



The Red Door

October 2012

Fall Classic: A Time to Do Good

*"Any time you have an opportunity to make
a difference in this world and you don't,
then you are wasting your time on Earth."*

Roberto Clemente

Fall is in the air; very much so. You won't see many leaves turning yet, but the north winds and the cooler nights tell you that weather is indeed changing. If you don't go by meteorological data, you could take a look at the sports calendar. Baseball postseason is here! Well, to be exact as I write this, teams across the nation are getting ready to play their 162nd game. For most of them, already eliminated from competition, today's game won't amount to much. But for the Texas Rangers and a few other potential rivals, wild cards, home field advantage, and division championships are up for grabs in the final game of the season. So, even as I acknowledge that God has nothing to do with Major League standings, I'm saying a little prayer for the home team to win today.

I'm a sports fan; I like the thrill of competition, but I also know that, in many ways, sports is a relatively trivial affair. Does it make a difference to the state of world in which we live who wins the "World Series"? Especially at professional levels of competition, you have the feeling that sports doesn't have much to do with betterment of life for all. Every now and then, though, things do amount to a little more significance. This year marks the 40th anniversary of both Roberto Clemente's 3,000 hit—a big baseball milestone—and the loss of his life in a tragic accident while delivering supplies to the victims of an earthquake in Nicaragua—a sad yet huge contribution to humanity. On his honor, Major League Baseball gives the Roberto Clemente award to the player that most exemplifies contributions to sportsmanship and community service. Named after one of the best ball players ever, the award nevertheless celebrates his life outside the ballpark. It reminds players and fans alike that there is more to life than just baseball. Clemente had a commitment to serve and make a difference in the lives of those in need and in doing so he sacrificed his life.

Jesus wasn't exactly thinking about baseball when he said that those who wanted to follow him had to take their cross first (Mark 8:34) but he surely was addressing each one of us with our individual calling of service to our neighbor. Among many other things, the cross is the ultimate act of service to others. Jesus served the neighbor, all neighbors, by giving his life so that others can have forgiveness and salvation. Even as Jesus was having his last supper with his disciples he reminded them that he had come to serve and not to be served and that greatness comes from becoming a servant to others (Matthew 20:26, 28). Our discipleship calling is then, also, an invitation to voluntarily take our crosses, not of sacrifice but of service. Sacrifice and perhaps even suffering may be part of what discipleship entails, but not because it is an end on itself but because it is what we may need to go through in order to serve those who otherwise may not get to experience God's love and mercy.

So, as it turns out, the fall season is about more than just baseball. This time of the year, as every other time, is part of the opportunity God gives us to exercise our discipleship through service to the world. We often say that we want to serve God, but the truth of the matter is that there's no better way to serve God than in serving others. Now, that's a big hit. Play ball!

The light of the eyes rejoices the heart, and good news refreshes the body. Proverbs 15:30

ECC Board Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2012

Present: Mark Kittisopikul (President), Mary Tomas (Vice President), Miles Schulze (Treasurer), Amanda Quicksall (Secretary), Pat McDonald (Assistant Secretary), Connie McLouth, Pastor Julio

Absent: Blanca Illades, Ted Brown

Guests: Tim Barcus, Kelly Archaimbault

Back to School Carnival Report

- Tim Barcus talked about the Carnival and what a great event it is in the community. He explained how important it is to have this event because of the community building and the connections being made with kids in our neighborhood.
- Tim hopes that ECC will continue to host the Carnival because of the great impact it has on the kids we serve and the long history it has for our community.
- Pastor Julio thanked Tim on behalf of the church and the in depth work he did for the carnival.
- Connie said she felt that this carnival ran more smoothly than she had seen in a long time.
- There was some conversation about making small alterations to the games and events.
- We had about 100 less kids attend this year than last year.
- Tim would like to see the carnival continue as long as the need exists in this community.
- Mark encouraged Tim to keep thinking about the plans for next year and what to change. He also requested that Tim write a report about the carnival.
- We have about 200 backpacks left over. There was discussion about what to do with the left over backpacks....food pantry clients? Shelter? School?
- Amanda will call local family shelters to see if they want backpacks.

