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Dear Saints of New Covenant Fellowship,

As you know George and I are enjoying time in Denver, where I had the joy of being in a class at Iliff School of Theology with the hymn writer Tom Troeger. The hymn below was written in Denver, which is flat and one looks up to the Rocky Mountains to the west.

The chorus “**We do not fear for we believe God dreams of worlds we can’t conceive**” spoke to me this morning. It is hard for us to conceive a world at NCFA without our beloved pastor James Hickson Lee. Yet I do believe, and I invite YOU to believe, God dreams of a time at NCFA which is beyond our imagination right now. A time of new growth, new ministries, increasing love for the Lord, for each other, for those in need whom the Lord leads to us.

Please join me in prayer that we will open our eyes, hearts, and minds to this new dream.

*Where Mountains Lift the Eye
by Tom Troeger © 1981*

Where mountains lift the eye above the level plain
and stretch our sight toward heaven’s sky
We work and pray to gain a vision of the range that rises in the mind
as science, thought and culture change how faith will be defined.

**ALL: We do not fear for we believe
God dreams of worlds we can’t conceive.**

The highest peaks are found where plates of bedrock shift,
disturbance of the solid rock is God’s creative gift.
Who still is sculpting earth and uses that same art
around the world to bring to birth new landscapes in the heart.

**ALL: We do not fear for we believe
God dreams of worlds we can’t conceive.**

Those lofty, sharp edged forms attract the clouds and rain
and with their melting winter storms revive the thirsting plain
where seeds then burst and sprout with that same urgent force
which turns a barren heart from doubt to praise life’s end and source.

**ALL: We do not fear for we believe
God dreams of worlds we can’t conceive.**

As primal powers fuse earth’s drifting crust of stone,
the stress of many creeds and views far different from our own
will not destroy belief but make it broad and wise
and faith’s familiar old relief will see new mountains rise.

**ALL: We do not fear for we believe
God dreams of worlds we can’t conceive.**

Comfort and Joy,

Trish Holland
Interim Session Moderator

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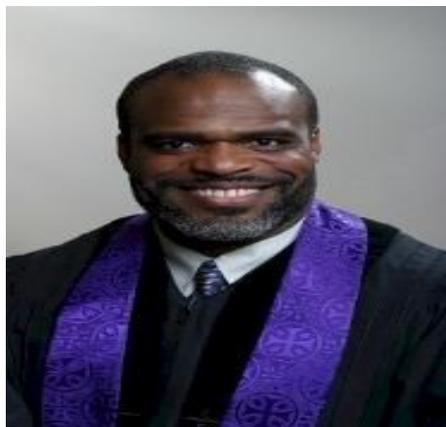


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**The Rev. James Hickson Lee Endowed Scholarship
At
Austin Community College**



A scholarship has been created at Austin Community College to honor Pastor Lee and to continue his work and legacy in the community.

The Rev. James Hickson Lee endowed scholarship is part of a group of scholarships that students at ACC can apply for each spring semester. The stated purpose of the scholarship is, "to assist ACC students who have faced significant challenges in their lives." Those challenges could be health related, family related, work related, or just life related. ACC has a very diverse student body, in every sense of the word, and there are some amazing students who have overcome, or are still working on, difficult circumstances in their lives, and who have interesting and solid goals for the future.

Students who apply for ACC scholarships write an essay as part of the application process. For this scholarship, applicants will be asked to respond to this additional question - "Please tell about an individual in your life who has supported and encouraged you to reach your goals and how that person has made a difference in your life."

If you would like to contribute to the Rev. James Hickson Lee Endowed Scholarship fund, you may do so online or by sending a check to the Austin Community College Foundation Office. Here is the information from the Foundation Office -

To contribute online:

- ⇒ Go to www.austincc.edu/foundation
- ⇒ Click on the orange *Give Now* button
- ⇒ Select your method of payment
- ⇒ Complete the form (*Note: Your credit card information must match your card and the address associated with that card*)
- ⇒ Under "*Donation Information*," you may designate your gift to a particular scholarship program using the drop down menu next to the question, *How would you like for us to use your donation?*

You will find the "Rev. James Hickson Lee Endowed Scholarship" in the drop down menu. Please remember to select it.

If you would prefer to send a check to the ACC Foundation Office, you can find the form to fill out and the Foundation's address on the same Web page, www.austincc.edu/foundation. Click on the link, "How to donate" on the left hand side. Donations of any amount are welcome.

It is a great joy to continue Pastor Lee's vision and voice in the community.

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You have a Voice! Share it!

