

# First News

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

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**Canceled**

**Male Call  
Breakfast**

**8:00 AM**

**Saturday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>**

see you in October



**Alternative Worship  
Saturday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 PM**

**JYF & Kid TIME FUN!  
Sun, September 20<sup>th</sup>  
12:00 Noon**



## September 2009 Scripture Readings & Liturgical Color

**Sunday, September 6  
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Green

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Psalm 125

James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17

Mark 7:24-37

**Sunday, September 13  
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Green

Proverbs 1:20-33

Psalm 19

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38

**Sunday, September 20  
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Green

Proverbs 31:10-31

Psalm 1

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Mark 9:30-37

**Sunday, September 27  
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Green

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

Psalm 124

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50

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## Search Committee Update



Your Pastoral Search Committee meets every two weeks.

We are currently putting final touches on the Congregation Profile, a copy of which will be sent to each applicant. We are also tabulating the results of the Congregational Surveys which you have submitted. A financial package drafted by the Committee was submitted to and approved by the Board.

A poster has been placed in the Narthex so you can also keep up with our progress. Please keep us in your prayers as we search for the right person to be our Senior Pastor.

## 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, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon for our first JYF (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders) and KidTIME (K-3<sup>rd</sup> graders) meetings of the new school year. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall to play, sing, plan upcoming events and eat pizza! The fun will end at 3:00 pm.



Questions? Call Mattie

## MEALS ON WHEELS



Good News!! Margie Harmon has volunteered to be the "Meals on Wheels" coordinator for FCC, replacing Mary Windham. Please give her your blessings for taking the lead on this important community project. Let's support and help Margie in any way we can. Thank you Margie for all you do, and thank you Mary Windham for all you have done for FCC and the San Marcos Community. Katy Rheinlander headed this project for many years too! Thanks ladies for your leadership!!

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## *Alternative Worship...*

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

- We have an all-age rock 'n roll band. (Anyone can join. We are not exclusive.)
- We made a piece of artwork while reading scripture to each other to find the will of God.
- We wrote notes to the military.
- We remembered Christ through communion.
- We sent cards to the homebound and shut-ins.
- We sat with God for awhile.
- We collected school supplies for the new school in town.
- We met some new people.
- We prayed for you,
- and, of course, we ate chocolate chip cookies.

It was awesome.

*The next planning meeting is:  
Wednesday, September 2, at 7pm*

**The next service is:  
Saturday, September 19, 5pm**

We will have a service of prayer stations. Come and experience prayer by using all 5 senses. All are welcome to help in planning the stations.

For answers, contact Maggie Mossler

## **Children's Sunday School is Hand's On!**



The children of FCC are "learning the way Jesus taught" with the new Hands On Bible Curriculum. Jesus was the master of using coins, mustard seeds and lilies of the field to help learners discover life changing Bible truths. We are simply following His lead!

Our dedicated teachers this year include Rachel Greenwood, Jackie Cable, Bonnie Warren and Maggie Mossler. These ladies truly are a blessing to the children of FCC and to our entire congregation. Next time you see one of these fine teachers, please give them a pat on the back. They are shining the light of Christ for all to see!

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## **Children's Church Will Follow Weekly Lectionary Reading**



This fall, Rachel Greenwood will continue to lead Children's Church for all children in kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. The order of service will be similar to the adult service and the children's story will be based on the scripture reading and sermon topic. The children will be given more opportunities to pray and sing and as always, communion will be offered by an elder of the church.

Children's Church is a place for our youngsters to learn about the love of God and to grow in their faith. Please pray for this important ministry!

Alternative Worship Planning Meeting – Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:00 PM  
September Alternative Worship – Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 PM



**ALTERNATIVE**

**WORSHIP**

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

3105 Ranch Road 12, San Marcos, Texas

**5 PM**

**EVERY 3RD SATURDAY**

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

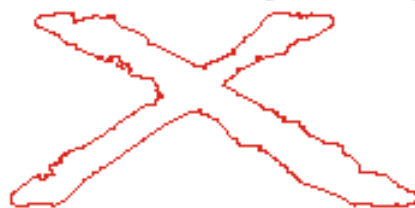
Planning meetings are every 1st Wednesday, 7pm.

ALL are welcome!

info contact: rev. maggie mossler

alternative worship minister

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# September Birthdays...

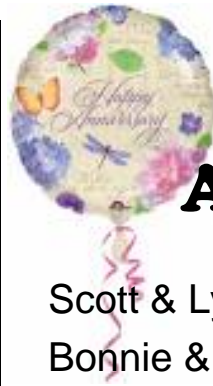


Trey Dusek	September 1
Deann French	September 1
Kathy Blagg	September 2
Pat Duran	September 4
Betty Porter	September 4
Kyle Stapp	September 8
Louise Mullins	September 9
Keith Shimek	September 11
Bobby Dupree	September 12
Wes Johnson	September 12
Mabel Cowan	September 13
Jeremy Olenick	September 13
Randy Ayers	September 14
Marlene Weidman	September 14
Cari Fowler	September 15
Lanell Scoggin	September 15
Bill Damron	September 16
Casey Braun	September 17
Gary McCaffrey	September 18
Irene Elliott	September 29

## 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! Char*



# September Anniversaries...

Scott & Lynda Simpson September 1  
Bonnie & David Warren September 15

## NEW GRANDBABIES...



**Gary and Jo Lynn Swenson** are proud to announce the birth of their fourth grandchild, **Sutton Glazener Swenson**. Born July 29, 2009 in Plano, TX, Sutton weighed 9 lbs. 3 oz. and was 20 inches. Sutton and his parents, Mignon and Steve Swenson, are all doing well!!!

**Maggie and Eddie Mossler** are proud to announce the birth of their **FIRST** grandchild, **Brandon Joseph Mossler**. Born August 24, 2009 to Glen and Manda Mossler of College Station, TX, Brandon weighed 9 lbs, 3.5 oz and was 21 inches. Felicia Mossler is a very proud Aunt, and Terri Barry loves being a Grand Aunt!



## 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



To my church family... thank you, thank you, thank you for all

your prayers, cards, visits, flowers, etc. It was so heartwarming to have your love and support during my recent hospital stay.

Mabel Hall

Dear Friends at FCC -

Thank you so much for honoring dad with such significant support at his service. Mother was so very pleased. All the Overalls are grateful for the excellent job done by Dr. Miller, as well as you, the members of FCC.

Respectfully, John Overall

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First Christian Church Congregation,

I have received some very nice notes in the mail recently from folks in your congregation. It is always nice to hear from people back home with messages of support and hope. Luckily, the violence in Iraq is diminishing with time. We are hopeful that soon the Iraqi people will be able to take care of their own security so everyone can come home! Thanks again for your kind thoughts!

Ruth German from Iraq

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#### Church Staff:

Dr. Mark H. Miller \_\_\_\_\_ Interim Senior Minister  
Rev. Jack Knox \_\_\_\_\_ Youth & Young Adult Minister  
Mattie Howard \_\_\_\_\_ Director, Children's Education  
Char Wood \_\_\_\_\_ Office Manager  
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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**Classes for All Ages!!**  
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