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Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Austin, Texas
October 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



The time has come! Sunday we began the journey through Martha Grace Reese's book, *Unbinding Your Heart: 40 Days of Prayer & Faith Sharing*. We are asking ourselves, "What difference does it make if people are Christian?" Each of us may answer the question differently, and some of us haven't given it much thought! Being Christian is a part of our identity that influences the way we think, worship, and live.

Church feels like home to me. Here I make friends. Here I worship God. Here I live in covenant with other brothers and sisters in Christ. Here I live and move and have my being. Through the years I've come to know many people who seem to do the same. We belong to a community of faith. We consider the needs of others and respond in acts of mission and compassion. We study and discuss the scriptures – sometimes wrestling with our different interpretations and understandings of how God wants us to live. We come to grips with our beliefs, and we get a grip on God's love and grace.

I love being part of a church that invites people to agree to disagree about matters of the faith. We come from such diverse backgrounds. Each is free to read and interpret the Bible, and encouraged to engage in dialog with one another practicing tolerance of the other's beliefs. There is not a creed or statement of faith that serves as a prerequisite for membership other than the simple confession of faith in Jesus as the Christ. We gather at the table every Sunday to share the bread and cup. Our relationship with God is one of love.

In the August 9th edition of *The Christian Century* I enjoyed this poem by Nola Garrett based on Jeremiah 23:23. "Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off?" It is entitled *The pastor's wife considers gray*.

*Some days Yahweh's crayon box
holds colors for tiptoeing within regret's bold
lines, and others for scribbling acceptance's
Wild Blue Yonder on bathroom walls,*

*jet trails through every grown-up's sky. Silver
becomes the dime I find in Seven Eleven's
parking lot, the memory of a minnow's flash
or Aunt Mary's lost ring—found.*

*and there's this gray crayon's violet wrap,
labeled Purple Mountains' Majesty,
Crayola's Rosetta Stone, a god gone corporate,
and international conspiracy to grab a child's soul.*

*But what I'd like to believe is that Yahweh, most
mornings, strolls through his garden toward a hillside
door, tugs it open, waves on light, revealing
countless casks holding dyes, glimmers, petals,*

*screams, crushed insects, explosions, rust,
ointments, folded galaxies, sage, giggles,
lightning streaks, old lady dandelion hair,
locomotives, wine, grief (some casks leak),*

*blank peacock feathers, neon gas, angel raiment rags.
Then, Yahweh plays.*

Grace and peace,
Peggy



*Christmas Bazaar
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Available*

Our annual Christmas Bazaar will be held December 1st - 4th. Would you or someone you know be interested in having a booth? Please email hbounds@ccaustin.org for more information. Booth spaces are filling up fast!

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

October 30th will be an important day in the life of our church. This is the Sunday on which we will express our intended investment in the Church for the coming year. We are growing, and new programs are being presented to us so that this progress will continue. Please give prayerful consideration to your pledge of time and resources. Whatever commitment we decide to make on the 30th will be a faith venture between us and God. The theme this year is "Saints Alive! Living Generously!" Read from 1 Corinthians 16:1-4 to find Paul's thoughts on our gifts to the church.



Weddings



Best wishes to Jonathan and Kelly Davison, who were married here on September 17th and to Will and Karen Rivera, who were married here on September 24th!

**Central Christian Church
presents
"Acoustic Sanctuary"**



On October 20th, the 3rd Thursday of the month, a special musical offering will take place at 6:30 p.m. Our guest artists will be announced soon on Facebook and via e-mail. Invite your friends and co-workers to come and enjoy great music and the hospitality of Central Christian Church.

From Behind the Wall

It's back to the joy of making music as my annual visit to my northern family is over. The weather in Michigan was a pleasant relief from our Texas oven. My two grandsons are amazing, talented, and brilliant, of course. Austin, 4 years old, told his mother that next year he will be a five head, no longer being a forehead.

Even in this continued summer heat, we can still sing with a joyful heart, making a joyful noise. Your minister, director of music, and Chancel Choir are striving to put worshipful music into every service as we go through the series of *Unbinding Your Heart*.

A couple of years ago, Mary Love Bailey gave the church a xylophone which was initially given to her husband, Charles, in payment of medical care. It is an older instrument made by the Deagan Company in Chicago. Deagan was a highly respected percussion instrument manufacturer in the late 1800's to early 1900's. The instrument Mary Love gave us is a 5 octave specially made xylophone. Rarely do schools of music, orchestras, or percussion ensembles have such an instrument. The instrument was slightly damaged in the Boy Scout Room when something fell on it and broke an end piece which held the two sections of the keyboard. It is being repaired however.

Thank you, Mary Love, for Charles's wonderful special xylophone. It will be enjoyed for many more decades.

