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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, prayer is a powerful good.

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



November Young Writers Club: Enchanted

When?	Nov. 5	1:00 – 4:00 pm
Where?	McKee Home (7105 Gentle Oak Dr., Austin, TX 78749)	
Who?	3 rd – 8 th graders with BIG imaginations	
What?	Dues for the year is \$45 (\$40 for <i>A Spacious Place</i> members) Club members: Come dressed to hike!	
Writer of the Month Hint:	Painted herself into a corner before she started to write, was space napped, and now lives with a dog in a 200-year-old farmhouse.	

Register now for a new year of the Young Writers Club at www.aspaciousplace.com.



Gifted2Give! Nov. 6 & 13

Go green this holiday while supporting the persons *A Spacious Place* serves! The event takes place at the Mary Lee Foundation Southpointe location, 1339 Lamar Square Drive. Come and go or come and stay from 2 till 5 pm each day. **Admission is free.**

At "Gifted2Give" artisans guide us in making holiday gifts (jewelry, "voice engraved" cards, painted glass and ornaments, etc.) from recycled or simple materials. OR, consider a unique performance gift.

Whether it's Grandpa's favorite song or a poem you composed for a friend's birthday, A DVD of your performance makes a unique and personal gift. Here's how it works:

We'll have "Karaoke Hour" during both sessions of Gifted2Give (Nov. 6 & 13) from 3:00 until 4:00 pm. If you'd like our musicians to accompany you, email kaye@aspaciousplace.com or phone 512-807-6863 no later than **Oct. 22**, and name the piece you wish to perform. Plan to bring your own set of lyrics the day of the event.

Or you can choose a song from our karaoke list (we'll post it to the website after Oct. 22) to perform. Of course, if you plan to provide your accompaniment or perform drama or comedy, you can do whatever you like within these boundaries: 1. no longer than five minutes 2. child friendly. We'll create a personalized opening, put it all together on a DVD, and deliver it to you.

Also at "Gifted2Give": a theme basket silent auction (including chocolate lovers, children's literature, movie night, and holiday), live music, and good food.

WANT TO HELP? email kaye@aspaciousplace.com.



CHECK OUT THE "OUR GIFT" ADVENTURE!

"What if someone told you that you could save money and help your community?" At "Our Gift" (<http://ourgift.org/austin>), "customers get the discounts they want and local charities receive the funding they need." Visit the "Our Gift" website, take advantage of their daily coupon deals, and "Our Gift" will donate 50% of the proceeds to charities—like *A Spacious Place*!!!! Talk about win/win!

Our thanks to Jim Cannon for including *A Spacious Place* in the "Our Gift" vision.

Submit to our next **Renderings Online Journal, Vol 2:**

"Changes" through Oct 15. To reserve a free downloadable or electronic copy of our current journal: email journal@aspaciousplace.com.



Like *A Spacious Place* on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/A-Spacious-Place-Inc/163401337060787n>) and follow us on Twitter @ASPACIOUSPLACE.



October Soul & Solace: R & R

A Spacious Place is founded on what we call our six "Playground Principles." Read an overview of our third, "Respect & Respond," below.

R & R (Respect & Respond) encourages us to note when something a participant does or says rouses uncomfortable feelings in us. We may feel anxious, fearful, or angry, but we choose not to react out of these emotions; we choose to respond out of love. How do we act when we "respect and respond?" First, we do not assume an "All Knowing" position in which we assume we know from our experience what is best for another person without allowing that person to be the expert on his or her own experience. We also avoid the "Fix-It Shop" approach in which our own anxiety leads us to take over God's work in a person's life. The "Fix-It Shop" approach is designed to get people tuned up and back out on the road, so their pain does not discomfort us.

Rather, *A Spacious Place* favors a "Not Knowing" position, in which we invite a participant to share his/her experiences from his/her own perspective while we listen with genuine interest, openness, compassion, and a desire to learn. When visiting with participants, we pose "Open-Ended Questions" that invite disclosure, signal interest, and encourage self-awareness. We ask these questions gently and compassionately with respect for personal privacy, so participants do not feel they are being judged or interrogated.

What are your thoughts on "Respect & Respond?" We'd love to hear from you! 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) 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

Mary Lee Foundation Classes

A Spacious Place Board Meeting/Prep Session

Young Writers Club

Gifted2Give

Oct. 14, 28

Oct. 22 9:30—early afternoon

Nov.5 1—4:00 pm

Nov. 6 & 13 (2—5 pm)

Mary Lee Center, S. Lamar

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1339 Lamar Square Drive



Want to Support A Spacious Place Ministries?

Here are some possibilities—

- * Include us in your prayers
- * Volunteer at Gifted2Give
- * Donate shelving for our awesome supplies!
- * Donate items for theme baskets
- * 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 video data projector
- * 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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