



Disciples of Christ no creed but Christ

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SAINT ANDREWS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Get--Ready--for--Summer


Works of Art


Vintage Treasures


Food and Fun

F A I R

May 21, 2011

8 am – 3 pm

Parking Lot (in Fellowship Hall in case of rain)
3945 N. Josey Lane
Carrollton, Texas 972.492.7531

Thoughts from the Pastor

“Worship Is for All of Us!”

When we have good attendance, Anne and I ask each other, “How would our sanctuary look if all our members showed up on the same Sunday?” It would be a great day!

Not too far from our home, we see members of an Orthodox synagogue walking to worship on Saturday mornings. Dressed in black and white, moving at a defined, but leisurely pace, the worshipers walk in family groups. I look at them and think, “What commitment!”

Commitment and discipline are needed by every worshiper who seeks to be faithful in attendance week-by-week. Worship becomes a priority and a great source of strength.

Good people say to pastors, “Oh, I can worship on the lake! I can worship under a tree! I don’t need to be in church.” I respectfully disagree. I like the lake, too, but I worship in a congregation. Each of us can realize moments of spiritual growth and renewal outdoors or at special places, but worship is what we do together. Worship is the good work of the people bringing praise to God. Worship is for all of us.

Easter will be here on April 24! “How would our sanctuary look if all our members showed up on the same Sunday?” See you on Easter!

Blessings,

Pastor Randy

NOTE

Remember the Helping Tree and Blessings Bush in the Narthex.

The Helping Tree is a great way to provide inexpensive cost-savers to the church.

The Blessing Bush is to build up our reserves whenever you feel particularly blessed!

Mark Your Calendars!

April

Birthdays

- 1 Michael Schafer
- 2 Collin James Morales
- 8 Leah Gordon
- 9 George Tiegs
- 11 Noah Hammonds
- 12 Avery Anne Schafer
- 16 Pam Wilson
- 17 Christopher Walsh
- 22 Russ Daniel
- 23 Harlea Monson
- 27 Valdene Whitehead

Anniversaries

- 20 Tricia & Jason Whitler
- 24 Margaret & John McCasland
- 26 Adrienne & Jeff Monson
- 28 Leah & Michael Gordon
- 30 Danna & David Adams



X-tra Prayers Please

Danna Adams
 David Adams
 Lyndsey Campbell
 Leighton Chaplin
 Christine (Coyle gr'daughter)
 Mary and Dan Daniel
 Tom Dishberger
 Tom Ebel
 Barbara Miller
 Family of Rev. Dr. Tom Robb
 Ron Sebastian
 Glenn Startz
 Family of James Clay Stone
 Vick family
 Jason Whitler family
 Holly Williamson

March

30 Bible Study, Chapter 2, The Case for Easter, 6:30 pm

April

No Empty Nesters this month
No Young Adults this month

- 6 Bible Study, Chapter 3, The Case for Easter, 6:30 pm
 - 8 Elders Meeting, 7 pm
 - 12 Fellowship Luncheon, 12 pm
 - 16 Senior Fellowship, 6 pm
 - 17 Maundy Thursday Service, 7 pm
 - 22 Good Friday
 - 24 Easter Sunday services, 8:30 am and 11 am
 - 24 Easter brunch, 9 am
 - 26 Prayer Pals, SACC, noon
 - 28 CCA Food Pantry, 6 pm
 - 29-30 Spiritual Life Retreat for Women, Athens
- #### May
- 1 Spiritual Life Retreat for Women, Athens
 - 13-15 64th Annual Tri Area CMF Spring Retreat

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

April 17 – Palm Sunday
 9:45 Classes
 11:00 Worship



April 21 – Maundy Thursday
 7:00 Communion Service

April 22 – Good Friday

April 24 – Easter Sunday
 8:30 Early Service
 9:00 Easter Brunch
 9:45 Classes
 11:00 Worship
 12:00 Easter Egg Hunt



Get Involved with SACC



A MUSICAL NOTE FROM LISA

*May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.*

Galatians 6:14

The Easter season is upon us! What a wonderful time to reflect on the nature of our relationship with Christ and the redemption that He brings. This time of Lent and Easter serves as a touchstone for me, a reminder of my need to live in a greater spirit of forgiveness and grace—when I contemplate the meaning of the cross, my sense of internal peace grows! Amazing how that works.