ESL Classes Report

- Kelly Archaimbault reports that ESL registration started last week. Last year we registered 20 people the first week of class. This year we only have 5 people registered.
- Kelly reports that DISD has started several new ESL classes nearby. They started their registration in August and will start more registration in October. DISD also has a waiting list for their ESL classes.
- Kelly was looking to see if the board had ideas about what to do with the low registration numbers and how to increase the number of students.

Treasurer's Report

- Miles reports that we have not taken in as much money as we are spending. Our balance is under \$14,000 at this point.
- Connie submitted grant to Dallas Foundation and turned in all the paperwork. Connie will submit the Meadows grant proposal next month.
- Mark will submit Paypal information to set up account before he leaves the board.
Commercial, professional, directors and officers liability coverage. Premiums are paid through December on all of these. Miles said we should keep paying these until we hear back from our resources that we have reached out to about coverage and which types of coverage we have to have to be safe.
- Connie reports that her agency does not carry professional insurance coverage because her agency does not provide therapy services.

- Miles will continue to investigate coverage. The board will make a decision before the new year.
- Miles suggested the church council weigh in on this matter because ECC and the church are intertwined in the services they provide.
- Mary reports that a quilt was made by a church in Queen Ann in Washington state because they heard of the vandalism of our church. It was decided to sell raffle tickets at the Global Village Market.

Global Village Market

- Mary Tomas will help to coordinate for the event that weekend. Blanca also has some suggestions about who might help coordinate the ECC table at Global Village Market.
- Pat said that Amber will make her preserves again for the Market to sell. Amber requested more money so that she can make more jars to sell.

Summer Reading Program

- Connie stated that we need some follow up from the SRP. We need to have the binder and USB returned to ECC and kept in house.
- Mimi to report on pre and post test for the SRP next meeting.

Angel Tree Program

- Pat is already meeting with folks about the Angel Tree. Christ Church will take 55 kids.
- Angel tree is already being advertised.

Food Pantry

- Julio reports that Ted was not able to be here tonight due to a previous commitment. Pastor Julio reports that the new system seems more organized and clients are getting more food.
- Pat reports that the clients are happy with the new system. Pat said that a con to the new program is that people are not picking up their food. Today we had about 10 leftover bags of food.
- Pastor said a con was that it requires a lot of people hours to run the program.
- Pastor also said that they will start implementing a new policy that when clients miss 2 food pantry pick-ups in a row, then they will not be allowed to pick up food for 3 months.
- ECC is the largest client for CCS.

Website

- The ECC website needs more information and data. Mark encouraged us to email more information.

Emanuel Community Center Treasurer's Report September, 2012

INCOME-EXPENSE STATEMENT

Balance	\$15,684.65
Income	2,845.00
Expense	<u>5,003.94</u>
Ending Balance	\$13,525.71

Notes

This is the second consecutive month where our expenses substantially exceeded our income. As a result our bank balance has dropped from \$19,782.90 on August 1, 2012 to the present balance of \$13,525.71 on October 1. There are several reasons for this. Carnival expense exceeded income by over \$500.00. I essentially paid two months of food bills in one when I received and paid the September food bill from CCS much earlier in the month than I used to receive the NTFB bills. The early payment was almost \$1,200.00. We also had the quarterly payment of \$1,696.00 to ELC. Finally, our August-September income was somewhat lower than expected. The good news is that all our insurance is paid up through November and I don't anticipate much October-November expense except for the food pantry.

BUDGET vs ACTUAL INCOME/EXPENSE (3/4 of the year's budget)

	<u>Budget</u>			<u>Actual</u>		
	Income	Expense	In-Kind	Income	Expense	in-Kind
Totals	\$ 31,155	\$ 31,905	\$ 13,425	\$ 34,653	\$42,881	\$ 8,993



November 11

during both services

Come learn how you can be a part of something bigger than Emanuel.

Come learn how you can be a part of mission work in the Northern Texas/Northern Louisiana Mission Territory.

Come learn how you can be a part of mission work with our sisters and brothers in Sierra Leone, West Africa.