Who are the future leaders you see? Let us know!

The Nominating Committee is requesting **your recommendations for Elders and Deacons** in our next class. "What do they do?", you ask??

Deacons... persons who keep in touch with other members and offer care and support in times of sickness, death, or other needs.

They might do any of the following for their assigned members: **call or email** a member to follow-up on a prayer request, **coordinate food** for a new parent or mourner, mail an **anniversary or birthday card**, honor a member during worship or **present a Bible or gift from the church**, have **lunch with a member**, arrange **holiday gifts and food baskets** for families who need them.

In general, deacons are to be persons of spiritual character, honest repute, brotherly and sisterly love, warm sympathies, and sound judgment.

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Elders... members of the church leadership who make decisions on behalf of the congregation, administer the church's finances and education, and lead the church in mission, evangelism and congregational life.

They might do any of the following *in accordance with their gifts*: **encourage others** in worship and service, **equip the people** for their tasks in the Church or their **mission** in the world, **visit and comfort** and care for the people (the sick, lonely, oppressed), cultivate the ability to **teach** the Bible, **exercise leadership**, and serve as commissioner to higher governing bodies when elected.

In general, elders are to be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment.

I have a Voice! How do I share it?

Three options...

(1) Fill out a nomination **form found on the back of the information table in the fellowship hall.**

(2) Tell a member of the **Nom Committee**:

Co-Chairs Elders Randy & Mary Mojica
Elders Randy & Mary Mojica
Elder Kathy Smith

Member-at-Large: Vi Lee
Member-at-Large: Rey Mojica
Ex Officio Pastor Trish Holland

OR (3) **Email** info@ncfaustin.org

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PRAYER AND PRAISE



- ⇒ Praise for Estella Sifuentes' sermon about the Good Samaritan and how Jesus calls us to do the same. Yes, it may disrupt our life. However, we need the disruption of the light of Christ in this world of darkness. We must respond to the needs of the helpless. Lift up opened ears to hear the cries of the voiceless and open hearts to respond to the needs.
- ⇒ Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Aisha passed The Citizenship Test to become a Citizen of the United States of America! Three cheers and a big USA welcome for Aisha!
- ⇒ Continue to pray Azar through her last week and last test of Greek. Next Sunday we expect to praise God for getting her through this study which is crucial to her curriculum at seminary.
- ⇒ Lift up an end to all divisions in all churches so that all believers may be united in Christ for the betterment of the world.
- ⇒ Thank you for the warm welcome to NCF from Estella Sifuentes. Lift up Esperanza as she undergoes surgery Monday.
- ⇒ Praise for George's mother getting through back surgery for spinal stenosis. She is home already! Praise that George's father is doing ok right now.
- ⇒ Thank you for prayers for Vi's brother Buck who is doing better thanks to getting good medicine.
- ⇒ Praise for God who care for me to not do things He don't want me to do but to do what God tells ya'. He cares for everybody.
- ⇒ It is a blessing to be in the house of the Lord! Praise for Vernon's ankle healing nicely from an injury. Praise for a wonderful family reunion in Waco. Lift up families, husbands, wives, siblings, and children that God may protect them from doing stupid things and direct them to focus on doing God's will.
- ⇒ Remember: children are out of school so drive carefully and watch for them.
- ⇒ Praise for Carver's heart for Jesus. He loves to pray and asks a lot of questions. He talks about homeless people wondering about their circumstances and wanting to help them. Pray that Carver continues to be drawn to Jesus.
- ⇒ (Ditto for ALL our children! --editor)
- ⇒ Praise for God's travel mercies for Doris and Vernon through a bad storm which gave them an opportunity to hand out some "We Care" kits to homeless men stranded in the storm. One man thanked them saying, "You just made my day!"
- ⇒ Lift up Doris' co-worker Lorenzo who is battling cancer. Lift up a daughter needing a new home in Manor so her children can continue in their school.
- ⇒ Lift up travel mercies for Miranda, Matt, and Saul as they take Saul's first airplane trip to New Hampshire.

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“Prayer changes everything.”

