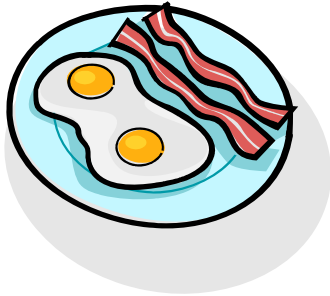


First News



The Newsletter of
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San Marcos, Texas



Men's Group

"Male Call"
Breakfast
Sat. March 5th
8:00 AM

Crop Walk

Sunday, March 6th
2:00 PM



Ash Wednesday Service

March 9th
6:30 PM

Fellowship Lunch

Spring Chicken
Sun, March 20th
11:00 AM



March 2011

Feeling Lent

March

Wednesday, 9th - 6pm Meal
6:30pm Ash Wednesday Service

Sunday, 13th - 9am Pastor's Class
10am Worship, "Faith"

Wednesday, 16th - 6pm Meal
6:30pm Vespers Service, Rev. Jill Sullins on
"Mary Magdalene and Regret"

Sunday, 20th - 9am Pastor's Class
10 am Service, Rev. Jack Knox
Preaching

Wednesday, 23rd - 6pm Meal
6:30pm Vespers Service, Rev. Gregory Ross on
"Peter and Failure"

Sunday, 27th - 9am Pastor's Class
10am Service, "Prayer"

Wednesday, 30th - 6pm Dinner
6:30pm Vespers Service, Rev. Jimmy Cobb on
"Simon of Cyrene and Compassion"

April

Sunday, 3rd - 9am Pastor's Class
10am Service, "Compassion"

Wednesday, April 6 - 6pm Dinner
6:30pm Vespers Service, Rev. Jack Knox on
"Judas and Betrayal"

Sunday, 10th - 9am Pastor's Class
10am Service, "Truth"

Wednesday, 13th - 6pm Dinner
6:30pm Vespers Service, rev maggie mossler on
"Mary the Mother and Sorrow"

Sunday, 17th - 9am Pastor's Class
10am Service, "Sacrifice"
6pm Lenten Choir Concert,
"Come Walk With Me"

Thursday, 21st - 7pm Maundy Thursday Seder
Service, by FCC Youth

Friday, 22nd - Stations of the Cross
Sunday, 24th - EASTER!!!!

7am Sunrise Service
10am Service, "Life"

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Jill's JOTTINGS

Lent begins this month!!!! Why am I so excited about Lent? Because it's that one time of the year when the focus really is upon God....or at least it should be. It's not Christmas when we are distracted by gift buying and parties. No one really has a Lent party. It's not Fourth of July where we bombard ourselves with BBQ and fireworks (although we love those). Or Halloween where we dress up and get candy. It's Lent. Not particularly festive, but yet important and intentional.

Lent gives a chance for us to reflect on our inner lives with Jesus. What does he mean to us? Why do we need Jesus? What has Jesus done that we feel so compelled to worship him? There's intentionality to Lent that gives space for us to really work on our lives....spend time in the desert...commune with God and

really get to know the impact of that relationship on who we are.

We are offering Vespers services throughout Lent to guide us through that process of getting to know where we are at in our relationship with God. The services will be meditative, reflective, and offer space for us to just be for a while with ourselves and our God who created us. I really hope, as we journey to the cross, that you will join us for these services. That they will impact your life. That together as we pray and meditate and worship we will all come through Holy Week as stronger, more faithful people.

We cannot celebrate the empty tomb without stopping at the cross. May our Lenten Season take us to the cross as a people prepared to encounter the one who suffered and the one who lived again.

In Christ's Peace,

Rev. Jill

Christian Education at FCC....Check out what's happening

New Adult Class Going Strong

Wayman Mullins is leading a new adult Sunday School class. Come join their study on "The Case for Christ" by Lee Strobel.

The class meets in the Education Hallway in the BYOBible room (#204).

Calling all children and youth....

Did you know that when you are not in Sunday School, you are missed? Well, you are! So, what are you waiting for? Please come to Sunday School and see what a difference it will make in your week. See you THIS Sunday!

Pastor's Class Begins in March

Rev. Jill will be leading a Pastor's Class for all interested children and youth beginning March 13. Please contact Rev. Jill or Mattie if you are interested in signing up for this class!

Prepare Yourself for Lent

Come join Reverends Jill, Jack, Maggie, Gregory and Jimmy as they lead vespers Wednesday evenings during the season of Lent.

Dinner will be at 6:00pm and Vespers will begin at 6:30pm. Nursery care will be provided.

