

First News



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



Repete yo! • ¡Dilo! • 들려 주어라!
during our 21 days of prayer.

21 Days of Prayer
Begins October 1st
Don't forget to Pledge and Pray!
Use your booklet entitled "Tell It!" as a devotional guide

Male Call Breakfast
8:00 AM
Saturday, Oct. 1st



Alternative Worship
Sunday, Oct. 16th
Broken Bread Poverty Meal
5:00 PM

CCF FUN!
Sun, October 9th
2:00 PM



Commitment Sunday
October 23rd
10:00 AM
Bring your pledge card and survey

October 2011

**Scripture Readings
& Liturgical Color**

Sunday, October 2
World Communion Day
"Using Tables as Bridges"
Mark 7: 24-30

Sunday, October 9
Let the Parables Tell IT!
"Lamps"
Matthew 25:1-13

Sunday, October 16
Let the Parables Tell IT!
"Talents"
Matthew 25: 16-30

Sunday, October 23
Let the Parables Tell IT!
"Coins"
Luke 21:1-4

Sunday, October 30
Let the Parables Tell IT!
YOUTH SUNDAY

Upcoming dates to remember:

October 16: Fellowship luncheon
October 30: Halloween Carnival after church
November 12: Veteran's Day Parade
November 20: Thanksgiving Luncheon

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With Summer's end (although the weather has not gotten the news about that yet), seems things at church are really starting to pick up.

Mattie Howard did a wonderful job putting together a great promotion Sunday as we blessed the kid's backpacks, gave the 3rd graders Bibles, and bumped kids up to new classes. What a blessing to watch them grow.

Our Youth Groups are back in full swing! Starting with new sponsors for Chi Rho age and a pool party....there are exciting things in store for the youth - a surprise event Sept 25 and TCU Day in October! Lots of stuff and they are going strong. Our youth will also be starting a fundraiser soon selling Tell IT! T shirts! So keep your eye out for new FCC tees that proclaim our theme and goal for the year!

The Young adults have found themselves growing, studying the book Love Wins by Rob Bell, eating fabulous meals so far provided by the Stapp's, the Swenson's, the Pfeiffer's, and the Bostwick's. What a blessing the hosts have been...although I think they've been blessed as well by the energy and enthusiasm our young adults have to Tell It to our Community. They are planning events like serving in Soup Kitchens, and outreach to the college in providing a safe place for studying here at the church! Great ideas that I can't wait to see come to fruition!

Saturday Discovery Classes have been wonderfully attended, we are still waiting on baptism dates for those who attended the pastor's class, and while we have had some changes in leadership in our board, our board continues to remain strong and healthy, and have also challenged themselves in making spiritual

decisions, working together for unity. So things are GREAT as we head into the fall semester!!!

We have a healthy core for a Vision Team to help FCC San Marcos TELL IT! to our community....team members so far include Connie Burke, Bonnie Wilson, Barrie Breed, Paul Sutphen, Frances Mitchell, Janet & Max Schlotter, Karin McArdle, and Layne Cape. We are a little short on men so if any of you men out there want to join us....there's still time!!!! The vision team will be meeting every other week...discerning God's call for FCC....figuring out who we are, who you are and who our community is....from this we will come up with a statement, a plan...and a way to implement that plan so that FCC is doing what God has planned for this congregation! I'm EXCITED to see where we are headed! And how God wants us to TELL IT! Many did not volunteer to serve on the team, but they DID volunteer to pray...Lets hope the entire congregation commits to prayer for this important process. And we did get some AMAZING ideas so far!!!!

Speaking of TELLING IT!!!!!! Sign up to tell it to your congregation! By video or in person on Sundays....we want to hear your personal testimonies as to how God has changed your life!!! We want to know how the church has changed you! We want to hear the Gospel as it has come to life in your personal experiences! Let's move deeper FCC.....and let's TELL IT!!!!!!

Our CONGREGATION is full of love and vitality and a Gospel heart!!! I know we are on fire for the future and what that looks like! I know that I am! "How Good and Pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!" Indeed it is!!! Be on the lookout for more ways to TELL IT! And BE SURE to join us for 21 DAYS OF PRAYER! And thank you for a wonderful FIRST year! I'm soo looking forward to the years ahead!

In Christ's Peace,

Rev. Jill Sullins

Children's Corner

There is a lot happening at FCC this fall.....below is a work in progress list of things to put on your calendars. As always, please contact Mattie if you have any questions or comments.

Sunday, Oct. 9 The Friends in Faith kick off luncheon...this will be a quick light lunch where we will meet our Friends. After lunch, kids in K-5th grades are invited to stay for CCF (Christian Youth Fellowship-formerly KidTIME and JYF). We will play games and decorate pumpkins to take to area nursing homes. Chi Rho and CYF will have their weekly meeting, as well.

Friday, Oct. 14 Parent's Night Out!! That's right, parents...you get a night off. Drop your kiddo's off at the church from 5-9pm for dinner, games, crafts, caramel apple making, and a movie. This is a fundraiser for the Chi Rho youth group so a donation would be appreciated. You must RSVP to Mattie by Sunday, Oct. 9 so we can have enough food, etc...

