

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
1110 GUADALUPE STREET
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Maundy Thursday Journey

You are invited to a very special Maundy Thursday worship experience that will start at 7:00 p.m. on April 21st. We will gather in the parlor to remember how Jesus gathered his disciples together. We will then move to various locations throughout the church as we reflect on the events that took place on the night before Jesus' crucifixion and death. We hope you can join us.



Good Friday Reflection



On April 22nd, the sanctuary will be open from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. for quiet prayer as we reflect on the trial, crucifixion, and death of Jesus. You may come and go as you wish throughout the four hour time period. In order to maintain an atmosphere of reverence for all worshippers, we ask that you refrain from talking while you are in the sanctuary. We also ask that you enter and exit the sanctuary from the Guadalupe Street doorways.

There will be printed materials available to assist with your individual worship experience. At 3:00 p.m. a brief passage of scripture will be read to end the service.



Palm Sunday Processional

CCC Youth will lead the processional on Palm Sunday. Please let Heidi Bounds know if your kids plan to participate in the waving of the palms. They will be a special part of the Palm Sunday Service as we begin the journey into Holy Week.

EASTER EGG HUNT

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday at 10:00 a.m. All youth and children are invited to participate. Donations for the hunt may be left in the basket in the foyer outside of the community room up through Good Friday.



Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Austin, Texas
April 2011



Sunday

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
12:10 p.m. Fellowship

Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Holy Week Activities:

Sunday, April 17th (Palm Sunday)

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

Noon (following the service) Palm Sunday Brunch provided by the Social and Fellowship Committee

Thursday, April 21st

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Journey

Friday, April 22nd

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Good Friday Reflection

Sunday, April 24th (Easter Sunday)

10:00 a.m. Egg Hunt

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

VIEWS FROM THE EDGE

Lent is a time for us to think about Jesus' life. Jesus seemed to draw a crowd. A charismatic young man, he attracted the throngs like those who gathered in downtown Austin recently for the South by Southwest film and music festival. Those who ventured down to Sixth Street were definitely going for a reason – some to hear the music, others to party, and some just to be where the action was. Some may have been escaping the stress of work and study. Spring break does have a way of drawing us away from our routines. Jesus went to festivals, too. Wonder if anyone noticed Jesus in the crowd last week?

I am reminded of a song by John Fischer that we sang at church camp for many years:

Have you seen Jesus, my Lord?

He's here in plain view.

Take a look, open your eyes;

He'll show it to you.

*Have you ever looked at the sunset
with the sky mellowin' red,*

And the clouds suspended like feathers?

Then I say...you've seen Jesus, my Lord.

*Have you ever stood at the ocean
with the white foam at your feet?*

Felt the endless thunderin' motion?

Then I say...you've seen Jesus, My Lord.

*Have you ever looked at the cross,
with a man hangin' in pain,*

And the look of love in His eyes?

Then I say...you've seen Jesus my Lord.

*Have you ever stood in the family
with the Lord there in your midst,*

Seen the face of Christ on each other?

Then I say...you've seen Jesus my Lord.

The lyrics invite us to see Jesus as a reflection of God's goodness and grace. My guess is there was a lot of goodness and grace to be seen at the festival. Those who took it in may have become physically exhausted. Yet the fulfillment rejuvenated everyone to get back to whatever business at hand looms beyond spring break.

When Jesus encountered those who were stymied or crippled by life's challenges, Jesus had a way of getting

people back on their way to living an abundant life. May our Lenten journey prepare us as well to dream big dreams on behalf of our Lord, Jesus Christ? Look around! He's in plain view.

Grace and peace,
Peggy



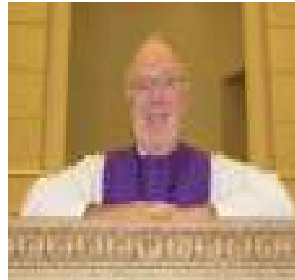
From Behind the Wall

It is a fact that one cannot slow the process, the advancement of the calendar year, nor the church year. Those of you from the post WW II Era may remember the newsreels at the movies stating "Time Marches On". My point in using these platitudes is it's time to ask for singers and instrumentalists for the Easter season. You know who you are.

It will be so enjoyable having a woodwind or two playing the offertory or perhaps on one of the hymns on Easter Sunday. Hymn melodies are not that difficult, particularly when you have the music four weeks in advance. You will receive warm smiles, gracious handshakes, and kind words after you offer your services for this huge day for us Christians.

The kids will be waving palms on April 17th and ringing bells on April 24th. Some of these kids also play an instrument. Now is the time to step into the Chancel with your instruments and voices and be blessed by God as well as our congregation.