KidTIME and JYF Fun

This month the kids in KidTIME and JYF will go to a Texas State Baseball Game after our fellowship lunch. Come cheer on the Bobcats as they play Sam Houston

State. The game starts at 1pm. Parents and anyone else interested in joining us are welcome! More information will be sent to parents as the game nears. Go Bobcats!

Education Committee Meets March 21

The Education Committee held a Teacher Appreciation Brunch in February for all teachers, sponsors and study leaders. We want all of our hardworking volunteers to know how much we appreciate their dedication to our church and to the Lord.

Way to go, Rachel, Bonnie, Mary, Cory, Louise, Denise, Maggie, Rita, Linda, Wayman, Jim, Jimmy, Jack, Gregory and Jill!!

VBS is going to be PandaMania!!

This summer, we are going to a panda forest "Where God is Wild about You" for 5 nights of fun! We have already started planning for this important outreach project, but it's not too late to join us. Watching the children of our church and the kids from the community learn more about God's wild love will be the highlight of your summer....I Promise!! Contact Mattie or sign up in the Narthex to be a part of this important ministry.

The Christian Education department wants to know how we can better serve your children. If you have a question or concern or would like us to pray for a specific need for your child, please contact Mattie at mattie@fcc-sm.org



Dear FCC Family,
My daughter, Carolyn, is doing much better. Thanks to all of you for your prayers. They are being answered!

Carolyn started her last semester, for her Masters in Family Nurse Practitioner, February 7th. She is doing her clinical work in Houston. Please continue to pray for her full recovery.

~Jim E. Davis



Thank you all for the wonderful refreshments at the reception after Ernest Lee Fidler's

service. Everything was delicious! The children really liked the bright cupcakes.

Thanks also for some of the memories of Ernest Lee that you shared.

Sonny & Sandy Schlameus

Thank You

Dear Christian Family,
Words fail me to fully express

my love and appreciation for each of you. Your prayers, cards, notes and phone calls literally carried John and I through our son's long illness. God is truly gracious. Take a moment to read Psalm 46:10.

Now with John's death, you continue your love with prayers, cards, food, calls and help in many ways. Humbly I thank each of you.

I pray God's blessings on each of you who make up the congregation of this First Christian Church assembly.

In Christian Love,

Alice Ballard



Alternative Worship...

What's been
going on with

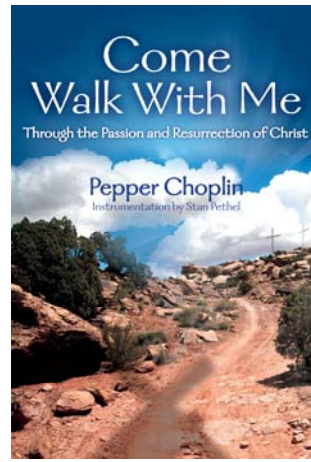
Alternative Worship...

In February, we explored how to keep the Sabbath, AND God, happy. Did you know it is a commandment to keep the Sabbath holy and not to work or stress- out on that day? (I like the "not allowed to do anything you really don't want to thing" for one day a week.) Margo blessed us with a funny skit.

Next planning meeting is Wednesday, March 2 at 7pm. We will be starting a DRAMA group!!! If you are interested in doing drama, please let me know or just show up on March 2 at 7pm!

Next worship is **SUNDAY, March 20 at 6pm!** The Stage Connection (a group of music groups made up of children from 5-17 yr. old) will be joining us and leading the music. Bless them by your presence so they may bless you!

You are all loved and prayed for!
maggie, Alternative Worship
Minister, 830-708-5536



The choir will be performing our Lenten cantata "Come Walk With Me" on Palm Sunday, April 17th at 6:00 PM. Please join us for what is sure to be a memorable performance to help us begin Holy Week!

From the Worship Committee:

Communion will be served by intinction on the Sundays during the Lenten season. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, March 9th. The first Sunday of Lent will be March 13th.

During this time, as we walk to the chancel area to take communion, may we reflect on the time during the ministry of Christ when He chose to follow His father's bidding and gave His life for us.

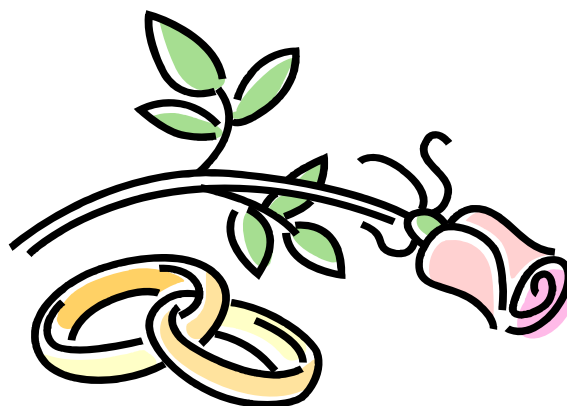
Anyone wishing to be served communion at your seat may do so by remaining seated. A pair of deacons will be designated to serve you in this manner.

