

The Bandera PROPHEET

December 10, 2019

Christian Women's Job Corps begins new session

by Vicki L. George
The Bandera Prophet

The Christian Women's Job Corps established a branch in Bandera County last year and has completed two sessions.

Now it is time for the third session to begin and the Job Corps is accepting applications for enrollment now. Applications are available at the Bandera library, Helping Hand and First Baptist Church. They can be mailed or delivered to the church.

The First Baptist Church of Bandera hosts the Job Corps as one of their ministries. The church is located at 1300 Pecan St. in Bandera and the classes and events are held in their Youth Building.

The program is free and available to women 18 years of age and older. Class size is limited and class materials are provided. In addition, lunch is provided to the ladies each class day.

Classes are on Tuesday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each week, and will begin Jan. 14. Each session lasts 12 weeks, after which the participants will graduate and receive certificates.

Classes offered include Bible Study, Job Preparation, Healthy Relationships, Money Management, Health and Nutrition, Parenting, Computer Skills and Crafts.

The Christian Women's Job Corps is an international, non-profit organization that teaches life and job skills tailored to each student's individual needs. It was founded in 1997 and now has 200 sites across the country.

The Job Corps is a ministry of the Woman's Missionary Union, within the Southern Baptist Convention. Its "mission is to provide a safe Christ-centered environment that encourages spiritual, professional and

personal growth to transform women, families and communities.” They are inspired by Jeremiah 29:11, “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to give you hope and a future.”

All council members, teachers and sponsors are volunteers. The organization seeks support from local churches. It also networks with local employers to provide jobs for the students who have successfully completed the course.

Many Job Corps participants are single moms, recovering from various forms of abuse or are on public assistance, with a desire to be self-sufficient.

Each Job Corps site is responsible for its own funding. It needs funds, or sponsors, for class materials, and the lunches to be provided to the students. When writing a check, make it out to First Baptist Church of Bandera and write Christian Women’s Job Corps on the memo line. Mail checks to Christian Women’s Job Corps, % First Baptist Church, PO Box 340, Bandera, TX 78003. As a ministry of the church, all donations are tax-deductible.

To apply for the classes, or to volunteer to teach or sponsor, or for more information, contact Coordinator Aurora Williams at 830-326-1457 or email CWJCBC@yahoo.com.

To learn more about the Christian Job Corps, go to the website at fbcbandera.com/cwjc. They can also be found on Facebook.