

***FIRST NEWS***  
*The Newsletter of*  
**First Christian Church**  
*(Disciples of Christ), San Marcos, Texas*

*a place to belong*

*July 2005*

*a place to become*

FROM THE DESK OF JAMES  
SENIOR INTERIM MINISTER

I watched an interesting drama unfold at the “little” HEB in downtown San Marcos this week. A mother and her 4 – 5 year old daughter were shopping together for a month’s provisions (two carts). They were engaged in an animated discussion concerning the “little girl’s” (Charity) reliability to wander through the store unsupervised (freedom). The mother turned for a moment to pick several items off the shelf, and in a flash, Charity was gone (independence).

Panic prevailed as the mother sought to relocate Charity. In an “Irish flash”, James entered the scene and said, “I’ll help you, she went that way”! Interestingly, I found her in the produce area calling in an outside voice for her mother. I walked up to her and said, “Charity, your mother is looking for you. We will find her and the two of you will be together again”. “Ok,” she said! Quickly, the two were together. The mother said, “Thank you”. I walked away and heard the two of them discussing freedom and independence passionately and responsibly.

All ended well! But, I couldn’t help but think! What if, Charity had found the toy or candy department first? Would she have been so frightened? Would she have been found so quickly? Sometimes, our desires keep us from acknowledging our “lost ness” and we flounder indefinitely.

“In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths” (Proverbs 3: 6).

July 4<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate our independence and freedom as a nation. Don’t forget, it is a very “pricey” privilege.

**CELEBRATE YOUR FREEDOM – RECOGNIZE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY  
OFFER YOUR HOSPITALITY**

Miracles and Blessings,

*James A. McKibbin*

# Updates on the various Ministries of First Christian Church From Steve Thaler, Associate Minister

## Ministry Departments Heating Up for the Summer

In most congregations Ministry Departments are pretty much dormant in the summer, but that certainly is not the case at First Christian. In the past month the Evangelism, Property, Grounds, Education, Worship, Membership, Welcoming, Fellowship, Personnel and Stewardship/ Finance Ministry Departments have been active. Obviously it is more of a challenge in the summer when many people are traveling and engaged in numerous other activities, so these Ministry Teams and their leaders are to be commended for their perseverance and desire to do God's work.

This month we shine the spotlight on the work of the Fellowship, Evangelism and Property/ Grounds Ministry Departments. The **McCaffery's** and the **Hardy's and their Team** took over **Fellowship Ministry** in the spring and have never missed a beat. They have hosted a couple of Fellowship Dinners since and ensured that the refreshments are there every Sunday morning. Charles Blankenship has demonstrated an incredibly diverse skill set in handling both finances (as treasurer) and doughnuts. **Mildred Scott** heads up an extraordinarily reliable **Evangelism Ministry Team** that ensures that all visitors receive bread after their first visit and letters or calls after their second or third visits. Like clockwork, every Monday morning this loyal band is meeting and discussing the Sunday visitor list and then hitting the pavement to show hospitality to those who have come into our midst. What a fantastic crew! We can't say enough about **Joe Bostwick** (already the Head of the Elders) who has taken charge of both the **Property** and the **Grounds** Ministry Departments. He has two dedicated Teams that are passionate about keeping the facility and the grounds in top notch shape. You have undoubtedly already noticed the much cooler climate in the sanctuary since the replacement of one of the big A/C units. Please thank all of these people for their ministry at First Christian.

## FCC Music Ministry is Topping the Charts

A big thanks to **Margaret Jordan** and the First Service Music Team including Mary Wasson, Keith Shimek, Kaiti Anderson, Margo Gregory, and Connie Burke. Every Sunday morning they lead praise and worship music that is uplifting and gives glory to our Creator. This group has certainly been a blessing to the congregation and Margaret's leadership has been terrific.

The Choir has been magnificent and their numbers are higher now than at any time in the past few years. Much appreciation to **Mike Wood** for his leadership and his time as he has created an inviting environment for people to come and use their gifts in service to God. Please let all our Music Ministry folks know how much they mean to us.

## An Amazing Experience at VBS

You could feel the energy in every room and out on the church lawn. The excitement and the presence of God could be felt in the music, stories, crafts, games and shared meals. If you were there you know what I mean. If you missed it, I'm sorry because it was a special time of coming together and being the church for people of all ages. We gathered each evening at the Circle G Ranch with the theme from Matthew 7:7. "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Certainly we experienced God in new ways as we shared with new faces whom we welcomed and came to call friends. It was a fabulous time for FCC made possible by the leadership of **Sharon Krebs** and an incredible team of hard working, passionate folks who gave tirelessly of their gifts and time.

