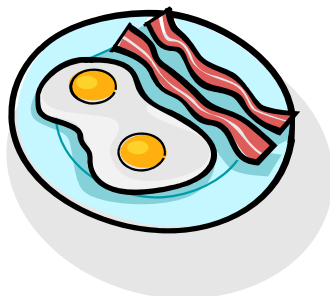


# First News



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

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## Men's Group

"Male Call"  
Breakfast  
Sat. March 13<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 AM

## Youth Garden

We will start  
gardening!  
Sun. March 14<sup>th</sup>  
After 10:30 AM worship



## SOC Dress Rehearsal

Sat. March 20<sup>th</sup>

## Fellowship Lunch

Community Recognition  
Sun, March 21<sup>st</sup>  
12:00 PM



## March 2010

### Scripture Readings & Liturgical Color

#### Sunday, March 7 Third Sunday in Lent

Violet

Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm 63:1-8

1 Cor 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

#### Sunday, March 14 Fourth Sunday in Lent

Violet

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm 32

2 Cor 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

#### Sunday, March 21 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Violet

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm 126

Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8

#### Sunday, March 28 Palm Sunday

Violet

Luke 19:28-40

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

# Mattie's Corner

This past month was a busy one for the children of FCC. On Sunday, February 14, we had a Valentine's Party during the Sunday School hour. We had fun finishing our lollipop flowers that we handed out as valentines to the congregation, singing, story time and of course, eating. All of the kids (including the big kids of the youth department) delighted in the chocolate fondue, fresh fruit, cheese and muffins. Special thanks to the grownups that helped with our special day. Children's sermon was a delight on Valentine's Day with all the youth joining the children for a special story and singing for the congregation. What a great day to share the love of Christ with each other.

On February 13, the Education Committee hosted a Teacher Appreciation Brunch for all of our well deserving teachers, youth sponsors and Bible study leaders. It was our way of saying thanks for all of their hard work and dedication. Please take the time to thank your Sunday School teacher.

Our teachers for the 2009-2010 year are:

Adult teachers: Linda Veters, Chase and Teri Stapp, Mark Miller, Jimmy Cobb, Jim Davis

Midweek Bible Study leaders: JD Elshoff, Albert Lorber

Youth teachers: Louise Mullins, Jack Knox

Children's teachers: Rachel Greenwood, Bonnie Warren, Jackie Cable, Maggie Mossler

Youth Sponsors: Jason and Mary Braun, Chase and Teri Stapp, Maggie Mossler, Jack Knox

Children's Sponsors: Rita McGuire, Mattie Howard

Children's Sunday School continues to be a time of building our knowledge of God and His son. We are so lucky to have our teachers, Miss Rachel, Ms. Bonnie, Ms. Jackie and Ms. Maggie. Each week they prepare lessons and share their love with all of us. If your child isn't coming to Sunday School-Come Check Us Out!

After church on February 21, twelve kids and several adults went to Sunset Bowling Lanes for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. We had a terrific time bowling. Joining us this month were: Aidan Cape, Cooper Doss, Lilly, Claire, and Brenna Eliaz, Mac Daniel and Mitchell Howard, Austen McGowan, Ian and Sean McGuire, Jeremy Olenick and Cedric Swan. We hope you will all be back for our next gathering March 21! Special thanks to Rachel Greenwood, Brigid Barney and Louis Olenick for their help.

The Education Committee met for their monthly meeting on February 15. We continue to look at ways to better assist all of our teachers and improve the educational opportunities of all FCC members. Please feel free to contact the committee if you have questions or suggestions. You may send your comments to Mattie Howard at [mattie@fcc-sm.org](mailto:mattie@fcc-sm.org). Our next meeting will be March 15.

## Youth News

The youth group will be pretty busy in March. March 5-7<sup>th</sup> is the CYF Spring Rally at Gonzales. The theme is You Turn: Rebellious Hope. We will also be working on a couple of different projects this month. One of our projects will be to start a vegetable garden at the church. We will be building some raised boxes and planting vegetables that the church can use for our fellowship meals. We will be using recycled materials and donations to make the boxes. We will also be preparing for the Stations of the Cross, where we will be in charge of station number six.

The youth will also host the Maundy Thursday Seder Meal like we did last year. We invite everyone to come out and join us for this meal, which is the traditional Passover meal that Jesus and his disciples shared on the night of the Last Supper. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex so that we can have an accurate count.

