



THE CHALICE

Greeting from the Texas Bible Chair Foundation!



We have an exciting year planned for you this year with several new developments. First of all, we now have online registration through Eventbrite.com! The sign-up process is easy and the small fee is reasonable (\$43.19 total for early registration). This will help immensely with registration! We also have plans for a basic website and would like to implement the ability to watch the classes online. And if you have not done it already, [click here to like us on Facebook and follow us there](#). All our future events will be linked there.

Our first Clergy Leadership Institute (CLI) will be on Saturday, January 16 at Rolling Oaks Christian Church in San Antonio and it will cover the topic of Christian Education. [Click here to sign up](#). We are blessed to have the Rev. Mary Lu Johnston from University Christian Church, who has a vast amount of experience, both academic and practical in the field of

Christian Education. Our goal is to help church leaders better plan and guide their Sunday Schools, both for adults and children. Not only will attendees learn some of the fundamentals and theological concepts of Christian Education, they will come back with some concrete examples of good curriculum they can use in their churches, curriculum that is faithful to our beliefs and traditions within the Disciples of Christ.

For our CLI in April on ethics, we decided to use it as an opportunity to provide boundary training. We are blessed to have our acting Regional minister, Coretha Loughridge lead this course. The fee is only \$50 and registration will be handled through the regional office.

And on October 22, 2016 our Clergy Leadership Institute will focus on Evangelism. As a church planter with a passion for sharing the Good News of Christ, I have agreed to lead (at least in part) this workshop!

As you get to know me, you will realize that I am a hands-on kind of person and I highly value the practical side of ministry. When I go to a workshop on ministry, I want some practical tools that I can use to do ministry! It is my goal to provide the Area with workshops that not only offer the academic foundation of a concept, but also practical applications that folks can use to lead a congregation in ministry today. Further, we hope to offer at least one workshop this year that targets lay folks in our congregations. Although our CLIs are open to anyone, we always have our commissioned ministers and ordained clergy in mind. We want broaden our scope and offer educational opportunities for all folks within the Bluebonnet Area!

Blessings and Peace,
Rev. Ron Trimmer
Executive Director of the Texas Bible Chair Foundation

Commissioned Ministers Don't Forget to Schedule Your ACOM Interview

As a minister it is your responsibility to call the BBA Office at (210) 822-4345 to schedule your interview. Once you schedule your interview you will receive the mandated paperwork that must be completed and submitted by the interviewee and his/her sponsoring congregation to the BBA Office no later than two weeks prior to your interview appointment. These interviews are for:

- ◆ Commissioned ministers whose commission has expired or is about to expire. **Remember all commissioned ministers must renew their commissions on a yearly basis.**
- ◆ Those individuals in the ACOM Education program seeking

first time commissions.

- ◆ Those individuals seeking to enter the ACOM Education Program.
- ◆ Those individuals seeking to enter the ordination process that require an interview by the Area Minister/ACOM Chair.

Interviews will be held as follows:

- ◆ Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at FCC Corpus Christi
- ◆ Saturday, April 9, 2016 at Hyde Park CC
- ◆ Saturday, June 4, 2016 at Western Hills CC
- ◆ Saturday, August 6, 2016 at FCC San Benito

Healthy Boundaries Training Registration

You may now register for the Healthy Boundaries Training scheduled Monday, February 15, at 10:00 a.m. at University Christian Church in Fort Worth. For those attending Ministers Week that begins that afternoon, you may choose to come in

early to complete this training. Registration is \$50, whether online or by PDF/paper copy. Contact the Regional Office at ccsw@ccsw.org or (817) 926-4687 for details.

We will post further training opportunities on the Regional website [calendar](#) so check there for updates. Currently, we have another training scheduled Saturday, April 16, at 9:30 am at Rolling Oaks Christian Church in San Antonio.

Disciples Men

Bluebonnet Area/LRGVD

Disciples Men's Retreat

February 19-20, 2016

Disciples Conference Center

**"Expand Your Horizons-Hebrew Insight into
the Scriptures-the Makings of a Man"**

Roy Garcia, Lead Rabbi

Congregation Baruch Hashem-San Antonio Messianic Congregation

Registration Fee

\$60 before February 10
covers lodging for 1 night, 2 meals and insurance

\$70 after February 10

[Click here](#) for registration form.