# Board Update

Pastor James has scheduled a special service for us July 17, 2005. We are calling it CELEBRATION SUNDAY. It is an opportunity for each of us to recognize God at work in our congregation. We will get to know how others have participated in the progress and process of reconciliation during our recent church division. This service will encourage us to think more about our own relationship with God and how he has, is and will continue blessing us individually and corporately. Thank you Pastor James!



During our last board meeting on June 9th we received our first financial update from the new Chair of our Stewardship committee, Chris Carson. He, Kerry Rash, (Bookkeeper), and Charles Blankenship (Treasurer) have been diligently working to provide us with our past, present and future financial status. The good news is that we are paying our bills and catching up on obligations that had been postponed in the past. In May we met our outreach commitment for the last quarter of 2004 Bluebonnet area ministry commitment. We are still behind but have in place a plan to meet and catch up on our obligation to the Bluebonnet area ministry. Our giving year to date is ahead of 2004. However, we have several obligations that are in the arrears.

Thank you for your faithfulness in giving. God is Blessing and with your continued support, we will be in the black by end of year.

Joe Bostwick, Property Dept. Chair, let us know during our board meeting that we would need to replace one of our large air conditioning units. The initial estimate was about 12,000 dollars. With some additional work on Joe's part and counsel from Patrick McGuire the job was completed for several thousand less. What a great job from the Property Department Committee! Joe has also asked permission to start framing the windows in the fellowship hall with Oak Trim that will be milled and provided by John Ballard.

The VBS Staff have been volunteering a lot of time and effort to make VBS very special. And, Special It Is! Great attendance, fellowship and spirit! Many of you have volunteered to make our church a special place. Thank you! Special blessings to you and your family!

Continue attending services and giving. Invite people to come and worship with us. We have a beautiful facility and ample parking. The worship services are organized, the music is good and the message powerful. We have the foundation for growth!

We have made great strides in the recent months. Isn't it wonderful to have a beautiful and happy place to worship? Let us continue our efforts by attending, lending our talents and our resources. We are on the move for God!

Blessings,

Art Johnson  
Board Chair



# CELEBRATION SUNDAY

July 17, 2005

9:30 AM

God is at work in the First Christian Church of San Marcos. People are sharing specific “miracles” and “blessings” that have occurred in their lives. It is important that we share these experiences with each other as a church. Many of you have expressed to me your personal spiritual fulfillment regarding God’s presence in the church community.

## Miracles and Blessings follow:

- ✓ We have added new members for which we rejoice.
- ✓ 5 will be baptized in August.
- ✓ We have a new baby, Mitchell David Howard who will be dedicated to the Lord very soon.
- ✓ VBS was fantastic and blessed (adults and youth excited about God’s Presence).
- ✓ Church Board is complete (all vacancies filled).
- ✓ All programs are in process/constitution progress/ personnel committee finalized.
- ✓ The Choir musical selections and presentations are superb.
- ✓ Accompaniment is excellent for all services.
- ✓ One of our CYF campers made a commitment to prepare for full time Christian Service.
- ✓ 39 campers
  1. 12 CYF
  2. 9 BEGINNERS
  3. 6 EIGHTERS
  4. 9 CHI RHO
  5. 3 JUNIOR
  6. 3 STAFF
  7. 10 Youth to Colorado for Christian fellowship.
- ✓ And many more (name your blessing and add it to the list)!

Therefore, **Sunday July 17, 2005 at 9:30 AM**, we will have a special praise and celebration service with special music and personal witness regarding God’s Goodness and Love. Followed by a BBQ (meat furnished) and you bring a filled covered dish for an eating bonanza. **There will be no Sunday School or 8:30 AM Service on this Sunday.**

The Power of God is in the praise of His people

Be exalted, O Lord, in your strength!  
We will sing and praise your power. (Psalm 21: 13)

## Updates from Andrew

We're taking it easy for the month of July, but keep your eyes and ears open for a special fun night towards the end of the month. Blessings on you Chi Rho campers who are gone July 5-9. And blessings on the CYF students going backpacking July 2-10. Everyone have a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July with your friends! Get in touch with me if you have questions about either of these two trips.