It's getting closer to Easter. The Sundays are passing quickly. It's time to march to the Chancel. That's the way I see it from behind the wall.

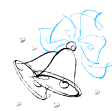


Dallas Edwin Heenan
Director of Music

Cherished Friends Group

As most of you know, the Grief Share group has been meeting at church almost every Tuesday for over a year now. This support group has served as a lifeline to me and others who participated. Our little group is evolving now, but we wanted to stay connected in some way, so we decided to meet for dinner once a month on the second Tuesday of the month. We also decided to open the group for anyone else who may want to join us for dinner with cherished friends. Our first dinner night out will be on April 12th at 6:00 at Chuy's at 11680 Research Blvd. (Exit Hwy. 183N at the Duval exit and u-turn. Chuy's will be immediately on the right). We hope to see you there.

Judye Moore



Weddings



Best wishes to Skyler and Katie Pruitt, who were married here on March 6th and to Peter and You You Clasen, who were married here on March 26th.

Response to our Outreach Assistance

We received this card from Doug's House, an organization within Project Transitions. Thanks for all you do, CCC!

*You're amazing!
Thanks so much for helping us keep Doug's House spot on!
- Robin*

*Thank's alot,
- Jesus*

*We could not keep the house going with out your generous gifts
Thank you - Mary*

*Hi Kathy -
Thank you for your kindness and generosity. It will not go unnoticed. (this year cheese zucchini):)*

*In Him,
Terrie*

*Thank you
Bill*

*Thank you so very much!
- Ryan*

*Thank you so much for all y'all do for Doug's House.
- Tiffany Place Mt*

*To all of the wonderful people @ Central Christian Church - Thank you so much for your monthly donation of cleaning supplies. They go a long way in keeping our home clean and welcoming to our residents! - Brandon
DH Coordinator*

\$\$ TREASURY NOTES \$\$

Income and Expense for Jan and Feb 2011.

	Jan	Feb
Pledges	\$6,887	\$5,469
Offerings	\$6,130	\$8,339
Total Gifts	\$13,017	\$13,808
Endowment Interest (1)	\$8,670	\$8,670
From Reserve (2)	\$11,127	\$2,663
Total Funds	\$32,814	\$25,141
Total Expenses	\$32,814	\$25,141

Notes:

(1) Interest on the endowment funds received to General Budget Account. Next endowment income not expected until May 30.

(2) Transfers from reserves to meet budget requirements. Reserves include accumulated income from Parking Lot and Building Rents and not from savings account funds.

The detailed budget report for Feb 2011 year-to-date is available in the CCC office on request.

Office Hours

During the week, CCC staff members can be found in the church office during the times listed below. Please keep in mind the minister, director of music, and the director of Christian education may also be at meetings, appointments, or visitation during office hours.

Rev. Peggy Edge

Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – noon

Also available by appointment

Heidi Bounds

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Dallas Edwin Heenan

Monday: Off, *appointment only*

Tuesday: Off, *appointment only*

Wednesday: 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday: Off, *appointment only*

Friday: 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Robert Marcott

Monday – Friday: 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Kirsten Van Meter

Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH

Please join us for our Palm Sunday Brunch immediately following the worship service on April 17th. Look for the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. Egg casseroles, coffee cakes, fruit, juice, and yogurt are just a few food suggestions. Social and Fellowship will provide sausage and gravy with biscuits.

TEXT ALERT POLL

We are thinking of joining a 'Text Alert System', which would allow the church to send out SMS text messages to your cell phones letting you know about upcoming events, choir rehearsals, street closures, weather closings, etc. Since many of you do not text (or are charged per text message), we would like to find out how many of you WOULD be interested in receiving text messages of this nature. If this is something you would like to be part of, please e-mail the church office (staff@cccstain.org) indicating that you would like to participate and be sure to provide your cell phone number.

Musings:



The world is in crisis. There is chaos and disaster everywhere; and yet, in my life there is calm. Oh yes, I check the obituaries each morning just to be sure I should get up. All kidding aside, not a day passes that I do not see the name of a friend or acquaintance. My military journals list name after name of fallen comrades. Little vignettes pop into my head, and I remember the happy things.

I have spent as many years at CCC as I did in the military and made almost as many friends. Jerry J, whom I have known for over 50 years, and I had a mutual friend, Alma Menn, who passed a year ago last February. We were long-time poker playing buddies. Alma claimed to be Ma Bells' "# 1 call girl". Jerry and I were wont to visit and serve communion when she no longer was able to attend CCC. She, Alma, asked what she could do for CCC. (Alma was a faithful tither, and she made beautiful silk flower arrangements for all of our Christmas Bazaars.) She was talking about something extra. First she made me promise to officiate at her funeral, and with her nephew Marc, we got it done. Marc was her executor, and according to her wishes, she left a goodly sum for Restoration and also a passel for Property. I miss Alma. Her love for CCC will always be felt here as her spirit is still with us.

