

First News



The Newsletter of

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

San Marcos, Texas



Men's Group

"Male Call"

Breakfast

Sat. May 7th

8:00 AM

Fellowship Lunch

Graduation

Recognition

Sunday, May 15th

11:00 AM

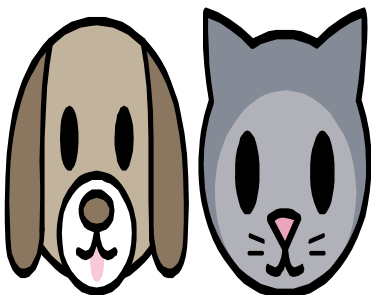


Animal Blessing Service

Alternative Worship

Sunday, May 15th

6:00 PM



Church Opportunities for You!!!!

We have new and exciting ministries beginning this Summer that you need to be a part of! Something at FCC is calling your name and needing your gifts and your skills!

The following opportunities are available for you to serve....email us and let us know which one you'd like to be a part of!

Vacation Bible School!!! - Always needing volunteers.

Fellowship Ministry - Help us provide a monthly meal for the church, special occasions, and even VBS Dinners....we NEED a chair person...someone who can coordinate!

Web Design Team - Do you think our website needs a bit of an overhaul? You'll be taking a look at the site, at other sites, and deciding how FCC's should look. You don't even need to know about computers to serve on this team....all you need is an eye for an easy and modern website!

Stewardship Ministry Team - Help us learn how to be good with the resources God has given us...help us learn how to be tender and loving to creation...help us learn how to use ourselves in service of God....we need folks that have a heart for sharing the Gospel to serve on this special ministry team, providing love and leadership to FCC on how we become generous and giving people!

HOJ Team (Hands of Jesus) - This hodge podge of a team will be taking a look at the San Marcos Community and coordinating how FCC can participate in that community by doing outreach and missions that are hands on. Examples of their work would be participating in Habitat for Humanity, or volunteering at Southside Community Shelter.

ONE OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES is something God is calling you to do!!!! EMAIL jill@fcc-sm.org or nicci@fcc-sm.org AND put your love for FCC and for God in action!!!!

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Jill's JOTTINGS

It is Easter time.....still. And while we aren't nearly as apt to say "He is Risen" on Sunday morning or sing "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" like we do Easter morning, it is the message and the Good News we proclaim for our lives - for the rest of our lives and all the time for our lives.

For in the midst of death - there is always life.

There is much to reflect upon at this time in the life of the church. I could reflect on the departure of our Associate Minister and find myself desperate to fill that position, or I could say - In the midst of death, there is always Life. I could reflect upon the resignation of our board chair and stammer in the midst of uncertainty and desperate reaching for a new chair, or I could say - in the midst of death, there is always life.

It is essential to proclaim ourselves as Easter people. There is a blessed assurance in claiming the Good News as central to our living. There is something positive and affirming and life giving about saying in the midst of transition and change and uncertainty - that in the midst of this time, there WILL be new life.

I could reflect upon the death of Osama Bin Laden and after nearly a decade of searching and clamoring for justice, say that justice has finally been served and I could say AMEN for that....or I could say - in the midst of death, there is always life.

After all, I am an Easter Christian. I believe that Jesus died for me and for the world, and was resurrected from that death to give hope and peace and life to a dying, desperate and dark world. There is only one death that gives us peace. There is only one death that offers us hope. There is only one change in life that should cause us to stammer, or reach or become desperate and that was when the God who made us good, became human to show the world the worth of our own humanity and that through his death, we were given life. Should we become desperate, or searching, or clamoring for something....it should be for the one who overcame powers and principalities and even death to become one with us in this life and the next. HE is our hope and our strength and our help in times of trouble. In the midst of death - there is always life.

The resurrected one is the one who changes things....and the one who brings us through change. He transforms us. He heals us. He reveals to us. He gives us what we need. And no matter the statistics of a changing church or a changing world.....it is him who gives the breath of life to us all. And that's the Good News. Praise be to the RISEN one.

