

# First News



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

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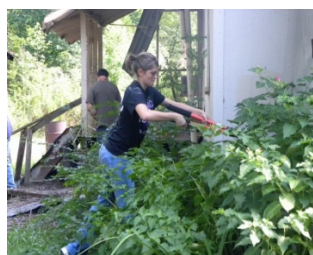
## October 2009

**Male Call  
Lunch and  
Workday  
12:00 PM  
Sunday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>**



**Alternative Worship  
Saturday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 PM**

**JYF & Kid TIME FUN!  
Sun, October 18<sup>th</sup>  
12:00 Noon**



**Workday/Funday  
12:00 Noon  
Sunday, Oct.  
11th**

## October 2009 Scripture Readings & Liturgical Color

**Sunday, October 4  
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Green  
Job 1:1; 2:1-10  
Psalm 26  
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12  
Mark 10:2-16

**Sunday, October 11  
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Green  
Job 23:1-9, 16-17  
Psalm 22:1-15  
Hebrews 4:12-16  
Mark 10:17-31

**Sunday, October 18  
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

Green  
Job 38:1-7, (34-41)  
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c  
Hebrews 5:1-10  
Mark 10:35-45

**Sunday, October 25  
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**

Green  
Job 42:1-6, 10-17  
Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)  
Hebrews 7:23-28  
Mark 10:46-52

**By Dr. Mark Henry Miller**

**A note for the good of the order:** We have hired a new Church Secretary! There were over 100 applicants for the position.

Through two sets of interviews, we have hired **Jaclyn "Nicci" Lesak**. The Board has established new office hours, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., to begin next Monday, October 5. Nicci's first day will be Tuesday, October 6. Nicci lives in San Marcos with her son, Luke. Since 2000 she worked as a Business Analyst and Training/Operations Specialist for EMC Mortgage Corporation/Bear Stearns in Lewisville, Texas, moving to San Marcos this year. Her references and both interviews were most impressive. Some of the reference comments made it clear: *Nicci is smart, dedicated, adaptable, always has a positive attitude, calm under pressure, genuine, mediator, relates to people very well. She has energy and enthusiasm. Her dependability is awesome, finishes projects before deadlines, is excellent in time management and very efficient. Has a strong work ethic.*

We will ask the volunteers to help with Nicci's orientation. Not all at once! But, we'll take the orientation step-by-step, helping Nicci get a good focus upon the multiple

tasks as Church Secretary. The new hours and hourly wage will reduce our church's annual operating budget by almost \$20,000. In the meantime, profound thanks to church members who volunteer their time in keeping us moving forward--the October newsletter is finished, the Sunday bulletins are in place, and the phone is being answered. This is a profound example to me of how caring, committed and helpful so many of you are.

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## **Don't miss the fun at JYF and KidTIME!**

Calling all kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students! Come meet at the church on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon for JYF (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders) and KidTIME (K-3<sup>rd</sup> graders) meetings. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Immediately following lunch we will travel to the Corn Maze in Hondo, The fun will end at approximately 6:00 pm. Parents please RSVP to Mattie @ the church at 396-1926 or email [mattie@fcc-sm.org](mailto:mattie@fcc-sm.org)





## *Alternative Worship...*

What's been going on  
with Alternative  
Worship...

We found out that prayer is not a  
spectator sport.

Sharon opened us with prayer.

Bill read the scripture about prayer.

We wrote notes to the military and  
prayed for them.

We helped Marguerite's family with  
our offering and prayers.

Beth led us in serving each other  
communion.

We prayed for others.

We prayed for our friends.

We made a prayer chain.

We prayed the Psalms.

We buried our sins in the sand.

We made a collage of thanks.

We prayed for all of you.

Theresa closed us in prayer and sent  
us on our way.

And of course, we ate Aunt T's  
chocolate chip cookies.

*The next planning meeting is:  
Wednesday, October 7, at 7pm*

**The next service is:  
Saturday, October 17, 5pm•**

## **FAMILY FUN!**



All families with children  
(including KidTime, JYF,  
CHI-RHO AND CYF).  
are invited to an old-  
fashioned family picnic at the home of  
Mattie and Mac Howard on Saturday,  
October 17<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 p.m. Bring a  
side dish or dessert to share. Please  
RSVP by October 12<sup>th</sup> to Mattie @  
396-2700 or mattie@fcc-sm.org.

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Please Join us on October 25<sup>th</sup> during  
the 10:30 service to hear the children of  
FCC sing for the congregation. •

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**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

3105 Ranch Road 12, San Marcos, Texas

**5PM**

**EVERY 3RD SATURDAY**

Come, experience and express worship to God  
through liturgy, dance, drama, poetry, music,  
communion, prayer, visuals, art.

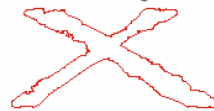
Planning meetings are every 1st Wednesday, 7pm.

ALL are welcome!

info contact: rev. maggie mossler

alternative worship minister

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# October Birthdays...



