10.00 per person and give it to Juanita in the office. You will then be placed on the roster.
- ▶ **Camp of the Hills Clothing Drive March 23 - April 9th.**

Camp of the Hills is a non-profit Christian Outdoor camp for Inner-city youths. Many kids come to camp with only the clothes on their back and the camp is committed to giving these kids a new pair of clothes everyday to wear at camp and take home. The needs are:

- 300 pairs of boy's underwear (age 8-13)
- 300 pairs of girl's underwear (age 8-13)
- 400 pairs of socks (8-13)

ALL UNDERGARMENTS MUST BE NEW CLOTHES!

Please bring your donations to the table in foyer. Monetary donations may be dropped off at the church office. Contact Brandon Green for any questions at 361-652-6683 or brandongreen87@gmail.com or for more information visit: www.campofthehills.org

It's that time of the year again... The annual Cherokee Children's Home Food & Sundry Drive! Please bring your canned goods, paper goods, detergents, and personal hygiene items up to the great hall (no aerosols please). Final cutoff date for collections will be Wednesday night - April 30th. For more info contact **Rick Schulte 777-0635**.



Stay Informed...

THE A&M CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWSLETTER...March 23, 2008

Prayers and Praises

- ▶ Please remember **Holly Field** in your prayers. Holly is scheduled for surgery at St. Joseph Hospital Tuesday, March 25th.
- ▶ **Andrea Adams** came home on Thursday, after having surgery on Wednesday, as she was doing so well! The doctor was very pleased with her progress. She is feeling better and her husband and children are taking good care of her. She wanted to thank everyone for their prayers on her behalf.
- ▶ As always this church has shown its love and concern for a family member. **Oualline Williams'** food needs for the month of March have been met.

Continue to remember the following and their families. Brad Wims, Linda Lantz,, Mary Ward, Dewitt Baker, Myrna Isgitt, Margurite Carroll, Nelda Blanton, Hunter Haltom, Jerry Meuth, Ruth Meek, Lois Mullinix, Jenny Garner, Diane Duncum.

You're Invited.....

Everyone is invited to a wedding shower honoring **Sonya Sawyer and Aaron Fritz** in the parlor after evening services Sunday, March 30th. Sonya and Aaron are registered at Target and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

Come celebrate with **Brian and Barbara Bowers** as they anticipate the arrival of their first child. A baby shower in their honor will be held on Sunday, April 6th, after evening services. Brian and Barbara are registered at Target and the nursery theme is farm animals with an emphasis on red. They will discover the sex of the baby at birth!!

Ten Reasons to attend A & M Ladies Program..."A Day of Java Joy"...

10. You like coffee...
9. You don't like coffee, but want the encouragement and fellowship of other ladies...
8. You need to renew and strengthen your faith...
7. You want to laugh, to get involved, and connect with other women...
6. You need a "soul-lift", a time for you and for OTHERS...
5. You don't have to cook breakfast or lunch...
4. You want to give spiritual mothering or be a mentor to other women...
3. You don't have to count calories—you'll be too busy enhancing your friendships
2. You want to enjoy praying and giving praise to God

1. Proverbs 27:17... "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another". The ladies from "The Coffee Group" will engage us in how we can sharpen our lives with Christ and deepen our friendships with other women. It is our hope and vision that friendships will extend beyond this day.

So.... Sign up today in the Great Hall. Deadline is March 30. Please make checks payable to A&M Church of Christ and be mailed to Essie Childers/4400 Belvoir Ct. CS, TX 77845

Children's Catch-Up...

EVERYONE is invited to the *Teachers' Appreciation Dinner* Thursday, April 3, at 6:30 p.m. Please remember to pick up your tickets this Sunday at the sign-up table near the entrance to the church library.

Sunday Night Bible Hour "Special Event" Schedule:

March 23 - All Bible Hour classes will meet this Sunday night for a special Easter lesson.

