

First News



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

January 2012



Male Call Breakfast

8:00 AM
Sat, Jan. 7

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, Jan. 8
After worship



“South of the Border”



Fellowship Lunch

After worship
service
Sunday, Jan. 15

January 2012 Sermon Schedule

January 8

The Unlikely Messengers
Mark 1:4-11

January 15

And the Voice Still Calls Out
Isaiah 6:1-8

January 22- Laity Sunday

January 29

Exorcising Demons: The Road to Healthy Churches
Mark 1: 21-28

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

Hey All! Hope the holiday was well for all of you and that God's Holy Spirit was a part of your joyful celebrations! It's time for a new beginning and a fresh year.....almost like baptism, we look at the year ahead and think....this year, I will be a better person. I hope and pray that every day we strive to be better people.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind and strength and love your neighbor as yourself." - Luke 10:27

I just want to make that the motto of our church and of our individual lives. It seems things would be much simpler that way. Perhaps the new year should be full of questions before we act? Questions like: Does this really show my love for God or is this really loving my neighbor as I would want to be loved? I'd love to see a world like this, where we simply just live by

this commandment. I would love to see a CHURCH like this, where we simply just live by this commandment.

Some of the greatest ways to love one another is to get to know one another before we pass judgment. So as my first effort to follow through on my commitment to be a better person and to start following the greatest commandment....is to get to know you. In the next few months, we will be hosting various gatherings at various homes of church members, where you will have the opportunity to get to know your ministerial staff, especially me. And through the month of January (except Jan. 3)....every Tuesday, I invite you to meet me at Cafe on the Square at 8am for breakfast....ALL are welcome. Let's sit down and chat...so you can know me and I can know you and we can follow through on what it actually is like to love each other as we would want to be loved.

Happy New Year, FCC.....see you lots and lots in January!

In Christ's Peace,

Rev. Jill

Mattie's Corner



Dear First Christian Church Family,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as the Christian Education/Children's Ministry Director for the past two and a half years. The sweet children and their families have blessed me more than I could ever describe. They are truly gifts from God!

I would also like to thank you all for your incredible support. Whenever I had

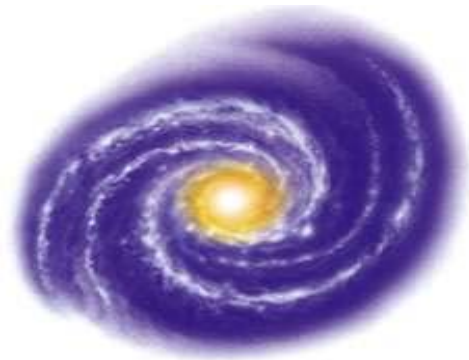
a need, you were there to fill it. Whether it was to volunteer for VBS, teach Sunday School, make a meal for a special event.....and the list goes on and on, you jumped in ready to assist. You all are truly gifts from God!

I will always be grateful for this time serving not only FCC, but our most loving and gracious Lord. I pray that 2012 will bring wonderful opportunities for all of us to find ways to serve each other, our community and our God!

With love and gratitude,

Mattie Howard

CHI RHO MIDWINTER PRESENTS:



God of all Creation

Special Keynote: Kevin Dunn,

Disciple of Christ, Father, Camp Small Group Leader, and NASA Rocket Scientist (no kidding!)

Where: Camp Gonzo

When: Jan. 27-29, 2012

(arrive Jan. 27th @ 7:00 pm and depart Jan. 29th at 10:30 am)

Who: CHI RHO 6th, 7th, and 8th graders

Cost: \$100

Directors:

Rev. Cari Fowler
(830) 857- 6244

Rev. Beth Graham
(512) 465-5759

REGISTRATIONS MUST BE IN BY JANUARY 8, 2012

January Birthdays...

Jerry Weidman	January 1
Justine Tunnell	January 4
Kelly Casparis	January 4
Andi Shimek	January 5
Kennedy Braun	January 6
Kristin Brown	January 7
Rikki Hardy	January 7
Alex Olenick	January 7
Brenda Brown	January 9
Larry Diegelman	January 9
Rex Stallings	January 11
Taylor Ralph	January 12
Debi Elliott	January 13
Mitch Tureaud	January 14
Connie Burke	January 16
Truman Johnson	January 16
Jennifer Roberts	January 16
Rocky Stone	January 17
Mary Braun	January 19
Amber Pacheco	January 19
Eric Sullins	January 19
Lura Brown	January 20
Forest Herndon	January 20
Effie Husbands	January 21
Claire French	January 22
Jonathan Walker	January 22
Jim Alexander	January 23
Matthew Stroman	January 23
Darcy Hardy	January 24
Rick Hardy	January 26
Tyler Ellison	January 27
Aurelia Lee	January 27
Katy Rheinlander	January 30
Malcolm Scott	January 30
Susan Ballard	January 31
Maya Duran	January 31
Cole Stapp	January 31



January Anniversaries...

Catherine & Mike Shellman

January 4

Max & Janet Schlotter January 5

Maggie & Eddie Mossler January 6

Caddo & Ruby Sanders January 21

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!!



Fellowship News

Jan 15th—South of the Border Sunday
Menu: Tacos (hard and soft) and enchiladas. Please bring any dish or side item to compliment the menu. Oh and don't forget desserts!



Alternative Worship...

What's been
going on with

Alternative Worship...

In January, join us for an Agape Feast and Prayer Stations. We will experience God's unconditional love through food and meditations. For more information, contact Maggie.

