

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
1110 GUADALUPE STREET
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701

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Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Austin, Texas
August 2011



Sunday

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:50 a.m. Worship Service
12:10 p.m. Fellowship

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

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VIEWS FROM THE EDGE



I am finding Austin to be a city with many viewpoints. These viewpoints are quite diverse. Many are incredibly beautiful. Some are breathtaking as they encompass the big picture. Others cut through the rocky terrain to expose the drought-ridden, thirsty side of the hill-country. Some are stately and impressive as they represent the very heart of the state capital. And yet the very close-up viewpoints also reflect the more vulnerable and fragile nature of the community. The kaleidoscope brings the diversity into focus with images depicting the varied facets of that which keeps Austin....amazing.

Photographers, prophets, poets and philosophers have much to do in a place like this. And the church has its mission, too. Together we proclaim God's love and grace to become the good news. It is quite an awesome task. The church is both a mouthpiece for the gospel and a vessel for ministry in Jesus' name. And the church is a community where all are welcome to celebrate at the table the saving acts of God through the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

I wish I had been at the General Assembly in Nashville to hear Fred Craddock's sermon, "Are You Afraid of Being Saved?" (At least, I think that was the title.) My answer is an emphatic "No!" Moreover, I believe so strongly in God's saving acts through all time that I seldom even talk about it. Salvation is a given, in my opinion. There is a German word for God's saving acts through history. It is "heilsgeschichte." We are blessed with so many stories about God's saving acts in the scriptures. Each one holds a truth that we claim: it is in God's will to bring salvation to all. To believe in God's love and grace is to place our hope and trust in God's saving work. At the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) the church named and reclaimed a commitment to "Tell it!" And so we shall.

During the month of August you will have the opportunity to sign up for "Unbinding the Heart" which will begin on September 18th. There is more detailed information about the six-week study included in a separate article. Earlier this year during Lent, a small group of the church's leaders went through the initial phase of the "Unbinding the Gospel" study. Now we are ready as a congregation to explore how we can strengthen our spiritual lives and grow as faithful Christians. I truly hope that you will consider taking part in the study. I invite you to join me in holding the Central Christian Church faith community in your prayerful thoughts for the next three months. Light a candle or read your Bible and listen for God's leading for us as we journey in ministry together in Jesus' name.

Grace and peace,
Peggy

School Supply Kits

Each kit will need:

- One pair of blunt metal scissors (rounded tip)
- Three 70-count spiral notebooks
- One 30-centimeter ruler (12")
- One hand-held pencil sharpener
- One large eraser
- Six new pencils with erasers
- One box of 24 crayons

Help us give children in impoverished schools, refugee camps, or other difficult settings some of the basic tools for learning.

Youth will gather donated supplies and assemble into kits which will then be placed in a handmade tote bag!

**All School Supply Kits will be shipped to
Church World Service on September 12th!**

BBALRGVD WOMEN'S RETREAT SEPTEMBER 23-25, 2011

Our keynote speaker will be Sheila Spencer Program Director/Merger Staff in the Office of Disciple Women. The theme this year is "The Sweet Life". We will be in Gonzales at the DOC campgrounds.

There are several options for registration:

Package 1: Full event – \$100.00

Package 2: Friday night only 3 meals – \$85.00

Package 3: Saturday night only 3 meals – \$85.00

Package 4: Saturday only with 2 meals and no overnight – \$45.00

Registration postmarked after September 1st: add \$15.00 to each package. If you would like a T-shirt also include the \$10 cost of the T-shirt with your registration.

The Bible Study on Saturday afternoon will be given by our own Peggy Edge.

Additional information can be found at http://www.bluebonnetarea.org/files/Women's_Retreat_Registration_Form_-_2011.pdf

Heartfelt Sympathy

We extend love and sympathy to Eddie, Jill, and Mitchell Torres upon the passing of Jill's mother, Sally Johnson. Services were held on Tuesday, July 26th at First Christian Church in Shenandoah, Iowa. We will lift her family in our prayerful thoughts.

