



ICBCS NEWSLETTER

April 2022- June 2022

Quarterly Updates

Assalamualaikum, many new exciting things are under construction for our community. ICBCS is pleased to inform you the start of a quarterly newsletter to look back at past social events, programs, and keep the community up to date on new developments taking place at ICBCS. Insha'Allah from here onward, you will be receiving a newsletter at the end of March, June, September, and December. You can reach the board at any time with suggestions, concerns, and questions at board@icbcs.org.

Welcoming the Month of Ramadan

We kicked off April with the beginning of the holy month of Ramadan. Daily iftars, taraweeh prayers, and Qiyaam ul Layl were held thanks to our social chairs, volunteers, and reciters. It served as a platform to strengthen the brotherhood/sisterhood while staying in remembrance of Allah SWT.



April Programs:

- Ramadan/ Daily Taraweeh
- Ramadan Daily Iftars
- Sisters Book Club
- Ramadan Quran Competition
- Revert Buddy Program
- Henna Night
- Imam Mahad's Weekly Visits
- Youth Girls' & Boys' Lock-In

Our Education Chairs arranged events like the Annual Quran Competition, weekly Sisters Book Club covering "Secrets of Divine Love", and Imam Mahad's weekly visits. The Ramadan Buddy Program also provided a platform for reverts to be paired with participants to make their transition smoother within this holy month. May Allah SWT accept from all of our volunteers and protect them and their families from any harm. Ameen.



Celebrating Eid Together with Prayer and Picnic!



Eid ul Fitr 1443 AH was held at the Brazos Expo Center this year. Nearly 1200 people attended Eid ul Fitr prayer, masha'Allah. The Eid Picnic was held at Lake Walk and was a huge success, Alhamdulillah. The community enjoyed each other's company while playing sports, feasting on delicious food, and taking lots of pictures! Kids had a blast with face painting, balloon shapes, balloon fights and a bouncy castle. Thank you to all the help from our organizers and vendors. An 'End of the Semester' ice cream social and youth ice skating social were also some highlights of this month. For pictures, visit: linktr.ee/icbcs.



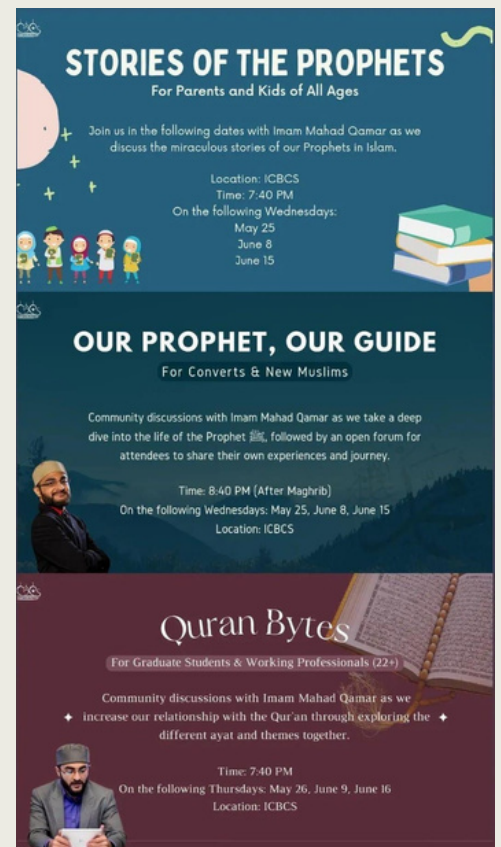
May Programs:

- Eid Prayer
- Eid Picnic
- Community Fajr & Donuts with Imam Mahad
- End of Semester Ice Cream Social
- Salat ul-Kasoof/ Eclipse Prayer
- Counseling Sessions with Imam Mahad
- Community Programs with Imam Mahad
- Youth Ice Skating Social

Community Programs with Imam Mahad Kicked Off This Summer

Be it youth, young professionals, reverts, or elderly members of the community, this summer ICBCS held activities for all ages including lecture series like 'Quran Bytes' for working professionals, 'Our Prophet, Our Guide' for new Muslims and reverts, and 'Stories of the Prophets' for the parents and their kids.

Additionally, Imam Mahad has been offering counseling sessions throughout his visits as a means for participants to ultimately strengthen their faith through conviction.



STORIES OF THE PROPHETS
For Parents and Kids of All Ages

Join us in the following dates with Imam Mahad Qamar as we discuss the miraculous stories of our Prophets in Islam.

