



Disciples of Christ no creed but Christ

March, 2011



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Metrocrest Social Services
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972-446-2100.

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SAINT ANDREWS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Get--Ready--for--Summer

FAIR

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

The journey of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 9, at 7:00 p.m. with a very special service of worship. Friends at Nor Kirk Presbyterian will join us for this annual service.

Dr. Lisa Morales, our Minister of Music, has designed a new format for the service with scripture, hymns, anthems, and communion. Lisa will present "In Christ Alone" as special music. Erin Schafer will present signing as the combined choirs sing "Deep Peace." Eric Bailey will play the flute during "Behold the Lamb," the communion anthem. Sharmin DeMoss and Nancy Pratt will provide leadership at the Lord's Table.

May your Lenten journey be filled with prayer and reflection. May you draw closer to the living Christ who forgives and calls us to service. See you on Ash Wednesday!

Blessings,
Randy



*Peace starts
with a smile*

March

Birthdays

- 1 Nita Allen
- 2 Danna Adams
- 9 Avery Hines
- 10 Judy Preuss
- 12 Rodney Burris
- 13 Gregg Hoppe
- 17 Ray Walsh
- 21 Etta Marie Coyle
- 24 Bob Edwards
- 24 Jan Wilbanks
- 29 Reggie McClendon

Anniversaries

- 7 Bonnie & Jeff Koch
- 30 Kathy & Jim Neill



X-tra Prayers Please

Danna Adams
 David Adams
 Bryant family
 Lyndsey Campbell
 Leighton Chaplin
 Christine (Coyle gr'daughter)
 Mary and Dan Daniel
 Tom Ebel
 Reggie McClendon
 Barbara Miller
 Charlotte Sasser
 Jason Whitley family
 Glenn Startz
 Vick family

Mark Your Calendars!

March

- 2 3:16: The Numbers of Hope Adult Bible Study, 6:30 pm
- 4 Empty Nesters covered dish, 7 p.m., Fellowship Hall, "Mardi Gras"
- 6 Dedication of First Christian Church, Allen, 3 pm
- 8 Elders Meeting, 7 pm
- 9 Ash Wednesday services, 7 pm
- 13 Fellowship Luncheon, 12 pm
- 15 "Willie Nelson & Theology," East Dallas Christian Church, 10:30 am
- 16 Spring Break! No evening programs
- 18 Young Adults, 7 pm, home of Lisa and Patrick Morales
- 19 Senior Fellowship, 6 pm
- 22 Prayer Pals, SACC, noon
- 23 The Case for Easter Adult Bible Study, 6:30 pm
- 24 CCA Food Pantry, 6 pm
- 25 – 27 R.O.S.E.S. Leadership Training Event (see Mail section)
- 27 Men's Breakfast, 8 am



April

- 29-30 Spiritual Life Retreat for Women, Athens

May

- 1 Spiritual Life Retreat for Women, Athens

Lent

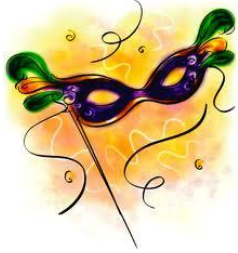
- Theme:** *Retreating Into the Wilderness with Jesus*
- Dates:** Lent is a forty-day period before Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday. We skip Sundays when we count the forty days, because Sundays commemorate the Resurrection. Lent begins on 9 March 2011 and ends on 23 April 2011, which is the day before Easter.
- Colors:** In most churches, the decorations are purple, the royal color, to prepare for the King.
- Scripture Readings:** The Revised Common Lectionary appoints Scripture readings for use in worship during the Season of Lent.
- The East:** In Orthodox churches, this season is called the Great Lent. It begins on Clean Monday.

Get Involved with SACC

SACC Teams are Rocking!

Empty Nesters

Mardi Gras Dinner



The Empty Nesters group will be celebrating Friday, March 4th at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship hall. The theme of this month's gathering is Mardi Gras.

Evelyn Witherspoon and Pam Wilson will be providing the main courses, bread and dessert. Members are asked to bring a complementary item or vegetable salad. Call Pam or Anne with questions:

Pam Wilson pamwilson.allen@gmail.com 972.839.1086

Anne Smithson anne.smithson@e-sacc.org 214.458.4408

Young Adults

The Young Adults met in late January at the home of Anna and Conor Poull. Over a casual potluck dinner, everyone had a great time sitting and talking about Amy and Reggie's upcoming wedding and the impending birth of the Vicks' twins, who came a few weeks ago and are precious.

In March, the Moraleses will once again host a St. Patrick's Day evening.

Membership

March to the March 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 March 13 in the Fellowship Hall directly after the worship service. Please bring your favorite foods with extra to share!

