

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

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Chi Rho Late-Winter Rally..... AND.....JYF Round-Up

Once again, the two age groups will gather for their own rally on the same weekend at Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat. They have separate programming, will use different buildings with their own program staff.

You may find the guidelines for each rally, along with all needed registration forms on the Central Area website at www.central-area.org. Using the buttons on the left, select *Youth Programs*, then choose the rally you need.

By the way, all of the rallies for 2009 are posted on the website.

Calling all men for a retreat

The men of the Central Area will have a retreat at Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat on February 27-28. The theme is *The Disciples Man: Sensitive?* with Rev. Dr. John Callison as keynote speaker. The cost will be \$50.00. Please register by February 16. Contact Jim Goodwin for more information: Phone 940.592.9303 or email jimmiecg@prodigy.net.

Registration and publicity materials are available at www.central-area.org. Using the buttons on the left, select *Special Events*, then choose the event you need.

Retreats are for women also

Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat will be *Holy Grounds* when the women of the Central Area gather for their annual retreat weekend. Scheduled for March 27-29, keynote speaker Joni Avery Hires will develop the theme of *Holy Grounds* with workshops being offered like: The Importance of Coffee Cup Friends, The Bold Rich Flavor of Living an Enthusiastic Life, Cultivating Your Holy Ground, Percolating Prayer, and Liturgical Espresso. The coffee shop will be open and friendships will be brewing.

Registration and publicity materials are available at www.central-area.org. Using the buttons on the left, select *Special Events*, then choose the 2009 Women's Retreat to download a brochure. Deadline for registration is March 16. Cost for the weekend is \$80.00 or \$30.00 to attend on Saturday only.

Central Area Assembly

Mark your calendars now to be in Jacksboro on May 2 to find your place in "*Mr. Roger's Neighborhood*". Memorial Christian Church will be hosting the Central Area Assembly. Don't miss your neighborhood get-together for business, food, fun and fellowship



Andra Moran

WELL-KNOWN RECORDING ARTIST TO LEAD ASSEMBLY YOUTH CHOIR

Noted recording artist Andra Moran will serve as youth choir director during the 2009 General Assembly, which takes place July 29-Aug. 2. The youth choir will be featured during the Assembly's Friday night worship service in Indianapolis, when General Minister and President Sharon Watkins is scheduled to preach on "Wholeness in a Fragmented World."

Moran is the daughter of two Disciples ministers. Her faith plays a central role in her song writing. She has lived all over the world as the daughter of an Army chaplain. The youth of the Assembly will rehearse with Moran to prepare for the worship service. To get more, go to: www.disciples.org/tabid/58/itemid/161/Andra-Moran-at-2009-GA.aspx

MEMO TO ADULT YOUTH MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS: ATTEND YOUTH MINISTRY BACKPACK CONFERENCE - FREE!!

As an adult youth ministry volunteer would you like to receive training in youth ministry? Do you have all the knowledge needed to effectively work with youth groups? Would you attend a useful conference if all of your expenses were paid? If the answers to any or all of the previous questions are yes, then the "Youth Ministry Backpack Conference" is for you. This all expenses paid conference will be held at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, Ind., June 12-14, 2009.

Please review the attached information. Space is limited, so register early! Applications must be received by March 15, 2009. For more information, see: www.disciplesyouth.com. For questions, contact Tod Iseminger at 888-

346-2631 or: tiseming@dhm.disciples.org