--Andrew

## BLUEBONNET BULLETINS

It has been a few months since my last issue of Bluebonnet Bulletins. I have been very busy writing devotional materials, attending my licensed ministry mentor group meetings and working on Earthquake /Tsunami relief efforts. A very successful Bluebonnet Area/Lower Rio Grande Valley District assembly was held April 29-30, 2005 in McAllen, Texas. The theme for this year's assembly was: **Compassion: the Gospel in Action**. The keynote speaker was Johnny Wray, the director of Week of Compassion. I'm sorry more of the congregation wasn't able to attend. The next Area event I want to encourage you to consider is the leadership training event entitled: Equipping the Saints – from a Disciples' Perspective which will be held on Sat. Sept. 17, 2005 at Hyde Park Christian Church in Austin. This will be a **GREAT** event with 16 different workshops being offered on a wide selection of topics. I will be leading one of the workshops entitled: Stewardship: a Spiritual Discipline? (It's not about the Money). The last leadership event in San Antonio in March of 2003 was **VERY** rewarding and this event looks even better! I'm giving you lots of advanced notice so you can mark your calendars and plan to attend. You'll be glad you did! Brochures with a registration form are in the Narthex including a list of all the scheduled workshops. Remember – the Area exists to serve the needs of the churches, and that means us. Let's take advantage of the opportunity to attend this wonderful Area event being held in our own back yard. There will be many other things of importance to this congregation happening in the area in the future. I will try to be more diligent in keeping you informed.

In Christ's love,  
Connie Burke

## Craft and Gift Shoppe Work Nights

The middle of summer seems a strange time to think about a fall festival, but it takes time to prepare, especially when you are making things. One of the most important parts of having a fall festival is fellowship – building relationships with one another. A great way to do this is to work together on projects. Beginning in July we will be holding Craft and Gift Shoppe work nights on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday evenings from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM at the church to work on various items to have for sale in the Shoppe. The projects will be announced ahead of time and will not require a great amount of talent. There will be many tasks anyone can do. Since we have a very limited budget, any help you can give for supplies for the projects will be appreciated. The July dates are Tues. July 5<sup>th</sup> and Tues. July 19<sup>th</sup>. Projects for July will be no-sew cutwork vests, cloth and bead necklaces and hymnal angels. Things you can bring are good scissors for cutting cloth, cotton fabrics (especially holiday fabrics), fabric paints (especially glitter paints), large wooden beads, wonder under or other iron-on bonding, ironing board & iron and possibly a portable sewing machine. Donations to help purchase supplies can be given to the church marked craft supplies-fall festival. If you are working on your own projects for the fall festival, please feel free to bring them and work on them along side us for the fellowship. We hope to see many of you at these work nights so we can enjoy your company. Remember, this year ALL proceeds from the fall festival will go to outreach ministries. I look forward to seeing YOU on July 5<sup>th</sup>.

Connie Burke  
Craft and Gift Shoppe coordinator

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Rosie Smith \_\_\_\_\_ Nursery Supervisor  
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Ashley Ralph \_\_\_\_\_ Nursery Caregiver  
Jennifer Flores \_\_\_\_\_ Nursery Caregiver

**Chi Rhos on a Mission - 2005**  
**Our mission trip on June 6-10 to the Southwest**  
**good Samaritan Ministries in Los Fresnos &**  
**Bayview, Texas was AWESOME!**



We did lots of mission grunt work like constructing and painting signs, landscaping, repairing bicycles, sorting the mass of donations from everyone (including 150 pairs of flip flops and

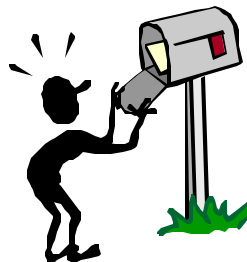
9 dozen embroidered caps & visors with the SWGSM logo), breaking up a concrete slab, and installing a mail slot with the wrong tools (Andrew & Steve did a great job with this!) in the office door.

Then we hosted a Fiesta for a group of children who invited 50 of their nearest and dearest friends. They loved all the cookies (thank you bakers!) and sandwiches. We also had a grand time painting crosses (donated from T. Barry's church) & painting faces, making 1st Aid kits, singing Jesus songs in Spanish, and playing tackle football in the gravel. (Gives new meaning to the phrase "Okay, I'm down." - while still standing.) We saw the face of God in these children.

