

# THE HILL COUNTRY CALLER

## Hill Country Christian Church (DOC)

### March 2010, Newsletter

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#### *Epistle from the Pastor*

Lent is related to the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness at the beginning of His ministry. It was not recognized as a significant time period until the fourth century. There are no biblical recommendations for observance of Lent since Lent was not practiced during the 1<sup>st</sup> century.

We here at Hill Country Christian Church are celebrating Lent in honor of our many members who come from traditions where Lent is observed. Often Lent involves giving something up in remembrance of Jesus giving up his earthly life in a painful way. Lent is a time for us to prepare our hearts for the observance of the crucifixion and the celebration of the resurrection.

This year, consider taking on something for Lent, such as daily prayers, reaching out to co-workers or getting involved in a church committee project. Jesus Christ, the Son of God and man suffered and died for you. In a word often used in seminary, "What is your response to the selfless acts of Jesus?" You cannot possibly repay Jesus for the sacrifice, but you can respond to the gift of salvation through works of joy, acts of praise and personal missions.

Pax, Pace, Peace  
Pastor Larry

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The Worship Committee would like to thank those who supplied flowers for the sanctuary alter.

January: Aurel Milner  
The Curtis Family

February: 7<sup>th</sup> Cathy and Ron Lutz: In honor of their Anniversary  
14<sup>th</sup> Paula and Melissa Reed: In memory of Harry Reed  
21<sup>st</sup> Ed and Eleanor Scarce  
28<sup>th</sup> Lynn and Bobby Shirk: In memory of Kenneth Phelps

- ❖ The sign up calendar is in the foyer if you would like to furnish flowers for the altar.
  - ❖ The Worship Committee will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Church.
  - ❖ Easter Lilies are on sale for \$12.00. Order forms will be available. Payment at time of order is required. They will be displayed on Easter and ready for you to take home after Church that day.
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Hill Country Christian Church will host  
**"Girl Scout Sunday"** for the Bulverde/Spring Branch area  
During the worship service on Sunday, March 7, 2010

All Girl Scouts, present and former are invited to attend.  
Troops or individuals willing to participate in the service please contact  
Debbie Shea, [shea510@aol.com](mailto:shea510@aol.com) or Faye Ennis, [jeff.ennis@gvtc.com](mailto:jeff.ennis@gvtc.com)

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Lenten Study with Rev. Harrison –  
"24 Hours that Changed the World" - A video journey by Adam Hamilton  
Continues on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. through March 18<sup>th</sup>

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**"Paul's Journey" returns to HCCC for 10:30 a.m. worship service on March 21.  
Church Potluck afterwards**



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## Summer Camp 2010

June 20-26

BBA CYF Conference (Completed grades 9-12)\*

June 27-July 3

Eighter's Camp (Completed grade 8)\*

July 6-9

Beginner's Camp (Completed grades 2-3)

Early registration \$165; regular \$205

July 11-17

Chi Rho Camp (Completed grades 6-7)\*

July 19-24

Junior Camp (Completed grades 4-5)

Early registration \$250; regular \$290

\*Early registration fee for all camps (except noted) \$280; regular \$320.

Early registration deadlines are usually one month before the first day of each camp.

To register for events, or for more camp information, including registration deadlines and forms, call either the church office or the Bluebonnet Area office 210-822-4345.

### WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP (Put your name on everything!)

#### CLOTHING

Hat or cap

Appropriate shorts / Cool comfortable shirts

*(NOTE: Because we get so hot and sweaty at camp, please bring enough clothes to change into clean clothes following the afternoon/evening swim.)*

Underclothing / Sleepwear

Swimsuit & cover up / Beach towel / Flipflops

2 pair of closed-toed shoes / several pairs of socks

2 Bath towels / 2 Washcloths

#### BEDDING

Pillow + pillow case

Sleeping bag *OR* Twin-sized sheets

Light-weight blanket / Fabric laundry sheets (optional)

#### PERSONAL ITEMS

Comb/brush

Toothbrush/toothpaste

Soap/shampoo

Deodorant / Foot Powder (optional)

Sunscreen Insect repellent (no spray cans)

#### SPECIAL ITEMS

Bible

If you play an instrument like guitar or percussion, feel free to bring it.

