



Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Sundays

8:30 Early Service
9:30 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
12:05 Special Prayers
12:10 Fellowship

Tuesdays

12:00 Bible Study

Wednesdays

5:30 Choir Rehearsal

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A Message from Our Pastor

It is exciting to look out the window of the church library and see the work being done on the roof. When it is completed we will have a new roof and then we can begin to look at the interior of the church. Please take time to look at the Ascension stained glass window. It has been cleaned, repaired and restored to its original beauty. I appreciate the work that the BRIC committee has done in getting this accomplished.

Lent comes early this year. Ash Wednesday is February 25th. We should be preparing ourselves spiritually for this season of introspection and prayer.

MidWeek Ministry has begun again. We meet each Wednesday at 6:45 pm. and are currently doing a series on "The Will of God".

Finally, it is with sadness we say goodbye to our Church Administrator, Ruth Udden. I deeply appreciate her faithfulness and loyalty to our church and its ministries. We pray God's blessings and guidance as she leaves us.

I look forward to seeing each of you in church on Sunday.

Pastor Jim



ATTENTION STUDENTS:

Central Christian Church has information about The Alvin and Elsie East Scholarship Fund. The primary purpose of the fund is to provide financial assistance to undergraduate students from the Austin area who are attending college and technical programs.

Graduate students are also considered on a select basis. For more information stop by the Volunteer's Office and ask for a scholarship Packet pertaining to the East Fund. Applications are due by **March 1st**. Questions may be directed to Inez Gaines at 303-7678.

Christian Women's Fellowship

February 11, 2009
10:30 A. M.

Listening for God's Mercy and Justice

Scripture: Luke 1: 1-80.

The voice of God calling for justice and mercy is a recurring theme in scripture, in our own lives and in the history of the world. Our global mission partners in the Dominican Republic are working daily with persons coming out of poverty into new life. They are hearing the voice of God calling to them through the children with whom they work to build future lives.

We hear the voice of God calling to women walking on a road. Notice, see, observe, have compassion.

Mary's song about the future coming through the birth of the Messiah talks about God's word and mercy turning the world upside down.

As we observe poverty and despair in far-off parts of the world and in our own experiences, God's voice is one that is calling for healing, hope and compassionate action.

Please join the Christian Women's Fellowship in our church parlor at 10:30 A.M., February 11th. You will find us studying and contributing to the life of the Church here in Austin and places beyond through our stewardship.

Each month we celebrate the lives of our members. This month our February celebrants are: Patricia, Ethel, and Bonnie. No life is insignificant. We welcome all who wish to share our faith journey.

Marolyn Robertson

Chalice DWM

The Chalice group will meet February 7th, 3:00 pm. at B.J.'s in South Austin: the address is: 5207 Brodie Lane, Austin, TX.

Music at Central Christian Church

ALREADY it is February! Ash Wednesday is four weeks away, a time to reflect on our Christian lives. During the Lenten season the music will be less exuberant, perhaps a little more sublime – more reflective. The Chancel Choir will lead you musically through Lent to prepare you for the Resurrection on April 12. Our soloists will bring inspiration and hope for this time of the church year. Perhaps the organist and pianist will be able to lift you up closer to God. That's what the music at Central Christian Church is supposed to do – get you closer to God.

You can be part of this vital ministry by joining us in the chancel every Sunday. You can ponder on what all this Christianity stuff is about when you gaze at the beautiful Ascension window which the Chancel Choir is privileged to enjoy and reflect on every Sunday. That's what it's all about – getting closer to God.

... Ed Heenan

New Altar Flower Program

CCC would like to make available to those who are interested, a chance to help brighten up the sanctuary with a weekly flower arrangement.

Congregation members who are interested in dedicating an altar arrangement (rate of \$43.30 including tax), may call the downtown Alff's Florist (Melissa at 477-2277) and place the order with a credit card. Melissa can tell you if an order has been placed already for that week, and you may order for the following week. You may specify certain flowers but be apprised of price changes.

Please place your flower order by Wednesday of the week, and further contact the CCC office (476-6941) with information regarding your dedication (In Memory/Honor of _____, on behalf of _____), so it can be placed in the bulletin. On Fridays of those weeks an order is placed, an altar arrangement will be delivered to Central Christian Church and will be placed in the baptistry.

We believe that this process is a little more streamlined and will help to alleviate the necessity of sign up sheets, billing, and having to remember the check book. Please call Stacy Alexander at 480-9891 with questions or concerns.

Thank you, Stacy K. Alexander



Musings

Sometimes life seems weird. "Why fix the roof when it is dry? When it's raining you can't fix it." We tried to beat that little quote but with all the rainless days, sure enough as soon as our project started: here comes the rain! However, we will be dry and the project will be completed. Then let the rains come in earnest.

