

First News



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



SUMMER DISCOVERY SATURDAYS!!

Men's Group

"Male Call"
Breakfast
Sat. June 4th
8:00 AM



Alternative Worship

6:00 PM
Sunday, June 19th

Summer Discovery

10:00 AM-12PM
Saturday, June
25th



Join with Rev. Jill to discover faith and issues regarding faith.

Every 4th Saturday of the month at 10AM-Noon, Rev. Jill will be teaching a different class on various topics. It's a no pressure situation, come to one class or come to all of them.

Have some refreshments and learn and study and think with members of the congregation.

June 25 - HEAVEN and HELL: What does the Bible really say?

July 23 - Down with DOC (Disciples of Christ): An overview of the Disciples of Christ denomination

August 27 - Discover your Spiritual Type: Still and Silent or Active and Vocal, where do you find God?

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Jill's JOTTINGS

My daughter said to me the other day, "Momma, put your stuff down. I want to give you proper lovin'." She's two and a half and sometimes says the most brilliant things. I know I'm biased. I know she's my child and I think she's the smartest and most gorgeous child in the world, but this time....I am pretty sure she hit the nail on the head. "Put your stuff down. I want to give you proper lovin'." I don't even know what she meant by that - "proper lovin'". I just know that in order to be the recipient of that, that I had to put my coffee and my cell phone down and make myself available for whatever it was she needed to do...which, by the way, was this amazing hug and sloppy kiss on the cheek!!! Proper lovin' was a great thing!

Put your stuff down, the first of what was a brilliant sentence from my brilliant child. Meaning, mom you have too much in your hands and I can't get to you the way I want to. I wonder how many times God has said that to me. I can't get to you, Jill, you have too much

stuff. I can't get to you, Jill, your hands are too full, your time too managed. I can't seem to sneak my way in.

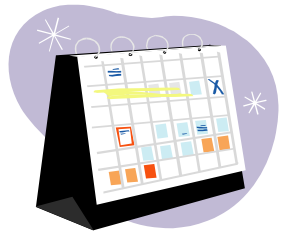
I want to give you proper lovin', the second part of the sentence out of my brilliant child's mouth. Proper lovin'...meaning... mom, I don't want to just do a side hug or a handshake or a kiss that lasts maybe less than a second. I want to give you a full hug; my arms all the way around you and my lips firmly planted on your cheek so a little while later you will know I was there! I wonder how many times God has wanted to give me proper lovin', embraced me, kissed me, held me, but my hands were too full and my ego too distracted to know my need for God's full frontal, head on hugs. And a kiss from God so that later in my life I will know God was there.

Recently at a women's clergy retreat...I let go of my stuff. I emptied my time slots. I made myself available. And today, I can tell, God has definitely been here.

Put your stuff down!!!! God wants to give you some proper lovin'!!!!

In Christ's Peace,

Rev. Jill



Children's Calendar

No KidTIME & JYF for June and July. We will resume in August.

6/26-6/30 – PandaMania (VBS)

Christian Education

Children's Summer Sunday School Schedule

Miss Rachel will be leading a combined Sunday school class this summer for all of the children's classes. Come join the fun and see what God has in store for you this summer!

VBS To Set Sail This Summer!

At PandaMania VBS, kids will explore a bamboo forest full of fun-loving pandas! And Psalm 139 comes to life as kids learn that they are God's most precious creation. In return, kids will learn to give thanks to God for all he does. Dinner will be served at 5:15 with VBS following at 5:45. Children 3 years thru those who have completed 5th grade. Adult study led by Gregory Ross! Nursery available. Youth and Adult helpers needed. Contact Mattie Howard if you are interested in helping.

Fellowship News

There will be no Fellowship Luncheons in June or July. Fellowship will be providing dinner for Vacation Bible School each evening from June 26th through June 30th. Our main dessert is cookies, and Fellowship is seeking volunteers to bring cookies every evening during VBS. It takes a lot of cookies so please help out!

Our traditional Fellowship Luncheons will resume the third Sunday in August to celebrate "Back to School". Please note on your calendars the third Sunday of each month for Fellowship Luncheons and look in future Newsletters and Church Bulletins for information on our luncheons.

Fellowship sends out our thanks to the entire congregation for the delicious dishes you always provide to make each of our fellowship gatherings a wonderful experience. Contact a Fellowship Committee member regarding ideas or suggestions.

We need COOKIES for VBS!!!

Reminder

Don't forget to turn in your commitment card for the "Step Up" challenge. Due date is Sunday, June 5th!

SERVING FOOD AND SMILES AT THE COTTAGE KITCHEN

Our church is asked to serve on
Friday, June 24th.



The Cottage Kitchen is located in the 19th century home of the second mayor of San Marcos, Charles S. Cock, at 308 E. Hopkins Street. Lunch is served from 11:00 am until 1:00 p.m. at a cost of \$7.00. Profits from the luncheons are used to maintain the little house. Our own Frances Stovall and the late Helen Van Gundy were instrumental in saving the structure from destruction and finding appropriate furnishings for it.