We experienced the spirit of our Lord worshipping at Filabierito's church. Yes, it was in Spanish! We learned about the plight of refugees...not a pretty picture. One group arrived from Cuba the day before we left. They crossed over in a raft made of aluminum that broke apart in the ocean. One of their group drowned. The SWGS Ministries was able to give them a place to stay immediately, thanks to support that they get from our churches.

Thank you parents, friends, and congregation for supporting us on a trip we will remember for a long, long time. Maggie Breed, Sarah Brown, Matthew Brucher, Caitlyn Cape, Layne Cape, Kellen Casparis, Jill Davis, Truman Johnson, Felicia Mossler, Tyler Stone, Clinton Sutphen, Andrew Chapman, Charlene Johnson, Maggie Mossler, Terri Barry, and Steve Thaler.

**Summer Camp Request**



We have lots of FCC kids and their friends attending camp this summer. One of the fun parts of summer camp is

getting mail (or home-made cookies)!! You can help! Write a note, your favorite quote, a postcard, or an inspirational greeting and drop it off at the church office by Tuesday. James and Steve will take your letters and postcards to camp on their visit! So put your pen to paper, 'cuz here is the list of July Camps and Campers:

Chi Rho Camp - July 5-9

Maggie Breed	Matthew Brucher
Caitlyn Cape	Kellen Casparis
Jill Davis	Tyler Stone
Clinton Sutphen	

Junior Camp - July 18-22

Maude Herndon	Sydney Huddleston
Taylor Ralph	

Speaking of month you incorrect for Roy and If you would them - the following should get you through to them!:

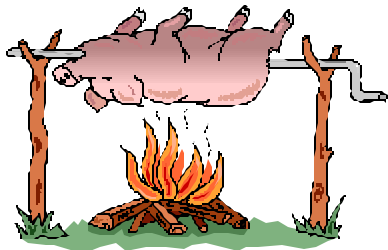


mail..... last were given an email address Ruth Willbern!! like to contact

Roy & Ruth Willbern  
[rwillbern@austin.rr.com](mailto:rwillbern@austin.rr.com)

## Cottage Kitchen Kudos!!

Rocky Stone and Robert Pruett prepared some of the best barbecue brisket you could find for the June 24<sup>th</sup> Cottage Kitchen luncheon. Thanks to them and the others who



contributed to make this a rewarding and joyous occasion: Ronel Adkins, Susan Ballard, Lenore Bolton, Bernice Brown, Kristin Brown, Connie Burke, Ed Cable, Jackie Cable, Sue Cobb, Sue Diegelman, Janet Drye, Marge Harmon, Margaret Jordan, Jeanne McCaffrey, Mercy Miller, Dottie Potter, Beth Rankin, Nancy Roberts, Mildred Scott, Joann Scholter, JoLynn Swenson, Kira Thaler, Camille Tracy, Linda Veters, Mary Windham and Char Wood. James McKibbin and Steve Thaler welcomed and greeted the 95 customers. The cooperation and the willingness to serve is greatly appreciated.

## LIBRARY UPDATE



The FCC library is an extensive library for a church our size. It has great inspirational books, biblical research materials, and a good selection of

Christian Fiction! Please take time to check it out!

Right now, the check out system is in an honor system until all the cataloging has been completed.

The library is being cataloged into Dewey Decimal order and is about two-thirds complete. Dewey Decimal will place the books into subject order which will make it more user friendly. Remember the Dewey Decimal system from your school days . . .

## LIBRARIAN NEEDED



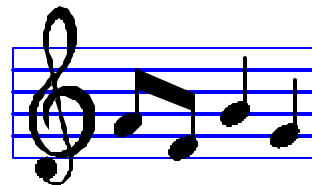
I am currently driving in from Lake Travis once a week to work on the library (although I am taking the summer off due to kids at home). FCC needs a

librarian who can take over the job of cataloging the library.

Also needed is a committee who would like to help with the upkeep of the library and the promotion of the materials available. Camille Tracy has already started a wonderful campaign of book reviews. Thank you, Camille!

If you are able to help in any way, please let Char know in the church office.

## Choir Notes from Interim Choir Director Mike Wood



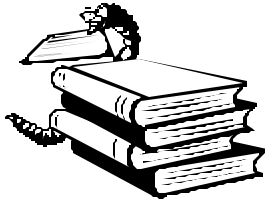
Hello everyone. As you may know, the Chancel Choir is taking summer vacation the month of July. First, I'd

like to thank the people who stepped up to the plate, or microphone, as the case may be, to provide special music for the month of July. Boy, do we have some talented people in this church family, or what? We are going to be both blessed and entertained so don't miss a Sunday.

