

Clovis Christian Ministerial Alliance

Minutes of the Meeting of Thursday, September 2, 2021, 8:30 a.m.

Present : Aaron Boydston (Parkland Baptist), Bill Case (Kingswood UMC), Del Godwin (Hope Children's Home), Robert L. Grimes Jr. (First Church of God in Christ), Roy Martin (Parkland Baptist), Casey Peacock (United Way), Lemuel Perry (New Life AoG), John Rollinson (St. James' Episcopal), Shirley Rollinson (ENMU Religion Program), Eric Saed (Trinity Lutheran), Donald Sawyer (Faith Christian Family), Angie Smith (Right to Life), Jessica Van Leuven (Pregnancy Resource Center), Ben Wight (Goodwill), Dean Williamson (New Life AoG), Sistar Yancy (Christian Believers' Education)

Opening Prayer : *Bill Case*

Introductions : *Dean Williamson*

Scripture Meditation : *Aaron Boydston* shared how, while reading the Book of Acts, he was led to ask questions about what we are doing. Are we doing what God is calling us to do? Are we doing it in the way God wants us to do? Or are we relying on ourselves instead of on the Holy Spirit? From the examples in Acts, the Holy Spirit can do things which we can't do ourselves. We need to beware of 'busyness'. Slow down, pray, and listen to the Holy Spirit. Take time to be with the Lord, and trust in the Lord.

Minutes of last Month's Meeting : *Shirley Rollinson*

Treasurer's Report : <i>Lemuel Perry</i>	Previous Balance :	\$ 416.13
	Receipts : (membership dues)	\$ 25.00
	Expenses/Disbursements :	\$ 0
	Current Balance :	\$ 441.13

Voluntary membership dues of \$25 are now being accepted. Funds are used for donations to various causes, advertising, etc.

Guest Presentation : *Ben Wight* (Goodwill NM) described some of the services supplied by Goodwill. They can provide free computer training online, housing and employment services for veterans, career training for those 18 and older who are willing to participate in weekly meetings with a career specialist. They are not a placement service, but they give free training, resumé helps, and interview helps and they host career fairs. They are helping about 600 people. To schedule an appointment one can call Goodwill at 575-762-7277 or email bwight@goodwillnm.org

Announcements :

1. Lemuel Perry announced that the funeral for Chase Gentry will be on Tuesday, September 7, 2pm at the Civic Center.
2. Lemuel Perry announced that the Public School system needs substitute teachers for all levels. One does not need a degree to be a substitute teacher.
3. Lemuel Perry described the conditions under which the COVID nurses at the hospitals have to work. Housekeeping staff are not allowed in COVID rooms, so the nurses are having to clean the rooms, as well as deal with families who are not allowed to visit. Lemuel has started an initiative to show our appreciation and support of the COVID nurses - please see the appendix.
4. Sistar Yancy announced that the Christian Believers' building on Main Street is for sale.
5. Angie Smith described the ramifications of the Hyde Amendment, and asked us to encourage our legislators to take a stand
6. Aaron Boydston announced that the Fellowship of Christian Athletes will have an Athletic Night at the stadium at ENMU on September 13, 6-8pm
7. Dean Williamson reminded us that the Pre-Thanksgiving Service is scheduled for Thursday, November 18. Contact Dean if your Church wishes to participate pastor@ClovisNewLife.onmicrosoft.com

Closing Prayer : *Robert Grimes*

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Next Meeting : Thursday, October 7, 2021, 8:30 a.m.

Next Month's Presentation : *Maria y Miguel Ibarra* (Salvation Army)

Next Month's Scripture Meditation : *Wayne Boydston*

Pastors' Prayer Meeting : Thursdays, 8:00-9:00 am at New Life Assembly of God (near the east door) when we do not have a CCMA Meeting. New Life Assembly is located at 517 W. 21st St.

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near."
Hebrews 10:23-25

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Appendix - Appreciation of COVID Nurses

Lemuel Perry brought up an initiative to show our appreciation for the COVID Nurses in our Hospitals. Because of COVID restrictions, Hospital Housekeeping staff are not allowed in COVID rooms – the individual nurses have to do the room cleaning as well as care for their patients. Families are not allowed to visit COVID patients, and the nurses have to work with the families also. In addition, the nurses go through great stress when one of their patients dies. The nurses who have been hardest hit by the COVID pandemic are those working in the Medical, ICU, and ER units.

Lemuel mentioned his thoughts to others, and the project grew, to involve Len Vohs at Rooney-Moon Broadcasting, the Portales Ministerial Alliance, and Albertson's Market. The Portales Ministerial Alliance is going to take care of Roosevelt General Hospital, the CCMA will take care of Plains Regional Medical Center.

The Broadcasting station MIX 107.5 will cover both Hospitals.

MIX 107.5 is going to do a pledge drive, with the goal of raising at least \$4,000 towards providing gift bags and a meal for all COVID nurses in the PRMC Clovis and RGH Portales Hospitals. MIX 107.5 will have a van outside Albertsons during the Pledge Drive, and it would be good to have some members of local churches there also.

There are about 150 nurses who have been impacted by the surge in COVID – in the ER, ICU, and Medical Units, all of which are swamped to overflowing.

As part of the Appreciation, Albertson's will deliver meals and gift bags to each shift of nurses in the ER, ICU, and Medical Units. The gifts bags will each contain a gift card for \$25, and assorted small goodies and thank-you notes and cards from community members and churches. We will also do something for Nurses on other Units.

Sunday School children can get involved by making thank-you cards etc.

The CCMA is going to make a gift of \$200 to the fund.

Churches and individuals can get involved by making financial gifts and by signing greeting cards and notes.

Churches and individuals can call in with pledges during the Pledge Drive. Call 575-763-4649 to make pledges.

Dean Williamson has labels printed for each individual COVID nurse, and has an Excel file of nurses' names which Churches could use.

Any Church can take as many names as they want, and make or buy thank-you notes and cards to personalize for the nurses. There will be a drop box for thank-you cards and notes at New Life Assembly of God, or one can give them to Dean Williamson.

The Ladies of Bethlehem Baptist will assemble the gift bags to take to the nurses.

The meals and gift bags will be delivered to the COVID Units, and gift baskets will be delivered to other units.

For more information and to see how you can help, contact Dean Williamson