

THE VISITOR



First Christian Church of Denton
(Disciples of Christ)

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A thoughtful church for thoughtful people

September 23, 2014

THANK YOU!!!

A very special thank you to all of the Hugworks Team and recruits!!! Even though our audience was smaller than one might hope, we raised over \$600 for Hugworks. Jim Newton and Paul Hill provided wonderful music in spite of their lapse of judgment at the finale!

It was noted that it has been several years since FCC has stepped out in just this way and that this is, hopefully, the beginning of a new cycle of FCC having a prominent and fulfilling role in the life of our community!

Thanks again to all who served and all who contributed and especially to all who attended!!! May God bless you!



MULLIN' IT OVER

I cannot remember how long I have known Oran Nabors. It seems as though he has been a continual part of the North Texas Area and the Christian Church in the Southwest Region "forever". When I arrived at Western Heights Christian Church in Garland in 1987, he was on staff with Ernie O'Donnell at First Christian Church in Richardson, a scant two miles away. He and I served on the NTA Cabinet together and in conjunction with one another many other times. Many times we served "around" one another, even if not working "together".

It is interesting how you may work around someone and realize how much you regret not having the opportunity to truly work "with" them. I do know this... Oran and Charlotte left a tremendous legacy of ministry and service in this Area and in this Region. I hold/held Oran in the role of "elder statesman" of the church.

The North Texas Area, the Southwest Region, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) at large and First Christian Church – Denton – and I - have lost a tremendous friend. Our lives were made richer by his life and presence among us, and have been diminished by his passing, but the Kingdom of God is enriched by his spirit. May the Lord bless him and keep him and smile upon him as he organizes a heavenly hand bell choir!

See you later!

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



We are deeply saddened to learn of the death of Oran Nabors in the wee hours of Sunday, September 21. Oran was a devoted and beloved member of First Christian Church, Denton, for many years, beginning in 1960 while earning his Masters of Music Education at North Texas State University. Most notably, Oran and his wife Charlotte served First Christian, Denton, as Co-Ministers from November, 1991 until 2001, and in recent years has been a faithful congregant, participating as he could despite tremendous health challenges.

But as much as he has meant to First Christian, Denton, Oran's influence has been much broader. He used his two degrees in Music Education serving as a band director in three schools and as Youth/Music Director in two churches from 1957 through 1967 before serving as Minister of Music and Education at Northway Christian Church, Dallas, from 1963-1973. From 1972-73 and 1976-78, Oran served on the Mission Staff, Division of Overseas Ministries, as a Professor of Worship and Liturgy at the McGilvary School of Theology, Chiangmai, Thailand. From 1973-76 and 1978-82, Oran served as Associate Minister at Memorial Drive Christian Church, Houston, and was Co-Minister at First Christian Church, Richardson, from 1982-2001. Oran earned his Doctor of Ministry from Brite Divinity School at T.C.U. in 1987.

Oran served the larger church in many ways, including chairing the area church's Christian Education Committee; directing many camps and conferences; serving as Convenor of the Southwest Association of Christian Church Educators; Vice-President and President of the Richardson Ministerial Alliance; and President of the Richardson Interfaith Alliance. Certainly one of the most magnificent facets of Oran's ministry was his worship through hand bells. Oran was Founder and Director of the Angelus Hand bell Choir at Fowler Christian Apartments, Dallas, for many years and was a Board Member of both the Greater Dallas Hand bell Association and the American Guild of English Hand bell Ringers, Inc.

We extend our love and deepest sympathy to Oran's widow, the Rev. Dr. Charlotte D. Nabors; their three children, Stacey Henley, Chris Nabors, and Charles Nabors; and their families. A memorial service will be held at First Christian Church, Denton, on Saturday, September 27, at 11:00 a.m., followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall.

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC MINISTER

I was saddened to hear of the passing of Oran Nabors. Oran and Charlotte have a long history at FCC. They are loved by all of us. Oran will be missed.

Wonderful music last Sunday from Mason Jarboe and the Sanctuary Choir. You can look forward to hearing from Mason frequently. Some of our other section leaders will be singing solos in the near future.

This coming Sunday we're going to change course from the classical music we have offered the past few Sundays and offer some contemporary music. The choir will sing "We Are Not Alone" by Pepper Choplin and one other selection. We'll also hear from Sara Kennedy.

I'll see you in worship.