Central Christian Church presents "Acoustic Sanctuary"

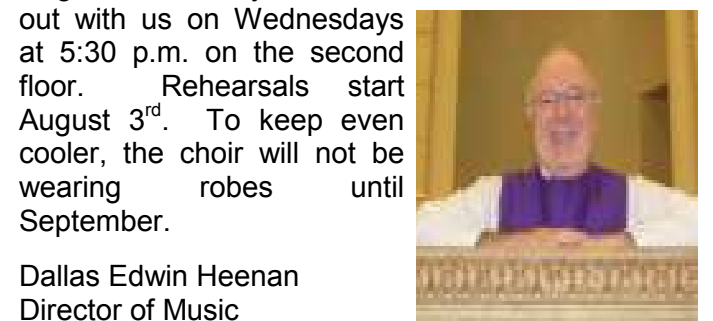


On August 18th, the 3rd Thursday of the month, a special musical offering will take place at 6:30 p.m. Our featured guest, Robert Steel (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Robert-Steel/10035011989>), and other talented artists will perform in the sanctuary of Central Christian Church. As always, this concert is free of charge and publicized in the larger community. Invite your friends and co-workers to come and enjoy great music and the hospitality of CCC.

From Behind the Wall

July has been a hot month, but with many cool things going on. The Chancel Choir has had the month off, and in place of choral music, we've had solos by Robert Marcott and Katherine Milling. Walter Nichols played the Prelude from Bach's Cello Suite No. 2 on his saxophone. Now how cool was that? All were special moments during our worship service. Cathie Parsley played for me while I was on a tour with the Texas Choral Consort to Uruguay and Argentina, where the weather was cool and the musical experience was even cooler. My Latin is so much better now after singing the Mozart Requiem and Fauré Requiem. I can understand why it became a dying language, not quite dead.

So July has been hot, and we can expect August to be as hot, maybe hotter. As in July, August will have some cool musical moments. The Chancel Choir will be back singing some of our and your favorite spirituals. We hope to add a couple of instrumentalists to make the service even cooler. AND maybe it's time that you finally make up your mind and commit to a month or two singing in the Chancel Choir. It's the cool thing to do. Our lead singers will make you feel so comfortable. So chill out with us on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. on the second floor. Rehearsals start August 3rd. To keep even cooler, the choir will not be wearing robes until September.



Dallas Edwin Heenan
Director of Music

Saturday, August 13, 2011 North Central Christian Church San Antonio, Texas

BBA Board Council Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

The BBA Board is composed of:

Two lay representatives from each member congregation. Member congregations shall elect or appoint their own lay representatives and designate their terms of office.

Congregations with over 300 members are entitled to one additional lay representative.

Members of the Area Administrative/Program Council.

Ministers with standing as listed, or eligible to be listed, in the current Yearbook and Directory of the Christian Church [Disciples of Christ], who live within the Area.

Area Minister and other program staff ex-officio without vote.

There will be a reception to honor Rev. Allen. Thank you.

- Anna L. Facundo, BBA Office Manager

Musings:

The sun is shining, and the sky is blue. Yes it's beautiful, but it's a false blessing because it is burning the land. Crops are failing, cattle are dying, and grass fires abound. There are floods, famine, and earthquakes. Sound familiar? Read the Old Testament - these were "natural" disasters God used to get the attention of His children when they have drifted from His Laws. How far has America drifted from God? We were once a Christian nation and were founded in Christianity. Who would have thought that the Ten Commandments would be banned from public places or that prayer would be banned from schools and public places. I think God is trying to tell us to get with it. I once thought "witnessing" was sort of corny, but how else do we evangelize? After thinking about it, I realized I've been doing it for years. I talk to people in the check-out lines at the grocery store, and those in line at the bank, or any other place I am standing among a group of people. Of the dozens of people with whom I have chatted, nary a one appeared to be offended or uncomfortable talking about God and His Son. I brag of our beautiful sanctuary, good sermons and music, and offer an invitation if they do not have a church home. If we all do this (it isn't the least bit



painful), we can turn our nation around. "If the people who are called by My name will mend their evil ways and return to Me, I will heal their Nation." Give God a chance.

Bob Marcott

CCC NURSERY NEWS

We are so excited about our new nursery staff, Maya and Rachel, brought to us by College Nannies. Please stop by the nursery and welcome them if you haven't had a chance to do so yet.