In Christ's Peace,

Rev. Jill Sullins

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH - SAN MARCOS, TX
FINANCIAL / STEWARDSHIP BAROMETER

March 2011

NET OPERATING INCOME							
	Month	Budget	Difference	YTD	Budget	Difference	% of Budget
OPERATING INCOME	23,879	23,730	149	69,687	81,360	-11,673	86%
OPERATING EXPENSE	29,813	33,630	3,817	76,139	81,768	-5,629	93%
NET OPERATING INCOME	-5,935	-9,900	3,966	-6,451	-408	-6,044	

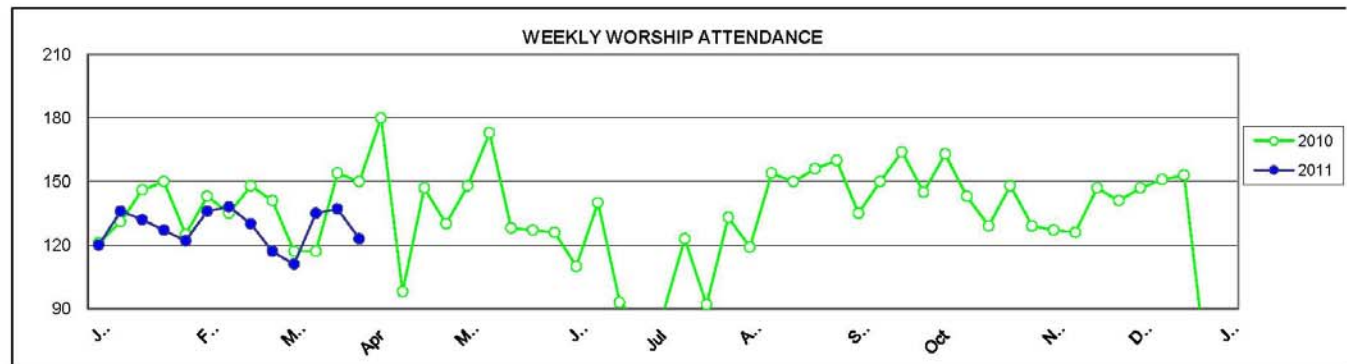
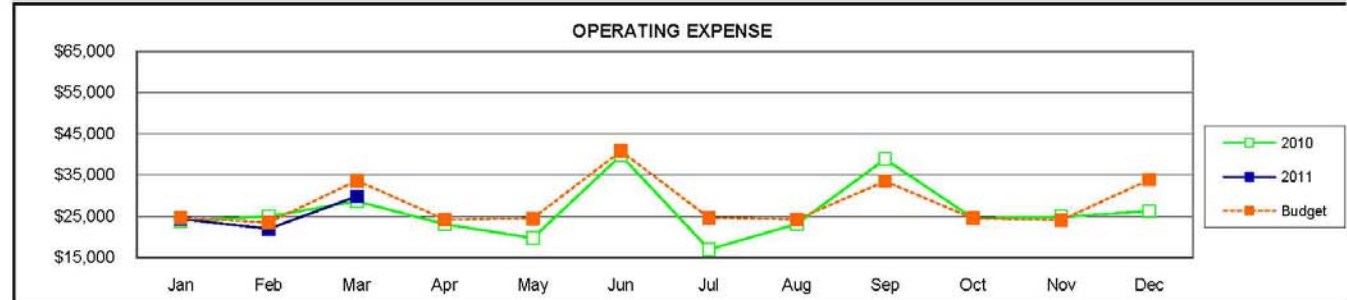
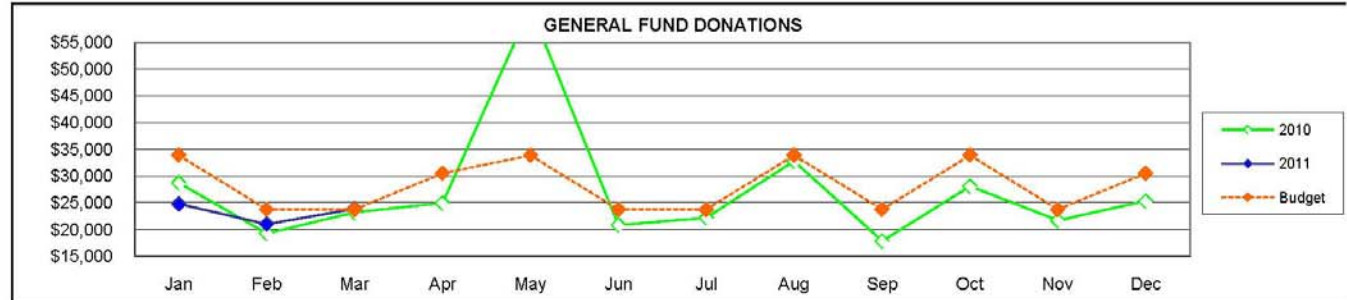
CURRENT ASSETS & LIABILITIES		
	Feb-11	Mar-11
Current Assets (CA):		
Cash - Broadway Bank	33,890	43,299
AG Edwards Money Market	31,689	0
AG Edwards Scholarship	1,270	0
Total Current Assets	66,849	43,299
Current Liabilities (CL):		
Other Current Liabilities	0	0
Designated Funds	42,629	26,524
CA - CL (Reserves)	24,220	16,775

