



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

*A Congregation of Disciples of Christ
Serving in Center Point since 1874*

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*Worship at 10—Fellowship follows each Sunday
Kids' Club Bible Study 6-7:30 Wednesdays*



March

- 1 Monday - Athan Cress
- 3 Wednesday
1:30 CWF MEETING
Kids Club Bible Study 6-7:30
- 4 Thursday - 7pm A.A.
- 5 Friday - Janene Willer
- 6 Saturday
Vicki Harger, Pat McCusker
- 7 Sunday
BLESSING BANNER Lexie Kester
- 8 Monday
Trevor Bryant, Austin Lamphier
- 10 Wednesday
Kids Club Bible Study 6-7:30
Heather Rittgers, Sondra Caughron
- 11 Thursday - 7pm A.A.
Kevin Kramer
- 12 Friday
Pat & Mary McCusker
Paula Leidigh, Drake Retzlaff
- 13 Saturday
Karla Bryant
- 14 Sunday
Daylight Saving-set ahead 1 hour
SONGFEST
- 17 Wednesday
Kids Club Bible Study 6-7:30
St. Patrick's Day
- 18 Thursday - 7pm A.A.
Theresa Vopalka
- 19 Friday
Marion & Diana Lamphier
- 21 Sunday
Bert Burns, Guest Speaker
NOODLE-MAKING
- 23 Tuesday
Samantha Mackey, Doug Goodell
- 24 Wednesday
Kids Club Bible Study 6-7:30
- 25 Thursday - 7pm A.A.
- 27 Saturday
BEEF & NOODLE DINNER 4-7
Tanner Retzlaff, Cecilia Moyer
- 28 Sunday
PALM SUNDAY
LEARN ABOUT BAPTISM 2 PM
- 30 Tuesday
Sydney Mackey, Abby Stephenson
- 31 Wednesday
Kids Club Bible Study 6-7:30

Last calls for two items--

Trivia Night We'll challenge teams from any group or organization Saturday night, February 27, at 7 pm.

Entry fee: \$10 per contestant (\$5 under 18), with proceeds funding our Kids Against Hunger effort to feed 2,160 or more. Bring your own snacks and soda.

Week of Compassion So far we have raised more than \$400 in response to our opportunity to bring relief to victims of disaster. Our annual emphasis concludes this week, but like the Week of Compassion itself, it goes on all around the world, all around the year.

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First calls for two items--

Summer Church camp -- Good news all around! Bert Burns, Director of our Conference Center at Newton, will be our guest speaker on Sunday, March 14th. Her purpose will be to inform parents about the value of getting their children and youth to participate in the programs offered by our Region at the center. She will also point out some opportunities for adults and even seniors to enjoy the beautiful outdoor setting and the programs designed especially by and for grownups (and sometimes, their grandkids).

Janet Gross has again agreed to serve as Camp Registrar for our congregation. She will soon be posting schedules and all the information you need for a memorable camp experience.

Easter baskets -- Once again we need to be thinking about stocking baskets for our local neighbors in need. Our part is to provide the paper goods, personal care items, and laundry and cleaning supplies for ten baskets. Other churches will provide non-perishable foods, and we usually contribute some funding for the purchase of fresh food items to go in these baskets. We'll start our collection on the first Sunday in March. Easter is April 4.

Beef and Noodles coming up

Time to roll up our sleeves and start making noodles for the forthcoming Beef and Noodle Dinner, scheduled for Saturday, March 27, from 4 to 7 pm.

Harold Frasher says the noodle-making will take place after fellowship time on March 21st. He and his crew will transform fellowship hall into a noodle factory, and the enterprise is always a party -- so join in! Takes a couple of hours, plus clean-up. Your help is needed.

Further preps will be taking place all through the week, with pies to bake, tables to set up, and all that good food to get ready. Talk to Barb Roseberry or Vicki Harger to see when and where your service will be most needed.

Let's get ready to feed a multitude on the 27th of March!

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Songfest set for March 14th

Our Worship Committee, chaired by Marcia Smith, has planned another popular songfest for the 14th of March. We let music be the message of the day, with background stories about the hymns we like to sing. Many of those stories carry a lot of inspiration in themselves, and they mean so much more when you know of the struggles and/or the blessings which called them forth. Deb Cress will lead it.

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Learn about baptism March 28th

A two-hour session on the meaning of baptism and its administration will take place in the Youth Room on Palm Sunday afternoon at 2 pm. Young people who are considering baptism on this Easter Sunday, April 4th, are invited to meet with Pastor John and an elder at that time. Parents are welcome, although a youth should be old enough to make choices for him/herself in order to make a decision to follow Christ in baptism.

February Blessing Banner Report

We opened up the 2010 Blessing Banner with blessings that focused on a new baby, a new job, successful surgery and fresh opportunity.

Sandy Merritt was blessed with the news that daughter, **Staci Tave**, was once again among the ranks of the employed. She has a new position in her field of design down in Texas.

Bill Gross passed along a note of appreciation from his sister, Nancy Mosbaek, for the continuous prayer support from our people. Nancy continues to manifest an amazingly bright spirit in the face of her health challenges.

JoAnne Gray was celebrating a new great-granddaughter, Nora Elizabeth Shelton, born December 3 to her grandkids in Minneapolis. (Photo available, just ask her).

Diana Lamphier gave thanks for travel mercies in the face of so many weather-related accidents on the roads. She also celebrated the success of a recent surgical procedure, the helpfulness of her spouse, **Marion**, and together they celebrate the chance to staff the scoring table for the upcoming NCAA Division I National Duals wrestling meet. They are big fans of the grappling sport.

Remember to recognize God's blessings in your life so you can share them on the 2010 Blessing Banner with your church family on the first Sunday in March. And remember: *"The blessings are always there for those who are AWARE!"*

WATCHING OUR FIGURES	JANUARY	2010	AVERAGE
Worship Attendance	258	258	52
Bible study	158	158	53
2010 Budget	\$8,775	\$105,300	\$2,025
Budgeted Receipts	\$7,987	\$7,987	\$1,597
Budgeted Expenses	\$7,806	\$7,806	\$1,561
Designated Gifts	\$1,020	\$1,020	\$204

Deacons Serving Schedule

2/28	Garnet Mader	Bill Wilkins	Velma Roseberry	Sandra Ashlock
3/7	Janet Gross	Cathy Husmann	Vicki Syverson	Shirley Reints
3/14	Jeff Pottebaum	Roger Newton	Yvette Sawyer	Susan Edleman
3/21	Joanne Gray	Dana Wood	Aimee Frasher	Tami Roseberry
3/28	Karen Kramer	Emily Hines	Annabel Mollenhauer	Tina Ashlock

ELDERS

Please greet the week before you prepare:
COMMUNION AND FELLOWSHIP

2/28	Deb Cress	Sondra Caughron	Deb Cress	Caughrons
3/7	Donna Sholes	Tom Clark	Linda Halsor	Kramers
3/14	Mary McCusker	Scott Syverson	Syversons	Grosses
3/21	Karen Johnson	Marvin Johnson	Aimee Frasher	Barb Roseberry
3/28	Paula Leidigh	Sandy Merritt	Maders/Kessler	Sholes

100% Attenders in January

Sandra Ashlock
Ruth Butterfield
John Caughron
Sondra Caughron
Dee Dennis

Pat Frasher
Janet Gross
Charlie Mader
Garnet Mader
Jalaa McNeal
Roger Newton

Shirley Reints
Lisa Retzlaff
Barb Roseberry
Velma Roseberry
Yvette Sawyer
Harlan Staton