

Disciples of Christ

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NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS

Thoughts from the Pastor

January Events -- Mark Your Calendars!

Worship Leadership for January

What's Happening at SACC?

- Search and Call Committee
- Departments
- Fellowship Groups



THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR

"Behold all things become new . . ."

Sometimes things become new even when we are not ready for it. Sometimes we would prefer the familiar, the known, the comfortable. Sometimes the newness is being laid off, a health challenge, conflict or other unexpected change. We often get dragged into newness against our wishes and despite our hardest efforts.

It takes real courage and real faith to get to that place where we can say with Paul, "All things work together for good . . ." and accept unexpected change as a blessing.

Here are a couple of thoughts that I would like you to mull over and see what new awareness' may come your way. To "mull" is to play with an idea, to let it roll over and over in your mind, to observe the idea and let it take you to new places. To mull is to know that there is no "right answer" but that the mulling itself brings its own rewards.

Happy mulling! Here are the thoughts to mull.

"The past is not what it used to be"

"The future is not what it used to be."

"Behold all things become new . . ." The past is not necessarily fixed. It can "become new." There are new realizations, new takes, new things to be learned, appreciated, and gleaned. A past deeply appreciated is a past made new. A past forgiven is a past made new.

The future is not fixed. The future is a fluid mixture of inertia, chaos, intention, sweat and prayer. The future can also become "new."

During this time of intentional transitional focus, it is our job to reclaim the past, to re-dream our future, and to live in joy and integrity in the present moment.

It is truly a joy and a privilege to be a partner with you on this journey into your future! Happy New Year!

Blessings and Peace,

Phil

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LIFTING

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SERVING

January 2012

JohSun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						Party, 9 pm 
1	2  Rembecki/Howell Wedding, 7 pm	3	4  April Hilton Virginia Ship- ley	5  Grace Bryant	6	7
8 Fellowship Dinner 	9	10  Samuel Morales 	11  PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE 6 pm  Elders know everything... and have all the time in the world to tell you about it. 7 pm	12	13	14
15  Board, 12:45	16  Marge Brashear	17  John Hammonds	18	19  Bill Sawyer	20	21  Calling All Seniors! 6 pm  Lynne. Gary Jones
22	23	24	25  Barbara Miller	26	27	28  Debbie Gondolf
29	30  Ryan Rembecki	31  Sending Prayers NOON		26  Food Pantry 6 pm		2012 NTA Leader Event, 8:30 a.m.

JANUARY WORSHIP LEADERSHIP SCHEDULE

Activity	1/1	1/8	1/15	1/22	1/29
Prepare communion	Robyn Shipley-Gerko				
Greeters*	Reggie McClendon				
Worship Leader	Pam Wilson				
Scripture Reader	Heath Koch				
Servers	Jason Whitler Jeff Koch Amy Stephenson Jim Neill March Maher Sheila Maher				
Communion Leader	Robyn Shipley-Gerko				
Children's Message	Leah Gordon				
Extended Session	Tricia Whitler				

Will be sent via e-mail when available

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.

Get Involved with SACC

How would you like to be involved in 2012?

This is your invitation! Contact one of the committee chairs to express your interest:

You are also invited to participate in Youth, Young Adults, Empty Nesters, and Seniors.



Having achieved its first major objective, the Search and Call Committee will be meeting with Dr. Larry Ross January 10, 6 p.m. To review its progress and to begin to look at "permanent" pastor candidates.

The BIG Search is about to be underway!

The following slate of officers and board members were adopted at the annual congregational meeting December 4:

Chairman	New	Jim Neill
Vice- Chairman	New	Louellen Stephenson
Treasurer	Continuing	Kari Sylvis
Secretary	New	Judy Preuss
Financial Secretary	New	Jean Bailey
Education	New	Jeff Koch
Evangelism	New	Laverne Henkis
Membership	New	Mary Peebles
Outreach	Continuing	Anna Bassford
Property	Continuing	Dwight Hilton
Stewardship	New	Russ Daniel
Worship	Continuing	Robyn Gerko
Members at Large	Continuing	Carol Johnson, Gary Stephenson

The following new elders were elected to begin terms in 2012:

- Anna Bassford
- Kristi Bryant
- Jeff Koch

Elders rolling off at the end of 2011 include:

- Patrick Morales
- Sandra Ninemire
- Sally Tieg
- Jan Wilbanks

What's Happening at SACC?

PRAYER PALS

... Ask you to remember

*Dana and David Adams
Jean Bernhardt
Lyndsey Campbell
Etta Marie's g'daughter Christine
Mary and Dan Daniel
Tom Ebel
Bob Edwards
Barbara Miller
Glenn Startz
Grant Story*

MEMBERSHIP

*Fellowship
Dinner*

On Sunday, January 8, our congregation will gather for our monthly fellowship dinner immediately after the worship service. The format is a covered dish (with food!) Please bring enough food to share with visitors. During the dinner, we will be honoring Leah and Michael Gordon, who will be moving in a few weeks.

YOUNG ADULTS

Still recuperating.
Maybe next month

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP



Stay tuned.

DISCIPLE WOMEN

Thanks to all the ladies who so graciously supported the Disciples Women (CWF) during this year. Looking forward to 2012.

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YOUTH



Happy New Year, Kids of all ages!! We are gearing up for Kids' Kafe 2012, and we'd love to have a good turnout on Wednesday nights. Anyone can come, and all we ask is that you let us know you are coming. We will start our 2012 dinners on

Wednesday, January 4th at 5:45. We have been working very hard to raise enough funds to pay for all the youth resources, programs, and 1/2 of fees for summer camps. Due to the increase in food prices, we need to raise the cost of Kids' Kafe' meals to **\$4.** This is still the best deal in town! Please let us know by Tuesday afternoon if you plan to attend. Then we will know how much food to purchase. Reservations can be made on the pew cards or by e-mailing Anne Smithson at annsmithson@yahoo.com.

SENIORS

6 pm, January 21. Plans underway and will be announced in church.

EMPTY NESTERS

No plans in January.



2012 NTA Leader Event

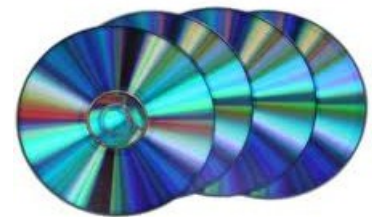
Speaker: Dr. Tim Hessel-Robinson

Tim Hessel-Robinson teaches courses at Brite in Christian spirituality and worship, bringing to the classroom a deep desire to integrate the experiential, intellectual, and ethical dimensions of Christian faith and the practice of ministry. Ordained in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for 17 years, he served as pastor or associate pastor at Disciples of Christ congregations in Kentucky, Northern California, Virginia and the Greater Kansas City regions prior to his arrival at Brite. Tim joined the Brite faculty in the fall of 2006.

Saturday, January 28, 2012

"Worship: What Are We Doing and Why?"

East Dallas Christian Church, 629 N. Peak St., Dallas, TX 75246



If you have a DVD player you are not using, the church could use it. The multi-disc player in the Fellowship Hall is defunct.