CCSW Disciples Men Mission Work Project 2016

Due to long range rainy weather forecasts for the next 3-5 months in northeast Texas and knowing our experiences at South Dallas and Jacksonville the past two years, we are moving the project dates to the first week of May, from May 2-7.

With several months to have all the approvals completed and getting the steel shell completed before we arrive should make this project move along smoother.

Remember, this is a church in Kaufman about 33 miles from downtown Dallas. The building plans will be similar to the multi-purpose building we constructed for Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries in 2013 and the Jacksonville church in 2014.

Details regarding housing, cooking and meal arrangements will be sent as plans are approved.

Youth News

Blessings to all! It is that time of year again that we are preparing for the 2016 Youth Ministry Council and Summer Camp Season/Mission activities. There are lots of exciting upgrades at **Disciple Oaks Camp & Retreat** affectionately referred to as "Camp Gonzo." Be sure to check out great up to date pictures of the various projects on Facebook page for **Disciple Oaks - Camp & Retreat (aka Camp Gonzo)**. The new high ropes course is being put in. It is great to see all that activity. They need our support so be sure to talk to Rev. Scott Miller when he comes by to visit your church for ways to help. Workdays have been published this is a great opportunity to take your group and support the camp. It is not all work either. There is lots of fellowship and an opportunity to experience the camp.

We also have a really exciting news this year DSM (Disciples Summer Mission) has grown to offering two different opportunities and this year one will be St. Louis and the other will be In our area. If you have been unable to join before

because of travel. You may find this one in the Austin area works for you. I have participated with my group for the last 3 years and never been disappointed in the experience for my youth and adult volunteers. They truly teach our kiddos how to actively pick up your cross and follow Jesus. If you want more information Shawn Colson of San Marcos is on the leadership committee this year and take a look at their website: <https://disciplesummermission.wordpress.com/>

Please check out the new 2016 forms and use these to sign up for both [Chi Rho Midwinter](#) (grades 6 - 8th) and [CYF Spring Rally](#) (grades 9th - 12th.) We are still looking for adult volunteers for the Summer Camp season. It is a rewarding way to give back to the area and may an impact on the spiritual walk of our youth disciples. Please complete the adult interest form on the Youth section of the BBA website.

It is also time to pick our YMC youth/adult members. Youth are 10-12 graders. If you

are interested in serving in this capacity, please complete a [YMC packet](#) and get it turned in. You will be expected to be available to attend planning meetings and camps, but you will have an opportunity to thrive as a young Christian Leader.

Peace & Love,
Pastor Emily Wycpalek

2016 Summer Camp Dates

- ◆ Family Camp: May 27-29, 2016
- ◆ Junior Camp: June 7-11, 2016
- ◆ Beginners Camp: June 7-11, 2016
- ◆ CYF Camp: June 12-18, 2016
- ◆ Eighters Camp: June 19-25, 2016
- ◆ Chi Rho Camp: July 10-16, 2016
- ◆ CYLS Camp: July 25-30, 2016

Registration Forms

- ◆ [Click here](#) for Youth Registration Form.
- ◆ [Click here](#) for Steward Registration Form.
- ◆ [Click here](#) for Adult Registration Form.

Trinity-Brazos Area Announce New Model of Area Ministry: Positions Open



The Trinity-Brazos Area of the Southwest Region is accepting resumes/profiles for the **Minister of Connection** and the

Minister of Nurture positions. Candidates should be ordained ministers in good standing with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and have ministerial experience with individual congregations. Resumes/profiles should be submitted to Trinity-Brazos Area office via either email at tba@ccsw.org or mailed to 1000 Bonnie Brae Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76111 by January 15, 2016. Shortly thereafter the Area Ministry Search Committee will evaluate the submitted information for further consideration.

The Board of the Trinity-Brazos Area desires to evolve a new model of area ministry. While a limited number of specific areas of ministry are indicated in the job descriptions, through

collaboration between the two positions, area ministry will continue to be defined and developed over time. Area ministry must continue to adapt as our society and communities change in order to better help individual congregations to be successful in spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Contact Rick Seeds, Area Ministry Search Committee Chair, at (817) 832-3845 or rseeds@airmail.net for questions. Please indicate for which position you are applying.

