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Visiting a new church scary
Seeing church members greet each other nice but still lonely
Having members make their way to greet me, the visitor Comforting!

Please make a point to look for visitors, welcome them and invite them to come again!

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THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR

“From Gutenberg to the Internet”

Believe it or not, receiving a church newsletter online is a recent phenomenon! During the years of ministry, I have seen several different methods for the production of church newsletters. Some of my clever friends would say, “Yes, since you go back to the days of Gutenberg, you have seen a lot!” This is not true.

I can remember the ditto machine with the spirit masters and the smelly fluid. With few exceptions, the operator would get more purple ink on himself / herself than on the copies. After the ditto machine, churches used mimeograph machines. Typing the master was a challenge, and the impressions looked a bit fuzzy around the edges.

A few years later, table-top offset printing was widely used in churches across the country. Church staffers were wanna-be printers. In preparing copy for the newsletter, the typist could use a paper master or a thin aluminum plate. Plates could be made on a ‘plate maker’ or by paying for the service through a local graphics company or commercial printer. Offset printing required real printer’s ink, etching solution, and cleaner for the rubber blanket which made the impressions.

Copy machines were used in recent years to make paper copies of newsletters. The SACC newsletter was produced by volunteers and staff using desk top publishing and the Xerox machine. Sending the newsletter by bulk mail required a mailing list of at least 200 pieces, payment of an annual bulk mailing permit, and the cost of each monthly mailing. Getting a copier that printed on 11 x 17 paper was such an exciting day! Taking the newsletter to the bulk mail department of the Post Office was never much fun.

Now, we produce the newsletter digitally. Clicking on the newsletter PDF on the church website opens the newsletter opens. Thank you, Pam, for being our newsletter editor the last two years!!

One thing I know for sure: it is very helpful for all of us to take a few minutes and read the church newsletter. When I hear someone say, “I didn’t know about that program,” I know this person has not had time to read the newsletter.

What method or media will we use next for getting out the word about the fellowship of the church and the love and grace of Christ our Lord?

Blessings,
Randy

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

August

Birthdays

- 5 Lynn May
- 5 Anna Bassford
- 6 Brett Malott
- 6 John McCasland
- 8 Jean Bailey
- 11 Elizabeth Gondolf
- 14 David Adams
- 14 Jessica Kinslow
- 17 Maddie Rembecki
- 18 Cody Burris
- 20 Erin Schafer
- 22 Dori Rembecki
- 25 Gary Stephenson
- 26 Anne Smithson
- 27 Wally Crover
- 31 Kristi Bryant

Anniversaries

- 6 Gail and Brett Malott
- 15 Erin and Michael Schafer
- 23 Jean and Wally Crover
- 23 Judy and Bill Sawyer

August

- No Empty Nesters in summer; Young Adults plans to be determined
- 4 Search and Call Committee, 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
- 6 Shoes for Kids, 8 am
- 6 Luncheon for Monsons, 11:30 am
- 6 Monson Memorial Service, 1 pm
- 6 Seniors Fellowship, 6 pm
- 7 John McCasland Baptism, during morning services
- 9 Elders' Meeting, 7 pm (new elders expected)
- 13 CMF – Flight Museum, 9 am
- 14 Fellowship Luncheon, 12 pm
- 23 Prayer Pals, 12 noon
- 25 CCA Food Pantry, 6 pm
- 27 CROP Walk, 8:30 am

September

- 1 CWC Board, 9 am
- 2 Reserved for Empty Nesters (see article, next page)
- 4 Wii Party, 5:30 pm

SACC HELPING TREE



We all know that our tithes and offerings help to pay the bills and serve those in need. There are also numerous small expenses for day-to-day items that most of us don't really think about. That's where our SACC Helping Tree comes in.

Out in the Narthex on the wall beside the coffee maker, you will find the tree (pictured left). On these leaves there are names of small items which our church needs. Take time to look at the leaves and choose an item or two. Donating small items will keep our day-to-day expenses down!

CHAIRMAN'S CHALLENGE

As you all know by now, our beloved pastor is retiring this fall. That's good news and bad news. We are thrilled that Anne and Randy will no longer have to work so hard, and we are even more thrilled that they have chosen to stay as part of our congregation. The bad news: they do A LOT of work for us, and we won't have a new pastor for awhile.

In the coming months, for the interim between pastors we must determine how to cover the administrative tasks these two dedicated people have performed for the church.