Madelyn Mann	October 1
Gary Swenson	October 3
Rudie Stallings	October 4
Mary Williams	October 5
Liberty Veale	October 5
Harrison Green	October 6
Jim Davis	October 7
Cooper Doss	October 7
Mabel Hall	October 8
Maude Herndon	October 8
Joye Blankenship	October 10
Katherine Carson	October 12
Jo Ann Carson	October 13
Cyndel Konarik	October 15
Lynda Simpson	October 15
Allyson Reynolds	October 16
Debby French	October 17
Kristen Scott	October 17
Michael Doss	October 18
Ashley Stone	October 19
Ed Cable	October 20
Joe Eliaz	October 20
Susan Updegrove	October 20
Ellen Green	October 22
Mac Daniel Howard	October 23
Nita Neil Watson	October 24
David Veale	October 25
Elizabeth Delgado	October 26
James Farmer	October 27
Denise Ralph	October 28
Cecilia Pena	October 30
Duane Dupree	October 31

# October Anniversaries...



David and Lauren Veale	October 6
Patrick and Rita McGuire	October 7
Robert and Julia Herndon	October 15
Scott and Loretta Mann	October 17
Robert and Susan Updegrove	October 20

## Nursery...ready for little ones



The nursery staff at FCC is top notch. They are ready to sing, play read...and of course, change

diapers! If you haven't been back to the nursery lately then you may not have seen Rosie, Rachel or Joy in action with some of our youngest members.

Parents have the option of dropping off their little ones in the nursery while they attend Sunday School and either Sunday morning service. (Nursery care is often available for special events, too!) The nursery is available for infants through 4 year olds. If parents would like their child to attend the beginning of the worship service and the Children's Sermon, they may do so, and then go to the nursery after the Children's Sermon.

If you have questions or concerns about the nursery, please contact Mattie Howard at [mattie@fcc-sm.org](mailto:mattie@fcc-sm.org) or 396-1926. •

## Congratulations to ALL!

*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•*

# Youth News

October is going to be a busy month for the youth group at FCC San Marcos! We will meet after church on the 4<sup>th</sup> for a youth event, then help out with the Church Workday/Funday on the 11<sup>th</sup>. We will also have meetings on the 18<sup>th</sup> and the 25<sup>th</sup>.

In our regular youth meetings, we have been exploring the theme of stewardship. We are looking at how we use our time, our talents, and our treasure, and where God fits in with all of this. We have also been doing activities that help draw us together as a community.

We had a lock-in at the church in September and eleven of our youth and their friends came to spend the night at the church playing games, watching movies, and fellowshiping while discerning our talents and how to use them in God's service. •

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## Fall Rally Deadline

The deadline for Fall Rally is coming up. Fall Rally is open for all youth in grades 9-12. Cost is \$100 (FCC will pay half).

Deadline is **Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**. Forms are available at the church or online at [www.bluebonnetarea.org](http://www.bluebonnetarea.org). •

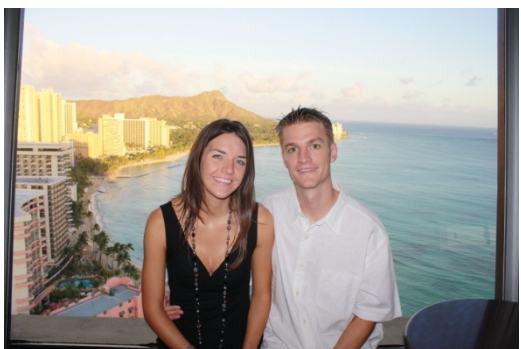
# Church

## Workday/Funday

Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, the Youth Group in conjunction with Male Call and the Property Committee invite everyone to stay after church to help get some much needed maintenance done to our building. Lunch will be provided, and then we will get down to work.

It's not going to just be about work, though. We will take a break to play some games together and have some fellowship time together. If you would like to be a part of this, or if you know of something around the church building that needs to be taken care of, there is a sheet in the narthex at church, or you can contact Rick Hardy at [rickhardy58@hotmail.com](mailto:rickhardy58@hotmail.com). •





Dear Church Family,

Aloha from Hawaii!! Tim and I wanted to send our greetings and let you know we are finally settled here in Hawaii. It has been a roller coaster of ups and downs since we arrived, but how could we complain in the midst of such beauty, scenery, and great weather! Our house is located on base in the new housing division, which means we have central AC; YAY for that! We are only 15 minutes away from the beach, which we visit on a daily bases, and Tim is learning to surf (he's trying to force me, but I prefer the sand and a good book).

We miss our church-family greatly, and y'all are always in our thoughts and prayers. We are so sorry to hear about the loss of David, and we pray that this transition will go smoothly. I have been praying the words of Jeremiah 29 as I walk through this time of transition and uncertainty in my own life. Trusting in faith that God has a future for me, just as I trust in faith that God has a future, a good, bright and shinning future for San Marcos. I will continue to pray these words for both of us, "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" (Jer. 29:11). I hope and pray that you will stand confident in that knowledge as you search for a new pastor.

Please keep in touch, through e-mail, our blog, or give us a call - we would love to hear from y'all, and remember we are always up for visitors!!

All of our Love,

Melissa and Tim Benedict •

## College and Young Adult Group

We are getting ready to start up the new college and young adult group at FCC. We have been working with the United Campus Ministry group at



Texas State to help us get connected with students on campus. Our plan is to start meeting on Sunday evenings at someone's house around 5 or 6 for a dinner, a small worship service, and a group discussion. If you are a student or young adult who would like to be a part of this group, or if you would like to volunteer to host the group please contact Jack at the church. We would also appreciate your prayers for this new ministry. •

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#### Church Staff:

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Nicci Lesak _____	Church Secretary
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Rae Bostwick _____	Treasurer
Gary McCaffrey _____	Board Chair
Britney Richey _____	Bookkeeper
Mabel Hall _____	Pianist
Cecilia Peña _____	Organist / Accompanist
Anne Weaver _____	Music Leader
Rosie Smith _____	Nursery Supervisor
Rachel Greenwood _____	Nursery Caregiver
Joy Washburn _____	Nursery Caregiver
Mary & Johnny Wasson _____	Custodians
Fred Villanueva _____	Groundskeeper

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**New Sunday School Classes**  
**Classes for All Ages!!**  
**9:30 AM**  
**Bring Friends and Family!**