FCC PERMANENT FUND	
	Balance
Contributions for Month	-
Unrealized Gain/Loss	
Total Balance	41,321

BUILDING DEBT REDUCTION		
	Month	YTD
Principal Reduction	16,575	17,561
Remaining Balance		67,824

DESIGNATED FUNDS		
	Month	YTD
Cumulative Beginning	42,629	47,123
Income	345	6,444
Expenses	16,450	27,043
Cumulative Ending	26,524	26,524

COMPARISON			
	Last Yr	Last Mo	This Mo
Donations	\$ 23,194.75	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 23,876.00
Expense	\$ 28,657.74	\$ 21,966.31	\$ 29,813.13



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

FRIENDS IN FAITH TO BE RECOGNIZED DURING YOUTH SUNDAY

For the past year and a half, the Friends in Faith program has been a blessing to many in our congregation. On May 15 during the Youth Sunday service, the Christian Education Committee would like to recognize and honor all of the participants in this program.

New Friends in Faith will be assigned in August during the Sunday School Kick Off. Our goal is to have a Friend for all of the children and youth of the church this next time around, so.....if you can, please sign up for this special ministry and become a Friend in Faith in August.

PandaMania....Where God is Wild About You! June 26th-30th 5:15pm-7:45pm

Only 1 more month before the excitement of Vacation Bible School. We still need volunteers, so if you've been waiting for a personal invitation....this is it!!

We will have a meeting for all preschool volunteers on Sunday, May 22 and a meeting on Sunday, June 5 for all other volunteers. If you are not sure where you have been assigned see Mattie Howard or Jeanne McCaffrey.

Parents-it is time to sign your children up for VBS and time to invite your neighbors, friends, co-workers to the BEST VBS around. Remember, we have

an adult class, too. To sign up, see our website for a link to our on-line registration. Please invite as many people as you can, you never know how the seeds that are planted will bloom!

Christian Education News

The Christian Education Committee met on April 18 and made plans for VBS. One big change for this summer's program is the addition of a separate preschool program for children ages 3-5. In the past, we have included these little ones into the big kid program, but this year they will have their own stations prepared exclusively for them. A very special thank you to Jeanne McCaffrey for volunteering to be the preschool VBS director.

We will also have a daily devotion time for all leaders this summer. It is our hope that this special time of prayer will help all our leaders be more Spirit filled each night as we work with the children of our community. Max Schlotter will guide us through each devotion.

And, we are thrilled that Gregory Ross will once again be leading our adult class and will be using Psalm 139 as the guide each night. If you have participated in a study with Gregory, you know what a treat it is for all of us that he has once again agreed to lead this five night study.

Your Christian Education Committee is hard at work and is dedicated to the spiritual growth of each member of FCC. Members include, Max Schlotter, Gregory Ross, Sue Cobb, Jeanne McCaffrey and Mattie Howard. We will miss our friend and committee member Jack Knox and wish he and Stephanie well as they begin their new ministry.



Alternative Worship...

What's been
going on with

Alternative Worship...

In April, The Chancel Choir led the service with their Lenten cantata. What a blessing! Anne Weaver and her group out did themselves! It was an awesome experience and heart-wrenching when the cross was walked out.

