

# Disciples of Christ no creed but Christ

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**SACC 2010 Cookbooks  
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**Over 300 of our BEST recipes.**

**See signup sheets or Cindy  
Whitten to reserve yours!**



**Great for  
Christmas gifts!  
100% of proceeds  
benefit the  
church.**

## Thoughts from the Chairman

Hi, friends. Quick note to say thanks for all that you have done to support the growth of our church this past year. We've made lots of changes in a short period of time, and I know that may have left some of you spinning.

Some of our Board members are rolling off on January 1, and others will be taking on new roles. Those that will be rolling off have served us very well! I'll be asking you before we re-visit our strategic plan to provide us with some feedback:

- What do you like about what the Board did this year?
- What would you like us to discontinue?
- Any suggestions for what we have not thought of?

We need to finish up our stewardship campaign so that we can finish our budget for next year. And then I hope we can all slow down a little, share Thanksgiving with our loved ones, and get ready to celebrate the Birth of our Lord with a sense of serenity. Next year is going to be an exciting year at SACC. Please let us know what you want out of our church next year.

May God bless us all,

## Mark Your Calendars!

INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN US!

### November

#### *Birthdays*

- 1 Irmgard Ebel
- 3 Jean Crover
- 3 Courtney Munda
- 6 Alex Koch
- 6 Heath Koch
- 6 Laura Scholz
- 13 Cindy Rowe
- 14 John Wilbanks
- 15 Gail Malott
- 16 Jacob Bryant
- 18 Melissa Rembecki
- 23 Lynne Jones
- 23 Jeff Koch
- 23 Darlene Ninemire
- 24 Charlotte Sasser
- 26 Missy Gondolf
- 29 Trina Burris
- 30 Josh Bryant



#### X-tra Prayers Please

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

#### *October*

- 28 CCA Food Pantry, 6 pm
- 30 Trick or Trunk, 5 pm

#### *November*

- 7 Empty Nesters, 7 pm, Grill 19 @ Coyote Ridge Golf Club
- 9 Elders Meeting, 7 pm
- 12 Young Adults, Smithsons, 7 pm
- 14 Fellowship Dinner with Logo Bible Baptist Fellowship, 12 noon
- 20 Senior Fellowship, 6 pm
- 21 SACC Board meeting – Budget, 12:45 pm
- 21 Wii Party, 5 pm
- 23 Prayer Pals, SACC, noon
- 25 Thanksgiving Day
- 25 CCA Food Pantry, 6 pm
- 27 Church Christmas decorating, 8:30 pm
- 28 Church Christmas decorating, 12 noon

#### **A NOTE FROM LISA**

*Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.*

#### **1 Chronicles 16:34**

Much has been written about the powerful impact of gratefulness on the human life. Gratefulness can mitigate the effects of extreme stress and help to cultivate a sense of wellbeing in our lives. According to recent psychological studies, this “soft” approach to the challenges of life can alter brain chemistry and elevate our thinking and social interactions—all good things! Perhaps that is why gratefulness is at the heart of Christianity and our relationship with God. James 1:17 reminds us that “Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights...” Indeed, we have great reason to be grateful.

Thanksgiving is a beautiful season, perhaps absent the glitz and glamour of Christmas, but filled with equally intense meaning. May our families experience all of the joy that gratefulness can bring this November and beyond!

Adult choir is rehearsing for Christmas—7:30 pm on Wednesdays. Come out and join us! Adult bell choir rehearses at 7pm, and we'd love to expand our group, there, too.

One last note—I am inordinately grateful for YOU and the fellowship at St. Andrews. Many thanks for making our church such a special place!

My best to you,

*Lisa*

## SACC TEAMS ARE ROCKING!

### Empty Nesters



The next SACC Empty Nesters group will be on Friday, November 5, at 7:00 p.m.

We will be dining at the Grill 19 Restaurant which is located at 1640 Hebron Parkway in Carrollton. The restaurant is part of the Coyote Ridge Golf Club.

We need to let the restaurant know how many will be attending, so please call or e-mail Anne Smithson by Monday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> to let her know if you plan to come.

Ph. 972-596-5942 [anne.smithson@e-sacc.org](mailto:anne.smithson@e-sacc.org)

To view the menu, go to [www.coyoteridgegolf.com](http://www.coyoteridgegolf.com) and then go to Grill 19.

### Young Adults

Great fun at the Schafers October 22 eating shrimp gumbo and watching the Rangers win the American League Championship.

### Women's Group



#### Holiday Party!

Women of St. Andrews: Mark your calendar for a Cookie Exchange on Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Youth

#### Desserts Needed!

Our success in raising funds for the youth of SACC depends on the help of some great volunteers.



We need folks to provide desserts for our Wednesday night program, "Kids Kafe". Desserts are needed for the months of November and December. You can bake cupcakes or cookies, or you can purchase desserts at the store. We love all sweets!! If you're willing to bring desserts for one of these Wednesday nights, please contact Anne Smithson at [anne.smithson@e-sacc.org](mailto:anne.smithson@e-sacc.org).

## Membership

### November Fellowship Dinner

Our monthly Fellowship Dinner will be on Sunday, November 14, at 12:00 p.m. We will be sharing our dinner with our Korean friends from the Logos Bible Baptist Fellowship. Bring your favorite dishes with plenty to share, sample some great Korean cuisine, and meet new friends!

## 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.

He who angers you controls you.

