

Mission Link

**Central Area of the Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
in the Southwest Region
Abilene, Texas**

November-December 2008



Oh, how I love Thee, Lord of Heaven above!



Central Area Leadership Training

Do you have any seniors in your church???????

Members of the Central Area congregations are encouraged to attend “**Transitions for/with Seniors: In Family & Church**”. This program is for any church that has seniors or will have seniors in their congregation. This training is for programming in your local church.

Wylie Christian Church in Abilene will host the Leadership Training on January 24, 2009. The cost is \$12.00 and childcare will be available. Go to: www.central-area.org/FolderLeadDev09.pdf for more information and registration materials.

Calendar of Events

The 2009 calendar of Central Area events is available at: www.central-area.org/PDF/calendarOfEvents.pdf

CYF Mid-Winter Rally

January 9-11, 2009 at Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat

For 9th – 12th graders with a registration fee of \$75.00 per person

See your church office for registration materials or go to our web site at:

www.central-area.org for forms.

120th Anniversary – Vernon

The Central Christian Church in Vernon, Texas celebrated 120 years of ministry with 53 people in attendance. Congratulations!

Pastoral Letter from Sharon Watkins

General Minister and President Sharon E. Watkins has issued a pastoral letter that asks Disciples to remain faithful during the tough economic times facing our country and many parts of the world. Watkins also encourages Disciples to be in a time of prayer for those who are most adversely affected by the downturn in financial markets, and find ways to reach out to our neighbors.

In the letter, Watkins shares comments from the presidents of the Church’s three financial ministries: Pension Fund, Christian Church Foundation and Church Extension. She also states that Christian should “refocus on our calling to be stewards of the financial and spiritual gifts God has given to us. It is time to model faithful dependence upon the God of abundance.” To read the letter, go to: www.disciples.org/Default.aspx?TabID=396

Disciples Support the '09 General Assembly

Join the growing list of social networking sites that are bringing Disciples together to pray for the upcoming General Assembly, discover ways to “green” the Assembly and learn news and updates about the 2009 event. Disciples are using Facebook, MySpace and blogs to take advantage of online conversations.

To add your voice to the online communities that presently exist, visit www.disciples.org/ga and click on “Connect With Disciples Online.”

If you have an online community or resource for the 2009 General Assembly that you'd like to share with other Disciples, send an e-mail with your name and a link to your resource to: generalassembly@ogmp.disciples.org

Reconciliation Grant issued

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Breakfast on Beech Street, Inc. I want to thank the Central Area of the Christian Church for its most generous Reconciliation Grant of \$1,360.00. Thank you so very much.