The choir is preparing some upbeat and expressive anthems to present through the Palm Sunday-Easter week. We're excited! And we hope that you'll join us and share the joy. Come on by the sanctuary at 7:40pm on Wednesday evenings if you are interested in singing with us. Also, our bell choir meets at 7pm on Wednesday evenings—we're looking for ringers! Please consider being a part of the bell choir. We'd love to see you.

May you find greater meaning and peace through this Easter season!

Best,

Lisa

SACC Teams are Rocking!

Empty Nesters

Currently no plans for Empty Nesters April 1. Hope to see you in May!

Young Adults

The Young Adults met in March for an Irish dinner at the home of Lisa and Patrick Morales. The food was great; the kids had a perpetual Irish jig going, and everyone had a great time visiting with the Vick twins..

Young Adults are busy in April but will meet at the Schafers' home in May.

Membership

April Fellowship Dinner

We all love a good home-cooked meal, but an even better deal is a church fellowship dinner! We have some fine cooks at SACC, and they love to share their delicious food. Come join us on April in the Fellowship Hall directly after the worship service. Please bring your favorite foods with extra to share!

Please sign up!

We need volunteers for providing communion bread and juice. And we still need help with Kids' Kafe desserts for this season. Please see Anne Smithson or sign-up sheet near the church office.

Seniors

A Treat for Seniors

Robyn Gerko is cooking dinner for the seniors April 16, 6 pm as a way to say thank you for supporting her and Hannah over the past year. Please let Cindy Whitten, 972-416-9084, know if you plan to attend.

Update from the Board

Because We Care



The Board has voted to purchase a defibrillator for the congregation. We are especially grateful for a special gift from one of our families who provided the funds. As soon as scheduled, we will announce training classes for interested parties to attend. The Board approved the purchase in order to provide an extra level of care for our members.

Rainy Days and Mondays



You've probably heard. The roof at the Peanut Gallery has been leaking with each rainstorm in the past several months.

We hired a contractor to patch the roof and buy us some time to analyze our options, but the patches have not held.

Meanwhile, we asked an ad hoc committee made of John Wilbanks and John McCasland to evaluate the value of the Peanut Gallery and determine whether it makes sense to put significant investment into repairing the Peanut Gallery; alternatively, we asked them to evaluate whether selling the Peanut Gallery without additional investment is warranted.

The committee determined that a sale may eventually be in the best interest of the church, but not until the current lease expires because of the devaluation caused by the current lease encumbrance. The committee also recommended that repair of the roof was a necessary expenditure at this time..

The committee made its recommendation to the Executive Committee this month, which was delivered to the Board on March 20. The Board voted to replace the top layers of the roof, and we are in the process of accepting a bid by Stapleton & Sons Roofing to make this significant repair. At the same time, we are applying to Church Extension to add the necessary repairs to our mortgage.

Exercise daily -- walk with the Lord.



Register before April 29th for Disciples Men's Retreat in Athens May 13 – 15 and save on your registration fee.

\$80 now; \$90 later

What Else is Happening?



Can you believe a whole year has passed since the last Carrollton Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association garage sale?

This year they have an arrangement with an estate dealer who gives them the unsold items after each estate sale. That means they will have really unique and interesting items for sale...lots more furniture if you need to fill up a new house or apartment. Each year they raise money to supplement the Police Department budget. With limited budgets, they need lots of help!

It will be at the church on Friday, May 6th, and Saturday, May 7th. All donations are tax deductible. If you need a pickup in advance, call Susan at 972-245-7315. Thanks for helping.

AREA ASSEMBLY IN PLANO

Congregations of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the North Texas Area will gather at First Christian Church in Plano on May 1 for the annual Area Assembly. The event starts at 3:00 p.m. Please contact our staff if you plan to attend.

We Got Mail!

Spiritual Life Retreat for Women
April 29, 30 & May 1, 2011
Disciples Crossing, Athens, Texas

One Person Can Make a Difference
Tag, You're It!
Isaiah 6:8

Mary Jacobs, IDWM President

Mary says, "I started my journey as a part of the Disciples of Christ in First Christian Church, Rowlett, Texas, as soon as my mom wrapped me in a blanket and introduced me to my 'Church family'. Coming to the North Texas Area Disciples Women's Retreat brings me 'noise'."

Early Bird Registration \$80 for the Weekend by April 7th
Additional \$10 by Deadline Date April 15th
Includes Housing, Food, & Programming

To Register or for More Information Contact:

Update on the FAIR

SAVE THE DATE: May 21, 8 am to 3 pm



The buzz about the 2011 fair is getting louder, and the bees are humming along.

