



E-Newsletter, January 2012

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~Soul Nurture Through Creativity~

A Spacious Place Prayer Wall

Most faith traditions have a practice of prayer. Through prayer, we connect with one another and with Something great and loving. Whether it's a concern or a celebration, or a practice of listening, prayer is a powerful good.

Have a concern or celebration to share? Email it to contact@aspaciousplace.com and we'll post it on our website's "Prayer Wall" so others can join you in prayer.



January Young Writers Club: **Fire and Ice**

When?	Jan. 7	1:00 – 4:00 pm
Where?	7105 Gentle Oak Dr.	
What?	Come dressed to survive a chill!	
Who?	3rd through 8th graders with BIG imaginations	
Writer of the Month Hint:	Has a famous and shivery namesake, but wrote more about fire, ice, snow, and neglected roads.	



EMPOWERMENT ACADEMY: Jan. 21, 2012

On Saturday, Jan. 21st, from 10 am till 2 pm, *A Spacious Place* will provide creativity centers at AISD Project Help's Empowerment Academy. Project Help provides educational support to children in transitional living situations. Children will explore their creativity through music, puzzle making, snowflake making, bath salts creation, snowman pin creations, play dough, and more. Want to help create powerful families? Contact Kaye at kaye@aspaciousplace.com.

A Big Thanks to Our Donors!

Many thanks to all who contributed time, creative energy, love, equipment and supplies, and funding to *A Spacious Place's* services. Thank you for caring about the persons *A Spacious Place* serves; we hope God's best for you in the coming year.



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January Soul & Solace: Waiting With

A Spacious Place is founded on what we call our six "Playground Principles." Read an overview of our sixth principle, "Waiting With," below.

Waiting With is a Spiritual Direction principle that chooses not to view "Persons as Problems," because "Persons as Problems" reduces the participant solely to his/her pain. Each person's suffering is deeply personal and deeply spiritual. We tread on holy ground when asked to accompany another person's pain. At *A Spacious Place*, we also avoid "The Lazarus Syndrome"; once we get a few spiritual practices and spiritual concepts under our belts, it's tempting to think we can advise others. We consider it best to attend to the person and to God's Spirit before offering any suggestions—and even then, we offer the practices as options from which the person may choose.

Instead, we favor the "Breathe with Me: Spiritual Practice" approach. We view ourselves as spiritual-practice resources to our participants, providing support and hope. We offer suggestions of practices AFTER attending to the participant's soul and to the leading of the Spirit. We offer suggestions with humility. We also view ourselves in the role of "Midwife Waiting," serving as midwives, accompanying and attending to what is being created in a participant. We recognize that childbirth is painful; we also know labor ends in a new beginning: in new life and in new possibilities. Rather than seek to prematurely end the child-birthing process, we attend to the birth giver, reminding him/her to breathe. We also attend to what is being birthed in and through the birth giver.

Our *Waiting With* symbol is the musical triangle, depicting the three-way conversation between participant, Spirit, and guide. When the guide first attends to and then responds to the participant and the Spirit, the resultant chord sounds a beautiful, triune resonance.

How do you "Wait With?" Share your thoughts on our *A Spacious Place* blog (www.aspaciousplace.com).

Want a more in-depth look into these principles? Sign up for our online course by emailing kaye@aspaciousplace.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 *A Spacious Place* Events

Mary Lee Foundation Classes

A Spacious Place Board Mtg/Holiday Brunch

Young Writers Club

EMPOWERMENT ACADEMY

Jan. 6 & 20

Jan. 7, 2012 9:30 am

Jan. 7, 2012 1—4 pm

Jan. 21, 2012 10 am—2 pm

Mary Lee Center, S. Lamar

7105 Gentle Oak Dr.

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Alternative Learning Center



Want to Support *A Spacious Place* Ministries?

Here are some possibilities—

- * Include us in your prayers
- * Donate beading containers
- * Donate guitars
- * Donate a van or bus in good condition
- * 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



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