



# The Newsletter

*"Celebrating Christ, Community and Communion Every Sunday"*

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## FEBRUARY 2015



A Message from  
**Dr. Stephen W. Lucas,**  
Interim Minister

Greetings Everyone,

2015 has arrived, and with it, new possibilities for The Alamo Heights Christian Church family!

I have enjoyed these last four months with you more than words can express. I have so appreciated your warm and welcoming spirit, not only with me, but with all who have come to our church. I am also enjoying our time together on Sunday mornings in our Adult Spiritual Formation group. Our conversations have been lively and engaging.

As you all know, part of my role as your Interim Minister is to explore creative possibilities for the future of our congregation, ones that would revitalize ministry opportunities for our church, and for the community that we serve. In the coming weeks, I look forward to bringing several such ideas to the Elders for discussion.

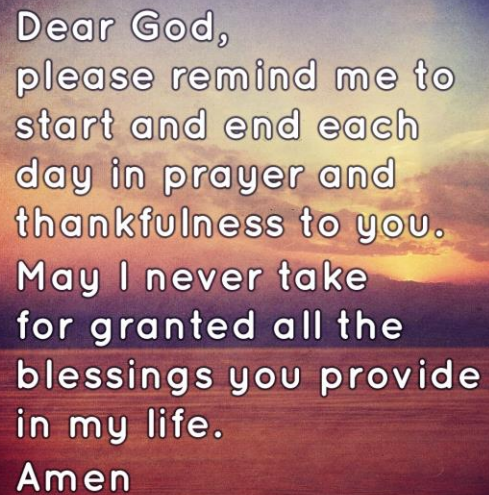
Alamo Heights is a unique congregation. You have a rich and compelling history of ministry in your community. With each conversation, I learn more and more about the ways you have made a strong and positive impact on the Alamo Heights neighborhood, Fort Sam Houston, and all of San Antonio.

It is my sincere hope that in my time with you, we can imagine together creative ways for Alamo Heights Christian Church to once again be a compelling presence in your community, drawing and welcoming those who so badly need the spiritual strength that can be gained from such an open and friendly place.

Here's to the road ahead...

*Steve*

## Start Your Day in Thankfulness and Prayer



Dear God,  
please remind me to  
start and end each  
day in prayer and  
thankfulness to you.  
May I never take  
for granted all the  
blessings you provide  
in my life.  
Amen



## Week of Compassion

February 15-22, 2015

### GIVE AND CHANGE THE WORLD

When disaster hits, the world reaches out to help those in need. But what about those who experience need on a daily basis?

By contributing to **The Week of Compassion** offering, you have the chance to impact the lives of those suffering throughout the world and in our own country.

As the Bible teaches us, God provides the resources so that we may give back. This offering is an opportunity for you to put your compassion into action.



Progress Report for AHCC's Main Outreach Ministry Efforts:

### 1. Food Pantry:

We are beginning a new year for the Food Pantry. The number of families who use our Food Pantry seems to grow every month. Church Volunteers, as well as the families served, need our prayers and support. This is a much needed program that our church provides for the community. Please consider a weekly or monthly donation to continue funding this outreach project.

The Volunteers are looking ahead regarding an Easter Meal for the family's distribution during the month of March. We are asking for the following:

- 3lb. Hams or money donations towards the purchase of the Hams
- Canned Fruit (any 15 oz. size can)
- Canned green beans, corn, peas & carrots
- Money donations to purchase items from the San Antonio Food Bank

On Monday, January 26, 2015 your volunteers made their usual trip to the San Antonio Food Bank (SAFB). During their normal shopping trip, we were given the opportunity to get a bin of Cauliflower. For those of not knowing how much the bin might hold, the Cauliflower totaled 696 lbs. Mind you...IT WAS FREE! I was able to get a picture of the Cauliflower size and the individuals who had to go dumpster diving. Being able to bless the families and the food pantry with food items at no cost was truly a "God Wink" from heaven. Liz Brown is holding 1 of the Cauliflowers



## DOMI, INC. UPDATE

Leaders of the Disciples Outreach to the Mentally Ill, Inc. (DOMI), a Bluebonnet Area non-profit ministry, met in San Antonio recently. The mission and focus of this ministry is *HOUSING as the Latin word DOMUS suggests.*

