

Minutes Clovis Christian Ministerial Alliance Meeting
Thursday, October 7, 2010 - 8:30 am; Lighthouse Mission
Next Meeting is Thursday, November 4, 2010 at 8:30 am.

We had a full house of people as we opened in prayer and enjoyed the gracious hospitality of the Lighthouse Mission and a wonderful breakfast. Thank you.

Present: Bill Brewer, Rachel Blocker, Geri and Richard Gomez, Esdras Orantes, Lemuel Perry, Eric Thomason, Jim Kelly, Vaughn Gossman, Scott Seymour, Jon Forrest, Alan Brockmeier, Curtis Brewer, Charlie Miller, Scott Blazek, Terry Nigas, Janet Birkey, Mark Moreland, Dick Ross, Shirley Rollinson, John Rollinson, Dale Moore, Jamie Pitts, Bonita Knox.

Guests: Tina Zamora, Roy Calkins, Erica Calkins, Mike Madsen, Arthur L. Brewer.

Thank you to Janet Birkey for our devotion. Reminder: Pregnancy Resource Center 935-5433, is hosting their annual *Evening of Hope* on Tuesday, October 12 from 7:00-9:00 pm. This event will be at the Civic Center at no cost. Let Janet Birkey know if you would like to come.

November's devotion will be from Jon Forrest.

Minutes from September were accepted. Jim Kelly gave the Treasurer's Report of \$550.89

THANKSGIVING SERVICE. Monday November 22, 2010 at 7:00 pm will be an Ecumenical Community Thanksgiving Service at New Life Assembly of God, 517 W. 21st, Clovis, 763-3221. Pastor Scott Caldwell of New Life and Pastor Scott Seymour of Trinity United Methodist are coordinating this event. The next planning meeting will be 10:00 am Thursday, October 14. After the Pastor's Appreciation Breakfast meet at the Java Loft.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE on Base. Chaplain Jamie Pitts invited us to the Thanksgiving Service at Cannon on Tuesday, November 23 at 6:30 pm; to include a pie social! Be sure to allow time for the base to know that you are coming. You may contact Chaplain Jamie Pitts by phone: 784-2507.

Announcements: Shirley shared with us information about GoodSearch and GoodShop. Each of these will allow you to do your search and choose a charity to donate to. For instance, Lighthouse Mission is already registered with GoodSearch. GoodSearch uses Yahoo for the search engine and GoodShop includes Amazon and Ebay.

Tina Zamora presented about **Consumer Credit Counseling Service** and left us information to share with people. Contact Tina at 763-2227.

Reminder: **CROP Walk** (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) is this Sunday, 10-10-10 at 2:00 pm. We will gather at 1:30 at the Java Loft and walk at 2:00 pm. Proceeds to go to The Food Bank of Eastern New Mexico (25%), and Church World Service (75%). You may also choose where you would like your donation to go. Check online for resources and to donate.

Immanuel Lutheran will be hosting a **REFORMATION WEEKEND MISSION SEMINAR**, Saturday, October 30 and Sunday, October 31, with Dr. George Naeem (B.O.L.M., Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission). Dr. Naeem distributes Bibles and reaches out to Muslim communities with the saving message of Jesus Christ. The weekend begins on Saturday, October 30 at 1:15 pm. Contact Scott Blazek for more information.

Curtis Brewer announced there will be another **Life Empowerment Rally** October 30 at 5:00 pm on 7th street, across from the Family Dollar.

Roy Calkins presented about upcoming State Legislation regarding late term abortions.

Joe Padilla, from the Lighthouse Mission introduced young men who spoke about God's grace and healing in their recovery. Thank you to these men who shared their recovery testimony.

Reminder: The **Ground Breaking** for the new shelter will be at the Lighthouse Mission at 10:30 am, this Saturday, October 9. The Open House is from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Habitat for Humanity. Mike Madsen 762-1914, presented a plan of action for the Ministerial Alliance to build the next house in Clovis. This build will begin in April or May. Called an Apostles' Build, each

team or teams would come each week, from the area churches, and would include support in five essential ways: **Prayer, Build Teams, Lunch Teams, Cleanup Teams and Monetary Support.** Please begin to assemble a contact name and a team that can coordinate with Mike the ways that your church or churches would like to be involved. Email for Mike is: mdmadsen@suddenlink.net. Habitat for Humanity is a Christ centered program building affordable housing with a qualified buyer and sweat equity. The next build will be at Tucker and Manana, and will take approximately five to six months.