March Birthdays...



Shanna Blair	March 1
Paul Porter	March 2
Robert Herndon	March 3
Loretta Mann	March 4
J.D. Elshoff	March 5
Alyssa Updegrove	March 7
Linda Vettors	March 7
Jim Blagg	March 9
Bernice Scott	March 9
Barbara Volk-Tunnell	March 11
Dylan Duran	March 13
Arden Lyon	March 14
Robert Pruet	March 14
Jimmy Cobb	March 15
Evan Lee	March 16
Mike Wood	March 17
Jo Lynn Swenson	March 18
Kaye Steeno	March 19
Paul Sutphen	March 19
Ian McGuire	March 20
Jacob Lee	March 23
Matthew Lee	March 23
Jeanne McCaffrey	March 23
Bonnie Wilson	March 24
Joe Bostwick	March 25
William Casparis	March 25
Charlene Wood	March 25
Amber Crabill	March 27
Lacy Jester	March 27
Marla Johnson	March 28
Jerry Light	March 28
Charlie Green	March 29

Please note that we continue to update data in 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!



March

Anniversaries...

Paul & Betty Porter	March 2
Bernice & Charles Scott	March 3
Mike & Char Wood	March 8
Andrew & Michelle Nance	March 15
James & Melissa Walker	March 25
Louis & Mary Olenick	March 31
Jan & Dalton Wall	March 31

Have a wonderful celebration!!

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 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
 Manuel Ochoa _____ Groundskeeper
 Jill's # (816)914.9694 (cell)

New Members to be Honored

On March 20, folks who have recently joined FCC will be honored at the monthly Fellowship Luncheon immediately following Worship Service. We hope everyone will join us as we look forward to this opportunity to recognize our newest members.

Membership Committee

Youth News

The Youth Groups at FCC, San Marcos are going strong. They have been meeting after church on Sundays for lunch, then splitting up into Chi Rho and CYF to meet. Chi Rho has been very busy with a new project that they are very excited about. Led by the efforts of Paige Sutphen, Chi Rho is starting a Coffee Cup Ministry. They will be purchasing ceramic coffee mugs for people to use on Sunday mornings instead of the Styrofoam cups we currently use. After service, Chi Rho has committed to collecting and washing the mugs and storing them for the following Sunday. They are seeking to cut down on the amount of Styrofoam

that we throw away as a church. This is a ministry that will help the environment and give Chi Rho youth more visibility in the church. They are currently having a design contest for the mugs with many of the entries using images from around FCC. The congregation will vote on which design they like best at an upcoming Fellowship Lunch.

CYF has also been busy with some projects. For Week of Compassion, they put together Lazarus Bags for the congregation. The bags consist of water, snacks, socks, a t-shirt, and hand wipes that congregation members can give out to people in need of help, rather than giving money. CYF will also be going on retreat the first weekend in March to BBA Spring Rally in Gonzales, TX. Jason Braun is directing.

Both youth groups will be participating in CROP Walk on March 6th. This event raises money for the Hays Area Food Bank, so be sure to support our youth in this worthwhile endeavor. See you on Sunday!

Youth And Young Adult Minister News: Didja Miss Me?

You may have noticed that I have been gone for large amounts of time recently. No, I have not been sneaking off on secret vacations. I have been spending a lot of time outside of Central Texas, though. It started on January 28th when I went off to Chi Rho Midwinter for the weekend. Along with nine youth and four other adults from our church, I spent the weekend learning about how we can preach the gospel without using words. We learned how to sign a song using sign language, ways we can help others, and spent time working on renovating the sand volleyball court at the camp grounds in Gonzales. My next excursion took place February 7th-10th in Fort Worth. This time I went by myself, although Maggie Mossler was also in attendance. I was able to attend various workshops and seminars and here some excellent preaching. I was also able to connect with many ministers from around our region and the country, sharing ideas and stories about our ministries all the while battling the unusual phenomena known as “snow” and “ice”. I spent the next few weeks in San Marcos recovering from the cold North Texas weather, and then was off again.