The sign-up sheets in the narthex are getting populated.

The list of ideas for crafts we can make is getting longer.

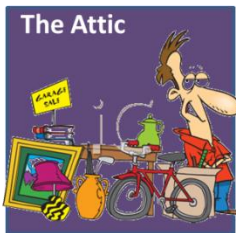
The flyers are being printed.

Our critical need is still someone to organize logistics.

Next meeting: Sunday, April 3, 4:30 pm to complete the work plan. All welcome.



Classified Ad: Crafts Wanted. Do you have a skill or talent and would be willing to contribute some or all of the proceeds of your work to SACC?



Classified Ad: Adventurer with no ideas. Are you be willing to make something fun to sell in the fair as long as you are given the instructions and supplies? Please contact Charlotte Sasser to volunteer.



Classified Ad: Do you have a green thumb? Are you willing to grow some vegetable, herb or flower plants to sell at the fair?



Classified Ad: Cook. Are you willing to make some cooked or baked items for the fair? We have volunteers for baked sale items and for homemade jellies; we need more!



Classified Ad: Spring Cleaners. Do you have vintage or interesting items sitting in closets or your attic that you could do without? Are you willing to put them in the fair to see if the church can benefit? We are willing to split proceeds!

Worship Leadership Schedule – April 2011

Activity	4/3	4/10	4/17	4/24
Prepare communion	Hannah and Robyn S. Gerko	Jean and Wally Crover	Wilma and Bob Edwards	Louellen Stephenson
Greeters*	Michael and Carol Johnson	Jim and Kathy Neill	Gary and Louellen Stephenson	Michael and Mary Peebles
Worship Leader	Robyn S. Gerko	Jeff Koch	Sandra Ninemire	Pam Wilson
Scripture Reader	Erin Schafer	Alaura Sylvis	Cindy Whitten	Hannah McCasland
Servers	Jan Wilbanks John Wilbanks Michael Peebles Mary Peebles Martha Roos Brett Malott	March Maher Sheila Maher John McCasland Hannah McCasland Wally Crover Laverne Henkis	Elizabeth Koch Jeff Koch Melissa Rembecki Erin Schafer Michael Schafer Gregg Hoppe	Sandra Ninemire Anne Smithson Rodney Burris Kent Sylvis Kari Sylvis Jim Wilson
Communion Leader	Randy Smithson	Michael Gordon	Anne Smithson	Robyn Shipley-Gerko
Children's Message	Leah Gordon	Robyn Shipley-Gerko	Kent Sylvis	Jean Crover
Extended Session	Michael and Carol Johnson	Trina and Rodney Burris	Amy Stephenson Heath Koch	Tricia Whittler Elizabeth Koch

Message to Greeters: Please invite all visitors to sign the guest book located on the small table to the left of the main Sanctuary doors.

REQUEST AND APPRECIATION: No schedule is perfect. If you need to secure a replacement, please do so. Then email Nancy.daniel@e-sacc.org or phone the Church Office (972.492.7531) to tell us the change. Thanks.

April's Bible Bee: "Dollars and Sense"



Test your knowledge. How many can you answer? Researching the Good Book is allowed. Answers found below.

1. What gifts was Rebekah given at the well?
2. Which Old Testament prophet did the Lord use to speak to the Israelites, saying, "You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it?"
3. In John's Gospel, who is said to have stolen money from the disciples' money bag?
4. To whom is Paul writing when he says, "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil"?
5. Which one of Jesus' disciples was formerly a tax collector?
6. Fill in the missing word from Deuteronomy, "At the end of every _____ years you must cancel debts."
7. As recorded in Matthew's Gospel, how many sparrows cost a penny?
8. Fill in the missing word from Proverbs: "A _____ woman gains respect, but ruthless men gain only wealth."
9. Which disciple said at the feeding of the 5,000 that eight month's wages would not buy enough bread for all the people?
10. In Mark's Gospel, when Jesus is being questioned about the payment of taxes, whose head is on the coin that Jesus looks at?

* Source: [The Ultimate Bible Fact & Quiz Book](#), Martin Manser.

Answers to this month's quiz:

1. A gold nose ring and two gold bracelets. 2. Haggai. 3. Judas Iscariot. 4. Timothy. 5. Matthew (called Levi in Mark and Luke). 6. Seven. 7. 2. 8. Kind-hearted. 9. Phillip. 10. Caesar's.