We need help in four key areas:

- **Evangelism.** Someone to take responsibility for ensuring that we follow up with all weekly visitors in a timely manner. This can be rotated, as an option.
- **Property Repair and Maintenance.** Dwight and members of the Property Committee will manage these duties.
- **Website administrator.** Add and change content on our website, manage calendar.
- **Building oversight.** Open and close building, support events, ensure church building is ready for congregation each Sunday. This can be rotated and divided up.

If you have a calling to help in any of these areas, please let me know.

Blessings,
Pam



X-tra Prayers Please

Lyndsey Campbell
The Chaplin Family
Christine (Coyle gr'daughter)
Mary and Dan Daniel
Tom Ebel
Barbara Miller
Glenn Startz
Gary Stephenson
Grant Story
George Tiegs
Holly Williamson

GET INVOLVED WITH SACC

SACC TEAMS ARE ROCKING!

Membership

August Fellowship Dinner

On Sunday, August 14, at 12:00 noon, the congregation will gather for lunch in the fellowship hall. Attendance at luncheons has been very good in 2011, and we want to keep up the good work.

Please remember to bring extra food so that we can invite visitors to stay for lunch and fellowship. We use a covered dish format.

Place food items in the fellowship hall before worship.

Thanks! Anne Smithson; Mary Peebles; Velvet Scholz – Membership

Save the Dates!!



On September 8th, 9th, and 10th, St. Andrews will be working with Olan Mills Photography to take family photos for a new church directory. The last SACC directory was published a number of years ago, and we have many new families who have joined our church since then. Others of us look quite different (better with age!) Olan Mills will provide a free directory for each family unit, at no cost to the church. Of course you will have an opportunity to purchase extra photos if you wish. Olan Mills will also provide a free \$25 portrait gift certificate to each participating family unit. On Thursday and Friday, you will be able to come any time between 2:00 p.m. and 9:20 p.m. On Saturday, appointments will be from 9:30 a.m. and 5:10 p.m. We will have appointment sign-ups on three Sundays, beginning on August 14.

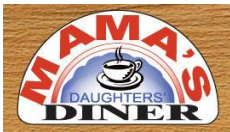
*Anne Smithson
Membership Chairperson*

Christian Men's Fellowship

The Christian Men's Fellowship will venture to the Frontiers of Flight Museum August 12. Meet at the church at 9 am. If you haven't been there, you've been missing out! Future men are welcome! For questions, contact Gary Stephenson, gms73@netzero.net



Seniors



The seniors are going out to eat again! Join them at Mama's Daughter's Diner, 6509 W. Park Blvd Suite 400 (Park and Midway) at 8 pm on August 6th.

Empty Nesters

Last year, we had great progress and a lot of fun initiating a group fellowship for "empty nesters," generally members of the congregation and guests that fit between young adults and seniors. But then, we sputtered . . . so took the summer off!

Please send your opinion about having an Empty Nesters group again, starting in September to Pam Wilson, pamwilson.allen@gmail.com.

- Are you interested in being a part of this group?
- What type format would you like to see?
- What appeals / does not appeal to you?
- Would you be willing to take responsibility for being "host" for a gathering? What this entails is deciding the venue, the agenda, etc. You don't have to do all of the work!



Outreach

Shoes for Kids

We need workers on Saturday, August 6, at the "Shoes for Kids" program.

Please meet Dwight Hilton, our coordinator, at the Payless Shoe Store on Josey Lane at the George Bush Freeway at 8:00 a.m. The fitting and delivery of shoes for the children should last about two hours.

What is it worth to see the expression on a child's face turn from doubt to joy? What is it worth to know that you are helping and making a difference? Don't miss this special opportunity to serve! Call our church office to volunteer



CROP WALK, 2011



The annual CROP walk will be held on Saturday, August 27, with festivities beginning and ending at the Holy Covenant United Methodist Church (Josey at Peters Colony). Walkers will gather at 8:00 a.m. for the registration/kickoff ceremony, and the actual walk will begin at 8:30 a.m. This year, there will also be some fun family activities after the walk. There is even a rumor that some very talented face painters will be there! Proceeds from the walk will be used to alleviate world hunger, with 25% going to Metrocrest Social Services. SACC members have been very active in the CROP walk for several years, and we will be working to have a good turnout on August 27. You can sign up online by visiting www.cropwalkonline.org. There will also be a signup table in the narthex on the three Sundays before the walk.

WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING?

Recycling for Cash----Protect the Environment



Did you know that 2.5 ounces of oil is used to make a single inkjet cartridge? Think of that....stacked end to end, just in 2004, those cartridges could circle the earth. And then, there're cell phones. For every cell phone donated, 158,000 gallons of water will be protected from potential toxic contamination.

At SACC we are constantly looking for community and stewardship projects. Here is a program that combines both areas. This is not a one-time event. Hopefully, with your help, it will continue to be a fundraiser for the church.

What can you donate? Lots of things.

Cell phones	Digital cameras	Radar detectors
Laptop computers	Video cameras	Electronic book readers
Inkjet cartridges	MP3 players	GPS devices

Place your unwanted electronic items in the box in the Narthex. We'll take it from there!

Once Again-Bargains Galore!

Saturday, September 17th, the Carrollton Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association will hold a garage sale at the church from 8-1. It's too soon to report exactly what's for sale but I do know that they need lots of stuff. They will not be picking up items early this time. Everything needs to be dropped off that morning.

All proceeds benefit the Carrollton Police Department Team Texas. This is a group of officers who ride bikes throughout the state to events that honor fallen officers. Call Cindy Whitten at 972-416-9084 if you have questions.



WE GOT MAIL!



The Nor'kirk Presbyterian

July 26, 2011

Reverend Randy Smithson
Saint Andrews Christian Church
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Dear Randy,

Greetings from the "Hometown Nazareth" cleanup week! As you know, we held Vacation Bible School here at The Nor'kirk last week, with 76 children and about 45 volunteers spending time learning what life was like 2000 years ago in the village where Jesus was a boy.

It was a wonderful week, made even more wonderful by the presence of three Saint Andrews youth, who demonstrated their commitment, kindness, and joy in the Lord each day as they led the children through games, crafts, songs, visits with Mary, the mother of Jesus, and time spent in the marketplace visiting with a carpenter, a farmer, an olive oil merchant, a rabbi, a wool shop worker, a dye shop worker, rock quarry workers, and a bead maker.

Elizabeth Koch served as a Tribe Leader to some of our younger children, and she did so with compassion, leadership, and joy. Each time I saw her she was either carrying a child or guiding a child or listening to a child – she was amazing. Alex Koch served as a worker in our Games area, and the adult in charge of the area was delighted to have him back this year. I wish you could have seen his enthusiasm as he directed the children in the games, even in the very hot weather. He was outstanding. And Heath Koch serves as a Tribe Leader to one of our oldest groups of children. I placed him in that position because I knew he would encourage those older children, the boys in particular, to participate and to have fun. Sure enough, Heath's example allowed the older boys to enjoy the songs, the crafts, and by all means the water games! Heath was inspiring.

The three Koch youth were an important part of our VBS staff, and we very much appreciate their presence. Please let your congregation know how proud they should be of these fine examples of Christian youth.

In Christ,


Director of Christian Education



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WORSHIP LEADERSHIP SCHEDULE – AUGUST 2011

Activity	8/7	8/14	8/21	8/28
Prepare communion	John and Hannah M ^c Casland	Wilma and Bob Edwards	Anne Smithson	Nancy Daniel
Greeters*	Reggie M ^c Clendon	Carol and Michael Johnson	Louellen and Gary Stephenson	Wilma and Bob Edwards
Worship Leader	Jeff Koch	Russ Daniel	Robyn Shipley-Gerko	Pam Wilson
Scripture Reader	Jon Wilbanks	Cindy Whitten	Alex Koch	Hannah Gerko
Servers	Charlotte Sasser Reggie M ^c Clendon Sandra Ninemire Erin Schafer Michel Schafer Russ Daniel	Michael Johnson Patrick Morales Amy Stephenson Carol Johnson Laverne Henkis John M ^c Casland	Kari Sylvis Elizabeth Koch Mary Peebles Bill Sawyer Gregg Hoppe Michael Peebles	Wally Crover Debbie Gondolf Jim Wilson March Maher Sheila Maher Rodney Burris
Communion Leader	Anne Smithson	Randy Smithson	Jim Neill	Robyn Shipley-Gerko
Children's Message	Melissa Rembecki	Pam Wilson	Leah Gordon	Jean Crover
Extended Session	Leah Gordon	Jean Crover	Amy Stephenson	Tricia Whitler

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.