Seniors



Green Line and Dine

Plans are underway for the Seniors to ride the Green Line rail and dine along the way. The Frankford station is at ground level so walking will be minimal. The date is sure: Saturday, March 19th. Stay tuned for details on place and time.

Youth

Desserts for Kids' Kafe



Every Wednesday night at 5:45, we enjoy getting together for Kids Kafe dinners. You don't have to be a kid to sign up and come! These dinners not only provide a great meal, but they help raise money for our Youth Fund. Special youth programs like the recent CLER course, payments of one-half of summer camp fees for our youth, and materials for youth groups are all funded by the profits made from Kids' Kafe. Diners pay only \$3. (Where can you get a great meal for \$3 nowadays???) How can you help? We are in need of desserts for Kids' Kafe. We need 8 volunteers. You would need to provide enough desserts to feed about 40 people. Desserts do not have to be homemade. We love all sweets! Please contact Anne Smithson at anne.smithson@e-sacc.org if you would like to help us with desserts.

What Else is Happening?

Two Days of Fun!

Carrollton Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association needs your good used garage sale donations. Each year we raise money to supplement the Police Department budget. Yes, believe it or not, their budget does not cover all the items they need to do their job. After you donate, come to the sale and buy something!

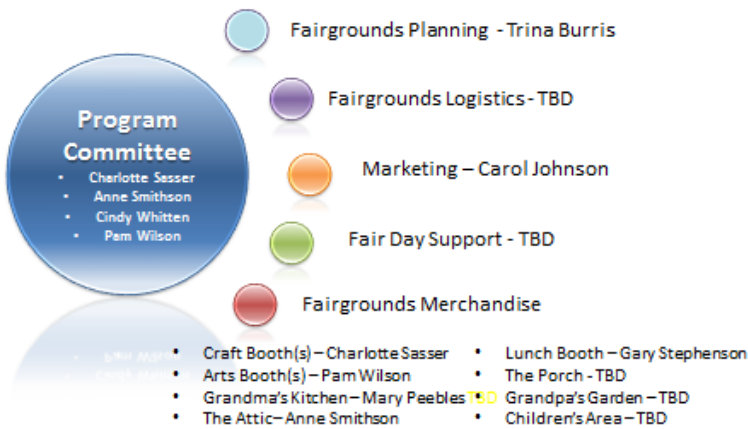
It will be at the church on Friday, May 6th, and Saturday, May 7th. All donations are tax deductible. If you need a pickup in advance, call Susan at 972-245-7315. Thanks for helping us.

Update on the FAIR

The 2011 fair planning is underway.

The following organization is in place:

SACC 2011 Fair Leadership Team



Helping Tree

It takes a lot of money to run a church building! We all know about the mortgage, insurance, building maintenance, and utility payments. Yes, those things require a considerable amount of money, but there are smaller, ongoing expenses that we don't often consider. The list is endless! Please think about assisting with the little day-to-day expenses to help SACC. In the narthex near the display case and coffeemaker, you will see a tree on the wall. There are many church needs written on the tree's leaves. Choose a few leaves and help SACC with those little things that add up to big expenses. You may leave your donated items in the church office or beneath the Helping Tree.

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

Crafts are being produced

Merchandise Contributors to Date

Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Watercolor paintings – Pam Wilson Pastels – Etta Marie Coyle
Crafts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quilts – Linda Brown Ceramics – Linda Brown Needlework – Kristi Bryant, Velvet Scholz, Larissa Doss Scrapbooking – Martha Duncan Bead Jewelry – Jean Crover Woodworking – Bob Edwards
Grandma's Kitchen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homemade Preserves – Margaret McCasland Baked Items – Jean Crover, Pam Wilson
Grandpa's Garden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pepper, Tomato Plant Starters – Gary Stephenson
The Attic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select Household Items – Pam Wilson, Anne Smithson
The Front Porch*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homemade Ice Cream
Children's Area*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Face Painting – Elizabeth Gondolf, Elizabeth Koch
The Back Yard*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hot Dogs, Chips, Drinks – Gary Stephenson

* SACC funded

But we still have PLENTY of room for you – and, more importantly, we NEED your help!

You can see we have openings for the following leaders:

- Fairground Logistics – signage, setup and takedown
- Fair Day Support – helping booths as needed
- “The Porch” – homemade ice cream
- “Grandpa’s Garden – booth of young plants
- Children’s Area

We also need more booth owners / contributors. If you have something to contribute but feel that you need some amount of compensation and are willing to share proceeds with the church, please let us know.

Fair Committee is currently made up of Charlotte Sasser, Anne Smithson, Cindy Whitten and Pam Wilson.

We Got Mail!