*The Board of Directors is chaired by Bob Jones of Alamo Heights Christian Church. Other members are Loyce Collenback, Treasurer from Western Hills Christian Church, Pat Garland, Secretary from Central Christian Church, Liz Jones, Alamo Heights Christian Church all from San Antonio and Tom Maser and Russell Ward members of Central Christian Church, Austin.*

Reports were made on new renovation projects of Geneva Street House (Harbor House), the large residence in Austin which houses nine clients in a group living setting. This home is managed by Austin/Travis County Integral Care but maintained by DOMI. The other housing setting is Bud O'Keefe Village, 17 duplexes where clients live independently. This San Antonio location was built in partnership with DOMI, Inman Christian Center and HUD.

What is the vision for the future? - New duplexes in San Antonio for this population. The efforts of the Board in coming months will be directed toward the viability of this needed housing and partner collaboration.

Financial support for DOMI comes from churches of the Bluebonnet area, often through their outreach budgets, and also from generous donors. The DOMI Board sends its grateful **Thanks** for this support.

*Everyone needs their own spot.*

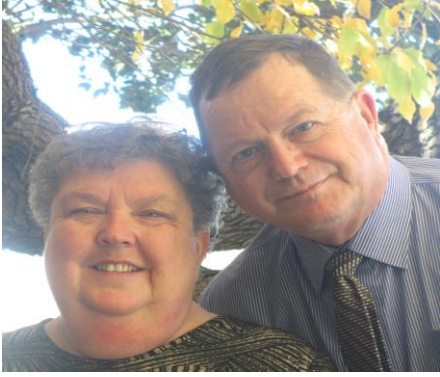
Liz Jones, DOMI Board Member



On December 7, 2014 the Blue Bonnet Area Minister, Rev. Renee Hoke performed an installation service during the Morning Worship at Alamo Heights Christian Church. She installed Dr. Stephen Lucas as our Interim Minister. In this picture, we have 2014 General Board Chair Joseph Warren, Dr. Stephen Lucas, and Rev. Renee Hoke. A reception was held in the East Foyer. Your Ministerial Search Committee is committed to continue the search for a Senior Minister.



**January's Anniversary**



Jody & Sarah Warren celebrated their 43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary during the month of January!

**January's Birthdays**



Grace Brown, Jack Harden, Patty Peyton & Barbara Perkins celebrated their birthday's this month.



Does the Church Office know when your Birthday or Wedding Anniversary is celebrated? If you are not sure call the Church Office 210-828-5728, let Sarah know the date(s).

**Membership Directory Update**

The Church Office is working on updating all membership information. We are trying to include the most accurate data for our records. The Membership Committee is committed to updating the current directory and obtaining pictures of everyone who is a member. Please let fill out the attached form and return to the church either by e-mail or regular mail.

*Thank you*

**Mark Your Calendars -  
Tuesday, February 17, 2015**

The Worship and Membership Committees are hosting a Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, February 17, 2015. We will be serving Pancakes, Breakfast Sausage, Bacon, Fresh Fruit and assorted Sweet Breads. We are asking for you to give your reservation to Barbara Stuart or Sarah Warren. There will be a love offering taken to offset to cost of the meal. We will be having activities for everyone to participate and have fun. Please make plans to join your church family on this exciting evening getting ready for the Season of Lent. HINT: How many times can you flip a pancake while running a race? How many words can you make out of "Shrove Tuesday"?



**Up Coming Events**

**Sunday, February 1, 2015**

**12:10 pm – Congregation Meeting in Sanctuary immediately following Morning Worship**

**Saturday, February 14, 2015- Valentine's Day**

**8:00 am – 9:30 am – Elder's Breakfast and Meeting in Kirtley Hall**

**Sunday, February 15, 2015**

**12:15 pm – February's Birthday & Anniversary Celebration in East Foyer after Morning Worship**

**Tuesday, February 17, 2015**

**6:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper in Kirtley Hall- Have you made your reservation?**

**Wednesday, February 18, 2015 –**

**Ash Wednesday**

**Thursday, February 19, 2015**

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**Check the February's Calendar for additional events taking place at AHCC.**