Minister of Connection – 18 hours – \$27,000/year total compensation package plus a travel and professional expense allowance of \$3,000 per year
Connect congregations and their clergy with each other to strengthen our sense of community. This is more of a “macro” ministry – seeing the big picture of ministry in the TBA as carried out by local

congregations, collaborative efforts, and constituency groups.

administrate search and call

work with Area Committee on Ministry in identifying new ministerial candidates

fulfill administrative office with special focus on inter- and intra-church communication

participate in area constituency groups and including Tarrant Churches Together

Minister of Nurture – 18 hours – \$27,000/year total compensation package plus a travel and professional expense allowance of \$2,000 per year

Nurture individuals into and through the fulfillment of their vocation, providing pastoral care and counsel. This is more of a “micro” ministry – meeting the particular needs of persons, groups, and congregations in the TBA with appropriate

Accepting Applications for the 2016-17 NBA XPLOR Residency

NBA XPLOR is committed to cultivating a diverse population for our 2016-2017 cohort of 25+ residents. You may know a young adult who would be interested in the XPLOR experience. An ideal applicant is any young adult (21-30 years old) with an open heart and open mind, who is ready to ask, what did God create my soul to do? To learn more [click here](#).



Cornerstone Deadline: Jan. 15, 2016

Extended Deadline: Feb. 19, 2016

Peace Intern Applications are Open!

This summer, let it shine.

Disciples Peace Fellowship

Apply now to become a 2016 DPF Peace Intern & spend your summer traveling, teaching & transforming. Applications due February 12, 2016

learn more at DPFweb.org

“Keeping alive the passion for peace and justice”:

Founded in 1935 at the International Convention of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in San Antonio, Texas, DPF began with 75 dedicated individuals, and is now one of the largest independent but integrally related organizations within the denomination. It is also the oldest existing Peace Fellowship of any denomination in the United States.

Disciples Peace Fellowship is dedicated to the elimination of war and the Biblical principles of peace and justice. We serve as a voice to/for members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) who long for peace and justice to be at the forefront of our teachings and witness.

If you or someone you know is a 21-30 year old with a passion for Peace and Justice, [apply](#) now for the Disciples Fellowship Peace Internship! To learn more about what a Peace Intern is [click here](#).

BBA Congregations in Search and Call

Alamo Heights CC -----
----- Search on hold while reviewing long-term options

Bethany CC, Austin----- Accepting applications for part-time interim

South Shore CC, Corpus Christi -----
-----Baptist Pastor, Ralph Willis currently filling pulpit

Round Rock CC ----- Mitchell Maxted to begin ministry in January

Rolling Oaks CC, San Antonio----- Still seeking part-time interim

Western Hills CC, San Antonio -----
----- Brent Pomeroy called to begin ministry in January

*For assistance with Search and Call please contact Rev. William Howden
at bbasearch@ccsw.org or (210) 771-5981.*

Monthly Events

- Lilies of the Valley at SWGSM 9:00 a.m. (every Monday)
- Lilies of the Valley at IC Emmanuel 9:00 a.m. (every Tuesday)
- Lilies of the Valley at SWGSM 9:00 a.m. (every Thursday)
- 1 BBA Office closed in observance of New Year Holiday**
- 11 Alamo Cluster Meeting at Lubys 911 N Main 11:30 a.m.
- 12 Capital Cluster Meeting at Hyde Park CC 12:00 p.m.
- 13 Coastal Cluster Meeting at FCC Corpus Christi 11:00 a.m.
- 16 Clergy Leadership Institute at Rolling Oaks CC 9:30 a.m.
- 16 DCCI Board Meeting at DCCI 10:30 a.m.
- 18 BBA Office closed in observance of MLK Holiday**
- 22-23 Chi Rho Mid-Winter Rally at DCCI
- 25 Inman Board Meeting at Inman Christian Center 5:30 p.m.

*To request more information regarding these upcoming events
contact the Area Office at bba@ccsw.org or (210) 822-4345.*



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