

THE VISITOR



First Christian Church of Denton
(Disciples of Christ)

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A thoughtful church for thoughtful people

September 16, 2014

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT



Come, all ages! Bring your good luck charms and be ready for a family-friendly evening of games, food, and fellowship!

THIS Friday night, September 19th, from 6:00 - 9:00 pm in the newly renovated Fellowship Hall. Bingo cards are free and of course, there are prizes to be won.

Other games will be available, as well. Sandwiches, nachos, chips, and drinks are available for a minimal cost. See you there!



CONCERT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st @ 4 p.m. at
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH - DENTON, TX

JIM NEWTON and **PAUL HILL**
of
HUGWORKS!!!!

RAINBOW CLASS CHALLENGE

Church World Service invites us to be an Angel and send a card to an Angel in the Artesia Family Residential Center Artesia, in New Mexico. We are invited to join children, parents, friends, and people of faith from across the country in sending cards of care and prayer to the almost 700 undocumented mothers and children (infants through teens) who have been detained. They have little contact with the world outside. The knowledge that people of faith are holding them in prayer is meaningful to the moms and children -- a reminder that they are loved and welcomed by many in the United States.

We have joined this effort and we challenge you to do the same. Over the past three weeks we have sent 50 cards and we plan to continue to send 15 or 20 per week for several more weeks. Would you join in this simple hands on outreach project. These cards should be addressed to Mother, Child, or Teen resident of the Artesia Family Residential Center. Address the envelopes as follows:

Mom/child/teen/ Artesia Family Residential Center
c/o Religious Services
PO Box 1341
Artesia, NM 88210

in the lower left hand corner mark adult, teen, or child (age specific ex. 3-5 years). You can use the Religious Service address as a return address.

We are requested to keep messages simple and not include anything in the card. Please contact Linda Morrow with questions, 940-383-1724

THE HUGWORKS TEAM

The Hugworks Team and all supporting characters will need to meet in the Sanctuary at 2 p.m. on Sunday! Come directly to the Sanctuary, receive your assignments and a prayer and we will be "off to the races"!

MULLIN' IT OVER

This Sunday is going to be a very special one for FCC. It's not only the concert... it's not only the guests we will host... it's not only the children and families we hope to serve... it is the fact that we have an opportunity to come together for a common purpose and mission.

“IF THERE IS TO BE ONLY ONE WAY I CAN HELP THE CHURCH IN THIS PROGRAM, WHAT WOULD IT BE?” The answers to this question in order of “my” priority are...

“Come in support of the program!” Let us, by our presence and attendance demonstrate to however many... or few... that we support the ministries and programs of our church! Be on hand to meet and greet those who arrive. Perhaps they may all be strangers, but perhaps you may recognize someone! What a wonderful opportunity to welcome them to YOUR church!

Wear your nametags! That way we can “point you out” as a source of information or assistance. One of the greatest deterrents to guests returning to any venue is remembering a sensation of being “lost” or “confused”. “I couldn't find my way and there was no one to help!” There are certain department stores at which I will no longer shop because it seems impossible to find anyone to help. The same can hold true for churches!

Bring something for concessions on Sunday morning! Bottled water, cookies and/or pastries will be provided at a nominal cost, and all proceeds will be directed to Hugworks!

Let's take this opportunity to put our best “foot” forward. We are privileged to have a wonderful facility to which to invite our community. We are privileged to have folks such as Jim Newton and Paul Hill willing to drive to Denton to spread their message of hope to families and children in need.

See you on Sunday!!!

Jack

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Do you have a special gift for providing comfort and support? You might be interested in a half-day introductory workshop for the **Stephen Ministry**, those who minister in a Christian way to those experiencing grief, stress, loss, life changes and provide comfort and support as long after the traumatic event as needed.

An introductory Workshop will be held September 28 (Sunday) from 2:00 to 6:00 at Alliance United Methodist Church in Fort Worth. Cost is only \$15 per person. I'll post the flyers on the bulletin board in the gathering area or you can go to www.stephenministries.org.

-- Jacque Walston

BOARD NOTES

The Board met on Sunday and received a variety of reports and recommendations from several of our committees.

The Treasurer's report showed that we are slightly ahead in our giving for the year and that our spending has been on target as well!!! Good job!