What I'm hoping to schedule in the cooler autumn and winter season is a percussion ensemble recital which will use this rare instrument. This event is in the planning stages and hopefully will come to fruition before the heat comes back next summer.

Keep your forehead, five head, 42 head, whatever head, cool until we can feel autumn has arrived. Regardless the temperature, always sing with a joyful heart. You can hum, tap, clap, too, praising God in his sanctuary.

Dallas Edwin Heenan



CYF Day at TCU - October 22nd

All high school youth interested in attending the Homecoming Football game and "Fifth Quarter" celebration at University Christian Church in Fort Worth are asked to see Heidi. More details to come!



Week of Compassion

Responding to Texas Wildfires

Week of Compassion has been in touch with the Christian Church in the Southwest and is continuing to monitor how the wildfires are impacting communities.

We have communicated with the Southwest Regional Office, the Northeast, and Bluebonnet Area Offices, and with our ecumenical partners at Church World Service, and can report the following:

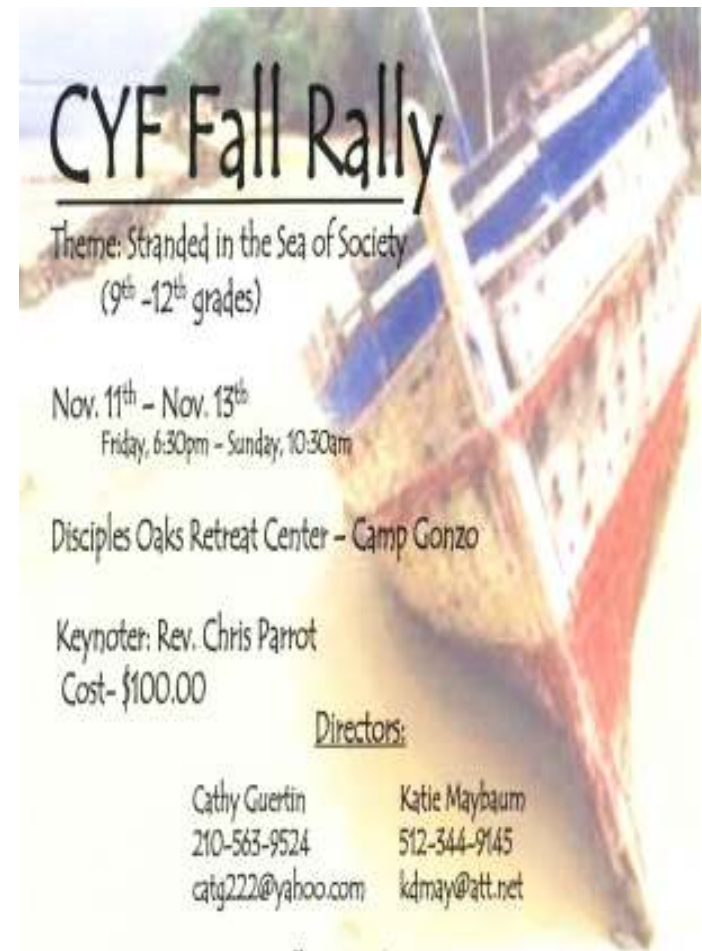
1. We stand ready to respond to any needs emerging from our congregations, whether those needs are evacuations, damage or destruction to houses, or other emerging issues affecting our congregations and their members. [Please be in touch with your Regional or Area Office to report needs](#), as Week of Compassion is coordinating our response through those offices.
2. Our partners at Church World Service are currently on the ground assessing the impact of the wildfires in order to determine how best to coordinate a larger scale ecumenical response. As soon as details emerge, Week of Compassion will work with Church World Service to respond.
3. [If you would like to reach out to those affected by the wildfires, you may do so online by partnering with Week of Compassion.](#)

Please keep all of those affected, in harm's way, and all of those first responders on the front lines, in your prayers. Thank you for care and concern as you respond with us. We are beyond grateful for your Courageous Compassion.

Thanks be to God for you all.

Designated gifts can be made through Central Christian Church to Week of Compassion to help the victims of the Bastrop wildfires.

**CCC LADIES ATTENDED
WOMEN'S RETREAT
SEPTEMBER 23-25, 2011**



REGISTRATION FORMS AND \$50 (CHURCH WILL PAY THE OTHER \$50) ARE DUE BY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9TH TO HEIDI BOUNDS.

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.



Musings:

I don't believe in coincidences, so writing about Cody the wonder horse was providential. You see, he was being cared for by Nancy Jensen-Case at Dreamtime Sanctuary and chose 9-11 to close his eyes and give up the ghost. It was just like Cody to pick a date all will remember.

It was difficult for Nancy to tell me and a blow to my heart to accept. I know horses leave hoof prints on your heart, and Cody certainly did just that to mine.

James Herriot wrote: "All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all." I recommend his book for we children of all ages.