The next service is:

Sunday, January 15, 6 pm

For info: maggie mossler, Alternative
Worship Minister funtosee@gvtc.com
830-708-5536



Congratulations FCC! With a goal of 2,011 pounds to our Food Bank for 2011, you contributed 2,156 pounds! We propose a goal of 2,012 pounds for 2012, with cash contributions of \$300. In years past we have assisted the Food Bank's January restocking effort with both food and funds. Food and contributions until the end of January will be credited to this effort. Make checks out to our church, designating it for the food bank.



The FCC office will be closed Monday, January 16th in observance of MLK Day. From all of the FCC Staff, we wish you a blessed 2012!

Dearest members of the Christian Church,
You are wonderful people and we love you so much. I feel blessed for knowing you. Paul has been ill for about five months. He has Alzheimer's. My eyes are gone almost, but God is good. Paul is a lot better, but has a broken hip. Despite this he is a happy person. His former life when he was working is on his mind a lot. The medication he is taking has control of the disease. God is good and we thank him. God bless you all.

Love,

Major Paul Porter and Betty Porter

I cannot say "thank you" enough to all those who participated in this year's Christmas concert, nor to those who came. The love and support I receive at this church is truly remarkable. I am looking forward to 2012 and hope to see more people involved in the music programs at FCC. Please prayerfully consider joining the Joyful Noise Ringers, Heart and Soul, or the Chancel Choir. Knowing how to read music is not a requirement! Have a blessed New Year!

Anne Weaver
Music Director

Looking for peace, an ear to listen, someone to lean on, someone to pray with and for you..... a pastor perhaps?

Rev. Jill is in the office Monday through Thursday from 9:30am - 4pm (or later)

She'd love to talk to you....to be there for you.....make an appointment or drop by (call first as she might be at a meeting or on a pastoral care call). There is hope, there is someone here who loves you and most importantly, God Loves You.

As always, if you have a particular prayer need, surgery, or other health emergency, call us at FCC or contact Rev. Jill directly by calling or texting: 816-914-9694.

We want to be there for you, and hold you and surround you in love and in Christ's light.

If you would like a group of people to pray for you, but do not want your name on the prayer list, our prayer group meets at 10am on Tuesdays....let the church office know if you'd like to be included in their weekly prayer.

FCC is a place of spiritual care and love.....a community of faith who takes seriously the call to love one another. It is a privilege and an opportunity for us to be here for you.

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Rae Bostwick _____ Treasurer
Britney Richey _____ Bookkeeper
Anne Weaver _____ Music Leader
Mabel Hall _____ Pianist
Cecilia Peña _____ Organist / Accompanist
Kate Garvin _____ Nursery Caregiver
Amber Simon _____ Nursery Caregiver
Mary & Johnny Wasson _____ Custodians
Jill's # (816)914.9694 (cell)

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Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

Worship: 10:00 a.m

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 New Year's Day No Sunday School No Youth Meetings</p>	<p>2 Evangelism— 11am</p>	<p>3 Prayer Group— 10 am Staff Meeting - 1:30 pm Bell Choir— 6:15pm Heart & Soul— 7pm</p>	<p>4 CBS— 9:30 am Guitar— 5:30pm Alternative Worship Band—6pm Games - 6:30 pm Alternative Worship Planning Meeting—7pm Choir - 7pm</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 Male Call—8 am Kruse/Prather Wedding</p>
<p>8 Congregational Meeting - 11:30 am Youth Meetings - 11:30 am Chi Rho Mid Winter Rally Forms Due</p>	<p>9 Evangelism— 11am Finance Committee— 6pm</p>	<p>10 Prayer Group— 10 am Bell Choir - 6:15 pm Butterfly Group—7pm Heart & Soul— 7 pm</p>	<p>11 CBS— 9:30 am Guitar— 5:30pm Alternative Worship Band— 6pm Games - 6:30 pm Choir - 7pm</p>	<p>12 Board Meeting - 6:30 pm</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Sigma Chi Initiation - 6:30 am-12pm</p>
<p>15 Fellowship Luncheon - 11 am Youth Meetings - 11:30 am Alternative Worship /Agape Feast- 6pm</p>	<p>16 Evangelism— 11am Education Committee - 5pm</p>	<p>17 Prayer Group— 10 am Staff Meeting - 1:30 pm Bell Choir— 6:15pm Heart & Soul— 7pm</p>	<p>18 CBS— 9:30 am Guitar— 5:30pm Alternative Worship Band— 6pm Games - 6:30 pm Choir - 7pm</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Delta Kappa Gamma meeting - 10am-3pm</p>
<p>22 Youth Meetings - 11:30 am</p>	<p>23 Evangelism— 11am</p>	<p>24 Prayer Group— 10 am Staff Meeting - 1:30 pm Bell Choir— 6:15pm Heart & Soul— 7pm</p>	<p>25 CBS— 9:30 am Guitar— 5:30pm Alternative Worship Band— 6pm Games - 6:30 pm Choir - 7pm</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Chi Rho Mid Winter Rally Begins- 7pm</p>	<p>28 Chi Rho Mid Winter Rally</p>
<p>29 Laity Sunday Chi Rho Mid Winter Rally Ends CYF Spring Rally Forms Due</p>	<p>30 Evangelism— 11am</p>	<p>31 Prayer Group— 10 am Staff Meeting - 1:30 pm Bell Choir— 6:15pm Heart & Soul— 7pm</p>				