Second, I just wanted to thank the church for the positive support we have been receiving concerning the quality of our choir. We have worked very hard this spring, not just to praise God with our voices, but provide a quality product that is pleasing to you who listen to us on a weekly basis. We have already started working on music for the fall and are looking forward to singing some fun, entertaining and worshipful songs.

Third, we are still looking for about 5 more men to join the FCC Choir. As you may have noticed, we are only 8 chairs from filling the choir loft for the first time in many years. Wouldn't it be great if we could do that this fall, by adding 8 men or 5 men and 3 more women, or whatever and then keep it going again into next spring. We are up to 22 choir members but would sure love to make it an even 30.

Harmoniously,  
Mike Wood



**FIRST CHRISTIAN  
CHURCH  
(DISCIPLES OF  
CHRIST)  
LIBRARY NOTES**

The Library located in the parlor at FCC-SM is a stimulating venue to find some classic literature and Biblical resources. Ageless truths are locked between the covers of books. Don't miss the perpetual wealth of information available to you by using your thumb and forefinger as a key to open the cover and turn the pages of a book.

If you haven't visited the hallowed hall of shelved chronicles at FCC, put it on your "to do" list and "go" browsing for knowledgeable treasures.

I am reminded of an anonymous quote while writing this book review. "Which is worse; not being able to read or being able to read and not reading"? Repugnant, all the same!

The Interpreter's Dictionary Of The Bible; An Illustrated Encyclopedia In four Volumes, Abingdon Press, New York and Nashville, 1962.

The above titled is one of the many resources available in the library for enlightening the Bible reader with noteworthy information regarding people, places, things, events, dates, artifacts, miracles, etc. The Dictionary is user friendly. It provides abundant content A - Z to enhance Biblical understanding for teaching and personal growth. Check it out! Read! Learn! Grow!

You will find these Volumes on the far left side of the book rows as you walk into the parlor.

Stop by the office and say, Hey (Alabama Hello) on your way to the library.

Miracles and Blessings,

James

P.S. Watch for next month's "book report" from Joanne Schlotter! Theresa Casparis has offered to do one in September. If you are willing to do this in October or November, let me know. Thanks!  
Camille Tracy

**Notes from Char at the FCC Office:**

Greetings and happy summer! I just wanted to share a note of thanks for all the volunteers that have come in over the past few months to help with bulletins, newsletters and other special projects! If you have some spare time on your hands, and would like to volunteer to come help with some office projects, please give Char a call at 396-1926.

I have a few reminders / requests for you:

The office voice mail is **not** checked nights and weekends. So, if you have an urgent message to deliver and the office is closed, please be sure to get hold of a minister or an elder. We do not want your message ignored until "business hours".

Also, if you plan to use church property (schedule a meeting, take one of the church vans for a church outing, etc.), please be sure to call the office and check availability first, and be sure you are added to the church calendar.

Thanks to all for such a warm welcome, and for helping make my job easier. I truly enjoy serving all of you!

Char Wood

**A note from CASA of Central Texas**

Are you interested in changing a child's life? Have you been looking for a way to reach out to others? CASA of Central Texas is a non-profit organization that serves children in the counties of Hays, Comal, Guadalupe, and Caldwell. CASA volunteers are Court Appointed Special Advocates for children - trained community volunteers appointed by a District Judge to advocate for children who have been removed from their home because of severe neglect and abuse. Please help us in our mission to provide volunteers for every abused and neglected children the counties we serve. Our next training class will be held in New Braunfels and is scheduled to begin in August. Please contact Erin Taylor, LMSW at 512-392-3578 for more information. Our office is open 8:30 am - 5: pm

# FALL FESTIVAL

## October 15<sup>th</sup> 2005



The Fall Festival Committee is excited to announce that on Saturday October, 15<sup>th</sup>, we will gather for fun, food and fellowship at our annual Fall Festival. Be sure and mark your calendars, and tell everyone you know. It is open to the whole community. Events will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and there will be the following activities:

A Craft and Gift Shoppe  
Silent Auction  
Live Auction  
Chuck Wagon B.B.Q.  
Sweet Shoppe  
Frozen Casseroles  
Children's Activities  
Entertainment

Connie Burke  
Lenore Bolton  
Sharon Krebs  
Robert Pruett  
Cindy Casparis  
Kira Thaler  
Rita McGuire  
Mike Wood

The purpose of the Fall Festival is for fun, food, and fellowship, and outreach projects. Habitat for Humanity, The San Marcos Women's Shelter, The Women's Christian Job Core, and the Disciples Conference Center of Gonzales, are organizations we have suggested to the Board to receive the proceeds from the Festival.