Friday, Oct. 14...Parents, we will meet for dinner at Grins on the night of Parent's Night Out. If you don't have other plans, plan on joining us for food and fellowship....More on that to come! All parents of children and youth are invited.

Sunday, Oct. 30 Halloween Carnival after church....family friendly costumes are welcomed and encouraged! Come eat, play games, join in the costume

contest...A great time for the whole family!

Wednesdays in November 5:30-6:30pm...We will be meeting on Wednesdays in November to rehearse for our Christmas Pageant. This year we will have our program during the service on Sunday, Dec. 11. We would love for all of our children and youth to be involved. We will be performing a REAL Christmas Pageant with memorized lines, costumes, a choir...the whole works. If your child can not come on Wednesdays they can still participate if they come to Sunday School.

Saturday, Nov. 12 The Veteran's Day Parade....this year we will have a float and we are asking all children, youth, Veteran's and any other adult who wants to ride on the float to join us. We will meet at the church early that morning to decorate our float and then head off to the parade. More to come in the November newsletter. If you have ideas for the float, please see Mattie.

As you can see, it's busy around FCC this fall! If you have suggestions for these activities or would like to see others planned, let Mattie or a member of the Christian Ed. Committee know.

We are so excited about our Sunday School classes....if your child hasn't been in a while, bring them this Sunday. Kate, Rachel, Bonnie, Cory, Louise and Denise are excellent at sharing the love of Jesus with our children and youth!

CHI RHO CAMP - COME TO THE WATER

What a great theme considering the 100-plus temperatures. God did give us one day of rain just to keep in tune with our agenda. We danced and did the limbo at a Beach Party, had a free-for-all-soaking



with water blasters and balloons, made rain sticks, went fishing, made cardboard boats (and piloted them Flintstone-style), swam in the beautiful camp pool, paddled canoes & paddleboats, and drank water till we thought we were drowning inside.

We heard stories about Bible heroes, Herb's funny dog and creation. Then wrestled with questions about our faith, like can death learn to love? (Yea, wrestle with THAT one.)

Finally we prayed and sang and worshipped and made lasting relationships. What an awesome camp and what a bunch of awesome 6th and 7th graders we have! Our future is secure.

Rev. Maggie Mossler,
BBA Chi Rho Camp Director



Fellowship News

Fellowship luncheons are held the 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following 10:00 worship service.

Oct 16th—Gumbo Feast

Menu: Gumbo. Please bring items that will go with a Gumbo dinner. More information to follow via email from your Fellowship Committee. If you have questions, please see co-chairs Jo Lynn Swenson or Jason Braun.



October Birthdays...



Madelyn Mann
 Gary Swenson
 Rudie Stallings
 Mary Williams
 Liberty Veale
 Victoria Veale
 Flo Light
 Jim Davis
 Cooper Doss
 Mabel Hall
 Maude Herndon
 Joye Blankenship
 Katherine Carson
 Jo Ann Carson
 Lynda Simpson
 Debby French
 Kristen Scott
 Michael Doss
 Ashley Stone
 Anne Bederman
 Susan Updegrove
 Mac Daniel Howard
 David Veale
 Shelby Light
 Denise Ralph
 Cecilia Pena

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October Anniversaries...

David & Lauren Veale	October 6
Patrick & Rita McGuire	October 7
Jason & Teela Herman	October 14
Robert & Julia Herndon	October 15
Scott & Loretta Mann	October 17
Robert & Susan Updegrove	October 20
Matthew & Aurelia Lee	October 21

FCC YOUTH RECYCLE

The youth have an ongoing fund-raiser. We recycle the following items. Please put them in the white plastic container (w/ a blue top) located in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks for your support!

- Cell Phones
- Inkjet Cartridges - the size that fits in your hand.
- Laptop Computers
- Digital SLR Cameras
- SLR Lenses
- Digital Cameras
- Digital Video Cameras
- Handheld Game Sys.*
- Game Consoles*
- Video Games*
- iPads & Tablets
- iPods & MP3 Players
- E-Book Readers
- Range Finders
- Sky Caddies
- Mobile Hotspots
- MiFi Devices
- 4G USB Air Cards
- Portable GPS Devices
- Radar Detectors*
- TI Graphing Calc.
- Gold & Silver Jewelry

Congratulations to ALL!

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

Thanks! Nicci



New Member Spotlight

Please welcome these new members to the FCC family!

Mary Beth Keeney joined the church July 17, 2011.

Keith and Hunter McCollum joined the church on August 28, 2011 by transfer of membership from Staples United Methodist Church.

Julianna Cole joined the church also on August 28, 2011 by confession of faith.

On September 4, 2011, Claire Parker joined FCC by transfer of membership from UCC Fort Worth.

Paige Spencer joined the church September 11, 2011. She is a student at Texas State University.

Austin McGowan joined the church October 2, 2011 by confession of faith.

Pictures of our new members along with their home address and phone number are located on the bulletin board behind the office.

