

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

February – 2009

Dr. John Muir: Distinguished Minister Award

Congratulations to Dr. John Muir of First Christian Church in Wichita Falls. John was honored by Brite Divinity School with the Distinguished Minister Award for Pastoral Ministry. The award was presented during Minister's Week at the Brite Divinity School Luncheon.

Holy Grounds – March 27-29, 2009

Central Area Women's Retreat at Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat

Theme: Holy Grounds

Keynote Speaker: Joni Avery Hires

Workshops: Liturgical Espresso

The Importance of Coffee Cup Friends

The Bold Rich Flavor of Living an Enthusiastic Life

Cultivating Your Holy Ground

Percolating Prayer

Registration Deadline: March 16

Go to the web site at Central-Area.org – see Special Events for brochure and registration materials.

Neighborhood Pulpit Exchange

CANN: Central Area Neighborhood Network is sponsoring a new program

Neighborhood Pulpit Exchange will take place on Sunday – March 29. Your church will be asked to trade pulpits with another church in your neighborhood.

Note: Peter and Andrew Neighborhoods will exchange pulpits on March 22 in order for some of their ministers to attend the Women's Retreat.

“Mister Rogers” Neighborhood Revisited – Central Area Assembly

Please note this is a change of location: We would like to thank the Memorial Christian Church in Jacksboro for allowing us to make this change. Thanks, guys.

“Won't You Be My Neighbor” will be hosted by First Christian Church – Abilene

WHAT: Central Area Assembly

WHEN: May 2, 2009 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

WHY: Annual Business Meeting

Neighborhood Fellowship

WHO: All Central Area church members

WHICH: Neighborhood can bring the most people?

Cost: \$12.00 per person \$7.00 childcare

Registration materials may be found at www.Central-Area.org under Special Events.

Registration deadline is April 27

Children Worship & Wonder Story Teller Training Event

First Christian Church

San Angelo, Texas

(325)653-4523

May 1-3, 2009

Contact for more information: Patti Tharp at pattitharp@yahoo.com

**Quadrennial
Assembly**

Check out the new Web site

Would you like to get your hands of the latest information about "Awake! Awake!" Quadrennial Assembly 2010? Do you wish that there were some central location where this information would be updated as soon as it becomes available?

If you have answered "YES!" to either of these questions, we have got great news for you. There is now a Web site for the 2010 Quadrennial Assembly. Our Web site is www.quadrennial.org/. All of the latest information will be posted on this website as soon as it becomes available.

Well-Fed Spirit

Spirituality resources to feed your soul

Have you ever done an Internet search for spirituality resources only to find yourself overwhelmed by the results, many of which aren't even useful to your ministry?

Your search is now over. Visit the Well-Fed Spirit Web site, developed by DHM staffer, Warren Lynn, as part of his sabbatical work. There you'll find an amazing array of resources organized so that you can find exactly what you need whether you're looking for spiritual practice or wellness.

[Visit the Well-Fed Spirit Web site](#)

Just Women

Have you placed your order?

Have you checked your mailbox? The first issue of *Just Women* is on its way, if not already there!

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You haven't ordered yet?

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Subscribe today by calling (317) 375-8846 or [online](#).

Visit the site to read excerpts from the upcoming issue. Hurry, so you don't miss the Bible Study edition scheduled to arrive in April.

International Disciples Women Ministries & the Office of Disciples Women are officially endorsing *Just Women* as our primary resource for women. We believe that this quarterly publication will meet the emerging and diverse needs of our women.



www.JustWomenMagazine.org

General Assembly



General Assembly
July 29 to August 2, 2009 in
Indianapolis

Registration is open!



GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNTS EXTENDED; YOUTH HOUSING NOW AVAILABLE

Did you somehow miss the early registration deadline for the '09 General Assembly, but still wish you could take advantage of special savings? If so, you'll be glad to know that early bird registration has been extended to March 31. Registering now can save you \$20 - \$25 for the Assembly. Outstanding speakers and an array of events that connect and inspire Disciples are being planned for the Assembly, which will take place in Indianapolis from Wednesday, July 29 through Sunday, Aug. 2. To learn more visit: www.disciples.org/ga

Housing for the Assembly is plentiful and in close proximity to the Indiana Convention Center, where most events will take place. A limited amount of discounted housing for youth is available and can be reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis. Reservations for youth housing can only be made through the online system and rooms are \$17 a night. Accommodations include both all-girls and all-boys dorms. A credit/debit card is required for payment. For more information on youth housing, go to www.disciples.org/ga and click on "Youth at the Assembly."

DVD ON CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER TO BE PRODUCED IN 2009

Disciples Home Missions' Office of Family and Children's Ministries has received a grant from Seventh Street Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Richmond, Va. This generous grant will make possible the development of a DVD on Children Worship & Wonder. The DVD will be used to promote and explain this important way of worshipping with young children. To learn more about Children Worship & Wonder, visit: www.discipleshomemissions.org/FamilyandChildren/CWW.htm