

First News



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

February 2012

Elder Meeting

Saturday, Feb.
18th
9:30 AM



KidTIME

Sunday
February 19th
Following the
Fellowship
Luncheon

Fellowship Luncheon

Sunday
February 19th
after worship service



February 2012

Sermon Series:

Preaching for Atheists

February 5

Confronting Your Inner Atheist – God or Not?

February 12

The Difference Between Church and “Church”

February 19

And Now For Something We Don't Believe... Giving a Nod to the Bible

Lent Sermon Series: The Air We Breathe - Simplicity

February 26

The Air We Breathe: Food
Matthew 14:15-21

March 4

The Air We Breathe: Shelter
Mark 4:35-41

March 11

The Air We Breathe: Water
John 4: 5-15

March 18

The Air We Breathe: Relationship
Luke 15: 11-22

March 25

The Air We Breathe: Love
John 15: 8-11

April 1 – Palm Sunday

April 8 – Easter

Simply Living
John 20: 1-10

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Jill's JOTTINGS

She said, "I just think church needs a little more humanity." My thought, as she said it was, "We get any more human and I'm not sure we will survive." There is no doubt that the institution we call church has been plagued for centuries with the failures of humanity. In a sermon about the survival of church, Dr. Fred Craddock once said, "It is only by the grace of God we go." And nothing could be more true. From bishops taking money out of the pockets of poor peasants, to raging revolutions and wars between Catholics and Protestants, to the ever increasing battle of morality and values between Fundamentalists, Moderates and Progressives today.....the Church has faced its humanity head on and failed tremendously at times in being the Good News in the world.

Post Modernists today write books called, unChristian and Psycho Bible, arguing against the perils of church life and the downfall of the institution.....like many in the history of Church, they say the church is Godless, while the golf course is full of

"spirituality." All the "spirituality" they need. And like many battles of the Church in the past - conflict, sinfulness, systemic evils, monetary downfalls, poor leadership, differences in worship styles - the Church always wins. "It is only by the grace of God we go."

So how do we, as Church today, allow the grace of God to move us past the perils of our own humanity and into the fruitful living out of the Gospel of Christ? How do we reach a skeptic culture of young people who are free to move about the cabin and who view the Church as unnecessary to the spirit?

In our next sermon Series of February: "Preaching for Atheists", we will aim questions and discussions towards these ever challenging obstacles looming before the church of the 21st century. Together, we will discover how to speak to a culture of skeptics and how do we, ourselves, find the grace of God in the midst of our skepticism and mistrust of Church. I hope as we ask these questions, you will invite others around the table of worship. Some might be hesitant to walk in the doors of a church, and others are just waiting to be asked and eager to see.....be gentle, loving, and full of grace and remember no matter who you are....everyone belongs.

In Christ's Peace,

Rev. Jill

KidTIME Schedule

On Sunday, February 19th after the Sweetheart Cafe fellowship luncheon, children in KidTIME and will have a fun afternoon ice skating! We will be going to Chaparral Ice at Northcross Mall.

March 18th is our Landa Park cookout! Instead of staying for lunch at the church, we will venture to New Braunfels to Landa Park, cook some hot dogs, and play the day away! We will schedule some all group activities so we stay connected, as well as free time for kids to climb the awesome playgrounds!

Letter from the Board Chair

Hi there fellow church members. A new year is here with a lot of new and exciting things happening! First we have a Leap Year which means we get to enjoy an extra day in 2012! Second, a lot of events are taking place in our church, like more and more members are volunteering and getting involved with our church. Third is the arrival of our new Associate Minister/Youth Director Alec Ylitalo.

This year the board consists of Chase Stapp (our secretary), Gayle Morris, Jackie Cable, Nancy Roberts, Bonnie Wilson, Sue Diegelman, Coleen Pfeiffer, Wayman Mullins, Charles Scott (vice chair) and I (chairperson). If you have any questions or concerns, come and talk to us, or even better come to our board meeting. We meet every 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. and we have an open forum time for anyone to express their questions or concerns. I, with the help of Charles (our vice chair) and the rest of the board, would like to hear from

you.

To all the committees I would like to thank everyone that is a volunteer working for our church. Your job is very important and appreciated. Please let me know if I can help you in any way.