Esdras Orantes from Bethel Assembly talked about his upcoming missionary trip to Brazil, pending travel approval. The waiting community in Brazil is joyfully anticipating his arrival.

We closed in prayer.

Faithfully submitted,

Bonita Knox

Included is the Apostles' Build Information from Mike Madsen

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – "CHURCH BUILD" (APOSTLE BUILD) HOME PROPOSAL FOR CLOVIS MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

The Clovis Ministerial Alliance has expressed a desire for Clovis churches to sponsor a Habitat For Humanity home build.

Although the process of building a house can seem daunting at first look, with effective coordination between churches and

Habitat For Humanity staff, a "church build" can be accomplished. That's where the Apostles Build program can help.

The intention of the Apostles Build program is to create a roster of 12 churches or church teams share in raising the money (or purchasing the material), providing the labor, and providing the prayer support to build a Habitat For Humanity home. Why 12? The image of serving as the apostles of Jesus served is a great example to follow! Partnering with other churches allows people to be the body of Christ in the world.

The first step in making a "church build" possible is to gather a core of churches that will commit to this type of project.

Building a house is a long-term project lasting from 6 - 8 months with actual volunteer participation (10-15 people per week) being done on Saturdays. An Apostles Build project requires that a dedicated liaison each of the 12 churches or church teams to work closely with Habitat staff to create a workable schedule of work. Pastors, Leaders, and each church's HFH liaison (church member) in this "core" would first have to determine if each specific church can commit to consistent support for this amount of time. If a specific church finds that it can't provide any of the support areas (as listed below), then that church can search out and band together with another church that has the same people or financial constraints.

One of the goals of Habitat For Humanity is to provide a house for a family in a reasonable amount of time. Being able to factor in consistent volunteer support is a necessity when establishing a build schedule, a completion date, and finally, turning the house over to a waiting family in a reasonable amount of time. With the many different sizes of churches that may want to get involved with a project like this, each church, by analyzing their specific congregation (interested members, age, etc) each church would be able to determine the realistic support that they could provide. Not all churches could provide the workers required on a weekly basis to complete a house-building project. But each church wishing to be involved can still provide some of the necessary tasks inherent in this type of project that don't require many people and specific skills or strength. There are always lunches that need to be prepared and served, and, although not glamorous tasks but still necessary ones, site cleanup duties at the end of the work day and yard work to keep the weeds down and the city content. An option for smaller churches is to band together to create a house building team or a lunch building team or site cleanup team that would be able to work at the building site one week a month.

Basically, the four basic areas that a church or church group can pick to support are as follow:

1. Provide a build team of 10-12 people to work on the house on their selected Saturday, or;
2. Provide lunches on their selected Saturday
3. Provide a cleanup crew on their selected Saturday
4. Provide monetary support to purchase specific items required for the build

Realizing that churches serve many different needs in the community, Habitat For Humanity understands that no one church or church team can support a house construction project every week for 6 – 8 months. Several churches can coordinate with each other to share the costs and the labor commitment to their selected Saturday each month. If enough churches or church teams become involved, then maybe any one church or church team would only be tapped every other month. Again, a home build will require a consistent commitment.

By working with the Contractor and Site Supervisor, and using the building schedule, churches can match their volunteers to the time frame that they can easily support.

There are several major "down sides" to this type of project that all churches must be aware of. A house building site is a construction site and must adhere to Department of Labor and Child Labor Law rules. This means that there is an age restriction to the volunteers who can be on site. This is established to ensure the safety of our children, not to be a stumbling block. The two rules that must be applied are as follows:

-No one under 16 is allowed on the site without parental or sponsor supervision (approved by HFH Staff).

- No one under 18 is allowed on site when construction is going on, specifically the use of power tools (including pneumatic tools)

A construction site can be a hazardous environment and every effort must be made to keep all participants safe. This will present a challenge to parents who wish to be involved and who have young children. A possibility is for the church to provide child care for that day that they are working on the site.

In addition, there are construction tasks that may be considered age-restrictive, such as the following:

- Any roof work (setting trusses, laying roof sheathing, paper and shingling)
- Ladder work (exterior/interior painting, soffit and eave construction)
- Heavy lifting (exterior sheathing, ceiling and wall sheet rocking, installing porch beams)

HFH hopes that churches will make every effort to create opportunities for any church member to become involved in an Apostles Build project. And can you imagine the number of Apostles gathered at a church-sponsored house dedication?

If your church wishes to join in this program, or if there are any questions, call Mike Madsen at 762-1914 or e-mail mdmadsen@suddenlink.net.