Music Notes

It's that time again! The chancel choir is beginning rehearsals for our Christmas cantata, "Winter's Grace" - even if you don't sing with us on Sundays morning, you can still be a part of the cantata. Join us in the choir room at 7 pm on Wednesdays and be a part of this wonderful musical event. Reading



music is not a requirement! For more information, contact Anne Weaver (annecw515@gmail.com)



FCC Staff Tell It!

On August 16th, your FCC Staff went to volunteer at the Hays-Caldwell Women's Center. We spent time helping the Center with various tasks. They are always looking for volunteers! We were glad to help out. Look out for our next adventure as we volunteer in our community on a quarterly basis!

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Anne Weaver _____ Music Leader
Mabel Hall _____ Pianist
Cecilia Peña _____ Organist / Accompanist
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**Worship with us!!
10:00 AM
Sunday School @ 9:00 AM
Bring Friends and Family!**



CYF Fall Rally

Theme: Stranded in the Sea of Society
(9th -12th grades)

Nov. 11th – Nov. 13th
Friday, 6:30pm – Sunday, 10:30am

Disciples Oaks Retreat Center – Camp Gonzo

Keynoter: Rev. Chris Parrot
Cost- \$100.00

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*Registration Deadline to BBA Office: Oct. 14th

BROKEN BREAD POVERTY MEAL/WALK 5pm

Experience the lives of God's impoverished children.



5pm Sunday, October 16, 2011
at First Christian Church, San Marcos 3105 Ranch Road 12

We will "live the pain", so try to fast this day.

Bring non-perishable food items as an offering to benefit local charities.



Sponsors: Restore San Marcos, Austin New Church (ANC), 1st Christian Alternative Worship

October 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>Male Call—8am</i>
2 World Communion <i>Nursery Staff Meeting - 11am</i> <i>Youth Meetings - 11:30 am</i> <i>Young Adult Group - 5pm</i>	3 <i>Evangelism— 11am</i> <i>Search & Call - 6pm</i>	4 <i>Prayer Group— 10 am</i> <i>Staff Meeting - 1:30 p.m.</i> <i>Bell Choir - 6:15 pm</i> <i>Heart & Soul— 7 pm</i>	5 <i>CBS— 9:30 am</i> <i>Guitar— 5:30pm</i> <i>Alternative WorshipBand—6pm</i> <i>Alternative Worship Planning Meeting—7pm</i> <i>Choir - 7pm</i>	6	7 <i>Prayer Coffee— 9:30 am</i>	8
9 <i>Friends in Faith lunch - 11 am</i> <i>Youth Meetings - 11:30 am</i> <i>CCF - 11am-2pm</i>	10 <i>Evangelism— 11am</i> <i>Finance Committee - 6:30 pm</i>	11 <i>Prayer Group— 10 am</i> <i>Bell Choir - 6:15 pm</i> <i>Emmaus - 6:30 pm</i> <i>Butterfly Group—7pm</i> <i>Heart & Soul— 7 pm</i>	12 <i>CBS— 9:30 am</i> <i>Guitar— 5:30pm</i> <i>Alternative Worship Band— 6pm</i> <i>Choir - 7pm</i>	13 Board Meeting - 6:30 pm	14 <i>Prayer Coffee— 9:30 am</i> <i>Parent's Night Out - 5 to 9 pm</i>	15
16 <i>Fellowship Luncheon - 11 am</i> <i>Youth Meetings - 11:30 am</i> <i>Young Adult Group - 5pm</i> <i>Dinner - 5pm</i> <i>Alternative Worship - 6pm</i>	17 <i>Evangelism— 11am</i> <i>Education Committee - 5pm</i>	18 <i>Prayer Group— 10 am</i> <i>Staff Meeting - 1:30 pm</i> <i>Delta Kappa Gamma -5:30 pm</i> <i>Bell Choir - 6:15 pm</i> <i>Heart & Soul— 7 pm</i>	19 <i>CBS— 9:30 am</i> <i>Guitar— 5:30pm</i> <i>Alternative Worship Band— 6pm</i> <i>Choir - 7pm</i>	20	21 <i>Prayer Coffee— 9:30 am</i>	22 CYF Day @ TCU <i>M&M Group—9:30 am</i>
23 <i>Youth Meetings - 11:30 am</i> <i>Young Adult Group - 5pm</i>	24 <i>Evangelism— 11am</i>	25 <i>Prayer Group— 10 am</i> <i>Staff Meeting - 1:30 p.m.</i> <i>Bell Choir - 6:15 pm</i> <i>Heart & Soul— 7 pm</i>	26 <i>CBS— 9:30 am</i> <i>Guitar— 5:30pm</i> <i>Alternative Worship Band— 6pm</i> <i>Choir - 7pm</i>	27 <i>Clergy Conference - 8:30 am-12pm</i>	28 <i>Prayer Coffee— 9:30 am</i>	29
30 Youth Sunday <i>Halloween Carnival - 11am</i> <i>Youth Meetings - 11:30 am</i> <i>Young Adult Group - 5pm</i>	31 <i>Evangelism— 11am</i>					