The Property Committee had reports regarding progress on our reconstruction and future work to be done on the building. The Board authorized several projects involving new flooring for the kitchen and lighting for the parlor and narthex. The red oak on the southwest side of the Fellowship Hall building which has dropped a limb into the parking lot is scheduled for removal this week.

The Board received and approved the following recommendation from the Search Committee:

August 26th, 2014

To the Board of First Christian Church

In order to prepare our church to be a better opportunity for a potential candidate, the Search Committee would like to make the following recommendation to the Board concerning ongoing preparations for a Senior Minister at this time:

It is our recommendation that we enter into negotiations with our present Intentional Transitional Minister, the Rev. Jack Mullins, to assume a position of Consulting Pastor/Minister for a period up to 36 months, subject to review and renewal. It is our anticipation that Rev. Mullins will continue to work with our congregation and ministries to initiate, implement and renew programs in the church and will strive to enhance and build commitment and continuity between Ministers and congregation.

Following the negotiations, the final Call will be presented to the Board for approval and pending approval, recommendation to the Congregation.

Sincerely,

Senior Pastor Search Committee

A piano was donated to the Music Department to serve as a replacement for the Choir Room piano which was destroyed in the storm.

The Board approved the following dates for future meetings: December 14th; March 8th; June 14th. All Board meetings shall be held Immediately Following Worship.

CALLING ALL WORSHIP LEADERS:

There will be a short meeting after church in the Sanctuary on Sunday, Sept 28, for our WORSHIP LEADERS. The Rev. Jack Mullins appreciates all you do and would like an opportunity to give some guidance and pointers to the important element you bring to our Worship Service.

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC MINISTER

It's great to be working again with our fantastic Sanctuary Choir! We have four new section leaders: Sara Kennedy (soprano), Lauren Lestage (mezzo-soprano), Sylvia Garcia (alto), and Mason Jarboe (bass). These talented young singers are all music majors at the University of North Texas. They are a pleasure to work with, and I look forward to the great music our choir and soloists will bring to worship this fall.

This coming Sunday, Mason Jarboe will sing a beautiful aria from the "Stabat Mater" by Rossini, and the choir will sing a selection by Mozart. The last two Sundays of September will feature some great A Cappella singing from the choir in a more contemporary style, as well as solos from our other section leaders.

All of us in the music ministry enjoy offering music from many diverse traditions, and looking ahead I'm planning on an even greater variety of musical styles than ever. It's going to be a wonderful year. I'll see you in worship.

Mark

UPDATE ON L. L. AND BETH LARUE

On July 24, L. L. and Beth LaRue moved to an assisted living facility in Garland to be nearer their eldest daughter Kay Kuner and her husband Ekkehard. On August 3, their son-in-law, Jimmy Don Williams, husband of their youngest daughter Connie LaRue Williams of San Angelo, died after an eight-month battle with cancer. During the last week of August, Beth fell and suffered two vertebral compression fractures and was hospitalized for two days. Needless to say, the past few weeks have been trying at best for L. L. and Beth and their family. We are thankful they are getting the special care they need just now. Please keep them in your prayers and feel free to call or send cards, using their new contact information:

L. L. and Beth LaRue
5600 Shiloh Road
Garland, TX 75044
469-209-0188

Beth has very likely been a member of First Christian, Denton, longer than anyone, having joined at about age ten. L. L. joined First Christian when he and Beth married April 25, 1944 - 70+ years ago!

YOUTH NEWS

Wednesday Night: Youth, we are taking back our youth room! Come in work clothes and be prepared for something a little different, because after dinner and youth choir, we are claiming the youth room as our own once more. We'll begin prepping it Wednesday night, and complete the job on Sunday afternoon. Let's get it done!

Thank you to everyone who is supporting the youth in their 5k race on Saturday, Sept. 27. So far, we have four youth and one adult going, but it's not too late to sign up - check out <http://www.aroundthemound5k.com/>

Thank you to everyone who is pitching in and saying **YES** to the Youth Ministry Council's requests for help - with you, this will be a great year of new beginnings. I am ever grateful for your support and love.