Next planning meeting is Wednesday, May 4 at 7pm. We are planning a Pet Blessing service! Bring your animals. Please have them on a leash/lead/halter or in a carrier/cage. Or, you may bring a picture, or even a collage of your favorite wild animal.

Next worship is SUNDAY, May 15 at 6pm! Let All That Have Breath Praise the Lord!

Having fun serving HIM!
maggie, Alternative Worship Minister,
830-708-5536

7TH AND 8TH GRADE GIRLS
NIGHT was really fun!!!!

We had our first ever 7/8 grade girls'
night and it was...

awesome
crazy
full of friends

markers
affirming
creepy, worshipping in a huge dark
sanctuary with candles
jewelry making
pedicures
talks about how we treat our family,
friends, faith and ourselves.

And we renamed the CYF room the
"Girl Cave".

Many thanks to Anne Weaver, Mary
Braun, Stephanie Knox for leading the
talks, Sandra Ellison for doing
pedicures, and Mary for cooking a
GREAT breakfast.

We have some really wonderful girls!!!!
maggie, the fearless director of girl
caveness

New Member Spotlight

On Sunday, April 3rd and April 10th we
welcomed new members to our FCC
Family!



Gina Pruett joined by
Letter of Transfer from
First Baptist Church
San Marcos on Sunday,
April 3rd.

Jason Hatch attends
school here at Texas State. He joined on
April 10th.

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

May Birthdays...



Mary Windham	May 1
Sue Cobb	May 2
Darlene Morris	May 2
Bonnie Warren	May 6
Luke Johnson	May 7
Jan Wall	May 10
Sandra Ellison	May 11
Karen McGowan	May 11
Nathan Reynolds	May 11
Armando Pacheco	May 12
Melinda Pacheco	May 12
Chaney Turney	May 12
Krista Johnson	May 14
Matthew Brown	May 15
Anne Weaver	May 15
Matthew Brutcher	May 18
Camille Tracy	May 18
John Johnson	May 19
Ellen Kremkus	May 19
Patti Green	May 21
Frances Shannon	May 22
Rosie Smith	May 22
Lilly Eliaz	May 23
Joyce Lamb	May 25
Deryk Lindsey	May 26
Jill Davis	May 27
Sue Diegelman	May 27
Caitlyn Cape	May 28
Erma Marbach	May 30

Please note that I 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, I offer my sincerest apologies. Please email me or call the office and let me know so the database can be corrected. Thanks! Nicci



May Anniversaries...

Benge & Irene Elliott	May 19
Lorry Hebert-Brown & Tom Brown	May 29
J.D. Elshoff & Margo Gregory	May 31
Gary & Jo Lynn Swenson	May 31

Have a wonderful celebration!!

Fellowship News

- May 15th – Graduation Recognition**
Menu: Burgers and hot dogs. Please bring sides, salads, and desserts.
- June 19th – Summer Fellowship**
Menu: Brisket and Beans provided by the Men's Group. Please bring sides, salads, and desserts.
- June 26th-30th – Vacation Bible School**
The Fellowship Committee provides meals for this week.

The Fellowship Committee will be off for the month of July. The new quarterly schedule for August through October will be published in July's newsletter.



YOUTH SUNDAY!

Be sure to join us for worship on Sunday, May 15th when our youth will be leading us in worship. This will be a very special day for everyone.

Food For Thought

Our class decided to recess for the summer. Our remaining schedule for Food for Thought is as follows:

May 4 Luke 24:13-35 The Road to Emmaus

May 11 John 10:1-18 The Good Shepherd

May 18 John 14:1-14 I am the Way

Thanks,
Gregory Ross



As many of you know, FCC is one of three churches that helps provide nutritious food at reasonable prices through AngelFood Ministries to the people of San Marcos. May 21st is our church's month to take charge of the distribution of the food ordered. Distribution takes place at the VFW Hall on Hunter Road. Workers are needed from 8 – 10 AM, Saturday, May 21st. If you can help, or have any questions, please contact Rae Bostwick or the church office at 512-396-1926.