March 30 - Only the Toddler Bible Hour will meet. No other Bible Hour classes will meet. Children will be with their families in the auditorium for the LTC program.

PROJECT 153 - LOCAL & GLOBAL OUTREACH

Serve Abroad intern blogs

If you have not had a chance to read Garrett Bradford's blog this week, take a minute and do so! He has had the opportunity to witness something that many of our interns do not. That is, the departure of a missionary family from the field. The Dean family spent time in Aggieland as Mark studied for his Master's in Spanish. He and his wife Denise were part of the original Chile Team. They now have two kids and are loved by EVERYONE in Chile. In September of last year, the Dean's announced to the Iglesia de Cristo in Santiago, Chile their plans to return this month. They are relocating to Abilene, where Mark will teach Spanish at ACU. On his blog, Garrett talks about their last Team Retreat with the Deans. He also includes a wonderful Thai recipe for those food connoisseurs like himself. Garrett's blog address is <http://garrett.wisch.org/>.

P153 Prayer Requests

- Financial support for Lima Team families
- Good relationships built between the Lima Team members and their supporting congregations
- Wisdom for the Thailand Team as they begin planning for training
- God's imprint on Drew, Julie, John, Micah, Rocio and Garrett in their Serve Abroad internships around the world
- God to touch and mold the hearts of our iHouse friends studying the Bible (about 9 int'l students) to love Him

Youth & Family Update

We're back together again this Wednesday! Join us Wednesday night in the double-wide at 7:00 for our first week of being back together again for class. It's been a while and we're excited about seeing everyone there. Hope you'll join us.

High School After Church Thing – Next Sunday Night (3-30) after the LTC Recognition Service. You won't want to miss it.

High School Sunday Mornings – On Sunday, March 30, the two high school classes will join together to become one class. We're working on some great things for this class, and we hope you'll make time to be in class each week.

Parents' Meeting – Sunday, April 6 after evening worship. This is an important meeting and we have lots of information to share with all of the parents. We'll also be eating together and we need help from some families in providing the food. There is a list of food items needed on the youth ministry website. (You can link to it from the church website.) Go there to sign-up for something to bring.

Sign-Up for Summer Camp! The deadline is Sunday, April 13. Here are some details about each camp:

Camp Cornerstone: If you are currently in 7th or 8th grade, we hope you'll join our group in going to Cornerstone. It's July 5-11 and it's an awesome week of spiritual growth and friendship.

Uplift: If you are currently in 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade, we hope you'll join our group Uplift. Uplift is an amazing camp that happens June 14-19. Uplift has some of the best teachers in the nation and you'll have a wonderful opportunity to grow closer to God and closer to other students in this youth group.

The information you have received in the mail has more details about each of these great camps. You can also go to our youth ministry website to see videos from each of the camps last year. If you need additional sign-up forms, let us know. All sign-up forms and deposits are due to the youth box in 216/217 by April 13.

High School Mission Trip Dates – The dates for our High School Mission Trip are July 26-August 2. Save the dates. More information will be shared soon.

Aggies for Christ Corner

AFC - Habitat Project - The build has only a few more Saturdays of the AFC's work to be completed. In the meantime, only nineteen more commitments are needed to complete the monetary goal.

HYPE's Sports Day - March 27 - meet at 4:45pm at the building to go play b-ball, etc. at a local park with the HYPE kids!

Spring 2008's Final Weekend Trip - Mar. 28-30 **Travis Peak**

SHINE (Seeing Him In New Experiences) - April 25-27 - The AFC freshman class will be hosting a weekend for an orientation of the Aggies for Christ open to high school juniors and seniors for an orientation of the Aggies for Christ weekend. If you are interested in being a part of it, contact Kelly or Paige at 979-693-0400.

Summer Mission Trips - Preparation is well underway. If you are still interested, now is a good time to decide. The AFC will be going on AFKO, and trips to Kranuan, Phuket, Bangkok, Australia, and the Ukraine. For questions, contact Traci or Kelly.