We will also be continuing collecting items to send to the troops overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan. We are looking for the following items:

- Magazines
- Books
- Toiletries (Body Wash, Shampoo, Conditioner, Toothpaste, Deodorants, etc.)  
Hotel shampoos will probably work best, but please make sure it's new.
- Snacks
- Drink Mix (presweetened)
- Easy Mac
- DVDs
- CDs
- Pictures/posters to hang on the wall
- Games
- Playing Cards
- Dominoes
- Cards or notes

There is a box in the Narthex where you can drop off these items. Please contact Jack Knox if you would like to donate funds for shipping costs. This is being done as a memorial to Captain Paul Peña.

*Rev. Jack Knox*

## March Youth Calendar



### **5-7 - CYF Spring**

**Rally - CYF Youth and sponsors will attend Spring Rally at the Disciples Oaks Retreat Center in Gonzales, TX with youth from around the Bluebonnet Area.**

**7 - No Sunday Meeting - Due to Spring Rally.**

**14 - Gardening Day - CYF and Chi Rho will meet together after church to start gardening!**

**20 - Stations of Cross Dress Rehearsal**



## Young Adult News

The First Christian Church Young Adult Group will begin meeting on Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at Grin's Restaurant. We will be getting together every Sunday at 6pm to share a meal and discuss relevant topics. All young adults age 18-35 are welcome to come out and join us.



*Dear Friends,  
I have personally experienced the power of prayer which comes from my church family at First Christian Church. My left knee surgery has gone much better than expected. Now it is time to get the right knee replacement done. I plan to do this on 3/31/10. I still have to visit with my doctor about the location. Some of you must have used your 'direct line' to our Heavenly Father and I would appreciate more of that in March and in the recovery period. I am so blessed by you all. Please keep me in your prayers for my upcoming surgery. I hope this is the last one (for sure the last knee) for quite some time. I still have back pain, but am not sure anything more can be done for that unless lumbar fusion and I am not ready for that yet.....too much titanium now!! Thank you all in advance for your thoughts and prayers!*

*I love you all!!!*

*Dawn Jester*

## **Help in Haiti**

I am taking this opportunity to thank you and the many, many families who found it in their hearts to contribute clothing and other essentials to the citizens of Haiti in an effort to minimize the widespread destruction that the country recently endured.

From time to time, we all need a helping hand. However, you and your fellow Church members, who gave so much, are truly the epitome of what it means to be called a Christian. Again, thank you, as well as each and every one of the people, including the children, for being so Christian-like in giving to those who had, and still have nothing.

As a lay-person, and outsider, it appears to me that in this time of international grief your Church community, as well as the others who contributed, have moved toward seeking the common good in helping create the kind of society consistent with the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Thank you once again.

Sincerely,  
Ellsworth E. Wiggins  
Col. USAF, Ret

*\*The full letter can be found on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall*

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## Alternative Worship...

What's been going on  
with Alternative  
Worship...

- † We had a Purim Festival where Jim Alexander read the book of Esther.
- † We booped and made obnoxious noises when "Haman" was mentioned.
- † We wore crazy hats and wigs disguising ourselves because God is disguised in this book.
- † We helped World Hunger (CropWalk) with our outreach offering.
- † We wrote notes to the shut-ins.
- † We communed together and prayed for our friends.
- † We prayed for the military, our homebound, and you.
- † Prayer is a celebration.
- † Then we had 3-cornered food because Haman wore a 3-cornered hat.

**The next service is:**

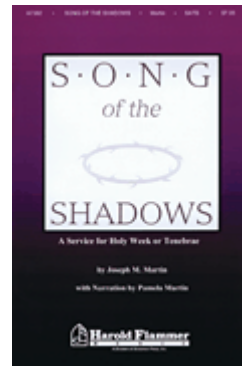
**Saturday, March 20, 5:00pm**

We are going to have a foot washing service depicting John 13!

Planning meetings, 1st Wednesday of the month, 7pm.

ALL are welcome!

Info: Maggie 830-708-5536, [funtosee@gvtc.com](mailto:funtosee@gvtc.com)



The choir will be performing our Lenten cantata "Song of the Shadows" on Palm Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> during 10:30

AM worship service. Please note: There will be NO 8:30 AM service Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Please join us for what is sure to be a memorable performance to help us begin Holy Week!