Camp Hope 2011

Camp Hope Summer Day Camp for children from Kindergarten to 6th grade will be held at FCC July 11-20, 2011! This year's theme is "A Three Ring Circus". Camp is \$50 a week per child (\$45 a week early registration)



with a \$5 sibling discount. Camp scholarships are also available upon request. To help keep costs down so every family has the opportunity to benefit camp, each congregation is asked to consider donating to the Camp Hope fund. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this ministry. Whether it is registering your children, grandchildren, nieces/nephews, or donating to the Camp Hope fund. For more information, contact Nicci.

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Church Staff:

Rev. Jill Sullins _____ Senior Minister
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
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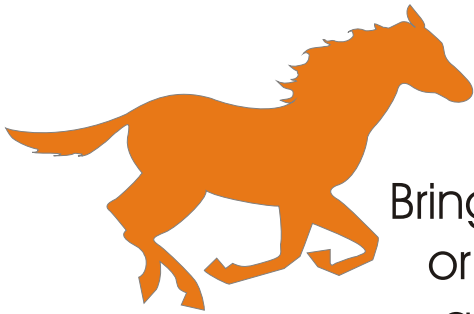


Let All That Have Breath Praise the Lord!

An Animal Blessing Service

Sunday, May 15, 2011

6PM



Bring your pet or a picture of your pet
or favorite animal. Please bring all
animals on a leash or in a cage.



Special Animal Shelter Offering.

Also needed are

Pet Food

Treats

Cat Litter

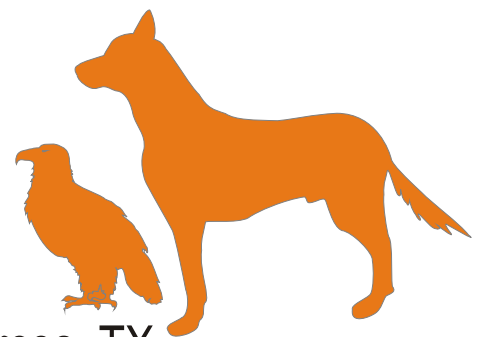
Pet toys

Blankets

Cleaning Supplies

People and animal treats to follow.

**ALTERNATIVE
WORSHIP**
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



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May 2011

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Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Board/Finance Meeting—6pm</i>	2 <i>Evangelism— 11am</i>	3 <i>Prayer Group— 10 am Staff Meeting—1:30 pm Bell Choir— 6:15pm Heart & Soul— 7:15pm</i>	4 <i>CBS— 9:30 am Guitar/Potluck— 5:30pm AW Band/FFT—6pm Choir/AW Planning— 7pm</i>	5	6 <i>Prayer Coffee— 9:30 am</i>	7 <i>Male Call—8am</i>
8 Mother's Day	9 <i>Evangelism— 11am Finance Committee— 6:30 pm</i>	10 <i>Prayer Group— 10 am NO Bell Choir Butterfly Group—7pm NO Heart & Soul</i>	11 <i>Guitar/Potluck— 5:30pm AW Band/FFT—6pm NO Choir</i>	12 <i>Board Meeting—6:30 pm</i>	13	14
15 <i>Youth Sunday Graduation Recog. Luncheon—11am KidTIME/JYF—12pm Alternative Worship Pet Blessing—6pm</i>	16 Newsletter Deadline <i>Evangelism— 11am Education Committee— 5pm</i>	17 <i>Prayer Group— 10 am Staff Meeting—1:30 pm Bell Choir— 6:15pm Heart & Soul— 7:15pm</i>	18 <i>Guitar/Potluck— 5:30pm AW Band/FFT—6pm Choir— 7pm</i>	19	20 <i>District 13 Retired Teacher's Assoc— 8am-3pm</i>	21 <i>Angel Food Distribution—8-10 am YMC Meeting—9am-4pm</i>
22 <i>VBS Meeting—11am</i>	23 <i>Evangelism— 11am</i>	24 <i>Prayer Group— 10 am Staff Meeting—1:30 pm Bell Choir— 6:15pm Heart & Soul— 7:15pm</i>	25 <i>Guitar— 5:30pm AW Band—6pm Choir— 7pm</i>	26	27	28 <i>M&M meeting—9:30 AM</i>
29	30 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED	31 <i>Prayer Group— 10 am Staff Meeting—1:30 pm Bell Choir— 6:15pm Heart & Soul— 7:15pm</i>			Key <i>AW: Alternative Worship FFT: Food for Thought</i>	