Also, we find that we are in need of baby equipment in our nursery. If anyone has access to anything like bouncers, saucers, swings, or any other baby equipment that you would like to donate, please let us know. We appreciate your help.

Judye Moore, Personnel Chair



New Members!

Please be sure to welcome our newest members, Jeff Jones and Laura Flores! Laura, Aurora, and Leticia are all sisters.

Office Hours

During the week, CCC staff members can be found in the church office during the times listed below. Please keep in mind they 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.



Disciples Women's Quadrennial Assembly!

The dates and location for the 2014 Quadrennial Assembly were announced at the Disciples Women's luncheon at General Assembly. Mark your calendars now for June 25 - 29, 2014 at the Marriott Marquis in Atlanta, GA! Start your scholarship funds and saving strategies now so Southwest Disciples Women have more attendees than any other region! See you there!

Melanie Holtz on behalf of CCSW DWM

Triple C JAM NIGHT

If you play a guitar, keyboard, bass, fiddle, flute, tuba, sax, or washboard and have any interest in a jam session with other like-minded musicians, we've got a date for you! Invite your fellow pickers or vocalists to gather in the Community Room of Central Christian Church (aka "Triple C") on Wednesday, August 17th, at 7:00 p.m. Bring your own refreshments, but remember that we do not look kindly on the consumption of alcohol on church property. Let's make it a fun night and see if there is any interest in making it a habit of jamming together! Let Peggy know if you have any questions.

HOT TOPICS IN AUGUST

You are invited to join James McGuffee for a four part "hot topics" discussion class in August. Each Sunday morning in August, the class will discuss challenging and sometimes controversial topics of the Christian faith. Bring your Bibles and your brains as we engage in open and respectful dialog. If you aren't currently attending Sunday School or perhaps have never attended a Sunday School class, then this class is for you. The topics may be hot, but the air conditioning will be cool as we meet on the first floor in the Friendship Room each Sunday morning in August from 9:40-10:40 a.m. Please email James McGuffee at jwmcguffee@gmail.com to let him know you are planning to attend or if you have any questions about this four week summertime class.

August 7 - Loving Our Enemies
Matthew 5:43-48

As Christians, how do we respond to Jesus' message to "love our enemies"? How do we love those that hate us? How do we love those that have caused or intend to cause us harm?

August 14 - Being a Christian

Acts 11:25-26; Acts 26:28-29; 1 Peter 4:16

What does it mean to be a Christian? Is it a set of beliefs? Is it membership in a church? Is it an identity? Is everyone that uses the name "Christian" a Christian?

August 21 - Who wrote the Bible?

2 Peter 1:20-21

A discussion of the various forms of scholarship related to understanding the history and authorship of the books which make up the Bible.

August 28 - Eat what?

John 6:52-59

Each week we gather at the table and share bread and the cup. Why are we eating bread? What is the significance of eating bread?



LAKE HILLS CHURCH

As you may already know, we received a 60 day notice from Lake Hills Church that they will no longer be with us. They are excited about establishing a permanent downtown presence for worship and mission in the near future and will make that announcement soon. We have enjoyed the chance to share our space with them and are most thankful for the ministries they share in downtown Austin.



BBA YMC Lock-In

CCC will host the YMC Lock-In on Saturday, August 13th. More details to come!

Special Guests in August



First Christian Church of Fort Worth, Texas, is 156 years old and is the oldest congregation in Fort Worth. The 39 voice Chancel Choir is a dedicated family of Christian individuals who uses their God-given talents to present beautiful worship music each Sunday morning. In addition, the Choir presents annual Christmas and Easter cantatas, has a church wedding ministry, presents a secular "Broadway style" show each summer, and performs for various community organizations. The Choir has traveled extensively on tours to destinations including New York City, Santa Fe, Hawaii, Colorado, Montreal, around the state of Texas, and was invited in 2007 to participate in the Von Trapp Family International Choral Festive in Stowe, Vermont. They have recorded many CDs of secular and religious music.