Members of our church are requested to prepare potato salad (special recipe provided), desserts and serve the meal.

Please see or phone Jackie Cable if you are available to help in this fun endeavor.



Alternative Worship in May...

In May, we held an Animal Blessing service. What a great time we had worshipping and praising God outside with our pets! Maybe God gave us dogs to show us how to relax.

We will worship to a different beat in June. We are going to have a Drum Circle! EVERYONE participates by playing a drum or percussion instrument and making a joyful noise unto the Lord. So, grab your drum and join us! (If you don't have an instrument, we have one you can borrow.)

Next planning meeting is Wednesday, June 1 at 7pm. All are welcome!

Next worship is SUNDAY, June 19 at 6pm!
Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Having fun serving HIM! maggie,
Alternative Worship Minister

LETTERS TO CAMP

We have lots of kids going to camp and they always appreciate letters from home. There is a box in the office marked "Letters to Camp". All letters to campers need to have the name of the camper and the name of the camp on them. Here's your chance to bless our children! Please do not send silly string - it was banned from camp. (The ants couldn't digest it.)

CYF Conference - Need letters by June 12

Kyle Stapp
Cole Stapp
Taylor Ralph
Maude Herndon
DJ Warren
Gareth Fowler
Summer Stallings
Kellen Casparis
Caleb Casparis
Will O'Dell

CYF Adults- Jason Braun, Tom Ballard, Justine Tunnell, Maggie Mossler

Eighters Camp - Need letters by June 26

Derek Wigley
Luke Johnson

Coffee Switching!!

What is Fair Trade and Why Should We Change Coffees for the cause?



Recently, FCC embarked on a coffee switch....it seems a small enough thing, do we really need an article

about it? It's obvious we are a coffee church. We gather around the pot every week, we laugh, we grouch and gripe until we get that second cup, we even sometimes try and sneak our coffee into places it doesn't belong on Sundays because, well, we LOVE our coffee.

But have we ever stopped to think about the hands that prepared our coffee and the farmers and workers who made it possible to bring us that delectable cup we relish in so much every morning?

Luckily, Equal Exchange, a nonprofit organization affiliated with the Disciples of Christ Church has thought of it for us and provided a way for us to share in that much needed Sunday morning coffee experience, but not at the expense of workers or farmers who have been exploited.

We now receive our coffee through Equal Exchange - a Fair Trade coffee organization that pays attention to the farmers and workers.

Equal Exchange's guiding principles are:

- trades directly with democratically organized small farmer co-operatives
- provides producers with advance credit for crop production
- pays producers a guaranteed minimum price that provides a stable source of income as well as improved social services
- provides high quality food products
- supports sustainable farming practices
- builds a democratically run co-operative workplace
- develops more environmentally sound business practices.

Think that sounds neat? We do! Need to learn more about it? Visit www.equalexchange.coop

We can be good stewards of our earth and enjoy great coffee at the same time!

Check it out on Sundays and meet us at the coffee pot!

Care and Concern

Please notify the church if you or one of our loved FCC church family members becomes ill or is in the hospital. You can email nicci@fcc-sm.org, call the church at 396-1926 or contact Rev. Jill on her cell at 816-914-9694.

June Birthdays...



Karin McArdle	June 2
Neil Pacheco	June 3
Ruby Sanders	June 3
Millie Nance	June 8
Brad Breed	June 9
Jack Davis	June 9
Kristi Hardy	June 9
Melissa Walker	June 9
Aiden Herman	June 9
Jackson Herman	June 9
Charles Blankenship	June 11
Mitchell Howard	June 12
Mac Howard	June 14
Don Harmon	June 15
David Warren	June 15
Amber Simon	June 16
Major Howard	June 17
Mark Miller	June 17
Andrew Nance	June 17
Coleen Pfeiffer	June 19
Tracy Brutcher	June 21
David Gaylord	June 23
John McArdle	June 23
Zachary Clayton	June 25
Paula Ayers	June 27
Summer Stallings	June 30

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 or call the office and let us know so the database can be corrected. Thanks!



June Anniversaries...

Byron & Rebecca Augustin	June 1
Jimmy & Sue Cobb	June 2
Wallis & Patti Green	June 2
Rick & Darcy Hardy	June 2
Robert & Susan Pruet	June 3
Rex & Rudie Stallings	June 3
Jason & Mary Braun	June 8
Bill & Brenda Damron	June 8
Sandra & Tim Ellison	June 8
Cari & Dale Fowler	June 12
Anna & Ryan Horn	June 12
Kathy & Jim Blagg	June 20
William & Theresa Casparis	June 21

Congratulations to the following Graduates!

High School Seniors:

Maggie Breed
 Maude Herndon
 Casey Braun
 Matthew Brown
 Matthew Brutcher
 Mitch Tureaud
 Chaney Turney
 Summer Stallings
 Clinton Sutphen
 Kellen Casparis
 Wood Updegrave



College Grads:

Josh Green (UT)

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
 Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)*

FCC Young Adult



We're having a pool party!

