

Disciples of Christ no need but Christ



December 2010



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So Kind, So Thoughtful!!

Anne and I appreciate the kindness extended to us during "The Week of Christian Ministry" in October. Thanks to the Board for the card and gifts. (Someone on the Board knows that I like Cabela's.) The staff luncheon prepared by the Elders was delicious. This was the very first time I have seen a church-prepared luncheon for the staff in all my years of ministry. For all the staff members and their families, I say, "Thank you!"

We count it a blessing to serve with you at SACC. May the Advent / Christmas season bring you great joy and peace!

Randy and Anne Smithson

Congregational Meeting – December 5, 2010

The Annual Meeting of the congregation will be held immediately after worship on Sunday, December 5. Items on the agenda include the review and approval of the budget for 2011 and the election of officers and members of the Board for 2011. Your participation is appreciated!

Mark Your Calendars!

INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN US!

December

Birthdays

- 4 Austin Baker
- 5 Jean Bernhardt
- 5 Sheila Maher
- 7 John Gondolf
- 12 Kyle Burris
- 14 Trish Whittler
- 15 Ben Smithson
- 18 Adrienne Monson
- 18 John Sherwood
- 18 Louellen Stephenson
- 18 Michelle Sullivan
- 20 Memo Mervine

Anniversaries

- 7 Trina & Rodney Burris
- 16 Kari & Kent Sylvis
- 27 Jackie & John Hammonds
- 31 Pam & Jim Wilson



X-tra Prayers Please

Christine (Coyle gr'daughter)
Leighton Chaplin
Mary and Dan Daniel
Irmgard Ebel
Tom Ebel
Robyn & Hannah Gerko
March Maher
Barbara Miller
Noble Sasser
Anne Startz
Rev. Bob Stewart
Grant Story
Kerri & Jeff Vick

November

30 CWF Holiday Party, 7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

December

No Empty Nesters this month

No Young Adults this month

No Seniors Fellowship this month

- 5 Advent II, Annual Congregational Meeting, noon
- 12 Advent III. Fellowship Dinner, Fellowship Hall, noon
- 14 Elders Meeting, 7 pm
- 19 Advent IV, Christmas Brunch at 9 am, Christmas offering, Choir Cantata
- 23 CCA Food Pantry, 6 pm
- 24 Christmas Eve service, 5 pm
- 25 Christmas Day
- 28 Prayer Pals, SACC, noon

Get Involved with SACC

A MUSICAL NOTE FROM LISA



For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The prince of Peace...

Isaiah 9:6

The beloved season of Christmas has arrived, and I think it's safe to say that we're all looking forward to the wonderful music of the holidays! At St. Andrews, the bell choir will be preparing a special arrangement of a beautiful Christmas piece, while the Chancel Choir enjoys its final rehearsals for our annual Christmas musical presentation. We hope that you will join us for this special music!

On November 28, SACC will celebrate Christmas through a service of Lessons and Carols featuring many traditional hymns and scripture readings. The bell choir is planning to play during a December worship service, and December 19 is the date of the Chancel Choir's musical presentation.

Take a moment to savor the sounds, smells, and colors of the season!!

Have a merry, merry Christmas.

Warmest wishes,

Lisa

Borrowed from another church's bulletin:

"At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice. Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones."

Source: <http://www.makeitclearnow.org/re humor.html>

SACC Teams are Rocking!

Empty Nesters



The Empty Nesters had a great time at Grill 19, with 21 in attendance.

The group will skip December and will meet in a private room at Maggiano's (Park & Tollway) January 7th for its next get-together.

We need to know how many will be attending, so please call or e-mail Pam Wilson by Monday, Jan. 3rd to let her know if you plan to come.

Ph. 972-727-1086 pamwilson.allen@gmail.com

To view the menu, go to www.maggianos.com.

Young Adults



All gathered the night before "the Big Game" to talk it up, but found that the head coach had been found murdered. Everyone became a suspect as we all played as entertaining characters to figure out "who dunnit?" Thanks to the Smithsons for hosting the evening. A fun time was had by all! (See photos on page 4)

Christian Women's Fellowship



Don't Forget the Holiday Party!