Come learn how you can live, proclaim, and share the Good News of the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ in joyous, innovative, and exciting new ways.

See you there!

ESL classes kicked off in September and we're having a great time.

We have five new volunteers this year. We're very excited to have two new volunteers from Emanuel. Welcome to Nancy from our English service and Angie from our Spanish service.

With all of our great volunteers, we decided to have class twice a week. Now, ESL classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 until 8pm. That means we get to expand our curriculum, which the students and volunteers are really excited about. Our children's program is going to be fantastic this year. The program gives our children homework help, reading time, craft time, snack time, and of course play time! A group from Jesuit high school will be hosting a party for the kids on October 11. We'd love other groups to host fun/party days for our kids too. How about our youth group? I bet they'd do an awesome job!

If you want to be involved with our program, we still have a need for assistants in our children's program. Also, this year we started providing snacks for the kids. If you'd like to "adopt-a-class" and provide a snack for an evening, just let Kelly or Angie know. We're still looking for one more instructor for Thursday night and we would love to have some on-call volunteers for when a regular volunteer just can't make it.

We always have room for more students. If you need help with English, come any Tuesday or Thursday and join us. Classes are free! Books cost \$25. This year we have a monthly perfect-attendance raffle for a \$20 Fiesta gift card. Come to class to win!

If you want more information on attending or volunteering for our ESL program, just call Kelly at [214-659-1375](tel:214-659-1375) or email ESLinDallas@gmail.com.

October 2012 Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Food Pantry – 8 a.m.	2	3	4	5 Creations of the Heart 9:30 a.m.	6 Blessing of the Animals
7 English service – 10 Sunday School - 11 Spanish service – 11:30	8 Food Pantry – 8 a.m. Columbus Day	9	10	11	12 Creations of the Heart 9:30 a.m.	13
14 English service – 10 Sunday School - 11 Spanish service – 11:30	15 Food Pantry – 8 a.m.	16	17	18	19 Creations of the Heart 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Lock-In	20 Confirmation Lock-In Seeds that Change Dinner
21 English service – 10 Sunday School - 11 Spanish service – 11:30	22 Food Pantry – 8 a.m.	23	24	25	26 Creations of the Heart 9:30 a.m.	27
28 English service – 10 Sunday School - 11 Spanish service – 11:30	29 Food Pantry – 8 a.m.	30	31 Halloween			



Birthdays for the Month of October:

4 Francisca Sarahi Cruz	27 Marcus Dovenmuehle
9 Carol Dunkan Boothe	28 Alejandra Solorzano
13 Sylvia Hernandez	30 Bill Bengtson
Ali Rayo	Karen Roberts
15 Tristan Hofer	Deseree Naomi Friel
Maria Martinez	31 Donald Becker
16 Miles Schulze	Ruth Fasick
18 Virginia Davis	David Hill
19 Kurt Shmidt	Jose Amador Cruz
20 Ruth Genera	
Gabriela Veloz	
Eris Cervantes	
21 Norma Saldana	
Arizona Barcus	
23 Nicole Jasmine martinez	
Wren Violet Stephens	
25 Laurel Jonson	

October 14 – Roger Knipp & Trudy Harper Anniversary



A n n o u n c e m e n t s

Dear Mark,

You have been an amazing leader and president of the Emanuel Community Center (ECC). Your calm, steadfast approach has taken us to new heights and our programs have grown and flourished! All of the board members thank you and wish you the best on your journey. Looking forward to when you will return with new knowledge. God speed our friend! The ECC Board - Connie, Mimi, Ted. Mary, Miles, Amanda, Blanca, Pastor Julio and Pat.

HEALTH TIP!!

Next time you're craving fast food, try ordering a veggie burger. It is a tasty vegetable patty with all the burger trimmings, loaded with vegetables, whole grains, and typically run at about 320 calories! Some fast food chains don't advertise their veggie burger, but it will be there, so just make sure you go in and ask for it!



Cooking Class – September 2012

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Silent and Live Auction • Entertainment By San Gabriel Mission

Tickets: \$35 with discounted table for 8 @ \$200

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