Charles E. Duke is serving in his 43rd year as Senior Minister of Music at First Christian Church Fort Worth. He has a Master of Music degree from Texas Christian University and is both Organist and Director of the Chancel Choir. Charles has been professionally involved in church music as pianist, organist and/or director since the age of fourteen. He was also the founder of the music department at Castleberry High School and served 40 years as the Director of the show choir and double sextet show groups, as well as producing 35 Broadway musicals and leading the show choir on 34 annual tours. Since his retirement from teaching, in addition to his church responsibilities, Charles serves as organist and soloist at Greenwood Funeral home in Fort Worth.

FCC Fort Worth Chancel Choir will perform a mini patriotic concert here on August 14th at 10:30 a.m. and will be our guest choir during the worship service at 10:50 a.m. They will also perform another concert at the capital at 12:30 p.m.

Unbinding *your* HEART

You are invited to join a church wide study of the book *Unbinding Your Heart* that will take place over a six-week period beginning on Sunday, September 18th. As part of the study, you will be encouraged to actively participate in prayer through the use of a 40-day prayer journal. You are also asked to commit to meeting in a small group for one hour once a week. There will be several groups that will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. There will also be a group that meets on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. Remember, you are only being asked to be part of one group that meets once a week. So, pick the time that works best for you and your schedule.

Unbinding Your Heart is designed to be a church wide study and is part of the *Unbinding the Gospel* series authored by Disciples minister Rev. Martha Grace Reese. As you may remember, a small group of church members participated in a study of *Unbinding the Gospel* this past spring. After much prayer and planning, we are now ready to offer the study of this material in small group settings to everyone in our church community.

Each participant will need his or her own book. Currently, the book costs \$14.59. We ask that each person participating in the study consider making a donation to help defray the cost of your book. You may give your money to the church office or place in the offering. When you do, please designate your check or offering envelope with the word "UNBINDING" so the funds will be routed to the correct account.

During the month of August, you will be asked to formally register for this study so we can have an accurate count of how many books to purchase. There will be registration cards available each Sunday in August. Additionally, there will be an event page linked to our church's Facebook page. We welcome and encourage you to invite your friends and acquaintances to participate in this study.

In addition to your individual participation in this exciting group study, we ask that everyone pray for our church and this experience. If you have any questions about this book or the study, please ask Rev. Edge, Kathy Cooke, or James McGuffee.



C.A.N.D.Y.

Capital Area Network of Disciples Youth will meet on Sunday, August 28th at 2:00 p.m. All middle school and high school youth are invited to attend. More details to come soon!

RINGLING BROS. AND BARNUM & BAILEY



Let's go to the Ringling Bros., and Barnum & Bailey Circus on Sunday, August 21st at 2:00 p.m.! Tickets must be ordered by Sunday, August 14th for group ticket discount. Let Heidi know by the 14th if you are interested in going to the circus.

\$\$ TREASURY NOTES \$\$

Income and Expense for June and First Six Months of 2011

	June	1 st Half
Pledges	\$3,925	\$35,813
Offerings	\$5,622	\$39,564
Total Gifts	\$9,547	\$75,377
Endowment Interest (1)	\$0	\$17,339
From Reserve & Other Income (2)	\$12,027	\$76,827
Total Operations Funding	\$21,574	\$169,543
Total Expenses		\$160,037
Balance Forward		\$9,506

Notes:

First Six Months Pledges are at 84% of expected assuming even distribution over the four quarters of the year. July to date pledged support has been good. Thank you to all who have honored your pledge to date for 2011. General offerings were down slightly from the average for the first six months inclusive versus budget. Thanks to all for your generosity and continuing faith.

(1) Interest on the endowment funds received to General Budget Account. Next endowment income was received in July as anticipated.

(2) Transfers from "Reserves and Other Income" to meet budget requirements. Reserves include accumulated income from Parking Lot and Building Rents and not from Savings Account or Special/Designated funds.

(3) "Balance Forward" are funds available in the Operating Account at the end of the period and does not include Savings Account or Special/Designated Account Funds

Detailed Budget Report for June 2011 Year to Date is available in the CCC administrative office upon request.