Women of St. Andrews: Mark your calendar for a Cookie Exchange on Tuesday, November 30th starting at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Bring 3 dozen cookies to exchange with others to take home, and a few extra cookies to enjoy during fellowship. Election of officers will take place. Come for the cookies, the coffee and a collection of great women.

Membership

December Fellowship Dinner

Our monthly Fellowship Dinner will be on Sunday, December 12, at 12:00 p.m. Bring your favorite dishes with plenty to share, and acquaint or re-acquaint yourself with our new and older members!

Outreach



MIKE'S KIDS 2010

Nov. 6 – Dec. 12

Mike's Kids is an annual program that is supported by the North Texas Area of Disciples Christian Churches, the Christian Men's Fellowship, and the Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries in the Rio Grande Valley. This program supports children and adults who have been abandoned or forced out of their homeland to a new country for political or religious reasons. As Christmas season fast approaches it is time to begin filling banana boxes with new and gently used clothes (appropriate for South Texas) and toys to be delivered to Los Fresnos, Texas (The Reverend Feliberto Pereira) to be distributed to "the poorest of the poor" in the area and to an orphanage just across the border in Mexico.

Many local church groups, youth and others, have supported this mission and Reverend Pereira, he himself a political refugee from Cuba, in aiding the needy all across the Rio Grande Valley region. Last year 2009 a total of 1,248 banana boxes, full of new or gently used clothes and toys were delivered to the Valley.

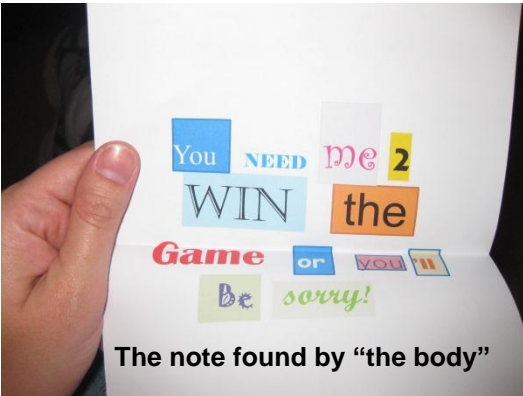
SACC has been an avid supporter for Mike's Kids and will be once again sending clothes and toys to the Valley. You will soon see banana boxes in the Narthex. Please consider a gift that will help bring smiles to the faces of many displaced children and families. Please make Mike's Kids something you will share in this year to bring those in need a little Christmas Cheer.

Been taken for granted? Imagine how God feels.

Special Event: Missy Gondolf Baptism



November at SAC: Young Adults—Murder Mystery Night



The note found by "the body"



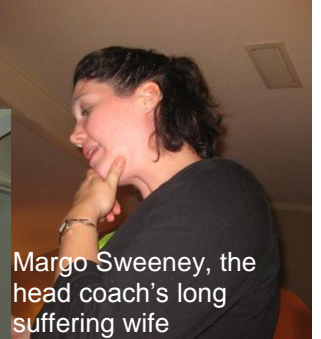
Mrs. Robinson, the owner of the team



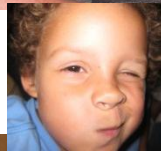
Diamond Phairie, magazine model who flirts with everyone.



Kelly McGrail, head cheerleader



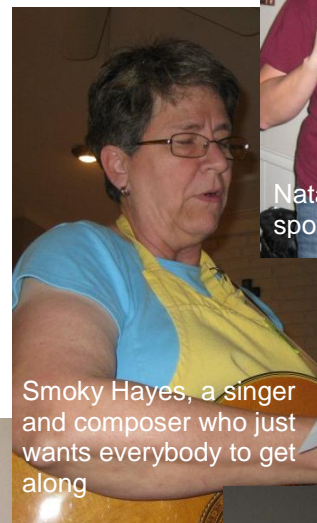
Margo Sweeney, the head coach's long suffering wife



Bodhi Fine, the team eye-candy



Rusty Traynor, the team trainer, who takes good care of the team



Smoky Hayes, a singer and composer who just wants everybody to get along



Natalie Knose, sports reporter



Morgan Mentor, team psychotherapist



Buster Johnson, the assistant coach



Marshall Thornside, the highly talented and troubled player



Raven Robinson, spoiled daughter of the owner

And, who can forget Trick or Trunk this year



Amy and Reggie, in his first costume of the evening



The Wilsons and one daughter's family



Leah and Mike, fabulous chefs for the event



Avery can attest. It was a FUN party!