Lastly, as your board chair and fellow church member I would like to challenge you this year to do something! For every problem and complaint you might have, I challenge you to have two or more solutions. Every time anyone has a complaint or problem, the board would like to see two or more solutions. I have tried it in my home with my kids and it has brought less confrontation and more understanding among my family. It would be nice to see more understanding and talking amongst our church members. I am looking forward to seeing what we all can do for our church in 2012.

God's Blessings,

Rita Mc Guire
Board Chair
Dear Elders at FCC (DOC)



This is just a friendly reminder that Rev. JILL wants ALL ELDERS to attend the Elder meeting on Saturday morning February 18th at 9:30 a.m. Breakfast will be provided. Send your RSVP to the office if you have not already done so!



Alternative Worship...

What's been
going on with

Alternative Worship...

The Agape Feast was like a dinner party from God. We ate, prayed, communicated, communed and met many new people. The youth group from Rolling Oaks Christian Church in San Antonio blessed us with their presence. We got to use the good china. It was awesome.

February 19, 2012, 6pm...

Join us for Mardi Gras! Where is God in all this?

We will celebrate and prepare for Lent!

Coming on March 18 - THE
STEEL MAGNOLIAS, A
Celebration in Music!

Put it on your calendar.

Info: Rev. maggie 830-708-5536

Message from Alec

Wow! I'm truly humbled and so filled with joy as I get to join this new family of faith and set off on a wonderful ride in spirituality! I cannot thank you all enough for welcoming me with open arms, helping me to get settled into a new community, and lending me support and a word of encouragement as I begin to find my way around this amazing ministry that is already going full-steam at FCC San Marcos! I've already had the privilege to get to know the staff really well, and have been able to sit down to eat and talk to several of you already, but I know I've just touched the surface of this great church fellowship. I'm eager to get to know each and every one of you in the days to come; my door is always open, and I'm always ready to try out new restaurants or coffee houses especially being new to the area I need all the suggestions I can get! So now that I've somewhat settled in, come by and say hi, or I can meet you somewhere to fellowship and get to know one another. I'm looking forward to seeing each of you and hearing from you in the many days to come!

Blessings,

Alec Ylitalo

Associate Minister

February Birthdays...



Tony Rash	February 3
Mildred Scott	February 4
Brenna Eliaz	February 5
Claire Eliaz	February 5
Jill Sullins	February 5
Harriet Massey	February 9
Dale Fowler	February 11
Wayne Fowler	February 12
Kellen Casparis	February 13
Gina Pruett	February 13
Charles Jarvis	February 17
Ashley Ralph	February 19
Miles Bederman	February 20
Dana Craft	February 21
Katy Clayton	February 21
Marylyne Haney	February 22
Barrie Breed	February 23
Martin Briceno	February 23
Mary Olenick	February 24
Charles Scott	February 24
Clinton Sutphen	February 25
Chris Carson	February 27
Sawyer Mann	February 27



February Anniversaries...

Kent & Laura Schlotter	February 14
Joy & David Pardo	February 28

"A successful marriage requires falling in love many times, always with the same person."

Mignon McLaughlin

Have a wonderful celebration!!

Please note that we continually update the church membership database. If you find an error in a birthday or anniversary date or if you are left off the list, we offer our sincerest apologies. Please email us or call the office and let us know so the database can be corrected.

Thanks!

Church Staff

LET'S STUFF THE BIN!



Bring your newspaper, junk mail, catalogs, magazines and office/school paper and put them in the yellow and green receptacle outside. Did you know... we cannot recycle phone books due to the high glue content in the paper? It gets stuck in the screens while making new paper. We earn money from all the paper we collect!! Help support our YOUTH by recycling! Encourage your friends and neighbors to stuff the bin too!

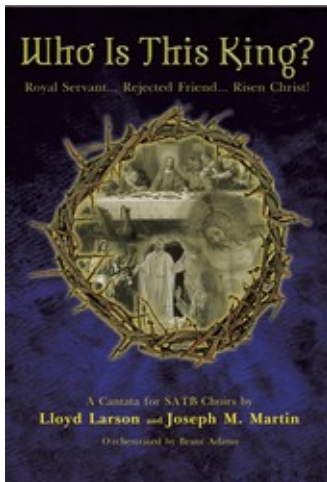
Fellowship News

Feb 19th—Sweetheart Café

Menu: Spaghetti and bread. Please bring salads and desserts.

♪Music Notes♪

The choir is getting ready to prepare for our cantata, "Who Is This King?" If you would like to be a part of this beautiful and moving experience, join us Wednesday evenings at 7:00!