Bob Marcott

Women's Ministry Meeting

April 13, 2011
10:30 a.m. Library

We have started our Lenten 40-day journey. Carey's lesson this month is "Looking at Life through Easter Eyes". We will concentrate on the service and the mission God has for each of us. Join us as we continue our Lenten 40-day journey.

Bethany's food pantry still needs canned goods. We will work to fill their pantry this month and next. We don't want children crying from lack of our caring. We have an empty basket waiting for your generosity.

Women's Ministry supports Safe Place and has for many years. Their purpose is to offer a sanctuary for abused mothers and their children. They need our help. Safe Place is sponsoring relay races at Austin High School on April 9th. They have invited us to participate by check or fielding a team. Russell Ward, Evangelism Chairman would love to hear from you. It is a fun day for all ages. Wouldn't you enjoy rooting for a team made up of Central members? I would - so give Russell a call. Isn't it sad that women and children have to leave home in order to be safe? Think what Safe Place means to them! We can help, so call Russell.

Marolyn



Thanks to Jo Ann Colson and Patty Davis for providing cookies in March for our fellowship time following worship service. If you'd like to donate cookies, contact Ginger Meeks at vmeeks1022@yahoo.com.



Cookbooks Available

The Chalice Women's Group has cookbooks for sale. They're only \$10 each. If you'd like one, please speak with Jolie Johnson or call the church office.

GARAGE SALE

There will be a Garage Sale benefitting the 2011 Youth Mission Trip on April 1st from 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. and on April 2nd from 7 a.m. – noon.

SPECIAL NOTE TO PEGGY:

Jan McLendon wants to share this Thanksgiving for Peggy's presence at the recent BBA Spring Retreat:

Dear Peggy,

How was it that you became such a blessing to Terrell last weekend? Did you have plans to go to Gonzales all along? Was it a request from some camp organizers? Maybe you just felt a pull to go. Regardless, you were there! Terrell found complete comfort and peace from the time she spent with you. You gave her a wonderful cushion to fall on. She could have hit hard, too. She saw a tremendous leader through the reassurance and confidence you gave her. She spoke of the way you interacted throughout the event. She said you assisted without controlling, encouraged without limiting, and participated without consuming. She left camp filled with possibilities instead of disappointments. Oh what a welcome sight she was Sunday afternoon. Better because of the experience – ready for what is next. Your name rang through as she shared the events of the weekend. She came out on top! Thank you for every effort you made to make it a positive experience for her. You made a difference!

With appreciation and love,
Jan McLendon

Chancel Choir Party

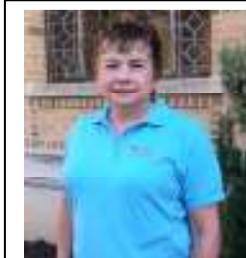


The choir party has been re-scheduled for April 10th. This is a party for all choir members, past, present, AND future. We will meet at Doug and Stacy's for a potluck. You bring your favorite side dish or dessert.

Please RSVP via e-mail to the church office or stacyalexanderatx@gmail.com.

2011 YOUTH CAMP DATES

CYF Conference – June 12-18
Eigher's Camp – June 26 – July 2
Beginner's Camp – July 6-9
Chi Rho Camp – July 17-23
Junior Camp – July 24-29



CCC Polo Shirts Available –

Order yours today!

They're only \$25 + shipping. You have the option of ordering a shirt that's 100% cotton or a lighter weight polyester blend. See the color chart below for the various color options available.

Banana	Bark	Black	Burgundy	Clover Green
Coffee Bean	Cool Grey	Court Green	Dark Green	Eggplant
Gold	Hibiscus	Kelly Green	Light Blue	Light Pink
Light Stone	Lime	Maroon	Maui Blue	Mediterranean Blue
Mint Green	Navy	Orange	Purple	Red
Royal	Steel Grey	Stone	Texas Orange	Tropical Pink
Ultramarine Blue	White			

DWM/OUTREACH

We are not done yet. Bethany still needs our help in meeting the needs of those less fortunate than we are. We need canned



meat, vegetables, and fruits. Whatever you bring will be a gift. Did you see the 60 Minute program on "Child Hunger in America"? It was heart wrenching. The children described in detail how it felt to be hungry. Austin is not immune to poverty. We have our hungry children, and it is up to us to help alleviate their misery. These children may not understand the economics that cause hunger, but they know first-hand what it feels like to have an empty stomach. It keeps them awake at night. Their tear-filled testimony should send all of us to the grocery store and to our congressmen and women. We do care! Let's fill up those baskets and truly show our concern!