Officially the pledge campaign was over Sunday 10-24-2010. However, if any of you just missed the deadline or were undecided on pledging, please turn in your pledges. Approximately 60% of the membership returned pledges. The greater the participation by our congregation, the more accurately the income can be projected and the more we can rely on the budget. The budget can only be as good as the input. The input starts with us, the congregation, turning in our pledges.

Over the last few years, we have had to trim our expenditures and budgets. Consequently, the financial support of our congregation has become more and more important. Through your generous acceptance of stewardship, you have continued to make a difference in the lives of children, youth and adults in our church, as well as in the lives of people involved in our outreach ministry.

Thank you for your continuing support at Saint Andrews Christian Church.

*George*

## Worship

The Worship Committee is proud to now hang 4 new banners in the sanctuary. Thanks to the Committee for choosing the banners and to those who gave special donations. The Worship Committee's budget is often used for communion supplies, Easter lilies and Christmas poinsetta. It is especially nice to add to the worship experience by hanging new banners.

## WE'VE GOT MAIL!

*To St. Andrews,*

*Thank you so much for your gift of support to me. Your congregation has meant so much to me and made a difference in my life. I am privileged to work with you.*

*Debra Young  
Pianist*

## WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING



### CLER Ministries Course in January



“Just Say Know” is a biblically-based human sexuality education series widely used in churches during the year and in summer camp and conference programs.

**Rev. Linda Goddard** developed the program more than 20 years ago, and she has kept it up-to-date.

On four Sunday evenings in January 2011 – Jan. 9; Jan. 16; Jan. 23; and, Jan. 30 – SACC will sponsor the CLER (Christian Life Enrichment Resources) for youth and parents. Donna Atkinson and Jim Hamilton--friends of Pastor Randy from summer camp and Keynote speakers for CLER--will be our leaders. Students in the fourth grade through the twelfth grade are invited. Parents are invited to attend sessions for 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades. There will be two adult teachers in each class. Cost: \$15 per person; or \$30 per family.

Planning continues for this important program. Soon invitations will be sent to other churches. Parent Orientation classes will be held on December 5 and January 5 to get all the parents on board. We are all in this together! Please include this program in your prayers.

Go to [www.clerministries.org](http://www.clerministries.org) for a lot more information.



### Christmas Giving Trees

CCA is now scheduling volunteers for the 2010 Christmas Giving Trees in Stonebriar, Vista Ridge and Grapevine Mills Malls. They need 2 or 3 volunteers per shift, ranging from 2 – 4 hours.

Volunteers of all ages are welcome, with parental supervision, but will have to complete an entire shift. At the malls, volunteers will be accepting donations of toys for children that will end up being stocked at our Christmas Toy Store. If you have any questions or would like to sign up to help, please contact Charlotte Alexander, Manager of Volunteer Relations at [volunteer@ccahelps.org](mailto:volunteer@ccahelps.org) or 972.219.4341.

## Leadership Schedule - November

Activity	11/7	11/14	11/21	11/28
Prepare communion	Brett Malott Nancy Daniel	Sheila & March Maher	CYF Group	Louellen Stephenson
Greeters*	Louellen & Gary Stephenson	Carol & Michael Johnson	Wilma & Bob Edwards	Ruth Disney Irmgard Ebel
Worship Leader	Michael Gordon		Russ Daniel	Anne Smithson
Scripture Reader	Louellen Stephenson	John Wilbanks	Alaura Sylvis	Erin Schafer
Servers	Gary Stephenson Kent Sylvis Kari Sylvis Pam Wilson Jim Wilson Carol Johnson	Jan Wilbanks Hannah McCasland Patrick Morales Bill Sawyer Kerri Vick Louellen Stephenson	Kenny Baker Mary Peebles Michael Peebles Dwight Hilton Reggie McClendon Sandra Ninemire	Michael Schafer John Wilbanks Martha Roos Alaura Sylvis Elizabeth Koch Amy Stephenson
Communion Leader	Bill Sawyer	Russ Daniel	Randy Smithson	Jeff Koch
Children's Message	Jean Crover	Jeff Koch	Kent Sylvis'	Melissa Rembecki
Extended Session	Debbie & Missy Gondolf	Robyn & Hannah Gerko	Hannah McCasland Amy Stephenson	Kari & Kent Sylvis

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.



### November's Bible Bee: "Great Love Stories"

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

1. What was Bathsheba doing when David first saw her?
2. In 2 Samuel, why did David contrive to have Uriah the Hittite killed?
3. What do the names Adam and Eve mean?
4. In the Book of Ruth, from whose fields did Ruth glean barley?
5. Ruth and Boaz were the great-grandparents of which Old Testament king?
6. In the Old Testament, God said, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth" first to Adam and Eve and then again to whom?
7. Which animal did Samson encounter on the way to meet his first wife?
8. Which New Testament couple traveled with Paul and were mentioned by him in some of his letters?
9. Can you name the three different methods that Delilah used unsuccessfully when trying to subdue Samson?
10. In Genesis, what did Isaac tell to the men of Gerar?

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

Answers to this month's quiz:

1. Bathing/ 2 Because David wanted Uriah's wife for himself. 3. Adam means "man," and Eve means "living." 4. Boaz 5. King David 6. Noah and his family. 7. A lion. 8. Priscilla and Aquila. 9. She tied him with fresh thangs (bowstrings), new ropes and wove his hair into the fabric on the loom.. 10. He said that Rebekah was his sister, not his wife.