Have you noticed? Our ascension window is bright and shining and soon the rest of the windows will be also. Then comes (I hope) the painting of the sanctuary. We will look like a new House of God. The caveat here is the fact that we will have left in our B.R.I.C. coffers not enough money to really get started on the latter. We are in the middle of the Capital Campaign lest you forget. So, open your hearts and piggy banks and together we will realize our dreams.

...Bob Marcott

2009 Elders

Bonnie Bounds	Phyllis Diaz
Leticia Flores	Bill Hill
Patricia James	Preston James
Robert Marcott	James McGuffee
Renee McKinney	Kathy Rodriguez
Louise Sherman	Sharon Bowser *
Ginger Meeks *	(*in training)

2009 Board Officers

Chair:	Leticia Flores
Vice-Chair:	Jill Johnson Torres
Secretary	Dan Richards
Treasurer	Judye Moore
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Historian:	Carey Taylor
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2009 Committee Chairs

B.R.I.C.	Dan Richards
Christian Education	Jan McLendon
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Evangelism	Renee McKinney
Membership	Phyllis Diaz
Outreach	Gina Cross
Pastoral Relations	Jill Torres
Personnel	Aurora Ortiz
Property	Brad Bounds
Social/Fellowship	Heidi Bounds
Worship/Music	Stacy Alexander

Mission Trip 2009

For the past three years, the youth of Central Christian Church have gone to many exciting places on their annual mission trip. They have gone to Puerto Rico, Alaska and just last year to Belize. The youth have had many rewarding experiences and have influenced the lives of others in ways they will never forget. One story from last year involves a lady with two boys. They lived in a house that was a little smaller than the church parlor. The river had backed up behind her house and now she literally lived on a swamp with over 4 feet of water under her house. She had to build a "bridge" just to get to her front door. We arrived just living conditions. The boys had just lost their father 10 days before so they were in desperate need. She was so thankful to us and even called us "her angels from heaven". This is just one of dozens of stories that the youth have.

This year's trip will be just as rewarding, if not more, because we are staying close to home. We will be traveling down to the big town of Texas City, Texas. There we will help with Hurricane Ike relief. The need is still great after this devastating storm wiped out so many homes and left others in great need of repair. This year's trip will also be bigger than ever. Right now we have **17** (yes... seventeen!) youth that have signed up to go along with 5 very excited adults. We look forward to helping fellow Texans in their time of need.

In order to pay for the trip, we will be having several fundraisers coming up in the next few in time to help save her house and improve her living conditions. The boys had just lost their father 10 days before so they were in desperate need. She was so thankful to us and even called us "her angels from heaven". This is just one of dozens of stories that the youth have.

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but we are still about \$5,000 short of our goal. Here list of what is coming up:

1. **Bake sale on February 8th** - Stop by after church and pick up some great homemade treats just in time for Valentines Day. The youth will be baking but you can bring in items to donate if you like.
2. **Sweet Heart Banquet and Silent Auction on February 15th** - Once again the youth will be making a fantastic spaghetti dinner for all to enjoy. Donations are appreciated. We will also have a silent auction where you can bid on some amazing gift baskets, gift certificates, homemade items and more. Come ready to bid.
3. **CYF Café on March 8th** - This is something new. The youth will be preparing meals for you to take home or enjoy in the community room.

Why go out to eat when you can spend the money you were going to spend anyways right here at the CYF café. More details on the menu to come.

4. **Future Events** - All church garage sales (we will let you know when you can start bringing items to donate), offsite carwash and more after church dinners.

The youth would like to thank you for your support in the past. They have memories and experiences that they will carry with them the rest of their lives. We again ask for your support this year as we try to make a difference in the lives of our neighbors along the Gulf. If you would like to make a cash, check or credit card donation to the trip, you can do so by seeing Brad at any of the fundraisers or anytime after church. If you have any questions about the trip, feel free to ask.

In His Service, Brad Bounds

Prayer Requests

Valerie Adams, Jim Anderson, Marjorie Bailey, Mary Love Bailey, Bonnie Bounds, Gertrude Bowser, Jack Cantrell, Anita Dowty, Cecile Dowty, Maida Draker, Jim Glather, Joan Gross, Lamar and Ethel Gordon, Jim Hewitt, Joel Johnson, Ron Johnson, Amy Lacson, Gary and Rena Mayes, Woodson McGuffee, James McKibbin, Alma Menn, Morris Phinney, Rex Place, Michael Moore, Glenda Prather, Madeleine Randolph, Deborah Richards, Sharon Riley, Carl and Geraldine Schold, Louise Sherman, Earl Stahl, Janice Stoner, Sarah Warlick.

