

First News



The Newsletter of

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

San Marcos, Texas

Church Leadership Installation



Sunday
January 4th

“Souper Bowl”

Fellowship

Chili Lunch

Sunday, Jan. 25



Bake Auction!!

Youth Fund Raiser

Sunday

January 25th

Following Lunch



January 2009

Scripture Readings & Liturgical Color

Sunday, January 4

Second Sunday after Christmas

White

John 1:1-18

Sunday, January 11

First Sunday after Epiphany

Green

Genesis 1:1-5

Sunday, January 18

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Green

John 1:43-51

Sunday, January 25

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Green

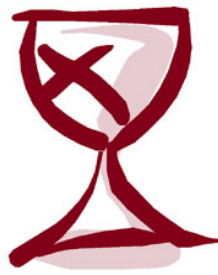
Jonah 3:1-5, 10

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I love the New Year, and the hope it always brings.

Biblically, over and again we are invited to share in new beginnings. Abraham was invited to take a journey into a new land and become the father to a new people. Moses was challenged to begin again as the deliverer of his people from bondage. Esther was at the crossroad of remaining comfortably as the queen of a great empire, or saving her kin. Isaiah was instructed to call his people out of darkness and complacency from bondage in a strange land and look forward to a new future. Peter was a simple fisherman who pushed us all to the notion that God had done something amazing and life-changing in the person of Jesus of Nazareth.

All of these folks took risks – dangerous and life-changing risks. In many ways, the Bible is a book about risk-takers.

So, what, in this New Year, are you and I called to do?

I think that we're simply called to listen to God's call on our lives, to respond positively, and to be risk-takers.

This year, 2009, at First Christian Church, we are faced with many challenges. The manner in which we respond to these challenges will reflect greatly on our devotion to our church, our ministry together, and our mission. The way in which we respond will show whether or not we are risk-takers.

The good news is, none of our challenges are insurmountable. But they will require our diligence, vision, and commitment.

One aspect of our ministry together is that we clearly recognize the need to grow and enrich our ministry with children and youth. To that end, we have called the Reverend Jack Knox to become our full-time youth minister, effective January 19.

Jack just graduated from Brite Divinity School, with honors, and was a Plan II honor student at UT. In other words, he's a very smart guy. I've known Jack since he was a youth (he's now 29), and as I've told many, Jack is wonderful. He'll be a terrific asset to our staff, and he deserves our complete support. Jack especially desired to serve FCC-San Marcos upon the completion of his seminary training,



and we should feel honored to have him working with us. He's an extremely talented minister who views youth ministry as his particular calling.

Of course, Jack has to make a living wage. Our budget for 2009 has had to be expanded to accommodate his salary. This will mean that for each and every one of us who desires for First Christian Church to move ahead positively, we will need to step out in faith and give more than what we have done in the past. It's as simple as that.

Of course, our ministry with youth is not the only thing we're

about...but it *is* a huge part of what we're about.



And maybe most importantly, it's a strong signal to our members and guests alike that we are growing, moving

forward, and doing great things for our families, for our community, for the church, and for the sake of God in Jesus Christ.

Let's do so. I know we can.

I'm always proud to be your minister and servant,

David



To our brothers and sisters in Christ;

You are the best! You took good care of Theresa and me with your prayers, cheerful cards, calls, visits to our home and more prayers! To all of you who were there for my surgery in Austin ~ what a wonderful group; that was including our dear Melissa Benedict and James McKibben! And group prayers all over the hospital. No wonder my implants and recovery went so well, it was in God's Hands.

Our Quiet Strength and Sojourners Sunday School classes blessed us and supported us in many ways. Theresa thanks Sojourners for the Disciples apron.

God's Love to all, Bill and Theresa Casparis

Dear Christian friends,

I am still giving thanks for your thoughts, prayers, calls, visits and food. Such an out-pouring of love from your brothers and sisters in Christ is truly uplifting. Your support has truly aided me during this surgery ordeal. I also appreciate your being there for John. Your being there with him truly helped him during those stressful hours. Thanks again.

In Christian love, Alice Ballard



To the Congregation,

The Church Budget has been approved for \$395,000 plus, which includes the hiring of a Minister of Youth/ Education. The Youth Minister's salary is set at \$40,000. I believe it is imperative that this new position be filled as soon as possible. Why? Because the very future of our church depends on investing in our young people and looking forward. If we do not do this now, then when?



To assist in meeting our budget goals, I challenge you to join with Rae and me in increasing our pledge by 20%. We are on fixed incomes, so this will be a strain. Please remember that we must advance the word of Jesus Christ.

Our friend, Roy Willbern said, "Not What I Give, But What I Have Left, Is My Concern Or Fear".

Joe & Rae Bostwick



Calling ALL Bakers!

Our annual Bake Auction will be held

immediately following the fellowship luncheon on January 25th. All proceeds are for the benefit of the FCC



Youth Groups. Please contact me if you can help with the baking.

Mary Braun

MENS FELLOWSHIP

THE MEN'S GROUP @ FCC



Need a reason to get out of the house? Come join us for fun, fellowship and to make a difference. We meet once a month. We would like to know what time and day is best for you. Contact:

Don Harmon, Robert Pruett, or Jason Braun.