Location: ICBCS
Time: 7:40 PM
On the following Wednesdays:
May 25
June 8
June 15

OUR PROPHET, OUR GUIDE
For Converts & New Muslims

Community discussions with Imam Mahad Qamar as we take a deep dive into the life of the Prophet ﷺ, followed by an open forum for attendees to share their own experiences and journey.

Time: 8:40 PM (After Maghrib)
On the following Wednesdays: May 25, June 8, June 15
Location: ICBCS

Quran Bytes
For Graduate Students & Working Professionals (22+)

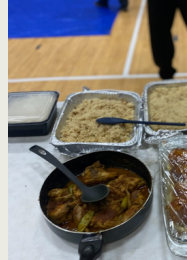
Community discussions with Imam Mahad Qamar as we increase our relationship with the Qur'an through exploring the different ayat and themes together.

Time: 7:40 PM
On the following Thursdays: May 26, June 9, June 16
Location: ICBCS

International Potluck Celebrates Our Diversity



One of the major events held in June was International Potluck. Community members from different ethnical backgrounds brought food to share with rest of the community. Imam Mahad made the event more memorable with interactive activities encouraging members to learn about each other's cultures.



June Programs:

- International Potluck
- Community Ice Cream Social
- Cameron Park Zoo Field Trip
- ICBCS General Community Meeting
- Sisters Swimming
- Youth Hangout (Boys Only): Discussions/Activities

Field Trip to the Zoo in Waco!

Who doesn't love a field trip? ICBCS planned a community field trip to Cameron Park Zoo in Waco, TX. Alhamdulillah, it was thoroughly enjoyed by the attendees of all ages. A special shout out to Sr. Madiha Manzoor for taking the lead of this successful summer event in assistance with Br. Social Chair, Br. Alkassoum Toure, and Sr. Social Chair, Dr. Fatima Naeem. JazakAllah Khair! For pictures, visit: linktr.ee/icbcs.



Beating the Heat This Summer

Some other major events worth highlighting are the ice cream social held for the community followed by the General Community Meeting, and sisters-only swimming at an indoor pool which was much appreciated by sisters and kids. Last but not least, a boys-only youth hangout with pizza and discussions was held at the masjid. How fun!



MSA Corner



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TAMU MSA hosted so many more exciting events like Ramadan Lock-ins at the masjid, an End of the Year Banquet, and even a Pani Puri Competition! If you're a student at A&M and would like to get involved, follow them on their social media with the username 'tamumsa'.

ICBCS Announcements

Imam Search Update

Starting in March 2022, Imam Mahad Qamar began making weekly visits to the community, providing 10-12 hours of programming each week over a 2-day span. On his visits, he would conduct office hours (counseling/advice sessions), student halaqas on campus, short talks at the masjid, participate in da'wah/outreach programs, and deliver some Jumu'ah Khutbahs/Halaqas.

Given the success of Imam Mahad's visits, the Board has decided to suspend the search for a full-time Imam and continue with Imam Mahad Qamar as our community's Imam on a part-time basis. His background and experience fits a lot of the community's needs. Along with his Bachelor's degree in Islamic Fiqh and Usul al Fiqh (Islamic Law and Jurisprudence) from the International Islamic University of Malaysia, he completed a Master's in Pastoral Counseling in Marriage and Family Therapy, providing him with a unique skillset to serve the community. His passion for serving in this role is evident through the many hours he spent outside of formal programs. We look forward to your feedback.

Al-Huda Summer School

The last day for summer school was on Sunday, July 3, 2022. JazakAllah Khair to all the teachers and volunteers!



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Upcoming Events

Eid Al-Adha Prayer, Saturday, July 9
Takbeerat: 9:15 AM
Prayer: 9:30 AM
Location: Brazos County Expo Center
5827 Leonard Rd., Bryan, TX 77807

Eid Picnic, Saturday, July 16,
Time: 5- 8:30 PM
Location: TBD



Help Us Secure New Land by Raising \$65,000!

Deadline is July 15th.

Please donate what you can to help us acquire this property for future expansion.

Visit land.icbcs.org to donate or Zelle donation@icbcs.org



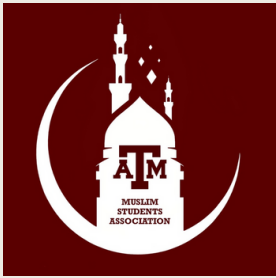
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