Sleep/security item

Flashlight / Camera

Blank Journal / pen or pencil

Stationary / envelopes / stamps

Something to read at rest time

#### WHAT NOT TO BRING TO CAMP

CELL PHONES, Radios, TVs, Boomboxes, Walkie-Talkies, Scooters, Skates, Skateboards, Gameboys, PSP's, Trading Cards, Toys, Candy/Snacks nor anything else to eat.

Ipods are okay to bring, but they are allowed for personal listening only at rest time. We wish to build a community without head phones.

\*If you are going and you will be late or leave early, please note it on your registration form.

There are not enough thank you's to go out to everyone who helped to make this year's Sweetheart Café a success. I had so much help and we had an awesome Café which grossed a little over \$1300!! I would like everyone at Hill Country Christian to know how much I appreciate all that everyone does and has done to help make our church events successful and support our youth.

The Sweetheart Café was the work of MANY who gave so much of their time and energy to make this year an awesome event. God Bless Everyone and Thank You to All Who helped make this an awesome year!

Sincerely,  
Christina Hallum, YMC Chairman



### CROP HUNGER WALK

CROP Hunger Walk is an activity of the Church World Service (CWS) and the 10th annual Canyon Lake CROP Hunger Walk will take place on March 13th at Canyon Dam, at 9:00 a.m.

We will meet at St. Thomas the Apostle Church at the base of the dam.

Please find sponsors that pledge a certain amount for the length of the two-mile walk.

Sign-up sheets are ready for you, your kids, and dogs, in the narthex.

Communities Reaching Out to People returns 25 percent of proceeds to the local community while spreading the rest to its efforts to confront hunger around the world.

The Church World Service had emergency supplies already positioned in the Dominican Republic and within 24 hours of the earthquake, those supplies were flowing into Haiti.

**Please participate in the walk to help stamp out world hunger.**

Contact Marsha Johnston or Tani Martinez if more information is needed.

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### ALAMO CLUSTER INVITATION FOR MARCH 14, 2010 at Hill Country Christian Church

All Disciple's Women in the Alamo Cluster area are invited to Hill Country Christian Church to meet and discuss your ideas for Disciple Women's Ministries/CWF and where you see it going in the future.

Our keynote speaker will be:

**Adonna Bowman**  
**Executive Director of Disciple Women's Ministries from Indianapolis**

Time is 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary at Hill Country Christian Church.

Cake and Coffee will be served during the meeting.

Bring your ideas and let's bring the excitement back into Women's Ministries for the Alamo Cluster of the Bluebonnet Area.

Please RSVP to:

Janie Harrison [janieh@satx.rr.com](mailto:janieh@satx.rr.com)

210-745-2954 home

210-324-7267 cell



**Inman Christian Center  
Honors Banquet**

**Sunday April 11, 2010**

**Central Christian Church  
720 N. Main Avenue  
San Antonio, Texas 78205**

**Silent Auction: 5:30 to 6:00 p.m.**

**Dinner: 6:00 p.m. - \$30.00 Donation**

**Speaker: Sandra Imery, Executive Director, Inman Christian Center**

**For tickets call Inman at 210-222-2461 or contact Rev. Larry Garcia, Rev. Janie Harrison or Randy Becker**

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER
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MARCH 5-7 - CYF Spring Rally (for high school age) @ Camp Gonzo

MARCH 7 – Girl Scout Sunday

MARCH 14 – Daylight savings begins at 2:00a.m. – Turn your clock forward one hour

MARCH 14 – Adonna Bowmen, 2:00p.m. – Reception afterward

MARCH 14 – Emmaus gathering at HCCC

March 20 - CWF will begin at 9:30 a.m. until noon then we're going to the Huisache Grill for lunch after their gathering

MARCH 21 – Paul's Journey will again be at our church for Sunday Services, starting at 10:30 a.m.

MARCH 28 – Palm Sunday Worship Service with our Easter Egg Hunt afterwards!

APRIL 1 – Maundy Thursday

APRIL 2 – Good Friday

APRIL 4 – Easter Sunrise service - 8:30a.m., Fellowship breakfast – 9:30a.m., Easter worship service - 10:30a.m.

APRIL 18 - Jon Sheptock will be at our church for the first time for Sunday Services - 10:30 a.m.

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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

AT HCCC IS JUNE 7 - 11, 2010

THIS YEAR'S THEME IS **"OUTER SPACE"**

Mark your calendars and keep a look out for more information to come!  
 HCCC Happenings. . .