MISSION TRIP APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Thank you to everyone for your support and prayers as thirteen youth and adults traveled to Leander, Texas to serve in a Week of Hope. Our group, along with 97 other youth and adults from around Texas, Oklahoma, and Mississippi, spent over 3,000 hours during the course of five days serving in various social agencies and non-profit organizations. What an awesome opportunity to connect on a deeper level with God, one another, and our community!

We would like to extend an invitation for you to join us on Sunday, August 28th during the morning worship service to hear how each of us connected to those we served. We will be hosting a Texas BBQ Appreciation/Back to School Luncheon immediately following the worship service! Join us for a faith-filled, mission-inspired day!



SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY

August 14th we will honor our scholarship recipients during the morning worship service. Join us to congratulate these college students as they work towards their college educations.



Summer is almost over! Please join us in welcoming ASPVA students and staff as they begin their second year with us on August 23rd.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Doug Alexander has appointed members who will be responsible for nominating next year's servant leaders. They will be asking for your input for suggestions. Please hold these individuals in your prayer as they embark on this important task. The committee members are Kathy Cooke (chair), Kathy Huffaker, Jan McLendon, Ginger Meeks, Ken Robertson, and Patrick Taylor.

Mark Your Calendars!

- August 2nd at 6:30 p.m. - Worship & Music Meeting
- August 3rd at 5:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsals resume
- August 10th at 6:30 p.m. - Administrative Council Mtg.
- August 13th at 1:00 p.m. - BBA Board Meeting and Reception Honoring Rev. Allen at North Central Christian Church in San Antonio
- August 13th - BBA YMC Lock-In (details to follow)
- August 14th during Worship - Scholarships will be presented and FCC Fort Worth Chancel Choir will perform a mini patriotic concert at 10:30 a.m. and will be our guest choir during the worship service. They will also perform a concert at the capital at 12:30.
- August 17th at 7:00 p.m. - Triple C Jam Night
- August 18th at 6:30 p.m. - Acoustic Sanctuary, featuring Robert Steel
- August 21st at 2:00 p.m. - Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus - tickets must be ordered by August 14th (contact Heidi Bounds for details)
- August 28th - Mission Trip Sunday during the Service and Appreciation/Back to School Luncheon
- Sunday, August 28th at 2:00 p.m. - CANDY Meeting (details to follow)

ANNUAL CCSW MEN'S RETREAT WILL BE SEPTEMBER 16-18 AT LAKE BROWNWOOD CHRISTIAN RETREAT CENTER

The 2011 Annual Men's Retreat will be held at the Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat Center. With a Theme of "The Church has Left the Building", two of our CCSW region's preachers will be keynote speakers. These are:

- Rev. Feliberto Pereira - Feliberto is the executive director of Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries in Bayview, TX. Founded in 1985 to assist asylum seekers from Central America and elsewhere, this organization has helped thousands of asylum seekers request refugee status from the U.S. Government. Feliberto is also pastor of Ebenezer Christian Church in Los Fresnos, TX.
- Rev. Laurie Feille - Rev. Feille is the Senior Minister of Azle Christian Church in Azle, Texas. She graduated with a M. Div. from Brite Divinity School at TCU in December 1996 and was ordained in January 1997. Laurie and her husband, Bryan Feille have made several mission trips to Bosnia. She is also quite active in Disciples of Christ Outreach efforts. Currently Rev. Feille serves as the Clergy Nurture and Certification Chair for the Trinity Brazos Area, and the TBA representative on the Regional Committee on Ministry for the Southwest Region.

The 6:30 p.m. Friday evening through Sunday morning worship event will also feature uplifting singing led by Rev. John Malget, educational workshops, heart-warming sharing, fellowship and spiritual renewal. Additionally, on Saturday afternoon, there will be a Dialogue with Rev. Dani Cartwright, our Regional Minister.

There will be a pre-retreat Golf Tournament beginning at noon on Friday before the retreat begins. Contact Roy Horne at home.roy@gmail.com to signup.

If you need registration forms, click here: http://www.ccsw.org/files/2011_Retreat_Registrati_on_Forms.pdf, or contact Nathan Higginbotham at: nathan@ccsw.org. To view a schedule of events, follow this link: http://www.ccsw.org/files/2011_Retreat_Schedule_for_web_site.pdf.