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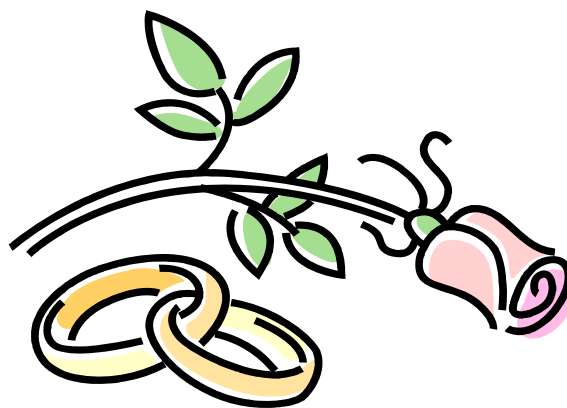
Dr. Mark H. Miller \_\_\_\_\_ Interim Senior Minister  
 Rev. Jack Knox \_\_\_\_\_ Youth & Young Adult Minister  
 Nicci Lesak \_\_\_\_\_ Church Secretary  
 Mattie Howard \_\_\_\_\_ Director, Children's Education  
 Rae Bostwick \_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer  
 Gary McCaffrey \_\_\_\_\_ Board Chair  
 Britney Richey \_\_\_\_\_ Bookkeeper  
 Mabel Hall \_\_\_\_\_ Pianist  
 Cecilia Peña \_\_\_\_\_ Organist / Accompanist  
 Anne Weaver \_\_\_\_\_ Music Leader  
 Rosie Smith \_\_\_\_\_ Nursery Supervisor  
 Rachel Greenwood \_\_\_\_\_ Nursery Caregiver  
 Sarah Greenwood \_\_\_\_\_ Nursery Caregiver  
 Mary & Johnny Wasson \_\_\_\_\_ Custodians  
 Fred Villanueva \_\_\_\_\_ Groundskeeper

## March Birthdays...



Shanna Blair	March 1
Paul Porter	March 2
Robert Herndon	March 3
Loretta Mann	March 4
J.D. Elshoff	March 5
Alyssa Updegrove	March 7
Linda Vettors	March 7
Jim Blagg	March 9
Bernice Scott	March 9
Barbara Volk-Tunnell	March 11
Dylan Duran	March 13
Arden Lyon	March 14
Robert Pruet	March 14
Jimmy Cobb	March 15
Mike Wood	March 17
Sarah Rutanen	March 18
Jo Lynn Swenson	March 18
Kaye Steeno	March 19
Paul Sutphen	March 19
Ian McGuire	March 20
Jeanne McCaffrey	March 23
Joe Bostwick	March 25
William Casparis	March 25
Charlene Wood	March 25
Amber Crabill	March 27
Lacy Jester	March 27
Marla Johnson	March 28
Charlie Green	March 29

*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! Nicci*



## March

## Anniversaries...

Paul & Betty Porter	March 2
Bernice & Charles Scott	March 3
Mike & Charlene Wood	March 8
James & Melissa Walker	March 25
Louis & Mary Olenick	March 31

*Have a wonderful celebration!!*

### Search Committee Update

The Search Team is making great progress in identifying and calling our new pastor. Initially, we started with only a small group of candidates which we did not believe was sufficient. We solicited the assistance of the North Texas Area Minister of the Christian Church; and, using his process, screened over 100 candidates, using their resumes and letters of recommendation. This field was narrowed down to approximately 20 candidates who were further screened to identify the most viable. Each additional evaluation cut the list of potential candidates further. Initial interviews were conducted by the Search Team via conference calls. The candidate list was further reduced; leaving us with only the candidates whom we felt would best meet FCC's needs. Second round interviews are now being conducted. Following these interviews, we will listen/watch their sermons and then meet with them face to face. Initial selection, negotiation, and submission to the congregation for approval will follow. Our goal is to achieve a win-win situation. It has been a time-consuming process. Please be assured that the members of the team are working diligently to bring FCC the right person. We have momentum and will get the job done as soon as possible. Please keep us in your prayers.

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**Stations of the Cross**

March 28-April 4, 2010

# MARCH 2010 - MONTHLY PLANNER

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