Anonymous
3 Mar 2013 9:56 pm

- ⇒ Praise for the success of the Diabetes Class. People are losing weight. They feel blessed in our church. Their children are learning healthy choices and now remind their parents about what they have learned. Whole families are changing. A big thank you to the instructor—NCF’s own Caly!
- ⇒ Praise for new housing arrangements working out for Tim’s mother. Lift up Tim’s younger brother who needs Vernon’s prayer to prevent him doing stupid things and direct his focus on doing God’s will.
- ⇒ Praise for protection of Azar’s 1 year old granddaughter who did not hit her head when she fell next to a pool. Lift up all children and their caregivers for protection from dangers. Azar’s grandchildren are not going to church—lift up the father’s heart to be moved by the Holy Spirit.
- ⇒ Praise for the 8th anniversary of Stephanie and Colton who have been blessed with three children Isabella, Ireland, and Declan. Ireland celebrated her 5th birthday yesterday and baby Declan will turn 1 this July. Praise for healthy marriages and children. Lift up lots and lots and lots of prayer for grandparents Tim and Tracey who will take the two girls to the beach in August.
- ⇒ Lift up Oliver and Elizabeth’s daughter Natalie who will have surgery this week. Praise for their son and his wife’s 10th anniversary.
- ⇒ Praise for people who are stepping up to take on Pastor Lee’s mantel. He sowed many seeds and they are sprouting and growing. Continue to lift up the vision of all people worshipping Jesus together. Lift up NCF members to be reflective about our direction as we look ahead to new pastors leading us.
- ⇒ Lift up Patricia as she tries to help her cousin Tony find housing and deal with his mental health needs.
- ⇒ Lift up the families and friends who lost a loved one this week in the terrible shootings.
- ⇒ Praise God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Christians are called to be set aside and be the hands and feet of Jesus. In Christ we are brought together so that ALL people can be united.
- ⇒ Praise for the uniqueness that is found at NCF.
- ⇒ Lift up Julie who has been diagnosed with Stage IV lung cancer. Lift up her sister Stuart, friends, and family as they plan how to help Julie.
- ⇒ Lift up the Toposa people in Sudan to whom Patricia has taken the Gospel of Christ. The primary pastor with whom she has been working has been out of contact lately. This is worrisome because Sudan seems to be slipping into Civil War. Lift up God’s provision and protection for his believers. Pray for calm, rational thinking among all the people.
- ⇒ Lift up Richard’s nurse Michael who fell last week, broke his femur, had surgery to set it, is still in a lot of pain, and cannot bear weight on the leg for at least six weeks. Lift up the Neurology team as they cover Michael’s job until he can return. Lift up Michael’s wife Esther who has assumed all his home and family duties.

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SUNDAY MORNINGS

NCFA Sunday Schedule

8:30am *The Early Worship Service is expected to resume in the fall.*

10:15am - Worship Service

1507 Wilshire Blvd.

9am Adult Sunday School

10am Fellowship

10:45am - Children's Church



NCFA SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday, July 17th

Rev. Vanessa Potter will be preaching

Sunday, July 24th

CRE Viola Lee will be preaching

NCFA SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 10:15am

We would love to have you and your family come share in the CELEBRATION OF THE GOOD NEWS!

We are worshiping in the Fellowship Hall of Genesis Presbyterian Church on the Wilshire Campus starting at 10:15 a.m.

Real Church...
Real People...
Real Simple...

New Covenant Fellowship of Austin PC(U.S.A.) is a racially diverse community informed by the Bible, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and motivated to share God's love with all. In response to God's love, we are called to equip disciples to faithfully serve, to encourage seekers to joyfully commit, and to implore all to worship our Lord, as we love our neighbors, grow in grace, and live by faith.

JOIN US IN THE CELEBRATION OF THE GOOD NEWS

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- 1st Ausley Trifiro
Grace Holland-Washington
- 3rd Aisha Adjei
- 8th Rev. Bill Harris
- 9th Ireland F. Sullivan
- 11th George Holland
Genevieve Booth
- 13th Jayvin Mojica
- 15th Chris Unegbu
- 16th Lara Tallman
Rachel Draper-Marion
- 18th Emily Smith
Ericson Stumberg
- 20th Naomi Jones
Uly Cox, Sr.
- 23rd Danita Nelson
Colton Sullivan
Ulysses Cox, Jr.
- 29th Bonnie Lew (Jacob's Mom)

- 4th Colton and Stephanie Sullivan
- 11th Robert and Genevieve Booth
- 22nd Richard and Nancy Tallman

Session Members

- *Rev. Trish Holland
Interim/Moderator
- *Elder Kathy Smith
Clerk of Session
- *Elder Oliver Smith
Administration & Personnel
- *Rev. Bill Harris
Buildings & Grounds
- *Elder Randy Mojica
Children and Youth
- *Elder Ben Hooks
Discipleship & Men's/
Women's Ministry
- *Elder Mary Jo Mojica
Finance & Stewardship
- *Elder Robert Booth
Congregational Life/
Lay Ministry
- *Elder Vernon Bailey
Missions/Evangelism
- *Deacon Carol Saddington
Worship & Membership