When: June 5th

Where: The Hardy Residence

Time: 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Young adults: Those out of high school to, eh, let's say, well...35ish? Who knows really? Come and swim, bring some food to share, and let's envision what this group can be!



HCWC 27th Annual Auction

When: Saturday, June 4 – 6 pm

Where: LBJ Center Ballroom – Texas State University

Tickets - \$25

What: Hundreds of items – BBQ dinner

All proceeds benefit local victims of family violence, sexual assault, and child abuse.

New Member Spotlight



On Sunday, May 7th and we welcomed new members to our FCC Family!

The Baker's joined by Letter of Transfer from First Christian Church

Lockhart. Crystal, Nathan, Nicholas, and Noah (who is set to make his debut July 18th) make up the Baker family.

Please make sure to introduce yourself to our newest members when you see them!

2011 Summer Camp Schedule

CYF: June 12-18

*Eigther's Camp: June 26-July

*Beginner's Camp: July 6-9

*Chi Rho Camp: July 17-23

*Junior Camp: July 24-29

* Denotes you still time to sign up

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Rev. Maggie Mossler _____ Alternative Worship Minister

Nicci Lesak _____ Church Secretary

Mattie Howard _____ Director, Children's Education

Rae Bostwick _____ Treasurer

Britney Richey _____ Bookkeeper

Anne Weaver _____ Music Leader

Mabel Hall _____ Pianist

Cecilia Peña _____ Organist / Accompanist

Rosie Smith _____ Nursery Supervisor

Rachel Greenwood _____ Nursery Caregiver

Kate Garvin _____ Nursery Caregiver

Mary & Johnny Wasson _____ Custodians

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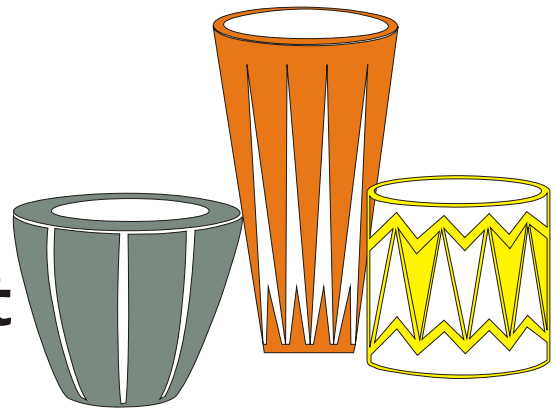


**Make a Joyful Noise
Unto the Lord!**

**Sunday, June 19, 2011
6PM**

We are going to have a Drum Circle!

Everyone participates!
Bring a hand drum
or percussion instrument
or you may use ours!



We will also honor our Fathers!

Refreshments to follow.

**ALTERNATIVE
WORSHIP**
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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June 2011

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Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> Guitar- 5:30pm Alternative WorshipBand-6pm Alternative Worship Planning Meeting-7pm Choir- 7pm	2	3	<i>4</i> Male Call-8am SMHS Graduation @ Strahan-6pm
<i>5</i> Membership Meeting- 11am	<i>6</i> Evangelism- 11am Finance Committee- 6:30 pm	<i>7</i> Prayer Group- 10 am Staff Meeting-1:30 pm Heart & Soul- 7 pm	<i>8</i> Guitar- 5:30pm Alternative WorshipBand- 6pm Choir- 7pm	<i>9</i> Youth Sponsor Meeting - 5pm Board Meeting-6:30 pm	<i>10</i> Greenwood/Bagley Wedding Rehearsal- 6pm	<i>11</i> Greenwood/Bagley Wedding-6pm
<i>12</i> <-----	<i>13</i> ----- Evangelism- 11am	<i>14</i> ----- CYF Prayer Group- 10 am Butterfly Group-7pm Heart & Soul- 7 pm	<i>15</i> Conference @ NO Guitar NO Alternative Worship Band Choir- 7pm	<i>16</i> DORC -----	<i>17</i> ----->	<i>18</i> CYF Last Day
<i>19</i> Alternative Worship "Drum Circle" - 6pm	<i>20</i> Evangelism- 11am VBS Meeting-5 pm	<i>21</i> Prayer Group- 10 am Staff Meeting-1:30 pm Heart & Soul- 7 pm	<i>22</i> Guitar- 5:30pm Alternative WorshipBand- 6pm Choir- 7pm	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> FCC hosts Cottage Kitchen Lunch - 11am -1pm	<i>25</i> Angel Food Distribution - 8 am Summer Discovery - 10 am <u>VBS Decorating Day!</u>
<i>26</i> <----- <----- VBS Starts ----->	<i>27</i> ----- ----- Evangelism- 11am	<i>28</i> ----- Eighter's ----- C Y L S Prayer Group- 10 am Staff Meeting-1:30 pm Heart & Soul- 7 pm	<i>29</i> Camp ----- @ Brownwood Camp NO Guitar NO Alternative Worship Band Choir- 7pm	<i>30</i> ----- ----- Last day of VBS	July 1 -----> ----->	July 2 Eighter's Last Day CYLS Last Day