► Weekly

Sunday

9:30a.m. - Sunday school

10:30a.m. – Blended Worship Service with Children’s church (Nursery care available)

Wednesday

5:45-7:00p.m. - Praise Team Practice

We also practice before worship on Sunday

6:30-8:00p.m. – Jr. High Youth Bible Study

Supper & Bible study plus activities

Thursdays

7:00p.m. - Al-Anon

► Bi-Monthly

Friday

4:14 – Daisy Girl Scouts Troop 362

► Monthly

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday

8:30a.m. - Men’s Breakfast & Fellowship

We just get together for a great breakfast, a little prayer to start our day and good fellowship. Come join us.

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday

9:30a.m. – Noon: CWF (Christian Women's Fellowship)

Each month we get together for a devotional, enrichment time, fellowship and lunch!

All women are welcome join us.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

5:30 – 7:00p.m. – Bulverde Emmaus Gathering.

This month is hosted by Riverside Community at Bulverde United Methodist Church.

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday

7:00p.m. – BOARD Meeting

**MARCH**

**BIRTHDAYS**

Christian Hallum – 5<sup>th</sup>

Daniel Rodriguez – 5<sup>th</sup>

Scott Thomas – 5<sup>th</sup>

Donald Stork – 8<sup>th</sup>

Donna Heath – 11<sup>th</sup>

Barry Martin – 16<sup>th</sup>

Tiffany Hughes – 19<sup>th</sup>

Teri Becker – 21<sup>st</sup>

Rebecca Geiwitz – 23<sup>rd</sup>

Chance Vestal – 23<sup>rd</sup>

Gabriele Ebner – 24<sup>th</sup>

**ANNIVERSIES**

Barbara & Earl Fowler – 25<sup>th</sup>

Herbert & Sara Hardegree – 28<sup>th</sup>

\*A note of remembrance: March 19 would have been Gene & Phyllis Curtis’s anniversary.

**New Members**

**Joined**

Gabriele Ebner

2/21/10

✚ We encourage our new members to bring a cross to hang on the “Cross Wall”. Be sure to put your name on the back and someone from the property committee will get it hung up for you.

**THE PEOPLE GAVE. . . . .**

**Stewardship**

Budget Needs per Month	\$ 10,500
Budget Needs YTD as of 01-31-10	\$ 10,500
Receipts YTD as of 01-31-10	\$ 9,572
Amount that Receipts are MORE than Budget	\$ (928)

**Offerings**

01/03/2010 \$2,843  
 01/10/2010 \$1,680  
 01/17/2010 \$1,880

01/24/2010 \$1,768  
 01/31/2010 \$1,401

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### March 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 5:45-7:00 Praise Team Practice Jr. High Bible Study 6:30-8:00	<b>4</b>  7:00 Lenten Study with Rev. Harrison  7:00 Al-Anon	<b>5</b>  4:15 Daisy Girl Scouts	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>  Girl Scout Sun. 10:30 Worship	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 5:45-7:00 Praise Team Practice Jr. High Bible Study 6:30-8:00	<b>11</b>  7:00 Lenten Study with Rev. Harrison  7:00 Al-Anon	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  8:30 Men's Breakfast  9:00 CROP Hunger Walk @ Canyon Lake Dam
<b>14</b> 10:30 Worship Worship Committee meets after service  2:00-Adonna Bowman Disciple Women's Ministries. Reception following	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 5:45-7:00 Praise Team Practice Jr. High Bible Study 6:30-8:00	<b>18</b>  7:00 Lenten Study with Rev. Harrison  7:00 Al-Anon	<b>19</b>  4:15 Daisy Girl Scouts	<b>20</b>  9:30 – Noon CWF
<b>21</b> 10:30 Worship with Paul's Journey Church potluck afterwards  EMMAUS at BUMC 5:30 fellowship 6:00 Worship	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7:00 – BOARD 5:45-7:00 Praise Team Practice Jr. High Bible Study 6:30-8:00	<b>25</b>  7:00 Al-Anon	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> PALM SUNDAY 10:30 Worship  Easter Egg Hunt!	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 5:45-7:00 Praise Team Practice Jr. High Bible Study 6:30-8:00			

**HCCC office hours: Mon.-Thru., 9:00-3:00, closed Fridays**

Pastor Larry Garcia is in the church office on Wednesdays or by appointment: 210-865-1081

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