FCC Burnet a History of Its Crosses

With so much time on my hands and in need of a project, I decided to research the three crosses hanging in our church. The newly hung cross, in the Narthex on the wall above the steps, was found in the attic. At first, I could not remember its history or its importance to the church. I learned it is the oldest of the three crosses and originally hung on the wall in the first sanctuary of the church (1950) and remained there after the room renovation (2005). There is a strong possibility that Joe Shell, father of Paul Shell and some relationship to Bennie Clark, had something to do with building it.

The second cross presently hanging in the middle of the cross wall was made by Norman Dees (1975) for the second sanctuary. It hung above the entrance doors to the sanctuary on the wall across from the present-day office. At the end of the service, the congregation would look at the cross and sing “Bless Be the Tie.” The cross was moved to the Wall of Crosses after the most recent renovation.

The third cross was built by Greg Williams for the new sanctuary (2005). He used mesquite from his property to for the large, lighted cross. It is a beautiful addition to our sanctuary.

Think of the changes these crosses have seen over the past 66 years and the many precious memories they hold...the many sermons and songs, the hugs from loved ones no longer present and the continued hopes and dreams for our future.

Written by Marilyn Petrick

a call for a

Traditional Worship
Music Director

Be a catalyst for 2 Sunday worship services!

Our present Director is moving and we need that just-right person that can energize the music ministry for our traditional worship services.

Job description for this 8 hours/week, $600/month position

send resume’ to LeadPastor@rhcc4.org
Submissions thru February 15, 2017

Rolling Hills Community Church
a unique union church chartered in the United Methodist Church,
the Presbyterian Church USA,
the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and
the United Church of Christ
a church for the unchurched and dechurched on the north Lake Travis shore

Annual Area Committee on Ministry Interviews

- Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at FCC Corpus Christi
- Saturday, April 1, 2017 at Hyde Park CC in Austin
- Saturday, June 3, 2017 at Western Hills CC in San Antonio
- Saturday, August 5, 2017 at FCC San Benito

These interviews are for:

- Commissioned ministers whose commission has expired or will expire on September 1, 2017. Remember all commissioned ministers must renew their commissions on a yearly basis.
- Those individuals completing their period of discernment in the ACOM Education Program and who are seeking first time commissions.
- Those individuals seeking to enter the ACOM Education Program.

It is your responsibility to CALL the BBA Office at (210) 822-4345 to schedule your interview. Once you schedule your interview you and your congregation will receive the mandated paperwork that you must completed and submitted to the BBA Office no later than two weeks prior to your interview date.
**Turn Around... They are Behind You.**

*Could this be the answer to “where are all the younger men in the Disciple Men’s Ministry”?

Is it possible that Disciple Men have been so focused on traditional ministry that we have failed to adapt to the needs of 21st century men?

Gather with us for the 2017 BBA/CPA Men’s Retreat on February 17 – 18 at the Disciple Oaks Conference Center to participate in a discussion of this important topic.

During our time together we will experience great food, inspirational singing, serious discussion and a challenging message from our speaker. To be a success, we need attendance from the old guys (20th century) and especially the new guys (21st century).

[Click here] for information/registration packet.

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**Disciple Oaks Camp & Retreat**

Our first workday of 2017 is scheduled for Saturday, February 25th. Come join your friends from the Area as we work at our campground in Gonzales. We will start at 8:00 a.m. and work until about 3:00 p.m. LUNCH PROVIDED!

If you need to spend the night Friday or Saturday at camp, you can also do that for free. We will need to stay in the dorms as I have a group booked in the Lodge. There are a few good restaurants in town you can check out for dinner and breakfast.

Our main task for this workday will be clearing brush in front of the director’s house and along the pond as you enter the campground. One side of the pond has already been cleared. We might even have some painting and organizing storage areas to work on as well. So grab your weed eaters, chainsaws, gloves, tree cutters, and hedge clippers and come on out!

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**CCSW DWM LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

March 3 & 4, 2017

*“Lead with a Hopeful Heart”*  
Proverbs 16:9 NIV

**This Leadership Event is for all Area Leaders & Aspiring Leaders**  
{Coordinators, Consultants, Key Women, and other Officers/Leaders}

- **Conference Includes**
  - Worship Leadership
  - Tools & Group Activities
  - Hands on Mission/Outreach
  - Silent Auction
  - Fun & Fellowship

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**Special Presenters**

**Rev. Megan Ammann Peglar** is an ordained Disciples minister and a graduate of TCU and Brite Divinity School. She has served congregations in Euless, Kansas City and Ft. Worth. She’s a member of Ridglea Christian Church, serves as co-chair of the Trinity-Brazos Area’s Global Concerns committee, and loves to guest preach, keynote and lead retreats.

**Marilyn Calhoun** is a dedicated educator and gifted scholar in leadership development, professional development training, and teaching/learning. She is a member of Warren Avenue Christian Church in Dallas where she holds many responsibilities in serving the Lord.

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**Ministers Week 2017**

Re-envisioning Spirituality, Community, and Faithful Living  
**February 20-23, 2017**

Registration is now open for Ministers Week 2017. Together with Amy Bulter, Norman Wirzba, John Holbert, Larry Rasmussen, Melanie Harris and Nora Gallagher, we will re-envision spirituality and explore faithful living. Other speakers and workshop leaders include Scott Hardin-Nieri, Mary Gaudreau, Laraine Waughtal, Ann Dotson, Patrick McCoy, Arthur Stewart, and Barbara Tucker. Kyla K. Rosenberger is our featured organist. We look forward to seeing you at Ministers Week 2017!