Speaking of coincidences, oft times when we pray and God says "yes", accepting His Grace is difficult. We try to rationalize and bring it to human terms, "coincidence". No such thing! God's Grace is real.

Bob Marcott



#1bread1body

October 2, 2011 is World Communion Sunday. This is a day when Christians all over the world will celebrate communion and intentionally hold each other in prayer and contemplate the unity we share with Jesus Christ as our Lord. This year, two Iowa ministers, Rev. Katie Z. Dawson and Rev. Sean McRoberts, are asking us to think beyond our individual congregations and connect with the larger Christian community through Twitter. On October 2nd (and prior) we are asked to tweet our prayers and thoughts about communion and to use the hash tag "#1bread1body". So, join in the global community and share your thoughts. For more information, see <http://twubs.com/1bread1body>

CCC Work Day!

We need your help on Saturday, October 29th from 9 a.m. to noon. We will be painting and doing other light work. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Brad at (512) 280-8095 to volunteer or for additional details.

A NOTE FROM THE BLUEBONNET AREA:

Dear Friends:

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ!

As members of a Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) congregation, we are united in ministry with hundreds of Disciples in the more than 70 congregations that are the Bluebonnet Area of the Christian Church in the Southwest. Together we:

- ❖ Collaborate on ministries that no single church can accomplish;
- ❖ Support congregations in their times of need, transition or stress;
- ❖ Strengthening ministers for their vital role in the congregation;
- ❖ And connect congregations, clergy, and laypersons so that we can celebrate each other's joys, grieve each other's losses, learn from each other's experiences, and share each other's dreams.

While the ministry we share is exciting, it is also a ministry in transition – one in which your input is needed.

As you probably know, our transitional minister, The Rev. Allen Allen, completed his ministry with us last month, and we face the challenge of calling new leadership. A search committee has been approved and has met with The Rev. Dani Loving-Cartwright to discuss the search process. Committee members are Dr. Jimmy Cobb (FCC, San Marcos), The Rev. Peggy Edge (Central, Austin), The Rev. Bill Howden (Woodlawn, San Antonio), Sandra Imery (Inman Christian Center, San Antonio), The Rev. Terry Neel (FCC, Kingsville), Timo Orta (Spanish, San Antonio), The Rev. Serbando Peralez (Iglesia Cristiana Emanuel), The Rev. Dawn Rosignol (FCC, Burnet), and The Rev. Don Tuttle (North Central, San Antonio and BBA moderator). The Rev. Rosignol was selected to chair the team, and The Rev. Edge will serve as secretary.

Please pray for the search committee as it seeks to discern both the direction God is calling the area and who it is that God seeks to lead it.

We ask that you share with the committee the names of ministers you believe might have the gifts to serve as the BBA minister. Those names can be sent to the Rev. Rosignol at First Christian Church, 300 Billy Joe Fox Drive, Burnet, Texas 78611 or to revdawn.fccburnet@verizon.net.

While times of transition are always challenging, they can also provide us with opportunities to support one another and discern God's direction. With your prayers, your input and your continued financial faithfulness, the Bluebonnet Area will prosper.

With peace,
Don Tuttle, Moderator

Why My Church is Important Thoughts by James McGuffee

Right now we are in the middle of a church wide six-week study of Unbinding Your Heart. One of the goals of this study is to help each of us develop ways in which we can articulate our faith and share why church is important.

As most of you know, I am now in the second year of study in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Capital Cluster commissioned ministers study and mentoring group. As I study, pray, listen, and prepare for ways that I may serve the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) as a commissioned minister, I want to express my enormous gratitude and thankfulness for having such a loving, wonderful, and supportive home congregation. The words of encouragement and the many prayers that are prayed mean so much.

More than that, I am so happy that my entire family is embraced in warm and loving ways. Our family began at Central in December of 2005 when Lynn and I were married in our beautiful sanctuary.

Now that we have two sons, we are so grateful that our sons will always know that there is a God and that God loves them in large part through the ministries and programs of Central Christian Church. This is a priceless gift that we will always cherish.

I'm also happy that our church lives out the true spirit of the Disciples of Christ. I love hearing others' viewpoints and conceptions of faith in God. Instead of dividing, these "liberties of opinion" provide a rich tapestry of Christian faith as we challenge each other to live our faith through worship and ministry in downtown Austin. I love each and every one of you and look forward to the many years ahead as we continue to be church together.

Disciples Outreach to the Mentally Ill, Inc.

A Ministry of the Bluebonnet Area of the Christian Church (DOC)

On Sunday, October 9th, the Outreach Committee will be sponsoring an outdoor get together at Harbor House, a small group home in northeast Austin for mentally ill women, which is supported by several local Disciples of Christ churches and others. We will meet at the church and carpool to the Harbor House at 4:45 p.m. The committee will be purchasing barbeque, but we are requesting that volunteers send vegetable dishes, dessert, and drinks. If you would like to participate in the Outreach "fellowship with others" endeavor, please call Jayne at 585-7093 or Russell at 289-7226. If you would like additional information about DOMI, please visit <http://www.disciplesoutreach.org/>.

