



Chalice Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

THE SOJOURNER

July 24, 2013

FLIP FLOP-WATER DRIVE

This month the Outreach Team will be sponsoring a flip-flop and water drive which will benefit the Dignity House, a residential program with Catholic Charities which reaches out to sex trafficked women on the streets and in the jails. DIGNITY,

which stands for
Developing
Individual Growth and
New Independence



Through Yourself, finds that 90% of those who complete the program leave the life for good. So bring your donations of flip flops and water during the month of July to Chalice.



AZ DWM Retreat
“I Am Fearfully and
Wonderfully Made”
September 13-15, 2013
at Chapel Rock
Prescott
Registration deadline
is August 1st.



This week's Table Talk scripture is
Luke 12:13-21
Join this informal study on the patio, this Sunday morning starting at 8:45 and ending at 9:30.



Messy Church is this Saturday, July 27th from 5 to 7pm. Invite a friend to join you for activities, celebration, and fun. You will be glad you did!



Welcome, Stranger

I'm often amazed by how much scripture my church made me memorize as a child. Beatitudes, Lord's Prayer, and many random, random verses. My mother loved to quote Proverbs at me at about 10 a.m. on Saturday mornings, "A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest—and poverty will come on you like a thief and scarcity like an armed man."

For some reason, Hebrews 13:2 was one of the ones I memorized as a child and one of the verses that pops into my head quite often, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." (If it's in the King James Version, it's also certain I memorized it as a child.) For much of my life, it was a way of holding God over my head—God's going to send someone to you just so he can see if you're messing up!

I'm not worried about angels walking around now, but I still remember the charge to welcome strangers and it's still an incredibly powerful mandate for me, even more powerful than Jesus' teaching that offering food or shelter to someone is the same as offering it to him. I think it's because this Hebrews passage points me toward *imago Dei*, the belief that says all humans are made in the image of God. Because of that and only that, every person is of great value, whether they can do anything or be particularly useful or not.

Hebrews' mandate is one of welcoming all people because doing so might just make you welcome the very messenger of God. In all honesty, Jesus' teaching does the same. What can I say, I just like Hebrews.

Tomorrow night, as we welcome the guests of IHELP as guests in our community for the first time, I can't help but remember this passage from Hebrews that much more. So let us welcome these homeless men and women as we would welcome angels into our midst—certain that they are God's beloved and certain that God is present in them. Let us welcome them wholeheartedly, for welcoming strangers of all sorts has been part of who Christians are from the very beginning.

grace & peace—Abigail



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Sunday Schedule

8:30.....Oasis Coffee House Opens
8:45.....Faith Development
9:30.....Fellowship Time
10:00....Worship

**Worship
Participants**

Look for Worship information in
Email by Thursday of each week.
Check out August's schedule
on the Tools Page of the website.

This Week at Chalice

Thursday

Office Open, 1:30-4:30pm

Saturday

General Assembly begins in Orlando

Sunday

See morning schedule above
Alas de Salvacion Worship, 1:30pm

Monday

Office Open, 1:30-4:30pm

Wednesday

Office Open, 1:30-4:30pm
Alas de Salvacion Worship, 7pm

Thursday

Office Open, 1:30-4:30pm
Oasis Open, 7-10pm

Sunday, July 28, 2013

10am

Elder.....Pam Barton
Liturgist.....Pat Barton
Diaconate.....Kate Barton
William Aguirre



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**Leadership
Council**

Team Leaders should

send their reports to
chaliceoffice@gmail.com TODAY for
the Leadership Council Meeting
next Tuesday. All reports will be
compiled and sent out before
the meeting.

God in your mercy, hear our prayers...

Eileen Shea

Send prayer requests to
prayers.chalice@gmail.com.