Deacons

- Kathryn Aldas
- Ashley Phillips
- Scott Phillips
- Carol Saddington, Chair
- Cathy Trifiro
- Roxann Vallejo

July 2016

- 17th Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
 9-10am Adult Sunday School
 9:45m Psalm 150 Praise
 Team Rehearsal
 10:15am Worship at Wilshire Blvd.
Rev. Vanessa Potter, preaching
 Sunday School Ages 3-5 (Rm.1);
 Grades 1-5 (Rm. 7)
- 19th 6:30pm Men's Ministry Dinner;
7pm Study
- 20th 6:30pm Fellowship dinner.
7:00pm Prayer and Praise Worship
- 24th Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
 9-10am Adult Sunday School
 9:45m Psalm 150 Praise
 Team Rehearsal
 10:15am Worship at Wilshire Blvd.
CRE Viola Lee, preaching
 Sunday School Ages 3-5 (Rm.1);
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CRE Estela Sifuentes

New Covenant Fellowship of Austin was blessed to have CRE Estela Sifuentes to our pulpit today. She is a 4th generation Presbyterian on her mother's side and Catholic on her father's side. She grew up in Harlingen, TX with her 5 sisters. Estela is a Certified Ruling Elder and has preached in several churches in Mission and New Covenant Presbyteries. She is currently a member of St. Andrew Pres. in San Antonio. She enjoys preaching and visiting small churches because our pastor, Rev. James Lee, taught her how to preach and is her model of what a true servant of God is. She hopes she will continue to follow his example in serving God.

*CRE Sifuentes preached
from Colossians 1:1-14 and
Luke 10:25-37.*

"Sermon on Luke"

You can visit our website www.ncfaustin.org in the upcoming week to hear CRE Sifuentes sermon.

That's also a great time to look around and find out about all of the ways NCFA strives to live out our mission.

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Latin Dance Classes

Where: 1507 Wilshire Blvd, Ste. 6

When: Each Saturday in August, Starting **8/6/2016**

Time : 4pm – 6pm

Who : Adult Singles and Couples

How : Register on-line @ www.ncfaustin.org

Come and learn the wonderful dances of Salsa/Mambo/Merengue/Bachata with former Jazzy Dance Company member Robert P. Booth

Contact: Robert Booth @ rpbooth66@gmail.com



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Patterson Park Community Garden

Introductory Soil Class – Sustainable Food Center

**Where: 2921 E. 17th Street, Building C.
Date: Thursday, July 21, 2016
Time: 7:00 – 8:30 pm.**

Garden Work Day

**Date: Saturday, July 23, 2016
Time: 9:00 am.**

Work: Finish putting up the last 4 fence panels on the gate posts, put screws into the post shims, install the main gate drive post and general clean up. Come out and help, NCFA has a community plot.



You at UT

Your Opportunities are Unlimited at UT

SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

**ENGINEERING DAY CAMP
FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2016**

Women in Engineering Program Equal Opportunity in Engineering Program

**The University of Texas at Austin
Cockrell School of Engineering
(512) 471-5650**

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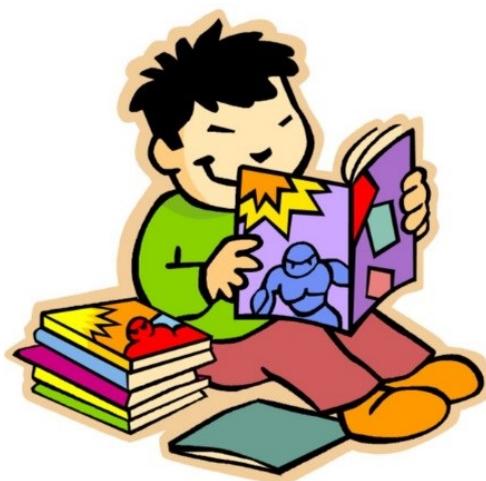
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New Covenant Fellowship
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Is partnering to help
First Presbyterian Church of
McAllen

Collect Books for
A Children's Library at
Fields Elementary School
McAllen, Texas

Please donate New or Gently Used
Children's Books



A Collection Box will be
placed at the Back Table
For more Information please see
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12th Annual-FREE Women's Health, Motivation, & Empowerment Conference



Special Guest Speaker

Cathy Harris

Motivational Speaker, Advice Columnist, Non-GMO Health and Wellness Expert, Self-Publishing and Business Coach and author of 23 non-fiction books.

New Workshops!