Happy Birthday!



Happy Birthday to Taylor Gaines, who will be celebrating a monumental birthday (over 90) this month!

Also, Martha Towne celebrated a monumental birthday in September.

Congratulations to you both!



It's that time of the year again to start practicing for the annual "Purple Stride", which is a 5K run/walk on Saturday, October 22, 2011. This is the Pancreatic Cancer Action Awareness Network's annual fund raising event, and our team name is once again "Pastor Mike's Posse". I would like to encourage everyone to plan to participate, either by walking (or running) the event or by sponsoring our team. You can find information on the event by following this link:

<http://pancan.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?event=464801&lis=1&kntae464801=09E8E1FDE0FF4510AC97F7F4996ED019&login=0>

I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Judye



DISCIPLE WOMEN'S MINISTRY

October 12, 2011
Time: 11:00 a.m.

Place: The Arboretum Assisted Living Center
Private Dining Room on 2nd Floor
9306 Great Hills Trail (78759)

A new year begins for us in the Women's Ministry. We are mindful that we are to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. We have a unique opportunity to do so by witnessing to our faith in Christ by helping those less fortunate than we are. Reverend Lon Oliver thanked us for including the Kentucky Appalachian Ministry in our giving. It is a challenge to make a small difference in young lives.

Our new study is about spiritual blindness called "Oh Say Can You See". It is based on the book of Mark. Patricia is an amazing, soft spoken, but very knowledgeable lady who will begin our study. Patricia gently nudges those of us in our discussion class to think in new ways about seeing and recognizing God at work in our world. Our scripture is Mark 8:27-38. Patricia is too good to miss – so come!! Also, Jerry is hosting this special luncheon in honor of Sybil Montgomery. Please be sure to RSVP to Marolyn Robertson.

We are pleased that Patty Davis will join us as a new member. October is her birthday month so we will celebrate 2 birthdays this month, Marjorie's and Patty's. Both grace the lives of all who know them.

Bethany's Food Pantry is an on-going project. Hunger is still with us – it never seems to go away. The needs just seem to grow larger, and so I ask you to be more generous than usual. Tooth brushes, toothpaste, shampoos, and of course – canned goods are always welcome. We are grateful for all the gifts you bring – it shows clearly that you care about your neighbors. Sharing is faith in action.

Marolyn Robertson

Luncheon - October 23rd

Join Us on the Long Journey

We will join together to celebrate CCC's journey through Unbinding Your Heart as well as Christian Heritage Sunday with an old fashioned pot-luck church luncheon. Social and Fellowship will provide fried chicken. Please bring your favorite church dish from when you were growing up (or your favorite comfort food). Salads, veggies, casseroles, and desserts are all welcome!

Come celebrate and enjoy spending time with your CCC Family! Contact Ginger Meeks (vmeeks1022@yahoo.com) with questions!

Unbinding your HEART

Unbinding your Heart is well underway, but there is still room for you!

Central Christian Church will be celebrating Disciples' Heritage Sunday on October 23rd. Here is an article, written in 2003, which will provide a little background.

Heritage Sunday celebrates Disciples' history, vision

ST. LOUIS (9/11/2003) — The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) now has a day for recognizing its history when Heritage Sunday debuts October 26, 2003.

The idea was proposed jointly by Disciples of Christ Historical Society President Peter Morgan and Christian Board of Publication President Cyrus White. The General Board endorsed the idea earlier this year.

"Our history — as congregations, as a movement, and as a church — has always emerged from groups of people joining together in Christian community to worship God and to carry out specific missions to serve people in the name of Jesus Christ," said White. "Heritage Sunday can be a time to recall the vision of those people and to advance the vision that God has provided to us."

Morgan sees Heritage Sunday as a time to bring out scrapbooks, tell family stories, sing old songs, and teach core Disciples values.

"The Disciples of Christ Historical Society supports this Sunday of revitalization in our congregations," he said.

Wyatt Park Christian Church in St. Joseph, Mo. started celebrating Heritage Sunday several years ago. The church incorporates its own history, as well as its Stone-Campbell roots, into its worship service. Wyatt Park pastor Scott Kilgore developed a Heritage Sunday resource, "A Conversation with Alexander and Barton: A Dramatic Introduction to Two Religious Reformers," now available from CBP.



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New Member!



Please be sure to welcome our newest member, Lynn McGuffee! We appreciate her desire to maintain membership in the Catholic Church and to affiliate with

Central Christian. It is good to celebrate the unity of the church!