February 25-27th was spent on a ranch outside of Eden, TX with the Young Adult Group from FCC on a retreat. I taught workshops on Spiritual Disciplines, and we spent a lot of time in fellowship and rest with one another. I get back on Sunday and spent the night getting ready for my next trip. Monday, February 28th, I will be off to Tampa for the Bethany Fellows Retreat. Bethany Fellows is a group whose purpose is to provide support and spiritual growth for pastors in their first five years of ministry. I have been a Fellow for two years, and have gotten much importance from this group. You can find out more about what they do and how you can support them on their website,

www.bethanyfellowships.org. I get home from the retreat on Friday, just in time to head back to Gonzales where this crazy adventure began. March 4th-6th is CYF Spring Rally, the BBA high school retreat. I will spend the weekend with our high school youth, listening to our very own Jill Sullins keynote on the theme Faith Journey. It will be a long month of traveling around, but well worth the experience and relationships that I gain, despite missing being with you all at FCCSM. So, didja miss me?

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March 2011
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>Prayer Group— 10 am</i> <i>Staff Meeting—1:30 pm</i> <i>HCWC Parenting Class-4pm</i> <i>Bell Choir— 6:15pm</i> <i>Heart & Soul— 7:15pm</i>	2 <i>CBS— 9:30 am</i> <i>Guitar/Potluck— 5:30pm</i> <i>AW Band/FFT—6pm</i> <i>Choir/AW Planning— 7pm</i>	3	4 C Y F —> <i>Prayer Coffee— 9:30 am</i>	5 Spring Rally <i>Male Call—8am</i>
6 <i>Crop Walk—2pm</i>	7 <i>Evangelism— 11am</i> <i>Finance Committee—</i> <i>6:30 pm</i>	8 <i>Prayer Group— 10 am</i> <i>HCWC Parenting Class-4pm</i> <i>Bell Choir— 6:15pm</i> <i>Butterfly Group—7pm</i> <i>Heart & Soul— 7:15pm</i>	9 Ash Wednesday <i>CBS— 9:30 am</i> <i>Guitar — 5:30pm</i> <i>Dinner—6pm</i> <i>Ash Wednesday Service—</i> <i>6:30 pm</i>	10 <i>Board Meeting—6:30</i> <i>pm</i>	11 <i>Prayer Coffee— 9:30 am</i>	12 <i>South Hills CC spending</i> <i>the night</i>
13 <i>Pastor's Class— 9am</i> <i>Chi Rho/CYF-no meet-</i> <i>ing</i>	14 <i>Evangelism— 11am</i>	15 <i>Prayer Group— 10 am</i> <i>Staff Meeting—1:30 pm</i> <i>HCWC Parenting Class-4pm</i> <i>Bell Choir— 6:15pm</i> <i>Heart & Soul— 7:15pm</i>	16 <i>NO CBS</i> <i>Guitar—5:30 pm</i> <i>Dinner—6pm</i> <i>Vespers Service—6:30</i> <i>pm</i>	17	18 <i>No Prayer Coffee</i>	19
20 <i>Pastor's Class— 9am</i> <i>Fellowship Luncheon— 11am</i> <i>KidTIME/JYF-12pm</i> <i>Garden Day(Chi Rho)</i> <i>Scavenger Hunt (CYF)</i> <i>The Stage Connection (AW)-</i> <i>6pm</i>	21 <i>Evangelism— 11am</i> <i>Education Committee—</i> <i>5pm</i>	22 <i>Prayer Group— 10 am</i> <i>Staff Meeting—1:30 pm</i> <i>HCWC Parenting Class-4pm</i> <i>Bell Choir— 6:15pm</i> <i>Heart & Soul— 7:15pm</i>	23 <i>CBS—9:30 am</i> <i>Guitar—5:30 pm</i> <i>Dinner—6pm</i> <i>Vespers Service—6:30</i> <i>pm</i>	24	25 <i>Prayer Coffee— 9:30 am</i>	26 <i>Angel Food Distribution— 8-10</i> <i>am</i> <i>DORC Open House & 20th</i> <i>Anniversary Celebration-9am-</i> <i>3pm (Camp Gonzo)</i> <i>M&M's Group—9:30 am</i>
27 <i>Pastor's Class—9am</i> <i>Talk sheet/Tween Time (Chi</i> <i>Rho)—11am</i> <i>Mission Trip Prep 2 (CYF)</i> <i>- 11am</i>	28 <i>Evangelism— 11am</i>	29 <i>Prayer Group— 10 am</i> <i>Staff Meeting—1:30 pm</i> <i>HCWC Parenting Class-4pm</i> <i>Bell Choir— 6:15pm</i> <i>Heart & Soul— 7:15pm</i>	30 <i>CBS—9:30 am</i> <i>Guitar—5:30 pm</i> <i>Dinner—6pm</i> <i>Vespers Service—6:30</i> <i>pm</i>	31		