A Few Funnies

One minister says that it doesn't bother him at all if his members look at their watches during his sermons. It does affect him, however, when someone not only looks at his watch, but also holds it up to his ear to see if it's still running.

A new pastor was doing his rounds visiting the homes of his parishioners. At one house it was evident that someone was within but no one answered his repeated knocks. Eventually he wrote on the back of a calling card: 'Revelation 3:20' and stuck it to the door.

The following Sunday he was surprised to find his card in the offering plate. Below his writing was scrawled: 'Genesis 3:10.

He reached for his Bible and thereafter broke into gales of laughter.

Revelation 3:20 - "Behold, I stand at the door and knock..."

Genesis 3:10 - "I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked..."

Source: www.Christian-jokes.com

A Christmas Poem for Mom

For all the nights you stayed up late
to trim the Christmas tree,
For all the costly presents
That you purchased just for me...
For all the times you tucked me in
And read me stories too,
For all the ways you cheered me up
When I was feeling blue...
For all the cookies that you baked
And stockings that you stuffed,
For all the messes you cleaned up
And pillows that you fluffed...
For all the days you loved me,
Even when I made it hard,
For all these things,
and much, much more...
Here's a Christmas card!
(Kinda makes it all seem worth it,
doesn't it, Mom?...Mom?)
Merry Christmas!

What Else is Happening?

“JUST SAY KNOW”

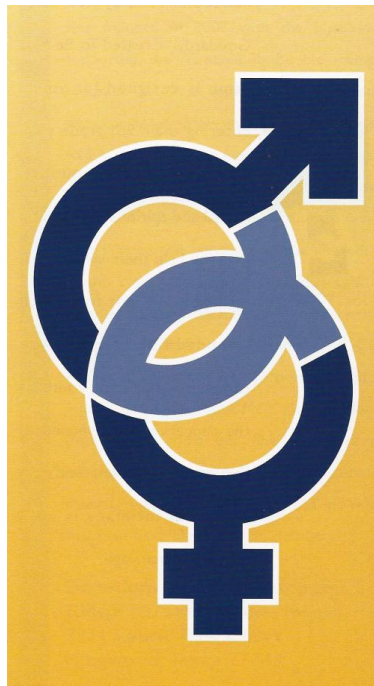
Biblically-based Sexuality Education for Youth & Parents

Four Sundays – January 2011
Jan. 9 – Jan. 16 – Jan. 23 – Jan. 30
5:00 – 7:30 pm

Location

St. Andrews
Christian Church
3945 N. Josey
Carrollton, TX
972.492.7531
www.e-sacc.org

Discovering
God’s Plan for
Healthy Living



Classes

4th – 5th Grades
6th – 8th Grades
9th – 12th Grades

\$15 per person
or
\$30 per family

www.clerministries.org
A Non-Profit Ministry
Reclaiming God’s Gift of Sexual Intimacy

See Registration Form

Sex Education Courses in January



What is the relationship between Christian spirituality and human sexuality? What guidance does our faith provide for making good decisions? How can students and parents access clear, accurate information as they share and learn to communicate?

Four Sunday nights in January – 9th; 16th; 23rd, and 30th – SACC will sponsor classes for students and parents. The course is called “**Just Say Know**” from CLER (Christian Life Enrichment Ministries). Rev. Linda Goddard developed the program more than 20 years ago, and it has been updated several times for presentation in local churches and in summer camps. Teachers for the course include: Jim Hamilton; Donna Atkinson; Randy Smithson; Margaret McCasland; Jason Hamilton; Amy Stephenson, Pam Wilson; Reggie McClendon; and Melissa Rembecki.

Each evening, class will begin at 5:00 p.m. with dinner coordinated by Carol Johnson and Gary Stephenson. Anne Smithson will lead worship at 5:45 in the sanctuary. Small groups will meet from 6:00 to 7:20 followed by a brief closing worship.