Mark

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.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

We will delay the start of the study one week so that we can all pitch in and make the Fellowship Hall and Parlor areas ready for Oran's reception.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP CLASS:

At 9:30 on Sunday morning we will meet in classroom "A", off of Fellowship Hall, entrance on the Courtyard side of the building. Our discussions are wide-ranging and open to everyone. We hope to see you there.



WELCOME TO OUR MEMBERSHIP

We welcome into our membership, by transfer to First Christian Church, Pat Waddle and Sherry Mullins.

YOUTH NEWS

Youth! We've been practicing and preparing for the area Kickball Tournament. Mark your calendars and be sure to be here on October 19th. We have to have at least 12 players to make our own team - let's have FCC Denton have a great game! We'll return to the church by 5:00 on Sunday, in plenty of time for last minute homework. See you then!



In the coming weeks, we as Children's & Youth ministry will be working to meet the needs voiced by the children who have recently crossed our border in such large numbers. These children, regardless of questions of legality, are children equally loved by our God, and we then are called to love them and meet their needs. We will begin to participate in some of those collective efforts to do so.

Wednesday youth - from 6:00-8:00

No after-church youth this Sunday; spend time with your families!

Blessings,
Olivia

THE DAILY BIBLE VERSE

You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by believing what you heard?

- Galatians 3:1-2 (NIV)

We are prone to take what God has done for us and add our own regulations in order to "do it right". The truth is we can never do it right. We are in daily need of a Savior, not just a divine consultant. The life of the Spirit is also the challenge of the Spirit, for the God who opens amazing doors also expects us to walk with Him through them. The goal is not to just get things done, but to walk with God in everything that we do.

IN APPRECIATION

We would like to express our gratitude and thanks to all the congregation members who contributed to the flower fund. Because of your generosity, we will be able to continue to make beautiful flower arrangements for the congregation through the end of the year. Thanks again!

The Flower Ministry

Memorial Gifts

Listed below are the donors who contributed to the Memorial Fund since the last report, dated June 15, 2014, through September 21, 2014

In Memory of:

Theo Mullins
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Hugh Ayer
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Libby Ayer
Don Womack
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STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

Sept. 21, 2014

ATTENDANCE: Worship 75 Nursery 0
GENERAL FUND INCOME
Pledges, Checks, Loose Offering \$ 3,820.00
Total for General Fund 3,820.00

SPECIAL FUNDS (Not for General Fund)
Roof/Deductible Fund (Creekwood Christian Church) 230.00
Memorial Fund 150.00
(Hugh & Libby Ayer, Donna Merritt, Oran Nabors)
Section Leaders 25.00
Youth Fundraising (Bingo Night) 114.00
Elders Workbooks 195.00
Total for Special Offering \$ 714.00
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERING \$ 4,534.00

Note: An advance pledge/contribution of \$6,300.00 was also received for fiscal year 2015 and will be recorded in Jan. 2015.

SERVING SCHEDULE – Sept. 28

Worship Leader: Charlotte Stephens
Table Elders: Bread: Russell Robertson Cup: Joe Smith
Diaconate Serving: Virginia Choate, Lee and Karen Fry,
Amy Storey
Prepare: Lucie Chapman
Clean Up: Kevin and Deanna Deal
Greeters: Joe and Maggie Smith, Doris Laing,
Lucie Chapman, Lasca Stephens

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Continuing Concerns: Elise Babin, Audrey Brooks,
Doyle Chrisman, Bob Collier, Bernice Croix, Jinx Ferris,
LeRoy Garrett, Sid Graham, Belva Hennen, Max
Hightower, Judd Holt, Jan Hunter, Jane Hutton, Eileen
Johnson, Neal Koone, Pat Martin, Rodney Preston,
Frances Reynolds, Georgie Shewmake, Charlice
Talbot, 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 CALENDAR

Wednesday, Sept. 24

6:00 p.m. WNL (Build your own sandwich)
7:00 p.m. Youth
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Young Adult Fellowship

Thursday, Sept. 25

6:00 p.m. Unity Group – AA, Al-Anon

Sunday, Sept. 28

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:50 a.m. Worship Service
6:00 p.m. Elders Study

Monday, Sept. 29

6:00 p.m. Unity Group – AA

Tuesday, Sept. 30

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

Wednesday, Oct. 1

6:00 p.m. WNL
6:00 p.m. Youth
7:00 p.m. Choir practice
7:00 p.m. Young Adult Fellowship
6:45 p.m. Genesis Bible Study

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

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