Blessings,
Olivia

WNL resumes at 6:00 p.m. on Wed, Sept.17. We will have pizza this week with salad. In order to cover the cost of the meal and kitchen products we are reminding all that the suggested donation is \$3.00 per person with the youth donation being a dollar or two. Do not stay away because you have no funds, however, just be aware that the cooks cannot bear the brunt of the meal cost. Thanks and hope to see you there!

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Hello FCC church family. I know this has already been said by myself a few times, without much coming out of it, but I am at it again. Young adult (those between ages 18 and 30) bible study will be held every Sunday at 9:45. As of right now we will be meeting in the Brides room. All young adults welcome. So please join myself and Bobby Stephens in what I hope will be a learned and discussion filled year. God bless.

Bill Atkinson
Young adult member

Starting Wednesday, Sept. 24 young adult fellowship will begin at 7 p.m., right after WNL. We will be doing series based bible study, the first series being on the top ten questions young adults have about their faith. So come join me and Bobby for food, fellowship, music, and fun. God bless.

Bill Atkinson

STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

Sept. 14, 2014

ATTENDANCE: Worship 85 Nursery 0	
GENERAL FUND INCOME	
Pledges, Checks, Loose Offering	\$ 1,809.00
Building Maintenance	100.00
(In appreciation for the service of the Yoder Family)	
Total for General Fund	1,909.00
SPECIAL FUNDS (Not for General Fund)	
Memorial Fund (Libby Ayer)	\$ 50.00
Disciples Women	125.00
Flowers for Flower Ministry	305.00
Section Leaders	125.00
Total for Special Offering	\$ 605.00
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERING	\$ 2,514.00

CHURCH CALENDAR

Wednesday, Sept. 17

- 6:00 p.m. WNL (Pizza and salad)
- 7:00 p.m. Youth
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, Sept. 18

- 6:00 p.m. Unity Group - AA, Al-Anon

Friday, Sept. 19

- 6:00 p.m. Family Bingo Night

Sunday, Sept. 21

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:50 a.m. Worship Service
- 12:00 p.m. Youth
- 4:00 p.m. Hugworks Concert

Monday, Sept. 22

- 6:00 p.m. Unity Group - AA

Tuesday, Sept. 23

- 6:00 p.m. Unity Group - AA, Al-Anon, Al-a-Teen

Wednesday, Sept. 24

- 6:00 p.m. WNL
- 6:00 p.m. Youth
- 7:00 p.m. Choir practice

SERVING SCHEDULE – Sept. 21

Worship Leader:

Table Elders: Bread: Bill Farris
Cup: Hardy Burke

In Home Communion: Jim Lehman

Diaconate Serving: Eric and Marianne Burns,
Lee and Karen Fry

Prepare: Dixie Smalley

Clean Up: Bart and Lori Yoder

Greeters: Linda Morrow, Sid Graham, Erica Williford,
Lasca Stephens

JOY

From Dorothy Koone: Neal came home from the hospital on Friday, Sept. 12. We want to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, and visits, and especially thank God for the grace of healing.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

16 th Dorothy Koone	17 th Sarah Smalley
18 th Dixie Smalley	22 nd Maggie Smith
23 rd Kenia Luna	25 th Bart Yoder
28 th Crickett Choate	28 th Steve Shewmake

Please Note

Jane Hutton has a new phone number 940-271-0064

PRAYER CONCERNS

Cancer: Linda Fischer, Allison Fry-Roettger, Exie Nicholas

Continuing Concerns: Elise Babin, Audrey Brooks, Doyle Chrisman, Bob Collier, Bernice Croix, Virginia Ferris, LeRoy Garrett, Sid Graham, Belva Hennen, Max Hightower, Judd Holt, Jan Hunter, Jane Hutton, Eileen Johnson, Neal Koone, Stevie Linn, Pat Martin, Oran Nabors, Rodney Preston, Frances Reynolds, Georgie Shewmake, Rebeka Smith, Charlice Talbott, Lila Mae Walters, Gina Gohlke Wicker, Kate Youden

Homebound: Jean Hartline

In Military: Terri Pensabene's son, Marine Corp Sgt. Cody Pensabene is deployed in the Persian Gulf aboard the helicopter carrier Mesa Verde.

CHURCH STAFF

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