



A Spacious Place

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~Soul Nurture Through Creativity~



Happy 6th B-Day, Spacious Dude!

We've learned to crawl, to walk, to tie our shoes—and now we're off to 1st Grade, where we'll learn reading, writing, and what God has in store for us this coming year.

And speaking of writing...



February 2: Young Writers Club

When?	Feb. 2	1:00 – 4:00 pm
Where?	7105 Gentle Oak Dr. Austin, TX 78749	
What?	If you like, come costumed to travel through time! YWC dues: \$50 for first child in family, \$45 for remaining children (\$5 less on all fees for <i>A Spacious Place</i> members)	
Who?	3 rd —8 th graders with BIG imaginations	
Writer of the Month Hint:	You'll do Well to discover this writer's work. Take the time to explore the science and imagination in it!	

Need financial assistance? Contact david@aspaciousplace.com or phone 512-807-6863. We want every interested student to attend and we'll work out a way.

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Young Artists Club

- When?** Feb. 9 1:00 – 4:00 pm
- Where?** 7105 Gentle Oak Dr. Austin, TX 78749
- What?** Come dressed for a photography nature hike.
YAC dues: \$65 for first child in family, \$60 for remaining children (\$5 less on all fees for *A Spacious Place* members)
- Who?** 1st–5th Graders with BIG imaginations
- Artist of the Month Hint:** This artist's nature is both black AND white. And he's a great shot!

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Power Up for AISD's Empowerment Academy

A Spacious Place is providing creativity centers for AISD's Project Help Empowerment Academy (providing educational support for families in transitional living/low income). Date: Mar 23 from 10 am till 2 pm. Place: O-Henry Middle School (2610 West 10th St. *Austin*, TX 78703).

Want to volunteer? If you have the time, we have the supplies—and ideas for a host of creative concoctions. Email kaye@aspaciousplace.com or phone 512-807-6863.



February Soul & Solace: True North

February is a study in contrasts. In Austin, February's the month most likely to bring sleet, snow, and sweat—often within the same week. We celebrate Valentine's Day: balloons, hearts, and bouquets, and Christians observe Lent: silence, reflection, and confession.

By February we've had time to get real about those new year's resolutions we made. What are we *really* determined to do? Where are we headed? Charles Kimball's book, *When Religion Becomes Evil*, encourages readers to think of their life's journey in terms of a compass, rather than a map. In other words, instead of seeking what specific turns and

highways we're supposed to take, we determine our highest value and, when faced with a decision, make the choice that points us true north.

I can't control what comes into my life; I *can* determine my response to it. I can seek to face Godward. When I take a wrong turn, all I have to do is realize it, turn around, and continue north.

So in this month of contrasts, I'm seeking to face Godward, journey true north, and just see where it takes me. What is your true north? What metaphor(s) inform your life choices? We'd love to hear your thoughts. Share your thoughts on our *A Spacious Place* blog (www.aspaciousplace.com).



Like *A Spacious Place* on Facebook (www.facebook.com/ASpaciousPlace) and follow us on Twitter @ASPACIOUSPLACE.



Holy Saturday Key 2 Violence Creativity Project

Join us on Holy Saturday, March 30, as we gather art supplies and caring, creative people to participate in our "Key 2 Violence" project. The project invites persons who have experienced violence (that's all of us) to respond by first naming its impact on theirs and other lives, and then transforming violence through creativity. Learn more about Key 2 Violence by viewing the photos on our website www.aspaciousplace.com.

2:00—3:00 pm	Silent, Contemplative Worship Centers
3:00—5:00 pm	Key2Violence Hands-On Creating
5:00—5:30 pm	Sharing & Communion



*"A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more." (Matthew 2:18 NRSV)*

Perhaps you, too, know inconsolable loss: of loved ones, of health, of relationships, of childhood, of dreams, of innocence, of job, of.... Do you stand alongside Rachel? Have you survived or are you dwelling this moment in Ramah? Please consider joining our online community. Visit www.RamahFaith.com.



Becoming an *A Spacious Place* Member

Apply for a membership that includes

- 1) access to the *A Spacious Place* calendar for posting upcoming creativity/spirituality events (see calendar below);
- 2) 2 discounts on *A Spacious Place* offerings, such as courses and camps; and
- 3) a venue for artists to share their work (such as musical offerings or poetry slams).

Because *A Spacious Place* believes the contribution of one's creative gifts and/or time equals the contribution of money, the board has designated the following ways in which one may become an *A Spacious Place* member.

	One Year Membership	Two Year Membership	Three Year Membership
Individual	\$40 or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services	\$75 or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services	\$100 or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services
Tier 1 Group (1-5 individuals)	\$35 each or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services	\$65 each or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services	\$90 each or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services
Tier 2 Group (6-10 individuals)	\$30 each or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services	\$55 each or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services	\$80 each or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services
Tier 3 Group (11+ individuals)	\$25 each or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services	\$45 each or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services	\$70 each or equal "in kind" payment of goods or services

Interested in an "in kind" membership? Check in with David McKee at david@aspaciousplace.com.



Upcoming *Spacious* Events

Bona Terra Classes

Mary Lee Foundation Classes

Ramah Faith Community Website

Young Writers Club

Young Artists Club

AISD Empowerment Academy

Feb. 13, 27

Feb. 8, 22

ongoing

Feb. 2 1—4 pm

Feb. 9 1—4 pm

Mar. 23 10 am—2 pm

Bona Terra Center, Cumberland

Mary Lee Center, S. Lamar

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Want to Support *A Spacious Place* Ministries?

Here are some possibilities—

- * Include us in your prayers
- * Provide a dolly to transport all our goodies!
- * Check out our camp registry at www.aspaciousplace.com
- * Donate or loan a van or bus in good condition in time for camp
- * Provide us a space
- * Donate beading containers
- * Donate guitars
- * Provide us a space
- * Donate art supplies of any kind
- * Purchase items from our Zazzle! account or our Amazon *A Spacious Place* store
- * Donate funds toward any *A Spacious Place* offering
- * Donate a Mac computer
- * Donate a color laser printer



Our Mission and Vision

Mission: To develop and implement educational and therapeutic programs related to the enhancement of spiritual growth and expression effectively and creatively in all media, including writing, graphic arts, music, theater and daily life for people of all ages, and ethnicities and traditions, with a primary focus in the Central Texas area.

Vision: To provide, for the central Texas area, true sanctuary—

- * in which persons may, through creativity and education, explore and express their spirituality;
- * for persons of all ages, ethnicities, and traditions



Our Spacious Team

Dr. Kaye P. McKee, Executive Director
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Mike Lawrence, Attorney, Board Member

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