R.O.S.E.S. / Leadership Training Event
Creekwood Christian Church in Flower
Mound, Texas
March 25th - 27th, 2011


Come and hear two amazing women as guest speakers: Pat Donahoo, the new Executive Director of Disciples Women, and Mary Jacobs, the new International Disciples Women's Ministries President.

Join sisters from Great River, Oklahoma, and Southwest regions for fun, fellowship, and leadership training.

Attending this event is strongly recommended for Coordinators and Consultants to learn more about their roles and how they can all work together to build a stronger Region for Disciples Women's Ministries.


Marge Brashear has registration forms.

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 'home'."

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:

Dedication of New Church

You are invited to share in the Formal Dedication and Open House of the New Home of the First Christian Church of Allen, Texas, located at 1207 Twin Creeks Drive (NW corner of W. Exchange Parkway at Twin Creeks), Sunday, March 6, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.

There will be a reception following the services of dedication. If you will be able to attend, please respond to www.fccallen@att.net.

We are excited to share our new home and location with you and look forward to your presence as we celebrate this new beginning.

Doing Theology in Today's World: Willie Nelson and Theology

Disciples Women Invite YOU (men & women):

Rev. Dr. Robert M. Shelton, a long-time friend of Willie Nelson, will present a theological examination of the music of Willie Nelson. Join us at East Dallas Christian Church on Tuesday, March 15th at 10:30 a.m.

\$10 includes BBQ lunch
Call Jo Ann Wolslegel
214-739-5756 to register.

Special Feature Article: New and Improved Nursery!

The nursery at SACC is being updated! Several special little people in our congregation need a safe, attractive place to rest and play.

Please take a look at the new cribs! Now we are using cribs with fixed sides for the safety of infants. Rockers provide a place for mothers, fathers, and caregivers to sit with the small ones.

Cubby shelves have been installed along the north wall of the toddler room under the window. Containers hold smaller toys and sets of materials frequently used by the kids.

All the electrical outlets in the toddler room have been upgraded to 'tamper proof' units. A new line has been installed for the media area. Here's some of the process of installing the shelves:



And the results!!!



Special thanks are also due to **Jason Whitley, John Wilbanks and Nancy Daniel** for upgrading our server, operating system and accounting software this month!

Worship Leadership Schedule – March 2011

Activity	3/6	3/13	3/20	3/27
Prepare communion	Nancy Daniel	Jim and Kathy Neill	Chi Rho Group	Brett Malott
Greeters*	CYF class	Ruth Disney Irmgard Ebel	John / Hannah Mc Casland	Velvet/ Laura Scholz
Worship Leader	Russ Daniel	Michael Gordon	Bill Sawyer	Robyn Shipley-Gerko
Scripture Reader	Elizabeth Koch	Laverne Henkis	Louellen Stephenson	Alex Koch
Servers	Jim Neill Louellen Stephenson Alaura Sylvis Carol Johnson Robyn Shipley-Gerko Wilma Edwards	Michael Peebles Jason Whitler Pam Wilson Michael Schafer Lisa Baker Kenny Baker	Nancy Daniel Russ Daniel Michael Gordon Charlotte Sasser Amy Stephenson Margaret McCasland	Trina Burris Brett Malott Michael Johnson Patrick Morales Bill Sawyer Martha Roos
Communion Leader	Lisa Baker	Jeff Koch	Jim Neill	Pam Wilson
Children's Message	Melissa Rembecki	Amy Stephenson	Leah Gordon	Anne Smithson
Extended Session	Jean Crover	Leah Gordon	Debbie/ Missy Gondolf	Laverne Henkis

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.



March's Bible Bee: "Crime and Punishment 2"

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

1. Which famous New Testament figure was present at the stoning of Stephen?
2. True or false? The Jews wanted to stone Jesus several times.
3. Who was Jesus speaking about when he said, "He is a liar and the father of lies"?
4. In which book of the Old Testament is the verse, "My son, if sinners entice you, do not give in to them"?
5. Name the two crimes Barabbas had committed, as recorded in Mark and Luke.
6. At which feast was it the custom for Pilate to release a prisoner chosen by the people?
7. On how many occasions did Paul the apostle receive 39 lashes from the Jews?
8. Who was converted while Paul the apostle was in prison in Macedonia?
9. Who was God punishing in the Old Testament when he said, "When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you?"
10. When Paul and Silas were in prison in Philippi, what caused the prison doors to open and their chains to become loose?

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

Answers to this month's quiz:

1. Saul, later known as Paul. 2. True. 3. The devil. 4. Book of Proverbs. 5. Murder and taking part in an
 10. An earthquake.
 9. Cain.
 8. The jailer in charge of the prison.
 7. 5 times.
 6. Feast of the Passover.
 5. Insurrection in Jerusalem.