Marolyn



Received in most congregations on April 17 and 24, 2011.

The Easter Offering is your opportunity to support the General and Racial/Ethnic Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. The gifts that you share support vital mission and ministry from the doorsteps of your congregation to the ends of the earth. Incredible mission and ministry happen every day. For example, when the earthquake struck Haiti, Week of Compassion was able to distribute funds through global mission partners related to the Division of Overseas Ministries. David Vargas, DOM President said, "We were in Haiti before the earthquake, and we'll be there long after the earthquake." Your gifts to the Easter Offering help us to be "there" wherever that might be, every day.

Your witness does not stop there. For the last 40 days, you have had an opportunity to learn more about our shared witness by receiving daily devotions, stories and prayers from your ministry partners. You learned that among many other things, gifts to the Easter Offering:

- help train leaders
- fund specialized ministries for women, men, children and youth
- ensure our historic ecumenical and interfaith witness
- provide supplemental pensions for clergy whose ministry did not adequately provide for their retirement

The list goes on and on – well beyond 40 Days of Witness and 40 Ways of Serving!

You can learn more about the General Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) by visiting www.disciples.org and by downloading the Lenten devotions at www.disciplesmissionfund.org. Thank you for your gifts and support!

“WELL” DONE!

Thank you to ASPVA Student, Katie Knight for her team-leading skills in designing the well that was used in our 3/27/11 service! What a beautiful well!!!!



Document Shredding

Free document shredding Saturday, April 16th at the Austin High School parking lot is an opportunity for us to destroy all the old financial documents and papers that have no historical significance. Beginning at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 1:30 p.m., mobile shredding trucks will be on hand to shred and recycle the paper. If you are able to help take boxes to Austin High School, please contact Patrick Taylor at (254) 715-9952 or e-mail him at ptaylor17@hotmail.com.

The Capital Area Food Bank will accept monetary donations at this City of Austin-sponsored event. CCC will make a donation to this outreach cause. This is another opportunity to help the community through recycling and a donation to the Capital Area Food Bank.



C.A.N.D.Y.

The next C.A.N.D.Y. meeting will be at Hyde Park Christian Church, from 2 - 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 3rd. Please join us for food, fun, fellowship, and a meaningful lesson. This month we will be potting plants to take to nursing homes and homebound individuals, so bring your gardening gloves & any gardening skills you have. We will have fun & make a difference.

Women's Regional Assembly

Ladies, mark your calendars! A Women's Regional Assembly will be held in Grapevine, Texas June 10th through 12th. Details to follow.

Bluebonnet Area/Lower Rio Grande Valley District 2011 Area Assembly



“Cristo Rey Fiesta”

First Christian Church
1400 North 10th Street
McAllen, Texas 78501

April 29-30, 2011

Registration Rates

(before April 8th)

Individual: \$30.00 Family Rate: \$60.00

Late Registration

(after April 8th)

Individual: \$35.00 Family Rate: \$70.00

Special Activity Fees

Activity Fee for Youth (Ages 12-17): \$10.00 each

Nursery (Infant-11): \$5/day

Assembly Special Events

There are many exciting activities that will make this year's Area Assembly one to remember, such as a festive **Fiesta Dinner** with entertainment on Friday night, two very special Celebration Worship services, twelve fantastic workshops, a special project for the youth, an on-site Mercado offering South Texas and Mexican crafts and products, wonderful music and an assembly that will be filled with the Holy Spirit celebrating the work of the Disciples of Christ many congregations that make up the Bluebonnet Area/Lower Rio Grande Valley District.

For more information

Call: (210) 822-4345

E-mail: bba@ccsw.org

Visit: www.bluebonnetarea.org

A Note from the Worship & Music Committee –

As we near Easter Sunday, please consider purchasing some Easter lilies and Hydrangea (in pink and blue) for \$15.00. You may dedicate them to a friend or loved one. Start looking for the forms inside the April bulletins. Please turn them into the office with payment. And please don't forget to take your flowers home after the Easter Sunday service. Or, if you wish, they may be taken by our Elders to our home-bound members and local nursing homes. Thank you.

Farewell Luncheon – April 10th

Bring a barbeque side dish or dessert to share, as well as a card, to honor long-time members Walter and Joye White, who are moving to Houston. We want our dear friends to take our love and prayers with them as they begin a new chapter in their lives.

AUSTIN ZOO AND ANIMAL SANCTUARY



Thanks, Heidi, for organizing an amazing afternoon at the zoo! More than 50 of us enjoyed great fried chicken, fellowship, and a train ride!