Who can sign up? There will be classes for 4th and 5th grade girls and 4th and 5th grade boys. Parents attend with 4th and 5th graders.

There will be a class for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders with parents attending.

The high school class is for 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders. Parents are not included.

Orientation meetings for parents are set for December 5 at 7:00 p.m. and January 5 at 6:30 p.m.

The cost is \$15 per person or \$30 per family.

Registration forms are available in the church office.

What an ambitious project? Yes! What an important educational program? Yes! Please support the course with your prayers.

See Registration Form at back of newsletter.



Announcing. . .

St. Catherine of Siena's
10th Annual Christmas Bazaar—2010
1705 E. Peters Colony Road, 75007
www.stcatherine.org 9072-492-3237

Mark your calendar for an adventure through fantastic bargains on donated and homemade items for Christmas. Take advantage of one-stop shopping. Spend time with a friend, grab a bite to eat. Free admission.



Each vendor donates an item from their booth for a raffle every two hours throughout the weekend. Raffle tickets are \$.50 each.

Saturday, December 4, from 9:30a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 5, from 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

St. Vincent DePaul Society's popular “This and That” booth in Siena Hall has new and slightly used donated items for children and youth to purchase as Christmas gifts at minimal cost, supporting the needy at Christmas.

Knights of Columbus are serving breakfast and lunch each day.

Pictures with Santa are Saturday, December 4, 1-3 p.m. Children ages three through ten will have an opportunity to make tree ornaments to take home and watch a movie in a safe environment while parents shop.

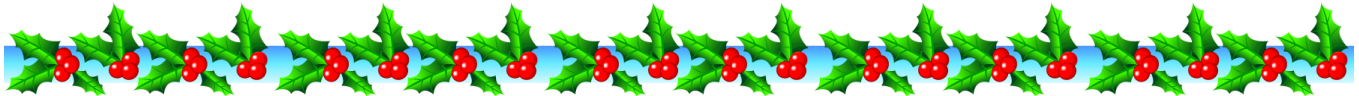


CHOIR TO SING AT COMMUNITY NATIVITY

The SACC Chancel Choir will sing at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 4, at the Community Nativity. The event is sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at 4600 Nazarene Drive in Carrollton.

Thousands of hours of preparation are put into the planning of the Nativity each year, culminating in a 72 hour effort by scores of volunteers. Imagine turning an all-purpose gymnasium into a glorious tribute to the birth of our Savior in 72 hours! With meticulous planning, and generous donations of time and talent, this gym becomes a true gem, honoring and testifying of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

<http://www.carrolltonnativity.com/>



The North Texas Area calls New Church Planter for Prosper!

After years of study and targeted fundraising to plant a new, large Disciples of Christ church in the NW McKinney (Prosper) area, the North Texas Area Cabinet was authorized by its Board to issue a call to a new church planter to begin the work next January. Using accumulated New Church dedicated funds, and anticipating significant gifts from NTA churches, the Area has issued that call to the Rev. Doug Kriz, current pastor of Speedway Christian Church of Indianapolis, Indiana. He will begin sometime in late January of 2011 with an anticipated worship launch in 2012.

Rev. Kriz has been on staff at Speedway since 2001 and Senior Minister since 2006, thus bringing with him experience and expertise in large church dynamics. He has also been through extensive Church Planter-Developer training and evaluation through the New Church Ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). In his current ministry, he has gained a reputation for innovative ways of reaching people, such as using a Segway to move from one house church worship service to another during the Indianapolis 500. He is married to Meredith, also an ordained Disciples minister trained in pastoral psychotherapy. They have a six year old daughter, Rachel, and a two year old son, Tyler.

Rev. Kriz earned his B.S. at TCU and his MDiv at Lexington Theological Seminary and was ordained in Kentucky in 2001. He has taken classes toward his Doctorate at Christian Theological Seminary. Doug writes, "I am passionate about making the Christian faith engaging, relevant and creative. While the wisdom and stories upon which we reflect are ancient, their impact is absolutely contemporary...I believe it is most important that people literally feel swept away by what God is doing among them and how God is using them..."

