



# First News

The Newsletter of First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ), San Marcos, Texas

August 2011

## Sunday School News

Wow! It's August...the end of summer and Back to School time. Where did the time go? I hope that everyone had a fabulous summer and that you are all ready to get back to some sort of schedule. And, of course, I'm excited that a new year of Sunday School is starting at the end of this month!

Promotion Sunday is August 21 during the Sunday School hour. All children, youth and their Sunday School teachers will meet in the Sanctuary for our Kick Off celebration. All students entering 3rd grade will be presented Bibles, too. It is a great celebration, please make every effort to be at church at 9am on August 21. If you have a child entering 3rd grade, please make sure to contact Mattie or the church office. We want to make sure no one is left off our list.

The Education Committee is hosting a Sunday School teacher training and breakfast on Saturday, August 20 at 9am for all children and youth Sunday School teachers. Come join us for a great meal and fellowship, learn more about this year's lessons and set up your classrooms.

Your Education Committee met on Monday, July 18 to discuss Sunday School for the 2011-2012 year. We were joined by Jill Sullins, Mary Braun, Louise Mullins and Rueben Vaughn. We would like to thank Jill, Mary, Louise and Rueben for all of their suggestions!

The Education Committee is excited to announce two new Adult Sunday School classes...Crafterlife and Muffins with the Minister. The Crafterlife class will be a missions class, that will put their God given talents into action to help others. Including, but I am sure not limited to, crocheting blankets. Muffins with the Minister is a class for new members, interested visitors, and anyone else who wants to know more about this congregation. Rev. Jill Sullins will lead this class during the fall semester.

If you are interested in either class, please contact Mattie Howard, Mary Wasson or Rev. Jill Sullins.

A list of ALL Sunday School classes will be

available soon in the Narthex.

## Friends in Faith

All children and youth will soon be assigned a Friend in Faith. If you are an adult interested in being a Friend in Faith and getting to know one of the youngsters of FCC better, PLEASE sign up to be in this exciting program. This is an excellent way to share the love of Christ. Be a friend, share a Sunday morning hug (or high 5), send a card....all to show you care for a special kid! If you have questions about this program, contact Mattie at: [mattie@fcc-sm.org](mailto:mattie@fcc-sm.org)

We will have a Friends in Faith gathering on Sunday, September 11 immediately after church. Make plans to join us!

## KidTIME and JYF

Our special youth groups for our younger members, KidTIME (Kindergarten-3rd) and JYF (4th-5th) will begin meeting again in September. Our schedule will change this year....we will be meeting on the Second Sunday of each month right after church. September 11 will be our first meeting. We will begin our time with a Friends in Faith gathering...more info to follow in the September newsletter. This year these children will be involved in several community service/mission projects. Can't wait to see how God uses our young people to do His work!

## Chi Rho and CYF Kick Off!

Sunday, August 28, is the official kick off for a new year of Chi Rho and CYF. ALL YOUTH in grades 6th-12th are encouraged to attend....even if you haven't been before, even if you only attend Wednesday night guitar, or only Alternative Worship or only Summer Camp....get the drift?? WE WANT ALL YOUTH to join this fun event and see what we have planned for this next year. This could be the best way to start a new school year...old friends, new friends, friends in Christ. Come see what God has in store for the youth of FCC!



## Dish Cloths Needed

We need used dish cloths and dish towels for the kitchen if anyone would like to contribute!



A great big THANK YOU to Mercy Miller who so graciously contributes the beautiful ferns that line the breezeway/entryway of FCC. We have many angels in this church who just do things without ever being recognized.

### FROM THE BOARD CHAIR:

What an amazing roller coaster ride it has been the last two months since I became board chair. The kind of ride where when you come around the corner, you're anticipating the smile that it is going to put on your face. I have heard that when taking on a position like this, I should expect spiritual and personal growth. I have already seen the results and I have our members, in part, to thank for that; the board members, the committee members and all of the kind and encouraging words I have received from the general members of the congregation.

Thank you, members, for your support and encouraging words. I am here to serve God and His congregation. Please continue to give me your feedback so that I can better and more effectively fulfill my role.

Watching God at Work,

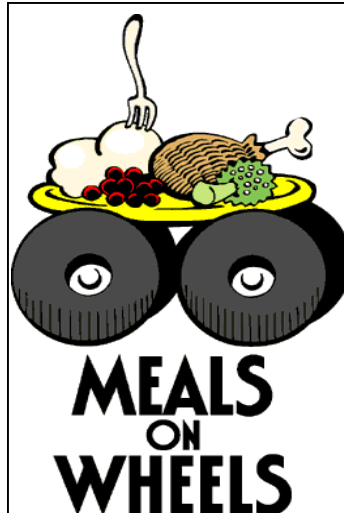
### **August Birthdays...**

Ronel Adkins	August 1
Aidan Cape	August 1
Wood Updegrove	August 1
Louis Olenick	August 4
Mamie Hughes	August 9
Patrick McGuire	August 9
Joshua Green	August 11
Lauren Veale	August 11
Nicholas Baker	August 12
Mary Skidmore	August 12
Rita McGuire	August 13
Huberta Nichols	August 13
Brandon Mann	August 15
Sean-Michael McGuire	August 16
Kennedy Carson	August 18
Lillian Carson	August 18
Stephanie Green	August 18
Lenore Bolton	August 19
Dylan Bederman	August 21
Gareth Fowler	August 23
Beth Knox	August 24
Lola Bell	August 26
Mike Martin	August 26
Justin Veale	August 26
Sharon Kurtz	August 27
Theresa Casparis	August 28
Carl Adkins	August 30
Mattie Howard	August 30
Angie McCrea	August 30
Anna Rash-Horn	August 30
Christina Tureaud	August 30
Clint Brown	August 31
Jason Herman	August 31
Max Schlotter	August 31

### **August Anniversaries...**

Wayman & Louise Mullins	August 2
Kelly & Cindy Casparis	August 3
John & Marla Johnson	August 4
Dorothy & Robert Volk	August 4
Gary & Jeanne McCaffrey	August 7
Manfred & Ellen Kremkus	August 8
Karin & John McArdle	August 17
Joe & Rae Bostwick	August 18
Robert & Coleen Pfeiffer	August 25
Don & Margie Harmon	August 31

### **Congratulations to ALL!**



### Meals on Wheels

August 15-  
19

Contact  
Margie  
Harmon if  
you would  
like to help!