- Financial Literacy
- Healthy Body
- Activism
- Join Us for Free Food, Fun, Gifts & Prizes

Interested vendors may contact Phyllis Clark at pclark@austincc.edu (512) 223-5186.

Presented By

Positive Women's Coalition

Saturday, July 16, 2016

8:45 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Austin Community College
Eastview Campus

3401 Webberville Rd., Bldg.
8000, Room 8500

Guest Panelist Speakers

Navigating the System: How to protect yourself from CPS/ Child Support, Police, Health issues and Special Needs Advocacy.

Mistress of Ceremonies

Simone Pollard with the
"Positive Women's Coalition"

To Register: go to austincc.edu/women

For more information call
(512) 223-5186 or 223-5106.



This event is hosted by the "Positive Women's Coalition" who are a group dedicated to encouraging females to reach their full potential.

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Info: Caregiver-Responsible Party Support Group (CRPSG)

This will be an open / on-going group for persons who are

- 1. The direct primary contact for adults who live in a nursing home, assisted living or skilled nursing facility or**
- 2. The primary caregiver for an elderly person or for an adult with a disability.**

Members (Participants) will be able to come and go with no obligations to attend regularly.

The purpose of this group is to provide a place where Members can share concerns, helpful resources & ideas; or simply provide one another with moral support. Confidentiality will be stressed.

Group Members will only be known by first names in group, for registration and on sign-in sheet.

Contact information requested will consist of information needed for Member contact or grants:

- First Name Only of Member
- Contact phone number of Member
- Dates of birth (Member and Care receiver)
- Genders (Member and Care receiver)
- Races (Member and Care receiver)
- Ethnicity or Heritage (Member and Care receiver)
- Zip code (Member and Care receiver)
- Income (Member and Care receiver) Optional

Group will meet once a month, with Elizabeth Smith facilitating, on the **4th Thursday at 1 pm** at St. James' Episcopal Church, 1941 Webberville Road, Austin, TX 78721. The meeting will be in the Orange Building - Room A.

Group size should ideally consist of 6 – 8 members.

There will be no cost to group members.

Please contact Elizabeth Smith at 512-417-7166 or DElizabeth.Smith@yahoo.com to register or for more information.

First meeting was held in June.

**D Elizabeth Smith, M.S.E., LPC
512-417-7166 (iPhone)
PO Box 201118
Austin, TX 78720-1118**

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Group Lifestyle Balance



Eat Healthy

Be Active

Lose Weight

Lose Weight and be Energized!

Meet others who are on a similar journey, learn how to cook healthy food with cooking classes, get active with exercise classes, and receive awards every class for achieving milestones towards your goals!

Program: 6 weeks group classes and 6 weeks of weight loss support

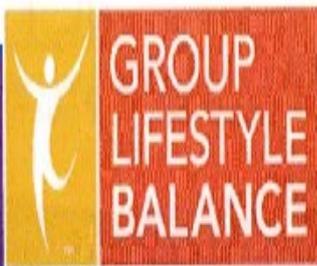
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Fellowship of Austin

1507 Wilshire Blvd.

Austin, TX 78722

Friday: 5:00-7:00pm (Spanish)



For more Information please contact:

Caly Fernández at (512) 228-4712

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We Care Kits

“But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.” 1 Peter 3:15

We are currently accepting the following donations

Food/Drink Items:

Granola Bars, Trail mix, or peanut butter and crackers

Vienna sausage – 5 ounce size cans

Water bottles – 8 ounce size

Hygiene/Personal Items:

Travel Size Toothbrush & Toothpaste

Travel size hand sanitizer or hotel size bar soap

Men’s size small crew ankle length white or black socks

Quart size freezer bags

Please note: this is a smaller kit with fewer items.

All donated items should be placed in the donations box located on the back table by the AV equipment. If you have any questions, please email me: calyflower2020@yahoo.com or call me at (512) 228-4712.

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Café Justo

Café Justo is a coffee grower cooperative based in Salvador Urbina, Chiapas, Mexico. They market a pure, organic coffee which is grown, harvested and marketed in the spirit of justice. Our goal is to provide incentives for people to remain on their family lands.

Orders will be arranged through NCFA's Evangelism Committee. Please see Caly Fernández to place an order. Coffee is available in 1 and 5 pound bags. The cost of a 1 pound bag is **\$10.00** and a 5 pound bag is **\$ 40.00**. Dark roast, medium roast and decaf are available in ground or whole beans. Coffee will be delivered biweekly to NCFA.

Contact Caly to make your purchase today!
(512)228-4712