Dear Church Family,

It has been such a blessing and honor to serve at this church for the past seven months. This is a very unique church with extremely loving and caring people who long to make a difference not only in their church family, but in the community and world! You have been a true treasure to me, and I will carry the lessons learned, the wisdom shared, and the extravagant love poured over me, all the days of my life. Thank-you for welcoming me with open arms and heart. Each one of you will be sorely missed, and FCC San Marcos will always hold a special place in my heart!

Many Blessings and Love,

~Melissa Benedict
Student Intern

Youth Fund-raisers:

Paper Retriever!

Bring your newspaper, junk mail, catalogs, magazines and other paper and put them in the yellow and green receptacle outside. Did you know... we cannot recycle phone books due to the high glue content in the paper? It gets stuck in the screens while making new paper.



Old cell phones and used up ink cartridges. Please put in the white plastic box in the Fellowship Hall.



First Christian T-shirts and Polo shirts. See form in narthex.

Desserts! We will be having our Bake Auction at the Fellowship Lunch on January 25th!

Thank you so much for supporting us in our endeavors! We use the money raised for mission trips, camps, food, outreach and other activities.



Your wacky but loveable youth.

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Thanks to Mikel Rice (See John 13:2-5)

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YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISERS IN THE EARLY CHURCH

January Youth Calendar



Our Spirit Filled Youth

Every Sunday, 9:30am, Sunday
School

Every Wednesday, 6pm, Guitar

1/4: No meeting.

1/11: Noon, Lunch and then we will be
touring Roxanne's House with Marla
Johnson.

1/16-1/18: Junior/Senior Reunion
Weekend Retreat at Camp Gonzo.

1/18: Noon meeting with lunch.

1/23-1/25: Chi Rho Mid Winter
Retreat at Camp Gonzo.

1/24: Saturday: Angel Food Ministry
@ VFW 8-11am. If you need service
hours, bring your form!

1/24: Saturday: 10am-3pm,
Bluebonnet Area Youth Ministry
Council Plan meeting.

1/25: Fellowship Lunch and Bake
Auction Fund-raiser. Bring desserts!!!

2/1: Souper Bowl outreach project.

Looking ahead...

March 6-8: CYF Spring Rally @
Camp Gonzo.

Youth questions? Concerns?

Call Maggie

Bake Auction

Please mark your
calendars for the "Annual
Bake Auction" to be held
in conjunction with the
Fellowship Luncheon on
January 25th. All proceeds that are
raised by this event will go to the
FCC Youth Groups.



Please welcome our new members:

Cyndel Konarik

Joined Nov. 23, 2008

Linda Reynolds

Joined Dec. 14, 2008

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Church Staff:

Rev. David Green	_____	Senior Minister
Jack Knox	_____ starting 1/19	Youth Minister
Char Wood	_____	Office Manager
Rae Bostwick	_____	Treasurer
Gary McCaffrey	_____	Board Chair
Britney Richey	_____	Bookkeeper
Mabel Hall	_____	Pianist
Cecilia Peña	_____	Organist / Accompanist
Anne Weaver	_____	Music Leader
Rosie Smith	_____	Nursery Supervisor
Rachel Greenwood	_____	Nursery Caregiver
Mary & Johnny Wasson	_____	Custodians
Fred Villanueva	_____	Groundskeeper

January Birthdays...

Jerry Weidman	January 1
David Hagy	January 2
Chris Goode	January 3
Kelly Casparis	January 4
Andi Shimek	January 5
Kennedy Braun	January 6
Kristin Brown	January 7
Rikki Hardy	January 7
Alex Olenick	January 7
Brenda Brown	January 9
Larry Diegelman	January 9
Kaiti Anderson	January 11
Rex Stallings	January 11
Taylor Ralph	January 12
Debi Elliott	January 13
Mitch Tureaud	January 14
Truman Johnson	January 16
Jennifer Roberts	January 16
Rocky Stone	January 17
Mary Braun	January 19
Amber Pacheco	January 19
Mallory Rathnau	January 19
Lura Brown	January 20
Forest Herndon	January 20
Effie Husbands	January 21
Claire French	January 22
Jonathan Walker	January 22
Matthew Stroman	January 23
Darcy Hardy	January 24
Rick Hardy	January 26
Deanna Davis	January 27
Tyler Ellison	January 27
Katy Rheinlander	January 30
Malcolm Scott	January 30
Susan Ballard	January 31
Maya Duran	January 31
Cole Stapp	January 31



January Anniversaries...

Catherine & Mike Shellman	January 4
Max & Janet Schlotter	January 5
Maggie & Eddie Mossler	January 6
David & Billie Hagy	January 8
Caddo & Ruby Sanders	January 21
Roemer & Mary Hudler	January 23
Charles & Maxine Jarvis	January 26

Have a wonderful celebration!!

Please note that I continue to update data in the church membership database. If you find an error in a birthday or anniversary date or if you are left off the list, I offer my sincerest apologies. Please email me or call the office and let me know so the database can be corrected.

Thanks! Char

Need a ride to church?



If you are unable to get to church on your own, please call the office, and we will arrange to have someone give you a ride. Please do not let transportation keep you from coming to worship with us! Call 396-1926.

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