Don't forget: Hand bell practice is on Tuesday nights at 6:15 p.m. It's a lot of fun and you do not need to have previous experience! Just a willingness to learn and have fun while fellowshiping with your FCC family!



2012 BBA Camps, Rallies & Retreats

Are you ready to start planning your summer vacation? Be sure to plan your vacation around the summer camp schedule, so you and your children don't miss out on camp!

Men's Retreat

February 17-18, 2012

CYF Spring Rally

March 2-4, 2012

CYF Conference

June 17-23, 2012

Eighter's Camp

June 24-June 30, 2012

Junior Camp

July 9-14, 2012

Chi Rho Camp

July 15-21, 2012

Beginners' Camp

July 25-28, 2012



*Dear FCC San Marcos,
Thank you for all of the cards and
gifts in Mary Elizabeth's memory.
Although this time is very
difficult, the support and love that
has been pouring in is a great
comfort to us. Thank you for
everything and we miss you all.*

Love,

Stephanie and Jack Knox

Simplicity

"Live simply, so others can simply
live." - Mother Teresa

Life becomes complicated with
things....

Life becomes cluttered with thoughts....

During Lent....starting Ash
Wednesday, join us for a season of
decluttering and getting back to the
basics of living.

Vespers services every Wednesday at
6:30pm

Sunday services at 10am

Sunday School 9am - Special Classes

TBA on Sustainable Living,
Budgeting for a Simple Life,
Spiritual Basics

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Cecilia Peña _____ Organist / Accompanist

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Fellowship Luncheon
After worship service
Sunday, Feb. 19th

February 2012
 First Christian Church~San Marcos
 Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
 Worship: 10:00 a.m

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>CBS- 9:30 am Staff Meeting - 1pm Guitar- 5:40pm Alternative WorshipBand-6pm Games - 6:30 pm Alternative Worship Planning Meeting-7pm Choir - 7pm</i>	2	3	4 <i>Male Call-8 am BBA Camp Director's Meeting @ Camp Gonzzo</i>
5 <i>Rev. Jill's Birthday CYF Spring Rally Forms Due</i>	6 <i>Evangelism- 11am Finance Committee- 6pm</i>	7 <i>Prayer Group- 10 am Bell Choir- 6:15pm Heart & Soul- 7:15pm</i>	8 <i>CBS- 9:30 am NO Guitar or Games Alternative Worship Band- 6pm Choir - 7pm</i>	9 <i>Board Meeting - 6:30 pm</i>	10 <i>Roberts/Graham Wedding Rehearsal - 5pm</i>	11 <i>Roberts/Graham Wedding - 2pm</i>
12 <i>Web Meeting - 11:30 am Worship Meeting - 11:30 am Youth Meetings - 11:30 am Pastoral Relations Committee - 4pm Vision Team Meeting - 6 pm</i>	13 <i>Evangelism- 11am Christian Education Meeting - 5pm</i>	14 <i>Prayer Group- 10 am Bell Choir - 6:15 pm Butterfly Group-7pm Heart & Soul- 7: 15 pm</i>	15 <i>CBS- 9:30 am Staff Meeting - 1pm Guitar- 5:40pm Alternative Worship Band- 6pm Games - 6:30 pm Choir - 7pm</i>	16	17	18 <i>Elders Meeting - 9:30- 11:30 am Eliaz Twins Birthday Party - 12-5pm</i>
19 <i>Fellowship Luncheon - 11 am KidTIME - 11:30 am Youth Meetings - 11:30 am Alternative Worship /Mardi Gras- 6pm</i>	20 <i>Evangelism- 11am</i>	21 <i>Prayer Group- 10 am Bell Choir- 6:15pm Heart & Soul- 7:15pm</i>	22 Ash Wednesday <i>CBS- 9:30 am Staff Meeting - 1pm Guitar- 5:40pm Alternative Worship Band-6pm Ash Wednesday Service- 6:30 pm Choir - 7pm</i>	23	24	25
26 <i>Youth Meetings - 11:30 am Vision Team Meeting - 6pm</i>	27 <i>Evangelism- 11am</i>	28 <i>Prayer Group- 10 am Bell Choir- 6:15pm Heart & Soul- 7:15pm</i>	29 <i>CBS- 9:30 am Staff Meeting - 1pm Guitar- 5:40pm Alternative Worship Band- 6pm Vesper's Service - 6:30 pm Choir - 7pm</i>			