

## **Georgetown Ministerial Alliance**

Notes on Meeting of September 12, 2007

St. David's Georgetown Hospital

Present: Lee Berger, Dan Bonner, George Brightwell, Jack Ender, Debbie Hoffman, Brent Jenkins, Jim Porter, Bill Powell, Mike Martin, Raul Munoz, Steve Rottgers, and Rita Scott.

Visiting: Daniel Anstee, Boys & Girls Club of Georgetown

Dan Bonner opened the meeting with a welcome to all, as we are all one in Christ. He explained that Jeanie Stanley was absent because she is speaking at a Presbyterian gathering at this hour.

### **Introductions and Sharing:**

Those present introduced themselves and said a bit about their current plans or ministries.

- Jack Ender, Grace Fellowship: Every Sunday is a new adventure.
- Jim Porter, First United Methodist: Had a good experience with "Connect Fest" where members could learn about and sign up for ministries in the church.
- Mike Martin, St. Helen Catholic: Shared about the Community Resource Center and the interest of Catholic Charities and the Red Cross in being a part of the CRC.
- George Brightwell, Wellspring UMC: His sister Linda is recovering from surgery in Dallas. He will retire from Wellspring's staff as of September 30.
- Bill Powell, Georgetown Church of Christ: They are engaged in a search for a new pastor.
- Daniel Anstee, Boys & Girls Club: Shared how working with kids over the past 18 months has changed his life.
- Rita Scott, Interfaith Care Givers: They are dealing with growth in the elder population. She reminded us about the fund-raiser dance at Sun City Ballroom on September 22.
- Steve Rottgers, Grace Episcopal: His congregation is growing and he has been asked to remain at Grace as Rector (rather than interim). He reminded us that his books are available at Hill Country Book Store.
- Debbie Hoffman, Habitat for Humanity of Williamson County: Georgetown and Round Rock affiliates have merged to better serve the entire county. The City of Taylor is gifting 23 lots to Habitat to begin the ministry in Taylor. Houses are in progress and planned in Georgetown and Round Rock.
- Brent Jenkins, Habitat: He is their new Director of Resource Development, and is excited about working with the merged affiliate and its all-new staff.
- Lee Berger: He serves churches in Round Rock and Waco, but drops in on our meetings from time to time to stay in touch with events in Georgetown.
- Dan Bonner, Wesleyan Homes: New facilities for elders are progressing on Williams Drive at Estrella.
- Raul Munoz, The Salvation Army: Raul reported on the meeting scheduled at the Round Rock Public Library on September 21 from 1:30-3:30pm to discuss establishing a Long-Term Recovery Committee for our area. There was considerable damage to homes in Williamson County from flooding in July.

### **Other Business:**

1. **Cross Yard Signs:** Sample crosses are available to take to your church to stimulate interest in displaying these signs next year during Lent. Orders should be turned into Janette Donaldson, [sgpc@verizon.net](mailto:sgpc@verizon.net)

2. **Community Thanksgiving Service Nov 19:** A planning meeting is scheduled for September 27 at 2:00 pm at San Gabriel Presbyterian Church. Dr. Jim Porter, FUMC will preach. The Georgetown Fellowship of Churches will co-sponsor the event with GMA. Rev. Jimmy Johnson, Macedonia Baptist Church will lead prayer and organize a musical offering from the Fellowship of Churches. Joe Ruiz will contact Hispanic music group from St. Helen Catholic Church. Who else wants to participate? Let Jeanie Stanley know. [jrsta@aol.com](mailto:jrsta@aol.com).
3. **Community Thanksgiving Meal:** Organization has begun to prepare a Thanksgiving meal to be delivered to those making requests (Meals on Wheels, etc.), as well as those picking up or dining at FUMC. If you or your church wants to be involved, please contact Dan Bonner [dbonner@wesleyanhomes.org](mailto:dbonner@wesleyanhomes.org) 863-2528. See the website for further details. Volunteers are needed to donate or prepare foods, box foods for delivery and deliver meals. We also need to spread the word about meal availability and the reservation form via our GMA website.
4. **GMA Website Development:** Please check [www.georgetownministerialalliance.org](http://www.georgetownministerialalliance.org). Is your agency or church included? Are there links you believe we should add? Contact the Webmaster on the site or George Brightwell, [brightwg@southwestern.edu](mailto:brightwg@southwestern.edu). (Change in George's e-mail address.)
5. **GMA Outreach:** If you have corrections or additions for our contact list, please contact [sgpc@verizon.net](mailto:sgpc@verizon.net). Please help us reach out to people doing ministry in Georgetown. Invite them to our next meeting. Get their info on our website. Invite them to join our efforts.

**Issue Forum:** Dr. Jim Porter offered thanks for our lunch provided by St. David's Georgetown Hospital. Daniel Anstee gave a thorough presentation of the history, programming, and future growth of the Boys & Girls Club of Georgetown. Many young lives are being touched and the unmet need for a safe place for children and youth is great in our town.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

September 16 Open House at The Caring Place  
 September 22 Harvest Moon Dance to benefit Faith in Action Caregivers, 7-10 PM at Sun City Ballroom.  
 October 10 GMA: LifeSteps: Williamson Council on Alcohol and Drugs, Pat Chalaire  
 October 21 CROP Walk  
 October 28 Ecumenical Wholeness Service, 7:30 PM San Gabriel Presbyterian Church  
 November 4 Williamson County Chorus concert  
 November 14 GMA: R.O.C.K., Ride On Center for Kids  
 November 19 Community Thanksgiving Service, 7:00 pm, San Gabriel Presbyterian Church  
 November 22 Community Thanksgiving Feast at FUMC McKinney Ministry Center

#### **Announcements, etc.:**

Planning session for the Thanksgiving service: 2:00 PM September 27 at San Gabriel Presbyterian Church Interfaith Hospitality Network, Community Leaders Forum on the homeless in Georgetown. (I didn't get the date, time, or place. GB)

Peanut Butter and Jelly Ministry: St. John's UMC is currently conducting this through Meals on Wheels until the end of the year. They have not found another church to continue in 2008. The cost is about \$4,000-\$5,000 per year. Dan Bonner proposed that GMA undertake the project and underwrite up to \$500 per month. Since so few churches were represented at this meeting, discussion of Dan's proposal will be on the October agenda.

#### **Closing Prayer**

Recorded by George Brightwell