More information will be provided as we get closer to the date. If you would like to help have any questions or suggestions, please let us know. Our first committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. Please plan to come join us!

Fall Festival Co-chairpersons

Susan Ballard, and Mary Wasson



# JULY LECTIONARY READINGS AND LITURGICAL COLOR

## **Sunday, July 3**

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Green  
Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67  
Psalm 45:10-17  
Romans 7:15-25a  
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

## **Sunday, July 10**

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Green  
Genesis 25:19-34  
Psalm 119:105-112  
Romans 8:1-11  
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

## **Sunday, July 17**

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Green  
Genesis 28:10-19a  
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24  
Romans 8:12-25  
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

## **Sunday, July 24**

10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Green  
Genesis 29:15-28  
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b  
Romans 8:26-39  
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

## **Sunday, July 31**

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Green  
Genesis 32:22-31  
Psalm 17:1-7, 15  
Romans 9:1-5  
Matthew 14:13-21

## **August Newsletter Deadline**

Please submit articles for August newsletter to the church office by **Monday, July 20, 2005**. Email to Char - [charlene@fcc-sm.org](mailto:charlene@fcc-sm.org)

## **New Director of Disciples Women Named**

Beginning July 1, Kathryn "Kathy" Starr Albers will join the staff of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Southwest as the part-time Director of Disciples Women's Ministries. We celebrate Kathy's call to this new ministry and the work that the women of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Southwest will continue to do in serving in mission and ministry in the world! Welcome, Kathy!

## **Thank you from Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries....**

We received a letter from Southwest which states the following:

Dear Friends:

This is to thank you for your gift of miscellaneous things donated to the Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries. Your thoughtfulness and generosity will be a blessing to those whom we serve in our Lord's name.

Again, thank you for helping us provide for the needs of the "least of these" as our Lord has called us to do. Also, remember to hold our ministry in your prayers. It is made up of a staff and many volunteers who share in our "kingdom building."

God's blessings to you as you continue in your work as faithful disciples along with us.

## Welcome New Members!

Please welcome our newest member,  
and add this information to your  
directory:

Joyce Lamb

## San Marcos area Singles Ministry

Singles! The churches of San Marcos have come together to start up a new Singles Ministry, "San Marcos Christian Singles". Watch for upcoming events. Please contact the church office for more information and / or to help with the organization of 'our churches' interest. Help spread the news to those who you feel may be interested or of need. You may also email Dianna at [sanmarcoschristiansingles@hotmail.com](mailto:sanmarcoschristiansingles@hotmail.com)

## New Church Members Mark your Calendars



New member brunch  
July 31<sup>st</sup>!

If you are a new member to our church, we would like to honor you at our new member brunch to be held at 9:30 on

Sunday July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2005. Please come and let us welcome you to our church family.



**Congratulations**  
**Mattie, Mac and Mac Daniel**  
**Howard**  
**on the new addition to your**  
**family!**

Mitchell David Howard  
Born Sunday, June 12, 2005 @ 8:06 AM  
Weighing 8 pounds  
20 3/4 inches

The Howards have moved. Please contact the church office to update your membership directory.

Please contact the church office for these other updates to your First Christian Church Directory:

Ross & Paige Perez  
Denton & Christine Williams



**Save the Date!!**  
**Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**Afternoon**  
**Summer Program**  
**Closing Party**

Country Estates Pool will be the location of our Summer Program Closing Party. Plan to come enjoy the pool, the fellowship, and food. Please bring a covered dish. More information will follow.

## Wednesday Night Adult Study July 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>

Pastor James will provide an introduction to the Song of Solomon on Wednesday July 13 and 20, 2005 at 6:15 PM. The Song is a spicy novel, a joyous love story, a monogamous appeal, an intimate relationship and misogyny is refuted. Come and share in the study, discussion and commentary. Steve will lead a bible study on July 27<sup>th</sup>.