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Disciples of Christ Historical Society

Our Mission
Disciples History is dedicated to keeping our legacy safe and sharing our story with the world. Disciples of Christ Historical Society is a general ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada and interconnects all Stone-Campbell churches around the world. We serve as the primary archive and collective memory for our faith family. Through the collection and preservation of historical documents and artifacts, by teaching and publishing, and per the World Wide Web, we insure that the ideal which was delivered to us—an open and welcoming Church—will remain available for the generations to come.

Our Promise
Disciples History promises to maintain the highest standards in everything we undertake and to keep safe the precious historical materials entrusted to our care.

Our Vision
Disciples History envisions the unity of all persons of faith through shared understanding of individual histories and creeds.

The Work of the Historical Society
Since 1941 Disciples of Christ Historical Society has served its mission of preserving and making available to researchers the many documents, books, periodicals, and audio/visual materials telling the story of the Stone-Campbell heritage. The Society exists to document and interpret the history of Stone-Campbell churches (Churches of Christ, Independent Christian Churches/Churches of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and holds the largest collection of this material in the world. Included are hundreds of thousands of photographs, thousands of rare books, 40,000 biographical files, records of tens of thousands of congregations, and thousands of artifacts.

Our Logo - The Three Streams Cross
In our expression of this ancient, historic symbol of Christianity, we have anchored the Cross of Christ with three circles, representing the three streams of the Stone-Campbell heritage (Disciples, Christian churches, and Churches of Christ). All are connected to, and surround the Cross, which remains the powerful center of our faith heritage. The Cross is completed with an arrow pointing toward the future. It is a future, we believe, filled with unity and hope, as we carry the Gospel message forward into new generations.

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Hours of Operation: The archives are open 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday through Friday with the exception of holidays.

For questions about the submission of materials email: john.imbler@ptstulsa.edu

Tours of DCHS and Historic Bethany may be arranged by appointment by emailing: historic@bethanywv.edu

The area is rich in the tradition of the Thomas and Alexander Campbell side of the Stone-Campbell movement—a nineteenth century restoration movement established on North American soil. Living heirs to this restoration movement are the Disciples of Christ, the Christian Church and Churches of Christ, and the Churches of Christ.

The Historical Society is located adjacent to Alexander Campbell’s study and mansion surrounded by rolling hills and pasture land. It is across the street from the Campbell cemetery and up the road from the Old Meetinghouse where the Campbells preached. A neighbor of the Society is the beautiful Bethany College which was founded by Alexander Campbell in 1840. It is renowned as the oldest college of the restoration movement still in existence and the oldest higher education institution in West Virginia—www.bethanywv.edu. Many of the sites are listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

The Society’s archives contain books; journals; files of congregations, ministries, and worldwide missions; artifacts; and memorabilia from the three streams of the movement dating from the late eighteenth century to the present. Visitors are welcome to explore all that the Bethany community has to offer. Researchers of Stone-Campbell studies are welcome to investigate historic originals to contemporary documents.

Lodging is usually available in the Gresham House Inn at the Mountainside Conference Center in Bethany—www.mountainsidecc.com 304-829-4343.
**BBA Congregations in Search and Call**

Bluebonnet Area/LRGVD  Search committee for Area Minister has been formed.

Central CC San Antonio  Accepting applications for Church Family Minister (Associate Minister).

FCC Lexington  Pastor David Fischer has retired; search committee being formed.

FCC Lockhart  Search committee preparing church profile.

FCC McAllen  Pastor Max Grubb has announced retirement; search committee preparing church profile.

Rolling Oaks CC  Property has been sold; first worship service in rental facilities was January 8th. Re-constituted search committee has begun work on church profiled, seeking “re-launch” pastor.

South Shore CC  Installation of Pastor Oscar Banks scheduled for February 19th.

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**Monthly Events**

1. Lilies of the Valley at IC Emmanuel 9:00 a.m. (every Monday & Tuesday)
2. Loaves and Fishes at Primera IC Raymondville 5:00 p.m. (every Tuesday & Thursday)
3. Domestic Violence Support Group at Primera IC Raymondville 6:00 p.m. (every Tuesday)
4. Community in Action at Primera IC Raymondville 9:00 a.m. (every Thursday)
5. The Open Table (free meal for all) at Western Hills CC 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. (every 2nd & 4th Saturday)
6. LRGVD Mentor Group Meeting at Pastor Herbert’s Home 3:00 p.m.
7. Alamo Cluster Meeting at Luby’s 911 N Main 11:30 a.m.
8. Capital Cluster Meeting at Hyde Park CC 12:00 p.m.
9. Coastal Cluster Meeting at FCC Corpus Christi 11:00 a.m.
10. 2017 BBA Men’s Retreat at DCCI
11. 90th Anniversary Celebration at FCC Edinburg
12. Healthy Boundaries for Clergy at University CC Ft Worth
13. Minister’s Week at Brite Divinity School
14. Annual ACOM Interviews at FCC Corpus Christi
15. Convencion Hispana del Suroeste: Retiro Ministerial at San Antonio
16. Workday at DCCI

For more information on these churches, contact the BBA Office at (210) 822-4345 or bba@ccsw.org.

In an effort to maintain the lines of communication open and better serve you, we ask that you keep the BBA Office informed of any and all changes to your contact information. You may contact the BBA Office at bba@ccsw.org or (210) 822-4345.

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