The New Church team for NTA was extremely fortunate to have an unusually deep pool of candidates, and to find among them someone with the combination of gifts Rev. Kriz possesses. Along with the new church start five years ago in Cedar Hill of Destiny Worship Center, and the multiple affiliations in the last several years of churches such as Mision La Roca in Oak Cliff, the Area is helping fulfill the goal of establishing 1000 new Disciples churches from 2000-2020. Area Minister Larry Ross said, "What is special about the new church at Prosper is that it is designed with the expectation and hope of becoming a large Disciples church that will itself have the resources and passion to start other churches in future years. The Prosper area is today what Frisco was 15 years ago. The potential is unlimited!"

Leadership Schedule - December

Activity	12/5	12/12	12/19	12/26
Prepare communion	Wilma & Bob Edwards	Jean & Wally Crover	Cindy Whitten Martha Hoppe	Ruth Disney Louellen Stephenson
Greeters*	Trina & Rodney Burris	Robyn & Hannah Gerko	Gregg Hoppe Dwight Hilton	Amy Stephenson Reggie McClendon
Worship Leader	Jeff Koch	Lisa Baker	Sandra Ninemire	Pam Wilson
Scripture Reader	Elizabeth Koch	Cindy Whitten	Kent Sylvis	Patrick Morales
Servers	Russ Daniel Nancy Daniel Wilma Edwards Debbie Gondolf LaVerne Henkis Gregg Hoppe	Wally Crover John McCasland Margaret McCasland Charlotte Sasser Jason Whitler Kenny Baker	Erin Schafer Brett Malott Mary Peeples Michael Peeples Sheila Maher March Maher	Jan Wilbanks John Wilbanks Louellen Stephenson Gary Stephenson Martha Roos Jeff Koch
Communion Leader	Lisa Baker	Michael Gordon	Anne Smithson	Bill Sawyer
Children's Message	Anne Smithson	Leah Gordon	Reggie McClendon	Robyn Gerko
Extended Session	Carol & Kelsey Johnson	Trina & Rodney Burris	Ruth Disney Nancy Daniel	Jean Crover Alex 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.



December's Bible Bee: "Great Love Stories 2"

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

1. In the book of Genesis, who was "a source of grief to Isaac and Rebekah"?
2. True or false? Peter took his wife with him when he went on his preaching missions.
3. In Genesis, what happened to Lot's wife when she looked back at Sodom?
4. Where were Abraham and Sarah buried?
5. Who does the Lord describe in the Old Testament as "the mother of nations"?
6. When Abraham's servant arrived at Haran to find a wife for Isaac, what prayer did he make at the well, that was subsequently answered?
7. True or false? Jacob loved Leah more than Rachel.
8. How did Laban trick Jacob on his wedding night?
9. Who was reputed to be the author of the Old Testament book Song of Songs?
10. Complete these words spoken by the Beloved in the Song of Songs: "He has taken me to the banquet hall, and his banner _____."

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

Answers to this month's quiz:

1. Esau and his wives, Olibamah (Judith) and Adah (Basemath) 2 True. (1 Corinthians 9:5). 3. She turned into a pillar of salt. 4. In the cave of Machpelah near Mamre, in a field Abraham bought from Ephron the Hittite. 5. Sarah came to a girl, "Please let down your jar that I may have a drink," and she says, "Drink, and I'll water your camels too," let her be the one you have chosen." 7. False. He loved Rachel more. 8. He gave Jacob Leah instead of Rachel. 9. Solomon 10. over me is love.

REGISTRATION FORM
“Just Say Know” Workshop
January 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2011
Saint Andrews Christian Church
Carrollton, Texas



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Grade: _____

Please circle the workshop you will be attending:

Elementary Girls*
(4th & 5th grades)

Elementary Boys*
(4th & 5th grades)

Middle School*
(6th – 8th grades)

High School
(9th – 12th)

* Parent attendance and participation required.

* Parent or Parents who will attend: _____

Cost: \$15 per person or \$30 per family

Payment Attached (amount): _____
(Please make your check payable to Saint Andrews Christian Church.)

Parent Signature(s): _____

Student Signature: _____

Thank you for your support!